

# Grandmothers for Peace International

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In over 2,000 cities worldwide, millions marched against the Iraq War on February 15, 2003. One and a half million marched in London. Over a quarter of a million marched in the U.S.: 100,000 in Washington, D.C.; 100,000 in San Francisco; and 50,000 in Los Angeles.

# **Education: The Peace Movement's next step**



Kathy Kelly

"Keep a spotlight on the Iraq War to avoid the next war," advised Kathv Kelly, founder of Wilderness and a member of the Iraq Peace Team. "Talk about this illegal, immoral, and counter-

productive war. Keep telling the truth. Go to your neighbors, your community — use the months ahead for intensive outreach to both the non-choir and the choir. The choir needs to hear and to firm up their confidence that they were right."

She reminded the Sacramento audience that the worldwide, anti-war protesters came the closest that anyone has ever come to stopping a war.

Kathy had recently returned from Iraq where she had been prior to and during the war. "Where you stand," she said, "determines what you see. I did not see a war; I saw a slaughter. It maimed; it mutilated; it brought death and destruction to civilians, to the children. It produced orphans."

She spoke of the daily terror the people lived - knowing that another war was coming, and once it started, not knowing when or where the next bombs would fall.

"Afterward," she said, "I didn't see much jubilation. People were relieved that Saddham Hussein's regime was gone, but they were not happy that no effort was made to protect the hospitals, the schools, the museums, or to stop the looting. However, the oil wells were protected."

During her many trips to Iraq, Kathy experienced the "good heart of the Iraqi people. ... We were treated only with decency, generosity and kindness."

Kathy's advice to the Peace Movement Voices in the is to "get a grip - don't be so afraid. Channel your energy for fair and just relations with others and the environment. We have no environmental policy and without one the earth, air, and water can not sustain us forever." In addition, she stressed that we non-violently uproot the roots of war, and that we become a Thomas Paine.

> "To non-violently uproot the roots of war," she said, "we need to connect with the young people – to counter the recruiters, the war mongers; to examine our live style – are we gas guzzlers, etc.; to confront the corporations that build war weapons; and to protest at the military bases."

> On Mothers' Day weekend Kathy protested at ELF in Clam Lake, Wisconsin, a facility that helped direct the bombing of Iraq.

> "To become a Thomas Paine," Kathy explained, "is to live by his words: 'The world is my country, all mankind are my brethren, and to do good is my religion."

#### Summer 2003

## **National Public Education Campaign**

In response to requests from activists across the country, ANSWER (Act Now to Stop War & End Racism) will produce educational materials, including fact sheets, brochures, pamphlets, booklets, and more.

The focus is on a wide range of issues, including (but not limited to) countries that the Bush administration is attacking, social service cuts versus military spending, racist repression at home, and the expansion of U.S. militarism globally.

Local organizers are encouraged to use these resources to carry out mass leafleting and tabling campaigns in cities around the country. ANSWER organizers are available to speak at forums, teach-ins and community meetings.

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Editor's Note: International ANSWER is a broad coalition of peace groups, religious organizations, student groups, anti-globalization, and anti-racism groups.

### A little education about Depleted Uranium

Depleted Uranium (DU) is what remains after enriched uranium is separated from natural uranium in the production of fuel for nuclear reactors. This remaining DU is actually 99.8% uranium. The DU name implies it is not dangerous, when in fact this nuclear industry waste product is used to produce deadly weapons. It is radioactive for 4.5 billion years; it contaminates soil, water, and air.

The U.S. makes bullets, shells, and layers it into tank armor. They used these items in the 1991 Gulf War. Since then, a 10-year study showed that cancer rates soared over 350 percent among the children of Basra, Iraq. It is the suspected cause of the Gulf War illnesses among the veterans. (For more information: http://www.downwinders.org/rokke.htm)

# GFPI CHAPTER ACTIONS

# FROM COAST TO COAST AND BEYOND

# Provincetown, Massachusetts Peggy Prichett

On February 15, 2003, three of us were part of the march in New York City. I made big red heart signs, surrounded with the words Grandmothers for Peace which we pinned on the back of our coats. It was a snowy, cold day, but our hearts were warmed with the outpouring of protest against a preemptive war. There was such a spirit of connectedness with everyone in the crowd. I was glad to be there.

Four of us have started a volunteer mentoring program in our elementary school. The principal was overwhelmed when we asked him if we could do this project.

