Dear friends,

Last night I celebrated the International Day of Peace with several others at the screening of the film, Rooted in Peace. The director, Greg Reitman, makes the case for peace as the path of least resistance and one that begins inside us and moves outward as we recognize our interconnectedness with all things -- in fact, along the path we realize we ARE the planet around us. For us at the peace center, this resonates as we work as individuals and members of a team to live the mission of JRPC, as we recognize the members and supporters who make our work possible, as we realize the other organizations in Missoula and beyond that support and enhance our work, and as we understand that all of the important issues of our world are tied together. We succeed only together.

I invite you to celebrate this reality at our 2017 Peace Party. Many of our friends from other organizations will join us in solidarity. We will celebrate with songs (from the Shenanigans and the Montana Women's Chorus), with food (from Homestead Organics) and with raffle and auction items from our generous donors. If you can join us at the event, I guarantee fun and inspiration, plus a few amazing surprises we are planning! Get your tickets now at [https://jrpc.org/peaceparty2017/](https://jrpc.org/peaceparty2017/). And if you can't attend, you can still support us by making a donation, getting in on our raffle of a float trip, a night in Hot Springs, gift certificates and more. Alone, we are just that, but together we are a movement. Thank you for supporting Missoula's movement for peace and for being a "peace" of the solution!

The JRPC Coordinating Council and staff all look forward to seeing you on October 15 at the Fairgrounds, Betsy
Saturday, September 23, all day, Cafe Dolce. As part of Welcoming Week, Iraqi and Syrian chefs will partner with the chefs at Caffe Dolce to serve specialty dishes all day. You can also catch the famous Wow Falafel food stand on the patio! A portion of the sales of these dishes will go directly to the chefs. Grab your lunch or dinner at Caffe Dolce; you might want to make a reservation. This is going to be a truly delicious and special event!

Saturday-Sunday, September 23-24, Senior Center. Help the Roxy celebrate 80 years with jumbo inflatable outdoor movies!!! [http://TheRoxyTheater.org/redeco](http://TheRoxyTheater.org/redeco)

Saturday, September 23, 10 am-10 pm, Free Cycles (732 S. 1st St. West). 22nd Annual Festival of Cycles on Bike building, kid activities, food, music, games and such. [www.freecycles.org](http://www.freecycles.org)

Saturday, September 23, 10 am-6 pm, Fairbridge Inn and Outlaw Convention Center, Kalispell (1701 Highway 93 S.). Awakening Heart and Soul Fair. Free admission to lectures, vendors, alternative healing and health products, angel readings, tarot readings and a variety of services to empower the human soul. For vendor application, contact [montanaconnections@gmail.com](mailto:montanaconnections@gmail.com) or call 406-260-2845. For more information, visit [www.montanaconnectionsnetwork.com](http://www.montanaconnectionsnetwork.com)

Sunday, September 24, 5 pm, Hellgate Elks Lodge (112 N Pattee) As part of Welcoming Week, get a sneak peak of the upcoming documentary, The New Neighbors Project. This innovative project gives refugees a chance to tell a story from behind the camera. Watch previews of refugee-directed short films, which will be featured in film festivals around the county including Missoula's Big Sky Film Festival. Ranging from a little girl's fairy tale of rescuing her best friend from an evil king, to a man's story of his struggle for education and life in a refugee camp; these films often flip traditional media narratives on their head as the refugee-directors tell you their own story. Q&As with the directors to follow each clip. Event is free with a suggested donation to The New Neighbors Project.

Wednesday, September 27, 12 noon, JRPC (also September 27). Patrick Marsolek leads a free practice group for those interested in learning to use Nonviolent Communication Techniques more effectively. 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month. Join him to learn more about this critical skill. [www.InnerWorkingsResources.com](http://www.InnerWorkingsResources.com)

Wednesday, September 27, 4 pm, Waterworks Hill (meet at the trailhead, look for a climate change banner. Join Environment Montana and your neighbors for a Hike to support Public Lands! Bring your kiddos, your walking shoes, and your love of public lands. Contact Holly Seymour at hseymour@environmentmontana.org or (406)223-6837

Wednesday, September 27, 7 pm, The Natural History Center (120 Hickory). Meet Karolo Aparicio, Executive Director of EcoViva, a US-based NGO that has long-term partnerships with grassroots movements in El Salvador and Honduras.In the aftermath of a devastating civil war in the 1980s, El Salvador has been working to restore a civil society based on principles of community solidarity, economic fairness, environmental protection, and agricultural sustainability. EcoViva has been a major partner in these efforts.

