



The 50th Year !?! _____

LEPOCO is celebrating its 50th year of working in the Lehigh Valley for Peace and Justice! That's good and bad news. The bad news is that after 50 years of advocating for peace we're still needed. The good news is that after 50 years of advocating for peace we still have the energy, skills, and funds (although as you know we always need more funds) to continue our work for peace and justice.

The committee to commemorate our 50th anniversary has been meeting to plan events designed to enrich our current membership, to honor our elders and our history, to reach out to new members (especially young folk), to strengthen our ties to our community, and to support peace and justice worldwide.

Your first opportunity to celebrate our 50th anniversary will be to attend a Dance Party! Evan Hoffman is donating his DJ talents and teaming up with his mom, Kathryn, to host a dance party on September 11. This is your chance to reconnect with old friends, make new friends and kick up your heels! We'll provide light refreshments. You provide a donation to be used to help refugees in Yemen and Syria. See the flyer included with this newsletter for details and help us make all those who would like to attend know about this party.

We're also sponsoring a Peace Poster Contest open to Lehigh Valley middle school- and high school-aged students. We'll be accepting poster contest entries this fall and awarding prizes and displaying posters on November 14, at the Northampton Community College Fowler Center, south Bethlehem. Please share the enclosed poster contest flyer with interested young people and with anyone you know who has contact with interested young people. (Full-color copies are available at LEPOCO for circulation.) And come out to support the winners at the awards ceremony. Our committee is working to find venues to display the posters throughout the Lehigh Valley during our celebratory year. Please let us know any suggestions you have.

The LEPOCO Annual Dinner on March 12, 2016, will be a time that we can honor our LEPOCO elders, learn about our history through photos and video, and hear an informative and inspiring speaker. Our committee is in the process of finding a special speaker for this special year.

Finally, in the spring, we're planning a musical fundraising event, featuring local performers (and maybe some national ones as well). Stay tuned through

this newsletter for the date and the musicians. This is something you won't want to miss!

On behalf of the 50th Anniversary Planning Committee (Martha Christine, Kathryn Hoffman, Steve Kraft, Mimi Lang, Susie Ravitz, Nancy Tate, Amanda Zaniesinenko) we say: "Happy Birthday, LEPOCO!"
- Martha Christine

Iran Nuclear Deal: A Chance to Advance Diplomacy & Diminish Chances of War _____

"... If Congress kills the Iran [nuclear] agreement ... which is certainly possible, it will have many negative, and possibly catastrophic, consequences throughout the Middle East. This is a pivotal moment for the region and U.S. relations in it. If the agreement survives there's a real chance that regional cooperation on conflict reduction and resolution could develop. If it does not survive we will likely be on a course toward expanded warfare..."

- 8/12/15 message from Jim Fine, former Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) Middle East lobbyist and recent Mennonite Central Committee Iraq relief worker. Jim & Debbie Fine spoke about their work in Iraq for a LEPOCO gathering in November 2014.

It Is Urgent that We Stand for Peace

Right now, we have a unique and urgent opportunity to take a very significant step toward building peace in the Middle East.

The deal with Iran negotiated by the US, other member nations of the UN Security Council, Germany and the European Union is subject to a 60-day review by Congress. This agreement, achieved through diplomacy, subjects Iran to unprecedented inspections of its nuclear facilities. Its implementation can prevent the development of a second nuclear arsenal in the Middle East.

Members of Congress are under intense pressure from heavily financed groups to vote to disapprove the deal. Bills have been introduced in both the House and Senate to disapprove. Members will need to vote on these bills by September 17 (the vote may happen as early as September 10). If the bills to disapprove are passed, President Obama will veto. At that point, opponents of the deal will need a two-thirds majority to defeat the veto.

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Iran Nuclear Deal

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This deal is the best option available to prevent further war in the Middle East. We need to act now to begin to build a framework for peace in the region. Accordingly, LEPOCO 's Working Group on Iran has planned an array of actions over the next 30 days to build public awareness of the deal and support for it, in order to urge members of Congress currently "on the fence" to vote against the bills, and in favor of the deal. These actions enable you to help make a difference, to stand for peace!

