How often do we see a story or read about an issue and feel powerless in the face of it. And yet, there are examples all around us of folks who found their voices and their muscles in the face of what seemed insurmountable. We recently became aware of a couple of local efforts that deserve to be recognized. Rosa delDuca grew up in Missoula before joining the Army National Guard a year before 9/11. As the war in Iraq unfolded, she grew increasingly disturbed about her role in the military and ended up fighting for a discharge as a conscientious objector. She just launched an amazingly well done podcast that explores the issues of war resistance, veterans against the war and the ethics involved. The podcast is professionally produced, free and available on iTunes, Google Play apps, Stitcher, Buzzsprout and Alexa. It's called Breaking Cadence: Insights From a Modern-Day Conscientious Objector. Check it out on her website.

And then we just found out about an effort to raise awareness and spur action on the senseless violence of war in Yemen. This coming 1st Friday Will Adams is planning on projecting photos of this tragedy onto 1st Montana Bank from the rooftop of the Murphy Jubb Art Studio while he and other musicians play songs of peace to cultivate healing energy. (You may have seen his previously projected photos of his time at Standing Rock on 1st Friday in December 2016.) He is taking action to help us all talk about what we can actively do to end war in our daily lives and to end this cycle of suffering. Thanks to the Senate for taking a step yesterday. We must keep the pressure on.

Thanks Rosa and Will for inspiring us all to take action where we see it. Perhaps you know of others who are doing similar work? We'd love to share their stories too. Let us know at peace@jrpc.org.
Friday, November 30, 10am-3pm, Payne Family Native American Building. Come visit JRPC and lots of other vendors at the American Indian Business Leaders Christmas Bazaar.

Saturday, December 1, noon-3pm, JRPC. Peace Crane Making for the Peace Tree - All Ages! We will be hosting peace crane making for the Make a Wish Foundation’s Peace Tree during the Parade of Lights from noon to 3pm. Please stop by write your wish for peace and fold it into a peace crane for this incredible tree that will be on display at First Interstate Bank for the whole week of Festival of Trees! Lewis and Clark students want to create 1,000 peace cranes and collect 250 peace wishes from students and the Missoula community that will then be folded into Peace Cranes and placed onto the Missoula Peace Tree that will be auctioned off. A portion of the proceeds will go to Make-A-Wish Montana supporting their mission of granting wishes to children with life-threatening illness.

Saturday-Sunday, December 1-2, 10-5 (4 on Sunday) Lewis & Clark Fairgrounds, Helena. Helena MADE fair, with 30,000 sq. feet of continuous space to feature over 180 talented artisans, local non-profits -- including JRPC, activities, and delicious food & beverage options. FREE entry, FREE parking, and plenty of room to shop. Even a FREE tote bag for the first 50 people each day! Please bring a non-perishable food item to help support Helena Food Share. SUNDAY: Bring the kiddos for FREE pictures with Santa on Sunday noon-2pm. Enjoy some extra awesome offers and discounts during Happy Hours 2pm-4pm on Sunday!

Sunday, December 2 is the first night of Hanukkah

Monday, December 3, 7:30-10:30 pm, Dennison Theater. Shakespeare & Co. is co-hosting Vice President Joe Biden: The American Promise Tour. This is a ticketed event. Each ticket sold includes a copy of Mr. Biden’s book, Promise Me, Dad, now in paperback. This event is presented by Creative Artists Agency and Knitting Factory Entertainment.

Email americanpromisetour@caa.com for event-related info.

Thursday, December 6, 6-8 pm. Western Cider. DIY Holiday Wreaths with Earth Within Flowers. Weave together local winter foliage, dried flowers and herbs into a circle that represents the gifts of 2018. $45 in advance, $50 day of. Two tickets for $80 (use code DIY2018 at checkout) https://earthwithin.com/workshops/

Friday, December 7, 5-8 pm, JRPC. DIY Holiday Wreaths with Earth Within Flowers. Weave together local winter foliage, dried flowers and herbs into a circle that represents the gifts of 2018. $45 in advance, $50 day of. Two tickets for $80 (use code DIY2018 at checkout) https://earthwithin.com/workshops/

Friday, December 7, 5-8 pm, JRPC. It’s our annual Kid’s Night at the Olive Branch. Bring your kids for a kid-friendly shopping experience. You tell us what their budget is and we’ll have volunteers on hand to help them find the perfect gifts for everyone on their list — and we’ll even help them wrap their gifts. Call us at 543-3955 with questions.

Sunday, December 9, 11am-6pm, the Adams Center. Come and visit JRPC at our Missoula Made Fair booth and support many other local artists by shopping for your local and handmade holiday gifts.

