



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

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**"for a positive future,  
we need to eliminate  
bias and discrimination  
entirely from our lives  
and institutions"  
National Women's  
History Alliance**

**WILPF Membership Lunch**  
**Sat. March 16, 2024**  
**1:30-3:30 pm**

*\*reconnect\**  
*\*be inspired\**  
**\*Community Leaders\***

*Celebrate Women's Herstory Month with us*  
**Bring A Friend**  
*~ All are Welcome ~*

**Sarah McCardle Room  
in the Central Library**  
**2420 Mariposa St.**  
**Fresno 93721**  
**free parking**

**Women's International League for Peace  
and Freedom**

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**JANET CAPELLA**

Celebrate the life of Janet Capella on Saturday, March 9, at 10 a.m. in Fresno. Janet's community of friends will be hosting a gathering in her honor at Community United Church of Christ (5550 N. Fresno St.).

Janet Capella was a long-time member of the Fresno Branch of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. We know her WILPF activism goes back to at least 1980 when she provided publicity for the 65th Anniversary Celebration of WILPF that we were hosting. She was also active in many of our issue committees and efforts: Earth Democracy, Library Committee, Book Club, Crafts Faire and a Mideast discussion group that she hosted at her home.

Janet pioneered WILPF tabling at ArtHop, attended celebrations and



Janet Capella. Photo by Laural Fawcett

protests and always inspired others with her kindness, passion and compassion. She will be remembered, and we will miss her greatly.

Janet Capella died on Jan. 22 of brain cancer and is survived by her loving daughter, Laural Fawcett, and other family.

**CELEBRATE WORLD  
WATER DAY WITH WILPF  
ON MARCH 23**

WILPF Fresno will be part of an environmental organization collaborative celebrating World Water Day—officially March 22. Sponsored by the United Nations, this year's theme is "Water for Peace." It will be celebrated locally on Saturday, March 23, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the San Joaquin River Parkway's Sumner Peck Ranch (14439 Friant Rd.). Look for the Sumner Peck sign and an ornamental white gate a little more than five miles from the Rice Road exit on Friant Road. Also, look for World Water Day signs. Turn into the Sumner Peck entrance off Friant Road, and go straight to the river at the road's end.

After a welcome, there will be 15 minutes to walk around the site silently and take in the beauty of the San Joaquin River and its surroundings. We will then come back together and talk about our



experience. After sharing our comments, our collaborating environmental organizations will then share their thoughts and actions about water.

Hope to see you there on March 23. Need more info? See the WILPF Fresno Facebook page.

Water is essential for our existence! Hope you can join us!  
—Jean Hays

**FRESNO WILPF MEMBERSHIP LUNCH ON  
MARCH 16—PLEASE COME!**

We invite YOU to our Membership Lunch on Saturday, March 16, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Central Library's Sarah McCardle Room (2420 Mariposa St., downtown Fresno).

Help WILPF celebrate Women's Herstory Month's theme "Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion." We'd love to share the afternoon with you! Join our branch in celebrating and learning from local leaders.

We have invited a few special women to speak about their work supporting, educating and advocating for diverse populations within our Valley communities.

- *Josie Bustos-Pelayo* is an Instructional Coach in English Language Development for Hanford Elementary School District and Adjunct Faculty at Fresno State. She has served on national children's book award selection committees—Jane Addams Children's Book Award and California Reads for CTA—and as a member of Reforma and ALA, the Pura Belpre Award.
- *Aline Reed* is the current President of the Fresno Freedom School, which has an emphasis on teaching youth life skills for sustainability, including growing your own food. She facilitates a weekly food and clothing giveaway program at the Free AME Church. She was past President and Vice President of the West Fresno Democratic Club. Plus, she has a family history with the Black Panther Party.
- *Sukaina Hussain* is the Deputy Executive Director of CAIR Sacramento Valley/Central California. She has worked for many years to build interfaith relationships with a focus on equity and justice. Through her community advocacy, she addresses systemic issues of injustice through program development and policy advocacy to help improve the quality of life for all families.

We are excited to hear from these inspirational women, and we look forward to learning ways to collaborate so we can grow together as a WILPF branch and continue to give back to our communities. Please join us for an afternoon and beyond, to support and build the involved connections we all need to thrive through equity, diversity and inclusion.

All are welcome! RSVP to Teresa at 559-360-8054.

—Teresa Castillo, Branch Chair and Treasurer, Fresno WILPF

**WILPF MEETING**

March 14 (second Thursday), 7 p.m., online. Check with Teresa as to whether the meeting will be in person or at the FCNV. 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).

and events important to our WILPF community.

**UNPACKING RACISM**

With Dr. Jean Kennedy. Moving toward community event participation. To join, RSVP with your e-mail address to [drjeankennedy@yahoo.com](mailto:drjeankennedy@yahoo.com) or text 559-270-1023.

**Help us find you!**

Are you getting our announcements of meetings and events? Our contact list is sometimes badly out of date. Let us know your current information: E-mail Teresa Castillo at [taca\\_03@ymail.com](mailto:taca_03@ymail.com) or text 559-360-8054.

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**STIR IT UP—WILPF  
KFCF 88.1 FM**

March 27 (fourth Wednesday), 3 p.m. Jean Hays highlights people

**WOMEN IN BLACK**

March 6 (first Wednesday), noon, Courthouse. Check first with Sue Kern at [skern@netptc.net](mailto:skern@netptc.net) or 559-349-3777.

**WHO ARE THE RAGING  
GRANNIES?**

The Raging Grannies were founded in Canada. The Montreal group, or "gaggle," describes Raging Grannies this way: "Spoofing the granny image of a century ago, the Raging Grannies dress in aprons, shawls, feathers [and] flowered hats, singing humorous songs targeting their concerns. In these costumes, they engage in street theatre antics to gain popular and media attention. To quote one of their lyrics, 'We're just a gaggle of grannies, we don't sit on our fannies.'"

The Grannies rage about these topics and more: war, escalating military budgets, nuclear pollution, Medicare, land mines, "fair trade," climate change, GMO foods, toxic pollutants and war toys.

What do you need to be a Raging Granny?

A sense of humor and an ability both to be objective and to compromise when working with others. Willingness to make noise. An open heart to learn something new. No singing ability required although it helps if you can carry a tune. Passion. Joy. Delight. No color sense obviously. A friendly disposition. Kindness. Scientific



curiosity can't hurt. Despite our name, you do not have to be a biological grandmother to be a Raging Granny.

We sing out of a deep commitment to justice, peace and equal treatment for all.

For information about the Fresno gaggle of Raging Grannies, contact Kay Pitts at [kaypitts@gmail.com](mailto:kaypitts@gmail.com) or Evonne Waldo at [evonnewaldo@yahoo.com](mailto:evonnewaldo@yahoo.com).

—Evonne Waldo

**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/or 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).