

**“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 2014

***“To all of us who stood on street corners,  
the millions around the world who marched in the streets,  
to the millions of us who wrote, called and emailed — we knew  
war in the Middle East was going to be a disaster.  
But the military, industrial, and yes congressional complex  
did not care. Neither did the media. In the beginning about  
72 percent of Americans supported this fiasco.  
This is a thank you to the 25 percent who never did!!  
And now it is here, yet again ...”***

## DIRECTOR'S NOTES

It has been awhile! We missed our Spring newsletter because every time I wanted to start one some new horrendous event came up, rapidly changing one after the other. And, sadly, that is the way it continues. Because we are an informed group, I do not have to list the “current events” that continue to trouble us and cause chaos.

So, the headline above is my tribute to all of us. By the time you read this, who knows what misery we will be in yet again. I sent this out to our email list, but many GFP do not have email or a computer and that is how I stayed in touch during our newsletter absence. If you are on email you can skip through the next few paragraphs, but I want all our members to know what I have been writing about.

And, as I read over the message below, it was Robin Williams that tragically “inspired” me to write. However, I also know when people are troubled they have diffi-

culty reaching out. Everyone fears rejection, but it is especially difficult for those that are hurting. What shocked me was the overwhelming response to this message. Some wrote of their own struggles, and some about their loved ones. I had opened a door of understanding and many shared, some in much pain and sorrow.

*Dear Grandmothers for Peace:*

Often I write that peace comes in many forms. We need to find peace in our own well being, in our hearts and souls. Sadly, Robin Williams could not find that in his life. He was in that dark spot that many face and do not know how to step into the light again. He covered the darkness with humor trying for his own well being, but in the end the darkness won.

If you have friends you have not heard from in a while, send them a “Been thinking about you. How are you?” It takes such little effort these days, a few clicks on the

keyboard. Perhaps it will help someone through a difficult day. And, don't give up. A troubled person may “hide.” Even if they never answer, it could help. We can try . . .

Again I say, “peace comes in many forms.” We cannot do everything and in the world today, it seems we can do very little. But, if you help one person who may need a few words, then you CAN do something. We need to reach out to each other now and then with just a bit of kindness and caring.

If I were still agile, I would jump up on the top of my desk, a moment never forgotten from “Dead Poets Society!” So, in my imagination I am up on that desk! View the world differently once in awhile. Carpe Diem! And, reach out, just a little . . .

*Peace to all of us, Lorraine*

Next was a personal incident that made me both sad and upset. But, the second sign is still there!

*Dear Grandmothers for Peace:*

It is nice when one has a friend who has noticed my PEACE sign (the written words) and who also writes a newspaper column that appears in 35 smaller local papers across the country including in my local Elk Grove, CA, newspaper. While this is not an earthshaking "crime," the symbolic essence is what was important to me, and Chaplain Norris also agreed.

Please read about spreading "peace" in any small way. It is not just the absence of war . . .

*Peace to all of us, Lorraine*

## Piece of Peace is Stolen

by CHAPLAIN NORRIS BURKES

Published: Friday, June 6, 2014

My neighbor Lorraine Krofchok called last week to tell me someone stole her peace. "Actually," she said, "someone stole everyone's peace. It belonged to the entire neighborhood."

If you read my Vet Day column in 2010, you might remember that Lorraine and her husband, Steve displayed two peace signs on their property. One sign spells the word, "PEACE" with garlands while the other uses the greenery shaped into a peace symbol. Last month, both were stolen.

While the signage probably violated the subdivisions CC&Rs, (Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions), no one complained about what this grandma did with her property – at least not until she added a whiteboard with a statistical caption.

I first asked her about the signs **in 2010** as she was tending the flowers in her front yard. At that time, she'd scrawled these numbers on the board:

War Dead: Afghanistan - 1,248 Iraq - 4,417
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"What's the story on your whiteboard?" I had asked her, unaware of what my question might stir. "Did you know someone who died in the war?"

"We all have someone over there," she answered. "They're all Americans and we should think of them as part of our family."

Good point, I thought.

I asked if she'd had complaints.

"No," she said. "Mostly, I watch people go by and look away."

However, she told me that someone had erased the data three times during the past eight years. I suppose that's why she'd added a footnote below the numbers, "Erasing the numbers doesn't mean it didn't happen."

True enough, but apparently someone thought stealing the peace symbols just might do the trick.

Hurt and angry over the theft, she asked me, "Why couldn't the

thieves at least wait until the troop withdrawal was complete?" She admitted that there was "no monetary value in the sign, but stealing it was just plain mean. Petty, really."

