Jeannette Rankin Peace Center is working to build a world that is nonviolent, socially just, and environmentally sustainable. We make peace visible every day!

“I’m so sick of running as fast as I can, wondering if I’d get there quicker if I was a man.” ~Taylor Swift

2019 Peace Party — We The People!

100 years ago, Congress passed the 19th amendment giving white women the right to vote, and it was sent to states to ratify, which happened in August of 1920. Today it seems absurd that women were denied this basic participation in our democracy, but in reality, it was not until 1984 that the last state ratified the amendment. This amendment was a step toward equality and 100 years ago it was a huge step, one that had started 61 years before at the Seneca Falls, New York Convention where 300 people (mostly women) outlined the Declaration of Sentiments and began a movement toward equality for women. But it was only toward equality. Black women, Native women and immigrant women had to wait longer to be granted a franchise to participate in democracy in this basic way. While the vote is an important indicator, there are other measures of true equality. Even as we gather in 2019, women of all colors do not enjoy the same opportunities, the same pay or the same social standards as men. Around the country people of color In Montana, Native Americans are just 6.7 percent of the total population, but make up 26 percent of missing persons cases. And around the country, indigenous people and people of color are far more likely to end up in prison or victims of police violence. Gender diverse women and men are discriminated against in housing, jobs, and social settings. In truth, there is far too much oppression in a country built on the promise of liberty and justice.

We celebrate the efforts of women like Jeannette Rankin and others 100 years ago to start the march toward equality. However, we know that we are not done yet. Peace is about the way we live our lives and also how we treat other people. So this was a perfect theme for us to celebrate our peace community and the work we are about. We look back on 100 years of work getting us closer to and we look forward to the work still to be done so that “We the People” truly are WE THE PEOPLE, with equality and justice for all.

We the volunteers!! Volunteers are needed for set-up on Saturday, October 12, the day before, transporting things to the fairgrounds, setting up tables and chairs and decorating. We also need help on the day of the party, Sunday, October 13, serving food, and of course cleaning up!

Tickets for the party are $40 ($50 for non-members), which include all drinks and food, but only $20 for all volunteers if you sign up by October 5!

Contact Denise 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 ALL of us!!
We The People... Peace Party 2019
...celebrating the beginning of equality 100 years ago and acknowledging the work ahead for true franchise for all...
Sunday, October 13, 3:30-7:30 pm
Missoula fairgrounds Home Arts building

Hellgate High School Trio  ♦  Entertainment  ♦  Dinner Catered by Homestead Organics
Silent and Live Auctions feature hundreds of local goods & international dinners
For information and tickets go to www.jrpc.org/peaceparty2019
Tickets...go online to register at jrpc.org

As the donations from our generous community arrive, we are finding great raffle prizes as always. Stay tuned to our website for details...but for now you’ll have to trust us to surprise you!!

Raffle Tickets ...$5 each or 3 for $10
Your ticket form and raffle tickets are included inside. However, we’d love it if you’d go online to buy tickets to our 2019 Peace Party! https://jrpc.org/peace-party-2018

Meanwhile, we’ll see you at these great events...

**Missoula Together**
Sunday, September 22, 1-4 pm
Caras Park
Games, Music, Inspiration to Celebrate Diversity

Tell Your Friends & Mark Your Calendars For These Holiday Markets:

Saturday-Sunday, October 26-27, Bozeman MADE Fair
Friday-Saturday, November 1-2, Great Falls Fair Trade Market
Saturday-Sunday, November 23-24, Helena MADE Fair
Sunday, November 24, Helena Fair Trade Market
Friday, December 6, JRPC Kid’s Night
Sunday, December 8, Missoula MADE Fair