



Fresno WILPF

Womxn's International League
for Peace & Freedom



Remembering Jean Hays Born 11/26/1938 in Indiana Died 07/09/2026 in Fresno



Jean Hays, Cam F, Teresa Castillo, Joan Poss, Dr. Jean Kennedy, Sandra Iyall

If you look for Jean on Facebook, you'll see all the wonderful photos of her enthusiastically participating in the WILPF activities she loved: World Water Day, Earth Day, the Raging Grannies, the Stir it Up radio show, Legislative Committee, the Earth Democracy Committee, the Library Committee. All these things and more she did to the near end of her life. She is and was an irreplaceable Peace Activist.

-Joan Poss

I was lucky enough to be a friend and companion to Jean over the last 2 1/2 years. One of the most remarkable things about her was the vibrant passion she brought to her numerous and varied community activities.

In her DJ role, she promoted local artists and music venues. We never missed monthly Jazz Fresno Nights at the Woodward Park Library.

I was also able to tag along with Jean to many of her other community activities, from Earth Day to World Water Day and to Raging Grannies performances.

When I met Jean, she was already working hard to overcome a weakening heart. I feel her commitment to her community gave her extra years of life - very full years - and I was privileged to enjoy them with her.

-Rich Rollin

In her earlier years, Jean taught as a music teacher and an ESL teacher for Fresno Unified School District, retiring in 2006. She actively involved herself in various WILPF Committees, Fresnoans Against Fracking (helping to get the documentary Crude Beyond Belief produced), the H2O conferences, and so much more. She was a volunteer programmer at KFSR and Radio Bilingüe. She worked tirelessly for the community around her. No matter the issue, she was present. Her fierce determination was never ending, and despite health issues and the weight of our planet's environmental and humanitarian disasters on her shoulders - she kept fighting.

In trying to fill the gap left in WILPF by her absence, we realize just how much she did. She never ceased to amaze me, and I am grateful to have worked with her on so many adventures doing GOOD. Jean showed many of us just how much one person can do. In closing, I'll share the quote by Dorothy Day that was at the bottom of Jean's emails: "The greatest challenge of the day is: how to bring about a revolution of the heart, a revolution which has to start with each one of us."

-Kyla Mitchell



Happy Birthday, Jane Addams

September 6, 1860 - May 21, 1935



- 1889 Founded Hull House in Chicago
- 1905 Became a member of Chicago's Board of Education
- 1919 Co-Founded Womxn's International League for Peace & Freedom
- 1931 Nobel Peace Prize Recipient

The Jane Addams Children's Book Award is given annually to children's books published the preceding year that advance the causes of peace and social equity. The winners for 2026 are The History of We by Nikkolos Smith and A Sea of Lemon Trees: The Corrido of Robert Alvarez by María Dolores Águila.

Save the Date

WILPF Retreat

Saturday, Oct. 3rd

Location: Sandra Iyall's Residence
Time: TBD

For more information, contact Kyla:
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On August 9th and 10th, our Executive Director of WILPF-US, Linda Low, held events in Fresno with our Fresno WILPF branch and local allies. During the Sunday afternoon public panel organized by our branch president, Cam F, Linda Low guided local activists through a series of questions focused on who they are as social justice workers, making activism more visible, and their experiential learnings as to what has worked and should be repeated. mars santos, new executive director of this publication; Roman Rain Tree, Native American activist and organizer with Faith in the Valley, and Dr. Gelina Sani, clinical pharmacist at Valley Children's Hospital, discussed their respective efforts in journalism, in organizing across cultures, and in advocating for medical equity. Linda also spoke of her work as Rotary Peace Fellow and the access that position gave her to holding leadership discussions with policy makers. The panel was a helpful introduction to what activism and organizing might include and was inspirational. A young woman seated next to me said she attended the event at Fresno City College out of curiosity and now she is ready to get involved.

Monday morning's session, attended by twenty WILPF Fresno members, focused on making and maintaining a culture of care. Conflicts arise within organizations and we need tools to understand each other and the situations we share.



Dr. Gelina Sani, Linda Low, Roman Rain Tree, mars santos

Mrs. Low led members through exercises on identifying basic values, on influential people in our lives and what they embody or have embodied for us, and on a time in our lives when we have contributed to a conflict and the results from that. Many members bravely revealed difficult situations they have and may continue to face as we continue our work for peace and social justice.

-Jan Slagter

Introducing a ***new*** local WILPF group: the Central Valley Wradicals! We're especially for young adults (roughly ages 18-35) who are looking for a home for building a better future. We prioritize youth-led organizing, direct action, and community care, and we also provide a safe, supportive environment to cultivate and carry out your social justice goals.



Come be a part of
the movement!

Keep an eye out for
our upcoming Survival
Skills Series and
CyberDeck Club!

Find us on
Instagram & TikTok
@CentralValleyWradicals

FREE MUSIC LESSONS!

Guitar, baritone
ukulele, & voice
lessons in Mexican
Traditional, Nuevo
Canto, Latin
American &
American Folklore,
Rock, Pop, &
Contemporary styles

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WOMEN IN BLACK
For Justice. Against War.

Women in Black is a world-wide network of womxn committed to peace with justice and actively opposed to injustice, war, militarism and other forms of violence. As womxn experiencing these things in different ways in different regions of the world, we support each other's movements. An important focus is challenging the militarist policies of our own governments. We are not an organisation, but a means of communicating and a formula for action.

Join our local WiB protest!
Wed, Sep 2 @ 11:30am-1pm
2500 Tulare St
For more info contact Sue:
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womeninblack.org

Stir It Up on KFCF:
Wed, Sep 23rd @ 3pm
Tune in to 88.1 FM as we highlight people and events important to our WILPF community. During this program you'll hear interviews with local and national experts discussing matters relating to WILPF's national issues and study groups such as: water, SWANA, Environment, Corporations vs. Democracy, Building Beloved Community, and more!

WILPF Monthly Business
Meeting via Zoom:
Open to all!
Thurs, Sep 10 @ 6:30pm
For Zoom link email
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