

## No War on Syria

In late August and early September there was a flurry of activity opposing U.S. military action in Syria. It was heartening and very important. LEPOCO was part of that activity -- some of it portrayed in a recent fund appeal letter insert. (If you did not see that insert and would like to see it, please contact LEPOCO.) We issued a statement that was sent to elected leaders and used on flyers; we urged calls to Congress by e-mail, leafleting, and outreach at VegFest; and we held peace vigils in Bethlehem and Easton. Some people wrote letters to the editor and op-eds, opposing military action. We watched as strong opposition to U.S. military action arose from the local Syrian-American community and from some often considered unlikely anti-war allies. Author, Stephen Kinzer wrote on September 10<sup>th</sup>, that, "Never in modern history have Americans been so doubtful about the wisdom of bombing, invading or occupying another country."

Lenny Siegel of the Center for Public Environmental Oversight, wrote of the difficult work ahead in destroying Syria's chemical weapons, but asserts that "...with technologies that have been developed over the past two decades, the safe destruction of Syria's chemical weapons stockpile is feasible."

Phyllis Bennis of the Institute for Policy Studies, wrote that "...we must urgently help end the war in Syria, starting with a ceasefire and arms embargo on all sides." She mentions the need for Russia and Iran to stop arming the Syrian regime and for the U.S., Saudi Arabia and U.S. allies to stop arming the Syrian opposition, stating that, "Washington may have to threaten the Saudis and Qataris that if they don't stop (funding the Syrian opposition) we will cancel all existing weapons contracts with them."

Besides the Potluck & Politics program with speaker Faramarz Farbod ("Iran, Syria, and Egypt: Some Current Analysis) described on page three of this newsletter where we can learn more about developments in Syria in the larger context, you can learn more about developments there by watching a National Teach-In on Syria on Tuesday, October 8, 6:30-7:30 pm, at [www.busboysandpoets.com/videos/live-streaming](http://www.busboysandpoets.com/videos/live-streaming). Speakers for that teach-in include Phyllis Bennis, Rep. Barbara Lee, and Stephen Miles of Win Without War, whose family was involved with LEPOCO as he grew up here in Bethlehem.

- Nancy C. Tate

## LEPOCO Yard Sale

Saturday, October 12, 8 am - 1 pm

1326 West North Street, Bethlehem

(Home of Sarah Andrew & Marc Rittle, in W. Bethlehem, near 13<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
North St. runs between & parallel to Broad St. & Union Blvd.)

### How You Can Help:

- 1) Help with Yard Sale set-up on Friday, October 11, noon-7 pm, at the address above. Call LEPOCO at 610-691-8730 to schedule your two-hour (or more) time slot.
- 2) If you have items to donate and you missed the Sunday (Oct. 6) drop-off time, call LEPOCO (610-691-8730) to make other arrangements.
- 3) Help staff the Yard Sale, Saturday, October 12, 7 am-2 pm. Again, please call LEPOCO at 610-691-8730 to schedule a two-hour (or more) time slot.
- 4) Visit the sale and shop on Saturday, October 12, 8 am-1 pm.

## Witness for Peace Speaker to Visit

For 30 years LEPOCO has supported Witness For Peace with members joining delegations, attending regional meetings and hosting speakers from the Americas. Last fall we welcomed a speaker from Mexico who was working with Central American migrants passing through her country -- Leonila Romero.

On Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, we will host another speaker from Mexico who is also working with those migrants -- Gabriela (Gaby) Martinez. Gaby's family knows the story of migrants well. Her grandfather traveled to the U.S., participating in the Bracero Program, and family myths revolve around the migrant journeys of men in her family. She earned a degree in journalism and now works for Servicio Jesuita a Migrantes (SJM) or Jesuit Migrant Service. SJM works to achieve full respect for the human and labor rights of migrants and their families in their communities of origin, on their journey and when they arrive at their destination.

This is an important opportunity for us to learn more about and show support for the migrants who pass through the "most tragic migration in the world" -- Central American migrants trying to reach the U.S. Please join us at 7 pm, on Thursday, October 17, at the LEPOCO Peace Center to hear Gaby Martinez speak on the topic, "We Are All Migrants: Reflections on Central Americans in Search of the American Dream."

