

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.” — Margaret Mead



# Grandmothers for Peace International

Barbara Wiedner, Founder, 1928 - 2001

Lorraine Krofchok, Director

Founded 1982

Fall 2013

## WHAT WE ARE DOING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

### Northland Chapter of Grandmothers for Peace 30 Years of Doing ~ Happy 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

The *Northland Chapter* started its public life in the 1983 Fourth of July parade in Superior, Wisconsin. **Jan Provost**, chapter president, carried the sign “*Arms are for Hugging*” designed by her daughter; people along the parade route applauded the group.

**Barbara Wiedner**, Jan’s sister, founded Grandmothers for Peace in 1982 in Sacramento, California. A year later, Jan started the Northland Chapter.

During the past 30 years, Northland GFP has grown from three members to more than 100 members. The Northland Chapter, which includes Superior, Wisconsin, and Duluth, Minnesota, has a long, colorful history of protest and advocacy.

Everyone is welcome. You do not have to be a grandmother, just a grandmother at heart – see a need, see an in-

justice, do something about it.

That something can be a hug; a cookie; a yearly scholarship fundraiser; 26 years of the No War Toys Drive to aid victims of domestic abuse, and poverty; spending 20 years every Mother’s Day demonstrating at the Navy’s ELF facility; weekly, often in subzero weather, protesting against the Iraq war, the Afghan war, threats of war; distributing flyers about the economic impact of endless wars; supporting the abolition of nuclear weapons. These are a few of Northland’s favorite things to do.

“Everybody has some talent to share,” Jan said, “whether they realize it or not.”

This past September 14<sup>th</sup> that talent was shared at a 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary potluck celebration/annual meeting for the chapter.

**Kudos to all!**



“A force to be reckoned with!!!!!!”  
—Jan Provost, president, front row center.

## BLOGGING

*Marcia Reimers posts a letter a day to President Obama. Her Washboard Express blog is a way for her “to express my own opinions, to be a provocative gadfly ... to the President.” Since family is her first priority, she has missed a few days. Here is Letter #168.*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2013

*Dear Mr. President: It's Time to Fight for Our Kids*

On Tuesday you said you plan to, “make the best case that I can,” for a military strike on Syria, and that “there are times where we have to make hard choices if we’re going to stand up for the things that we care about, and I believe that this is one of those times.”

Didn’t you make the best case you could for Congress to pass some common sense gun control laws? Or, was that just lip service for the parents, friends, family, and the country, just after the slaughter of ‘innocent children’ at Sandy Hook? How can you make a case to the world or even this Congress regarding military action in Syria when you can’t make a case for saving the lives of ‘innocent children’ slaughtered by weapons of mass destruction in this country?

We’re wringing our hands over 400 ‘innocent children’ killed by their own government in Syria, but we are doing absolutely nothing about the 2,848 children that are killed in America every year because of gun violence ... that’s

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- US Military Deaths, 2001-2013: Iraq War = 4,486; Afghanistan War = 2,280

- Cost of The Wars, 2001-2013: \$1,477,543,050,8747.00 (TRILLION)

- Civilian Deaths, 2001-2013: Iraq = 114,813-125,918; Afghanistan, 2006-2012 = 16,179

(nationalpriorities.org; icasualties.org; iraqbodycount.org; theguardian.com; 10-03-2013)

# What We Are Doing

**Blogging:** FIGHT FOR OUR KIDS  
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eight 'innocent children' every single day, day in and day out.

I find it offensively hypocritical of the U.S. to be 'up in arms' over the use of chemical weapons when you consider our history ... the horrors of WWI led to the 1925 Geneva Protocol, which banned the use of chemical weapons. The U.S. didn't sign until 1975, long after dumping hundreds of thousands of gallons of Agent Orange in Vietnam and Cambodia, with the 'unintended consequence' being the loss of thousands of lives, including our own U.S. Servicemen. It wasn't until 1997 that an international treaty banned the production, stockpiling and use of these weapons. Angola, North Korea, Egypt, South Sudan and Syria are still not signatories to the pact.

You condemn Assad's "brazen use" of chemical weapons and the deaths of hundreds of children as a violation of international norms and said that failure to act would empower other "rogue nations, authoritarian regimes and terrorist organizations" to develop and use weapons of mass destruction.

