



SATURDAY JULY 31: FLOAT LANTERNS FOR PEACE

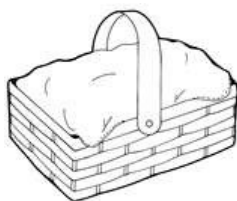
On Saturday evening July 31 when the traditional Japanese midsummer festival draws to an end, the Olympia FOR invites everyone to join us in floating lanterns for peace, a tradition we have maintained for about 20 years.

In Japan the annual Bon Odori midsummer festival welcomes ancestors to come back to the world of the living to enjoy partying and dancing with us. At the festival's end, lanterns are floated on a body of water to guide their spirits back to the other world.

Since the U.S. bombed Hiroshima and Nagasaki during this time of year, the traditional lantern floating ceremony has taken on additional meaning. Now floating these lanterns is a way to remember all who died when our government dropped the atomic bombs, to remember all other people who have died in wars, and to rededicate ourselves to working for peace.

The dancing and food will occur at the usual location on Water Street, south of 5th Avenue, but the lantern floating will occur at a new park along the west side of Budd Inlet on West Bay Drive. When the dancing ends near dusk, listen for the announcement about shuttles to take you to the new location for floating the lanterns. (Parking there is very limited.) When you arrive at that location you will be given the instructions for using the lanterns.

Thanks to Olympia FOR member Kristen Dahle for organizing this event and recruiting volunteers to help. For information contact Kristen at (360) 357-3553 kjdahle@comcast.net



WEDNESDAY AUGUST 11: A PICNIC WITH TWO PURPOSES

Everyone is invited to the Olympia FOR's potluck picnic at 6:00 pm on Wednesday August 11 in the Rose Garden kitchen area at Olympia's Priest Point Park on East Bay Drive.

The picnic will help us build a sense of community through sharing food and leisurely, wide-ranging conversations with other Olympia FOR folks.

The Olympia FOR Steering Committee will meet at the same time, so we can accomplish our organization's practical work while we eat. Everyone is invited to meetings of our Steering Committee, which provides overall guidance and decision-making for the Olympia FOR. For information contact Glen Anderson at 491-9093 glen@olympiafor.org



SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12: OLYMPIA FOR'S SUMMER SOCIAL

All members and friends of the Olympia FOR are invited to our first annual Summer Social from 3 to 6 pm on Sunday afternoon September 12 in Yauger Park on Capital Mall Drive SW, west of Cooper Point Road SW. Our name includes the word "fellowship," and we want to become more of a true fellowship – a grassroots organization where people get to know each other, enjoy friendships, and collaborate in working for peace, justice and nonviolence. But today's event won't involve any work – just an enjoyable afternoon together!

The planning committee is arranging for food, so you may simply come and enjoy! Please RSVP so we'll know how much food to prepare! For information contact Rozanne Rants, Chair of our Membership Committee, at (360) 705-8520 rozannerants@yahoo.com

NEW VIGIL SIGNS CARRY YOUR MESSAGES

In another step toward increasing the “fellowship” in our name, the Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation is producing new signs for our peace vigils with messages recommended by our members.

This spring we invited our people to suggest messages for vigil signs. Then we sent the list out by e-mail and invited you to vote for your favorites. The results are in, and we made new signs with the 20 messages that received the most votes. Come and use these new signs:

- Act from love, not fear
- Bring our troops home
- Build a peace economy
- Choose peace
- Create a peaceful foreign policy
- Create nonviolent solutions
- Drive less
- Food, not bombs
- Want peace? Work for justice.
- Invest in peace, not war
- U.S. empire is not sustainable
- Voting is not enough
- Militarism is choking our democracy
- Olympia F.O.R. weekly peace vigil
- Peace is patriotic
- Peace is the best troop support
- Remember Rachel Corrie
- Strength through peace
- Truth is the first casualty of war
- Let's stop killing people

Thanks to Berd Whitlock for generating the idea for this and for managing the process! Glen made the signs.

For information and photos regarding our vigils, please see page 7 and www.olympiafor.org/vigils.htm

LEARN ABOUT AND DISCUSS THE DEATH PENALTY: NEW STUDY GROUP BEGINS MON. SEPT. 20

A new six-part study group will help local folks learn about and discuss the death penalty. It will address several aspects of the death penalty, including innocence, racial and economic class bias, cost, and other factors. It will include Christian, Jewish and other faith perspectives as well, so we invite people of any faith – and people of no faith – who want to consider a variety of faith-based ways of understanding the issue. (Many religious and spiritual traditions have taken strong stands against the death penalty.)

The Olympia FOR's Committee for Alternatives to the Death Penalty sponsors this series for six consecutive Monday evenings (Sep. 20 through Oct. 25) from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church, 540 School Street SE, Lacey, in the Tanglewilde neighborhood.

Participants will read and discuss a variety of printed materials, watch one or two compelling videos, and share their own insights. The series was initially developed by Jeffrey Spencer, a minister in the United Church of Christ. The Olympia FOR's Committee for Alternatives to the Death Penalty have added interfaith resources and other materials for this series and titled it the “Death Penalty Study Group from Faith Perspectives.” Glen Anderson and Yvonne Wilhelmsen will facilitate this study group.

The series is free, but donations will be requested to cover the modest costs. Good quality child care will be available if requested in advance. We strongly encourage pre-registration by e-mailing deathpenalty@olympiafor.org. For more information, contact Glen at (360) 491-9093 glen@olympiafor.org

The Olympia FOR intends to offer this series again during 2011 and beyond in a variety of other faith community locations with other pairs of co-facilitators.

Olympia FOR's
peace vigil in
Sylvester Park
on a beautiful day

Photo by Berd Whitlock





THE OLYMPIA FOR IS ALWAYS ACTIVE! OUR VOLUNTEERS ACCOMPLISH A LOT! WE NEED YOUR HELP IN MANY WAYS!

How does an all-volunteer organization like the Olympia FOR accomplish so much? **Because people pitch in and help!**

The Olympia FOR:

- **Works directly on a number of specific issues (Iraq, Afghanistan, Death Penalty, etc.)**
- **Carries out a number of multi-issue activities (vigils, TV programs, newsletters, etc.)**
- **Performs many tasks to keep our organization strong and active (mailing parties, outreach, fundraising, etc.)**

We need more volunteers for all of these activities! The following opportunities need reliable, capable volunteers. Some don't require any special knowledge or skills. We can provide training for those that do.