Call or write Senator Bob Casey (Pennsylvania) or Senator Cory Booker (New Jersey), and your other senator and your representative (see below for the important phone numbers). Tell them you are a constituent, you vote, and you want them to support the deal with Iran. Better yet, call and write. Members of LEPOCO will call you sometime in the next two weeks to see if we can answer any questions you have and to seek your assistance.

Talk to five people you know, and ask them to call and write as well. (Surveys indicate that the more people know about the deal, the more likely they are to support it.) Go the www.fcni.org and www.winwithoutwar.org for more background information.

Attend a meeting with our Senators or Representatives, to make the case in person. Please contact LEPOCO if you would like to join a delegation.

Write a Letter to the Editor of a local newspaper, indicating your support. It helps to mention your Senator and Representative by name in the letter.

Attend an upcoming event with your "friends for peace" to publically demonstrate your support. We plan a presence at Vegfest (8/22) and Pride in the Park (8/23), some Flashy Outreach, and an event with the Iranian community in the Lehigh Valley to help create cultural understanding.

Please call (610-691-8730) or email LEPOCO (lepoco@fast.net) if you have questions or to let us know you want to do more to help.

Please join this very important effort. Together, we can make a difference for peace!

- George Grubb for the

Working Group on Iran that met on 8/11/15 (Mimi Lang, Terry Briscoe, Tom Stinnett, Alex Fischer, Sakura Bolte, Skip Moyer, Faramarz Farbod, Omeed Farbod, Amirbehnam Farbod, Martha Christine, Amanda Zaniesienko, Nancy Tate)

Important Phone Numbers:

Any member of Congress can be called through the Congressional Switchboard: 888-245-0215

Sen. Bob Casey 610-782-9470 (Allentown);
202-224-6324 (Washington, DC)

Sen. Cory Booker 973-639-8700 (Newark)
202-224-3224 (Washington, DC)

Sen. Pat Toomey 610-434-1444 (Allentown);
202-224-4254 (Washington, DC)

Sen. Robert Menendez 973-645-3030 (Newark)
202-224-4744 (Washington, DC)

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Rep. Mike Fitzpatrick 215-579-8102 (Doylestown);
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Rep. Leonard Lance 908-518-7733 (Westfield, NJ);
202-225-5361 (Washington, DC)

Rep. Scott Garrett 201-444-5454 (Glen Rock, NJ);
202-225-4465 (Washington, DC)

First Tuesday Book Group

The First Tuesday LEPOCO Book Club will meet next on September 1st, when they will discuss "*Orphan Train: A Novel*," by Christina Baker Kline. One reviewer describes the book as, "A lovely novel about the search for family that also happens to illuminate a fascinating and forgotten chapter of American history. Beautiful." Moving between contemporary Maine and Depression-era Minnesota, *Orphan Train* is a powerful tale of upheaval and resilience, second chances, and unexpected friendship.

In October the Book Group will discuss "*Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*," by Bryan Stevenson.

The group meets at the Bethlehem Wegmans (off Rt. 512, north of Rt. 22). The meeting starts at 6 pm. You can get some food and/or drink and join the group in the upstairs dining area. For more information contact Mimi Lang at 610-866-2407.

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Popcorn & Politics

(There will be no film in September due to Labor Day weekend and the LEPOCO 50th Anniversary Party/Gathering on September 11.)

Friday, October 2nd, 7:00 pm

"Romero"

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

Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador is on the way to sainthood. The film "Romero" helps us understand why. In his now famous homily delivered the day before he was assassinated, he called on soldiers, "In the name of God, in the name of this suffering people whose cry rises to heaven more loudly each day, I implore you, I beg you, I order you: Stop the repression!"

Raúl Juliá plays Oscar Romero and is highly praised for his depiction of the Archbishop's gradual transformation from a retiring, uncontroversial, even conservative bishop from a small rural diocese to the "thundering prophet" as archbishop that Pope John Paul II described as a "zealous pastor who gave his life for his flock."

Directed by John Duigan. 102 minutes. 1989.

Please bring a snack or beverage to share.



Marking 70 Years

This August 6 marked the 70th Anniversary of the first use of an atomic bomb against people and the earth at Hiroshima, Japan. Three days later it was the 70th Anniversary of the second use of a nuclear bomb at Nagasaki, Japan. Over 200,000 people, mostly civilians, were killed in the initial blasts, and tens of thousands more died in the weeks and months after the bombings.

