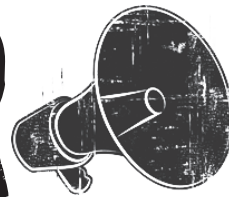


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The Community Grid

It's been 10 years since we started talking about replacing the I-81 viaduct. And over 50 years since Syracuse was decimated when the viaduct was first built through the heart of the city. It is time to reverse the high levels of racial and economic segregation this barrier has caused. It's time to reconnect Syracuse with the Community Grid.

Why Community Grid?

Inconveniencing people less, the Community Grid will take less time to build than the other options, taking a total of five years; the first two improving I-481 and I-90, and the last three removing and modifying city streets.

Fiscally responsible, this project will be funded by the people who live in the city, the county, the state and the nation, which makes the cost efficient Community Grid the most sensible option.

Environmentally friendly, the Community Grid will reduce emissions and increase green space, decreasing health impacts from pollutants.

Strongest economic growth, creating a unique opportunity for inclusive development. This is what other forward-thinking cities have done—cities which are now thriving.

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I created this heart map hoping to encourage others to embrace the Community Grid. This is about so much more than just a road. It is about the people who live in Syracuse. It's about righting a wrong. It's about healing Syracuse. I believe the Community Grid could mend a broken heart. – Elaine Denton

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The Syracuse Peace Council (SPC), founded in 1936, is an antiwar/social justice organization. We are community-based, autonomous and funded by the contributions of our supporters.

SPC educates, agitates and organizes for a world where war, violence and exploitation in any form will no longer exist. We challenge the existing unjust power relationships among nations, among people and between ourselves and the environment. As members, we work to replace inequality, hierarchy, domination and powerlessness with mutual respect, personal empowerment, cooperation and a sense of community.

Present social injustices cannot be understood in isolation from each other nor can they be overcome without recognizing their economic and militaristic roots. SPC stresses a strategy that makes these connections clear. We initiate and support activities that help build this sense of community and help tear down the walls of oppression. A fundamental basis for peace and justice is an economic system that places human need above monetary profit. We establish relationships among people based on cooperation rather than competition or the threat of destruction.

Our political values and personal lives shape and reflect each other. In both we are committed to nonviolent means of conflict resolution and to a process of decision-making that responds to the needs of us all.

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SPC'S FUND APPEAL

With the intensity of the US political scene and preparations for Plowshares, SPC's Fall Fund Appeal will be sent out after Plowshares. Please be as generous as you can. And if you don't receive an appeal in the mail or online, consider donating anyhow. We stretch each of your hard-earned dollars as far as we can.



Come for the joyous energy that is Plowshares. Photo: Mike Greenlar

COME TOGETHER AT PLOWSHARES! DECEMBER 1-2

Yes, yes, yes. Kwanzaa, Hanukah, the Winter Solstice and Christmas are fast approaching. The annual wait is over and the 48th annual SPC Plowshares Craftsfair and Peace Festival is here. Join us **Saturday, December 1st (10-5pm) and Sunday, December 2nd (11-5pm) at Nottingham High School (3100 E. Genesee St., Syracuse)** for peace and justice-related holiday purchases and food, entertainment, the silent auction, raffle, solidarity, political schmoozing and good fellowship. The donation is sliding scale \$2-5 (more if you can, less if you can't), with under 16 and over 65 free.

Plowshares is CNY's premier multicultural craftsfair, celebrating a world where people enjoy their work and have control over it. Featuring 120 local craftspeople and 10 community groups, it is a marketplace of ideas and beautiful handmade

items, a community gathering of people who hope and work for a better world.

It is also SPC's biggest fundraiser of the year. You can help even now by getting the word out—post flyers, tell your friends (bring a newbie or two), post on social media or put out a lawn sign. Consider donating an item to the raffle or silent auction, the more unusual the better. And the weekend itself needs many volunteers. Contact Carol to help.

Parking is ALWAYS a challenge so consider carpooling or parking in the JowonioSchool lot across the street (five free raffle tickets if you do park there). Sunday is usually somewhat less crowded.

Hoping for good weather and looking forward to seeing you there.

— Rae Kramer and Carol Baum

CNY SOLIDARITY COALITION AND THE ELECTION

With the mid-term election over, let's reflect on our political work over the last few months.

The CNY Solidarity Coalition represents a broad political spectrum, from Green Party, socialists, and militant independents to mainstream Democrats. The Coalition has a foundational principal, to not align with any party. We have, however, reached an internal agreement that allows for sharing of information about candidates whose platforms are broadly consistent with the Coalition's mission.

Many Coalition members, and the Indivisible 24 group (formerly called the Federal Legislative Action Team)

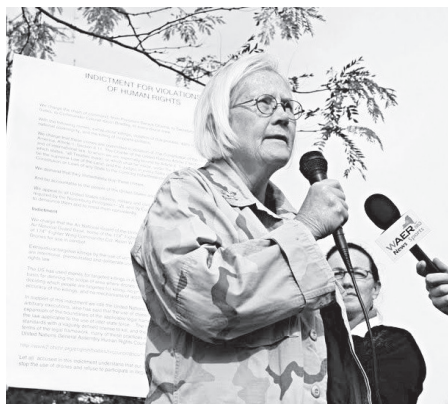
in particular, have been highly active in campaigns, spending thousands of hours calling, doorknocking, organizing and otherwise contributing. This has been especially true for the campaigns of Dana Balter and Rachel May. Much appreciation to them both.

Following the election, CNY Solidarity Coalition will focus on next steps: how to influence elected officials as well as continue our efforts to defend marginalized groups, protect the environment, and resist the war economy. To see our meeting schedule, visit cnysolidarity.org.

— Peter McCarthy

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BEYOND WAR AND MILITARISM CRANKS IT UP



Ann Wright speaking about drones at a press conference in Syracuse, 2011. Photo: Carol Baum

The Beyond War and Militarism Committee (BWaM) continued its monthly Alternative Education series with a presentation on Korea by Dr. Fred Carriere on October 9 (see page 13). The series

continues to offer free programs by well-know activists, with **Ann Wright speaking on November 27** at ArtRage Gallery (505 Hawley Ave., Syracuse) at 7pm. Ann is a retired army colonel turned diplomat, who resigned in protest of the US invasion of Iraq, for which she is highlighted in the Americans Who Tell the Truth series (see page 15). Recently having returned home from Pakistan, Turkey, Thailand, Spain, Ireland and Germany, Ann will share her international experiences in resisting war.