## Gracias Peace Community \_\_\_\_\_

On the photo page you will see three people on a porch, one holding a sign saying, "Gracias LEPOCO!" That photo was sent to us by Candice Camargo, Director of the FOR (Fellowship of Reconciliation) Peace Presence in San José de Apartadó, Colombia. The people are Don Conrado of the Peace Community and Luke and Jamie of the FOR team. The thanks are for \$1200 which LEPOCO committed to the FOR Peace Presence in August. In May representatives from FOR met with LEPOCO's Americas Solidarity Group to describe new funding needs for their accompaniment program in Colombia, asking for a two-year commitment of \$2500 each.

This sounded like an impossible task for LEPOCO in its current financial stress. However, it seemed a perfect use for a fund Joe DeRaymond contributed to for a number of years. The Peace Community and FOR's accompaniment program were very important to Joe; he lived with the Peace Community as an accompanier twice, and in addition advocated for it here. LEPOCO felt we could commit to \$1200 each year, adding to Joe's posthumous contribution with special fundraising activities such as the Bike/Walkathon and an appearance in the Lehigh Valley by a member of the Peace Community or accompanier.

Besides LEPOCO's effort, Sarah Snider and Dean Caivano, who visited the Peace Community in March and gave a fine report of his visit at a LEPOCO Potluck & Politics, have been working on their own to supplement LEPOCO's commitment. Thanks to their efforts the Lehigh Valley will probably meet the \$2500 FOR request.

- Janet Goloub

**Editor's Note:** A recent issue of *Fellowship*, the magazine published by FOR, features articles about accompaniment, including several about FOR's work with San José de Apartadó.

## Help Close the SOA \_\_\_\_\_

At least one Lehigh Valley family plans to make the annual journey to demonstrations and gatherings outside Ft. Benning, Georgia, the home for the School of the Americas, this November 22-24. Will this be the year you plan to join them? There will be rallies, workshops, concerts, street theater, film screenings, and more, all to call attention to the SOA as an "example of the pervasive culture of militarization from the United States directed to Latin America." This is a remarkable and inspiring weekend of events. If you want more information contact LEPOCO or go to [www.soaw.org](http://www.soaw.org).

In this the 40<sup>th</sup> year since the coup d'état in Chile that removed the elected president Salvador Allende from office and during which thousands of Chileans were murdered, disappeared or tortured, SOA Watch is supporting the "Justice for Victor Jara" campaign. Folk-singer Victor Jara was one of the thousands killed in

September 1973. Last December a Chilean judge charged several former military officers as responsible for Jara's murder. Four of those officers are graduates of the SOA and one lives in Florida. Go to [www.soaw.org/victor](http://www.soaw.org/victor) to sign a call for the U.S. government to honor the request of the Chilean judge for the extradition of former military officer Pedro Barrientos to Chile.

Victor Jara was a great songwriter and musician whose work and life are cherished by Chileans and people around the world.

## Fukushima - More Bad News \_\_\_\_\_

The news from Fukushima seems to only get worse -- soaring radiation and uncontrolled leaking of radioactive water, all from severely damaged nuclear reactors following the March 2011 tsunami that hit Japan's coast. Harvey Wasserman, author and activist, recently wrote, "We are now within two months of what may be humankind's most dangerous moment since the Cuban Missile Crisis." He is referring to plans to remove more than 1300 spent fuel rods from a badly damaged pool perched 100 feet in the air -- the pool resting on a badly damaged building that is tilting and sinking. The 400 tons of fuel in that pool could spew out more than 15,000 times as much radiation as was released at Hiroshima.

You can go to [www.rootsaction.org](http://www.rootsaction.org) to sign a petition to President Obama and UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon calling for a coordinated worldwide effort by the best scientists and engineers to address this crisis.

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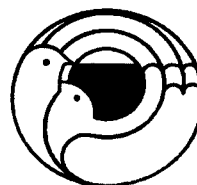
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Thanks to all the people who collate and prepare the newsletter for mailing each month.