IRAQ MEMORIAL TO LIFE: The Iraq Memorial to Life is a powerfully compelling display of markers showing names, ages, dates of death, and other information of the Iraqi civilians killed by the US war since 2003. Doug Mackey and others created this with Olympia FOR sponsorship. This project needs people to make and install markers, organizers for future activities, and fundraisers to pay for it. See www.oly-wa.us/iraqmemorial and contact Doug Mackey in Olympia at (360) 915-6757 (485-3764 cell) dougwmackey@gmail.com

AFGHAN YOUTH PEACE VOLUNTEERS: Some young Afghans (mostly teens) have been making powerful short videos. (See www.OurJourneyToSmile.com) They express their pure heartfelt desire for peace and reconciliation. Doug Mackey and others have generated support from the Olympia FOR and elsewhere to spread their message, organize phone conversations with them, and more. Doug needs volunteers to organize future activities and raise the necessary money. Info: dougwmackey@gmail.com (360) 915-6757 (home) or 485-3764 (cell)

ORGANIZE AROUND SPECIFIC ISSUES: The Olympia FOR and our people care about a variety of issues. One committee works actively to abolish the death penalty. Who would like to form an Olympia FOR committee to work on nuclear weapons? Cutting the military budget? Raising children nonviolently? Other issues? To explore possibilities contact (360) 491-9093 info@olympiafor.org

VIGIL ON WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS: Our vigils are well established, effective, and enjoyable. Join us whenever you can! We vigil every Wednesday from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm in the NW corner of Sylvester Park, Legion & Capitol Way, and every Friday from 4:30 to 6:00 pm at the southern end of Percival Landing, 4th & Water.

Enjoy the Artesian Rumble Arkestra's lively jazz from 5 to 6 pm Fridays! Info: 491-9093 glen@olympiafor.org

HELP WITH MAILING PARTIES: Volunteer just a few hours every now and then to fold and label our newsletters and fundraising letters. It's useful, social and fun! Info: 491-9093 glen@olympiafor.org

COORDINATE OR HOST MAILING PARTIES: We can easily teach you how to do these practical tasks. We need a Mailing Party Coordinator (a well organized person who enjoys practical activities) and a Mailing Party Host (someone with a fair-sized kitchen table and kitchen counter or a 6-foot portable table). The same person could easily perform both tasks. 491-9093 glen@olympiafor.org

NEWSLETTER RESEARCHERS AND WRITERS: Producing the Olympia FOR newsletter is too big a task for one person, but several volunteers could make it manageable. We need reliable people with energy, excellent writing and editing skills, and reliable computers. We can e-mail raw information to you in advance, and you can edit it down into tight announcements for the **CALENDAR**, the **NEWS-RESOURCES-OPPORTUNITIES** section, and feature articles. We'll need a turnaround in a few days so we can maintain our tight publication schedule. Interested? Info: 491-9093 glen@olympiafor.org

SERVE ON TCTV CREW: An all-volunteer crew produces our TV programs. Thurston Community Television (TCTV) offers very low-cost training. Once you are trained you can set up the lights, operate a camera, manage the audio, or perform other roles. Info: 491-9093 glen@olympiafor.org and TCTV 956-3100 www.tctv.net

TELEVISION PROGRAMS

For 23 ½ years the Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation has produced one-hour TV programs on issues related to peace, social justice, economics, the environment, and nonviolence. The Olympia FOR's program airs on Thurston Community Television (TCTV), channel 22 for Thurston County's cable TV subscribers. Each program airs **every Monday at 1:30 p.m. and every Thursday at 9:00 p.m. for a full month.** This creates many opportunities to watch each program.

You may also watch more than 60 of our recent programs through our website. Visit www.olympiafor.org, click the link for TV Programs, and click any program you want to watch.

AUGUST: "STARTING TO UNDERSTAND AFRICA"

Africa is a gigantic continent with a rich history. Africa's creative and adaptive cultures have sustained themselves for thousands of years in a vast variety of climates and ecosystems, ranging from harsh deserts to dense jungles.

Our school systems and mainstream media have failed to inform Americans about Africa. Much of what Americans think we know about Africa is simplistic, distorted, or not true.

Three guests share their experiences, information and insights:

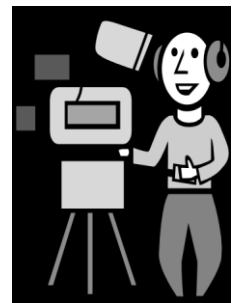
- Jens-Dieter Stahmer is well known and well respected in the greater Thurston County area and beyond. He has a long-standing passion for helping people understand Africa and helping African people connect with each other.
- Emil Muta is a lawyer who practiced law in his home country of Tanzania. His first language was Swahili, and he interprets five languages from the countries in southeastern Africa.
- Rebecca Chol spent her early years in Sudan, which has suffered terrible violence for several decades. She came to the U.S. as a child refugee and now attends college here.

This is the Olympia FOR's first TV program exclusively about Africa. This episode's modest title is "Starting to Understand Africa." We'll produce more programs about Africa in the future.

SEPTEMBER: "MORE INFORMATION ON THE 9-11 ATTACKS"

Beginning on September 11, 2001, the Bush-Cheney administration presented an official conspiracy theory, which the mainstream media obediently repeated. In the face of public pressure, the Bush-Cheney administration finally created a commission to investigate, but it tightly controlled the commission and the investigation, which disregarded crucial evidence that would have challenged the official story.

A great many experts continue to expose how ridiculous the official story is. They are providing compelling evidence that debunks the official conspiracy theory. For example, a growing number of architects and engineers point to evidence that the World Trade Center buildings (including Building 7, which was not hit by an airplane) collapsed from internally placed explosives.



The Olympia FOR produced a TV program on this topic in September 2008. (To watch "9-11 Truth: Is It OK to Ask Questions?" visit www.olympiafor.org, click on the TV Programs link, and then click on this TV program title.)

Most skeptics are not "conspiracy nuts," as the official culture would have us believe. Most skeptics are thoughtful, well informed and respected citizens who have studied the facts, found that the official story has holes in it, found evidence that rebuts the official story, and discovered what seem to be deliberate attempts to prevent the truth from coming out.

New evidence keeps coming to light. Our guests from our previous TV program, Drew Gibbs and Terry Macinata, continue tracking the information and will be our guests for September 2010.

Olympia FOR's "Big Picture" Documentary Series on TCTV

In addition to the Olympia FOR's TV series of locally produced interview programs (see page 4) we also air thought-provoking documentaries that you're not likely to see elsewhere on TV. Under the series title "**The Big Picture**," Carol Burns finds interesting documentaries and arranges to show them on Thurston Community Television (**TCTV channel 22**) for cable subscribers in Thurston County. Thanks to Carol for continuing to inform the people! You can watch these programs at **10 p.m. every Sunday evening** and **3:30 a.m. every Wednesday morning** for a full month. For information contact Carol at 866-7645 carolburns98@comcast.net

AUGUST: "The Wobblies"

"**The Wobblies**" is a history of the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW), lovingly told by the reminiscences of some of the union's former members, who were in their 80's and 90's when the film was made. With great enthusiasm they describe the Wobblies' courage, tenacity, strong beliefs in equality, and loyalty to other workers. "The Wobblies" is particularly vivid in detailing what life was like in the Pacific Northwest's lumber camps.

