

**Jeannette Rankin Peace Center**  
**E-newsletter & Calendar for October 9, 2008**

**"In the arena of human life the honors and rewards fall to those who show their good qualities in action." ~Aristotle**

Dear Peace Community,

Each fall, we ask you to look around you at the community of peacemakers and nominate someone to be considered for the Peacemaker Award given each spring by the JRPC and the Missoula Peace Quilters. This is an award from the peace community which begins with suggestions from you. A selection committee made up of Missoula Peace Quilters and JRPC Coordinating Council members carefully considers all nominees, and chooses someone to honor – a selection that is never easy. We are fortunate to have many committed and inspiring people right here in Missoula. We need your input to find those individuals or groups who are the "unsung" among us. We are looking for that special peacemaker who consistently makes a professional and/or personal commitment to "walk the walk" of nonviolence, social justice and sustainability and serves as a role model for this community. The Peacemakers of the past 20 years have all inspired us. The honor of this award each year teaches us a little of their courage and commitment and it also calls them to a greater level of participation and passion, renewing and strengthening our peace community. The deadline for nominations for the 2009 Peacemaker is October 15, so don't delay. Make a contribution to peacemaking by nominating someone you know. The nomination form is available at JRPC or on our website at [http://www.jrpc.org/pdf\\_files/pmynomination/PMYnominationform.pdf](http://www.jrpc.org/pdf_files/pmynomination/PMYnominationform.pdf).

In gratitude to all our peacemakers, Betsy

**Please thank the donors in Missoula who were so generous to us at the peace party!**

**You can see the list at [http://www.jrpc.org/pdf\\_files/Peace%20Party/donors%20for%20webiste.pdf](http://www.jrpc.org/pdf_files/Peace%20Party/donors%20for%20webiste.pdf).**

**Our dry-erase flipchart did not arrive back at JRPC after the peace party! If you know where it is, please help us get it back home where it belongs! We are still looking for someone to claim bidder number 7, and we still have two plates to the following dinner if anyone is interested. Please call Betsy at 543-3955 for more information -- Date to be arranged -- French-Canadian dinner cooked and served by Fr. George Dumais and the "Gents" at their lovely home on 1700 Madeline Avenue. Two plates left at \$75/plate.**

~THIS WEEK~

**All events are held in Missoula unless otherwise noted.**

**Thursday, October 9, 8 pm, UC Ballroom.** UM President's Series will feature Ahmed Rashid, journalist and historian, speaking about his latest book, "**Descent into Chaos: The U.S. and the Failure of Nation Building in Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Central Asia**".

**Thursday, October 9, 7 pm, UM's North Underground Lecture Hall.** **Brewing Justice: Fair Trade Coffee, Sustainability and Survival**, a free public lecture by Daniel Jaffee. Learn about the social, economic, and environmental implications of fair trade, based on extensive field work in indigenous communities in Oaxaca, Mexico. Sponsored by the UM Environmental Studies Program. For more information, email [Neva.Hassanein@mso.umt.edu](mailto:Neva.Hassanein@mso.umt.edu).

**Saturday, October 11, 4 - 10 pm, Higgins Bridge and Caras Park.** Join JRPC and others to celebrate **10 years out with the Western MT Gay and Lesbian Community Center**. Beginning at 4 pm, there will be a "**Hands Across Higgins**" demonstration to show support for equal rights for queer people, performances by the Missoula Men's and Women's Choruses, a historical display charting the life of the center, food vendors and live DJ courtesy of KGBA 89.9's program, Out Words Radio. A new, transgender inclusive name and logo for the community center will be unveiled at the event. For a full schedule of events, go to [www.gaymontana.com](http://www.gaymontana.com).

**Saturday, October 11, 6 pm, UM SUB Ballroom.** **Col. Oliver North**, notorious for his involvement in the Iran-Contra scandal, will be speaking at an event sponsored by the Montana Family foundation. For more information, go to <http://www.montanafamily.org/start.asp?file=newsarticle&id=112>. If anyone is planning a protest or would like to join others in a counter-demonstration, let us know at 543-3955.