Ron Van Norstrand, one of three Veterans for Peace (VFP) members in BWaM, recently asked downtown Syracuse churches to ring their bells at 11am, November 11, and for veterans and others to vigil. This is part of a VFP movement to reclaim November 11 as Armistice Day, a day that 100 years ago at WWI's end had been designated as "a day to be

dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated." After WWII, the US Congress rebranded it as Veterans Day, which quickly became a day for a glorification of the military.

Other BWaM updates: The *Post-Standard* published a letter by Ron explaining that our August 30 demonstration at the Lockheed Martin facility in Salina was not aimed at employees, but at Lockheed's "manufacture and sale of weapons, especially the bomb that Saudi Arabia had...used to obliterate the busload of (mostly) children in Yemen." BWaM also has become an affiliate of World Beyond War.

BWaM is a joint committee of the Syracuse Peace Council and the CNY Solidarity Coalition.

— Barry Gordon and Carol Baum

THANKS TO OUR FALL INTERNS

This fall, we've been fortunate to have four phenomenal interns join us, all from Syracuse University.

Andreea Stirescu, an international relations major, has lent her research and artistic skills and determination to anti-militarism organizing projects. Hayley Madigan, also majoring in international relations, has been especially helpful with the Plowshares Craftsfair's written program and amplifying our social media

promotion of the event. Georgina Wang, a political science major, has jumped into several projects, including soliciting donations for Plowshares' Silent Auction and promoting Plowshares to SU students. Marni Libby, a linguistics major, has assisted with NOON's *Witness to Injustice* project.

We appreciate all that our interns have been contributing to our work!

— Michaela Czerkies

CONTINUING THE FIGHT FOR A NUCLEAR-FREE FUTURE

On October 9, the Nuclear Free World (NFW) and Beyond War and Militarism committees presented a talk by Professor Frederick Carriere, political scientist and director of the Korean Peninsula Affairs Center at Syracuse University. He spoke on the latest developments with North Korea and how ordinary people can promote diplomacy and prevent nuclear disaster (see page 13).

NFW members continue to meet with aides to Senators Schumer and Gillibrand. Last spring we delivered over 1,000 petition signatures and this month submitted more supporting S.200, a bill for Restricting First Use of Nuclear

Weapons, which Schumer still has not co-sponsored. The bill would restrict the President from using the Armed Forces to conduct a first-use nuclear strike without a congressional declaration of war authorizing such a strike.

We will follow up on National Peace Action's response to Trump's dangerous threat to withdraw from the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty, the 1987 nuclear disarmament treaty with Russia. Mikhail Gorbachev, who signed the treaty, called the threat reckless and not the work of "a great mind."

— Margrit Diehl

THINGS WE COULD USE AT THE OFFICE

'Tis the season of giving! Do you have any of these items that you'd like to donate? The SPC office could always use some good-quality supplies:

- Card table, small rectangular table
- Folding chairs
- Megaphone/bullhorn
- Projector screen
- 2-line answering machine
- iPad 5+ or Android 5.0+ tablet
- Space heater
- Pop-up tent
- Bungee cords
- Office coffee maker
- Kitchen towels
- Gift cards to Recess or Picasso's
- Sheets (to make banners)
- Craft supplies (paints, brushes)

For a full list of items, see tinyurl.com/yddwmfw5

— SPC Staff

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END THE US-SAUDI WAR ON YEMEN

by Michael Kelly

Editor's note: This piece is extensively footnoted. All the footnotes are listed in the online version, with easy-to-follow links.

On August 9, 2018, a US-Saudi airstrike hit a school bus in Yemen and killed 40 Yemeni school boys. Several Yemeni freelance journalists documented on Twitter that the attack was carried out with an MK-82 guided bomb produced by Lockheed Martin, the leading US defense contractor. This event catalyzed an August 31 public protest outside Lockheed Martin's facility in Syracuse, and then a teach-in on October 14 about the US-Saudi war on Yemen.

Lockheed Martin employs 1,600 people locally. In July 2016, the company renewed a \$1 million donation to the Institute for Veterans and Military Families at Syracuse University, and a former Lockheed VP of Strategy and Business Development sits on the institute's board. Lockheed Martin has deep, concrete ties to the local university and economy. This is not at all a distant or faraway conflict.

Background and the US role

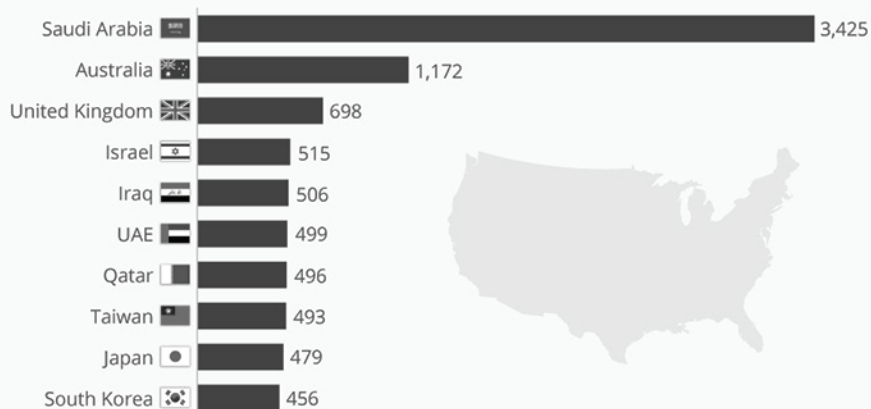
The US-Saudi war on Yemen has gone on for over 3.5 years (since March 2015), and has caused the worst cholera outbreak in modern history. UN officials have described the conflict, and the dire situation, as "catastrophic," "apocalyptic," and the "worst humanitarian crisis in the world." Save the Children reports 113,000 children died of preventable causes in 2016 and 2017 alone, and airstrikes have killed over 10,000 civilians. The Saudi-led coalition has bombed civilian infrastructure, including water, sanitation, and medical facilities.

Many Yemeni activists and writers have stressed that the conflict is indeed a *US-Saudi war* on Yemen. The US provides crucial and extensive support to the Saudi-led coalition: weapons, training, targeting assistance, mid-air refueling, diplomatic

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The USA's Biggest Arms Export Partners

Value of arms imported from the United States in 2017, by country (in million TIV*)



* TIV (trend-indicator value) is based on the known unit production costs of weapons and represents the transfer of military resources rather than the financial value of the transfer.

The US weapons export. Graphic: Creative Commons

support, and mercenary and special forces troops deployed at the Saudi-Yemeni border. The US Navy assists the land, air, and sea blockade of the country. Experts have said that if the US withdrew support, the war could end tomorrow.

