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Join Parade Against Drones

On Saturday, July 27th, I, Alice Elle Rader, adventured forth via public transportation to write a story for the LEPOCO Newsletter on the Horsham demonstration against drones.

My first interview is with a woman who boards the #55 bus I am riding. She is wearing a Free Bradley Manning T-shirt. Her name is Joan Nicholson. She tells me she has been arrested for civil disobedience eleven times. She is an active Quaker! She spent a year in the women's prison in North Carolina for destroying draft records during the Vietnam War. She is to go before a judge on August 12th for interrupting the hearings on John Brennan for CIA chief. She embodies what this demonstration is about -- activists determined to speak out for justice, for truth, for peace.

I seek out Sean Miller for my second "interview." He organized the first march against drones at Horsham on April 27. He created a coalition to raise awareness of what was taking place in his old neighborhood in Horsham. "Anyone with cognitive skills will be on our side," he states. He knows we must be informed to make change. He believes in the people for change, not the powers that be.

I then spoke to Bill Deckhart, BuxMont Coalition for Peace Action Coordinator. He was passing out information. There were many "seasoned" folks attending this demonstration -- Nancy Tate, Tom Stinnett, Mimi Lang, Robert Daniels II and more from LEPOCO. Bob Smith from the Brandywine Peace Community read a long list of those in the peace coalition that aspires to stop a command center in our neighborhood.

Names are read of children who have died in Pakistan from drone strikes. Some of these names are written on a paper, placed on a string and hung for people to see.

The Granny Peace Brigade of Philadelphia sings "Drones in the Sky" to the tune of "Home on the Range" (Lyrics by Pam Fraser-Walters & Penelope Foran).

*Oh give them a home / Where no predators roam
Where no pilot-less, lethal planes fly
Where poor folks are safe / In their own living space
And where no drones rain death from the sky*

Chorus:

*Drones, drones in the sky
Who decides o'er which country they'll fly?
And if their bombs hit / Off target a bit,
Many innocent people will die...*

We are all invited to blow whistles as we remember Bradley Manning the whistle-blower being sentenced for helping United States citizens become informed participants in our democracy.

Mimi Lang is draped in black. She carries a limp doll. She is a symbol of grief and lamentation.

"Crones Against Drones," read one sign. Yes, let the wisdom of crones be heard!

A strong message is being sent from this beautiful, caring community gathered at Horsham.

The gatherings will continue on the last Saturday of the month at noon (August 31st & September 28th). All are welcomed. Join the great parade.

- Alice Elle Rader

LEPOCO Theater Party ~ Greenwich Village: Music That Defined a Generation

"If there is a world here in a hundred years, one of the main reasons will be music." - Pete Seeger

On Tuesday, September 17th, at 6 pm, music fans, filmgoers, activists and friends are invited to attend a Theater Party fundraiser at the LEPOCO Peace Center for good food, conversation, and folk music (recorded) prior to a one-night-only screening of the 2011 film, "Greenwich Village: Music That Defined a Generation" at the Frank Banko Alehouse Cinemas at SteelStacks.

"Greenwich Village" is a feature-length documentary about the Village music scene and how it sparked lasting political, social and cultural changes, including the story of a Sunday in April 1961 when over 500 young musicians gathered to sing songs in defiance of an ordinance meant to keep "undesirables" out of New York City's public parks. The incident became known around the world as the "Washington Square Folk Riot."

The film features the music of and interviews with Pete Seeger, Phil and Sonny Ochs, Tom Chapin, Kris Kristofferson, Lucy and Carly Simon, Judy Collins, Don McLean, Peter Yarrow, Oscar Brand, Buffy Sainte-Marie, Steve Earle, and many more.

A \$15 donation (\$10 for students and those on limited incomes; or, \$25 for special supporters) covers the movie ticket, the party, and a donation to LEPOCO. Please call LEPOCO at 610-691-8730 or e-mail lepoco@fast.net to reserve your space. (Also, contact LEPOCO if you can volunteer to bring food or beverages to the party.)

