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Jeannette Rankin Peace Center

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Thirty years is a long time.
Liz Rantz, Coordinating Council chair

I have been in Missoula 27 years watching the Peace Center birth, grow, founder, grow, and reinvent itself several times. Now and especially with the help of current Executive Director Betsy, the organization is stable financially. We have almost 1000 members, an annual Un- conference, a greatly enjoyed party, and multiple smaller events yearly. This Fall issue of the print newsletter is about the upcoming peace party, and I really want to see YOU there having fun as we celebrate the 30 years.

What does the next 30 years look like? Do we look at new adventures, new challenges, or regroup and strengthen what we do well? How do we excite more people in the work, in membership? Especially young people. Should we be more politically vocal? Expand into more of Montana? These and many more are questions the JRPC Council is struggling with this year, and we hope you will struggle with us. Talk to anyone on the Council, Betsy, or send us emails. Visit the store. Our next monthly potluck on Sunday, September 11 will engage YOU, the participants, in these and more questions. (Isn’t that an appropriate date?!)

What would YOU like to do with the Center? What does "working for peace" mean to you? The JRPC is really YOUR organization; we just keep the lights on. Can you use the space for peace work or discussions? Can we help you start a new group? Would you use our plates instead of paper for an event? Are there items the Olive Branch store does not carry that you would like to see there? Can we help publicize your events? Join us as we celebrate the last 30 years and vision the next.

New Directions for the Peace Center
Kim Maynard, JRPC Council Member

Every year in the fall I get a sudden sense of change in the air. Something is shifting, and it is demanding my attention.

On the global level, I am feeling the same thing. Something is definitely emerging. The planet is calling forth all willing souls to participate in the greatest change ever. More individuals, more organizations, and more businesses are directing their efforts towards transformative, sustainable, just, and peaceful ways of living on this earth. It feels like the beginning of an earthquake rumbling beneath our feet, demanding our attention and action.

Yes, change is happening on this earth faster than ever before. The next 20 years will look nothing like the last 20 years. Humans have gotten used to planning based on the past, on expectations and assumptions based on our experiences. Now, however, in the face of an unknown, emerging future, the need for agility and generative leadership is critical.

What does this look like for the Peace Center? At this, our 30th anniversary, how might we imagine our next 30 years? How do we engage youth, innovation, and creativity? How do we stay agile, relevant, and focused? We will be discussing this on Sunday, September 11 at our next monthly potluck.

To spark the discussion, here is some food for thought.

Connecting the Dots

Just in Missoula, there are hundreds of people working on tangible, important issues, such as new forms of economies, climate change, inter-relationship communication, justice, and more. (continued on page 3)
New Directions (continued from page 1)
Many are linked on our website. Each has its critical role in the betterment and sustainability of our world.

In seeking a common goal that gives us all a point on the horizon to guide by, the notion of “interbeing” (as opposed to separation—see Charles Eisenstein http://charleseisenstein.net/) does it for me. My measurement in all that I do is whether I am enhancing interconnectivity or oneness, or whether I am creating greater separation. To me, interbeing links all our activities under one inclusive aim.

Might the Peace Center take on the role of being a locus for interbeing? Should we connect more substantively with other change makers within our community to add up to the global transformation we seek? In the past ten years, the Peace Center has been successful in our mission of informing and empowering citizens for democracy and peace. As we go forward, might we enhance our connections horizontally to those outside of the peace and justice sector and the links we already have? Or should we expand our geographic reach to other organizations in Montana, the US, and the world? How might we enhance our role as a member of a global movement?

Engagement Model

The need for deeper listening is obvious now more than ever. Our human tendency to believe our own stories about others is paralyzing our ability to move towards common ground. This is evident in politics as well as many other fields. Does the Peace Center have a specific part to play in stimulating greater listening and engaging “the other”? Betsy and Dan have set an impressive example in stepping outside of well-honed values and beliefs to engage each other in hearing and understanding different views. Might the Peace Center take this on as a mission of deep listening and encouraging conversations across borders? Should we, for example, facilitate forums across the community on controversial topics?