Five Reasons Why the US Supports the War on Yemen

1) It benefits the Military-Industrial Complex

In March 2018, when Trump met with Mohammad Bin Salman (the Saudi crown prince and defense minister), he held up a poster board on camera and transparently spoke about how much money the US-Saudi alliance, including the war on Yemen, makes for US companies and defense contractors. After recent backlash to the Khashoggi killing, Trump again stressed the importance of 110 billion dollars in weapons sales to Saudi Arabia. Under President Obama, the US sold more than \$115 billion in weapons, equipment and training to the kingdom.

2) Re-election strategy and "job creation" narrative

Trump's second poster showed his intention to use these arms contracts to "create jobs" in Ohio, Florida, Michigan, and other swing states. This could be part of a cynical 2020 re-election plan. It also

appeals to a shallow "pro-worker" politics, which suggests we must beg existing corporations (including those complicit in murder and imperialism abroad) to employ people, rather than imagine alternative economies or guarantee full employment by right.

3) Control of the Bab el-Mandeb Strait, a strategic chokepoint and trade route

Yemen controls the Bab el-Mandeb strait, a 12-mile wide waterway through which over 4.8 million barrels of oil travel per day. It connects maritime commerce between the Mediterranean Sea and the Indian Ocean. In July 2018, when the Houthis (a northern tribal group that drove the Hadi government into self-exile in 2014) were accused of firing two missiles at trade ships in the strait, the US business press (*Wall Street Journal*, *CNBC*, *Bloomberg*, etc.) reported in straight dollar-and-cents terms what losing control of this trade route could mean to US corporations' bottom lines. "The increased distances would add to shipping and fuel costs, and also disrupt supplies," wrote *Bloomberg*.

4) Consistent with US record of backing autocratic leaders

The US government has long backed reactionary, autocratic states in the Gulf

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region. US support for Saudi Arabia then is not strange or deviational. In fact, Saudi Arabia exists in its current form because of the US and Britain. In the early 20th century, the British government backed the House of Saud in its brutal tribal wars to consolidate power. In February 1945, FDR met with Saudi King Abdul Aziz and agreed to guarantee the monarchy's security in exchange for privileged access to Saudi oil.

Ali Abdullah Saleh ruled Yemen for 33 years, as the president of North Yemen from 1978 to 1990, and as the president of a unified Yemen from 1990 to 2011. From 2001 to 2011, he gave the US free rein to carry out drone strikes and disastrous post-9/11 policies in the country. The study *Living Under Drones* documents the terror US drone warfare wrought on Yemeni civilians, including the bombings of funerals, wedding parties, and open-air cafes. This is entirely consistent with the US State Department's record of working hand-in-hand with brutal strongmen, who bend to US geopolitical aims.

5) US imperialism helps impose global capitalism on areas of the Global South

The US-Saudi campaign seeks to reinstate the government of Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi. After Saleh stepped down in 2011 and transferred power to Hadi, his vice president of 18 years (in a process overseen by the US and other Gulf states), Hadi joined the World Trade Organization (WTO) and began implementing neoliberal reforms.

The Hadi government agreed to privatize 11 of Yemen's 12 economic sectors, and 78 of its 120 sub-sectors. He



Yemeni-Americans protesting outside the hotel hosting the Saudi delegation to the UN General Assembly in September 2018. Photo: Ahmad Alghobary

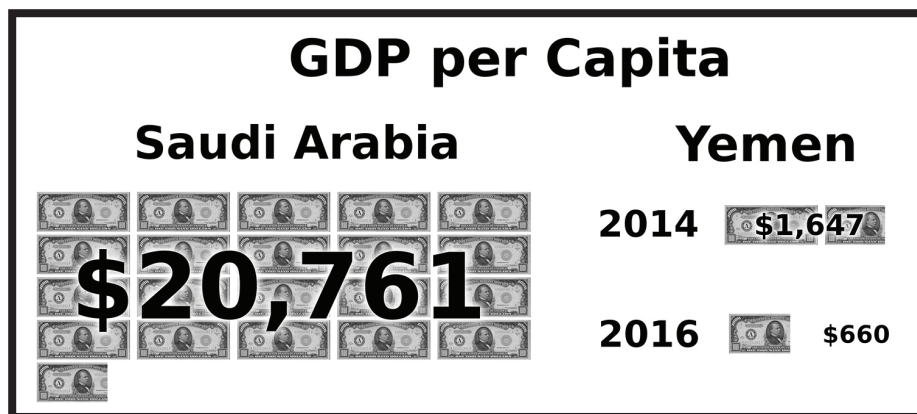
“liberalized markets”—that is, opened up Yemen's economy to competition on the world market, a move over which many Yemeni public-sector workers protested and threatened to strike. Hadi also imposed austerity—the drastic cutting of social services—most notably, cutting fuel subsidies in 2014 under a World Bank/International Monetary Fund (IMF) proposal, which further impoverished poor Yemenis, and caused civil unrest.

This is a familiar playbook that, for decades, the US and IMF have enacted in Latin America, Africa, Eastern Europe, and other areas of the Global South.

Yemeni-led Organizing and Direct Action

As a white organizer and US citizen, it's essential for me to follow the direction and leadership of directly impacted people, both Yemenis in Yemen and the Yemeni refugee community in New York State and the US. There are several ongoing, Yemeni-led efforts to end the US-Saudi war, and it's important to show up and offer them material support (donations, platforms, volunteer labor, etc.). Last month, Yemeni-Americans protested outside the UN General Assembly in NYC, condemning both the US and Saudi governments. The Yemeni Alliance Committee in California publicly protested Mohammed Bin Salman's visit to Silicon Valley in April 2018. In January 2017, over 1,000 Yemeni-owned bodegas engaged in a one-day strike to protest Trump's Muslim Ban.

I hope the movement in Syracuse continues to grow and remains faithful to these principles. Even small disruptions in the imperial core—the US—can create large openings for resistance in the Global South. ☪



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A YEAR IN REVIEW: HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE WORKERS' CENTER OF CENTRAL NEW YORK

by Rebecca Fuentes and Kayla Kelechian



Albany Mobilization, April 2018. Assemblymember Marcos Crespo (85th District) publicly sponsors the bill to ensure equal access to driver's licenses for all NYS residents, regardless of immigration status.

Green Light NY Campaign: Driving Together

The Green Light NY: Driving Together campaign seeks to ensure equal access to driver's licenses for all residents of New York State, regardless of immigration status.

Marcos A. Crespo introduced the bill to the Assembly on April 18, 2018. Members of the directly affected community, allies and organizers came together to present the bill and celebrate its introduction. Advocates and affected community members mobilized a large action of over 500 people on May 14 to visit their assembly members as a follow-up.