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# Potluck / Popcorn & Politics

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Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm

Faramarz Farbod: "Iran, Syria & Egypt: Some Current Analysis"

Potluck & Politics at the LEPOCO Peace Center.

When we want assistance in understanding developments in the Middle East we often call on Faramarz Farbod, who has been teaching politics at Moravian College since 1998. Faramarz Farbod came to the United States from Iran in the 1970s. He graduated from Moravian College and earned a masters degree at Lehigh University. In the 1990s he taught politics in his native Iran. He is the single parent of twin boys, both Peace Campers and helpers for several years.

They all love playing soccer.

*Please bring some food to share for the potluck dinner at 6:00 pm.  
The presentation and discussion should begin shortly after 6:30 pm.*

Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 pm

"Iron Jawed Angels"

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

This is a dramatic retelling of the story of the remarkable suffragists who followed in the footsteps of Susan B. Anthony in the early 1900s. The film focuses on a group of passionate and dynamic young women, led by Alice Paul and her friend Lucy Burns, who put their lives on the line to fight for women's right to vote in the United States. Starring Hillary Swank,

Frances O'Connor, Julia Ormond, and Anjelica Huston.

Directed by Katja von Garnier. 125 minutes. 2004.

*Please bring a snack or beverage to share.*



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## Book Group

The First Tuesday LEPOCO Book Club will meet on November 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss *The Swerve: How the World Became Modern*, by Stephen Greenblatt. *The Swerve* was the winner of the 2012 Pulitzer Prize for General Non-Fiction. Greenblatt tells the story of how Poggio Bracciolini, a 15<sup>th</sup>-century papal emissary and obsessive book hunter, saved the last copy of the Roman poet Lucretius's *On the Nature of Things* from near-terminal neglect in a German monastery, thus reintroducing important ideas that sparked the modern age.

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 December 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Book Club will discuss *People of the Book*, by Geraldine Brooks.

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

## Horsham & Drones

For several months this newsletter has carried reports on the monthly demonstrations opposing the Drone War Command Center proposed for the Horsham Air Guard Station on Rt. 611 about an hour south of the Lehigh Valley. Early reports about the Drone Center had indicated that it would open in October

and demonstrations were originally scheduled for the last Saturday of every month, May to September. We now know that the Command Center will not become operational for at least a year and the Brandywine Peace Community that has led the organizing to "Stop the Drone War Command Center Before It Starts," is calling for the demonstrations to continue on the last Saturday of the month, at least through the end of 2013: Saturdays, October 26, November 30, and December 28, noon to 2 pm, each day.

LEPOCO will continue organizing car pools from the Park & Ride in Hellertown, as needed, departing at 10:45 am. Call 610-691-8730 to sign up for the car pool.

In related efforts, peace activists in Maine plan a walk through their state, October 10-19, from Limestone to Bath. Their walk will be in opposition to a possible weaponized drone test center in that state, and will be in concern about drone surveillance at home and drone killing overseas. People from outside Maine are invited to join the walk. For more information see [www.bringourwardollarshome.org/calendar](http://www.bringourwardollarshome.org/calendar) or call 207-443-9502.

And, CodePink and other groups are sponsoring a 2013 Drone Summit in Washington, DC, November 16-17. The theme will be "Drones Around the Globe: Proliferation & Resistance," with speakers from around the world. For more information see [www.codepink.org](http://www.codepink.org).



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Photos courtesy of Susie Ravitz and the F.O.R.

- 1) LEPOCO folks have been part of monthly demos to oppose a Drone War Command Center in Horsham.
- 2) The Peace Boutique had a successful day at VegFest recruiting people to make calls to Congress re: Syria.
- 3) Members of the Fellowship of Reconciliation's Peace Presence Team in Colombia flank community leader Don Conrado to thank LEPOCO for supporting the peace community of San José de Apartadó (see page 2 for more).
- 4) An emergency vigil held at the south end of the Hill-to-Hill Bridge in Bethlehem on September 5<sup>th</sup> drew over two dozen people who prefer diplomacy over dropping bombs on Syria.



