Thanks to all the volunteers and NY Revelers who helped us usher in 2019 in peace!!

"A people without knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots." –Marcus Garvey

Dear friends,

Our un-conference last June, "Seeing the Elephant" brought together many different folks from our community to participate in conversation, debate and reflection around the question "Does my world look different from yours? One of the most engaging conversations was Dr. Udo Fluck session around "cultural identity" and it has continued to interest many in the months since. At their request, Dr. Udo Fluck and I are teaming up to offer a follow-up event that would have "cultural identity" as its central topic for presentations, discussions and community participation. Cultural Identity, a person's self-conception and self-perception, is related to nationality, ethnicity, religion, social class, generation, locality or any kind of social group that has its own distinct culture. Everyone has a cultural identity. In fact, you may have many "tribes" you belong to. Knowing where you come from gives us a sense of self.

Dr. Fluck is the new director of Global and Cultural Affairs at Arts Missoula and we are thrilled to know our city is forward thinking-enough to know the importance of cultural competence. Spend the morning with us this Saturday to explore your tribe and learn about others -- 9 am-12 noon in the Payne Native American Center. The event is free -- all you need to bring is your curiosity and presence -- and there will be light breakfast items provided...Betsy

**Calendar**

**Friday, January 25, 5-7pm, Montana Distillery (corner of Woody and Railroad downtown) Community Food & Agriculture's annual Membership Celebration.** Get a sneak peak at their new website and logo! Drinks will be provided by Montana Distillery, Western Cider, and House of Ferments, with festive snacks made lovingly from locally sourced products by Marianne Forrest!

**Saturday, January 26, 9 am-12 noon, Payne Family Native American Center.** Global and Cultural Affairs in Arts Missoula is excited to partner with the Jeannette Rankin Peace Center to offer Know Thyself: Cultural Identity Workshop hosted by Dr. Udo Fluck, Director, Global and Cultural Affairs and Betsy Mulligan-Daque, Executive Director, Jeannette Rankin Peace Center. The event is Free with coffee, tea and snacks provided. Have questions? Call (406) 543-3955

**Saturday, January 26, 9am-5pm, Red Willow Center. Emotional Intelligence: The 5**
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Emotional Cancers, based on the work of Dr. Stephen Covey -- the 5 C’s that drain our potential: criticizing, complaining, competing, contending and comparing. $95. Register HERE! 406-880-2639

Sunday, January 27, 1:30-4:30 pm, Har Shalom.  Introduction to the Community Resiliency Model of the Trauma Resource Institute, a free 3 hour workshop. You will leave the workshop with a better understanding of the nervous system, a few new strategies to help yourself and/or others, manage stress or trauma triggers, and perhaps a newer, gentler perspective on why we (and others) behave in the ways we do. RSVP to danaeisenberglcsw@gmail.com or call 406-239-1106.

Monday, January 28 at 7pm at City Council, 140 West Pine: Mayor’s Annual Proclamation to Overturn Citizens United by supporting the We the People Amendment: Please come to show Missoula’s support for calling on the US Congress to pass the We the People Amendment that says “Corporations are not People and Money is not speech.” Contact Sue 240-0610 of Montanans Move to Amend for more information.

Wednesday, January 30 at 6 pm at Missoula City Library, 301 East Pine: Free Chili Feed and Speak Out celebrating 9 years of progress against Citizens United and the bill in the Montana legislature that calls for the Amendment to overturn it: Come learn and share the possibilities! What will our country look like when our ideas can be heard because Money is no longer speech and Corporations no longer have unfair rights as people...Will we fight so many wars? Will we protect our future and our people differently? Will the workplace change? Will farming change? Will journalism change? Learn how you can support the bill in the Montana House that calls on the US Congress to pass the Amendment to the states. Please contact Sue 240-0610 of Montanans Move to Amend with questions or to volunteer.