# Anderson, Indiana Christie Smith Stephens

Our grandmothers continue to meet every week and we have lively discussions about the issues of war and peace, the global issues and the local ones. It has been so very helpful to have one another as Grandmothers for Peace during this time. We know that the work is unending and we are committed to the issues of peace and the work of peace forever.

On May 10, 2003, at Anderson University, two long-term peacemakers, Dondeena and Maurice Caldwell were awarded honorary doctorates for their peacemaking - for Maurice, eight decades; for Dondeena seven plus decades. They are bright and shining lights for peace. Dondeena is a member of our Grandmothers Chapter. So, we are proud to announce that Grandmother for Peace Dondeena Caldwell is a Dr. Grandmother for Peace and that Maurice is a Dr. Grandfather for Peace. We are especially pleased that they are being recognized this year when once again the work and lives of true peacemakers are being denigrated and the makers of war are being lifted up as "peacemakers." Blessed are the true peacemakers ...

# Superior, Wisconsin Jan Provost

Since the "war" began we took part in many rallys, candle-light vigils and protests throughout the area. We wrote letters to the editor and our congressperson.

GFP member **Karen Barshdorf** had masses said each week at her church for the children of Iraq, churches of Iraq, people of Iraq, military and also the prisoners at Quantanimo Bay.

We vigiled each week-day with The

Women in Black. And when Lorraine Krofchok brought the Combat Easter Baskets to our attention we got busy e-mailing to members to start calling K-mart, Walmart and Walgreens to get rid of them. Our campaign was very successful as Walgreens dropped them — almost immediately. But, K-mart and Walmart refused. We were featured in the local papers as well as the *National Catholic Reporter* and the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*. Plus a TV station from Minneapolis (KSTP) come to Superior for an interview which was aired in Minneapolis and Duluth, Minnesota.

May 4, 2003, GFP member **Donna Howard** was awarded a **Community Peacemaker** award in Duluth, Minnesota, for her wonderful activism. Donna is also helping to launch the **International Peace Force** and is presently in Sri Lanka. We are all very proud of her.

Mothers' Day weekend was spent protesting at ELF in Clam Lake, Wisconsin.



Kathy Kelly, founder of Voices in the Wilderness, and Jan Provost, president of the Wisconsin Northland Chapter of GFP, ELF demonstration, May 11, 2003.

Nuclear Trigger in the north. It is a "First strike" facility communicating with nuclear submarines. (Editor: Now, also used as an active part of U.S. military bombing attacks a round the world.)

ELF is the

All in all we have been and will continue to be a strong voice in our part of the world!! Love & Peace.

Editor's Note: Congratulations to Jan Provost who recently made the list of 50 most influential citizens in Douglas County Wisconsin for her years of activism with GFP.

# Las Vegas, Nevada Ginny Beamer

We formed the Las Vegas Grandmothers for Peace Chapter out of concerns regarding the "Iraqi war" and the new policy of preemptive strikes. Our interests quickly expanded to other national concerns. In particular, the likely possibility that there will be a resumption of nuclear testing at the Nevada Test site just 60 miles from Las Vegas. This, as we all know, restarts the nuclear arms' race and the world game of one-upmanship.

Along with the resumption of nuclear testing, we are concerned about the transportation and storage of nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain.

Our concerns also include what we see as the erosion of our civil rights due to the passing of and expansion of the Patriot Act; the almost daily assault on our environment and national parks; the cutbacks in education, in social services and in affordable housing. And, another concern is the need for obtainable and affordable health care for all. The list seems overwhelming and endless. With only two meetings under our belt, and believing in the power of united voice, we quickly voted to become a chapter of Grandmothers for Peace International.

We are in the process of blitzing Las Vegas with letters and announcements of our presence; with writing our congresspersons and with connecting with other like-minded groups. Our goal is to become a respected, positive voice within our community. When there are events that we choose to participate in, we hope to have an educational/informational table with a GRANDMOTHERS FOR PEACE poster.

We also will be providing varying degrees of support for our local **Child Haven**, which is a temporary facility for abused and abandoned children. In Las Vegas, there are, on the average, a hundred such cases a day. We'll reach out as anonymous, comforting Grandmothers with a lot of teddy bears and warm huggables!

We are so happy to be on board!!!!!! Peace & Love and Stuff.

# Johannesburg, South Africa Nomsa Tyulu

We say **NO** to the **Guns** 

The South African government allows people to buy guns and to use them to protect themselves. With only an identity number and money – you have the license! Because of this, a human being's life cost less than a chicken's life! Guns are now all over!!! Many thieves are illegally carrying guns and committing crimes.

