

# Fresno Center for Nonviolence

April

We honor and celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> year (2019-2020) of Gandhi's birth the principles of peace and nonviolence sustained by those who are a part of the global struggle for freedom and justice.



2020

LATELY THE SPREAD OF THE CORONA VIRUS HAS LED TO MANY CANCELLATIONS AND POSTPONEMENTS, STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION LATER AS THEY DEVELOP.

## A MESSAGE from OUR PRESIDENT. (Not that one.)

The world is at a standstill right now with this Coronavirus Pandemic! Yet, many other issues that are of great concern like climate change and voting rights are on many people's back burners. Nuclear weapons are right up there with them and no one is talking about this administration's budget request for fiscal year 2021. The numbers illustrate President Trump's priorities in action at the Lawrence Livermore Lab. He is requesting more than \$2 billion up 7% from last year. It includes the development of new and modified nuclear weapons.

This increase for nukes comes at the expense of Defense Environmental Cleanup needed to decontaminate and decommission heavily contaminated Lab buildings and puts workers and the public at risk. This is truly appalling. To compare these funds for nuclear weapons activities instead of needed research for Energy Efficiency and Renewable, it wouldn't even get to 0.5%.

Sadly though our Center has had to cancel a number of events recently, we are hoping to keep our 28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary from 4-6 p.m. on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at the Community United Church of Christ. Our keynote speaker on that day will be Marylia Kelley, Executive Director of Tri-Valley Cares, and an organization that works against a radioactive environment. I have taken the budget numbers and details from their spring newsletter. When Marylia visits us, she will be able to give us a lot more specifics of what is going on at the Livermore Lab as well as what is going on politically.

Many of you know that WILPF has a petition to the President and the U.S. Senate to support the Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty. Most of us are Sheltering in place right now but you can still endorse the petition on line at [et@prop1.org](http://et@prop1.org).

Perhaps by the time you read this you we will be allowed to be out and about! But if not, Stay home, stay safe and a virtual group hug from all the FCNV Board.

Yours peaceably, Angela Price.



## CORONAVIRUS PRECAUTIONS

- If you are sick with a cold, sore throat, fever, stay home.
- Wash hands regularly, we have lots of soap and water (20 seconds.)
- When you arrive at the Center and again when you leave clean counters, tables with Clorox and sponges (we have a large bottle but hope to replace with a spray bottle of Clorox or Lysol.)
- We have not been able to find hand sanitizers with alcohol locally and may have to get some online. If someone has some to give us or know where to buy some, we'd be grateful. We'll reimburse of course.
- Don't shake hands – Instead, elbow bump. Don't hug! That's hard, I know.

Don't panic!

## In Memoriam to two great women who have made our lives better to have known them.

Nora DeWitt, WILPF member, friend of FCNV and a member of the Big Red Church died on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020. We will all miss her for her dedication to the progressive community and its issues and especially for her smile. We learned a lot about Nora from a great interview of Nora and her husband, Hiram that was done in 2019 by Dale Buchanan. Nora was born in Hungary in 1940 and lived there under German occupation until she was five years old. They fled into the Tyrolean Alps where they lived for about a year. They remained in Bavaria until she was nine years old and attended German schools and learned to speak German. Her family migrated to Australia in 1949. She eventually attended the University of Queensland where she earned a PhD in microbiology. She met Hiram, unbelievably on her way to London for a conference, at a stopover in Tehran and she saw (her words!) the most gorgeous red-haired man she had ever seen! And the rest is history as they say, but after several meetings and living in several places in the world, it was our luck that they settled in Fresno. Nora and Hiram have a daughter, Sophia, who is an ordained minister, living in the Bay Area. Their son Zoltan named after his grandfather is four years younger than Sophia. He has a Master's degree in computer technology and works as a computer programmer in Mountain View.



The Fresno Center for Nonviolence joins family, friends, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) and Peace Fresno in grieving the passing of Ellie Bluestein. She founded Fresno WILPF more than 50 years ago and until recently remained active in the organization. She was an amazing activist, an advocate for peace and justice and an exceptionally warm and loving person.



The following are messages her son, Jemmy Bluestein has shared.

From Caring Bridge: "Our dear Ellie passed this morning. I was with her last night and we exchanged our love for each other. Such sweetness, and amazing life of love and joy, the ancestors are welcoming her."

From Ellie's Facebook page: "This morning Ellie left us. The Terraces at San Joaquin Gardens opened the quarantine gates a few days ago so that we could be with her. She was calm and clear and loving to the end. We celebrate her life and gifts to us all and her sweet departure and journey! Our family will post further remembrances, and when touching returns to us all there will be a chance for all of us to come together again to sing her songs. Thank you for the love you have shared with her. Ellie's love endures in all of our hearts!"

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Stir it UP! Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 3 pm



Fresno Center for Nonviolence monthly "Stir it, UP!" radio shows on KFCF 88.1 FM. Due to the Coronavirus, State, Federal government and radio station regulations we are unable to predict what will happen. So tune in to 88.1 fm KFCF and our emails to find out what we are hatching for the Month of May. (Little Easter Day humor) Thank you.

This maybe a call-in show but if you have any questions call 559-266-8888. We also record and created a link for people to listen to later. For more information you may call the Center at (559)237-3223 from Monday through Friday 11 to 3pm or go to our Face Book page.

In April our radio show hosted by Angela Price with her guest Betsy Temple discussed the Children's Dual Citizenship Project. Due to the



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Currently Closed until further notice regarding the Corona virus Pandemic.  
We miss you already.