Currently we have around 30 assembly members and 10 senate members co-sponsoring the bill. We continue our legislative approach. At the local level, assembly members Pamela Hunter and Bill Magnarelli have signed onto the campaign as co-sponsors.

In August, Syracuse Common Council President Helen Hudson and Councilor Joe Driscoll spoke at a press conference held by the Workers' Center of Central New York. They announced their support for the Green Light NY: Driving Together campaign and the need for more support at the local level.

On October 30, Syracuse's Mayor Ben Walsh signed onto the Green Light NY campaign in a private setting with Workers'

Center of Central New York members and organizers. Also present were members of the CNY Solidarity Coalition, Syracuse Immigrant and Refugee Defense Network, and Abolish ICE 10. The Mayor discussed the campaign, expressed his support and listened to personal stories from Workers' Center members.

For more information please visit greenlightnewyork.org.

Campaña Green Light NY: Manejando juntos

Una campaña para permitir el acceso a las licencias de conducir para todos los neoyorquinos, independientemente de su estatus migratorio. A través de esta campaña, el Centro de Trabajadores del Centro de Nueva York puede enfocarse en las licencias como una de las soluciones para terminar con las separaciones familiares, y enfocarse en cómo la campaña permitiría la libertad de movimiento y la seguridad para la comunidad indocumentada.

Albany, 18 de abril de 2018, Marcos A. Crespo presenta el proyecto de ley a la Asamblea en Albany. Los miembros de la comunidad, aliados y organizadores directamente afectados se reunieron para presentar el proyecto de ley y celebrar su presentación.

Albany, 14 de mayo de 2018 desde la presentación por el asambleísta Marcos A. Crespo, el Centro de Trabajadores y otras organizaciones, aliados y miembros de la comunidad directamente afectados, movilizó una gran acción de más de 500 personas para realizar visitas legislativas a los miembros de la asamblea como seguimiento. Hasta las facturas de introducción al montaje.

Actualmente tenemos alrededor de 30 miembros de la asamblea y 10 miembros del Senado copatrocinando el proyecto de ley. Continuamos con nuestro enfoque legislativo y, a nivel local, las personas de la asamblea Pamela Hunter y Bill Magnarelli, se han unido a la campaña como copatrocinadores.

En agosto de 2018, la Presidenta del Consejo Común de Syracuse, Helen Hudson, y la Consejera, Joe Driscoll, hablaron en una conferencia de prensa celebrada en el Centro de Trabajadores del Centro de Nueva York. Anunciaron su apoyo a Greenlight NY: Campaña conduciendo juntos y la necesidad de más apoyo a nivel local.

30 de octubre de 2018 El alcalde de Syracuse, Ben Walsh, firma en Greenlight NY en un entorno privado con miembros y organizadores del Centro de Trabajadores del Centro de Nueva York. También estuvieron presentes miembros de CNY Solidarity, Syracuse Immigrant and Refugee Defence Network y Abolish ICE 10. El alcalde habló sobre la campaña, su apoyo y escuchó historias personales de miembros del Centro de Trabajadores.

Para obtener más información, visite el sitio web de Greenlight NY: Driving Together para obtener más información en greenlightnewyork.org

Rebecca is Lead Organizer of the Workers' Center of Central New York. Kayla is also an organizer with the Workers' Center and a member of the Syracuse Immigrant and Refugee Defense Network.

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Immigrant Rights Activism

Syracuse Immigrant and Refugee Defense Network (SIRDN) has been vital to deportation defense in the Central New York Region. The group was initially created as an ally group under the direction of the Workers' Center of Central New York, and as a Rapid Response Network to assist those experiencing deportation or those in danger of being detained. The group created a card with an emergency hotline number for those needing immediate assistance, which was a great asset to many Workers' Center members. SIRDN offers orientation and trainings to new members, holds bi-weekly meetings, and monitors Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) activity in the area. SIRDN had to focus on the Regional Transportation Center due to the racial profiling and harassment of immigrants at the station, on Amtrak trains and on Greyhound buses. SIRDN collaborated with the Rochester Rapid Response Network which also focuses on Greyhound, Amtrak and Border Patrol. The group continues to work toward the defense of our immigrant communities.

If interested in joining please visit www.facebook.com/SyracuseIRDN/.

Activismo por los derechos de los inmigrantes

La Red de Defensa de Inmigrantes y Refugiados de Syracuse ("SIRDN") ha sido vital para la defensa de deportación en la región central de Nueva York. El grupo se creó inicialmente como un grupo aliado bajo la dirección del Centro de Trabajadores del Centro de Nueva York, y como una Red de Respuesta Rápida para ayudar a las personas que son deportadas o que están en peligro de ser detenidas. El grupo creó una tarjeta con un número de línea directa de emergencia para aquellos que necesitaban asistencia inmediata y fue una gran ventaja para muchos miembros del Centro de Trabajadores. SIRDN ofrece orientación y capacitación a nuevos miembros, organiza reuniones quincenales y supervisa las actividades de Aduanas y Patrulla Fronteriza (CBP), Inmigración y Control de Aduanas (ICE) en el área. SIRDN ha tenido que concentrarse en el Centro Regional de Transporte debido al perfil racial y al hostigamiento de inmigrantes en la estación, en amtrak y en autobuses de galgos. La Red de Defensa de Inmigrantes y Refugiados de Syracuse ha creado una colaboración con la Red de Respuesta Rápida de Rochester, que también se centra en galgos, amtrak y Patrulla



Members of Workers' Center and Black Lives Matter end a protest against separation of families and in support of the Green Light NY campaign. Photo: Workers' Center archives.

Fronteriza. El grupo continúa trabajando para la defensa de nuestras comunidades inmigrantes.

Hosting Guatemalan and Mexican Consulates at the Workers' Center

The Workers' Center of Central New York hosted the Guatemalan Consulate on June 26. The Guatemalan Consulate was here for a day and served over 200 nationals. WCCNY organizers gave updates about the Greenlight NY Campaign, shared information on Worker and Immigration Rights, and signed-up new interested members to learn more about us.

In August, The Workers' Center of Central NY hosted the Mexican Mobile Consulate for three days. They served over 62 individuals.

Hospedaje de Consulados de Guatemala y México en el Centro de Trabajadores

El Centro de los Trabajadores del centro de Nueva York recibió el Consulado de Guatemala el 26 de junio. El Consulado de Guatemala estuvo aquí por un día y atendió a más de 200 nacionales que buscaban los servicios ofrecidos por el consulado móvil. Los organizadores del WCCNY pudieron brindar actualizaciones sobre la Campaña Greenlight NY, compartir información sobre los Derechos de los Trabajadores y la Inmigración, y registrar nuevos miembros interesados para obtener más información sobre el Centro de los Trabajadores del Centro de Nueva York.

