

MAY 2019
Mother's
Day,
militarism,
and more

WILPF

Cape Cod

Join us to reclaim Mother's Day!

Arise, then, women of this day! Arise, all women who have hearts, whether our baptism be of water or of tears!

Say firmly: "We will not have great questions decided by irrelevant agencies. Our husbands will not come to us, reeking with carnage, for caresses and applause. Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn all that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy and patience. We, the women of one country, will be too tender of those of another country to allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs."

From the bosom of the devastated Earth a voice goes up with our own. It says, "Disarm! Disarm! The sword of murder is not the balance of justice." Blood does not wipe out dishonor, nor violence indicate possession. As men have often forsaken the plough and the anvil at the summons of war, let women now leave all that may be left of home for a great and earnest day of counsel. Let them meet first, as women, to bewail and commemorate the dead. Let them solemnly take counsel with each other as to the means whereby the great human family can live in peace, each bearing after her own time the sacred impress, not of Caesar, but of God.

In the name of womanhood and humanity, I earnestly ask that a general congress of women without limit of nationality may be appointed and held at some place deemed most convenient and at the earliest period consistent with its objects, to promote the alliance of the different nationalities, the amicable settlement of international questions, the great and general interests of peace.

-Julia Ward Howe, 1870

Sunday, May 12, 1-3 p.m., St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

Reclaim Mother's Day!

Our demonstration in Chatham will include peace cranes, the Penny Poll, copies of JWH's proclamation, our militarism brochure... and reminders to the public that Mother's Day was originally an anti-war event.

Please wear white if you can, accented by your WILPF gear: hat, vest, scarf -- in purple, yellow, or white.

LOCATION: *St. Christopher's Episcopal Church,
Main Street, Chatham Center*

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JUNE MEETING WILL EVALUATE OUR YEAR!

Plan now to attend our June 24th meeting, where we will take a look at this year's projects and work. What worked well? Where can we improve? We are always surprised at what has transpired in our branch when we look at the year's work. ***Please join us for this first step in our evaluation/planning process.***

Monday June 24: 6:00 p.m. potluck; 6:30 p.m. Evaluation meeting.

Donna Pihl, facilitator

For agenda items, contact her at dpihl2@comcast.net

Please bring your own table setting to our meetings!

If we all bring our own plate, utensils, cup and napkin for the potluck,
we can eliminate the WILPF dinner basket! Thank you....

§ Our website address is wilpfcapecod.org

§ Our listserve for members is capecodwilpf@googlegroups.com

Open Our Hearts: seeds of peace from Alycia

AA -- Peace

Hear the cry of the earth and its people. There are peacemakers of all different colors, cultures, ages, and religions here, and more are being awakened. Whether from Indigenous spirituality, Judeo-Christian, Far Eastern, Muslim, or agnostic yearning, it is all here, waiting for our potential and evolution to be fulfilled. The time is upon us. We choose peace or not every hour of every day.

The road to real peace has much challenge and sacrifice but is not the road of stress, fear, violence and evil we live with equally difficult?

*It isn't enough to desire peace.
We must pray for it, believe in it and work for it.*
-Eleanor Roosevelt

Peace is not an absence of war, nor time between wars. It is its own energy, an active state of being, a way of living. Peace has no anger, nor judgment, grudges, exclusions prejudices, separation, greed or fear. Peace is the unconditional acceptance and inclusion of all people sharing the unique gifts we each bring to the circle of people. Peace is what we think of, say about and do to each other every day. It is global peace, national peace, community peace, household peace and peace within each person. Peace is absent of physical violence, economic violence, social violence, verbal violence and environmental violence. Peace is active with positive actions.

We do not embrace peace if we hold anger at ex-spouses, parents, children, neighbors, co-workers or others in our personal circles. We fully embrace peace, or we do not. It is a vital understanding, for each word, thought or deed of anger we hold or expose becomes part of the world collective mind.

We each choose. We each have an involvement. Sitting on the sidelines is still a choice, of continuing where we are. True peace is not impossible by any means. Peace sits within us and all around us, waiting for us to embrace it and manifest fully through our collective energies. Be the peace. Share the peace. If you wish peace in the world, be peaceful, fully and unconditionally.

Walk In Peace.....*alycia longriver davis, 2019*

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Help make peace, freedom, and justice a reality for all. You can use this form to join WILPF or to renew your membership.

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ADDRESS: _____

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email address: _____

(You will be added to the Cape Cod WILPF email list to receive notices and news about the branch. You may remove your name from that list at any time.)

WILPF membership fee: **\$35.00** (not a sliding scale)

Your membership includes WILPF International, WILPF US Section, and the Cape Cod Branch. This fee is split between International (\$17) and the US Section (\$18).

Contribution to WILPF Cape Cod: \$ _____

Supports the work of the Cape Cod branch, including programming, news gathering, and educational activism

TOTAL: \$ _____

**Mail your check, payable to WILPF Cape Cod, to
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