She'd kept the decorations up these past 10 years "because the 'support our troops' stickers ring hollow. Peace is not just the absence of war, it is many things."

To illustrate her point, she referenced the recent VA health-care scandal.

"I want our veterans to find some peace and that includes taking care of them. There were promises made, but they weren't kept. To make them wait is awful – a disgrace really. I want them to find peace."

As you can see, the theft hasn't robbed Lorraine of her passion. That's because she's also the director of Grandmothers for Peace (GFP), a position she took on after the death of founder Barbara Wiedner in 2001.

Ironically, GFP is an organization with no requirements of age, gender, or orientation. In fact, Lorraine has never been a grandparent. "GFP considers the word, 'grandmother' to be a concept," she explained. "It's one that embraces the love for children all over the planet."

Fortunately, there is a remnant of Lorraine's stolen Christmas ornaments. The lettered sign was a duplicate part of a set that a neighbor shared with her years ago. This week, the generous neighbor restored Lorraine's peace by giving his sign to her.

That peace sign is a "universal reminder that we all need peace in our heart if we are to help our planet. No matter how large or small, we can do something to make a difference because collectively it's a huge impact. It all counts."

She's right, of course, but I tend not to argue with grandmothers. And may I just say, God help the person who would steal from a grandmother.

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*And now, the event we must all pay attention to, **VOTING!***

It is very important to help people get out the vote. If you have an absentee ballot or vote by mail, it is an efficient way to get it done. Help someone register and talk about the issues. As a non-profit we cannot endorse a candidate, but we are certainly allowed to compare anyone on issues. What is important to you? Are we going in the right direction for all Americans? What about our health care, schools and infrastructure? Our planet is facing massive changes and destruction with climate change. The science cannot be ignored. Please read about the plastic! We cannot be silent, we can no longer live with apathy if we want a world safe for the future — and maybe even for us, now . . .

### US MILITARY DEATHS 2001-2014

IRAQ WAR = 4,486;

AFGHANISTAN WAR = 2,348

### CIVILIAN DEATHS

IRAQ: 2001-2014 = 199,000;

AFGHANISTAN: 2006-2014 = 21,000

### COST OF THE WARS, 2001-2014

\$1,570,805,154,791.00 (TRILLION)

COST OF US NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN 2014 = \$18.56 BILLION

ANNUALIZED COST OF MILITARY ACTION AGAINST ISIS = \$2.74 BILLION

F-35 JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER FY 2014 = \$7.54 BILLION

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([nationalpriorities.org](http://nationalpriorities.org); [icasualties.org](http://icasualties.org); [iraqbodycount.org](http://iraqbodycount.org); [commondreams.org](http://commondreams.org); 10-03-2014)

## New Law - New Book - New Statistics

### California's GVRO is Law

On September 30, 2014, California Governor Jerry Brown signed the Gun Violence Restraining Order (GVRO) bill, AB 1014, into law. The new law allows family members to work with law enforcement and the courts to temporarily prevent a loved one in crisis from possessing firearms.

California will be the first state to do this, a leadership step to stop gun violence by allowing a family member to intervene when they see a dangerous situation.

Of course there is already an outcry from gun advocates. But, we need the Second Amendment enforced with, and to include in any dialog, those first few words:

“A WELL REGULATED . . .”

I thank my Governor for having the courage to enact this bill.

### The Nonviolent Life

By Lorraine Krofchok

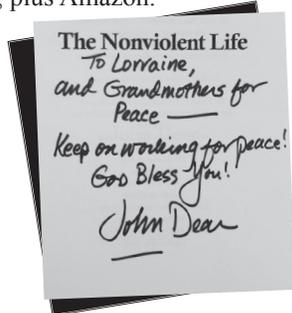
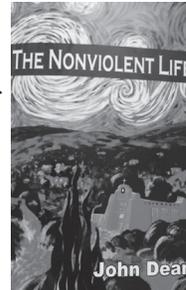
A few months ago I had the privilege of attending a talk by **John Dear** in Davis, CA. We had met years ago at a School of the Americas vigil at Ft. Benning, GA, and it was good to see him again. He spoke of the group Pace e Bene — [www.paceebene.org](http://www.paceebene.org) - and their Campaign Nonviolence, of which Grandmothers for Peace is one of 187 endorsing organizations.

He has written a new book, “The Nonviolent Life,” an easy read to inspire all of us.