Forty-five people gathered locally to mark the 70th anniversary of the U.S. bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on August 6, first at the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Lehigh Valley, then (after a short walk) at the Tondabayashi Serenity Garden next to the Bethlehem Public Library. The heart of the program was a reading of Thomas Merton's 1961 "anti-poem," "Original Child Bomb." The reading was given by Susie Ravitz, Scott Slingerland, Lianna Irving, and Bernie Berg. Thank you to all who participated -- readers, singers, and active listeners.

There was important news coverage of Hiroshima-Nagasaki anniversary events this August, including Mimi Lang's "On Hiroshima Anniversary, A Call to Eliminate Nuclear Weapons" that appeared in The Morning Call on August 5.

Eight local libraries have presented displays about Hiroshima-Nagasaki at some point during August -- Allentown, Bethlehem, Phillipsburg, Mary Meuser in Wilson Borough, Northampton, Riegelsville, Nazareth, and Northampton Community College. If you visit any of these libraries, please offer words of appreciation.

On August 14, a small group watched the film, "Nuclear Savage: The Islands of Secret Project 4.1," at the LEPOCO Peace Center (as part of the Popcorn & Politics Film Series). Some victims of the 67 above-ground nuclear weapons tests conducted by the U.S. in the Marshall Islands between 1946 and 1958, are fea-

ured in the film as they continue their fight for basic justice -- having been called savages, having been used as guinea pigs, and having been denied anything near adequate compensation for the loss of life, health, homes, and their way of life.

The group that viewed the film also discussed how this Pacific Island nation is taking the nine nuclear powers to court seeking, not compensation for their suffering, but enforcement of the actions promised by the signatories to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty in 1970. The "Nuclear Zero" suit is a most serious effort to get the signatories to this treaty to begin a process of nuclear and general disarmament. Also, on August 14, The Morning Call, published an op-ed by Robert Koehler, "Lawsuit Is a Wedge for Nuclear Disarmament," written in support of the Nuclear Zero suit. You can learn more about the suit and sign a petition in support at www.nuclearzero.org.

- Nancy C. Tate

Fairs & Festivals

As this newsletter is being prepared we are also busy getting ready for VegFest on Bethlehem's south-side Greenway (August 22) and Pride in the Park in Allentown (August 23). We will also have information tables at Lehigh University's Community/Club Expo (August 24), and Northampton Community College's Community Partners Fair (August 27).

If you did not get an opportunity to help at any of these fairs, there is one more coming up on Saturday, September 19 -- the Peace Fair at the Buckingham Friends Meeting on Route 202/263, next to Peddler's Village, in Lahaska, Pennsylvania. Please call (610-691-8730) or email (lepoco@fast.net) LEPOCO if you can help out.

Everybody Loves Peace Camp

As the pictures on page five show, what is there not to love about Peace Camp: LEPOCO's Young People Making Peace Summer Day Camp. This summer 40 campers (ages 6-12) and 50+ volunteer staff (ages 13-60+, about a third ages 13-17) gathered at First Presbyterian Church in Allentown, July 27-31. Some highlights: campers designing their very own, "War Is Not Healthy for Children & Other Living Things" poster; young people (teens) filling in with confidence for their ailing adult resource leaders in music and nature; an adult leading creative movements that denied boredom as campers passed through church hallways; campers, teens and adults singing together with gusto on a new camp song, "Seeds of Peace"; healthy and tasty snacks like homemade hummus delivered at mid-morning; campers proudly wearing grocery bag hats they had made; older campers engrossed in discussion; young volunteers joining the games leader in strategizing the games program for the day; the joyous sounds of drumming and dancing in the gathering room...

Each morning campers and leaders listened intently as camp co-convener, Donna Hartmann, told short stories, often poems that included simple nuggets of wisdom. She describes them as follows:

"Several surprise visitors came to Peace Camp this year. One was Mighty Dandelion, who explained to us that, though some see her as annoying she actually offers a burst of colorful cheer, followed by the distribution of her seeds with just a bit of wind. She pointed out that sometimes people see Peacemakers as 'annoying,' but that actually they bring Hope to the world while spreading their seeds of Peace. She taught us a song to help us remember our importance as Peacemakers.