Along with the facts of its history the film features many songs, posters and propaganda both for and against the labor movement.

90 Minutes, 1979

SEPTEMBER: "DEATH AND TAXES" AND "THE RESPONSE"

"**Death and Taxes**" introduces viewers to war tax resistance.

- Why and how do people refuse to pay for war?
- Where does the money go?
- What are the consequences? How does war tax resistance fit into one's life?

Twenty-eight people offer their motivations for and methods of resisting the war machine with their tax money.

30 minutes, 2010

Info: National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee, 1-800-269-7464
www.nwtrcc.org



"**The Response**" is a courtroom drama based on the actual transcripts of the Guantanamo Bay military tribunals officially known as Combatant Status Review Tribunals, or CSRTs. In the film, three military officers must decide the fate of a suspected enemy combatant. Is he guilty of providing material support to Al Qaeda and responsible for the deaths of several American soldiers? Or is he an innocent victim of circumstances as he claims?

While the officers see the classified evidence, the detainee does not. While the officers know who has accused the detainee, the detainee does not. In response, the government counters that to release such classified information could assist the terrorists and undermine U.S. national security. Though portrayed by actors the dramatic situation of the tribunal process is fully accurate.

30 Minutes, 2008 For information see www.TheResponseMovie.com

CUT THE MILITARY BUDGET! — BRING THE MONEY HOME!

JOIN THE WESTERN WASHINGTON FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION'S NEW CAMPAIGN

- *Are you feeling the pain from budget cuts?*
- *Do you wonder where your federal taxes are going?*
- *Do you know that taxpayers in Washington state have spent **\$23.8 BILLION** dollars on the Iraq and Afghanistan wars?*
- *Would you like to bring those billions home to people and our environment?*
- **PLEASE JOIN THIS CAMPAIGN!**

The Context: While individual people are losing their jobs and homes, state and local governments are cutting needed services. In Washington State 40,000 people have lost basic health coverage, funds to reduce class size in our schools have been cut 70%, college tuition has risen, and library hours are being cut. **Meanwhile, Washington's taxpayers are spending \$23.8 BILLION for the wars.**

Goal: We must cut wasteful military spending such as the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, and transfer the savings to fund human and environmental needs. The money to finance one soldier in Afghanistan could pay for 60 green jobs! Let's create a humane and green economy with thousands of new jobs.

How We Will Reach this Goal: Most people in Washington state oppose the wars and wasteful military spending. Most people want to fund human and environmental needs. The Western Washington Fellowship of Reconciliation (WWFOR) will mobilize ordinary people and various constituencies to pass resolutions and send delegations to pressure Congress to change the federal budget. Ordinary people know what our communities need. We'll hold community hearings and other public activities to ramp up the pressure on Congress.

Creative Ideas to Build this Campaign:

Everybody we talk with offers more creative ideas! Some are listed below. What are your ideas?

- Raise this issue. Make it a hot issue that everyone will be talking about. Change how the public thinks about budget cuts and military spending. Expand compassion for those hurt by the budget cuts. Focus on the positive changes that would result from the budget transfer.
- Help people listen to each other. Build people's listening skills. Help the people and organizations affected by the cuts tell their stories. Reach out through the media, local organizations, door-to-door surveys, etc.
- Research what has been cut in our state and local budgets in order to pay for wars.
- Develop allies and local coordinators.
- Organize a youth video contest about how the war money could be used here and have the youth show their videos to or representatives.
- Hold a bake sale for your local library and dramatize how much the libraries need vs what we are paying for wars.
- Use street theater and creative actions. Distribute fake dollar bills that show what we are paying for war and what we could buy for our communities.

How you can help:

- Connect individuals and organizations you work with to the campaign. We can give you materials, speakers, etc.
- Get neighborhood groups, school boards, PTAs, religious congregations, local governments, social service agency boards, environmental groups, etc., to pass resolutions calling for transferring money from military to humane and environmental needs.
- Share your creativity and organizing skills with us.
- Share your knowledge and insights about budget cuts and budget priorities. Add to our inventory of specific needs that are underfunded.
- Contribute financial support to the Western Washington FOR so we can build this campaign and reach our goals.
- Contact the Bring The Billions Home campaign coordinator for your congressional district and reach out locally through your own local community

Information, contacts, resources:

WWFOR, (206) 789-5565 www.wwfor.org and the Olympia FOR, (360) 491-9093 info@olympiafor.org

CONVERT FROM A WAR ECONOMY TO A PEACE ECONOMY

by Glen Anderson

Besides working directly to de-militarize U.S. foreign policy, we must also allay people's economic concerns in order to free people up to considering these peaceful alternatives. As mentioned on page 6, the Western Washington FOR is launching a campaign to cut military spending and use the savings for humane purposes. Beyond that, we need to convert our whole economy from war to peace. This includes closing military bases, converting industries from making weapons to making useful products, and converting workers' jobs from militarism and weapons-making to serving humane and environmentally friendly purposes. Research going back for decades shows that because our militarized economy hurts us in many ways. We can help our economy as well as our whole society by cutting military spending. Our nation needs to examine:

- Direct benefits from cutting the military budget and using the savings to meet real domestic needs
- How and why military spending hurts the economy itself (*e.g.*, building weapons is capital-intensive and produces fewer jobs per billion dollars than spending that money for domestic purposes)
- The theory and practice of how to convert from a war economy to a peace economy (*e.g.*, transferring job skills, industries, military bases, etc., to peaceful purposes)
- Past examples of economic conversion (*e.g.*, immediately after World War II, and also in the early 1960s when Robert McNamara was JFK's Secretary of Defense, closed many unnecessary military bases and converted some of them successfully to civilian uses)
- Summary of organizing in the late 1970s to early 1980s (*e.g.*, the Bay Area Conversion Project in the San Francisco Bay area and locally for the Washington State Conversion Project and the Puget Sound Conversion Project, and including state legislation I helped develop and for which I testified at legislative hearings)
- Possibilities for organizing new efforts to convert to a peacetime economy, especially in light of the US empire and the US economy, both of which are crashing now



Glen Anderson will discuss most of these at 2:00 pm on Saturday August 7 at the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action, 16159 Clear Creek Rd. NW, Poulsbo, WA. For more information, contact Glen at (360) 491-9093 glen@olywa.net or Ground Zero at (360) 930-8697 www.gzcenter.org

WAR IS TERRORISM WITH A BIGGER BUDGET



Olympia FOR's Mission Statement:

The Olympia Chapter of the Fellowship of Reconciliation works for a nonviolent world, a healthy environment, social justice, economic justice, and peace. We bring together people of diverse ages, races, and faiths who are committed to active nonviolence as a transformative way of life and as a means of profound social change. We model these principles by personal example. We collaborate and dialogue with the larger community for mutual education and to engage in nonviolent and compassionate actions.