- Robert Daniels II

Military Charter School Proposed

A group of local residents has announced plans to propose a fall of 2014 opening for a Advanced Military Aerospace Science Academy (AMASA) Charter School in the Bethlehem Area School District (BASD). It is expected that such a plan could be taken to the local school board by mid-November. The AMASA will offer the Air Force JROTC curriculum.

A group of LEPOCO members and friends have been following this development with concern. We oppose the AMASA proposal for many reasons. Some of my greatest concerns follow: Funding for charter schools comes from public school districts; funds should be diverted from public school only if there's a real public purpose. The proposed curriculum is not really unique; BASD is starting to build REAL leadership abilities with the restorative practices program. The JROTC history curriculum is often more propaganda than history. JROTC is part of the military's recruiting command, and is an inappropriate use of federal tax dollars. JROTC cadets have been involved in violent offenses against other students. The military in general (and the Air Force in particular) have a very bad record of violence against women.

BASD Superintendent Joseph Roy and Assistant Superintendent Jack Silva have written that they are opposed to this charter school proposal. (Because charter schools are funded with public school funds, public school officials often oppose most any charter school proposals.) They plan to recommend that the school board deny the application. If the school board rejects the charter school, the proposal can be presented to the governor-appointed Charter School Appeals Board, along with 1,000 signatures of support from BASD residents. In anticipation of the need to present to the Appeals Board, the charter school organizers have been active in obtaining these 1,000 signatures.

LEPOCO members are currently gathering data and preparing strategies for dealing with any formal proposal for a local AMASA. To get involved, contact the LEPOCO office.

- Martha Christine

Remember Hiroshima/Nagasaki

Three recent LEPOCO events focused on the destructiveness of nuclear weapons and the dangers of nuclear power.

On Friday, August 2, the documentary "The Ghosts of Jeju" showed the struggles of Jeju Island, off the coast of Korea, whose people suffered during the US-Korean War, and who now are actively resisting the US naval base being built in Gangjeong Village. The base is planned to harbor 20 US warships, including a carrier with the Aegis Defense missile launchers. The militarization of Jeju Island, a declared environmental wonder of the world also called Peace Island, is transforming it into an island of war.

Sixty-eight years have passed since the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. LEPOCO's public observance was held August 7, in Bethlehem's Tondabayashi Serenity Garden, with songs, readings, and poetry. It included a reflective silent walk with participants carrying the peace flags made by children at Peace Camp, and a closing universal dance of peace led by Alice Rader.

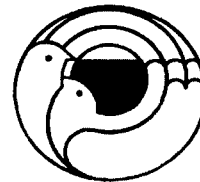
Lastly, a Potluck & Politics event on August 11, featured Sachio Ko-Yin, who talked about the "Transform Now Plowshares" action by Sister Megan Rice, Greg Boertje-Obed, and Michael Walli. These activists entered the Y-12 Nuclear Weapons Facility at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, in June of 2012, hiked for two hours over mountains and cut through three fences until they reached the stored 400 tons of enriched uranium. Their symbolic action of resistance to nuclear weapons highlighted the lack of adequate security at Y-12, prompting congressional hearings on the security failures. The three activists were arrested on multiple charges, and face sentencing September 23. *The Washington Post* told their story in "The Prophets of Oak Ridge," 4/29/13.

We never know how much Musikfest events deter people from attending the H-N August events, but this year some of those attending the August 7th program benefitted as we attended an inspiring Musikfest concert by folksingers Kim and Reggie Harris at the Central Moravian Church Chapel. Our joy from that concert is sobered by the latest news that Japan faces disaster in cleaning up the tsunami-damaged Fukushima nuclear power plant still leaking lots of radioactive water.