Or it might be that we start with listening to what wants to emerge in our community. Most organizations establish a mission and frame their strategy, direction, and activities around it. Then they invite people to join them in their mission, hoping to gather support and commitment to the cause. The Peace Center’s membership structure follows this model. Is there a different approach that asks what wants attention, what is vital to the community, and then supports it? What might it look like to seek out what is important rather than to invite and offer what we think is and how do we do so without losing ourselves in the process?

Organizational Structure and Communication

Thirty years ago, the Peace Center was established under the classic non-profit model of a board, executive director, and members. New thinking in organizational structures now offer other models that enable organizations to embrace social justice values within the construct of their operations. Should the Peace Center look at adjusting our structure such that our ideals are reflected in our procedures?

On another level, communication technology offers exciting ways to interface, including webinars, virtual discussions and chats, blogs, online learning, mass messaging, and, of course, social media galore. Might the Peace Center adopt different modes of exchange, discussion, and information sharing to include a broader array of people and communication styles?

These are just a few ideas to spark conversation. Please bring your own ideas and a dish to a potluck discussion on September 11 at the Peace Center from 5:30 to 7 pm.
Volunteer Opportunities for our 30\textsuperscript{th} Anniversary Annual Peace Party!

In honor of our 30\textsuperscript{th} anniversary, this year’s Peace Party is “Spotlight on Peace!” The date is Sunday, October 16, from 3:00 to 7:00 pm. Our Peace Party happens every year only because of the many volunteers who donate their time to make it happen. Volunteer opportunities start right now to help with poster distribution and raffle ticket sales. On October 14, volunteers are needed the two days before the event to round up tables and chairs and then to help with set-up and decorating. On October 16, the day of the party, volunteers help serve food and beverages and after the event help clean-up. Other areas needing help are the silent auction, kids’ activities, ticket sales and auction purchases (special training needed). Come help us host the party of the year in celebrating 30 years of JRPC as the voice for peace in Missoula, western Montana, and the world!

Volunteers who sign up by the end of Friday, October 7, are eligible for a lower price ticket for admission, reduced to $15, which includes beer and wine and a special glass this year! If you are able to volunteer to help, send an email now to:

Nancy Leifer, JRPC Volunteer Coordinator, at volunteer@jrpc.org or call 207-9114.

Join us to Celebrate 30 Years as Missoula’s Birthplace of Peace!

The River City Peace Consortium potluck suppers began in 1985 as a network of mutual support and sense of community, and ended up birthing the Jeannette Rankin Peace Resource Center (now known simply as JRPC) in the fall of 1986.

“‘Lots of work, but well worth it’ is how one early board member described the process which gave birth to the Jeannette Rankin Peace Resource Center. There is understandable pride (mixed with no little wonderment) that the JRPRC has become a reality.”
-Taken from JRPC’s first newsletter in the summer of 1988

Celebrating what has been accomplished is just as vital as recognizing what remains to be done — and we want you to help us celebrate!!
- We encourage you to dress for the red carpet — we see gala attire, an assortment of the best peace t-shirts from the last 30 years or whatever makes you feel extra special!
- Wine and beer in a special commemorative glass are free for everyone attending
- Weather permitting Parson’s Pony Farm will be there to make sure our little peacemakers enjoy themselves!

Our world is still fraught with grave problems — political, economic and environmental — but it is riper than ever with challenging opportunities and countless good people stepping up to accept the challenge. We must continue to ask ourselves and each other — What will a world at peace look like? And how can we participate in creating such a world? These are the questions that JRPC has been answering and encouraging for 30 years! And these are the questions that will continue to inspire us.