In his words:

“Being a person of nonviolence means first of all being nonviolent to ourselves. But these days, through the culture’s constant barrage of violence and war, we often hurt ourselves without even knowing it. So the journey of nonviolence begins by looking within, examining the violence inside us and its causes, and choosing to be more nonviolent to ourselves, so then we will know how to be more nonviolent to others.”

John Dear’s book is available though [www.paceebene.org/store](http://www.paceebene.org/store); local bookstores, plus Amazon.



# What We Are Doing

## International Peace Day



Northland Chapter Grandmothers for Peace President Jan Provost and Karen Barschdorf with their 1,000 crane peace tree made by Karen and a teenage girl. Jan reports they had a great response at the September 21, 2014, International Peace Day in Superior, WI.

## Hiroshima Remembrance

August 6, 2014, Northland Chapter Grandmothers for Peace of Superior, WI, held a remembrance ceremony at the Japanese Peace Garden in Duluth, MN



Rain Newcomb, left, Penny Cragun, Judy Sausen, Karen Barschdorf, Jan Provost, and Andy Anderson with Veterans for Peace.

From 2002 to 2012, for every U.S. soldier killed in Afghanistan

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American children lost their lives to gun violence.

Source: FOIA requests to 49 state health departments and FBI Supplementary Homicide Reports. [www.csgv.com](http://www.csgv.com)

## Sobering, Startling Statistics

### Moyers & Co. September 26, 2014, Broadcast

Guests: Journalist Jonathan Landay and Former USA Marine Corp Capt. Matthew Hoh, now with Center for International Policy.

Hoh said since 2003:

- ~ 500,000 Iraqis have been killed and
- ~ We have spent 6 Trillion on the Mid East wars so far.
- ~ There are 7,000 dead Americans, 50,000 are wounded.
- ~ Of the two and a half million that served:

One third have PTSD or other mental health injury; 250,000 have traumatic brain injuries.

## Portland, Oregon, Marathon

Rob Branch-Dasch, a member of GFP Men’s Auxiliary and son-in-law of long time member Selma Blackburn, represented GFP in the Portland, OR, Marathon - Fall 2013.

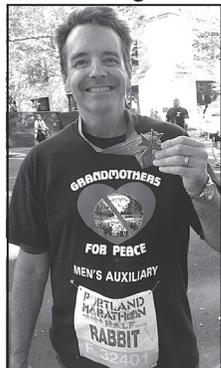
“It was cool to wear the GFP shirt during the race! A much better message to spread than some random corporate logo — particularly because corporate globalization and subsequent exploitation and pollution

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so often leads to the very conflicts we'd like to end.

"The thing I'm holding up is the finisher's medal, which this year looks disturbingly like an antique WWI medal.



Rob Branch-Dasch

"When you sign up for the race they ask for a nickname to print on your number bib. Rather than invite people to "rob" my bib, I had the name "rabbit" printed. It ended up getting a lot of friendly comments, so I'll probably do the same next year. Run rabbit run!"

**October 2014 Update:** "Yes, I'll be in the half-marathon again this Sunday (10-5)! Because the moving van hasn't arrived yet with the contents of our house I won't have my GFP shirt, but the name showing on my race bib this year will be the word "peace." I think that's a good message to spread."

**P.S.** Rob's take on our new plastic bag law: "CONGRATULATIONS to California, CONGRATULATIONS to the Pacific Ocean and all who call her home, CONGRATULATIONS to Earth and all its billions of inhabitants! I hope that more states follow suit."

## Raleigh, North Carolina

*"We are black, white, Latino, Native American. We are Democrat, Republican, Independent. We are people of all faiths, and people not of faith but who believe in a moral universe. We are natives and immigrants, business leaders and workers and unemployed, doctors and the uninsured, gay and straight, students and parents and retirees. We stand here – a quilt of many colors, faiths, and creeds."*

— Rev. Barber

It's Saturday, February 8, 2014, the **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Mobilization March**, known locally as **HKonJ8 — Historic Thousands on Jones Street**, the location of our State Capitol in Raleigh. This particular march is a tie-in with the Moral Monday protests in North Carolina which are in response to several actions taken by the Republican government of North Carolina in 2013.

After a two-hour delay, two buses filled with church members, NAACP members, UU members, and some rather unruly activists headed for Raleigh. During our two-hour trip, we watched videos of the Moral Monday marches, held throughout 2013, which included the speeches by Rev. Barber, our extraor-

dinarly courageous leader. We also watched marchers, many of them our age, being arrested for engaging in "civil disobedience."

