



February 2018 Newsletter

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

Attending: Jan H., Elenita, Alycia, Sherrie, Laurie, Margy, Mary Z, Chris. Noreen, Kelly, Irina.

Next Meeting: Tue, Mar 27th. Potluck 6-6:30; Meeting 6:30-8:30.

Facilitator---Elenita, send her any agenda items.

After functionaries volunteered, Sherrie & Laurie, who also facilitated, gave the Treasurer Report for Donna, who was home, still not feeling well...we miss you Donna! Health to you! Current balance at meeting time... \$ 2154.89.



One WILPF Calls- The March call will be on the 8th (IWD), so we won't have anyone on. Mary Z/Elenita volunteered to be on for the Apr 12 call, and Kelly will be on the call for May 10.

IWD Update>>Chris advised there will be Jane Addams books for sale, as well as Open Our Hearts booklet, put together by Alycia & Jan Hively, who volunteered for the book table. Margy is getting a certificate as part of recognition for Lauren Wolk. Sherrie is coordinating who is bringing what food/drinks, so if anyone else wants to bring something, advise Sherrie. The Color Purple is used for a Chris smile, and thanks for all her work with WILPF, Independent House, FPB Welcoming Committee, Transgender Remembrance Committee, Intergenerational events, and all the other threads in her web of helping those needing voice and support.



Gun March... Alycia had thought of us doing a gun march, in black, single file (Hyannis?) with signs of schools shootings, but we decided to wait and see what local students are doing and the possibility of joining up with them in some way. The student national march is slated for March 24th. To date, have not found/seen any specific action info for local student activity. *If anyone finds out anything please advise group as soon as possible.*

Brewster in Bloom Parade... May 6th (Sunday). Theme is Ship Captains and Treasure. Alycia also presented idea about using twin bedsheet as a 'sail', tied to two thin posts (which she has) for 'masts. Written at top of 'sail' is, Our Treasure Is Children, and below on the sail are 'patches' drawn and written with our goals, like: Stop Gun Violence—End Racism—End Poverty—Protect Earth—Quality Education for All—Equal Rights for All-etc..where each of these things affects the growth and health of children.



This Photo by

Margy provided some gun news, from Moms Demand Action: a coalition of NEast States (NJ-NY-CT-RI-MA) have agreed to set-up method to access each other's data base for criminal, domestic, mental issue offenses that would help prevent getting a gun in one State where now blocked in another State.

There is also an Extreme List Protective Order (MA, ERPO-H3610) due for voting, that support is welcome for, to help keep guns from domestic abusers, and advises there is danger in a Federal regulation being considered by GOP, to allow Concealed Weapon Reciprocity, giving people with guns in one State, the right to bring them into another State as a concealed weapon even if not currently permitted by that State.

With the Parkland Florida shooting and resulting student political gun actions, we should do all we can to support any activities where we can, and not forget it in November elections for which candidates support better, fuller, common sense gun regulation, and those who do not. Remember, local politicians sometimes turn into State and Federal politicians, so where all stand is important, not just the current seat they are seeking.

Reminder that Moms Demand Action meets 3rd Saturdays monthly at the U.U.-Barnstable on 6A, from 10:30AM-12:30PM.



Earth Day Events: Jan Hively presented some possibilities for Earth Day (Sun, Apr 22 this year)..some event to highlight ending plastic pollution (Cape Plastic Bottle Ban). There is also a docu, "Tapped" at Chatham Orpheum Theater-Main St-Chatham on Sat, Mar 31 at 10AM about this. UU-Orleans is having an earth event on Apr 15 we could go to. First Parish Brewster is having Intergenerational Performances on Apr 22. There's a play at UU-Barnstable on the 29th.

We kind of decided we could do a beach clean-up, with a site/specifics to be part of our next meeting (Mar 27th).

WE MUST LOOK TO NATURE AND HER MYSTICAL WAYS, SO THAT WE MAY LEARN TO LIVE IN HARMONY AND THUS SURVIVE....ANONYMOUS

Jan also spoke of a free film at the Falmouth Jewish Congregation for Women's History Month, about Heather Booth, called Changing the World. Ms. Booth was a strategist in over 65 campaigns for voter registration, immigration reform, and other areas.

Location is: 7 Hatchville Rd – E. Falmouth, 11:30AM, bring brown bag Lunch (no pork or shellfish please).

WILPF Backgrounders – Backgrounders still a work in progress. Our task is to combine the three backgrounders into a single document, and using some of the language from our January meeting (see Jan Newsletter).

Mary Zep showed a Jane Addams book, published in 1935 she has, that members can read and revolve with other members.

TREE OF LIFE-----Noreen advised there is a talk at Eastham Public Library, May 19th, Sat, 10AM, about Art of Conflict (Rajie Cook). Also see Noreen's em of 2/27 to group for good a 'Zionism'... Cambridge Friends Meeting House-Cambridge, Mar 10, 7-9pm. At meeting, Noreen had room in car for 1-2 more... contact her for more info.

She also advised there is a Job Fair at Nauset Regional High on Thu 4/26, 3-5pm.



**We show up!
We don't shut up!**

Working by connection, coordination, cooperation and circle collaboration...WE RISE !!



INTERGENERATIONAL...Jan Hively told of some of the pending events for Intergenerational U. N. models sponsored at Yarmouth Senior Center- 528 Forest Rd.

1. Sustainable Development by Women, at Lowell, 3/15 Thurs. Bus departs Senior Center at 7:45 AM, returns to Sr Ctr approx. 6:00pm.
2. State House trip, "Ageing", 3/23 Fri, same bus schedule.

The Intergenerational group at YSC, is one of the first to be recognized by the United Nations as a model. It has already had several successful events of blending youth (high school students, with 'older' people) to serve as U. N. representatives from a variety of nations, and discuss/present ways as teams for a prescribed area (water resources, pollution, ageism, etc). I participated in one and it was very good. Jan is an active participant.

CIRCLE UP...Chris informed of a docu at Cape Cod Synagogue, Mon, Apr 23, at 10AM (145 Winter St-Hyannis). It is sponsored by: Women of Reform Judaism Sisterhood, Church Women United, and Grandmothers Against Gun Violence. The docu is about the slaying of a teenage son, the chance of forgiveness, and breaking the chain of violence/vengeance. Please RSVP to wrj@ccsynagogue.org, by Fri, Apr 6th, or call, 617-834-4844 Susan Feinberg.

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!

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

Pass the word wherever possible next few days.

GENTLE WARRIORS... To all my WILPF sisters...

Gentle Warriors with hearts of gold, with new visions of the world to be told.
Wondrous rainbows unfold from your eyes, with new light, new winds from the skies.
Walking gently, bravely, where you go, touching those who are open, who want to know.
Spreading hope on the path, under your feet, with words from your soul, as you speak.
High like the mountains, warm like the sun, weaving visions from dreams, softly spun.
Flowers by day, intense fire by night, creating tapestries, pure wonders of light.
Heart of a child, with wisdom of old, reaching out, daring to be bold.
Hearing the songs, through the rain, feeling the hurts, sharing the pain.
Gentle Warriors, sing out your songs ! Embrace the world, fighting the wrongs !
Join hands for what will be, bringing new light, to set the world free.

Alycia Davis

p.s. For next meeting, let me know a phone# people can call for info, our FB page/web etc., that non-members can reach for info about us, to include for future newsletters.

**NEXT WILPF MEETING: TUESDAY, MAR. 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.’