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- 5) As part of the LEPOCO's annual Hiroshima-Nagasaki remembrance events a silent procession left the Tondabayashi Serenity Garden to visit the grounds of Musikfest.
- 6) Esther Lee of the Bethlehem branch of the N.A.A.C.P. speaks at a rally following the verdict in the Trayvon Martin case. Nancy Tate was invited and spoke on behalf of LEPOCO.
- 7) The LEPOCO bumper sticker made an appearance during the warm-up prior to the Bike-Walkathon in June.



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# The Struggle Shared

*In response to the menace of the U.S. Military Industrial Complex, non-violent soul force needs to be considered. Satyagraha needs to be brought to bear in international conflicts just as it was used by Mahatma Gandhi in India, and by Reverend Martin Luther King in the U.S."*

- Sherwood Ross, on Alternet, from Noam Chomsky's  
2003 Essay "Imperial Ambitions"

## TIME FOR A 4<sup>TH</sup> UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT -

We are presently occupying a potentially transformational time in our world's history of war and peace. In the past month, we pulled from the brink of military intervention in Syria's civil war, and, for the moment, diplomacy, negotiation, and increased humanitarian assistance are instruments being used by the global community to seek a peaceful resolution, and an end to the threat of chemical weapons. This turn of events has been attributed by some to the effective organizing by anti-war forces in the U.S. and internationally.

It is also auspicious that the UN General Assembly met this week in New York, that world leaders were well represented, addressed issues ranging from Syria's chemical weapons to climate change, and diplomatic talks are beginning between the U.S. and Iranian Secretaries of State, at the highest levels since 1979.

Earlier this month the UN Conference on Disarmament was also held in Geneva. The Conference on Disarmament (CD), established in 1979 as the single multilateral disarmament negotiating forum of the international community, was a result of the First Special Session on Disarmament of the United Nations General Assembly held in 1978. Among the mandates of the Conference on Disarmament are preparation for a 4<sup>th</sup> Special Session on Disarmament. The First Special Session on Disarmament was the largest meeting of states ever convened to consider the question of disarmament, and reached a consensus on a comprehensive disarmament strategy, embodied in the final document which eloquently registered the absurdity of the arms race, and was a blueprint

for disarmament. Unfortunately, SSD I's Program of Action, despite two more Special Sessions, in 1982 and in 1988, has never been implemented, and disarmament is still an aspiration, far from reality.

The UN General Assembly decided in 1995 to convene a 4<sup>th</sup> Special Session. It was originally to have been held in 1997, but the Disarmament Commission tasked with defining the objectives and the agenda was unable to reach agreement. The General Assembly again resolved to convene a Special Session and appointed open-ended working groups in 2003 and 2007, to formulate the objectives and agenda, but they failed to reach consensus, and the Special Session was again stalled.

The time is ripe now for a Fourth Special Session of the UN General Assembly. It would be an excellent chance for the international community to seize the momentum for diplomacy, break the impasse in disarmament and non-proliferation of all weapons, and begin to implement the Program of Action articulated at the First Special Session.

Let's recall that President Obama was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize early in his presidency. Let's remind him that this is the legacy we expect him to establish -- that of peacemaker, not of warmonger. He and his cabinet should be at the forefront of the call for a Fourth Special Session on Disarmament.

## TRANSFORM NOW PLOWSHARES SENTENCING -

Among the most inspiring voices for transformational peacemaking in our time are Sister Megan Rice, the 82 year-old nun, and long-time pacifists Michael Walli, and Gregory Boertje-Obed. The three nonviolent activists breached the security of the Y-12 nu-

clear weapons facility near Oak Ridge, Tennessee, in June of 2012. (See Struggle Shared of July 2013, and other articles in this newsletter.) In the pre-dawn hours they spray-painted, hung banners, read from the Bible, sang and prayed, and bore witness in a written statement: "The truth will heal us, and heal our planet, heal our diseases which result from the disharmony of our planet caused by the worst weapons in the history of mankind, which should not exist. For this we give our lives -- for the truth about the terrible existence of these weapons."

And give their lives, they did, indeed. In the course of their trial, the U.S. Government's case against the trio grew from the original misdemeanor trespassing charges (one year in prison) to felony sabotage, and terrorism charges. They face a maximum of 30 years in federal prison. In May they were convicted on all charges, and placed in jail to await sentencing. The sentencing was originally scheduled for Sept 30<sup>th</sup>.