Don't you think that the U.S. is outside the "norm" when it comes to our obsessive use of 'personal weapons'? Don't you think that our failure to pass comprehensive background checks, limiting magazine capacities, and limits on the amount of ammunition one person can purchase, is outside the 'norm' and could embolden "stand your ground" crackpots and right-wing gun enthusiasts, not to mention how it's already emboldened the NRA?

If we worked half as hard at passing laws that keep our streets safe, and our kids alive, as we do in trying to 'police' the world and trying to protect Syria's children, then we wouldn't have 8 children a day and 2,848 children a year, slaughtered in this country.

Yes, these are hard times and you have hard choices to make. It's time to stand with Americans who want an END to bombing, an END to boots on the ground, an END to more military interventions, and an END to any and all wars of any kind. It's time to make our children what you care about most. It's time to end the violence against our children with weapons of mass destruction. ENOUGH is ENOUGH.

*Most Respectfully, Marcia Reimers*  
www.washboardexpress.blogspot.com

## Diary of a stressed out organizer for peace

*LYNN HERITAGE, GFP, WRITES/BLOGS FOR WILMINGTONFAVS A GATHERING PLACE FOR NON-SECTARAN COVERAGE OF FAITH AND VALUES NEWS FROM THE WILMINGTON, N.C./CAPE FEAR REGION. IT WAS WRITTEN SEPTEMBER 19, 2013. THE EVENT WAS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2013, AND SPONSORED BY GRANDMOTHERS FOR PEACE.*

Each year, on Sept. 21, individuals and organizations from 175 nations gather to promote peace. On Saturday, throughout the world, people will be celebrating International Day of Peace, and our community will, for the seventh year, join in that celebration at Hugh MacRae Park.

Each year brings a different gathering, but ultimately, it's all about people coming together for peace. Our first year, we had 30 people, and most of them were participants. Last year, we had more than 200 people. This year ... who knows?

As the organizer of our community Peace Day Celebration, I've run the gamut of anxieties ... trying to find people to participate, planning the program, technical support, outreach to media, how many people will show up, and always asking myself if I can really stand up in front of all these people and speak coherently.

Then, there are the endless middle-of-the-night 'What-ifs.' We all know about those, don't we?

Initially, in thinking about this year's event, I was concerned with how we could get even more people there. I was equating the success of our gathering with bringing in more people, getting the numbers up.

Maybe 300 for this year? The more people, the more peace we can spread throughout our community, right?

However, bit by bit, I began to understand that this year would be quite different and, in reality, there was no way we could get even close to bringing in more than 200 people.

Once it all sunk in, and I was able to connect with the wiser part of me, I came to realize that it really didn't matter how many people are there because it's not about the numbers, and numbers don't define success. We have some very special people coming forward to help bring the spirit of peace to our community, and their

contribution is exactly what we need.

So, here I am, after all the worrying about this and that, finally feeling at peace with planning Peace Day.

I've gained a better grasp of the concept that peace begins with me, and even though I thought I already knew it, I wasn't actually practicing it in planning a peace event.

It came down to ... how do I lead an event celebrating peace if I don't do it in peace? With that understanding and acceptance, it has become so much simpler. All I had to do was take the me out of the ratio and let peace guide the way.

However our event goes, it will go in Peace.

I am Peace. You are Peace.

We are Peace.

[www.wilmingtonfav.com/2013/09/19/diary-stressed-organizer-peace](http://www.wilmingtonfav.com/2013/09/19/diary-stressed-organizer-peace)

## A Young Member's View

Hello there! I am so honored to have been asked to be a part of the GFP newsletter. My name is **Tiffany Corcoran** and I am fortunate enough to be able to say, Barbara Wiedner was my grandmother. There is absolute excitement running through me as I sit down to write this, finally getting to be more involved in my late grandmother's work. Although I have always had an idea of what she did, it hasn't been until the past year or so I started to become more interested and anxious to get on board as well as help.



**Tiffany Corcoran, granddaughter of Barbara Wiedner, demonstrating for peace.**

I was raised in a small, fairly conser-

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vative town in central California, where some of the world's issues do not necessarily have a chance to be experienced or even brought up. For the longest time I had mixed feelings on how I felt about war, peace - am I on the left side or the right side, how do I feel about gay rights, is it right to feel this way, etc. My father and brother served in the Army and confused my feelings even more.

However, the older I become, and as we sit on the verge of what could be another war, I have come to realize something. It is not about being on a side, it is not about being straight or gay, it is about loving one another and the constant need to strive for peace.

