"If we stand tall, it is because we stand on the shoulders of many ancestors."
~African Proverb

Dear friends,

Nelson Mandela reminded us of how important it is “…to celebrate milestones as you prepare for the road ahead.” The road we face today is laden with ruts and rocks -- obstacles to the world we want. To any one of us, the obstacles may be unbearable. But together, it is a different story. We know we have much to be grateful for at JRPC. We stand on the shoulders of some pretty amazing founders and guardians, and we want to acknowledge them and their contribution to our journey. This year marks our 25th year owning our storefront on the "Hip Strip" and I continue to marvel at the foresight of those who gave us this gift and to rejoice in being part of this great community of businesses and residents. We invite you to share in our celebration on Tuesday, July 23 from 4-7 pm at the Gild (check out the details below). We are also planning a July 31 reunion of the folks who have served us as board members over our 33 years. We unfortunately don't have contact information for some of the 120+ folks on our list. So if you helped steer this organization as a member of the Coordinating Council and haven't heard from us, please call us at 543-3955 or send me an email. Let's celebrate the people and passion of the past and join together to raise the bar a little higher...Betsy

Calendar
Thursday, July 18, 5:30-7 pm, JRPC. Mark your calendar for our final international discussion with Humphrey Fellowship professional from around the world. This year will feature 15 mid-level folks from 15 countries in professions as varied as education, journalism and government. Tonight's discussion will focus on natural resources and environmental policy.
Sunday, July 21, 12-8 pm, Imagine Nation Brewing. Please join Recycling Works and Imagine Nation Brewing for our second glass drop-off event of the year! Drop-off in the back corner of Imagine Nation's parking lot where that big ole crane used to be. Cost is $5 per 5 gallon bucket filled (these buckets will be at the event), and all recyclers get $1 off a beer or kombucha, courtesy of Imagine Nation! $2 off coupons will be given for those bringing 20 or more gallons.

Tuesday, July 23, 4-7 pm, The Gild. Join JRPC for a celebration of our 25 years on the Hip Strip. A suggested donation of $25 includes snacks and 2 drinks. Jesse Dee will play music from 5-6:30 and everyone who comes will be entered into a raffle for a basket filled with goodies from our generous Hip Strip neighbors. Of course, you can purchase extra raffle tickets or items off teh Gild menu. Thanks for celebrating with us!

Tuesday, July 23, 12:30-2 pm, UC Rooms 330-331. The Humphreys Fellows have been doing service learning projects in many nonprofits around town (including JRPC). Come check out their poster sessions of their experiences and observations. It's a great chance to talk more with them before they leave for their fellowships.

Saturday, July 27, 2-7 pm, UM's English Language Institute is looking for community members to host 1-2 high school students from Kumamoto, Japan, (Montana’s sister state) for one afternoon. Hosts will coordinate an activity or excursion for their students and then provide dinner either at home or out. We need hosts for 23 students. Contact Sarah Biortis at sarah.biortis@mso.umt.edu or 243-5885.

Saturday, August 10, 7-10 pm, Western MT Fair. “Rock Your Rodeo Red” MMIWG (Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls) event at the PRCA Rodeo. Show your support for MMIWG families and survivors by purchasing an Indian Taco at the MUIHC booth and a Rock Your Rodeo Red t-shirt at the MUIHC informational booth. The support of the Western Montana Fair will enable MUIHC and the Missoula Human Trafficking Task Force to reach a broad audience of all Montanans who may be unaware of the severity of the MMIWG issue. https://www.facebook.com/events/390956038434167/

Thursday, August 15, 5:30 pm, PEAS Farm. Time for the annual Garden City Harvest Farm Party.

Thursday, September 19, 2-3:30 pm, Room 005 in the PARTV building. South & South-East Asian Studies presents: “Religion and the Arts: Poetry, Painting, and Performance from India”, an illustrated lecture by Dr. John Hawley, Professor of Religion at Columbia University. The lecture will be accompanied by music and visuals of dance. Co-sponsored by the School of Dance and Theater. FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Friday-Friday, September 20-27, Global Climate Strike https://globalclimatestrike.net/. Watch for local actions -- and let us know your ideas! Check out this behind-the-scenes look at 16-year-old Greta Thunberg and other young protest organisers as they orchestrate their first global climate strike.

Saturday, September 21 is the UN International Day of Peace. The theme this year is climate action for peace. We are planning some things locally and hope you can join in. https://www.un.org/en/events/peaceday/

Friday-Saturday, October 4-5, 8:30 am-4:30 pm, Fairmont Hot Springs. Core Skills Training: Mindful Self Compassion, Presenter: Steven Hickman, PsyD, Executive Director, Center for Mindful Self-Compassion. Event sponsored by Montana Center for Compassion Education. Email brochure requests to: mtcenterforcompassioneducation@gmail.com.

Sunday, October 13, 4-8 pm, Missoula County Fairgrounds, Home Arts Building. Get Ready to Celebrate for Peace at our annual Peace Party. Details soon, but let us know if you have ideas or want to volunteer or donate!!!

Friday, October 18, 6-10 pm, Hilton Garden Inn. World Affairs Council invites you to the Global Gauntlet featuring a no-host bar, gourmet sit-down dinner, silent and live auction, wine “pull” and six rounds of very spirited team trivia. PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS HERE! Please email the Council or call (406)728-3328 if you have any questions.

Action Opportunities
Here’s a list of organizations that need your support to continue working with asylum seekers on the border.