**Sunday, October 12, PEAS Farm.** **Harvest Festival** in collaboration with the Farm to College Program in appreciation of Dining Services Staff at UM. For more information, contact Shannon at 406-396-5254

**Tuesday, October 14** is **Love Your Body Day**, hosted by Students for Choice on campus. It is an all day event promoting positive body image perspectives. The Women's Center is displaying a photography project of University students and Women's Center faculty taken by a student photographer. For more information, contact Carmine at 243.4153 or [womens.center@umontana.edu](mailto:womens.center@umontana.edu)

~PLAN AHEAD~

**Thursday, October 23, 7 pm, University Ballroom.** **'What The Next President Needs To Know About Intelligence'** with Mel Goodman, an author, commentator and 40 year veteran of the CIA. Mel Goodman will discuss the role of the CIA and the importance of the intelligence community to the new President. Sponsored by the World Affairs Council. For more information, contact them at 728-3328 or [wacmontana@mtwi.net](mailto:wacmontana@mtwi.net)

**Friday-Saturday, October 24-25, 8 pm, 812 Toole Avenue.** Turning the Wheel Missoula presents its multi-media, inter-generational dance/theatre performance, **Nearly Invisible**, in the works for over a year, with a dedicated cast and crew of 60+ community members. Tickets are on sale at JRPC. So join us and delight your senses and sensibilities!

**Friday, October 24, 5 pm, UM Campus.** **Take Back the Night:** this year our theme is drawing parallels between abuse of women and abuse of the environment. It begins on campus with a healing circle followed by a march downtown at 7 pm. This year we are moving the spoken word session inside because it tends to be incredibly cold. The meeting place at the end of the march is still being decided. It is a free event that involves as many members of the community as possible to make a powerful appearance on our Missoula streets for peace. For more information, contact Carmine at 243.4153 or [womens.center@umontana.edu](mailto:womens.center@umontana.edu)

**Wednesday, October 29, 4:30 pm, MCAT.** **ELECTION PROTECTION TALK REPLAYED.** For those of you who missed the talk by Witness to a Crime author Richard Phillips (Presidential Election Fraud & how citizen election activism can reclaim our democracy) -- it was filmed by MCAT cable 7 and will be aired on Oct 29 from 4:30 to 6:30pm and again on Nov 1 at 9:30 - 11:30pm.

**Thursday, October 30, all day, UM.** **Day of Dialogue**, a campus-wide symposium focused on the topics of race, gender, ethnicity, ability/disability, religion, sexual orientation, employment hierarchy and academic discipline. Students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members will deliver presentations, performances, workshops, and more throughout the day. As part of this day, The Women's Center is creating a project displaying brief biographies of the powerful women in politics representing Montana and the surrounding country. For more information, visit <http://www.umt.edu/dayofdialogue/>, call **243-5622** or email [dayofdialogue@mso.umt.edu](mailto:dayofdialogue@mso.umt.edu).

**Thursday, November 13, all day, UM.** **Women's Leadership Summit**, to promote the health, happiness, and independence of women. It is an event hosted by SARC (Students Assault Resource Center), but the Women's Center will be hosting entertainment from a local drum and dance group around 6 pm. For more information, contact Carmine at 243.4153 or [womens.center@umontana.edu](mailto:womens.center@umontana.edu)

**Saturday, November 15, 7.30PM, venue TBD.** **"Inside the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia: Conversations with Ten Saudi Women"** Missoula will one of four cities in the nation to host this unprecedented delegation of women from Saudi Arabia. The group includes professors, physicians, investment

official, popular talk show host, stock broker, chamber of commerce official, and award winning jewelry designer. Sponsored by the World Affairs Council. For more information, contact them at 728-3328 or [wacmontana@mtwi.net](mailto:wacmontana@mtwi.net)

### ~PEACE & JUSTICE ACTION OPPORTUNITIES~

**September 11th Families for Peaceful Tomorrows** has put together a new opportunity to show our support for Iraqi peace and nonviolence activists! Sign on to an International Letter of Support endorsing LaOnf's Third Annual Week of Nonviolence, which will start tomorrow, October 10. Founded in 2006, LaOnf (which means "No Violence" in Arabic) has grown to a network of over 100 Iraqi organizations that are committed to using nonviolence to end the occupation, sectarian fighting, and corruption that are destroying Iraq. LaOnf members are men and women from Iraq's many ethnic and religious groups, Sunni, Shiite, Kurdish, Turkmen and Christian, in all of Iraq's 18 governorates (states). View a short video about LaOnf at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y83MnF0uQEg>. You can sign the letter of support at [http://org2.democracyinaction.org/o/5384/t/3350/content.jsp?content\\_KEY=543](http://org2.democracyinaction.org/o/5384/t/3350/content.jsp?content_KEY=543).