When we arrived in Raleigh, we drove into total bedlam — awesome bedlam. It took us over an hour to get to a place where the bus could stop and allow everyone to get off. As soon as we got off the bus, we were immediately surrounded by throngs of like-minded people. Old people, middle-aged people, young people, moms with young children and dads with babies, people in wheel chairs, people on crutches, black people, white people, brown people and all those in between. Some carried signs and some passed out leaflets. It was very, very cold, but that didn't seem to be a huge factor as there was plenty of heat being generated by the incredible energy of everyone there.

The estimates are somewhere between 80,000 and 100,000 people. I can tell you that when we began the march, there were people as far as I could see to the front of me, and just the same behind me. There were signs and banners for healthcare, women's rights, education, teachers salaries, LGBT, unemployment, environmental issues, voting rights, immigration rights, American Indian rights, foreign affairs, and many peace signs scattered in between. Even the **Raging Grannies** were there — raising hell, of course.

The one thing that really struck me was that there was no anger, no bad energy. Even though it was a protest, everyone came together in love and peace. No one argued, fought to get in the front of the crowd, instead people hugged each other, sang and danced together. It couldn't be described as a quiet crowd, for there was noise, but it was peaceful noise.

Once the program began, we listened to a few speakers, a 90+ year-old lady, who was a real fireball, was outstanding. Then, Dr. Barber came on stage and when he spoke, everyone listened. No one talked, no one moved around; we just listened to his words and felt the power of his message. He inspired and motivated us and made us believe that, although we are on the right path, we have a lot of work to do. It ended with everyone, thousands of us, connecting, arm in arm, and singing, "We Shall Overcome."

As a seventy-year old woman and member of Grandmothers for Peace, I must say that this was one of the most inspirational and motivating experiences of my life. If you ask me why, I could probably give you several reasons, but in the end, I would just simply say, it was all about the love. Why did I go? Just read the following quote and you will understand.

*"You can't see injustice and say nothing. You can't see exploitation and say nothing. You can't see systemic poverty and say nothing. You can't see abuse of other human beings, God's creation, because of their race, their creed or their sexuality, and not say something. You can't watch religion being used as a tool and say nothing. Your job is to speak to them. Whether they listen is not your concern."* — Rev. Dr. William Barber

Wilmington, North Carolina

Lynn Heritage, GFP

July 23, 2014

To:

The Police Department of Columbus, GA.

On December 15, 1791, the following was adopted, the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America:

*"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."*

For almost 25 years, Grandmothers For Peace International has supported the closure of the School of the Americas (now of course renamed) at Ft. Benning, GA. Over the years, many of us have gathered at this annual vigil to support Fr. Roy Bourgeois, the people of Central and South America and to bring attention to injustice. It is our tax money that funds the training of an "elite" military squad, MY tax money and we say enough! Children are suffering and are now fleeing to OUR borders to save their lives.

Not in my name, not in the name of Grandmothers for Peace and not in the name of any person who seeks peace and justice. Our voices must be heard and it is our constitutional right. When I lived in Georgia for several years, I gathered at the gate. Many GFP still come from all over the country to exercise our right to assemble peacefully.

I am shocked, shocked that the police of Columbus will not continue to support the First Amendment right of the Constitution of the United States.

Peace to all of us,  
Lorraine Krofchok  
Director

## All restrictions lifted on SOA Watch protest

by TOM ROBERTS | SEPT. 4, 2014

SOA Watch planners learned Tuesday that Columbus, Ga., officials have lifted all restrictions previously placed on a permit for the group's Nov. 22-23 demonstration outside the main gates of Fort Benning to protest the training of foreign troops at the Army facility.

Hendrik Voss, national organizer for SOA Watch, said the city had reversed its earlier restrictions after receiving letters of support from individuals and peace groups from throughout the United States as well as from international peace and human rights groups. The city also received a letter signed by 12 members of Congress, including two from Georgia, saying that the city's concerns about safety and restricting traffic to and from the fort were insufficient to deprive the group of its First Amendment rights.

The city has attempted on other occasions to limit the scope and dimensions of the protest, but courts have ruled against the restrictions. This year, citing safety concerns, Columbus officials first attempted to severely restrict both the area of the protest, suggesting an alternate site a distance from the fort, and the number of demonstrators allowed. The city said it would allow 200 people to attend the gathering that has regularly attracted thousands.

SOA Watch responded that the restrictions were unreasonable and unacceptable and began negotiations with the city. At the same time, groups supportive of the protest began contacting the city.