The good news is that in response to the volume of letters and cards that the judge has received, he has delayed the sentencing date until January 28, 2014. The Transform Now Plowshares are asking for our help in encouraging Judge Thapar toward justice for the three in the sentencing phase -- calling for a downward departure from the high sentencing guidelines, in recognition that the crimes of the Transform Now Plowshares were acts on non-violence, hope, and love, not terrorism. There is a legal precedent for such a downward departure in at least two other plowshare cases where defendants were convicted of "sabotage." Send letters to US District Judge Amul R. Thapar / c/o Professor Bill Quigley / Loyola Law Clinic & Center for Social Justice / 7214 St. Charles Ave. / Campus Box 902 / New Orleans, LA 70118.

The three are being held in the Irwin County Detention Center in Ocilla, Georgia, and would appreciate letters of support. Go to [www.transformnowplowshares.org](http://www.transformnowplowshares.org) to find their current addresses.

- Jeff Vitelli

# The March on Washington at 50: Quotes & Commentary

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### *I stand here as a gay Pennsylvanian reflecting on the historic march 50 years ago, a march organized by another gay Pennsylvanian named Bayard Rustin. I stand here reflecting on the civil rights leaders who paved the paths that allow us to stand here today, more equal than we were yesterday, but with so much farther to go before the dream that Dr. King shared will be realized... Bayard Rustin once said that "we need, in every community, a group of angelic troublemakers." Let us return to our communities as angelic troublemakers to make the changes that will realize the dream!*

- Adrian Shanker of Bethlehem, President of Equality Pennsylvania, speaking at the Lincoln Memorial, 8/24/13.

### *With the stench of Medgar's blood in the air, we marched as Dr. King dreamed in 1963... He said the pendulum swung between hope and hopeless. He celebrated the joy of our progress: the freedom from barbarism and the right to vote. He would celebrate the joy of our political progress -- the return of President Aristide to Haiti; the freedom of Nelson Mandela in South Africa; and the election of Barack Obama, the crown jewel of our work.*

*He would have felt acutely the pain of stagnation, retrogression, unnecessary wars and the neglect of the poor. For there is too much poverty, hate and war. He was tormented by poverty, and using war and violence as remedies.*

*His mission was to disturb the comfortable and comfort the disturbed, and he was determined to remain permanently maladjusted until all of God's children had a meal for their bodies, education for their minds, and health care for their infirmities.*

*Today he would be disturbed -- banks bailed out, homeowners locked out; insurance companies bailed out, Detroit and Birmingham bankrupted; and we're still paying an awful price for misadventure in Iraq. He said too much war, too few jobs. Too little social uplift leads to moral and spiritual bankruptcy...*

*Through joy and pain, highs and lows, keep dreaming. As we gather today, we go beyond reflection and motivation. We need legislation and appropriations and a plan for reconstruction.*

*Keep dreaming of the constitutional right to vote. Stop the madness in North Carolina and Texas.*

*Keep dreaming. Revive the war on poverty -- 31 cities with 40+ percent Black males jobless, six cities above 50%.*

*Keep dreaming. Go from "stop and frisk" to "stop and employ," "stop and educate," "stop and house," "stop and choose schools over jails," "stop and love somebody." If someone is down, stop and lift them up.*

*Keep dreaming -- student loan debt forgiveness as a stimulus. End "student plus" loans.*

*Keep dreaming. Revive the U. S. Civil Rights Commission as the conscience of the nation, with integrity, strength and credibility.*

*Keep dreaming. Restore foreclosed housing.*

*Keep dreaming. Comprehensive immigration reform -- that includes Africa, Haiti and the Caribbean.*

*Keep dreaming. Fifty years later, we are free but not equal.*

*Keep dreaming. Choose life over death; futures over funerals; more graduations, less funerals.*

*Keep the faith and through it all, keep hope alive.*

- Jesse Jackson, Lincoln Memorial, Washington, D.C., 8/24/13.