A PHONY SYMBOLIC WAR ON TERROR AT HOME

Be afraid. Be very afraid.

Take off your shoes at the airport.

Be suspicious of all Arabs and Muslims.

Launch a war and kill innocent Afghans and Iraqis.

Dismiss those innocent people as mere "collateral damage" in the "War on Terror."

Be afraid of what politicians and media call "crime in the streets."

Don't talk to strangers. Avoid black people, young people, poor people.

Lock 'em up and throw away the key.

Execute some as a lesson to others.

Do innocent people get sent to prison and executed?

Dismiss them as "collateral damage" in the "War on Crime."

We fight a "War on Terror."

We fight a "War on Crime."

We fight a "War on Drugs."

As a result:

- We can no longer afford to fight poverty, although we do imprison poor people.
- We can no longer afford to fight disease, although poverty and pollution do make people sick.
- We can no longer afford to fight illiteracy, although mainstream media do misinform people and make them stupid.

Just be afraid. Be very afraid.

And remember, innocent victims are just "collateral damage."

-- Glen Anderson

OPPOSE "CORPORATE PERSONHOOD" THROUGH NATIONWIDE AND LOCAL GROUPS

The January 2010 US Supreme Court decision (*Citizens United vs. FEC*) that gave business corporations the authority to give unlimited amounts of money to political campaigns is only the latest and most outrageous abuse of the mistaken notion of "corporate personhood" that goes back more than a century. After the Civil War our nation amended the Constitution several times to grant full human rights to the freed slaves and other people who had been deprived of them. The amendments referred to "persons." Meanwhile, laws were referring to business corporations as artificial "persons" so they could enter into contracts and sue and be sued. A misreading of a legal document resulted in a mistake that also gave the Constitution's human rights to these artificial "persons," and democracy has been suffering ever since. The 2010 decision made things even worse.

Several nationwide organizations have been opposing "corporate personhood" for many years. One is the Program on Corporations, Law and Democracy (POCLAD) which has written wise and informative materials and organized. Contact POCLAD at PO Box 246, South Yarmouth MA 02664 (508) 398-1145 people@poclad.org www.poclad.org

The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) has compiled excellent readings for a ten-part study group on the topic. Read and download at www.wilpf.org

"Move to Amend" calls for a constitutional amendment specifying that the word "person" pertains to natural persons only. See www.movetoamend.org

Locally, a "Move to Amend" group is organizing in the Olympia area. Contact Aleta DeBee at aleta555@gmail.com

Larry Kerschner and others in Lewis County reach out to the public to explain how big business encroaches on our democracy, so they formed the American Sovereignty Movement. www.americansovereignmovement.wordpress.com

NEWS — RESOURCES — OPPORTUNITIES

Olympia FOR's website now lists relevant job openings: Many of the Olympia FOR's members and friends – and other people – would like to have jobs allowing them to work for peace, social and economic justice, and other worthy causes. We are now posting such job openings at www.olympiafor.org. From the home page, click on the link for News – Resources – Opportunities – Job Openings to see available jobs, along with other news and announcements. We are updating this website page as often as needed. This is yet another way that the Olympia helps people follow their consciences into worthy actions!

Urge US Senators to support the new START treaty to reduce nuclear weapons: The US and Russia still have thousands of nuclear weapons aimed at each other and on hair-trigger alert. They threaten our security, not provide it. The new START treaty would limit the US and Russia to no more than 1,550 deployed strategic warheads and 800 deployed and non-deployed delivery vehicles (*e.g.*, missiles). The treaty has broad-based support from diplomats and high-ranking officials from past and current administrations, including former Secretaries of State Henry Kissinger, and James Baker, as well as current Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Even the current Secretary of Defense, Robert Gates, supports the and says, “The New START Treaty has the unanimous support of America's military leadership.” While the treaty is only a modest step towards the goal of nuclear disarmament, this step is crucial. Unfortunately, some opportunistic politicians want to deny President Obama the ratification of New START for their own political gain. Even moderate and liberal senators need strong pressure from the public in order to push them into doing what is sensible and humane, so please push the US Senate to ratify the treaty.

Limit spending for war: Congress has been pretending that the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan don't cost us anything. They have been funded outside of the regular budget and been funded as “emergency” items even though the Afghanistan war is the longest war in US history, and the Iraq war is a close second. Congressman Allen Grayson (D-FL) has introduced legislation called the “War Is Making You Poor” Act, which would force the Pentagon to pay for these wars from its regular budget. Instead of funding these ongoing wars outside of the regular budgeting process, where they're not factored into deficit projections, Grayson's bill would force the Pentagon to absorb their costs and cut taxes that would make the first \$35,000 each American earns tax-free (\$70,000 for couples).

National anti-sweatshop conference comes to Olympia:

The National Sweatfree Summit Conference will come to Olympia from Friday to Sunday Nov. 5 to 7. The Sweat-free Summit will be open to the public. Topics will include local and state government purchases of sweatfree clothing and national legislation. Approximately 100 national leaders of campaigns against sweatshops will meet here. Local organizers need help hosting guests for home stays and providing potluck meals and transportation. If you can help, please contact Dick Meyer at Traditions 705-2819 or Bob Zeigler at 570-0848. To help the organizers plan, please volunteer your help as soon as possible.



Interfaith Coalition on Immigration launches Isaiah 58: Summer Solidarity:

Vigils and fasts in solidarity with protests against Arizona's SB 1070, the anti-immigration bill that recently became law in Arizona, have been taking place in faith communities since early June. Eight weeks of constant prayer and public witness prior to SB 1070 taking effect is inspired by Isaiah 58, which teaches us that a “true fast” is undertaken in service of “loosening the chains of injustice.” The Arizona law has galvanized the faith community to stand with our immigrant brothers and sisters and stand against those who seek to divide our communities and distract from the real solution to our broken immigration system: comprehensive immigration reform. You could organize a vigil and time of prayer in your faith community. Both the Interfaith Coalition on Immigration (www.interfaithimmigration.org) and Christians for Comprehensive Immigration Reform (www.faithandimmigration.org) have theological and advocacy resources on their websites.