“The folks who’ve been advocating peace at the Jeannette Ranking Peace Center haven’t wavered. They’re peaceful when it’s popular and, more importantly, when it’s not. The center gives folks with a peaceful agenda a place to gather, collaborate, educate, cooperate, instigate and celebrate. We’re lucky to have it—and them.”
-John Engen, Missoula Mayor
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Need Not Be Present To Win!!
1988, 10-year anniversary of Yahoo Nuclear Free

1989, Opening Day for the Front Street JRPRC

First Gulf War Protest

1995, Tax Day Bake Sale, Missoula Women For Peace

1996 Peace Party

1988 Our first office in UCC

1994 Open House at 519 S. Higgins

1994, our permanent home on Higgins
On June 1 of 1989, the Peace Center opened the doors on 211 W. Front street so that the center could have enough room for their growing projects — namely a library of peace and justice resources and the “Global Village” a retail outlet for third world handcrafts and other peace-related products whose sale helped to generate the money needed to cover rent. Over the years, the “Global Village” evolved to the area’s only 100% fair trade store still providing unique items from around the world while helping all of us build a more just world with our dollars!

**Today, The Olive Branch Still Stands Out**

*Tessa Veto, Store Manager*

Although over 80 stores in Missoula carry Fair Trade products, The Olive Branch is unique in its dedication. Over 85% of its products are Fair Trade certified. This certification guarantees that the artisan was paid a living wage in good working conditions on time. The certification means that child and slave labor was not used. The products were made as a means to economically empower the disenfranchised people and communities the world over.

What I find most inspiring about Fair Trade is the fact that the artisans then use the money they make on capacity building projects for their community. The money spent on Fair Trade isn’t going to buy a vacation home for a CEO, it’s going to build schools and hospitals in areas that have neither. All of this is done without harm to the environment. Materials for products are sourced nearby the location of creation and commonly are upcycled. Packing materials are reused and are usually biodegradable or recyclable.

We shape the world as we live. We cast votes in the free market for what kind of world we want. A kinder, more supportive world comes from buying Fair Trade. And that is the kind of world I choose to vote for and hope you will to.

**Check out our new online store at**

http://the-olive-branch.shoplightspeed.com
Roots into Wings –
A Poetic Keynote to inspire Radical Responsibility toward
the making of a better world
By Alexandria “Rain” Smith, for the JRPC UnConference 2016
*This poem is the crazy quilting of pieces from 3 other original Rain poems.

We are all a family
Of different ethnicities, races, colors and creeds
Blood, sweat, tears and belief
Past, present, future possibility
Heads, hands and feet
Well, mostly...

We share ideas, art, heart, humor, hope
And hurt
Pain is given and received
The Powerful – the truly Powerful
Will transform our pain and grief
Into the cures they need for relief
Brother and Sisters,
Let’s climb a Medicine Tree!
Roosting deep beyond the deceit
Growing strong in the compost of resolving tragedy

Winds of Change,
Teach us to bend without breaking
We strive to dance through the storms
For they’re not of our making
Toxic corruption would break us in two
Drawing the lines that divide me from you
The lines and the lies and the fog that censor Our Story
Burn away with the rise of our passionate glory
Thriving on the wealth of our interconnection
Differences fill-in gaps and we come alive in the tension
The wasteland created, by inner separation from Natural Self,
Is lost sight of the gifts we came with, to help.

Ultimately,
I know that whatever happens to my body
My spirit is free and whole
Golden energy, electric sun, Cosmic Egg… yolk!
Spilling free to the flow
To re’member, re’join, re’know
A frequency
Conscious life is tuned to be
Aware of time before by Surrendering
Supportive and on watch – back to back, Trusting
The more we practice profound Acceptance
That’s acceptance of natural diversity
Not accepting the manipulation of oligarchic tyranny
When we embody profound Acceptance
The more we have for self and other, Respect’in
Surrendering, Trusting, Acceptance, Respect’in
All of a suddenly You! STARchild!
Bursting with the glow of your Inner Wild
Creativity, inspiration, in’spiralling titlation!
Instigation involving Intuition
Intuition: is the investment in the Mind’s meditiveness
It is the tool diverging context for your beautiful Heart’s wisdom
However simple, may it reflect I and I and I in you.