Tuesday, December 11, 7 pm, Payne Family Native American Center. In honor of the 70th International Human Rights Day and in opposition to Steve Bannon’s divisive message, Missoulians, UM students, and human rights groups will gather to rally for human rights. We’ll hear from amazing local speakers about the dangers of white nationalism and the importance of protecting human rights for all! Sponsors: Montana Human Rights Network, African American Studies Dept. University of Montana, Jeannette Rankin Peace Center, Montanans for Immigrant Justice, University of Montana Black Student Union, Missoula Rises. https://www.facebook.com/events/3310626777449560/

Saturday, December 15, 4 pm-6pm, Missoula Senior Citizens Center. Gingerbread House Decorating Contest fundraiser for a UM Grad Student's thesis project to study food borne pathogens. Open to teams of 4 adults and children. Houses will be baked upon arrival and ready to decorate. Complimentary dinner and drinks. Cost: $40 adults, $30 Children 9-18 and $10 Children 8 and under. To Purchase Tickets or get information, contact Shabnam at (406) 880-3340 or shabnam.qureshi@mso.umt.edu Online payment option available.

Tuesday, December 18, 6-8 pm, Western Cider. DIY Garlands with Earth Within Flowers. Dress up your home with a unique seasonal garland. We will have an assortment of dried local dried flowers, foliage and aromatics to play with. $45 in advance, $50 at the door. Two tickets for $80 (use code DIY2018) https://earthwithin.com/workshops/
organizations are planning the annual **Homeless Persons' Memorial**. Pay tribute to the homeless folks in our community who have died. There will be time to share and discuss at dinner after at First United Methodist Church.

**Monday, December 31, 4 pm to midnight, Caras Park. New Year's Eve Peace Sign**
**Luminary Lighting. Ring in 2019 with friends and family while spreading the message of peace by lighting a luminary to help create a giant symbol of peace in Caras Park on New Years Eve day.**

**Monday, January 21, 9 am-4 pm, Helena State Capitol. Join MT Human Rights Network for the 2019 MLK Jr Lobby Day.** They will be providing training for how to talk about the issues, how to contact and find your legislators and give you an opportunity to engage your civic leaders and lawmakers. Contact [garrett@mhhr.org](mailto:garrett@mhhr.org)

**Saturday, February 16, 9 am-4 pm, Imagine Nation Brewing. Dismantling Hatred: Skills and Strategies You Can Use**, presented by the MT Racial Equity Project.$80 per person.  [info@themtrep.org](mailto:info@themtrep.org)

**Action Opportunities**

Soft Landing Needs Our Help! As we now realize, the **proposed "Public Charge" change could affect refugees** as well, because many families could withdraw from SNAP or TANF out of fear, as they have done in the past. Please read this [updated statement](mailto:garrett@mhhr.org), with a link to the IRC's excellent toolkit. Please join us in making our voices heard BEFORE December 10th, when the public comment period will be closed and this could be a permanent change.

Soft Landing also has a statement in today's Missoulian about the **caravan in Mexico** and call us to action by making sure we are holding our elected leaders accountable. You can see that [statement here](https://jrpc.org/). You can also reach out to El Otro Lado (The Other Side), run by Nicole Ramos, an exceptional immigration attorney that has been working on & across the border for a long time, needs both help & money. You can [DONATE](https://jrpc.org/) or volunteer [here](https://jrpc.org/).

MoveOn has a [petition](https://moveon.org) asking Sec. Mattis to **reject the White House's illegal order authorizing troops at the border to use lethal force** and immediately end the deployment of troops at the U.S.-Mexico border.

**TESOL Certificate Program (Teach English to Speakers of Other languages). SPRING SEMESTER 2019 12-14 WEEKS ONLINE COURSE.** 100 instructional hours focusing on language and culture, methodology, instruction and assessment, and professionalism. 20-hour practicum providing practical experience through observation and instruction. Instructors from UM's English Language Institute: Jeanie Castillo, MA Linguistics Josh Rosenberger, MA Applied Linguistics. Interested? Contact Josh Rosenberger: joshua.rosenberger@mo.so.umt.edu 406-243-2084

Here's some organizations that are **helping the victims of fires in California** -- they could use our support!