The Sentencing Project released its annual report:

The Sentencing Project is a respected progressive organization that works hard to improve the U.S.'s policies toward crime and punishment. After many years of becoming more punitive, our nation is finally starting to recognize

the futility of that (and the futility in wasted lives and money). Whether the issue was crack cocaine sentencing

reform, ending the practice of sentencing juveniles to prison for the rest of their lives, helping policymakers understand the unsustainable social and economic costs of imprisoning over 2 million Americans, or capturing media attention for analyzing how current policies create difficulties for people returning home from prison, The Sentencing Project was at the forefront of change. Their 2009 annual report is at http://sentencingproject.org/doc/publications/o_annualreport2009.pdf

Commission recommends broadening definition of Conscientious Objection: The two-day Truth Commission on Conscience in War took a big step toward starting a nationwide conversation among community and religious leaders, veterans, and others about the “just war” concept, international law, and freedom of conscience for service members. Federal law recognizes the right to Conscientious Objection only for persons whose deep religious, spiritual or conscientious beliefs oppose war overall, but the law does not recognize objections to specific wars, such as the wars in Afghanistan or Iraq. A great many of these “selective objectors” have been punished by the military in recent years, and many were denied C.O. status regarding the military draft. Jeff Paterson, a leader in the Courage to Resist organization, noted, “Without recognized selective objection, the all-volunteer military is not all that voluntary. A renewed effort to offer some legal protections to these war resisters is overdue. The Truth Commission on Conscience and War occurred in April at New York City’s Riverside Church. Info: www.conscienceinwar.org

Singing Freedom music video supports democracy in Iran: Oregon FOR member Laurie Childers produced a music video along with Oregon’s Peace Jam young people. It supports the “Green Movement” for democracy in Iran, which took off after 2009’s election results there appear to have been distorted. Watch and listen to it at www.youtube.com/watch?v=Peosyo_F2tl or visit www.lauriechilders.com and click on “Singing Freedom Music Video.” With a powerful song and photos from around the world, it affirms that even when freedom is re-

pressed, the struggle is always reborn because the human spirit always persists in working for freedom. ghproject.org to read or download the 5-page report.

Big Oil companies are ripping off your tax dollars: BP, Chevron, ExxonMobil and other oil companies are raking in some of the biggest corporate profits in history while taking \$35 billion in government subsidies and tax breaks every year. **Not only did ExxonMobil avoid paying ANY income taxes last year, they also got a \$46 million REFUND from the IRS.** This is what our Congress and President are allowing. If this is not what you want, be sure to tell them what you think.

Boycotts – such as the Olympia Food Co-op’s boycott of Israeli goods – can pressure nations to improve their behavior: In mid-July the Olympia Food Co-op became the first grocery store in the US to boycott products made in Israel in cooperation with the international grassroots movement to apply economic and political pressure to urge Israel’s government to comply with international law and human rights standards regarding its illegal occupation of Palestinian lands and its mistreatment of Palestinian people. The local contact for the “Boycott-Divest-Sanctions” movement is Olympia BDS. You may sign a supportive petition at www.olympiabds.org and send the Co-op’s board a message at board@olympiafood.coop. A strong majority of the Olympia FOR’s Steering Committee members support the Board’s decision, none of our Steering Committee members blocked consensus supporting the Co-op’s Board, and some suggested nuances and aspects they felt deserved compassionate communication. Boycotts are a centuries-old nonviolent way to pressure nations, corporations, and other entities to stop doing what is wrong and start doing what is right. The Olympia Food Co-op has a long practice of conscientiously deciding which items to carry or not carry, based on criteria such as whether it is produced locally, in environmentally sustainable ways, with good labor practices, without harmful ingredients, etc. Throughout its history, the member-owned Olympia Food Co-op has been a great example of local grassroots economic democracy and conscientious activism.

Martin Luther King’s “Beyond Vietnam” speech on April 4, 1967, is still powerfully relevant today.

Consider these four sentences:

I am convinced that ... we as a nation must undergo a radical revolution of values.... A true revolution of values will lay hand on the world order and say of war, “This way of settling differences is not just.” ... A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death.... Our only hope today lies in our ability to recapture the revolutionary spirit and go out into a sometimes hostile world declaring eternal hostility to poverty, racism, and militarism.

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gram on TCTV. Info: Dennis Mills 867-1487 mills.dennis@comcast.net

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Every Friday from 5 to 6 pm: "Women in Black" Silent Vigil for Peace on the south side of W. 4th Ave. near the fountain. Women only. Please wear black. Some signs are provided. Since 1988 "Women in Black" has been a loose network of women worldwide committed to peace with justice and actively opposed to war and violence. Info: Karin Kraft 754-5352 kraftkf@comcast.net

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Fri July 30: The Interfaith Peace Walk for a Nuclear-Free World in Respect of Mother Earth will come through downtown Olympia at approximately 4:00 pm and will stay overnight at Olympia's Vietnam Meditation Center. If interested in walking a day or more contact Senji (206) 780-6730 or (206) 419-7262 senji@nipponzan.net

Sat July 31 through Thurs Aug 5: Vigil at Percival Landing from 12 noon to 1 pm in solidarity with Afghan Youth Peace Volunteers' daily vigils there: Info: Doug Mackey 915-6757 dougwmackey@gmail.com

Sat July 31: Western Washington FOR Area Committee: WWFOR's board meets quarterly for overall decision-making and coordinating. Today's 10 am to 4 pm meeting is in Centralia, followed by a meeting to start planning the WWFOR Fall Retreat for Fri-Sat Nov 5-6 around the theme explained on page 6. Info and carpooling from Olympia: 491-9093

Sat July 31: Pizza Party fundraiser for *Works in Progress*: Enjoy an evening of yummy pizza with old and new friends in support of our own Olympia-based, free, volunteer-operated, progressive, monthly newspaper in its 20th year of continuous publishing! This is a fundraiser on a fully sliding scale – pay what you can. *WIP* needs your support! 6:00-9:30 pm at Fertile Ground Guesthouse, 311 9th Ave SE, behind Olympia Library). Come early from 4:30 to 6:00 pm and help repaint the mandala at the intersection at 9th & Adams SE.

