



**WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM**  
WILPF Fresno, P.O. Box 5114, Fresno, CA 93755

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**WILPF  
CRAFTS  
FAIRE  
RETURNS**



We are excited to bring back our annual Crafts Faire. We miss seeing everyone. And we are making a few changes. Our date is TBD, but watch for updates as we continue planning.

We have a new venue, thanks to Rev. Floyd Harris. This year, our Crafts Faire will be at the Free AME Church (806 Collins Ave., Fresno).

We will offer all the festivities of our annual Crafts Faire but on a slightly smaller scale. We look forward to seeing all of our friends again!

For more information, contact Teresa Castillo at 559-360-8054 or [taca\\_03@ymail.com](mailto:taca_03@ymail.com).

**ARE YOU A DANGEROUS WOMAN?**

*Get Your Shirt and Make It Official*

Jane Addams Dangerous Woman V-neck T-shirts in all sizes are now available! Look for them at the WILPF Crafts Faire. And if you just can't wait to get this great shirt, call or text Teresa Castillo at 559-360-8054.

In 1924, J. Edgar Hoover called Jane Addams "the most dangerous woman in America."

Jane Addams was a pacifist, a suffragist and a leftist, who helped found the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the American Civil Liberties Union, in addition to WILPF (Women's International League for Peace and Freedom). She was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

Often, radical workers for peace and social justice are "sanitized" after their deaths, so it's important to remember the real Jane Addams. We need more dangerous women like Jane Addams who will work to change the world.

These shirts come in all sizes and are a particularly nice shade of blue.



Dangerous woman V-necks come in all sizes and are a great shade of blue.

**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW!**

**HERE'S HOW**

Send dues to **WILPF Fresno, P.O. Box 5114, Fresno, CA 93755.**

WILPF-US membership is \$35/year. WILPF-Fresno sponsors a low-income rate of \$20.

For questions and information updates, contact Nancy Hatcher at [nhatcher46@gmail.com](mailto:nhatcher46@gmail.com) or Kyla Mitchell at [kyla.noelle@gmail.com](mailto:kyla.noelle@gmail.com).

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**FRESNO WILPF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE  
ON THE JOB IN PERSON**

*Urging a No Vote on H.R.314 and S.538*



The WILPF Legislative Committee was so immersed in our advocacy that we forgot to take a photo. This is from the June 25 Off the List—No on H.R.314/S.538 action in Washington. Photo by Bill Hackwell

Fresno WILPF's Legislative Committee visited the offices of Senators Alex Padilla and Dianne Feinstein and Rep. Jim Costa to talk about the legislation that has been introduced in the U.S. Congress to block Cuba, and only Cuba, from being removed from the U.S. State Sponsors of Terrorism list.

Legislative Committee Chair Jean Hays was joined by Cuba and the Bolivarian Alliance Committee Co-Chairs Leni Villagomez Reeves, Dr. Jean Kennedy, Patricia Wells-Solorzano, Kyla Mitchell and Evelee Jane.

Our message was clear: Please vote NO on H.R.314/S.538, the FORCE Act, and urge President Biden to remove Cuba from the U.S. list of State Sponsors of Terrorism. There is no reason Cuba should be on this list.

We urged a NO vote on H.R.314, the FORCE Act, in the House of Representatives, and S.538, the Senate companion bill, because the bill changes the process for removing, specifically and uniquely, Cuba from the U.S. State Sponsors of Terrorism list in order to prevent the President and State Department from acting.

The FORCE Act has also been introduced in the Senate by Senators Marco Rubio and Tim Scott. If enacted, this bill would stop President Biden from making any effort toward normalizing relations with Cuba.

Former President Trump arbitrarily reinstated Cuba's designation as a State Sponsor of Terrorism less than a week after the Jan. 6 attempted coup, reversing the Obama-Biden administration's 2015 decision to remove this status after an exhaustive review by the U.S. State Department. Cuba does not satisfy any criteria for inclusion on this list.

The unjust State Sponsor of Terrorism designation has no basis in fact and gravely increases the punitive restrictions on Cuban trade, finance, family remittances and travel.

Countries and potential business partners refrain from trading with Cuba for fear of angering the United States or incurring penalties. The result has been severe shortages of food, medicine, spare parts, fuel and all necessities in Cuba. This adds to the shortages that the Cuban people already experience due to the blockade.

Even humanitarian aid is blocked by the restrictions involved in this designation, as detailed by the Washington Office for Latin America: "Fearful of being accused of abetting terror and the mammoth fines that an infraction entails, most banks refuse to process Cuban payments and have frozen funds for permitted religious and humanitarian activities."

The alleged primary reason for Cuba's inclusion on the State Sponsors of Terrorism list is the alleged refusal to extradite members of the Ejercito de Liberación Nacional (ELN) of Colombia after the past breakdown of peace talks between the ELN and the government of Colombia. This is not only spurious, it ignores the fact that the current government of Colombia has successfully conducted peace talks with the ELN, and the president of Colombia has dropped the extradition request and has requested that Cuba be removed from the State Sponsors of Terrorism list.

You can help: Send a letter or sign on to an online letter at [acere.org/category/action-alert/](https://acere.org/category/action-alert/).

**WILPF MEETING**

Aug. 10 (second Thursday), 7 p.m., online and in person at the Fresno Center for Nonviolence. Watch your e-mail for an announcement with a link and a call-in number. For more information, contact Teresa at [taca\\_03@ymail.com](mailto:taca_03@ymail.com) or Leni at [lenivreeves@gmail.com](mailto:lenivreeves@gmail.com).

**UNPACKING RACISM**

Aug. 27 (last Sunday), 6:30 p.m. With Dr. Jean Kennedy. To join and get a link, RSVP with your e-mail address to [drjeankennedy@yahoo.com](mailto:drjeankennedy@yahoo.com) or text 559-270-1023.

**WOMEN IN BLACK**

Aug. 2 (first Wednesday), noon, Courthouse. Check first with Sue Kern at [skern@netptc.net](mailto:skern@netptc.net) or 559-349-3777.

**STIR IT UP—WILPF KFCF 88.1 FM**

Aug. 23 (fourth Wednesday), 3 p.m. Jean Hays highlights people and events important to our WILPF community.