- Monica McAghon

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Popcorn & Politics

Friday, September 6th, 2013, 7:00 pm

"How to Survive a Plague"

A Popcorn & Politics Film projected on the big screen at the LEPOCO Peace Center.

This Academy Award nominated documentary tells the story of two coalitions -- ACT UP and TAG (Treatment Action Group) -- whose activism and innovation turned AIDS from a death sentence into a manageable condition. Despite having no scientific training, these self-made activists protested in the streets, infiltrated the pharmaceutical industry and helped identify promising new drugs, moving them from experimental trials to patients in record time.

Directed by David France. 109 minutes. 2012.

Please bring a snack or beverage to share.



Book Group

The First Tuesday LEPOCO Book Club will meet on September 3rd to discuss *Walking With the Wind: A Memoir of the Movement*, by John Lewis, just days after the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington where Lewis was one of the speakers. The son of an Alabama Sharecropper and a U.S. Congressperson since 1986, John Lewis has led an extraordinary life, one that found him at the epicenter of the civil rights movement in the late 1950s and 1960s. He was Chair of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), was one of the youngest speakers at that March on Washington, and was arrested more than forty times and severely beaten on several occasions. The Book Club will meet at Wegman's (off Route 512, north of Rt. 22). The meeting will start at 6 pm. You can get some food and/or drink and join the group in the upstairs dining area.

On October 1st the group will discuss, *The Reluctant Fundamentalist: A Novel*, by Mohsin Hamid; and in November, *The Swerve: How the World Became Modern*, by Stephen Greenblatt.

For more information about the Book Club contact Mimi Lang at 610-866-2407.

Fairs & Festivals

August and September are always busy months for LEPOCO participating in fairs and festivals. As this newsletter is being prepared we will going to the August 18th Pride in the Park Festival in Allentown.

On Monday, August 26th, we will take an information table to Lehigh University's Community Expo in the afternoon, and on the morning of Thursday, August 29th to Northampton Community College's Community Service Fair.

On Saturday, September 7th, we will participate in the third VegFest on Bethlehem's Southside Greenway -- a really lively gathering.

And, finally on Saturday, September 21st, we will take our booth to the Peace Fair at the Buckingham

Friends Meeting & School in Lahaska, close to Peddler's Village.

We need lots of volunteers to staff all of these events. If you can help at one event (or more), please call LEPOCO at 610-691-8730.

Memorial Project for Tommy Booth

July 8th marked the 10th anniversary of Tommy Booth's passing from this world. LEPOCO members may remember Tommy. He was one of the first group of peace campers and attended and helped at Peace Camp for many years. He attended vigils and demonstrations.

Our family wished to mark a decade since his passing by making some meaningful effort to commemorate his life. His sister, Jane suggested we donate a water collection tank to Uganda in his memory.

In many Ugandan villages children have to take two hours (or more) each day away from school and other activities to walk miles to collect drinking water which is often contaminated. Many children get sick from infectious disease as a result.

The Ugandan Water Project helps local villagers install 2,500 gallon rain water collection tanks in rural villages so that people can have a source of clean water. The people in the villages are hired to do the work. Each tank costs \$3,500 and provides water for 400 people for thirty years. A short video and more information can be found at www.ugandanwaterproject.com/shop/campaigns/tom-booth-memorial.

Tommy was good at making connections - with people and ideas. Water is life sustaining, and the need for clean water is something we all share. The Ugandan Water Project connects this source of life to people who currently do not have clean water available. It makes an immediate and lasting difference in people's daily lives. We'd like to invite LEPOCO members to be part of this effort to make a vital difference in children's lives in Tommy's memory.

- Ginny & Tom Booth and Jane & Mike Fluck

The Struggle Shared

*Monsanto, you came and killed without shooting,
And I want you to know, Monsanto,
Now we know the truth about GMO
And we want you to go, Monsanto,
We trusted you with our Fruits and Vegetables.
You said FDA approved, but you lied.
You paid them off, and we won't be pacified,
Or digest your mutated Frankenstein Products this time
Cuz the bottom line is we don't want, we don't want Cancer.*

- Maimouna Youssef, from "Ode to Monsanto" which can be viewed online.