FOR Sat July 31: Float Lanterns for Peace at Bon Odori: Enjoy the traditional Japanese dancing and food on Water Street between 5th & 7th Ave SE next to Heritage Park from 5 to 9 pm. At dusk go to the new West Bay Park on Budd Inlet's western beach to float lanterns for peace. The Olympia/Kato Sister City Association sponsors most of the activities. The Olympia FOR sponsors the lantern floating. (See page 1.) Info: Kristen Dahle kjdahle@comcast.net 357-3553

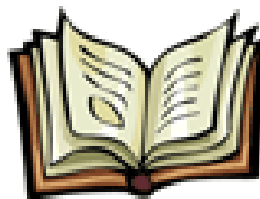
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Mon Aug 2: Turkish women's cross-cultural education about trauma, healing, and more: Leyla Welkin and the Pomegranate Connection will discuss some cross-cultural themes related to trauma and treatment for women. Turkish and American psychotherapists in Ankara, Turkey are helping women with histories of sexual and physical abuse and symptoms of anxiety, depression, and difficulty in forming trusting relationships. 7:00 pm at Traditions Café, 5th & Water SW. Free, but donations are welcome. Info: Sonja Wentz, 570-7451



FOR Tues Aug 3: Olympia FOR's new book discussion group about moving from war to peace: 7:00 pm at Chuck Schultz's home, 1621 Tullis NE (a little north of San Francisco Street Bakery). (If you can't attend tonight, see the

Saturday August 7 listing for the alternate date.) Tuesday's readers have chosen *Sorrows of Empire* by Chalmers Johnson for August 3 and *A Force More Powerful* by Peter Ackerman and Jack Duvall for September 1. The Olympia FOR can lend you videotapes of case studies in *A Force More Powerful*. Readers may, instead, choose to read Ackerman and Kruegler's *Strategic Nonviolent Conflict*, which develops criteria for analyzing nonviolent actions. It thoroughly discusses eight well-known nonviolent confrontations that are covered in both of the books and in the videos. Ask Chuck for suggestions of additional books you might read for the discussions tonight and in future months. Info: 705-8520 chuckschultz3@msn.com

Wed Aug 4: Teach-in: Why boycott Israeli products and divest from Israel's economy? In mid-July the Olympia Food Co-op's Board of Directors courageously started boycotting Israeli goods. (This is the first grocery boycott of Israel in the US.) Just as the boycott of South Africa's economy put pressure on them during the 1980s to stop their racist apartheid system, so the growing international nonviolent movement of Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) is designed to pressure the Israeli gov-

ernment to reexamine its policies of abusing Palestinians and persistently violating international law. The Olympia Food Co-op's decision has become controversial, so the local organization supporting the boycott (Olympia BDS) offers a teach-in from 7 to 9 pm to inform the local community. 7-9 pm at Traditions Café, 5th & Water SW. Info: www.OlympiaBDS.org

Fri Aug 6: Peace Vigil the Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor gate at 3:00 pm, followed by potluck at the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action, 16159 Clear Creek Rd. NW, Poulsbo in Kitsap County. www.gzcenter.org

Fri Aug 6: Support democracy in Honduras. Resist last summer's military coup: Hear Honduran singer and feminist activist Karla Lara (www.karlalara.com) and two other Honduran activists for democracy. They will speak about last summer's military coup, which overthrew the democratically elected government of President Zelaya with tacit U.S. approval. Karla Lara will also perform. A \$10-25 donation is requested to help cover the speakers' travel costs and outreach about Honduras's current issues. Watch Karla Lara's recent performance in San Francisco at www.youtube.com/watch?v=rBgXmLr47PM Traditions Café, 5th & Water SW. Sponsor: Latin American Solidarity Organization. Info: Brendan, mobydick1980@aim.com or MobyDick1980@netscape.net

Fri Aug 6: From Hiroshima to Hope: Float Japanese lanterns for peace at Seattle's Green Lake on the NW shore, south of the Bathhouse Theater. Gather at 6:00 pm, enjoy a family program at 7:00 pm, and enjoy the 9:00 pm lantern floating ceremony for peace. Info: (206) 453-4471 fthvolunteers@gmail.com

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Sat-Sun Aug 7-8: Events at Ground Zero Center will include music, nonviolence training, a Saturday 2:00 pm

presentation by Glen Anderson about converting from a war economy to a peace economy (see page 7), and discussions and planning for future actions for a nuclear weapons-free world. If you want to stay overnight, bring a sleeping bag and other personal gear and stay at Ground Zero Center, 16159 Clear Creek Rd. NW, Poulsbo WA. Info: www.gzcenter.org or 360-930-8697 or gznnonviolenceews@yahoo.com

Sat Aug 7: "2012: Time for Change" film presents an optimistic alternative to apocalyptic doom and gloom. Directed by Emmy Award nominee João Amorim, the film follows journalist Daniel Pinchbeck, author of the best-selling *2012: The Return of Quetzalcoatl*, on a quest for a new paradigm that integrates the archaic wisdom of tribal cultures with the scientific method. As conscious agents of evolution, we can redesign post-industrial society on ecological principles to make a world that works for all. Rather than breakdown and barbarism, 2012 heralds the birth of a regenerative planetary culture where collaboration replaces competition, where exploration of psyche and spirit becomes the new cutting edge, replacing the sterile materialism that has pushed our world to the brink. 6:30 pm with excellent panel discussion following. Capitol Theater, 206 5th Ave SE. Info: www.olympiafilmsociety.org

Sun Aug 8: PFLAG-Olympia Annual Picnic: PFLAG-Olympia will be having its annual picnic Sunday, Aug. 8 from 1-5 p.m. in Priest Point Park, shelter #3. It's a potluck, but you don't have to bring anything to attend. All PFLAG members and allies are welcome. For more information, visit our website. Info: Alec Clayton www.pflag-olympia.org and <http://pflagolympiawa.blogspot.com>

Localize This! Action Camp

CREATIVE TACTICS FOR LAND & SEA

Sun-Sat Aug 8-14 (especially Mon-Fri Aug 9-13): Localize this! Creative Tactics for Land and Sea Artful Action Camp -- A week of training for direct action, including strategizing for campaigns and devising creative tactics: Also learn about rappelling, using tripods, blockading, kayak safety, water-based tactics, making giant puppets and banners, drumming for demonstrations, making silk-screens, and more. It's on an old farm near the beach on Vashon Island in Puget Sound, near Seattle and Tacoma. Suggested donation: \$25 per day or \$100-300 sliding scale for the week. (This includes food!) Contribute as well as you can, but nobody will be turned away for lack of funds. It's OK to attend less than the full week. On-site camping is OK, so bring a tent and sleeping bag. Register on-line at <https://backbonecampaign.wufoo.com/forms/localize-this-action-camp/>

Mon Aug 9: Nonviolent direct action at Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor gate at 5:30 am to greet the day shift workers arriving. Info: www.gzcenter.org or 360-930-8697 or gznnonviolencenews@yahoo.com

Tues Aug 10: 8th Annual Interfaith Leadership Summit promotes compassionate actions: Northwest Interfaith Community Outreach, Camp Brotherhood and the Interfaith Community Church invite you to join them in honoring individual acts of compassion and sharing ways to amplify our collective influence in the coming year. Inspired by the Charter of Compassion, guided by the Golden Rule, motivated by the 10 year campaign for Compassionate Cities the gathering will be the 8th annual interfaith summit. 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at Camp Brotherhood, Mt. Vernon, WA. Info: www.campbrotherhood.org and www.interfaithcommunitychurch.org

Tues Aug 10: National Organization for Women (NOW) meets at 7:00 pm at Traditions Café, 5th & Water SW. Info: Linda Malanchuck 357-7272

