Peace Parties On…

In any community there is work to be done and sometimes things do not work out as planned and desired. I talk to many of you and the most common conversation centers around...“how can we not be so discouraged?” and “how do we keep going?” It is questions just like this that made us choose this theme.

Conflict, discouragement, disappointment -- these are all part of life. It is important that we find the ways, individually and collectively to see the bigger picture and keep our eyes on the goal. The road to violence and injustice is well-worn; the journey to peace still being mapped out from the wilderness.

Peace is not a "one-and-done" activity. It is a lifelong choice that we must make again and again. And despite the obstacles, the journey to peace keeps inviting us and inspiring our engagement.

...and we’re all invited!!

Party for Peace with the Jeannette Rankin Peace Center October 14
By Forrest Henderson

Want to volunteer? Volunteers are needed for set-up on Saturday, October 13, the day before, setting up tables and chairs and decorating. We also need help on the day of the party, Sunday October 14, serving coffee, tea, wine, beer, and food, and of course cleaning up!

Tickets for the party are $30 ($40 for non-members), which include all drinks and food, but only $15 for all volunteers if you sign up by October 5!

Contact Le at volunteer@jrpc.org to sign up.

Please help us out and we will reward you with discounted admission costs for a great end of the summer party to celebrate the peace we all need!!
2018 Peace Party On...
and everyone is invited!

Sunday, October 14, 3-7 PM
Missoula County Fairgrounds
Home Arts Building

Food provided by Homestead Organics
Complimentary Beer & Wine

Live Auction
Silent Auction
(3-4:45 pm)
Raffle

Music
Kids Activities

Tickets
Single $40
Couple $60
Family $70
$10 discount for JRPC members
Table of 10 $300

Buy tickets at JRPC.org
Need more info? Call 543-3555 or visit 570-5 Higgins.
**Ticket Prices**

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**Table for 10**

- $300

**Raffle Tickets**

- $5 each or 3 for $10

**Prizes**

- $75 at The Red Bird
- 2 free admission buttons to the 2019 International Choral Festival
- $150 to Boomswagger Salon
- A one-night stay at Symes Hot Springs
- A $35 gift certificate to the Book Exchange
- A membership and T-shirt from the Roxy Theatre
- And 15 mums from the Pink Grizzly

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Go online to register at [jrpc.org](http://jrpc.org)
The Olive Branch Fair Trade Store Happenings!
by Jenny Zaso, Development & Outreach

Our fair trade store, The Olive Branch, is evolving! We aren’t just fair trade, but also supporting local artisans in some very important ways. We have increased the items we have available from local artists, specifically our own indigenous people from Montana. You won’t want to miss our Cree Spirit and Andrea Castillo cards, showcasing their unique experiences as Native Americans from or living in Montana. We have beautiful medicine bags, dream catchers and jewelry from Rita Looking Hawk and her family, beadwork items from the talented Carolyn Hawley, and earrings by Cheryl Rando.

Jenny, our store manager, is focusing on increasing the availability of local native crafts and artwork. She is providing a place for these artisans to sell their work with some extra support from the Peace Center to break down some of the barriers that often prohibit these artisans from having a presence in Missoula retail locations.

Additionally, she is working with one of our past Board members, Carly Hosford-Israel, to bring the talents of native teens in Montana to market. This partnership will include mentorship with Jenny for the teens to help them learn to sell their handicrafts, including marketing and fair wage pricing skills, as well as product testing at The Olive Branch.

We are excited to provide this economic opportunity and skill building to some of our Montana youth!
In other store news...

Now, we turn our attention to South America. In Colombia, more than 400 social leaders have been killed since 2016. Many marginalized indigenous tribes there are fighting for their way of life and for peace for their people. Jorge-Andres Forero-Gonzalez from Colombia spent the summer in Missoula as a Humphrey Fellow at the University of Montana. All of us at JRPC had the pleasure of hearing his perspective on the economics of Colombia and his constant persistence in making things better for his people. He connected four of the tribes in Colombia with Jenny, our store manager. The tribes include the Embera, Wayuu, Senu and Kogui peoples. Each of these tribes is known for their incredible handmade crafts from mochilas (woven bags) to ornate beaded jewelry. We have ordered these crafts from each tribe to bring their goods to the U.S., both to provide economic opportunity during these tumultuous times, and also to raise awareness around the violent upheaval that is happening in Colombia right now. The crafts have just arrived and everything is beautiful, and one of a kind. Stop by in September for your chance to learn more about the Colombian peace agreement and conflicts still happening there, to marvel at these pieces of art and maybe take one home with you to support Colombia. We also have fair trade Colombian coffee that just arrived – it’s delicious!
Welcome to our JRPC Team!!

This month we welcome Jessica Jewell to our team as the Administrative Assistant to our executive director Betsy Mulligan-Dague. Jessica is currently a freshman at the University of Montana studying neuroscience with aspirations to research ways to help those with mental illness and pain management. She grew up in Helena, Montana, and has called Missoula home for 3 1/2 years since she returned to the United States after residing in Dublin, Ireland from 2008-2015. Although she loved living in Ireland, the beautiful Rocky Mountains called her heart back to Montana. Since arriving in Missoula, Jessica has worked hard to help the people of Missoula as the property manager for low income tax credit housing and through volunteering at the Zootown Arts Community center, Missoula Food Bank and YMCA Riverbank Run.

Jessica is passionate about living life to its fullest. She enjoys travelling, hiking and snuggling her dog Milo. Travelling to 11 countries throughout North America and Europe taught her that every individual on this globe has something unique and special to contribute to the whole of humanity. She is also an avid painter. Jessica has participated in several art shows throughout Missoula, displayed her art in the Hastings Café and taught painting classes at Painting with a Twist. Her most memorable art show was a benefit to raise funds for the family of a friend of hers that passed away. Jessica is delighted to share her love for humanity and spreading peace with us in her new role at the Jeannette Rankin Peace Center.

Thanks to all the donors who gave during Missoula Gives, to everyone who responded positively to our request to increase your gifts and to all who answered our call to help us upgrade our computer equipment — especially to Suzie and Mark Estep for their role in making that happen.
Dear friends,

Every year as fall approaches, we invite you to celebrate our community with us as we gather together to network and give financial support to this organization. As we ask for your support, we also like to let you know how we spent your gifts. Most of the income we make from the peace party goes to programming for us. So the better we do, the more we have to invest in classes, speakers, publications and other resources.

This year we have been working hard on several infrastructure items — like a new database and an upgraded website so first, we can better serve you, and second, so we can grow and expand our programs and outreach. We have formed a program committee to design ways we can support all of our efforts to grow as peacemakers and begin to heal some of the divisions in our world.

One of our campaigns is Peace Has No____
Peace transcends the things that divide us — like party, religion, gender and color. It belongs to all of us. One of our tasks is to explore those divisions, and figure out the things we need to learn and practice to make sure our words, thoughts and actions help heal. We want to support some of these skills — like self-awareness, making room to learn from others, viewing conflict as an opportunity to grow, and contributing to our community.

We also want to explore What Peace is and highlight the stories of people, like many of you, who are living examples of these skills and attitudes.

We have some lofty goals (isn’t peace like that!!!) and we are so thankful for the support of all of you — your generosity with your time, your ideas and of course your financial help.

Many Thanks,

Betsy
You know you want to be in this picture partying on with us so get your tickets now... https://jrpc.org/peace-party-2018