**United For Peace and Justice**, noting the 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attack on Afghanistan, is urging us to call or email the campaign offices of both Senator McCain and Senator Obama and tell them you want a surge in diplomacy, not an expansion of a deadly, costly war.

Obama Campaign - 866-675-2008 or <http://my.barackobama.com/page/s/contact2>

McCain Campaign - 703-418-2008 or <http://www.johnmccain.com/Contact/>

**Codepink** is urging us all to pledge to be a Voter for Peace. Just as the nation was focused on the bailout, **Congress quietly passed a \$615 billion defense spending bill!** We can't let this happen again, not when so much is at stake. Let's use these last four weeks of the election cycle to bring the issues of Iraq and peace back to the forefront. **Click here to pledge to be a Voter for Peace** and for the next four weeks, engage with your community to spread the message of peace. They also have a **Paulson Must Go** petition.

**Women's Voices for the Earth and the Center for Health, Environment and Justice** (CHEJ), are asking Disney to go green as part of the **Safe Cleaning Products Initiative**. They are hosting a **national day of action on October 29th** to encourage Disney to create a Green Cleaning Purchasing Policy for all Disney World parks, hotels and restaurants, phase in safer certified green cleaners within one year, and use only staff trained in green cleaning procedures to ensure their proper use. **Join the action** and help Disney become a leader in the hotel and tourism industries!

**GlobalWarmingSolution.org** is partnering with **350.org** in their campaign to invite the U.S. President-elect to attend the crucial U.N. international climate meeting in Poland this December. The meeting is the next in a 24 month window of opportunity to finalize a global plan to address global warming. Send your invitation at [www.350.org/invite/](http://www.350.org/invite/). For more information, contact David at 542-8089 or [david@globalwarmingssolution.org](mailto:david@globalwarmingssolution.org).

**Tuesdays, 5-6 pm, Higgins Avenue Bridge**. Bring your signs or flags or pick up one at JRPC and join this weekly peace presence. If you can't stand with the group, perhaps you could make a sign for someone there to hold or help out in another way.

**Wednesdays, 5:30 pm, Christ the King Church** (1400 Gerald Avenue). **A Prayer Circle** -- 20-minutes of silent prayer followed by 10 minutes of open reflection to pray for God's intervention and will to bring peace to the world. For more information, contact Kathy at [kschulte@montana.com](mailto:kschulte@montana.com)

**One Wednesday of each month, 7 pm, location TBA. CAJA (Community Action for Justice in the Americas)** holds a monthly meeting. Next one is 9-24 at JRPC. Cassidy Randall, author of *Fighting for the Dream*, will give a short reading from her newly published book accompanied by photo slideshow. It's a POTLUCK! Please bring a dish and your favorite drink. Contact Cassidy Randall at [cassidyrandall@yahoo.com](mailto:cassidyrandall@yahoo.com) or 529-4422 for information. Check out their new blog at [cajistas.blogspot.com](http://cajistas.blogspot.com)

**Two Thursdays, each month, GlobalWarmingSolution.org** meets at JRPC. For more information, call 542-8089 or [info@globalwarmingsolution.org](mailto:info@globalwarmingsolution.org).

**Fridays, 12:15-12:45, Higgins Avenue Bridge.** The **Missoula Women in Black** stand in solidarity with the international movement of women mourning the victims of war and other forms of violence. The Missoula Women in Black, our 2008 Peacemakers, come together in the shared belief in peace. Everyone is invited to join them. For more information email [missoulawib@montana.com](mailto:missoulawib@montana.com) or call Carel at 406-721-2482.

**Third Friday of each month (2nd Friday in March and April 2009), 7:30-9:30pm, Open Way** (702 Brooks St. next to the Missoula Memorial Rose Garden), **The Dances of Universal Peace** are heart-opening, spirit-filled circle and partner dances that use mantras and sacred phrases from many of the world's spiritual paths. The Dances are participatory, and all are taught. Live music; no experience necessary. All people are welcome; freewill donation at the door. For more information, please contact Mansur at 251-3010 or [pitchfixer@mac.com](mailto:pitchfixer@mac.com).

**Fourth Saturday of each month, 7:30 pm, Common Ground Center** (258 Roosevelt Lane in Hamilton) Bitterroot **Dances of Universal Peace**. For information contact Brian Vayu at 363.4026 or Star Jameson at 363-4026.