It has become clear to me that hoping, dreaming and thinking about things does not get anything done. I could say how I feel and wish for things to be a certain way, but it wasn't until I started doing and wanting to do more that I saw a change. A change in me, where everyone must start.

I began using reusable water bottles, reusable shopping bags, buying organic when possible, donating used clothing and books to a local women's shelter and trying to be more aware of what I can do to be more green. A few of my friends with children use only cloth diapers and are on a fierce mission to spread the word about its many benefits.

Being a 26-year-old who is back in school as a dental assisting student, I have the opportunity to volunteer at a local, free medical/dental clinic. And, as a student I have the opportunity to talk to younger people about recycling. Getting one person to recycle could mean getting ten people to recycle, if they spread the word. You don't have to do a whole lot to help out, every little bit counts.

Wearing my GFP button on my lanyard has been one of the best ways to get people interested in talking to me. I have found that having facts to backup my opinions about what is going on is important and catches the eyes and ears of many different people.

Sometimes it is hard to stay hopeful or motivated about what you believe in and care about. One thing that has helped me and warmed my heart is that in the midst of all that is going on in the Middle East, Israel has taken in wounded Syrians and treated them as their own, given them the best medical care they can with no ques-

tions asked. That sort of kindness reminds me there is hope in the world!

Young people of the world must unite, we must be smart, we must spread peace and love, we must be the change!

Thank you so much! Tiffany

## In the Classroom

Last year I started volunteering with a program where I live and it has been so rewarding. I volunteer at a local elementary school and work with 3<sup>rd</sup> graders to help them with their reading, comprehension, etc. They have been a joy to work with.

The teacher is amazing and since it's been years since I have even had grandchildren in school, I had no idea what teaching is like today. I am so impressed with the skill, compassion and intelligence of the teachers I have met; but above all, I am "bowled over" by their dedication to "their" kids.

I have now started calling the students I work with "my" kids. Watching their excitement and enthusiasm is one thing but what I have been particularly struck by is their love of learning and their respect for me and the teacher. They are exuberant and "off the wall" occasionally with excitement but always kind and caring toward each other.

I was so touched over this past year to see how they reach out to their fellow students who are struggling with reading or just coping with the discipline and/or challenge of showing up for class everyday. Please remember they are only 8-years-old. I have come away from all of this with tremendous hope in my heart for the future.

It's now summer vacation and I miss the classroom so much. I can't wait until September to begin again with new students. After reading the article you (Lorraine) sent, (from The Sacramento Bee about how one can help in a child's life) I am also beginning to feel very proud. I see now how important it is to "suit up and show up" as a friend says and offer my help with reading to children. I hope I am showing them that there are adults who don't even know them but care about their future in this sometimes scary world.

*Sincerely, Barbara Cloud, California*

## In England

One of our grandmothers, **Sylvia Boyes**, a leader in the UK anti-Trident campaign, was arrested in Scotland while demonstrating outside Faslane, home of the Trident submarines. The majority of Scots

are against Trident. The Scottish National Party, if they manage to gain independence for Scotland from England, would demand the removal of Trident. Sylvia was found guilty in the Scottish court but let off with a caution.

The huge Arms Fair has just been held in London, where Sylvia was again arrested, along with many others. Hundreds demonstrated against the Fair, and one of several blockades organised by protesters managed to stop boats and tanks by lying across the road. A Quaker service and "exorcism of evil" were also held. But there was a samba band, too, with banners, a peace choir and a skeleton on stilts. Occupation of the roads round the east gate was planned for the whole week. The description of arms shown at the Arms Fair is an eye-opener but is little reported in the general press.

There is strong national opposition to the replacement of the ageing Trident submarines and warheads, so the coalition government, led by Conservative Donald Cameron, has scheduled a Parliamentary vote to be taken on the planned replacement. Already 57 members of Parliament have registered their opposition in a special motion, noting the procurement cost of £25 billion and lifetime cost of over £100 billion.

Sylvia was one of the grandmothers (she has six grandchildren and comes from the county of Yorkshire) blockading the two gates of the Atomic Weapons Establishment at Burghfield in the south of England, where the warheads are held. "The Parliamentary action is hypocrisy," Sylvia says. "There are so many new buildings going up and obviously all installations are in place now for Trident renewal."