WHY BEES ARE DYING - One morning last spring, 50,000 dead bumblebees were found littering a parking lot in Oregon. A single farm in Ontario reported the loss of 37 million bees.

Last winter alone, 31% of bee hives in the U.S. collapsed. These astonishing figures are part of a pattern that poses a serious threat to the survival of bees worldwide, and disastrous consequences for our food chain which depends on bees for pollination. The phenomenon of "Colony Collapse Disorder" has been studied by researchers for years, and has been attributed to a toxic combination of parasites, pesticides, poor nutrition and low genetic diversity, until recently.

Investigations of the die-offs in Oregon and Ontario disclosed that trees and fields had been sprayed with Safari, containing neonics (neonicotinoids), a class of pesticide chemicals produced by Bonide Corporation and Bayer, and distributed to home garden centers throughout the country. The Oregon Department of Agriculture is investigating the "Parking Lot Massacre." The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is reviewing the use of neonics, a process that is expected to last five years. The European Union has already implemented a ban on the use of neonics for the next two years.

In May, beekeepers and activists swarmed the Independent Garden Centers Show in Chicago, putting a counter-spin on Bonide's marketing of their bee-killing chemicals.

Most recently, Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR), and Rep John Conyers (D-CA), introduced HR-2692, the "Save America's Pollinators Act," which would suspend use of neonicotinoids until the EPA finishes its review. What can we do to save the bees? Go to your local garden cen-

ter, and urge them to remove pesticides containing these dangerous chemicals from their shelves. Urge your representative to support HR-2692. (Sources: www.SumofUs.org or www.greenpeace.org.)

MONSANTO FEEDS THE WORLD

POISON - The environmental community has for years connected the world's declining bee populations to a single giant corporation. Monsanto not only produces the top-selling herbicides in the world, but now 40% of crops in the United States contain its genes. Several of Monsanto's factories are designated superfund sites, and the company spends millions every year lobbying for their right to go right on poisoning our fragile planet.

Monsanto's history goes back to 1901 when it entered the market producing industrial chemicals. Monsanto was behind Agent Orange, the defoliant used in Vietnam which has caused a plethora of health issues for GIs who were exposed. Monsanto produced 99% of the world's PCB's before they were banned in 1976. In recent decades Monsanto has turned to monopolizing agribusiness and its mission is to feed the world -- with pesticide laced, genetically modified foods.

The ends to which they have gone to ensure their growing profits are staggering. The Food and Drug Administration is stacked with former Monsanto executives. Congress and the Obama Administration have enacted and signed legislation which has been dubbed, "The Monsanto Protection Act." It prevents courts from restricting the sale of GMO products.

In a 2012 case, a farmer was sued by Monsanto for growing his crops with the seed from the previous year's harvest. The court upheld Monsanto's claim that the farmer violated the com-

pany's patent, and he was ordered to pay \$85,000. (Currently under appeal).

Recognizing that the profits of the future are in controlling water rights, one of Monsanto's next enterprises will be to take ownership of aquifers it polluted with PCB's, filter the water, and sell it back to us in bottles.

It's fair to say that Monsanto is becoming one of the most reviled corporations in our world, and the forces opposed to the monopolization of food production are lining up, and being counted. There was a "Global March Against Monsanto" in May, with 400 demonstrations in 50 countries. Sixty countries have implemented bans on Monsanto's genetically engineered products. MoveOn.org is organizing to pass more GMO labeling laws like those in Connecticut and Maine.

CORPORATE AMERICA'S WAR ON THE POOR

- Despite an astronomical increase in wealth in the United States in the decade between 2000 and 2010, the percentage of U.S. citizens living below the poverty line has increased from 11.3% (31 million) to 15.1% (46 million). With the Census Bureau's recalibration of its statistics to include previously ignored costs of being poor, the U.S. now has over 50 million people living below poverty level -- that is 18% of our children and 15.5% of all working adults.