In a letter dated Aug. 19, the city revised the initial restrictions and said it would allow SOA Watch to use two of the four lanes of Fort Benning Road leading to the main gates and also lifted the restrictions on the number of people permitted to attend.

In the most recent correspondence, the Columbus police department told SOA Watch officials: "Based on Ft. Benning's decision to leave the gates closed on Ft. Benning Rd. this year, permits have been issued approving the location and numbers as have been issued in previous years."

This year's gathering will mark the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the protest as well as the murder of six Jesuit priests at the University of Central America in El Salvador along with Elba Ramos and her 16-year-old daughter, Celina. The murders, one of the events that sparked the annual protests, were planned and carried out by Salvadoran military officers trained at what was previously called the School of the Americas. The name of that program was changed in 2001, following years of effort to close it down, to the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation.

The SOA Watch movement was founded by then-Maryknoll Fr. Roy Bourgeois, who remains a leader of the organization. Bourgeois was dismissed from the priesthood in October 2012 because of his support for women's ordination. Its goal is to close down the training program, which in the past has trained military officers from Central America who have overseen or been involved in some of the region's most serious human rights abuses.

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<http://nronline.org/blogs/ncr-today/all-restrictions-lifted-soa-gathering>

## Victory: First Amendment Rights Triumph Over Columbus Police/ Fort Benning Officials!

We did it! Fort Benning officials and the Columbus police tried to shut down the November Vigil by attempting to limit the number of

participants and by denying SOA Watch a permit to set up a stage and sound system, but justice prevailed. We will return to the gates of Fort Benning from November 21-23. Following a coordinated grassroots pressure campaign, and negotiations with the Columbus Police Department and their team of private and public attorneys, they backed down and ended their efforts to curtail our constitutional rights.

As we continue to organize our 25<sup>th</sup> Vigil at the gates of Fort Benning, we humbly remember that this victory is not ours alone. This victory is also for the constitutional rights to free speech and assembly of countless organizations and communities that dare to speak up and mobilize, and are faced with repression and censorship.

This entire process is a clear example of what our movement can accomplish on many levels, both locally and internationally. Thanks to you, **our petition got 7,000 signatures of support!** This petition was accompanied by a **letter signed by our friends and human rights defenders throughout Latin America, including Nobel Peace Prize recipient Adolfo Pérez Esquivel, as well as 75 organizational letters of support and a Congressional letter of support signed by 12 Representatives.** We have collectively secured not only our historical and sacred space of convergence to remember the martyrs, but have successfully defended and protected our First Amendment rights!

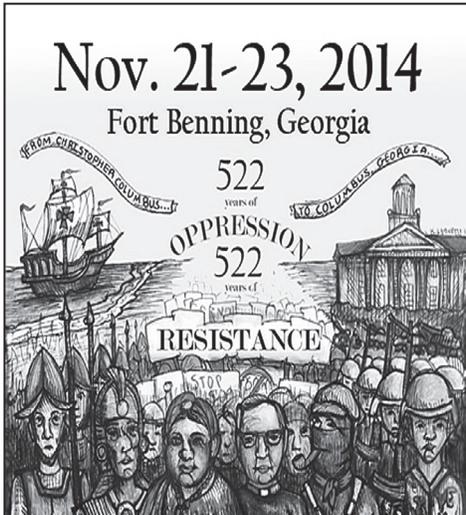
So join us this November 21-23 as thousands of activists from across the Americas - community leaders, human rights advocates, musicians, migrants, nuns, union workers, torture survivors, veterans, artists, youth and families - converge for the **25<sup>th</sup> Annual Vigil** at the gates of Fort Benning to call for a closing of the School of the Americas and for an end to the racist system of violence and domination.

Thank you for raising your voice. Thank you for mobilizing. Thank you for being part of this movement. We will only continue to grow stronger and resist in peace in the face of increased repression. See you at the gates!

with gratitude,

Arturo, Brigitte, Hendrik, Jenne, Karolina, Kat, María Luisa, Pablo and Roy

**Editor:** This article reprinted from SOA Watch material.



At a previous November action, Activists from across the Americas gather at the Fort Benning Gate.

## California bans single use plastic bags

On September 30, 2014, California became the first state to ban single use plastic bags! Many cities and counties across the country have already done this, but this is the first entire state. **Thank you Governor Jerry Brown!**

There has been a lot of moaning and groaning over this, but we have to start SOMEPLACE. People have to think long and hard about the plastic they use so freely.

Plastic is a petroleum product. We fight wars for oil! We must reduce our dependence. This is a start and may it roll over many other states.

