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Citizens for Peace

2018 Activities & Accomplishments

Monthly Membership Meetings: Second Tuesday of each month: 7-9 pm

Jan.9: **“MLK & RFK: A Calling to Conscious,”** presentation by Rev. Rich Peacock, Co-Chair, Peace Action of Michigan.

Feb. 13: **"Connecting with the Heart,"** presentation by Kathy Henning.

March 13: **“Nonviolence is an Inside Job”:** Individual quiz on personal nonviolence for attendees followed by a discussion and a report from the book discussion of “The Nonviolence Handbook.”

April 10: **“Rooted in Peace”** film

May 8: **“Cultural Resilience to Strengthen Our Communities and Defend the Earth”:** the video presentation given by Native American activist Kandi Mossett at the Bioneers Conference at Marygrove in Oct. 2017; and the movie **“Equal Means Equal.”**

June 12: **“A Wisdom Smorgasbord: Thoughts to Enrich Your Peaceful Soul,”** presentation by Robert Weir.

July 10: Game Night Fundraiser

August 14: **“Nuclear Weapons and Democracy,”** talk by professor, Prasad Venagupal, from University of Detroit.

Sept. 11: **“9/11 Fifteen Years Later,”** talk by professor Saeed Khan from Wayne State University.

Oct. 9: **“Immigration 101,”** presentation by immigration attorney P.Pamela Davies.

Nov. 13: 15th Anniversary Celebration

Dec. 11: Veggie Potluck, Holiday Party and Book Exchange

Speaking Engagements

Jan 15: President Colleen Mills gave a presentation at a meeting of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARF)

May 13: President Colleen Mills gave a presentation on Mother's Day about Women and Peace at the Detroit Unitarian Universalist Church

Supporting Other Organizations: attending these events

Jan. 28: Fundraiser for Michigan Coalition for Human Rights (MCHR)

March 18: Michigan Coalition for Human Rights (MCHR) annual dinner

March 24: "Moms Demand Action" rally and walk

April 14: Pax Christi Conference

April 22: Peace Action of Michigan lecture on Peace

August 5 : Peace Action of Michigan's annual Hiroshima/ Nagasaki Remembrance event

October 13: Peace Action's annual Peacebuilders' Celebration

October 27: League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County's annual auction.

Supporting Other Organizations

Jan. 28: Michigan Coalition for Human Rights' (MCHR) annual dinner fundraiser.

August 5: Contributed to Peace Action of Michigan's annual Hiroshima/Nagasaki Remembrance event.

October 13: Placed an ad in the program guide for Peace Action's annual Peacebuilders' Celebration.

Oct. 27: Promoted the annual auction fundraiser of the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County.

Special Events

May 10: Hosted comedian and peacemaker, Swami Beyondananda for his comedy show

October 22: Co-sponsored the Center for Michigan Good Government Forum with the League of Women Voters

Tabling

This activity involves setting up a table at an event and passing out information and talking with people about the mission and activities of Citizens for Peace.

March 18: MCHR Annual Dinner

March 24: Moms Demand Action Rally Against Gun Violence

April 14: Annual Pax Christi Conference

April 22: Peace Lecture at Fort Street Presbyterian Church

May 10: Swami Beyondananda Comedy Show at Unity of Livonia

May 13: Mother's Day talk on the Power of Women at the Detroit Unitarian Universalist Church

Committees

Education Committee

Nonviolence and Peacebuilding Bibliography and Donations to Libraries

Since 2006, the Education Committee has been working on a Nonviolence and Peacebuilding Bibliography for children and adults. It now lists over 1100 titles. Since June of 2006, there have been over 3,201 downloads of the Bibliography.

This bibliography is shared with public libraries and a university library, so they can select titles and Citizens for Peace then donates what they select. Livonia Civic Center Library, Redford, Westland, Farmington Hills, Dearborn Heights and Commerce Township public libraries have added books to their collections about peace and nonviolence. In 2017, Marygrove University's Library received materials to support their Masters of Social Justice Program, and in 2018 the Canton Public Library received a collection of books.

Through MelCat, Michigan's Electronic Library, these books are available to all Michigan residents.

Political Action Committee

During the summer and into the fall, members gathered signatures for a ballot proposal to end gerrymandering, which was on the November ballot and it passed.

The Michigan Department of Education asked for input on the social studies curriculum. A letter was written to urge them to add to the curriculum the benefits and dangers of nuclear energy. Members signed the letter and it was mailed on September 11th.

A letter was sent to Senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters asking them to support legislation that allows immigrants to get drivers' licenses. Members signed it and it was mailed on November 13th.

The Season for Nonviolence – Jan. 30 – Apr. 4

We practiced Random Acts of Kindness (RAK); packed lunches for the homeless at the Birmingham Temple for Central United Methodist Church to distribute; had a book discussion on Michel Nagler's *The Nonviolence Handbook*; Livonia, Redford and Westland Libraries displayed books from their peace collections as well as children's art.

The United Nations International Day of Peace

The Citizens for Peace had a display of the books donated to the Canton Public Library.

Media Coverage

Livonia Observer Newspaper

Notices and press releases of all meetings and special events

Social Media

Monthly newsletters sent using Constant Contact

Website: www.citizens4peace.com

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