On the international level, South Africa is counted among the countries with the highest crime rates, where murders are daily. Every two seconds, someone, somewhere is shot dead, raped, or looted. Because of this, the GFP/PWC/RSA\* has decided to campaign against South Africa's gun law as it relates to

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sale and possession. We need to promote peace and protect it very carefully in this new South Africa (post apartheid era).

We have come a long way from when million[s] of people died because of the apartheid regime. The many families that were widowed and orphaned are, still today, without any skills, any house, any jobs, anything. You can feel, smell and touch the misery – and when you see it, you cry, cry and cry. It is horrible! Also today, some people are living in luxury – a contrasting world!

We need peace and we will make sure that our government reviews the law related to the sale and purchase of guns. We are campaigning and advocating for this issue and we invite anybody in this country who wants to live in peace and harmony, love and happiness to become involved. We are committing ourselves to this matter and standing up every day declaring that this law must be reviewed.

We are and will continue to work for the establishment of peace in this country. We deserve a world built on peace and respect for human rights – a world where people live in honor and dignity, a gun-free zone!



"The Grandmothers for Peace, South Africa Chapter-team, greet all of you with joy and peace on their lips!"

(\*The Johannesburg [Republic of South Africa] Chapter joined the **Power of Woman and Children** group and are known as **GFP/PWC/RSA**.)

# St. Augustine, Florida Peg McIntire

Grandparents for Peace in St. Augustine, Florida, have a strong image in this community. Our mailing list is 75 with an active membership of probably 25.

We initiated the anti-Afghanistan/Iraq wars' protests in the area. A "People for Peace and Justice" vigil was held every Friday afternoon at the foot of the Bridge of Lions, plus we held four big rallies in the downtown plaza with live music and dynamic speakers.

Then we took a short break, because we did

not know where to go next. I am happy to report that a core group of 20 met in May and are determined to continue, and to undertake an educational program beginning with the unconstitutional Patriot Acts.

On the political scene, our grandparents participate in a large number of city and county meetings, and are active members of innumerable organizations: Amnesty International, League of Women Voters, Homeless Coalition, Democratic Party, Green Party, Sierra Club, etc.

We are recognized as the initiator of the annual April **EARTH DAY** event which draws between 1,500 and 2,000 attendees to the approximately 75 displays. Included are quality arts and crafts vendors, photographic and sculptural exhibits, growers of organic fruits and vegetables, and a host of creative hands-on activities for both children and adults.

My own priority is the **Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice**. We were given land for our Teaching Farms and \$100,000 for our Peace Education Building. This allows us to host **Pax Christi** and other groups, as well as our own challenging summer Peace Camps. This year's theme is "Building a Peaceful World Together;" we are expecting 50 youth in each session: June 22-28 for 15-20 years old; July 13-19 for 10-14 year olds.

Very, very often I think of our beloved founder, Barbara Wiedner, and thank her for setting the stage and pointing the way.

### Sacramento, California



Seated: Nate Thornton, member GFP Men's
Auxiliary and Veterans of the Abraham
Lincoln Brigade; Lorraine Krofchok, GFPI
Director; Standing, left: members Patricia
Altenburg; Leal Portis, President of Barbara
Wiedner and Dorothy Vandercook Memorial
Scholarship Foundation; Diane Bader;
Corine Thornton (at table); Ida Curtice at
Sacramento, Ca, demonstration,
February 15, 2003.

(Please see the *Director's Notes*, pg. 5, for Sacramento Chapter update.)

#### **Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory**

On August 6, 1945, the United States dropped the first atomic bomb used in war on the city of Hiroshima, Japan. Days later, the city of Nagasaki was bombed. Horrified by the death, destruction and desecration of life, the world has since maintained a moral firewall against the use of nuclear weapons.

However, the Bush Administration is trying to overturn the ban on mini-nukes – to move them from their historic role as a deterrent to weapons to be used in battlefield scenarios.

The nation's primary nuclear weapons labs, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) and Los Alamos National Laboratory (New Mexico), are managed by the University of California and together they have designed every nuclear weapon in the U.S. arsenal.

"Taxpayers have a right to know that the Pentagon is quietly pursuing a brave new world of more 'usable' nuclear bombs and warheads at the same time it forcibly instructs other nations to abstain from developing weapons of mass destruction," explained **Jay Coghlan**, Executive Director of **Nuclear Watch of New Mexico** (NWNM), a group that monitors DOE weapons laboratories.