As businesses are out-sourced, down-sized, bought-out, and shut-down, their once middle class workforce has been inducted into the unemployment roles. Recent college graduates saddled with tuition debt, and unable to get work in their field, are forced to get jobs stocking shelves at Walmart, at minimum wage. Or a single mother finally gets a job at McDonalds, and discovers when she goes to collect her pay, that she is given a bank card that charges her a fee to withdraw her wages. As if the burden of being poor were not heavy enough, a third of our states now allow collection agencies to sue people who cannot make a credit card payment or pay an overdue fine, and judges are sending such debtors to prison.

Meanwhile, our elected representatives in Washington, and in the States, call for austerity measures, cuts in Food Stamps, Head Start, and Medical Assistance.

- Jeff Vitelli

Peace Camp 2013



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- 1) A Blue Group camper concentrates during an activity.
- 2) Deontee Krayee gathers several campers from the Yellow Group for a photo.
- 3) The Rose Group use crayons to create Peace Flags.
- 4) Katie Moyer and Debbie Orben lead Purple Group campers in learning sign language.



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- 5) Donna Hartmann and the Red Group discovered that painting with your hands can be messy... and fun.
- 6) Monica McAgthon talks about sunflowers as part of the Peace Flag project.
- 7) The Green Group works on their contribution to the chain of Peace Flags with Bryant Brown.



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Photos by Susie Ravitz.

Peace Camp: Some Reflections

If people wonder what is so special about Peace Camp you will get some taste of that specialness in the following three reflections.

Peace Camp was an amazing experience. Even though it was my first year, I learned a lot about the program and truly enjoyed myself. Meeting so many children from different backgrounds was awesome. I especially liked the openings and closings when the whole camp came together; it really completed the experience. The dancing was a particularly moving experience, as it really brought the campers and helpers together. I can't wait to volunteer again at next year's Peace Camp so that I can experience it all over again. Thank you so much for having me.

- Fransheska M. Rosa, Rose Group Helper

As a first time helper (at Peace Camp), I was blown away by the experience, starting with the moment I walked into Fountain Hill Elementary School. Everyone was smiling. Not a little smile, but a HUGE smile. Smiles beget smiles. A friendly, caring, happy atmosphere, permeated the building, from the first minute to the last day.

I was thoroughly impressed by the comprehensive, varied, activity schedule, and how well it was adhered to throughout the week. Even though the rooms were all open, the quiet was remarkable. The silence demonstrated how well the program was organized and executed. The snacks provided were varied, generous, and scrumptious, as well as observing dietary restrictions. Yum!

- Karen Bader, Green Group Helper

Teaching Peace all the world around...

Teaching Peace in Bethlehem and Allentown...

If you want a place to go for thoughtful play...

Cicada shells on your shirt,

which you dyed with colors, bright as day...

If you'd like to play a game

where you win and so do they...

Sing songs about a thirsty moose

And a "zt zt" mosquito, every day...

If you want to be with friends

Who say HEY! Let's play Drip-drip drop!

It's a VERY hot day...

Peace Camp is where you want to be!!!

Teen helpers will read books to you and me.

Leaders will help us use the words that make us see

That all living things

are more than just an animal or a tree

That they are valuable and they need to be

Treated as if they are the key

To what we want the world to be.

AND...Dan may bring a bee!

(or ONE HUNDRED THREE!)

Every late July don't forget to tell your friends
That Peace Camp is FUN from beginning to end!

One by one in our work and in our play...

We are teaching peace by what we do and what we say...