This was an international blockade by peace groups from all over Britain and France, Belgium, Spain, Netherlands, Finland and Germany. Police cleared blockades by Finnish and Belgian activists and 22 were arrested. They said that Trident renewal was not just a British issue, but through Britain's membership of NATO and its policy of sharing the missiles Trident had become a European weapon.

And, GFP members are still taking part in the monthly camp at Aldermaston, also in the south of England, the atomic weapons research establishment, where new buildings are also appearing. There is still a long way to go before there is any turn-around or end to the manufacture of more nuclear weapons.

*Jean Stead, London, England*

**FOREIGN POLICY**

by *Thais Thomas*

Money manipulates, corrupts  
Send no more.  
Bombs, bullets, tear apart.  
Send no more.  
Youth learns hate, kills, dies.  
Send no more. No more.

Send now  
Heart connectors, value enhancers.  
Send now  
Compassionate listeners, life builders.  
Send now  
Our grandmothers!

A huge relentless, airlift of grandmothers.  
Troop planes, cargo planes, full of grandmothers.  
Tall, small, lean, portly, spry, slow, – all will go.

A full tide of many skin shades and colors,  
flowing into cities, streaming into villages,  
trickling on to lonely households.  
All with the respected symbol:  
crinkly, smooth, thick, thin, long  
or short – white/silver/gray hair.

Knowing the important things, no training needed,  
crooning to crying babies, soothing frightened children,  
open arms holding the grieving. Asking, "How may I help?"  
Then making shopping lists. Sending home,  
"This is what we need right now! Clothes for this climate, food for this culture."

"Hammer all our golden swords into ploughshares!  
Send mine detectors that we may clear that hidden hate lingering in this land.  
Send tractors, trees and seeds."

Oh, crops and children's cheeks will bloom in beauty.  
When our grandmothers win the world.

**"Nuclear weapons are an obscenity. ... What kind of world community are we actually seeking to build when nations possess and threaten to use arms that can wipe all of humankind off the globe in an instant?"**

—*Desmond Tutu, Nobel Peace Laureate*



BY FRANCES THOMAS

**WHEREAS, the U.S. State Department continues to recognize the Kellogg-Briand Peace Pact as being in effect, with 84 nations currently parties to it, and the treaty open to other nations which choose to join; and . . .**

On August 27, 2013, the Prescott City Council presented to the Peace Community a proclamation naming this date the *Kellogg-Briand Peace Pact Day*.

The *Peace Pact* refers to an international treaty passed on that day in 1928 when, after the horrors of World War I, intense public pressure, especially in the U.S., led to wars being deemed an illegal crime against peace. In an 85-1 vote the U.S. Senate ratified the Pact which remains today in our Constitution, *the supreme Law of the Land*.

Grandmother For Peace **Frances Thomas**, along with Grandmothers **Ordell Nelson** and **Kathy Svendsen**, accepted the *Peace Pact Proclamation*. Veteran for Peace **Ralph Hess** researched its legal background and verbage. Other Veterans for Peace included **Dennis DuVall** and **Joel Thomas**. Women In Black was represented, as was Pax Christi and other supportive Prescott citizens.

While the *Peace Pact* should have made war obsolete, modern war "by any other name" — police action, intervention, operation — allows decision makers to move aggressively with no fear of prosecution.

**PROCLAMATION**

KELLOGG-BRIAND PEACE PACT DAY  
August 27, 2013

WHEREAS, as U.S. Secretary of State, Frank Kellogg, heeding the desire of the people of his and other nations for peace, advocated a legal ban on war; and

WHEREAS, war, not previously defined as a crime, was declared to be so in the Kellogg-Briand Pact jointly drafted by the United States and France and subsequently signed by fifteen nations in 1928; and

WHEREAS, the Pact declared in the names of their respective peoples that they condemn recourse to war for the solution of international controversies, and renounce it as an instrument of national policy in their relations with one another; and

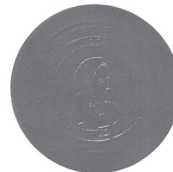
WHEREAS, containing no sanctions against countries that might breach its provisions, the treaty was based on the hope that diplomacy and the weight of world opinion would be powerful enough to prevent nations from resorting to the use of force; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. State Department continues to recognize the Kellogg-Briand Pact as being in effect, with 84 nations currently parties to it, and the treaty open to other nations which choose to join; and

WHEREAS, Frank Billings Kellogg was recognized around the world for his efforts, receiving a Nobel Peace Prize in 1930 and further honored with repose of his ashes in the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.

