



Newsletter

April 24, 2017 Meeting

Cape Cod Women's International
League for Peace & Freedom

Attending: Donna, Sherry, Laurie,
Alycia, Karen, Kelly, Diane, Cindy, Jan
H., Jan K., Mary, Noreen, Gail, Chris

After check-in and Donna's treasurer report, a member list was passed for those present to check who they knew, to make calls for renewals or voluntary donations.

Noreen presented an overview of her Tree Of Life journey to Palestine, Israel, and Bosnia. Half the group were Muslims which presented greater insights to the areas and issues. In Bosnia, she related there was an Orthodox Christian group that served to 'bear witness' in troubled areas between groups. In Hebron, she discussed the great tension and violence potentials existing between Palestinians and Israeli settlers moving in, taking more lands.

Gun Violence –Cindy advised of Grandmothers Against Guns meeting on Tuesday, May 2, at Cape Cod Synagoge, 145 Winter St, Hyannis, from 3 - 5pm. State Attorney General Maura Healy will be the guest speaker.

Possible joint meeting of allied groups at Barnstable High or elsewhere. AG Healy will also be speaking at Tilden Arts Center-CCCC-Hyannis at 7pm, the same evening.

No specifics as yet, but there will be a Concert Across America, against gun violence, scheduled for Sep 24th.

CapeCod Women's Coalition: WILPF has signed on to be involved in some way. The Coalition is trying to tie together the many individual groups on the Cape, all working and advocating for certain issues and protections from political changes affecting the environment, women's rights, gun access, racial & social justice, etc. It is hoped that groups can dovetail to expand education, ideas, action support, and other collaborative efforts, to have greater impacts. Donna will try to attend their May 4 meeting, to get more info.

Cindy also talked about the new, large, indoor 'shooting range' recently opened near Hyannis airport. The aim (no pun) of the shooting range is to bring in more women, families and children to the fun of shooting things up.

Guns are made with the only purpose of to harm or to kill.

Sherry's partner is also working to create a database of Cape org's working for similar issues. Chris Morin had a list of like-minded groups she will be sending an Email to for info. Many of us see and know there are many of us, individually or with groups, working for the same things, and it would be good to harness all the energy together at times.

Saturday, May 6th: Jay Gonzalez, a Democratic candidate for Governor, will be having a meet & ask at the APP Space- 674 Rte 6A- Yarmouthport, at 10AM.

In all your official acts, self-interest shall be cast aside. You shall look and listen to the welfare of the whole people and have always in view, not only the present but the coming generations.

Dekawidah-Cherokee, 1720

Facebook: Jan Kubiak brought us up to date on our Facebook page, and we had discussion of whether to have it with public or restricted access. It was decided that Jan will set-up page to be moderator to screen entries before they became part of page. A 2nd 'volunteer' is also sought to help on the administration. At our next meeting, Jan will explain and demonstrate how to use the page. Attending members are encouraged to bring their iPhones, tablets or other Facebook devices.

Meeting Day/Time: The Community Center wanted to know our continuing plans for meeting room and it was decided to keep our 4th Mondays and 6-8:30pm meeting times.

Midsummer Night Dreaming: Mary Z will contact Dorothy Carver, gracious hostess for previous years, to see if her home is again offered this year. The event would be on July 24, Monday. More details after Mary contacts Dorothy.

Plastic Bags: Ban of bags is on schedule for Yarmouth Town Meeting, on Saturday, May 6 (daytime meet start). The bans have been spreading across the Cape.



IS THERE NOT SOMETHING WORTHY OF PERPETUATION IN OUR INDIAN SPIRIT OF DEMOCRACY, WHERE EARTH, OUR MOTHER, WAS FREE TO ALL, AND NO ONE SOUGHT TO IMPOVERISH HER OR ENSLAVE HIS NEIGHBOR?

Ohyesa, Santee Sioux, 1858-1939

Clothesline T-Shirts: Chris advised she has all (about 800) T-Shirts, stored with Mary Z, that can be used as needed, for events (WILPF or compatible requesting organizations).

Our next meeting will be Monday, 5/22. The convener will be Kelly. Please email her for any agenda items you may have. kindredkelly@yahoo.com

Personal note: I want to deeply thank all for your help, offers, & support, for my health issues. It has meant a lot to me. It is very hard to ask for help, but it is deeply appreciated knowing kind, caring people are there. I pretty much had to be alone a very long time.....Alycia



WALKING

IN SUNSHINE

I love walking in sunshine. It revives my spirit, electrifying my energy.

Singing and dancing along to music, smiling to the sky, with feet lighter than air, all burdens are lifted, all worries are left further behind each mile.

A time to be child-like, open, free, filled with wonder of a bird or creature to be seen. There might be a red-tailed hawk in the sky, or playful squirrels racing around a tree. Walking on a curb stone as if on a balance beam.

People passing in cars smile, laugh with me, or at me. It doesn't matter which. A moment is gifted.

Even in winter, I am warm, free of coat in summer tees after a mile or so. Miles quickly pass, feeling the warming sun, hearing birds, seeing puffs of clouds, gardens or seashores.

Who would want or need more?

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DAWN

Sitting upon the ancient rocks, peering across the endless sea, the dawn rises with the changing tide.

Waves crash against the sand and rock, changing, shaping it ever so slightly, day by day, just as we change slightly, day by day, not quite who we were yesterday, and not quite who we will be tomorrow.

The sand pebble slowly becomes the small stone and then the rock. The infant becomes the child, the child the adult, the adult the elder. We remember being the child, but not when we became who we are at this moment.

Dawn is a doorway between the night and day worlds. A doorway to peek through, seeing the past yesterdays and a glimpse of the tomorrows, through the mystic portals holding the natural and spiritual worlds in balance.

One cannot see the light of dawn from eyes of dark rain clouds, or a heart boarded-up in case of storms that only may pass through. Night is the reaped harvest to reflect and lay to rest. Dawn is the golden garden to plant and nurture new seeds.

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