- **American Red Cross** is seeking donations for the numerous evacuation centers they've opened for California residents seeking refuge. Red Cross evacuation centers do accept pets. You can visit redcross.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS or text the word REDCROSS to 90999 to make a $10 donation.
- **United Way** in Los Angeles and Northern CA is seeking donations to help their respective communities.
- **Salvation Army** is working at both ends of the state to provide meals and gift cards to victims of the wildfires.
- **International Association of Fire Fighters**, which represents thousands of firefighters and responders, is accepting donations for its Disaster Relief Fund to help firefighters who are working on the front lines and their families, from financial to emotional support.
- **GoFundMe** has compiled a list of verified GoFundMe campaigns to help victims of the fires. If you can't decide on a campaign or want to help more than one, you can also donate to their Direct Impact Fund, which supports a number of campaigns connected to California fires.
- **Humane Society of Ventura County, The Los Angeles Animal Care Foundation, the Pasadena Humane Society, The Gentle Barn, and the CA Wildlife Center** are accepting donations to help them support the displaced animals

EmpowerMT announces the MLK Youth Art and Essay Contest. Submit a piece of 2-D art work or an essay, poem or letter of no more than 250 words in response to the quote, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is what are you doing for others". Handwritten or typed essays will be accepted. Artwork may be any medium but no larger than 8.5 X 11 inches. On the back of each entry please include the student’s full name, grade, school, home address and home telephone number. To enter you must be a student in preschool-12th grade in Western Montana. Entries are due no later than December 21, 2018 to the Missoulian (MLK Contest, Missoulian, P.O. Box 8029, Missoula, MT 59807). Winners will receive a cash prize, be featured in the Missoulian, and recognized at the MLK Community Celebration on Monday, January 21, 2019. Contact Jamar Galbreath at 541-6891 or jamar@empowermt.org

**Jewish reading group forming.** We will be reading and discussing fiction by and about Jews, and possibly some non-fiction as well. We will meet once a month on Wednesday evenings, starting in January. You are welcome to attend when you have time and have read the book; no need to commit to participating every month. The first book will be Allegra Goodman’s *Kaaterskill Falls*.  [readingjewswmissoula@gmail.com](mailto:readingjewswmissoula@gmail.com)

EWAM is raising funds for a new **Peace Pavilion**. Contact [admin@ewam.org](mailto:admin@ewam.org) with questions or for more information.

Are you an employee of the State of Montana? If so, you have an opportunity to support JRPC through your employee giving program. Starting September 24th, state employees can support JRPC through the **State Employee Charitable Giving Campaign using SECCG #8042**. Many other workplaces can support JRPC as a part of Montana Shares, making giving easy, simple and painless. If your workplace doesn't offer payroll giving, [contact us](mailto:https://jrpc.org/contact) to find our how you can participate.

We accept nominations for peacemaker throughout the year. Now accepting for the 2020 award. Go to [https://jrpc.org/programs/peacemaker-award/](https://jrpc.org/programs/peacemaker-award/)
Missoula's only all fair trade store, a program focused on JRPC's international peacebuilding efforts.

Who wouldn't love a gift that brings more peace and justice to the world!!!

Ongoing Events and Meetings

**Global Issues Study Group.** Third Monday, 4:30, JRPC

**Spanish Conversation Group.** Thursdays, 12 noon-1 pm, JRPC. Jim, jimcook47@gmail.com, 529-1917 or Walter, wrwilde44@msn.com, 721-5289

**Climate Smart Missoula.** First Thursday of every month. Topics vary. 5 - 7 pm, Imagine Nation Brewing Co.
Contact: amy@climatesmartmissoula.org

**Women in Black & Veterans For Peace.** Fridays, North end of the Higgins Bridge, 12:15-12:45 pm. missoulawib@montana.com

**Balanced View Clarity Online Call.** Sundays, 11 am-noon, or Mondays 5-6 pm. Contact: CheyenneRivers@BalancedView.org. Visit http://www.Bright.how

**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, 6 pm, 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!

**350Missoula Coal & Renewables Committee.** Third Monday of each month, 5:30 pm, Imagine Nation Brewing. leemet@bieszky.net

**Women in Black of Polson.** Mondays, 12-12:30 pm, Polson courthouse. c211p110@earthlink.net

**Peace & Conflict Studies Group.** Thursday, 1-2 pm, JRPC. 406-697-5032. NO MEETING ON OCTOBER 11!

**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 every 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday, 1:15-3:15, JRPC. bonnie@bonnietarses.com

**Time Bank Orientation.** Contact info@missoulatimebank.org for individual and group orientation for new members at a location TBD

**Montana Moves To Amend.** Statewide phone calls 4th Tuesday of each month. Contact Sue at 543-3254

Articles Of Interest

**Amazon’s Sweatshop Culture.**

If you missed the "It’s complicated” Tell Us Something last month where Betsy Mulligan-Dague told the story of her friendship with Dan Gallaagher, here is the podcast. https://www.tellussomething.org/stories/2018/its-complicated/3211/

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1. We want to reimagine our community room space and we are looking for folks to help. If you have ideas or
creative energy to share, please call us.
2. We are always looking for good folks to help lead our organization by becoming great board
members. Call and talk to us about this great opportunity to be a bigger part of our great
family

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

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