### Consider this:

**California has about 38,000,000 people.**

**If each person used ONE less plastic bag a week:**

**38,000,000 x 1 x 52 = 1,976,000,000**

YES! That is ONE BILLION 976 million LESS plastic bags to find their way into the Great Pacific Garbage Patch or a landfill.

The following is from <http://education.nationalgeographic.com> site. And, to learn more please do a search on the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. It is very, very sobering and troubling . . .

“While many different types of trash enter the ocean, plastics make up the majority of marine debris for two reasons. First, plastic’s durability, low cost, and malleability means that it’s being used in more and more consumer and industrial products. Second, plastic goods do not biodegrade, but instead break down into smaller pieces.

In the ocean, the sun breaks down these plastics into tinier and tinier pieces, a process known as photodegradation. Scientists have collected up to 750,000 bits of microplastic in a single square kilometer of the Great Pacific Garbage Patch — that’s about 1.9 million bits per square mile. Most of this debris comes from PLASTIC BAGS, bottle caps, plastic water bottles, and Styrofoam cups.”

To quote, in part, from the **San Francisco Chronicle** September 30, 2014, edition announcing the signing of the plastic-bag ban bill:

*“Each year, California spends \$25 million to dispose of 14 billion plastic bags used annually, according to a legislative analysis of the bill. Plastic bags make up 2 percent of the overall waste in California, but they are the predominate form of marine debris. The ultimate destination for much of the plastic waste from California’s coast is the North Pacific Central Gyre, (the site of the Great Pacific Garbage Patch) where researchers say more than 300,000 plastic particles are found per square mile.”*

We are literally drowning in plastic, and endangering our ocean life. Take your reusable bags, they can be washed, they could be lined. When I forget to take my bag into the store I just say, “no bagging” and roll the cart to my car and put items in my own bags. When did you last see a Costco parking lot empty because they do not put items in bags? Use your imagination and innovation, look around the house, we are surrounded by plastic we can use - for now - for that messy garbage or pet droppings. BUT, we must wean ourself off of the tons of plastic we use. The single use bags are just a beginning. It can be done. And think of it this way, “What did grandma and great-grandma do before the avalanche of plastic?” — Lorraine Krofchok

## ICAN Forum Vienna: The Courage to Ban Nuclear Weapons

ICAN, the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons organization, is presenting a Civil Society Forum **December 6-7, 2014**, in Vienna, Austria. It takes place just before the government sponsored “Vienna Conference on The Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons” December 8-9. Two previous humanitarian conferences were held in Oslo, Sweden, and Nayarit, Mexico.

The ICAN Forum will host “campaigners, activists, experts, public figures and survivors” with the opportunity “to learn and to teach, to energize and to be energized and to demand the end of the era of nuclear weapons.”

ICAN believes civil society and public mobilization “can change the world. We’ve seen it before, through movements that abolished slavery, gave women the right to vote, ended apartheid regimes, and banned indiscriminate tools of warfare such as biological and chemical weapons, land mines and cluster munitions. Nuclear weapons can be banned and eliminated, we just need enough people to have the courage to believe it can happen now.”

More Information: [www.goodbyenuk.es](http://www.goodbyenuk.es); [www.icanw.org](http://www.icanw.org)

## GFP Communication, Contacts and Donations

If you have not received an email from me in a long time there are some problems with certain carriers. AOL does not like a large group emails and rejects all my bulk mail. EarthLink, in most cases, does the same. And there could be smaller carriers who do the same.

I am going to try and put together a smaller list of only the “rejects,” so if you would like to continue to receive email alerts, please contact me.

And, if you no longer want to be on the list, put “remove” in the body of the message and send it back to me.

Because of increased costs we will not have the “contacts” listed. Also, it became a privacy issue, along with wrong phone numbers and email addresses.

Please, contact me if you need this information, or want to update yourself as a contact. Help us out. If you move, please let me know. If the Post Office has to notify us, each change of address is a significant cost to us.

We do not have the funds to let you know when to donate. Our budget is very small, but we get by, thanks to dedicated and generous members! In the past I have suggested using the newsletter arrival as your “fund raising” signal. I still believe this works best. Our newsletter is our biggest expense, and also our way of keeping in contact with everyone.

Since we are a non-profit C4, donations are not tax deductible. We also cannot endorse a specific candidate, however at any tabling you do, you may have information available comparing candidates on various issues. **Again, Please Vote!**

— Lorraine Krofchok

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**“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**

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