### *There is a certain sanitization of that day, which is not true to history. People were making very concrete, very specific demands of their government. The speech's significance is buried often in the (beautiful) last words... The real commitment to nonviolence as a means of changing the world resonates so much today... money spent on war is money not spent on poverty; energy directed to militarism is energy directed away from human needs at home.*

- Alexis Moore Bruton of the American Friends Service Committee on "Radio Times" 8/28/13.

### *Brother Martin would not be invited to the very march in his name, because he would talk about drones, he'd talk about Wall Street criminality, he would talk about working class being pushed to the margins as profits went up for corporate executives and their compensation, he would talk about the legacies of white supremacy... We must never tame Martin Luther King Jr. or Fannie Lou Hamer or Ella Baker or Stokely Carmichael. They were unbossed. They were unbought. Will the connection between drones, new Jim Crow, prison-industrial complex, attacks on the working class, escalating profits at the top, be talked about and brought together during that march? I don't hold my breath. But Brother Martin's spirit would want somebody to push it.*

- Cornel West on "Democracy Now!" 7/22/13.

### *Fifty years later we must not give up on building a just America that ensures a level playing field for every child and person. We must not let anyone tell us that our rich nation's vaults of justice and opportunity are bankrupt... I hope we will commit ourselves on this fiftieth anniversary to building and sustaining a powerful transforming non-violent movement to help America live up to its promises and forge the will to translate America's dream into reality for all. Let's honor Dr. King and save America's future and soul by hearing, heeding, and following our greatest American prophet.*

- Marian Wright Edelman, President of Children's Defense Fund, "Where Do We Go From Here?" 8/23/13.

# Bits & Pieces

**Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!** Ed Liona for updating the light fixture in LEPOCO's teeny bathroom ## Monica McAghon & Mimi Lang for working on beautifying the Peace Pole in Bethlehem's Rose Garden ## Sharon Mills, Sheila Clever, Karen Hicks, Monica McAghon, Susie Ravitz, Amanda Zaniesienko, Janet Goloub, Julie Vitale, robert Daniels II, Tom Stinnett, and Nancy Tate for staffing the LEPOCO booth at Pride in the Park, Aug. 18 ## Julie Vitale & robert Daniels II for staffing LEPOCO's table at the Lehigh University Community Expo, Aug. 26 ## Amanda Zaniesienko & Nancy Tate for staffing the LEPOCO table at the Community Fair at NCC, Aug. 29 ## Dan Miller, Mylien Nguyen, Diane Dilendik, Bridger Buller, Susie Ravitz, Martha Christine, Kim Schaffer, Sarah Andrew, Julie Vitale, robert Daniels II, Tom Stinnett and Nancy Tate for staffing the LEPOCO booth at VegFest, Sept. 7 ## Robin Reinhard, Bob & Carmen Riggs, Ellen Buck, Tom Stinnett, and Nancy Tate for staffing the LEPOCO booth at the Peace Fair, Buckingham Quaker Meeting, Sept. 21 ## and finally, the 35+ members and friends who attended the Theater Party with great food (including tables on the lawn behind the Peace Center), followed by the screening of "Greenwich Village: Music That Defined a Generation," at SteelStacks.

Ⓢ **Rabbi Michael Lerner**, editor of the Jewish progressive magazine *Tikkun*, and author of many books, will speak at Lehigh University (Maginnis Hall, Room 102), on Wednesday, October 9, at 7 pm.

Ⓢ **Chris Hedges**, the Pulitzer Prize winning social critic will discuss his most recent book, *Days of Destruction, Days of Revolt*, at Moravian College (Prosser Aud.), on Tuesday, October 22, at 7:30 pm.

Ⓢ Congratulations to **Rod Gereda**, staffperson with the Interfaith Resource Center for Peace & Justice in Wilkes-Barre who will be honored at the Annual Dinner of the Ethics Institute of Northeastern Pennsylvania, at Misericordia University on October 24.

Ⓢ The **Lehigh Valley Friends Meeting** will hold their Annual Craft, Book & Bake Sale, Saturday, October 26, 10 am to 3 pm, at the Meeting House.