Sunday, October 1, 2-4 and 3-5 pm, Historical Museum Internment Camp area, Fort Missoula. Join us for a unique tour of the Fort Missoula internment camp with special presentations by Julie Cajune, Bob Knight, Diane Sands and Satsuki Ina, speaking of the lives disrupted by Fort Missoula and confinement of Japanese men and families during WWII. Sponsored by the Missoula League of Women Voters and Historical Museum Fort Missoula with grants from Humanities Montana and MCAT. Tours are free, but limited to 40 spots per tour due to space limitation. Please click to reserve your spot:

- 2-4 pm - [http://whoozin.com/M3Y-9XX-HH3H](http://whoozin.com/M3Y-9XX-HH3H), or
- 3-5 pm - [http://whoozin.com/JN9-JDU-NTYJ](http://whoozin.com/JN9-JDU-NTYJ)

Sunday, October 1, 3-6 pm, The Wilma. A celebration of the life of Esther Chessin. To participate in a meal train, please go to here. You can also make a donation to the Isabella Johnson Benefit Account at the Missoula Federal Credit Union.

Tuesday, October 3, 5 pm, UM. “Human Rights in Mexico: How US Policies Affect State Violence, Militarization, and Displacement.” Mendoza Pérez will speak on the current socio-
political and economic issues affecting communities in Mexico, which are directly linked to US policies. Sponsored by Witness for Peace NW. For more information on a specific event, please contact Kris (kris@witnessforpeace.org or 208.771.3527 call or text) or visit http://witnessforpeace.org/northwest/

Tuesday, October 3, 7:00 to 9:30 pm, Roxy Theater. Screening of the award-winning documentary *From a Silk Cocoon* (the account of a family confined at Tule Lake Segregation Center during World War II) followed by commentary with and Q & A with Dr. Satsuki Ina, the film's producer and camp survivor. Refreshments and free admission (no ticket needed; come early). This film is co-sponsored by the Missoula League of Women Voters (LWV) and the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula, and funded in part by a grant from Humanities Montana - an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more information, go to the Roxy website at: http://www.theroxytheater.org

Thursday October 5, 7:30-9 pm, Open Way Mindfulness Center (702 Brooks). Mindful Community Conversations Series will feature a discussion on *Anorexia & Bulimia* led by Amy K. Struggling with anorexia and bulimia for over 30 years, she has found relief from the addictive behaviors for two years. Amy will share with you from her own personal experience how the practice of mindfulness has been a foundation for helping her remain sober with food, body weight and shape. Format: Sitting meditation (10 minutes), Speaker (30 minutes), Open sharing/questions. 549-9005 or openwaysangha@gmail.com

Saturday, October 7, 9 am-3 pm, C'mon In, Bozeman. Dismantling Hatred – Skills and Strategies You Can Use, hosted by the Montana Racial Equality Project. $56, scholarships available. info@themtrep.org to enroll

Tuesday, October 10, 3-4:30 pm, Todd Building, UM. Jeannette Rankin: Myth and Reality, with Jim Lopach and Jean Luckowski, authors of the book *Jeannette Rankin: A Political Woman* (University of Colorado Press, 2005).

Saturday-Sunday, October 14-15, 10 am-5 pm, Second Chance, Potomac, MT. Getting to the heart of our differences: from chaos to connection, a two-day Nonviolent Communication Workshop. Cost: Full workshop: $100 Saturday Only: $65. Register online here: http://www.innerworkingsresources.com/Connection. For more information, contact Patrick: 406-443-3439 or info@patrickmarsolek.com

Sunday, October 15, 3-7 pm, Home Arts Building at the Fairgrounds. Save the Date for our annual Peace Party. Call us if you have ideas or want to help with planning!

Wednesday, October 18, 5:30-7:30 pm, 1535 Liberty Lane (Solstice Building), HomeWORD Conference Room. The International Rescue Committee will be holding a training for folks interested in becoming a family mentors to incoming refugee families as well as other volunteer opportunities. The family mentor training is held the 3rd Wednesday of every month, on November 15 and December 20. For more information or to sign up, contact Becca at rebecca.burgmeier@rescue.org or (406) 926-1982

Friday-Sunday, October 20-22, 2017. Reflections of the Revolution: The October Revolution and Global Order, 1917-2017, is an international conference to be held at the University of Montana. This conference commemorates the 100th anniversary of the 1917 October Revolution in Russia. Presentations and discussions will focus on revolutions of the past as well as explore the possibility or impossibility of revolutionary scenarios today. Paper proposals are being accepted through February 20, 2017. Visit the conference website for more information: www.umt.edu/sell/cps/revolution/default.php

Sunday, October 29, 5:30 pm, Har Shalom (3035 S. Russell). Dances of Universal Peace a spiritual community that is experience-based, from the heart and soul, not focused on beliefs or heady discussions. Join them every two months on last Sundays at 5:30pm at Har Shalom (except First Night): December 31 (they hope to be at First Night 2017), February 25 and April 29