NOW, THEREFORE, in the hope and purpose of encouraging awareness of the work of Frank Kellogg and of his interest in peace that moved him to action, the City of Prescott, Arizona, hereby proclaims August 27, 2013, to be Kellogg-Briand Peace Pact Day.

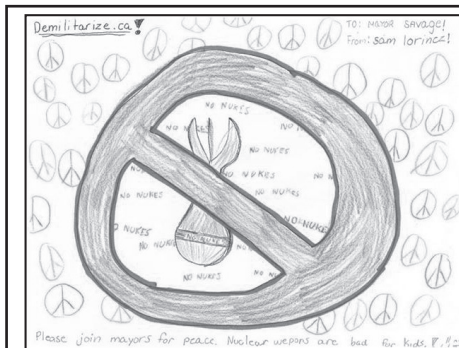
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Prescott to be affixed this 27th day of August 2013.



*Marlin D. Kuykendall*  
MARLIN D. KUYKENDALL, MAYOR  
City of Prescott

ATTEST:

*Lynn Mulhall*  
LYNN MULHALL, CITY CLERK



This drawing is by 9-year-old Sam of Nova Scotia, Canada, to Mayor Michael Savage, asking him to "Demilitarize

CA!" and to "Please join mayors for peace. Nuclear weapons are bad for kids!"

Canada's navy has no nuclear weapons, but nuclear-armed US warships visit Halifax Harbour.

Mayors for Peace is the leading international organization devoted to protecting cities from war and mass destruction. Their 2020 Vision Campaign aims to establish a nuclear-weapon-free world by the year 2020.

Nearly 6,000 cities around the world, 91 Canadian, have joined and hold official status at the United Nations.

## YOU CAN DO SOMETHING!

- ~ **THINK ABOUT THIS:** Take any town, area or group of people: If 100,000 of us used ONE less plastic bag a week – just four a month – that would be 400,000 less bags per month and 4,800,000, yes, FOUR MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND LESS bags in a landfill or floating into the Great Pacific Garbage Patch – the size of Texas!!
- ~ Voice your opinions, call Congress – (202) 224-3121 and/or the President (202) 456-1414 (White House switchboard).
- ~ Talk to people about the political process and how it works. Write letters to our government. Use the postal service!
- ~ Donate to the local food bank, or volunteer your time.
- ~ Sort your clothes, the kitchen, the furniture, the books, the toys, the garage – donate to that truck that comes to your door in many communities!
- ~ Recycle in those “green” cans that the garbage collection picks up.
- ~ Find a mentoring program in your community to help a young person.
- ~ Find a Job Corps center where you can help tutor students in their academic work.
- ~ Become a Big Brother or Sister.
- ~ Find other groups that sponsor programs for children. Support them with money AND your time and talents.
- ~ Share your talents with after school programs.
- ~ Help a teacher with supplies.
- ~ Adopt a shelter pet, proven to be good therapy!
- ~ Use your thinking power and you can DO SOMETHING, no matter how small, it all counts and collectively it adds up to something enormous.

### PLEASE COPY AND SHARE!

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## Divest in Nuclear Weapons



The \$100 billion dollar question: How much money does your bank invest in nuclear weapons?

Each year, the nine nuclear-armed nations spend a combined total of more than \$100 billion on their nuclear forces. Much of this work is carried out by private companies which are financed by banks, insurers, pension funds and asset managers.

In the March 2012 publication of *Don't Bank on the Bomb*, published by International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons and Profundo, 322 financial institutions were identified as investing in nuclear weapons companies, either directly or through subsidiaries. More than half are based in the United States, and one-third in Europe. Among the banks and other financial institutions most heavily involved are Bank of America, BlackRock and JP Morgan Chase in the United States; BNP Paribas in France; Deutsche Bank in Germany; and Mitsubishi UFJ Financial in Japan.

These weapons are illegal, but that doesn't stop the nine nations from possessing more than 20,000 nuclear weapons with a combined destructive force equivalent to 150,000 Hiroshima-sized bombs.

The International Court of Justice has affirmed the illegality of nuclear weapons. The UN General Assembly has declared that the use of nuclear weapons would violate the UN Charter and constitute a crime against humanity, and the UN Human Rights Committee has remarked that “nuclear weapons are among the greatest threats to the right to life which confront mankind today.”

Despite being legally obliged to disarm, all are pursuing programs to assemble new warheads, modernize old ones, and build ballistic missiles, bombers and submarines to launch them.