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En agosto, el Centro de Trabajadores de Nueva York Central anunció que albergaría el Consulado Móvil de México durante tres días. El consulado mexicano atendió a más de 62 personas.

WCCNY Futbol Tournament

On July 22, 2018, members and organizers of the Workers' Center of Central New York organized the annual Soccer tournament. The tournament is an annual family-friendly event that allows for workers, staff, members and allies to come together.

Workers and members, many from Latin America, enjoyed the gathering, soccer matches, and delicious Latin American food. Workers' Center of Central New York raised money via raffle tickets and food.

Torneo de fútbol WCCNY

El 22 de julio de 2018, miembros y organizadores del Centro de Trabajadores del Centro de Nueva York organizaron el torneo anual de fútbol. El torneo es un evento anual para familias que permite que los trabajadores, el personal, los miembros y los aliados se reúnan durante el verano.

Los trabajadores y miembros, muchos de América Latina, disfrutaron de la reunión, los partidos de fútbol y la deliciosa comida latinoamericana. El Centro de Trabajadores del centro de Nueva York recaudó dinero a través de boletos de rifas y comida.

Tuvimos seis equipos que participaron en el torneo. Nos unimos este año con un nuevo equipo de nuevos estadounidenses, llamado Tillie's Touch, que se ubicó primero en el torneo.

"Can My Boss Do That?"

The Workers' Center of Central New York is establishing a monthly series titled "Can My Boss Do That?" The series is open to low-wage workers who are curious about what bosses can and cannot do. Every month we will be focusing on different topics. The next meeting is on Saturday, Nov 17, from 10-noon, and will cover workplace issues like the Family Medical Leave Act, vacation and sick days. November marks the second month that Workers' Center of Central New York will host the event. This is a safe space for all workers to gather and discuss workplace issues. Please spread the word and invite your friends and coworkers.

"¿Puede mi jefe hacer eso?"

El Centro de Trabajadores del Centro de Nueva York está estableciendo una serie mensual titulada "¿Puede mi jefe hacer eso?" La serie está abierta a los trabajadores de bajos salarios que sienten curiosidad por lo que los jefes pueden y no pueden hacer. Cada mes nos enfocaremos en diferentes temas, del 17 de noviembre de 10 am a 12 pm, hablaremos sobre temas laborales como la Ley de Ausencia Médica Familiar, vacaciones y días de enfermedad. Noviembre marcará el segundo mes en que el Centro de los Trabajadores de Central New York será el anfitrión del evento. Este es un espacio seguro para que todos los trabajadores se reúnan y discutan temas del lugar de trabajo, por favor siéntase libre de compartir la información. ☺

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ORGANIZING COMMUNITY FOR THE GRID

PNL editorial committee members Carol Baum and Elaine Denton spoke with Joseph Driscoll, an organizer and Syracuse Common Councilor. What follows is adapted from that conversation.

Where are we currently with respect to the decision of which option will replace the I-81 viaduct through downtown Syracuse?

There are currently three options on the table—rebuilding the I-81 viaduct, the Community Grid and the tunnel. The State Department of Transportation (DOT) is working on an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which will compare the options with respect to environmental, economic and social implications. Originally the study did not include the tunnel, but it was included later due to pressure from elected officials, in particular State Senator DeFrancisco.

The release of the EIS is the next big step in the decision-making process. There isn't a definite release date yet, but it probably will be January or February, 2019—so very soon.

How will the decision get made?

Tons of money are at stake regarding which option is chosen as well as huge differences in impacts on people, so there are many complex interactions. How the final decision gets made is not transparent. Joe believes that the final decision will be made by the DOT, but the Governor will be very influential in what DOT eventually decides. Currently the DOT says they are listening to elected officials, and the elected officials say they are listening to DOT.

The main decision-making players are the public, elected officials and the DOT. But there is no formula as to how much each will influence the final decision. After the EIS is presented and public comments are made, local elected officials will be expected to weigh in. The governor will ask them what they think and what they are hearing.

One question is, as the constituency most directly impacted by the decision, will Syracusans' opinions have more weight than others, or will every part of the region have equal say? Some local officials feel that the temptation to make a city versus suburbs argument should be resisted; others argue that someone using I-81 to get from Syracuse University to a suburb as quickly as possible shouldn't have the same influence as someone living right next to it.

How can people have an impact on the decision-making?

What Joe hears from elected officials is that they don't hear a unanimous voice from Syracusans. They are hearing from the Save I-81 people, but are not hearing from those supporting the Community Grid in the same way. They want to hear from people who have weighed the options and have come up with a conclusion.

Once the EIS comes out, the DOT will have at least 45 days for public comments. This will be a key period to show the strength of support for the Community Grid.

What groups are advocating for the community grid?

Community for the Grid (C4G) is a recently-formed umbrella group of community grid supporters. This includes the CNY Solidarity Coalition, Moving People Transportation Coalition (connected with Alliance for Transforming Syracuse), Uplift Syracuse, National Action Network (NAN), ReThink 81, Northside Up, American Institute of Architects, Kids for the Grid, Suburbs for Grid, the Walsh Administration, Syracuse Common Council and members of the development community (these are people who have a wholistic vision of a reunited Syracuse—what that will do for community progress and economic growth).

What is the postcard campaign?

Community for the Grid is organizing a postcard campaign. The vision is to tangibly show Syracusans' support of the Community Grid, with tens of thousands of postcards. Four duplicate postcards will be sent, with one each to Gov. Cuomo, the signer's state assembly member and state senator, and the DOT.

To get the postcards out, many people will be needed to take them door-to-door, as well as bring them to public events and distribute them to groups.

What else will be needed?

A public awareness/educational campaign will be needed as a companion to the postcard campaign. This means:



- Speakers and outreach
- Social media content
- Letters to the editor
- Website and social media
- Informational materials
- Money

To learn more about the community grid check out the ReThink 81 website at rethink81.org.

To join the campaign go to communityforthegrid.com

Let's build a stronger, unified Syracuse for everyone. ♡

HEAT OUR HOMES, NOT THE PLANET!

by Lindsay Speer

It's that time of year when we turn on the heat, watch our energy bills rise, and wish that there was a way to stay comfortable through the winter without sending money to fossil fuel companies, who are driving climate change and climate denial in the US.