Tues Aug 10: Organize to stop sweatshops: South Sound Clean Clothes Campaign formed in 2000 to address sweatshop issues and has focused on getting public institutions to adopt sweatshop free purchasing practices. SSCCC meets at 7:00 pm at Traditions Café, 5th & Water SW on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Info: Dick Meyer 705-2819 and www.southsoundcleanclothes.org

FOR Wed Aug 11: Olympia FOR's Potluck Picnic – AND our Steering Committee meets for overall planning and decision-making. All Olympia FOR members are invited to attend the meeting and the simultaneous potluck picnic at the Rose Garden Kitchen area at Priest Point Park from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. (See page 1) Info: Co-Chair Berd Whitlock 259-4291 robertfwwhitlock@gmail.com

Wed Aug 11: Discuss the Olympia Food Co-op's decision to boycott products made in Israel. A special meeting will occur at the Olympia Center, 222 Columbia Street NW. Info: www.olympiabds.org

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Sat Aug 14: Friendly Supper Club – a potluck dinner for people of all ages, colors and religious backgrounds: Some years ago Dan and Lonnie Locke hosted Friendly Supper Club potlucks focusing on racial diversity. Now the Friendly Supper Club meets on the second Saturday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Locke home with the new fo-

cus on religious harmony. Bring a dish to share. After eating, an interfaith devotional will honor all faith traditions. Info and directions: 456-2865

Sat-Sun Aug 14-15: Olympia's Really, Really Free Market: Come and bring extra clothes, books, random knick-knacks, and household items to give away. Pick up free items that you want. Also, you may bring food, games, and musical instruments to share. Everybody is welcome to this family-friendly event. Admission is FREE, and nobody will solicit donations. The free market is what we make it. 11 am to 4 pm each day. **Saturday** at Woodruff Park, 1500 W Harrison, and **Sunday** at Bigelow Park, 1220 Bigelow Ave NE. Info: www.rrfmolympia.blogspot.com

Sun Aug 15: "Grand Oly Opry" fundraiser for local welfare rights group, POWER: From 6:00 to 11:30 pm at the Eagles Hall on 4th and Plum you can enjoy bands galore, cupcakes, raffle prizes and more. Proceeds support Parents Organizing for Welfare and Economic Rights. POWER is an organization of low-income parents and allies advocating for a strong social safety net while working toward a world where children and care giving are truly valued, and the devastation of poverty has been eradicated. Info: 352-9716 welfarerights@riseup.net www.oly-wa.us/power/

FOR Sun Aug 15: Seattle FOR potluck picnic: Gather from 4 to 7 pm. Enjoy a potluck meal at 5 pm at Woodland Park shelter #7 in NW Seattle. The Seattle FOR's annual picnic always brings nice folks together. Feel free to bring musical instruments, sports equipment, etc. Everyone is welcome. It's free, but a collection will be taken. Info: 206-789-5565

Sun Aug 15: Scott Cossu benefit concert and dessert auction to support Interfaith Works: Scott's latest recording projects include a fusion of classical and jazz styles. One of Olympia's best known musicians and composers, Scott has given more than 1,000 concerts around the world. Also enjoy tasty dessert samplers and bid on desserts to take home. 7:00 pm at Olympia Unitarian-Universalist Congregation, 2300 East End Street NW. Suggested donation \$15 or more. Proceeds will support Interfaith Works of Thurston County, which brings faith communities and other organizations (including the Olympia FOR) together to promote interfaith understanding and cooperation, and positive social change. Info: 357-7224 www.oly-wa.us/interfaith

Mon Aug 16: Thurston-Santo Tomas (Nicaragua) Sister County Association began an ongoing relationship 21 years ago during wartime. We're in it for the long haul. Come be part of it! 6:30 potluck and introductions. 7 pm meeting. Info and location: 943-8642

Thurs Aug 19: Isthmus Park monthly meeting, 6:30 pm at Traditions Café, 5th & Water SW. Info: Jerry 561-4212

Fri Aug 20: "Countdown to Zero" film about nuclear weapons at the Capital Theater on August 20. The film spells out, in chilling terms, the danger facing everyone if nuclear weapons end up in the hands of terrorists or explode by accident. The film conveys a powerful message: no country should have nuclear weapons. The timing is perfect because peace activists and other people are urging the US Senate to ratify the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START) to remove significant numbers of weapons from U.S. and Russian arsenals. This is the first step in moving towards a world without nuclear weapons. The film was well received at the Sundance Film Festival, TED Conference, and Cannes Film Festival. Urge your Senator to ratify START. Info: www.takepart.com/zero

Sat Aug 21: Sort and box medical supplies for other countries: No experience is necessary. Volunteers must be aged 14 or above. CHUMA International (Catholic Health United for Medical Assistance) practices global solidarity and environmental stewardship by ensuring that useful medical supplies and equipment are shared with charitable health-care organizations in economically developing countries. CHUMA has sent medical supplies to are Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Haiti, Cuba, Brazil, Uganda, and other countries. Help CHUMA's volunteer efforts locally from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at Providence Health International / CHUMA, 2601 Willamette Drive NE, Suite G, Lacey (NE of the county solid waste facility). Info: Ray Reyes 493-5641 raymond.reyes@providence.org

Sun Aug 22: Bridges Not Walls addresses issues of immigration in our community, believing that immigrants, regardless of legal status, deserve to be treated with dignity. Meet 6 pm in Shelton at Mason County Literacy. Carpool at 5:15 from downtown Olympia's mural at Capitol and State. Info: 943-8642

FOR Mon Aug 23: Death penalty abolition committee of Olympia FOR meets to educate ourselves and work on further activities to abolish that atrocity. 7 pm in Tumwater. Info: Emily Hammargren 352-0695 deathpenalty@olympiafor.org

Wed-Sun Aug 25-29: Veterans for Peace 25th Anniversary National Convention will occur in Portland, Maine. Info: <http://vfpnationalconvention.org>

Thurs Aug 26: Women's Equality Day -- "Iron Jawed Angels" film: Today is the 90th anniversary of the constitutional amendment granting women the right to vote. The Thurston County League of Women Voters and National Organization for Women commemorate "Women's Equality Day" with a screening of "Iron Jawed Angels," which tells the story of a group of passionate and dynamic young

women, led by Alice Paul (Hilary Swank) and her friend Lucy Burns (Frances O'Connor), who put their lives on the line to fight for American women's right to vote. After the movie enjoy a short discussion with State Senator Karen Fraser, State Supreme Court Justice Gerry Alexander, National Organization for Women's NW Regional Director Linda Malanchuck-Finnan, and Women's History Consortium Coordinator Shanna Stevenson. 6:00 pm screening at Capitol Theater, 206 5th Ave SE. Free, but donations accepted. Info: www.olympiafilmsociety.org Sponsors: Thurston County NOW and League of Women Voters