Ⓢ **The Heart of Justice: Breaking the Cycle of Fear, Violence, Punishment, Retaliation**, is the theme for a Lehigh County Conference of Churches program with panels and workshops, Saturday, November 9, 8:30 am to 3 pm, at Sacred Heart Hospital, 421 Chew St., Allentown. Suggested donation: \$10. Call 610-433-6421 to register.

Ⓢ **Save the Date:** The 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Nazareth-to-Bethlehem **Christmas Peace Pilgrimage** will be held Saturday, December 14.

Ⓢ LEPOCO has available several copies of the current issue of *WIN Through Revolutionary Nonviolence*, the magazine of the War Resisters League. It is a special issue commemorating the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the League. It includes beautiful photographs by David McReynolds and important articles like one by George Lakey on "Revisiting the Manifesto for Nonviolent Revolution."

Ⓢ **Addison Bross** wrote an excellent response to Paul Carpenter's "Bethlehem Peace Rally Is Too Polite and Too

Quiet," report on LEPOCO's Hiroshima/Nagasaki program of August 7. Addison wrote, "Actually it was not hell-raising, but Gandhi's 'gentle niceness' (his nonviolence) -- combined with shrewd strategizing (boycotts, noncooperation, etc.) -- that 'drove (his) oppressors crazy.' If Gandhi had raised hell, he would have given them two advantages: They could have retaliated with more dreadful violence and at the same time retained their illusion of moral superiority over 'terrorists.'" If you would like to see both articles contact LEPOCO.

Ⓢ **Found at LEPOCO:** a pair of prescription sunglasses with red frames. They were under a cushion in one of our chairs. Please call if you are the owner.

Check out the LEPOCO website at [www.lepoco.org](http://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](mailto:lepoco@fast.net).

## MEETINGS...MEETINGS...MEETINGS...MEETINGS...ETC.

**Wednesday, October 9, 11 am:** Americas Solidarity Group meeting at LEPOCO Peace Center.

**Thursdays, October 10 & November 14, 6 pm:** Lehigh Valley Chapter of Veterans for Peace meeting with pizza at LEPOCO Peace Center.

**Mondays, October 14 & November 11, 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.

**Tuesday, October 15, 11 am:** Newsletter Planning Committee meeting at the Peace Center.

**Tuesday, October 15, 3:30 pm:** Lehigh Valley Committee Against State Killing meeting at Peace Center.

**Tuesday, October 22, 5 pm:** Nuclear Abolition Sisters Meeting at Olive Branch Restaurant, south Bethlehem.

**Sunday, October 27, 7 pm:** LEPOCO Peace Singers rehearsal & meeting at home of Amanda Zaniesienko in Bethlehem. Facilitator: Jeff Vitelli. Future rehearsals on November 10, in Easton & December 8, in Bethlehem.

**Tuesday, January 14, 3:30 pm:** Bike-Walkathon 2014 Planning Committee meeting at LEPOCO.

Please join in the meetings and work of these groups as you are able. If you want more information on the, Peace Camp Planning Committee, of the Military Charter School Response 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](http://www.lepoco.org).



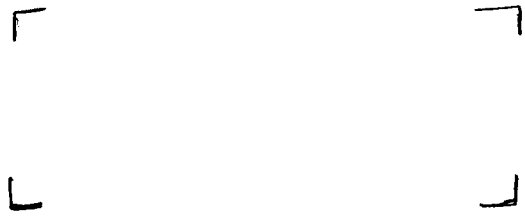
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## Monthly Peace Vigil

*Our wars continue. Please help witness for peace.*

4:30-5:30 pm

Second Thursdays:

October 10 & November 14

3<sup>rd</sup> & Wyandotte Sts., Bethlehem

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

## LEPOCO Yard Sale

Saturday, October 12

8 am - 1 pm

1326 West North Street, Bethlehem

(See page 1 for more details.)

Gabriela Martinez

*"We Are All Migrants:*

*Reflections on Central Americans in  
Search of the American Dream"*

Thursday, October 17, 7:00 pm

LEPOCO Peace Center

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## Stand Up & Speak Out!

Saturdays, October 26 & November 30  
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.

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## Potluck & Politics

Faramarz Farbod

*"Iran, Syria & Egypt: Some Current Analysis"*

Sunday, October 20

6:00 pm

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