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- Amanda Zaniesienko, Yellow Group Leader

Calling for Multilateralism

Recalling President Obama's speech at the Brandenburg Gate on June 19th ("...so long as nuclear weapons exist, we are not truly safe..."), many national peace groups are calling on the United States to stop ignoring multilateral efforts to move the world toward this vision of a world without nuclear weapons. Contacts with the White House can urge that President Obama speak at the September 26, high-level meeting on nuclear disarmament at the United Nations in New York; that the U.S. participate in the follow-on international conference on the humanitarian impacts of nuclear weapons scheduled for February 2014 in Mexico after failing to attend the first such conference in Oslo (attended by 127 other governments); and, that the U.S. cease boycotting the UN's Open Ended Working Group on Nuclear Disarmament, which is developing proposals for multilateral negotiations to achieve and sustain a world free of nuclear weapons (as well as support the working group's extension into 2014).

Source: June 6, 2013, letter to President Obama from American Friends Service Committee, Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy and others.

Messages for Transform Now Plowshares

Postcards addressed to Amul R. Thapar, the judge that will be setting the sentences for the Transform Now Plowshares (see related article on page 2), are available for signing at the LEPOCO Office. You can also find a sample postcard at www.transformnowplowshares.wordpress.com. It is hoped that many people will sign and mail these postcards. Addresses for the three Plowshares peacemakers now in prison follow:

Michael Walley: IDN: 1226169

Unit 2

Knox County Sheriff's Detention Facility

5001 Maloneyville Road

Knoxville, Tennessee 37918

Megan Rice, IDN 1226166

Knox County Jail

5001 Maloneyville Rd

Knoxville, TN 37918

Gregory Boertje-Obed, IDN: 1226167

Unit 4

Knox County Sheriff's Detention Facility

5001 Maloneyville Road

Knoxville, Tennessee 37918

Bits & Pieces

☺ Thank you to the 24 people who spent a hot Sunday afternoon visiting with **Greta Browne and Guy Gray**, at the home of Martin Boksenbaum and Janet Goloub, learning about Guy and Greta's new life in Brazil (they have been living there for two years). They reported on the ups and downs of working to live sustainably in this new environment. Through the generosity of those attending over \$100 was given to Guy and Greta for their environmental endeavors and \$100 to LEPOCO.

☺ On August 9, hundreds of Native Americans and their allies arrived in New York City after paddling 140 miles down the Hudson River to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the first treaty between Native Americans and the Europeans who traveled here - the **Two Row Wampum Treaty**. Three participants in the event in NYC, Oren Lyons, faithkeeper of the Onondaga Nation, Pete Seeger, legendary folk singer, and Andy Mager, coordinator for the Two Row Wampum Renewal Campaign, talked with Amy Goodman on Democracy Now, also on August 9. Their insights are inspiring. It is worth watching this interview at www.democracynow.org, just to hear Pete Seeger sing a few lines.

☺ In July **Bradley Manning** was awarded the 2013 Sean MacBride Peace Award by the International Peace Bureau (IPB). The IPB represents 320 organizations in 70 countries and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1910. Manning, lauded as a whistleblower and international hero by lovers of peace and justice, has also been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. A petition with over 100,000 signers supporting his nomination was delivered to the Nobel Committee by Roots Action on August 16. You can still sign this petition at www.ManningNobel.org. There are many who contend that Bradley Manning was legally obligated to report the war crimes he witnessed, and therefore should face

no charges, let alone the abuse and extreme charges he has suffered.

☺ Several local vigils were held following the "not guilty" verdict in the George Zimmerman trial in Florida for the murder of young **Trayvon Martin**. Among them was a "Justice for Trayvon Martin Rally" held in Bethlehem's sculpture garden next to City Hall. Over 100 people gathered in the early evening heat on July 17th and heard leaders of the three local chapters of the NAACP speak out for justice.

Those same NAACP chapters are organizing buses to the **50th Anniversary March on Washington** which will be held Saturday, August 24. Both the frighteningly callous verdict following the murder of Trayvon Martin and the recent Supreme Court roll-back on voting rights make the march more important than ever. Call Esther Lee (of the Bethlehem NAACP) at 610-866-2078 to learn if there are any seats left on the buses going to the March from the Lehigh Valley.