#### ~OF INTEREST~

**Domestic Violence Awareness Month began October 1** with **Amie Thurber** receiving the Missoula Family Violence Council's Citizen of the Year Award at the county courthouse. The award is given to a person who has demonstrated a personal commitment, passion, and leadership towards working with survivors and ending domestic violence. Congratulations to a great Missoula activist!!

**Public Citizen** chose 8 Senate bills and 10 House Bills to take a stand and report congress's votes on. Senator Tester voted with Public Citizen 100% of the time; Senator Baucus 63% of the time, and Rep. Rehberg 20% of the time. Baucus voted "wrong" on the Astroturf lobbying disclosure (yes), D.C. Voting Rights (no), and the U.S.-Peru Free Trade Agreement (yes). Rep. Rehberg voted "right" on Disclosure of bundled contributions from lobbyists (yes) and strengthening the Freedom of Information Act (yes).

**Naomi Klein on Democracy Now.** [http://www.democracynow.org/2008/10/6/naomi\\_klein](http://www.democracynow.org/2008/10/6/naomi_klein)

**Thousands of Troops Are Deployed on U.S. Streets Ready to Carry Out "Crowd Control"**  
**By Naomi Wolf, AlterNet**

[http://www.alternet.org/rights/101958/thousands\\_of\\_troops\\_are\\_deployed\\_on\\_u.s.\\_streets\\_ready\\_to\\_carry\\_out\\_%22crowd\\_control%22/](http://www.alternet.org/rights/101958/thousands_of_troops_are_deployed_on_u.s._streets_ready_to_carry_out_%22crowd_control%22/)

**Md. Police Put Activists' Names On Terror Lists Surveillance's Reach Revealed**

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/10/07/AR2008100703245.html?hpid=topnews>

**War Resisters League** Interviews 90 Peace and Justice Organizers, Asking, "**Where To From Here?**"  
<http://warresisters.org/listeningprocess>

**UN Agrees Afghan War Cannot Be Won Militarily**

<http://www.truthout.org/100708N>

**The End of American Capitalism? 5 Short Takes on Where the Financial Crisis Might Be Headed,**  
by Al Jazeera <http://www.alternet.org/story/101854/>

**Beyond The Bailout: What We Must Do Now**

<http://www.ourfuture.org/video/2008104004/beyond-bailout-what-we-must-do-now>

## **The Election Protection Wiki: A Dynamic Website Helps Safeguard America's Right to Vote**

<http://www.prwatch.org/node/7817>

## **Barcelona Declaration 2008: Challenges and pathways to Earth sustainability**

<http://www.sciencecentric.com/news/article.php?q=08100861>

**DRILL BABY DRILL ©2008 Judy Fjell** (BMI). Here's the url for Judy's new song on YouTube.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ki6SSJlbW0>

## **NOTES FROM THE STORE: OCTOBER IS INTERNATIONAL FAIR TRADE MONTH!!!**

What does that mean for you??? Every time you purchase fair trade goods you are playing an integral part in the local, national and international communities. You may be wondering how your one purchase is helping so many... when you purchase fair trade here is what you are supporting: Fair trade is a system of exchange that seeks to create greater equity and partnership in international trading system by:

- Paying fair wages in local context;
- Supporting participatory workplaces;
- Ensuring environmental sustainability;
- Supplying financial and technical support;
- Offering public accountability.
- Respecting cultural identity;
- Building direct and long-term relationships; and,
- Educating consumers.

To Reward you on your global decision we are offering you some great deals during the month of October:

**Week 1:** 10% off All Putumayo CD's

**Week 2:** 10% off All Chocolate, Coffee, and Tea

**Week 3:** 10% off All Meditation items and Prayer Flags

**Week 4:** 10% off All Purses and Clothing (Kids, Womens, and Mens)

**ALL MONTH LONG** make a purchase and put the purchase amount towards any individual or family membership. Give it as a gift or keep it for yourself & Get a "Fair Trade is better than Free Trade" button! Check back in for some surprise deals at the end of the month too!

Thanks and Peace, Katie

***The Jeannette Rankin Peace Center has been in Missoula over 20 years, working to build non-violence, social justice and sustainability. Thanks for your support!! 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. Check and see if your workplace participates in Montana Shares. It's a great way to help JRPC! If not, call us and find out how you can sign your workplace up or visit [www.montanashares.org](http://www.montanashares.org).***

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