



January 2018 Newsletter

Women's International League for Peace & Freedom
Cape Cod Branch

Attending: Jan H., Elenita, Alycia, Sherry, Laurie, Margy, Mary Z, Chris.

It was a windy, dreary, day with afternoon heavy rain. While our meeting group was small, we were fierce and mighty.

After functionaries volunteered, Laurie gave the Treasurer Report for Donna, who was home not feeling well...we missed you Donna! Health to you!



One WILPF Calls- Jan Hively participated in the monthly call. A primary discussion was to report on possible activities for 2018 and the tallied votes from various branches as to popularity. National advised they would be able to help with sign designs, hand-outs, banner designs, other promotions for the four most popular: (1) May Days of Action for Poor People's Campaign- Mothers Day, May 13 thru Summer Solstice, Jun 20; (2) Hiroshima/Nagasaki Remembrance- Aug 5 thru Aug 9; (3) Earth Day, April 22; (4) International Women's Day, Mar 8. Also listed was Tax Day and May Day, but not among the top four. CC WILPF is already involved with IWD, and had agreement on participating in Brewster In Bloom Parade scheduled for May 6th (for May Days of Action).

Pilgrim: A note of appreciation to Diane Turco, for her years of dedicated efforts on behalf of all, to shut-down the dangerous Pilgrim Nuclear plant in Plymouth. It is scheduled to close in 2019, unless resurrected somehow by Trump, NRC, or financial-grubbers. It is unfortunate, so much tiring effort in many areas (this one, eco responsibility, social fairness, etc.) must be spent, just trying to have others do what is plainly morally right to do. Let us hope (and work for) that a large slate of women candidates is elected locally and around the country to change the political dynamics and reasoning.



Peacemaker Documentary: Sunday, 2/8-7PM
Cape Cinema, Rte 6a, Dennis

Acclaimed documentary about Padraig O'Malley, who used a peace model from his addiction recovery. He worked for peace efforts in N. Ireland, Kosovo, Nigeria, and Iraq.

WILPF Backgrounders – All three Backgrounder drafts were reviewed, but still trying to find our footing for them. We discussed what actions should be associated with each. We discussed possibility of combining to a combined document, relating to how patriarchy and corporate influences affect the three pillars, including how children are affected through irresponsible environmental actions or non-actions; gun violence; and racism.

Elenita brought up re-establishing WILPF's early description of being 'most dangerous women' by J. Edgar Hoover (FBI). We started writing on room whiteboard various thoughts from all of us. They are 'thrown out' below for your thinking about. We plan to work with them to come up with our Backgrounder Paper(s), brochure, or other means as a pass-out for new and potential members. What follows is just our brain-storming thoughts:

Patriarchy— Power Over Others— Profit Motives--

2018 Great Potential to upset the applecart for children's future and election of more women. There are already over 500 women running for 2018 office vs less than 100 in previous elections.



We show up!
We don't shut up!

We work by connection, coordination, cooperation and collaboration.....WE RISE !!



We Plant Seeds in efforts to grow healthy results. Seeds may take a while to take root, and some will be lost, but the more seeds we plant with care, the better the chances for healthy growth.

We may not know if or when they have sprouted into something, but they do. Do not get discouraged. What we each do counts, even if we do not know it. We believe in our concept of converting Roots of Violence to Seeds of Change, when all living things can grow and thrive and reach their potential.

Cape Cod WILPF works passionately toward a world free of patriarchy, corporate greed, despotic subjugation and violence that diminishes the potential of individuals.

We have been called,
“Most Dangerous Women”
This continues to be our goal!
We are dangerous because we define security not as guns and subjugation, but as fair for all for food, housing, education, healthcare, i.e..... PEACE!

We champion the disenfranchised!

We include the excluded!

We started thinking about a web showing the connectivity of how all is related. What goes on ‘there’ affects ‘here’. What happens to ‘this’ affects ‘that’ concepts. As example: poor quality education = poor job opportunity = poor housing results = broken families = hopeless children= drugs = crime = poor neighborhoods = more poor quality education = and so on.

All the above were great thoughts. Now we need to coalesce them into a working document and strategic plan. As stated at the beginning, we were a small group, but fierce & mighty.

Traditional Native elders have always sought to bring this learning to all people, that everything on earth is related. Beginning in the 1950’s, Hopi elders have brought this message, and while knowing their traditional elders and ways were dying out, they gave their messages to others, of all races, in hopes of finally being understood of the importance of earth and people respect for the good and survival of all generations to come.

**ONE BILLION RISING.....
WED, FEB 14, 2:00 – 5:30PM
YARMOUTH SENIOR CENTER**

RISE is a mass action to end violence against women. Our Chris Morin of Independence House will be one of the panelists. It will be an inter-generational event with panel discussion.

RSVP's not required, but welcome to plan for space and refreshments.

508-394-7606 x 1330

IWD Day --- March 8, 2018, at Cultural Center, S. Yarmouth

We've dedicated this year, and possible future years, to the 'Year of the Child', and how our pillars: environment, gun violence, racial justice, affect children. At IWD this year, we will be honoring Lauren Wolk and her book, "Wolf Hollow", along with the current winners of the Jane Addams book reviews. We are acquiring a set of this year's books and will use their themes within our program and performances. The Harwich Junior Theatre will be doing an act from Lauren's Wolf Hollow book, and some of Alycia's children teaching stories may be used in some way. We hope to involve kids in this year's event, as much as possible.

**NEXT WILPF MEETING: TUESDAY, FEB. 27TH, POTLUCK 6PM, MEETING 6:30 PM
HARWICH COMMUNITY CENTER – 100 OAK ST. – HARWICH, MA**

Memberships....

All are welcome to join. Come to a meeting of 'dangerous women'. Memberships are \$ 35 annual (that goes to national organization), and we ask for whatever dollar support you can give for our Cape Cod WILPF branch. No one is denied membership due to financial circumstance.

'May light shine upon you, within you and from you.'.....Alycia Davis