Boycotting and divesting are your methods of protest. Boycotting targets unethical companies directly and can result in significant financial losses and damage to their brand.

Divestment focuses on financial institutions that invest in nuclear weapons companies, either by lending money or through the ownership of bonds and shares. You make it clear that, unless the institution is prepared to change their policies and practices, you will move your funds to a more ethical alternative.

October 10, 2013, IKV Pax Christi will launch an updated *Don't Bank on the Bomb* report. This is the only global report identifying worldwide investment in nuclear weapons producers.

[www.dontbankonthebomb.com](http://www.dontbankonthebomb.com)

*Editor Note:* Information Source: *Don't Bank on the Bomb*, published by The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons and Profundo, March 2012.



## Be one of thousands at Fort Benning Nov. 22-24

*In November 1990 a few people gathered at the gate to protest the 1989 November 16<sup>th</sup>*

*massacre of six Jesuit priests, their co-worker and her teenage daughter in El Salvador. A US Congressional Task Force reported that those responsible were trained at the US Army School of the Americas (SOA) at Ft. Benning, Georgia.*

Over the years, thousands have journeyed

to the SOA to demand an end to US militarization of the Americas.

The SOA, supported by our tax dollars, was renamed the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation in January of 2001 in a ploy to separate the school from its horrific history. However, it continues to train Latin American soldiers in combat skills. They return to their country with these skills — murder, torture, extortion — and use them against educators, union organizers, religious workers, student leaders, the poor, and those who work for the rights of the poor.

Also remembered each year are the hundreds of thousands from Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, El Salvador, Guatemala,

Honduras, Mexico, Panama, and Peru who have been assaulted, tortured, raped, and forced to flee their homes and countries.

A bill to close and investigate the SOA/WHINSEC was introduced in August by 40 Members of Congress. H.R. 2989, the Latin America Military Training Review Act, would suspend operations and mandate an investigation into the connection between U.S. training and human rights abuses.

**Grassroots Lobbying:** as reported in the Fall 2013 issue of the *Presente* newspaper: “The 40 co-sponsors ... responded to the demands of the constituents who don't want their tax dollars wasted on the training of repressive militaries at the SOA/WHINSEC.”

## DIRECTOR'S NOTE:

A few months ago I sent out a message about how we may be feeling and what we CAN do. And, now in our newsletter you can read what we are “doing.” We need to find a way to keep engaged, not to become frustrated or discouraged, and paring down to smaller issues works for now. Positive re-enforcement with accomplishment keeps us going! And what follows is STILL my message ...

What to do, where to turn, what issue? Each day it is something else and activism becomes more difficult, if not frustrating and the desire “to hide under the covers” becomes an option. My own thoughts go awry too.

This is what I think. We are not going to save the entire world, well not in the near future anyway. So, I believe we need to focus on the small accomplishments we CAN do. Work on a local issue, no matter how small. It can keep you from burning out in frustration. Even something as small as your own grocery bag to keep one plastic bag out of the landfill or the oceans. (See things to do on Page 5) But, if you ARE doing, keep doing it – we cannot and will not fade away. We may darken for awhile, but the light will come back ...

We can engage in the climate change issues – surely, a part of peace for our planet. Science is proving that our climate problems ARE man made. The wars have not helped our mother earth either.

So, as I struggle to understand, a lot of “hope” is faltering, and the reality of

politics sets in. I disagree with some of the things President Obama has done, yet I also detest the overt racism that is thrown at him and the determination he NOT have any “accomplishments.” What kind of people are in Congress? Rhetorical, no answer necessary.

Locally I had a GFP booth, for the second year, at the *Elk Grove (CA) Multi-Cultural Festival*. We passed out a lot of literature, some fun freebies (a peace necklace, very popular!) and had some interesting conversations. It was a very diverse group and a good community event – a little fun never hurts! And, my volunteers were awesome – thanks **Pat, Zohreh, Nan, Diane, John, Nell**, for sitting at the booth, and my husband **Steve** and son **Bryan** for helping set up and take down the canopy.

And, as I close, I reflect on friends ...