But we *can* warm our homes without warming the planet! Heat pumps are devices that look like furnaces or central A/C units and are a common way of heating and cooling relatively unknown in NYS. Unlike conventional heating that inefficiently combusts fossil fuels, heat pumps work by bringing heat from the outside into our homes. For ground-source (or "geothermal") heating, vertical or horizontal heat exchange loops go into the ground and draw on the stable temperature of the earth. Cold climate air source heat pumps pull heat from the air as low as -19° F. The heat pumps then "pump up" the heat to the temperature you want in your home. These systems are 400% more efficient than conventional heating and cooling systems, increase capacity on our electrical grid, and reduce pollutants in the home such as carbon monoxide.



HeatSmart CNY, a new campaign of the Alliance for a Green Economy (AGREE) and the CNY Regional Planning and Development Board, is helping home and building owners learn about their options and connect with installers. It's time for a heat pump revolution!

HeatSmart CNY builds on the successful community organizing work of HeatSmart Tompkins and the local Solarize campaigns which helped homeowners install solar panels on 300 homes in CNY. HeatSmart CNY will educate people about the innovations in technology and financing that are making geothermal and cold climate air source heat pumps affordable options for our region, and connect people with qualified installers. Even so, these are not really brand new technologies; local companies have been installing geothermal systems for decades. Over 45 geothermal and 16 air source systems were installed in Central NY in the past year alone.

Widespread installation of heat pumps is key to meeting NYS's greenhouse gas emission reduction commitments. Physicians, Scientists and Engineers for Healthy Energy testified to the

Lindsay is the Campaign Manager for HeatSmart CNY with Alliance for a Green Economy (AGREE). She is a longtime local community organizer on environmental and energy issues and also a member of Neighbors of the Onondaga Nation (NOON).

Public Service Commission that we need to install heat pumps in over 200,000 homes per year to meet NYS's goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 40% below 1990 levels by 2030. Heat pumps are also key to increasing our climate resiliency in a warming world—they provide cooling in our increasingly hot summers far more efficiently than conventional air conditioners, which helps decrease summer peak electricity loads.

Heat pumps' role in our clean energy transition is so important that the NYS Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) is funding HeatSmart CNY and seven other community campaigns around the state, and encouraging more to be developed. HeatSmart CNY is one of only two in the state to be funded by NYSEDA for workforce development and the only campaign in this first round to receive funding for a low-to-moderate income (LMI) program to provide additional subsidies for LMI households, along with a multi-family retrofit project. HeatSmart CNY will address barriers to implementation of ground source and air source heat pumps, and promote an energy transition rooted in social justice. Everyone deserves an affordable, comfortable home and access to good jobs.

At HeatSmart CNY workshops, building owners can learn more about how heat pumps work, what they look like, and incentives and financing options. Like Solarize, installers will be there to answer your questions. We will host many open houses so that community members can see actual homes which already heat and cool with heat pumps. Many of these also power their heat pumps with solar panels—truly renewable heating and cooling!

The HeatSmart CNY campaign is starting in Syracuse and Onondaga County, and will move in 3-4 month campaigns through Cayuga, Cortland, Madison and Oswego counties. While people in the five counties can sign up at HeatSmartCNY.org for a consultation through May 2020, during the campaigns we'll focus on communities which have high percentages of residents on oil and propane, and good community networks which can organize many homes and businesses to go geothermal or air source at the same time (for geothermal, this can drive down drilling costs). If you think your community is a good fit, tell us why on the website. The success of HeatSmart CNY will depend on volunteers and enthusiastic community partners. Come to our events to learn more and get involved, visit HeatSmartCNY.org or call Lindsay at 315-480-1515 to enroll or volunteer. ☘

Upcoming Event

Geothermal Home Open House

Sunday, November 18th

2PM - 4:30PM

305 E. Genesee St., Fayetteville NY

(please park on side street)



MARGE RUSK !PRESENTE!*

(1928 – 2018)



Marge at her crafts table at Plowshares, with her herbs and catnip. Photo: SPC Archives

Not one to compartmentalize, Marge embodied the wisdom of “think global, act local.” A long-time Syracuse South Side community activist, her decades-long career also entailed environmental and local peace and justice work.

Marge got involved with the Syracuse Peace Council in the 1950s. As one of the Peace Council’s most steadfast and enduring members, Marge served on SPC’s steering committee. Until her late eighties Marge was a weekly office volunteer. SPC old-timers may remember that for years she was a vendor at Plowshares Craft-fair—offering her wreathes and home-grown dried mint for tea.

From the Viet Nam War years on, Marge provided draft counseling at AFSC. She took part in numerous annual Hiroshima Day processions in Syracuse, as well as joining our School of the Americas Abolitionist carloads to demos in Washington, DC. Fluent in Spanish, Marge also took part in Witness for Peace delegations to Chiapas and Colombia (where she had lived as a young woman).

One of us (Ed) recalls hitchhiking in the nineties with Marge over to Western Massachusetts. We were heading for Colrairie, MA to take part in the campaign to support war tax resisters when the feds confiscated their rural home and auctioned it off. In that months-long nonviolent campaign there were many arrests and some jailings.

Marge was an avid birder. For years she helped coordinate the local Audubon Society’s annual bird count. On road trips all we had to do was mention one of the region’s various bird species and Marge would expertly regale us with that bird’s call. To provide habitat for these beloved creatures, Marge left her yard on West Calthrop Ave unmowed and wild. The city’s housing code inspectors weren’t happy. But Marge managed to stay out of sight when they came ringing her bell.

Marge is survived by her son Chris Spies-Rusk (an SPC volunteer who as a youth often accompanied his mom to demonstrations) and grandson, Ben. ☸

– Ed Kinane and Ann Tiffany are long-time friends of Marge.

*“!Presente!” is Latin American Spanish indicating the spirit of the deceased remains alive among us.



Marge at the 2009 Hiroshima Day Procession, in which she participated for many years. Photo: Mike Greenlar

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IS RAPPROCHEMENT WITH NORTH KOREA MERELY A MIDSUMMER'S DREAM?

This piece was adapted by Diane Swords from a presentation by Prof. Frederick Carriere at ArtRage Gallery on October 9 sponsored by the Beyond War and Militarism Committee.

How the Korean War Transformed the US

Unlike the Viet Nam War, the Korean War didn't brand a generation and is forgotten by the general public. Yet Bruce Cumings, the leading American expert on the Korean War, argues that it was an occasion of fundamental transformation for the US. This is embodied in the establishment of US military bases all over the globe, the deployment of a large standing army, and the creation of a national security state at home.

The military had been a negligible factor in the US prior to the Cold War era. The Korean War gave rise to the deeply entrenched US military-industrial complex. Since the "open door" policy in 1900, Washington's goal in Northeast Asia has been to ensure free access to its markets. The US wanted indigenous governments strong enough to maintain independence and public order, but not strong enough to oppose Western influence. With the rise of China and increased wavering in the US about its global commitments, however, a new order is developing today in Northeast Asia.