☺ Linda Bilmes of Harvard University wrote a good piece, "**Pentagon a Ripe Target for Cuts**," for the Boston Globe on July 31. She was focusing on the "Budget for All" that was on the Massachusetts ballot last year -- a referendum urging the federal government to end the war in Afghanistan, reduce military spending, shift funding to domestic priorities, and increase taxes on

the wealthy. In her closing paragraph she writes, "...we should reset out national priorities towards more butter, fewer guns, and more equitable taxation. Voters are disillusioned with the gridlock in Washington, and the iron grip of special interest. Congress needs to pay attention to the common sense of our Commonwealth (Massachusetts) voters." This is a good piece to share with our elected leaders and others.

☺ American Friends Service Committee has produced a briefing paper on "**Drones**." It contains information about the history of drone development; legal ramifications of drone warfare; and current domestic and military uses of drones. It can be found go online by "googling" "Drone Briefing Paper from AFSC."

Check out the LEPOCO website at www.lepoco.org for a Calendar of Events, Newsletter Archive, Videos, & More.

Sign up for LEPOCO e-mail updates by calling 610-691-8730 or by writing to lepoco@fast.net.

MEETINGS... MEETINGS... MEETINGS... MEETINGS... ETC.

Tuesday, August 20, 3:30 pm: Lehigh Valley Committee Against State Killing meeting at Peace Center.

Friday, August 23, 1 pm: Newsletter Planning Meeting at Peace Center.

Monday, September 9, 12:15 pm: Americas Solidarity Group meeting at LEPOCO Peace Center.

Mondays, September 9 & October 14, 7 pm: LEPOCO Monthly Action Meeting at the Peace Center. All members & friends are welcome at this business meeting where the organization's activities are reviewed.

Thursdays, September 12 & October 10, 6 pm: Lehigh Valley Chapter of Veterans for Peace meeting with pizza at LEPOCO Peace Center.

Tuesday, September 24, 4:30 pm: Military Charter School Response Committee meeting at LEPOCO Peace Center.

Please join in the meetings and work of these groups as you are able. If you want more information on the Nuclear Abolition Sisters, Peace Camp Planning Committee, Peace Singers, or the Bike/Walkathon Planning Committee, or about any of the meetings listed above, please call LEPOCO at 610-691-8730. For a regularly updated calendar of events and meetings please see www.lepoco.org.



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Meetings...

Monthly Peace Vigil

Our wars continue. Please help witness for peace.

4:30-5:30 pm

Second Thursdays:

September 12 & October 10

3rd & Wyandotte Sts., Bethlehem

Contact: Vince Stravino 610-216-8103 /
Tom Ulrich 610-882-1136

LEPOCO Theater Party

Tuesday, September 17

6:00 pm

LEPOCO Peace Center
313 West 4th St., south Bethlehem
Food, Friends, Folk Music (recorded)
followed by Film

Greenwich Village:

Music that Defined a Generation

at SteelStacks

\$15 regular donation

\$10 students & limited income; \$25 special supporter

(See page 1 for more details.)

Stand Up & Speak Out!

Saturdays, August 31 & September 28
12 Noon

Protest Horsham Drone Command Center

(Outside Horsham Air National Guard Station,
Easton & County Line Roads, Horsham, PA)

10:45 am: Carpool from Lehigh Valley

(From Hellertown Park & Ride, Silvex Rd. near intersection
of Rt. 412 & I-78, behind Wendy's)

Please call 610-691-8730 to sign up or with questions.

(See Page 1 for information.)

First Friday Film/ P&P

"How to Survive a Plague"

Friday, September 6, 7 pm

LEPOCO Peace Center

(See page 3 for details.)

Book Group

Tuesday, September 3

"Walking With the Wind" by John Lewis

(See page 3 for more info.)