Dear friends,

We pass along this message from our friends at the Missoula Urban Indian Health Center...According to the Sovereign Bodies Institute, over 50 indigenous women and girls went missing in the state of Montana in 2018. Indigenous women and girls make up around 3% to 4% of the population in the state but are around 30% of those deemed missing by the Montana Department of Justice. 97% of perpetrators of violent crime against indigenous women were non-native as found by the National Justice Institute. This is not just a reservation problem; urban areas such as Missoula and Billings have some of the highest cases of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG). Billings is ranked fifth in the nation for MMIWG cases, as stated by the Urban Health Institute. In response to this crisis, The Missoula Urban Indian Health Center (MUIHC), in partnership with the Missoula Human Trafficking Task Force, are committed to addressing this human rights issue.

Historically, red is the color associated with MMIWG awareness. August 10th is the “Rock Your Rodeo Red” MMIWG event at the PRCA Rodeo at the Western Montana Fair Grounds. 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.

This event will include an honoring drum song, a color guard of flags from all Montana tribes, and a procession of families impacted by the crisis. Please join us as we honor the lives and legacies of these indigenous women and girls.

“"The loss of these women affects our communities greatly. Each and every one of them left behind family, loved ones and in many cases children.” ~Denise Stonefish
Calendar

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 Bortis at sarah.bortis@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-Sunday, August 15-18, Spokane WA Doubletree Hotel. The 2019 National Convention of Veterans For Peace will be hosted by VFP Chapter 35 in Spokane, Washington, August 15-18. The theme of this year's convention is Sacred Lands, Sacred Lives: Peace Knows No Borders. Visit the Veterans For Peace website for more information about our Convention. If you'd prefer to mail in your registration you can download a PDF of the form.

Sunday, August 18, 5 pm, Red Hen Farm & Orchard. Join Community Food and Agriculture Coalition for their first 406 Farm Feast: an evening of delicious local food and beverages in Missoula’s beautiful Target Range. Get to know your local farmers, feast on local delights, and support local food and agriculture. Tickets $60: get them here.

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/

Sunday, September 22, 1-4 pm, Caras Park. Missoula Together celebrating all of us coming together with song, speeches and more.

Sunday, September 22 6-8 pm, Imagine Nation Brewing. POETry for Change. POETS Be the Voice--EmPOWER CommUNITY. Audience be ready to hear and act on the messages to create change for a Better World. Poets text Rita aka "Radska" host 406.544.9026 to learn more or to see about sign-ups!

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

World Beyond War asks us to sign their Declaration of Peace -- “I understand that wars and militarism make us less safe rather than protect us, that they kill, injure and traumatize adults, children and infants, severely damage the natural environment, erode civil liberties, and drain our economies, siphoning resources from life-affirming activities. I commit to engage in and support nonviolent efforts to end all war and preparations for war and to create a sustainable and just peace.” To sign this, and to get involved in many different ways go to https://worldbeyondwar.org

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 that allows you to donate to 14 different organizations, including the ACLU, United We Dream, the Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project, Donate here.
- RAICES Texas-based organization offers free and low-cost legal services to immigrant children and families. Donate here.
- KIND (Kids In Need of Defense) provides legal representation to migrant children and lobbies to ensure their rights are protected. Donate here.
- Pueblo Sin Fronteras provides humanitarian aid and shelter to migrants on their way to the U.S. Donate here.
- 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.
- Arizona-based Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project offers free legal services to people in immigration custody. Donate here.
- Justice in Motion helps parents, who have been deported without their children, reunite. Donate here.
- Texas Civil Rights Project uses legal advocacy and litigation to help families separated at the border. Donate here.
- Border Angels supports San Diego County’s immigrant population and focuses on issues related to the U.S.-Mexico border. Donate here.
- South Texas Pro Bono Asylum Representation Project (ProBAR) supports over 1,000 unaccompanied children in detention centers across South Texas. Donate here.
- Fronterizo Fianza Fund, run by the Detained Migrant Solidarity Committee, assists families in raising bond money for detained immigrants. Donate here.
- National Immigrant Justice Center fights for policy reform and provides legal services to immigrants, refugees, and asylum-seekers. Donate here.
- El Paso, TX-based Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center provides legal representation to migrants who otherwise can’t afford it. Donate here.

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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

Fair Trade News

Misoula'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

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 Mondays 5-6 pm. Contact: CheyenneRivers@BalancedView.org. Visit 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
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. Come once or come every time!
Spanish Conversation Group meets monthly at Iron Griz. Contact joann@rockisland.com for more information.
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

Climate change: 12 years to save the planet? Make that 18 months

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 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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