- **ActBlue Charities** set up a [link](https://actblue.com/civicrm/civicrm/civicrm%2Fmailing%2Fview&reset=1&id=470) that allows you to donate to 14 different organizations, including the **ACLU**, **United We Dream**, **Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project**. [Donate here](https://actblue.com/civicrm/civicrm/civicrm%2Fmailing%2Fview&reset=1&id=470).
- **RAICES** Texas-based organization offers free and low-cost legal services to immigrant children and families. [Donate here](https://www.raices.org/donate/).
- **KIND (Kids In Need of Defense)** provides legal representation to migrant children and lobbies to ensure their rights are protected. [Donate here](https://www.kindlaw.org/donate/).
- **Pueblo Sin Fronteras** provides humanitarian aid and shelter to migrants on their way to the U.S. [Donate here](https://www.pueblosinfronteras.org/donate/).
- **Al Otro Lado** provides legal services to deportees and migrants in Tijuana, Mexico, including deportee parents whose children remain in the U.S. [Donate here](https://aloトラルド.org/donate/).
- Arizona-based **Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project** offers free legal services to people in immigration custody. [Donate here](https://www.firrp.org/donate/).
- **Justice in Motion** helps parents, who have been deported without their children, reunite. [Donate here](https://www.jimlaw.org/donate/).
- **Texas Civil Rights Project** uses legal advocacy and litigation to help families separated at the border. [Donate here](https://www.tcrp.org/donate/).
- **Border Angels** supports San Diego County’s immigrant population and focuses on issues related to the U.S.-Mexico border. [Donate here](https://www.borderangels.org/donate/).
- **South Texas Pro Bono Asylum Representation Project (ProBAR)** supports over 1,000 unaccompanied children in detention centers across South Texas. [Donate here](https://www.probar.org/donate/).
- **Fronterizo Fianza Fund**, run by the Detained Migrant Solidarity Committee, assists families in raising bond money for detained immigrants. [Donate here](https://www.fronterizofianza.org/donate/).
- **National Immigrant Justice Center** fights for policy reform and provides legal services to immigrants, refugees, and asylum-seekers. [Donate here](https://www.immigrantjustice.org/donate/).
- **Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center** provides legal representation to migrants who otherwise can’t afford it. [Donate here](https://www.lasamericas.org/donate/).

Nuclear Age Peace Foundation ask all to [write to your Senators and Representative](https://www.montanapeace.org/womeninblack/) and protest the U.S. government’s treatment of asylum seekers and migrants at the nation’s southern border: family separation, deplorable conditions in detention centers, and even deaths of children and adults alike while in U.S. custody, all violations of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court’s “crimes against humanity”.

Campaign Nonviolence offers these ideas and actions to help Close the Camps.

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Be a host family for the Mansfield Center August 30-September 1: Students and young professionals studying global environmental issues. Host a pair from two of the following countries: Brunei, Myanmar, Thailand, Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia, Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, Timor Leste.

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**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!!!**

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**Ongoing Events and Meetings**

- **Women in Black & Veterans For Peace** Fridays, North end of the Higgins Bridge, 12:15-12:45 pm. [missoulawib@mco.montana.com](mailto:missoulawib@mco.montana.com)
- **Balanced View Clarity Online Call** Mondays 5-6 pm. Contact: CheyenneRivers@BalancedView.org. Visit [http://www.Bright.how](http://www.Bright.how)
- **Veterans For Peace** first Monday of each month, 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!
- **Women in Black of Polson** Mondays, 12-12:30 pm, Polson courthouse. [c211p110@earthlink.net](mailto:c211p110@earthlink.net)
- **Knitting For Peace** every Tuesday, 1–3 pm, JRPC. 543-3955.
- **Jewish Reading Group**, one Wednesday a month to discuss fiction. Contact us at [readingjewsmissoula@gmail.com](mailto:readingjewsmissoula@gmail.com). Come once or come every time!
- **Spanish Conversation Group** meets monthly at Iron Griz. Contact [joann@rockisland.com](mailto:joann@rockisland.com) for more information.
- **Nonviolent Communication Practice Group** Second and Fourth Wednesdays, 12-1 pm, JRPC [info@patrickmarsolek.com](mailto:info@patrickmarsolek.com)
- **The Cranium** creates origami delights every 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday, 1:15-3:15, JRPC. [bonnie@bonnietarses.com](mailto:bonnie@bonnietarses.com)
- **Time Bank Orientation** Contact [info@missoulatimebank.org](mailto: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

Thanks Missoulian for great coverage of the vigil to Close the Camps

As we begin a year-long commemoration of the 19th amendment, check out this Declaration of Sentiments developed and signed by early suffragists in July of 1848.

Check out the MP3 of the 2019 Peacemaker CELEBRATION AND WORKSHOP -- thanks to MCAT for the recording!

Here's your back to school ethical shopping guide for kids and college students

The 2020 Global Art for Peace registration is open. It's a fun project to make art as a group or individual and then share it with a partner around the world. Deadline to register will be February 29, 2020. Poster and flyer files for the exchange can be downloaded from our website at: http://www.globalartproject.org/about/posters.html

Have you read a good article that you'd like to share? Send us a link and we'll take a look!

Ways to Help JRPC

- We are looking for volunteers to fill the following positions:
  - Newsletter editor
- We are starting the planning for our fall Peace Party -- and we need you!! Give us a call!

Jeannette Rankin Peace Center ha 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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