You are a Dream!
Sew! Reconfigure your wings
Hollow bones of a mechanistic society
Must become fertile tubes for rooting
All healing possibility
The necessity of Love
Refuting the Tyrant Deceit.

Our Phoenix feathers
Grow out from the drought of Doubt
Learning how to know
A point is not what this is about

Our stories never ending
Here written
Actions writing
In the insects, the toads
The shrimp, plankton, algae and mold
Elephants, whales, condors, cougars and wolves
Every microscopic to macro-Cosmic perspective to behold!

Our newly re’feathered wings
Bound for breaking the marionette strings
Burning the beams that made the ideal structures of conformity
We learned the proper rhythm and our beating
Broke the bridges we didn’t need
The access points they claimed for efficiency
Began the desertification of the wild waters we need
To truly be free.

That’s why I’ve come to criticize
Now is time to recognize
What we wear or appear to be
Speaks nothing of the spirit that hides beneath
Or what, embodied, dreams to reach
For millennia costumes customized iniquity
Fashion designing spikes, driven between
Steady relationships made obscene
By prejudicial generalizing
But Life! We share in perpetuity
Recycling energy eternally
And sharing Presence is the gift we are for giving.

So don’t hesitate!
Release the gate impeding your heart from trusting
It is an essentially beating harmony
Listening to the ancestry
Weave old stories
Through the needle’s eye
Threading Each Dream
Bound into a living tapestry
Piece by piece
And we’ll uplift humanity
Peace by Peace
We create a remedy
To the blank stares, stale speech and artillery
Of hegemony

Upon horizons
Separate from hierarchy
We spread wings of Light
To catch flight
On the wind of a new destiny

Unfurled, add together
Systemically
Every other’s senses
From human to bee
From crystal to tree
Now we are seen; now we, our scene
Just breathe.

Can we put aside values better left to each cultural community?
Then globally network communities to collectively protect what
we all need?

Water, Air and Soil Quality
To more than human foundations necessary
All collaboration betwixt this trinity
Fosters miraculous diversity
Finding every way to dance rejuvenate and feed
Transformation through this epic Journey.

In the end, I pray, We make ours a way to Peace.
At the beginning of the summer, the Peace Center was fortunate to again welcome Humphrey Fellowship Scholars to give presentations on their countries, themselves, and their projects for the coming year.

The Humphrey Program is a ten-month, non-degree academic study which provides a year of professional enrichment in the United States for experienced professionals from designated countries. The program offers Fellows valuable opportunities for leadership development and professional engagement based on their potential for leadership and their commitment to public services in either public or private sector. In April, 2016, the University of Montana received eleven Humphrey Fellows from eleven countries from different parts of the world: Albania, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Central African Republic, Congo Brazzaville, Ecuador, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Tanzania and Togo. These Fellows came from non-English speaking countries; thus, the English Language Institute (ELI) at the University of Montana hosts them for their four months of intensive English course and culture For the 2016-2017 program. This year we had the opportunity to meet:

Paul Andres Cuadrado is a social science professional from Ecuador. He has studied social management and development in Ecuador and Spain, as well as democracy in Sweden. He has worked as a teacher and a consultant. Since 2008, Andres works for an Ecuadorian NGO, Esquel, where he is charged with the cooperation for a development area, in which he has designed and written at least 200 project proposals earning an average of three million dollars through international cooperation. He’s also collaborated on programs looking to strengthen civil society and education. Andres has a deep interest in human rights promotion, specifically relating to LGBT, women, and youth. He hopes his experience in the USA will provide him tools, knowledge, and good practices that will help him to design and develop better advocacy campaigns, as well as projects for the promotion of human rights. After his time at the University of Montana, Andres will attend the University of Minnesota where he will study Human Rights focusing on LGBT rights. (andrescuadradopa@hotmail.com).