Presently at LLNL in Livermore, California, research is underway to design and develop the low-yield nuclear weapons Bush wants, including the Robust Nuclear Earth Penetrator.

In addition to the increased nuclear weapons' research at LLNL, there is increased research of biowarfare agents. This is part of Livermore's new, central role as a research facility for the Department of Homeland Security. The Livermore lab is slated to operate a biowarfare agent facility, which will authorize aerosolizing and genetically modifying deadly agents including live stains of anthrax and plague.

Not only does the proposed biowarfare facility pose obvious health, environmental and security risks, but it also has been harshly criticized by a broad range of scientists and policy analysts for its potentially devastating impact on the global control of bioweapons, and on the treaty banning them.

The Livermore Lab has been a site for nonviolent resistance for decades. When the United Nations readmitted weapons inspectors to Iraq in November, many activists gathered at Livermore nuclear weapons lab requesting a civilians' weapons inspection and demanding global disarmament. As the Bush Administration contemplates new potential targets to "disarm," it is time to demand global disarmament – starting at home, starting at Livermore.

Editor: See pg. 6 for details about "Hands Around Livermore Lab."

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# **California**: Sacramento Area Chapter

Focus: Under construction! In the past, members contacted each other informally to attend events and actions. This past year, many new members have expressed a need for "solidarity and community." Our "official" chapter has had three meeting; the people are energetic, enthusiastic and very supportive of each other.

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In addition to being a Grandmothers for Peace member and a Barbara Wiedner and Dorothy Vandercook Memorial Scholarship Foundation board member, Diane Bader has time for another life in Wilton, California.

"This is my third year with the Contemporary Gospel Choir of Cosumnes River College directed by Dr. Precious Craft. We sing four concerts each semester within the local community. May 25<sup>th</sup> we sang at the *Sacramento Jazz Jubilee*. In the near future, we plan to make our first CD.

"Also, for the past nine years I sang with the Sacramento Choral Society directed by Dr. Donald Kendrick. I am on sabbatical this year. In 2004, we will do a European Tour. A few years ago, we sang in Carnegie Hall.

"This year I retired from teaching fourth grade at Arcohe School in Herald, California, but I plan to return next year as part-time music teacher for grades K-4.

"I write poetry and prose and have been doing a never-ending research project on my family genealogy. I completed my first book this year and I'm working on another one.

"In June, I travel to Ireland to visit the Sweeney family sites and meet relatives in Donegal." Now that the war "is over," what next? The problems have just begun, or continue as before. The smoke screen war has only heightened and illuminated our problems. And, just where are the WMD that were "supposed" to be the reason for The War — as I write this we are in Day 74 of the search. We must educate people and continue our activism. In a recent e-mail, **Dr. Doug Rokke** said "it is not just education, but breaking through the willful lies." (Dr. Rokke was in charge of Depleted Uranium cleanup after Gulf War I.)

We did not fail! The anti-war movement, the protests and actions were unprecedented in world history. On February 15, 2003, people worldwide turned out in extraordinary numbers to protest the upcoming war in Iraq. And, we must remember this — there is a new Super Power, the *second* Super Power. It is **THE PEOPLE**. We will not be manipulated through fear! The old saying of strength in numbers is still true today. The millions upon millions who protested this war are still out there. We now must utilize our energy, education and strength to continue seeking the truth and guiding others.

Will the "victory" in Iraq bring peace to the area? On May 28, 2003, Amnesty International issued a report stating "Washington's 'war on terror' has made the world more dangerous by curbing human rights, undermining international law and shielding governments from scrutiny." Will the current administration allow a free Iraq, or take hold of the oil resources and claim them as "property"? Will Iraq be re-built, or abandoned? Will Iraq be as "safe and free" as Afghanistan?

We, as activists, have our hands full. We can now "go back" to: environmental concerns, the resumption of the nuclear arms race, the proposed war on the world, nuclear waste transport, Yucca Mountain, biological warfare, Star Wars, DU, Palestine and Israel, Africa, AIDS, School of the Americas, South America, drugs, gun control, the elderly, Social Security, the homeless, education, health care, public transportation, Patriot Act, Homeland Security, the chipping away at our Constitution.

Try not to be overwhelmed. It is a hefty list of "problems." But, we can "think globally, act locally." Select something you feel comfortable with, and educate yourself so you can educate others.

In the last several months, Grandmothers for Peace all over the world have been busy.

