



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM
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WILPF Gifts for the Holidays

Dear WILPF Members and Friends,
The holiday season is upon us. Here is another opportunity to support Fresno WILPF. Enjoy a warm beverage in your Dangerous Women mug for only \$10 each. This new item we introduced last year is one we know you will want for yourself! As well as gifts for all the Dangerous Women in your life!

Hang a Full Year of Inspirational Art in your home with the 2023 Peace Calendar. This calendar is an inspiring celebration of peace, social justice, resistance and hope! All for \$20.

Dangerous Women t-shirts: long sleeve or short sleeve in assorted sizes for \$20. (If we don't have the size you need, we will be placing an order soon, so get on our waiting list!)

Jewelry, distinct designs of Peace earrings and Peace Sign necklaces. Various prices at \$10-\$20.

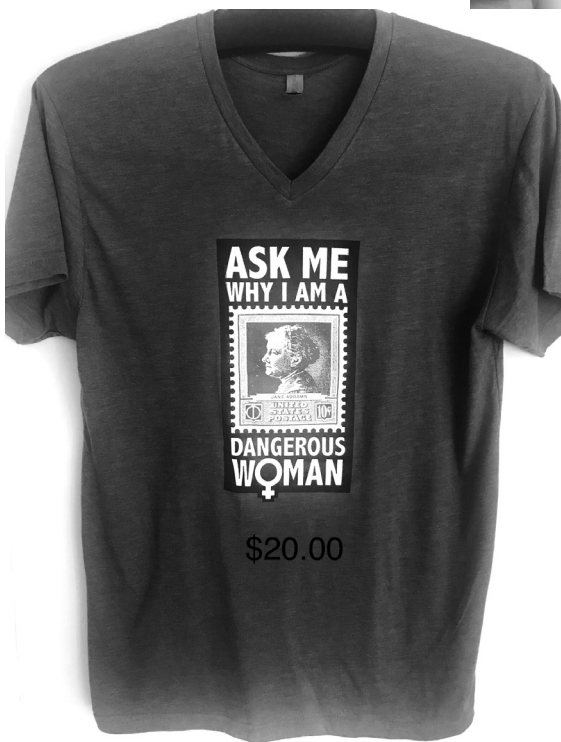
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To order and schedule a pickup time, contact Teresa Castillo at 559-360-8054. Delivery on request.

Also, membership dues can be sent to our branch at P.O. Box 5114, Fresno, CA 93755.

Thank you for supporting the important work of Fresno WILPF.



\$20.00



Trial of the Principal Who Knocked Down a Small Student

The Vollhardt case is scheduled to be heard at 8:30 a.m. (might start later) on Dec. 6 in Department 12 of the Fresno Superior Court.

Brian Vollhardt, the former principal of Wolters Elementary School and currently vice principal at Tranquillity High School in the Golden Plains Unified School District, was charged with misdemeanor child abuse after he struck a 10-year-old special needs student. The case was continued on Nov. 15, and Vollhardt did not appear.

Many WILPF Fresno members are following this case with concern. Video of Vollhardt striking the child can be seen at www.youtube.com/watch?v=f08veOpjx4.

Medea Benjamin in Fresno on Dec. 2!

Medea Benjamin will hold a book discussion and signing in Fresno on Dec. 2 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 101 of the Grosse Industrial Tech Building at Fresno State.

Now more than ever, it is important to understand how we got to this place and what we can do to end this madness.

In their new book, *War in Ukraine: Making Sense of a Senseless Conflict*, Benjamin and Nicolas J.S. Davies piece together the complex history of conflict between Russia and Ukraine and the role foreign governments have played in the escalation before the illegal and disastrous invasion.

Normon Solomon, executive director of the Institute for Public Accuracy, describes the book as a "concise primer" that "gives what U.S. media consumers so rarely get—historical context with balance and compassion.

"The tour is an opportunity to educate the public, to discuss the immediate need for peace and diplomacy and to inspire people to get involved in the nascent but growing movement to end the war in Ukraine."

Co-sponsors: Peace Fresno and WILPF Fresno, along with these Fresno State departments and programs—Africana Studies, Anthropology, Asian American Studies, the Ethics Center, Peace & Conflict Studies, Political Science, Sociology and Humanics.

United to Support Cuba in the UN Vote: WILPF-Fresno and Friends, the Raging Grannies and the Fresno Brown Berets (and the rest of the world)

We gathered in the rain—unable to use the sound system or keyboard but undaunted—on the eve of the annual UN General Assembly vote on the resolution: "Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial blockade imposed by the United States of America against Cuba."

The resolution criticizes the United States for its economic blockade of Cuba, saying that it violates both the UN Charter and international law, and calls for the blockade/embargo to be repealed. The next day, Nov. 3, the vote was taken. The results were as follows:

- 185 countries favored ending the blockade
- 2 countries opposed: the United States and Israel
- 2 countries abstained: Ukraine and Brazil

Predictions: 1) Brazil, with newly elected President Ignacio da Silva, will oppose the blockade next year (see the article on Brazil in this issue of the *Community Alliance* newspaper). 2) The United States will continue to defy essentially unanimous world opinion and continue this illegal and immoral blockade.



UN vote demo. Photo courtesy Leni Villagomez Reeves

WILPF MEETING

Dec. 8, Thursday, 7 p.m., online for sure and probably also 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 or Leni at lenivreeves@gmail.com.

STIR IT UP—WILPF KFCF 88.1 FM

Dec. 28, 3 p.m. (fourth Wednesday of each month). Jean Hays highlights people and events important to our WILPF community.

UNPACKING RACISM

Resumes in January. With Dr. Jean Kennedy. RSVP with your e-mail address to drjeankennedy@yahoo.com or text 559-270-1023.

WOMEN IN BLACK

Dec. 7, noon, Courthouse (first Wednesday of each month). Check first with Sue Kern at skern@netptc.net or 559-349-3777.

MEMBERSHIP

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

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

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