*My dear friend Lil Corrigan in Georgia passed this year. She was a very supportive member of Grandmothers for Peace and went to the gates of Ft. Benning, GA, each year for the annual close the SOA vigil. We met while I lived in GA and she was always there with good and gentle help.*

*We lost another close friend, Clyde Ingalsbe, husband of GFP member Nan Mahon. Clyde and Nan were newsletter volunteers as well as participants in many actions around Sacramento against the wars. Clyde was a friendly man, with a sense of humor and a twinkle in his eye. His presence is missed.*

*We lost Pete Altenburg in June, the husband of our newsletter editor, Pat. Pete was a faithful volunteer, always at our newsletter mailing parties. If you had a return envelope, it was more than likely Pete put it in there! He also was the chair of our earliest scholarship program. Pete was an avid bicyclist and could do 25 miles in a day! He shall be missed. Pete, may you cycle forever!*

And, this came in my mail just

now. Jeremy would have received his scholarship under the leadership of Pete. This is a great tribute.

*“Dear Lorraine,*

*I hope that this finds you well. I'm writing because I received a scholarship from Grandmothers for Peace approximately fifteen years or so ago, and I wanted to send a quick update because there is a direct causality between the work that I am currently doing in sub-Saharan Africa and the support that I received from your organization when first starting out. I don't know if you ever include information about/from your previous recipients, but I wanted to offer to provide a “success story” due in part to your generosity. Please feel free to forward this on to any other member of your organization that might be interested to hear more.*

*In brief, I have two projects that I am working on - one underwritten predominantly by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to make cities financially sustainable (with the pilot project in Dakar Senegal) and the other with a network organization that aims to help community development organizations to provide housing to the urban poor (funded through the development arms of the Swedish and British governments).*

*In my opinion, by removing the dependence on foreign aid and subsidies, and instead encouraging the countries in the developing world to become more self-sufficient unto themselves, we can substantially mitigate the likelihood of conflict and war.*

*I look forward to hearing from you!  
All the best, Jeremy”*

May we all continue to try and “do something” because collectively we can make an enormous difference.

*Peace to all of us, Lorraine*



Standing: Zohreh Whitaker  
Seated (l): Nan Mahoh, Lorraine Krofchok, Nell Ranta

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<b>SALE!</b> 1. Women's Sweatshirts (Navy) <b>\$15.00</b> <del>\$18.00</del>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	n/a	
<b>SALE!</b> 2. Women's Crewneck T-Shirts (Navy) <b>\$10.00</b> <del>\$12.00</del>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>SALE!</b> 3. Women's Crewneck T-Shirts (White) <b>\$5.00</b> <del>\$12.00</del>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	n/a	<input type="checkbox"/>	n/a	
<b>SALE!</b> 4. Women's Scoopneck T-Shirts (Navy) <b>\$10.00</b> <del>\$15.00</del>		n/a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	n/a	n/a	n/a	
<b>SALE!</b> 5. Women's Scoopneck T-Shirts (White) <b>\$5.00</b> <del>\$15.00</del>		n/a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	n/a	<input type="checkbox"/>	n/a	
<b>SALE!</b> 6. Men's Auxiliary Sweatshirts (Navy) <b>\$10.00</b> <del>\$19.00</del>		n/a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	n/a	
<b>SALE!</b> 7. Men's Auxiliary T-Shirts (Navy) <b>\$8.00</b> <del>\$12.00</del>		n/a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	n/a	n/a	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>SALE!</b> 8. Children's T-Shirts <b>\$8.00</b> <del>\$10.00</del>						2-4 <input type="checkbox"/>	6-8 <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>SALE!</b> 9. Children's Sweatshirts <b>\$10.00</b> <del>\$12.00</del>						<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10. Baseball Cap with Logo ( <i>adjustable size</i> )  <b>\$12.00</b>							<input type="checkbox"/>	
11. Bumper Sticker ( <i>postage included</i> ) [Volume discounts available] <b>\$ 2.00</b>							<input type="checkbox"/>	
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**INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING IS EXTRA**

SHIPPING: \$5.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> item = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$1.00 for each additional item x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Subtotal = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Grocery/Everything Tote

Navy — \$12.00

(12 oz. Cotton Twill, 15.5" H x 13" W x 7" D)

Cut down on plastic - Help the ENVIRONMENT.

**FREE SHIPPING on this item only.**



Make **check** payable to **Grandmothers for Peace International\*\*** for the **TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**\*\*RETURN THIS ORDER FORM TO**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**4,486 US Military Deaths in Iraq\***  
**2,280 US Military Deaths in Afghanistan**  
**Cost of Wars:**  
**\$1,477,543,050,747.00 (Trillion)\***

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