Here in Sacramento we have a new "official" chapter. For years, we have gathered informally at protests, talks, and events. There is a need for community and a sense of solidarity, especially now. We all need focus. We have a large group of extraordinary, enthusiastic people who are going to work! Already, **Donna Hutchinson** has taken over the Death Penalty Vigil gathering for Grandmothers. We have numerous people working on topics of interest – reports will be coming in future newsletters.

Recently there was a "flag flap" here in Sacramento. One of our local **Physicians for Social Responsibility** had a UN Flag flying in front of the family home. The Homeowners' Association said it was "against the rules to fly decorative flags for long periods of time." He was told to take it down; he refused and it has become an issue. The press has featured it. Locally we wrote letters, had a gathering of supporters and the result is the Owners' Association has put off a decision!

There is also a brand new chapter in Las Vegas, Nevada! Please read about them on the chapter pages. They have a comprehensive agenda and are a wonderful addition to our growing organization.

Our shirt and item orders are now being filled by Sarah Johnson, Corine Thornton's daughter! We thank Corine for working on the shirts for more years than we can remember, and for Sarah continuing the task. Our walking billboards for peace: our shirts, hats, buttons, bumper stickers, and totes will help "educate" people.

Barbara would be proud of all of us! It was her desire to have Grandmothers for Peace continue, and indeed it has. My thanks to the many people who support us, those who took to the streets, wear our shirts, and help our organization grow and continue. It is with deep appreciation to all of you that I write this message. We do have hope; we can succeed. Several years ago when I was very frustrated with the "speed" of activism - I am impatient for "something to happen and for us to succeed" - my dear Sacramento friend Ruth Hultgren said that "activism is two steps forward and one step back." However, I have to believe that that one step forward is ALWAYS a giant step!

And in closing, I have a T-shirt that says "World Peace begins right here. I will not raise my child to kill your child." What more can I or anyone say?

Peace be to all of us, Lorraine

# August 6

#### **August Women's Peace Event**



Come and remember the **Hiroshima/Nagasaki** bombings and partake in a collective experience that cele-

brates the interconnectedness of peoples and cultures.

Speaker for this 17<sup>th</sup> annual event is **Medea Benjamin**, Director of **Global Exchange**. She has ten years with the **United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization** in Latin America and Africa; has led delegations to Afghanistan and Pakistan to meet with women in transition there; is the organizer of **Code Pink** – women vigil for peace in Washington, DC.

Doors open 5 p.m.; program 5:30-8:50 p.m. at the YWCA - 17th & L Sts.

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## Livermore, California

# August 10

"Hands Around Livermore Lab" Hiroshima and Nagasaki Remembered



Gather at Robert Payne Park at 1:30 p.m. for a nonviolent **Rally** and a 3 p.m. **March** around Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

We will create a chain of hands for peace around the weapons lab to say NO to the testing, design, development and use of all nuclear weapons — to say: It is time for a new vision: *ABOLITION*.

We will remember Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the devastation wrought by the atomic bombing. We will gather to say "never again" to nuclear weapons, to speak the truth about the immorality of these weapons and to reject the Bush Administration's "war on terrorism" and its attempts to secure global domination by designing new, ultimate weapons of terror.

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# August 1-6



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#### **Global Action**

September 27

A.N.S.W.E.R. Coalition

Act Now to Stop War & End Racism is planning a global action of solidarity with all those who resist occupation and empire — from Palestine to Iraq to the Philippines to Cuba to everywhere. More information will be available later in the summer.

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#### Fort Benning, Georgia

#### November 22-23

#### Justice for the People of the Americas!



Join thousands at the gates of the U.S. military base Fort Benning for a rally and nonviolent civil resistance action to demand justice for the martyrs and for the thousands who

continue to suffer the brutal consequences of the combat training at the SOA/WHSC.

Graduates of the School of the Americas/Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation are linked to almost every major human rights violation in Latin America since the school's inception over 50 years ago.

The SOA/WHISC has to close its doors for good and oppressive U.S. foreign policy needs to change. Your TAX \$\$\$\$\$ support it. Ask Your Representative To Sponsor H.R. 1258, the New Bill To Close The SOA/WHISC.

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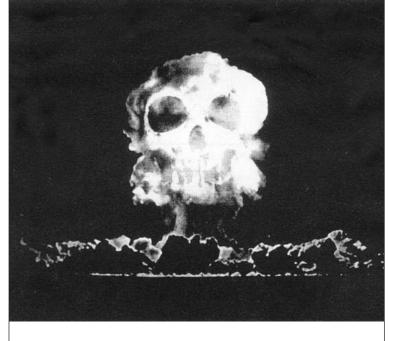
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