Sat Aug 28: Meeting to organize WWFOR's long-term campaign to cut military spending and use the savings to fund domestic needs for people and our environment: (See page 7) Meet from 10 am to 4 pm in Tacoma. Info: (360) 491-9093

Sat Aug 28: 8th Annual Seattle Race Conference: "Racism and Health Inequities: Eliminating Barriers and Healing Our Communities" – Hear a keynote speaker and a spoken word artist, attend fascinating workshops, and enjoy the featured exhibit (South Park Photo Voice), and meet and mingle with a lot of people. 8:00 am to 4:30 pm in the Brockey Conference Center at South Seattle Community College, 6000 16th Avenue SW in West Seattle, a few blocks east of Delridge. The organizers strongly encourage people to pre-register for \$20 (including lunch) at www.seattleraceconference.org before pre-registration closes on Friday August 13. Registering at the door costs \$30 and does not include lunch. Scholarships available from eleta.wright@gmail.com Sponsors include South Seattle Community College, Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle and King County, Seattle Office for Civil Rights, King County Civil Rights Commission, Senior Services, YWCA of Seattle-King County, Snohomish County, and America & Moore, LLC. www.seattleraceconference.org



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Sun Sept 12: Mohandas K. Gandhi, the Mahatma ("Great Soul) with Bernie Meyer: Experience this powerful presentation that conveys Gandhi's message with depth and honesty – and in character. 4:00 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Vancouver, 4505 East 18th Street, Vancouver WA. This is part of the "Inquiring Mind" series from the Humanities Washington. Info: www.humanities.org/inquiringmind

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Sat Sept 18: Sort and box medical supplies for other countries: 9 am to 1 pm. See Aug 21 calendar item. Info: Ray Reyes 493-5641 raymond.reyes@providence.org

Sun Sept 19: Bridges Not Walls works for immigrant rights and dignity: See Sun Aug 22 for details.

FOR Sun Sept 19: Deadline for Olympia FOR's Oct-Nov newsletter: Send news, announcements and calendar items by this date or soon after. 491-9093 glen@olympiafor.org

FOR Sun Sept 20: "Death Penalty Study Group from Faith Perspectives" meets tonight for the first time: See page 2. 491-9093 deathpenalty@olympiafor.org

Mon Sept 20: Thurston-Santo Tomas (Nicaragua) Sister County Association: See Aug 16 for details.



Fri-Sat Sept 24-25: “A Day for Africa” The African Affairs Council of Washington State invites everyone to the 6th annual “A Day for Africa.” The theme for 2010 is “Africa Matters!” (See our August

TV program description on page 4.) It will occur from 10 am to 5 pm at the Comfort Inn Hotel and Conference Center, 1620 74th Ave SW, Tumwater. (From I-5 take the Tumwater Blvd exit, go east, and turn right on Center Street.) The event embraces the many efforts of individuals and organizations who relate to Africa and its 53 nations. Enjoy connecting with people from many nations, local and regional organizations, African music, an African market, display tables, educational activities, and more. Info: 438-7087 or 280-3843.

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FOR Mon Sept 27: Death penalty abolition committee of Olympia FOR meets to educate ourselves and work on further activities to abolish that atrocity. 7 pm in Tumwater. Info: Emily Hammargren 352-0695 deathpenalty@olympiafor.org

FOR Fri Oct 1: See children’s peace-related art during Arts Walk in downtown Olympia: Every Arts Walk, Kristen Dahle arranges for local school kids to generate art on some theme related to peace or social justice and display it in the window of Buck’s 5th Avenue, 209 5th Ave SE. Info: 357-3553 kjdahle@comcast.net

Sat Oct 2: Linda Allen’s *Singing at the Threshold* Workshop: Linda Allen, who grew up in Olympia, and other women with compassionate voices sing at the bedside of people who are seriously ill or dying. A workshop on this will occur from 12:30 to 4:00 pm at the Priory Spirituality Center, 500 College Street NE, Lacey. Info: www.lindasongs.com (360) 438-2595

Fri-Sun Nov 5-7: National Sweatfree Summit and Conference in Olympia: Approximately 100 national leaders of campaigns against sweatshops will meet here. The organizers seek several volunteers to each host one or two participants and/or provide potluck meals and transportation. Please volunteer as soon as possible by contacting Dick Meyer at Traditions 705-2819 or Bob Zeigler at 570-0848. The Sweatfree Summit will be open to the public. Topics include local and state purchase of sweatfree clothing and national legislation.

Sun Nov 7: Linda Allen performs at 7:00 pm at Traditions Café, 300 5th Ave SW. Info: 705-2819

Fri-Sun Nov 19-21: Protest the US’s school for training terrorists at SOA in Fort Benning, Georgia: Last summer’s military coup by SOA graduates in Honduras has yet again exposed the destabilizing and deadly effects that the School of the Americas has on Latin America. The actions of SOA’s graduates are unmasking the Pentagon rhetoric and revealing the anti-democratic results of US policies. This weekend thousands of persons who value peace and human rights will vigil at the gates of Fort Benning, Georgia, to stand up for justice, to shut down the School of the Americas, and to stop the oppressive US foreign policy. Despite President Obama’s election campaign comments, the SOA/ WHINSEC continues to operate, and his Pentagon is planning new U.S. military bases in Colombia. We must keep up the pressure and to hold the US government accountable for training terrorists and thugs for Latin America. People power is going to win over Pentagon lobbying! Join hundreds of organizers around the country in local actions as well as the big national actions at Fort Benning, Georgia. Info: (202) 234 3440 www.soaw.org



Olympia FOR’s book discussion groups invite you to read and discuss:

Some local folks are reading interesting books and meeting once a month to discuss them. Chuck Schultz has been convening one group that meets at 7:00 pm on the first Tuesday of each month and another

group that meets on at 6:00 pm on the first Saturday. Each group decides what to read and discuss for the next month. In general they have been exploring how to move from war to peace. Saturday’s pick for August 7 is David Korten’s *The Great Turning* or other writing by Korten, such as *When Corporations Rule the World*. In August they’ll choose a book for September. The Tuesday readers have chosen *The Sorrows of Empire* by Chalmers Johnson for August 3 and *A Force More Powerful* (case studies of using nonviolence effectively) by Peter Ackerman and Jack Duvall for September 1. The Olympia FOR can also lend you some videotapes about some of the case studies examined in the book *A Force More Powerful*. Readers may, instead, choose to read Ackerman and Kruegler’s *Strategic Nonviolent Conflict*, which develops criteria for analyzing nonviolent actions. It thoroughly discusses eight well-known nonviolent confrontations that are covered in the books and videos.

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