Wednesday, January 30, 6:30 pm, Gallagher Business Building Room 123. The sixth annual Global Public Health Lecture Series tackles some of the most pressing global health issues facing the world today. Tonight hear Kirsten Tucker Pre-medical & Global Public Health student, & Global Grizzly at UM "Healthcare in Uganda: Three Months of Observing and Learning." Free and open to the public. For additional information visit http://hs.umt.edu/globalpublichealth, call program coordinator Kelly Yarns at 406-270-0869 or email kelly.yarns@mso.umt.edu. The Series continues through April 24. Upcoming sessions below. A full schedule is online at http://bit.ly/2RxFKT1.

- 2/6 -- Darin Bell, MD, "Healthcare in Borneo: The Interconnection Between Environmental & Human Health"
- 2/13 -- Joseph Carlson, "India: Chaotic Fluidity – Perceptions from a Rural Health Internship"

Thursday, January 31, 6:30 pm, Goodworks Ventures (129 West Alder). Legislative briefing sponsored by the Montana Environmental Information Center.

Thursday, February 7, 7 pm, Good Works Ventures (129 West Alder St.). Please join 350 Montana, a group confronting global warming right here in Montana, for a short presentation and discussion about the exciting Green New Deal. What is the Green New Deal? Why is it exciting? How can we start a dialogue about what it could mean for Montana? How can local groups get involved? Contact 350Montana@gmail.com for questions or go to our website: www.350montana.org

Monday, February 11, 5:30-7 pm, JRPC. Do you need a path forward as an American citizen that feels full of hope? Join us for a book and community discussion inspired by the 20th Anniversary of Marianne Williamson's book, Healing the Soul of America, a powerful reminder of the importance each of us play in moving the country forward. Champagne and fair trade chocolate will be served! **READING THE BOOK IS OPTIONAL. This is more so an important discussion about love and politics and your role.

Friday-Sunday, February 15-2, The Big Sky documentary Film Festival comes back to Missoula. JRPC is proud to again be sponsoring part of the festival. View the film selections at http://www.bigskyfilmfest.org/festival/current-films

Saturday-Monday, February 16-18, UM Campus. The University of Montana’s Black Student Union and The Student Involvement Network are pleased to announce the second annual Black Solidarity Summit, a time to celebrate black excellence and bring together representatives from black student unions, African student associations, and black studies programs around the Northwest to address issues of racial discrimination, political disenfranchisement, social organization, black academic enrollment, retention, and recruitment at their respective campuses. All social justice groups are welcome.

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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

Monday, February 18, 9 am-3 pm, Helena State Capital. Moms Demand Action Advocacy Day. RSVP

Wednesday, March 6, The Roxy. Details pending. In celebration of Women's History Month, every Wednesday there will be films directed by women, starring women. The film selection highlights particularly creative approaches to the art of filmmaking and offers points of view from America to around the globe. This week will feature FRIDA. Other films include:

- March 13 - THE LURE
- March 20 - PERSEPOLIS
- March 27 - WAITRESS

Action Opportunities

Gifford has a petition to tell Congress to pass H.R. 8, the universal background checks bill. https://action.giffords.org/page/s/petition-to-pass-universal-background-checks-bill?source=em190122-full


We accept nominations for peacemaker throughout the year. Now accepting for the 2020 award. Go to https://jrpc.org/programs/peacemaker-award/

Fair Trade News

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

Climate Smart Missoula. Second Tuesday 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, 11am-noon, or Mondays 5-6pm. 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

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.

Jewish Reading Group One Wednesday a month starting on January 23. Read Allegra Goodman's Kaaterskill Falls. readingjewsmissoula@gmail.com

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

Why We Shut Ourselves Off From Opposing Viewpoints

How Preschoolers Are Absorbing the Biases of Their Elders

Ways to Help JRPC

1. *We want to reimagine our community room space and we are looking for folks to help. If you have ideas or*
2. *creative energy to share, please call us.*
3. *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](http://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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