Edine Harr’met-Kimbouala was born in Pointe-Noire, Congo-Brazzaville but spent her childhood in France. She initially attended the University of Bordeaux studying literature and English civilization but transferred to the Institut Universitaire de Technologie in Périgueux to study tourism. She worked in a travel agency in Paris before deciding to return to Congo to work for UNICEF as an assistant coordinator. In that capacity, which Harr’met-Kimbouala compares to an emergency room setting, she coordinated with governments and NGOs to implement development plans founded and designed by donors. Harr’met-Kimbouala currently serves as an Executive Secretary within the Polio Eradication Department at the World Health Organization (WHO) in the Regional Office for Africa in Brazzaville. In addition to her administrative duties, Harr’met-Kimbouala supports incoming requests for activity plans from a number of countries, igniting her interest in communication, a skill she hopes to focus on during her time in the US. During her fellowship, Edine will focus on Communication and Public Relations at the Arizona State University, Phoenix (edkimbouala@hotmail.com).

Giana Mathey-Apossan is from the Republic of Togo, West Africa. He did his master’s degree in IT Engineering at Groupe BK University and holds the main certification for Microsoft & Cisco. He also holds Bachelor in Financial and Commercial Management (2011). In addition, Mathey-Apossan holds numerous software and hardware certifications including FCSNA and COBIT5 Foundation, qualifying him for IT enterprise governance and security. He received these certifications from Koenig-Solutions in New Delhi, India. With his experiences, including more than (10) years in different fields (economics, statistics, national security, food industry (etc), Mathey-Apossan’s main project is interconnecting all hospital regional centers in order to allow high data availability and socially sustainable development to make progress towards the UN’s Millennium Development Goals. He also works as the system and network manager for the biggest brewery in his country. Giana is excited to study English and American culture at UM before continuing his fellowship at the University of Syracuse, New York where he will study Technology Policy & Management (agiana2001@gmail.com).

Jones Grand Betto is from the Central African Republic and holds a Bachelor’s Degree in engineering. He started with the Orange Group in Central Africa as a field’s engineer and then moved into the chief sector of transmission and Wimax at Orange Central African. He has eight years of professional experience in the telecommunication sector including the role of project manager during a government project to recover the verbal trial results from an election in Central Africa. Betto was elected Orange Bravo in 2013, and he received the medal of Chevalier in the order of merit CAR in December 2015. After his time at UM, he will attend the University of Syracuse in New York and his goal is to develop a technique to control the new technologies of communication and information in his home country. (bettojones@gmail.com)
Bayala Marie Laurentine is from Burkina Faso, a West African country. Bayala studied Communication and Journalism at the University of Ouagadougou, and in 2008 she received her Master’s in Documentary Filmmaking. Since 2008, she has been working in the field of new media. In April 2013, Bayala was appointed Editor of Information and Reports in the media branch of the National Radio and Television of Burkina Faso (RTB). Bayala uses film to impact society, winning an award at the Festival for Human Rights “Ciné-Droit-Libre”, with her film “jusqu’au bout” about violence against women. Her film was shown at FESPACO in 2011 as well as on the TV channel “TV5 Africa”. Bayala has directed over nine films and is very active in community life. She co-founded the Africa Doc Burkina Association, which promotes documentary filmmaking and collaborates with Other Young Africans in documentary festivals. Bayala believes in the potential of Africa and its ability to grow. Bayala will continue her fellowship at the Arizona State University where she will study at the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication, focusing on filmmaking, script writing and journalism. (lbayala5@gmail.com).

Mamunur Rahman from Bangladesh, has training in development studies and green business, and is the deputy general manager of the Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) Foundation where he is promoting SMEs on behalf of the government, particularly in developing green industries. With support of GIZ Nepal, Rahman has worked as an international expert and conducted global value chain analysis and identification of the prevailing trade barriers in SAARC regions. He worked as a team leader on a United Nations Population Fund project in the Ready Made Garments (RMG) sector in Bangladesh and worked for EU Bangladesh to develop the 'Bangladesh Gender Country Profile'. As an expert with the United Nations Development Program, he worked on formulating women’s entrepreneurship development projects implemented by the Ministry of Women Affairs of Bangladesh. During his Humphrey year, he plans to develop leadership skills as well as work with several U.S. departments that are active in Bangladesh. His long-term objective is the creation of green jobs that mitigate poverty, pollution, climate change and unplanned urbanization.