Thursday November 9, 7:30-9 pm, Open Way Mindfulness Center (702 Brooks). Mindful Community Conversations Series will feature a discussion on Self-Harming led by Linds Sanders. Format: Sitting meditation (10 minutes), Speaker (30 minutes), Open sharing/questions. 549-9005 or openwaysangha@gmail.com
Saturday, November 18, 9am-5pm, Payne Family Native American Center, Missoula Urban Indian Health Center Presents: Community Resiliency Model (CRM) Workshop with Dana Eisenberg, Trauma Resource Institute Educator. Free and open to clients, community, and professionals. Breakfast Provided-Potluck Lunch. Professional CEU’s Offered: Contact Lida to make $25 payment in advance. Questions? Contact (406) 829-9515 ext. 110 or email Lrunningcrane@muhe.org

Thursday December 7, 7:30-9 pm, Open Way Mindfulness Center (702 Brooks). Mindful Community Conversations Series will feature a discussion on Grief and Loss led by Greg Grallo. Format: Sitting meditation (10 minutes), Speaker (30 minutes), Open sharing/questions. 549-9005 or openwaysangha@gmail.com

Action Opportunities

Congress is voting on a proposed Graham-Cassidy health care bill to repeal Obamacare on September 30. You are encouraged to voice your concerns for health care in Montana to our Representatives: Sen. Tester, Sen. Daines and Congressman Gianforte

We Are Not Your Soldiers, a project of World Can’t Wait, is starting its eleventh year of bringing recent veterans of U.S. wars to speak in high schools and colleges. Contact them now to schedule a “We Are Not Your Soldiers” visit to a school in Missoula!

A new online course, offered by the Charter for Compassion, How to Become a Compassionate Citizen is open for registration now and begins on 27 September 2017.

Visit the Missoula Resistance Library for all your resistance needs and great reading lists.
https://missoularesistancelibrary.wordpress.com/

We accept nominations for peacemaker throughout the year. Now accepting for the 2018 award. Go to https://jrpc.org/programs/peacemaker-award/

Fair Trade News

Come say hi to our new Fair Trade Store Manager Jennifer Zaso and let her know your ideas!
Check out our online store at http://the-olive-branch.shoplightspeed.com

Ongoing Events and Meetings

Women in Black Fridays, North end of the Higgins Bridge, 12:15-12:45 pm. missoulawib@montana.com
Balanced View Clarity Online Call every Sunday, 11am-noon MT time. Contact: CheyenneRivers@BalancedView.org.
Veterans For Peace first Monday of each month (September 11), 4-6 pm, JRPC. 406-363-6150 or pvaughan184@gmail.com
Citizens Climate Lobby 2nd Monday of every month, 6pm, Imagine Nation Brewery. Contact Scott at sebovard@gmail.com
JRPC Coordinating Council Third Monday of every month, 5:30 pm at JRPC. All are welcome to attend!
350/Missoula Coal & Renewables Committee third Monday of each month, 5:30 pm, Imagine Nation Brewing. leemet@bigsky.net
Women in Black of Polson Mondays, 12-12:30 pm, Polson courthouse. c211p110@earthlink.net
Knitting For Peace every Tuesday, 1–3 pm, JRPC. 543-3955.
Nonviolent Communication Practice Group Second and Fourth Wednesdays, 12-1 pm, JRPC info@patrickmarsolek.com
The Cranium creates origami delights Wednesdays, 1:15-3:15, JRPC. bonnie@bonnetarses.com
Time Bank Orientation Contact info@missoulatimebank.org for individual and group orientation for new members at a location TBD.
Missoula Moves To Amend Contact Sue at 543-3254

Articles Of Interest

Have you read an article that inspired you? Share it with us so we can share it with others!!

Check out the Library at JRPC for lots of great resources. Donations are always welcome!

Ways to Help JRPC

1. We are desperate for some storage space. Do you have some we can use? If so call us at 543-3955.
2. Want to be of service? JRPC is looking for board members. Call Betsy to discuss this opportunity.

Jeannette Rankin Peace Center has been in Missoula since 1986, working to build non-violence, social justice and sustainability. We are pleased to be a member of the Montana Shares Network, a partnership of Montana-based nonprofit groups devoted to improving the quality of life in communities throughout the state. Give to JRPC through your workplace. www.montanashares.org

The JRPC e-newsletter is sent to our listserv each Thursday. Deadline for calendar items is noon, Wednesday. We always appreciate your contributions, comments and suggestions. If you would like to be taken off our mailing list, please unsubscribe below. To sign up, click this link.

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