The mantra "all options are on the table," often spoken by President Trump, reflects an assumption that there's always a military solution to conflicts resulting from the changing dynamics in the region. Clearly, war could come again to Korea, and almost did in June 1994 (and some say also in early 2018) over US concerns about North Korea's nuclear facilities. President Trump's address to the UN in September illustrated the tension between the multilateral, globalist policy vision of recent decades and his "America First" impulses. By opening this debate about the United States' changing role in the world, as seen in his Korea policy, Trump challenges us to ponder if he has a grand strategy to match.

A Trump Achievement?

President Trump habitually characterizes all his undertakings in superlatives that are usually discounted by all but his devoted fans. His North Korea policy is a striking exception, however, as he has accomplished what no other American president was able (or willing) to do. However, his role was necessary but not sufficient to the peace process that's unfolding on the Korean Peninsula.

Frederick is a research professor of political science and the director of the Korean Peninsula Affairs Center in the Maxwell School at Syracuse University. Diane works for nuclear abolition with SPC's Nuclear Free World Committee, and facilitates Intergroup Dialogue at Syracuse University and beyond.

It is the leaders of North and South Korea who played and are playing the most critical roles in this process, and its successful outcome is primarily in their hands. The importance of this clarification is to dispel the misunderstanding that coercion or fear has initiated the peace process and is critical to its continuation. In particular, President Trump's threats of raining down "fire and fury" on North Korea were laughable. Even the "maximum pressure" sanctions campaign—which is not just an idle threat—is more of a negative than a positive factor in "getting to yes" in peace negotiations. What the US generally fails to grasp is that they are the ones who need to be motivated to engage in good faith negotiations, not the North Koreans.

What got the ball rolling this year was the juxtaposition of committed "engagers" in both North and South Korea (Kim and Moon) and the symbolic pretext of the Olympic Games. Both Pyongyang and Seoul also took a cue from the stroking of Trump by Abe and Xi who gained dividends from not overreacting to his "sound and fury signifying nothing." In the end, it gradually became clear to Trump that there are no viable military options for untying the Gordian Knot that is Korea. So, when the "shiny object" of a summit meeting with Kim Jong Un was dangled—a first in US presidential history—predictably, Trump immediately grasped it. If anything, efforts by the political establishment to dissuade him against this unprecedented step only deepened his resolve to forge ahead.

Official Reactions to These Initiatives

Korea experts largely approved, but the "functional specialists" within the Beltway were almost universally appalled by this disregard of the rules of the security establishment. Unlike Obama, who was dissuaded from acting on his pledge to meet with Kim Jong Un, Trump does not yield to the persuasion of his advisers to conform to establishment views.

Blowback Potential in the US and on the Korean Peninsula

The US is focused on North Korea's nuclear weapons program above all else, but North Korea prioritizes an end-of-war declaration and the establishment of new relations. Seoul wants quick action on joint economic projects to push for reconciliation with North Korea, but Washington is demanding denuclearization before anything else happens. For the US, its troop presence in South Korea is not just a deterrent toward North Korea. It is also a military footprint in Asia that's part of a grand strategy of American hegemony. China is a challenge to the United States' military presence in Asia that will become more formidable as China becomes the world's biggest economy and modernizes its military.

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South Korea's Moon is returning the country to the roots of its post-authoritarian, pragmatic, modern progressivism of the 1990s. Many of the same people who destroyed previous US-North Korean agreements, including National Security Advisor John Bolton, are at the peak of their power now. South Korea expects the US to hold off on its demand for an inventory of North Korea's nuclear weapons until more trust has been established. The dismantlement of the Yongbyon nuclear facilities should be accepted in exchange for an end-of-war declaration to break the stalemate in US talks with North Korea.

Recent controversy over the US-spearheaded United Nations Command (UNC) highlights the chasm between Washington and Seoul. US efforts to revitalize the UNC lie more in their strategic interest in Northeast Asia than the threat from North Korea, according to an anonymous former top official. The US seems to intend to use the UNC for combat purposes along with its current mission overseeing the armistice. This entails incorporating more US allies as participants in war games on the Korean Peninsula. The main reason behind revitalizing the UNC is the envisioned transfer of operational control to Seoul around 2023.

Back-to-the-Future: Declaration of Amity and a Nuclear Free Zone?

Analysts and the media routinely note that there is no agreement between Trump and Kim over the meaning of

"denuclearization" as the primary goal of the peace process. The concern is heightened by that fact that the North Koreans always say they are committed to the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula, not North Korea (only). The ambiguity in the definition of this term, then, boils down to a stratagem either to keep the focus solely on North Korea (US) or to avoid doing so (North Korea). The US and North Korea have been stuck in a rut since they began negotiating nuclear-related issues.

A Solution?

A solution would be for the two Koreas to reaffirm the 1991 Reconciliation, Non-Aggression, and Exchanges and Cooperation agreements; the 1992 Denuclearization agreement; and for the US to support Kim's economic projects. Kim aspires to be a great economic reformer. The United States should help him, because that's the best way to sustain progress toward denuclearization. Kim announced a "new strategic line" at a high-level party meeting in March 2013, calling for "dual progress" on developing a nuclear deterrent and the civilian economy. The international community, and Washington, have fixated on North Korea's nuclear capabilities and haven't paid attention to Mr. Kim's broader strategic intentions. Kim wants North Korea to become a normal East Asian economy, and catch up with and integrate into the region. It's in everyone's interest to help him do so. Helping Kim achieve his project of economic development is the best chance of giving him a reason to give up his nuclear weapons. ☯



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AMERICANS WHO TELL THE TRUTH EXHIBIT AT SU

For the first time ever, Robert Shetterly will display the entire 235-piece collection of his masterwork portrait series, *Americans Who Tell the Truth: Models of Courageous Citizenship*, in one place—and at Syracuse University in the last week of November. Shetterly's project combines visual art and other media to highlight citizens who courageously address issues of social, environmental, and economic fairness.

Serving as the host for this exhibit is a great achievement, having been planned by SU faculty across campus since last spring. There are strong indications that the university administration is trying to play down Shetterly's presence at SU. The exhibit was moved from a more public campus venue to a student study lounge. A conversation between Shetterly and two of his subjects is part of the University Lecture Series, but will not be held in the large Hendricks Chapel as most talks in the series are. Neither the exhibit nor the talk has been well publicized in the community or even on campus.