Nazi Janezashvili is from Tbilisi, Georgia. In 2008, she received the Lane Kirkland Scholarship and studied law at the University of Warsaw. In 2009, she participated in the Human Rights Advocates Program (financed by OSF) at Columbia University. Janezashvili is a Ph.D. student at Caucasus School of Law and has worked for a number of different NGOs focusing on human rights and the judicial system. Janezashvili has served as the Executive Director at the Unity of Judges of Georgia Association, and she’s a legal expert for the Women’s Initiative Supporting Group. Before this role, Janezashvili was a program coordinator at Penal Reform International South Caucasus Regional Office, and she also held the position of Executive Director for the NGO ‘Article 42 of Constitution’. Janezashvili was a member of the Ethic Commission at the Georgian Bar Association; National Preventive Mechanism in the Public Defender’s Office. Janezashvili participates in and speaks at several events and has authored publications on human rights and judiciary. After her time at UM Nazi will attend the American University where she will study Human rights law and her area of interest will be on European laws, feminism judiciary and strategic human rights litigation. (nazi.janezashvili@gmail.com).

Pierre Kwizera was born in Burundi. He attended the National University of Rwanda and received a degree in General Medicine. In 2007, he worked in a health center for people living with HIV/AIDS in an eastern province of Rwanda. The following year he became a coordinator and was responsible for a site in the western province of Rwanda as part of a clinical trial studying malaria medication through the European and Developing Countries Trial Partnership (EDCTP). In 2008 Kwizera returned to Burundi and conducted a survey observing patients at the Association Nationale de Soutien aux Séropositifs Sidéens (ANSS) and Hôpital Prince Régent Charles (HPRC). In addition to this survey, he worked as a General Practitioner in a number of hospitals in the capital city of Burundi including the Clinique Prince Louis Rwagasore where he served in the maternity ward. In 2010 Kwizera became the Medical Coordinator of Performance-Based Financing and worked in HealthNet TPO, an NGO from the Netherlands. Then in February 2016, he became the Medical Coordinator of Sexual and Reproductive Health until his departure for the US. Kwizera will attend the Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia where he will study Public health Policy and Management. (pierreka1975@yahoo.fr).

Sabra M Khamis holds a Bachelor of Law and Shariah from Zanzibar University. She headed prosecutions at the Children’s Court, and coordinated UNICEF and Save the Children programs relating to the rights of Children in conflict, witnesses, and victims of the sexual violence. At the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions in Zanzibar, she served as a state attorney and public prosecutor. In January 2015, Sabra was promoted to Senior State Attorney. She is an active member of the Zanzibar Female Lawyers Association, and she has attended various professional trainings and received certificates from INTERPOL online professional studies on
the Investigation of Transnational and Organized Intellectual Property Crimes as well as from WIPO for a course on copyright and related rights. Sabra excels at prosecuting drug trafficking and sexual offence-related cases. During her fellowship, Sabra will focus on human rights law, with area of interest on the international trafficking in person, international protection of vulnerable in specifics on the rights of children, victims and witnesses and Juvenile Justice at the American University - Washington College of Law. (sabrakhamis@outlook.com)