One would think that SU would have promoted the exhibit as the coup it is, but it may be deemed "too controversial" and a

threat to the university's embracement of military funding, with initiatives like the Institute for Veterans and Military Families, the Office of Veteran and Military Affairs, and the future National Veterans Resource Complex—a first-of-its kind facility in the US. *Americans Who Tell the Truth* includes portraits of peacemakers who are war protestors and resisters, including Daniel Ellsberg, John Kiriakou, Camilo Mejia, Chelsea Manning, and Col. (ret.) Ann Wright (who will speak in Syracuse on November 27, see page 4).

Americans Who Tell the Truth will be displayed in Panasci Lounge on the third floor of SU's Schine Center from November 26 - December 14. On the 29th, Robert will take part in an on-stage conversation with two of his subjects at 7pm in Setnor Auditorium, Crouse College—bank whistleblower Richard Bowen, and Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha, who released a study revealing that children in Flint, Michigan had high levels of lead in their blood due to the lead in their water. ♡

— *Julia Ganson is a local activist who has worked with Robert in interviewing his subjects.*

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ACTIVIST APPRECIATION: KANAT BOLAZAR

I first organized with Kanat right after 9-11-01. Later he joined the Board of the Syracuse Center for Peace and Social Justice, and has been a member of for much its existence.

After Trump's election, Kanat came to the initial meetings of what became the CNY Solidarity Coalition, focusing on community outreach and defense. He joined the *Peace Newsletter* editorial committee for the special Coalition issue published in early 2017, working tirelessly on it. And he stayed.

Kanat brings his acute political and computer savvy to the *PNL*, along with his editing skills, sense of humor, salsa dancing ads (see page 12) and out-of-the-box thinking. The *PNL* is a better



The *PNL* editorial committee from left: Carol Baum, Elaine Denton, Kanat Bolazar and Julia Ganson. Not pictured: Donna Mühs-McCarten. Photo: Michaela Czerkies

publication for his part in it. He has facilitated most of the recent Workers' Center articles, co-compiled a popular article (with Julie Dragonetti) on "A Bystander's Guide to Confronting Bigotry" (June/July 2017 issue), done a masterful job of finding diverse events for the calendar (along with designing and laying it out), shared his graphics knowledge and other computer geek skills, and so much more—all while making us laugh as we work, often late into the night.

Thank you, Kanat; we're so glad you're here.

— *Carol Baum*

SPC GARAGE SALE – A BIG SUCCESS!

It's amazing how we keep managing to find and convert our stuff into "loot" for SPC. We made approximately \$1,400 and even had a good time. Thanks to all who helped, especially Ann, Ed, Laurie, Lanny, Shirley, Sue, Amy, MaryJane, Deborah and any others I have left out. The proceeds will be well used, and it always feels good to be a resource for some folks in need (our high volume and low prices do the trick). Start saving those gently used treasures for next year.

— *Rae Kramer*

STREET HEAT: PERSISTENT ACTIVISM

Since April, our on-the-streets presence has been twice a week in various locations in the Syracuse area. From November through March we'll be out only once a month, at the main entrance of **Hancock Air Base** (home of the 174th Attack Wing of reaper drones, 6000 E. Molloy Rd., DeWitt) **on the first Tuesday of the month from 4:15-5pm.**

Please join us—bring a sign or use one of ours. Contact Ann Tiffany or Ed Kinane, 315-478-4571.

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NOON'S AUTUMN ACTIVITIES

The Indigenous People's Day Celebration at Columbus Circle on October 8 was a profound experience promoting truth and justice. Over 200 people attended to learn from native speakers and singers, local activists and the Syracuse Community Children's Choir. Thank you to all who made this possible! At the event, a representative of the mayor's office announced a continued community discussion about celebrating (or not) Columbus, hosted by Interfaith Works. Several NOON members are participating.

During September, we promoted public letter-writing to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation regarding their plans to perform an insufficient clean-up of the Harbor Brook site at Onondaga Lake. We now wait to see what impact our comments have on this ecological and public health issue.

The Witness to Injustice KAIROS Blanket Exercise continues to be an extremely effective and important community education program. To schedule a program for your organization contact cindysquillace@gmail.com. NOON needs tabling volunteers to



From left: Arrow Booth and Awhenjiosta Myers at the Celebrate Indigenous People's Day, Not Columbus Day event at Columbus Circle in downtown Syracuse on October 8. Photo: Kristen Mosher

help with outreach events throughout the year. Please contact paul@pauleiholzer.com to assist with this essential role.

— Hilary-Anne Coppola

JUSTICE FOR PALESTINE COMMITTEE



The four travelers and a friend in Dheisheh Refugee Camp, Bethlehem, West Bank. From left: Omar Hmeedat, Julia Fuleihan, Ron VanNorstrand, Julia Ganson, Mary Kuhn.

The Justice for Palestine (JfP) Committee sponsored two presentations on Palestine this fall by four people about their experiences living and traveling in Palestine and Israel in the past year. They shared a slide presentation and stories about Palestinians who helped them understand the Israeli military occupation and the second class citizenship of Israeli Palestinians. If you would like them to make a presentation to your group, contact juliag@whistleblower.org.

JfP also sponsored two people's participation in the annual conference of US Campaign for Palestinian Rights held in Minneapolis in late September.

To help support the Great March of Return by Palestinians in Gaza, now in its seventh month, JfP held vigils every Thursday since June, having just concluded in mid-November

— Julia Ganson

THREE MORE WAYS TO GET ACTIVE WITH SPC

Distribute the Peace Newsletter. We are looking for volunteers to distribute the PNL to local businesses, offices, libraries, etc., along our Westside, Marshall St. and Syracuse University routes. Give it a try, or be a temporary substitute. Contact Michaela.

Join the Peace Newsletter Editorial Committee. Love reading the PNL every other month? Our editorial team has room for new people to participate, from brainstorming topics to editing articles to finding or creating graphics—or, simply assisting as an editor. Contact Carol.

Plowshares Craftsair and Peace Festival is right around the corner (December 1-2); our largest event of the year, much help is needed to ensure the weekend runs smoothly. Volunteer a few hours to help with set-up beforehand, clean-up afterwards, or staffing a table during the event. Contact Michaela.

— Michaela Czerkies

JOIN SPC'S STEERING COMMITTEE

SPC's Steering Committee is a dedicated group of SPC organizers and activists who are responsible for the financial and political health of the Peace Council. Every January we welcome new members and invite you to consider volunteering yourself or suggesting someone else. Steering Committee meetings are monthly and members are also active in other aspects of SPC. We ask for a 1-2 year commitment. For more details, please contact Carol or see peacecouncil.net/steering-comm. ☯

— Carol Baum