**Redona Dudushi is from Tirana, Albania.** In 2000, she graduated with a degree in Clinical Psychology. Dudushi completed her first Master’s Degree in Human Rights and Democracy for South East Europa Countries in Bologna. She also holds a Master’s in Peacebuilding and Social Transformation from Vermont University. Dudushi is finishing her Doctorate studies in Clinical Psychology with a focus on sexual behaviors of people living with HIV/AIDS in Albania. For the past 15 years, she has worked as a Clinical Psychologist for the National Institute of Public Health in the Department of Infectious Disease at the National Program of HIV/AIDS. Dudushi is focused on pre-test and post-test counselling for people living with HIV (PLWH) as well as those affected by HIV, and she hopes to develop and implement training programs for counselors dealing with this population. She has been coordinator for the Voluntary Counseling and Testing Center (VTC) in Albania, supported by Global Fund. She wants to strengthen the impact of VTCs by improving the standards and protocols. Since 2014, Dudushi has served as a professor at the University of Tirana, in the Department of Social Science, Psychology branch. She is an author and co-author of many international and national articles regarding psychosocial treatment of PLWH in Albania. During her fellowship, Redona will focus on Clinic Psychology working with People living with HIV at the Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia. (redonadudushi@yahoo.com)

**Tynymgul Eshieva, from the Kyrgyz Republic**, has more than 13 years of experience in the nonprofit sector as a communication and public relations specialist and trainer. She earned a Master's in Business Administration and the equivalent of Master’s degree in Journalism in Kyrgyzstan. She worked as freelance journalist for a broadcasting radio program and several Kyrgyz newspapers and magazines. Over the last 6 years, Eshieva worked as a PR coordinator at the Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan and managed communication and advocacy activities for the foundation and its grantees. From these experiences, she developed strong project coordination, communication, and implementation skills. Eshieva has a personal interest in public health, urban and rural development, and an especially strong passion for youth empowerment. Her research interests and future plans are related to the topic of media, documentary photography, communications and their role in promoting social issues, and implementing social and advocacy campaigns in the non-governmental sector. After her time at the University of Montana, Eshieva will attend the Arizona State University where she will study Communication and Media and her area of interest will communication in civil society organizations, civil engagement and public campaigns on social issues. (t.eshieva@gmail.com).

While attending four months of intensive English language course, these Humphrey fellows can proudly say that they have achieved much out of their expectations. As the program includes writing, reading, speaking, and listening sessions, fellows have improved their skills on giving formal presentations, essay writing, speaking with appropriate vocabulary and importantly, learning and understanding the culture and people of Montana and the U.S. In addition to their classroom work, the Humphrey Scholars got to visit Glacier National Park, the Bison Range, Flathead Lake, Flathead Indian Reservation, Downtown Tonight and Garnet Ghost Town. Some took part in hikes, swimming and river-rafting.

Many of us had the great pleasure to be able to host and co-host some of the Humphrey Fellows outside of their presentations and to introduce them to other members of the Missoula community. As with previous Humphrey Cohorts, we learned more in-depth information about their countries' current political status, their people's lives and their own unique part in development of themselves and their projects. We are grateful to be able to share their stories.
What do you remember from 1986??

Talks were held in October and November to craft the Jeannette Rankin Peace Center
“... an umbrella group of generally apolitical peace groups working together to build a non-violent, socially just and sustainable world.”
Monthly dinners were planned to “learn more about the number-one issues facing humanity.”
A core group attended the Easter Weekend Protest at Great Falls Air Base
The first federal Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is observed
Four of the anti-nuclear protesters who blocked a Burlington Northern freight train last month, “... a women’s action against nuclear arms build-up, naming themselves ‘the unarmed forces’...” were jailed
The Iran-Contra affair in Nicaragua captured the headlines in the Missoulian and elsewhere
Space Shuttle Challenger disintegrates 73 seconds after launch, killing the crew of 7
At least 15 people die after United States planes bomb targets in the Libyan capital, Tripoli, and the Benghazi region
Arms Talks between Reagan and Gorbachev about scaling back their missile arsenals in Europe
Flo Chessin was honored as the First Peacemaker of the Year by the Missoula Peace Quilters
A 299 foot Radio Tower chain in Polson, MT triggers protest.
Soviet Nuclear reactor at Chernobyl explodes causing release of radioactive material across much of Europe
A gallon of gas cost 89 cents!!

Come to the 30 year anniversary Peace Party on October 16
and share your memories with the rest of us...