"Another visitor was a boy named Billy who at first argued that 'a dime, ten pennies and two nickels are not the same because they look different and have different names.' He finally realized that things (like people) can be different but have an equal worth.

"Campers were surprised when Fred the Moose, whom they had only known in the song they sang, showed up in 'person.' He told us that yes, he does like to drink juice just like it says in the song, but that he also loves to read books -- about how to have energy without using up non-renewable resources, about famous people, both young and old, like Gandhi and Malala, and about how to reconcile our differences so we don't go to war. He encouraged us to not spill juice on our books....."

And here is one of Donna's Peace Camp poems:

*What in the world does the World need today?
The World needs people ALIVE in every way.
What is it you really LOVE to do?
THAT'S the thing you ought to pursue.
As you do what you love, always be kind,
If you live that way, I'm sure that you'll find*

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*That the people around you will love what you do
And being kind is what they'll want to do, too.*

FOR EXAMPLE:

*When she's not at Peace Camp, Games Leader, Margot,
Works in IT, fixing computers that go slow.*

But not only machines in the office need care.

She must help the people who pull out their hair.

When things don't go right it's frustrating at best

With a kind word from Margot, their minds are at rest.

Elizabeth, in the Yellow Group, is a Master Gardener.

If you want things to grow you'll want HER for a partner.

Plants need sun and no weeds and rain from above,

But they also grow well 'cause her work's done with Love.

Nancy, in Nature, loves Science, it's true.

Not just trees, rocks and fauna, human bodies, too.

She teaches nurses how to make people whole.

Not their bodies alone, but also their soul.

Healing takes more than a shot or a pill

A kind word dispensed cures many an ill.

We all have something we do with a passion.

If we do it with kindness, that's a way we can fashion

A world where everyone's glad to be here.

Where no one pollutes, no one lives in fear.

Ask each other today, "What do YOU love to do?"

And, "How do you do it so Love shines through?"

As we do our best, work with Love, show our worth,

This is how we create, Peace here on Earth.

Many thanks to First Presbyterian for the use of their ample building and expansive well-shaded campus, and to their generously helpful staff. (We enjoyed their vibrant bulletin boards filled with news about a congregation of active community members with many humanitarian interests locally and globally.)

Two More Opportunities for Local Action:

1. Sunday, September 6

join the Peace Contingent in the
Steelworkers & Friends

Labor Day Parade

through downtown Bethlehem

Gather between 10 and 10:30 am

under the Hill-to-Hill Bridge Main St. ramp at Main & Spring Sts.

Parade starts at 10:45 am

Call 610-691-8730 as soon as you know you can
participate or just join in that morning.

2. Tuesday, September 29, 4:10 pm

A lecture by

Robert Dunham

Ex. Dir. of Death Penalty Information Center
& formerly director of Pennsylvania Capital Resource
Center & on Board of Pennsylvania Innocence Project

Lehigh University

Maginnes Hall, Room 102



Photos by
Susie Ravitz.



☮ Peace Camp 2015 ☮

- 1) Snacks Team! Omeed Farbod, Naoko Cauller, Jen Harayda, Sudha Bulusu and WATERMELON!
- 2) Haley Arena-Miller is the Purple Group's favorite climbing toy!
- 3) Rose Group! ☮
- 4) Purple Group! ☮
- 5) A couple of awesome drummers from the Purple Group!
- 6) Rose group declaring that "War is not healthy for children and other living things," through their art!
- 7) Blue Group! ☮
- 8) Chris Klump was the perfect chair at gathering!
- 9) Yellow Group! ☮
- 10) "I said a-VROOM-chicka-VROOM!"



A Report from the Brave, Compassionate, Energetic Accompaniers in Colombia —

Greetings from Colombia!

I am writing from the Peace Community of San José de Apartadó, Colombia, where I was recently made aware of the beautiful connection between the community, FOR Peace Presence and Lehigh Valley, where activists such as the late Janet Goloub, the late Joe DeRaymond and his partner Sarah Snider have visited and accompanied the Peace Community in the first decade of the 2000s, and have been instrumental in the development of FOR Peace Presence's current work.

Now, in 2015, we maintain a permanent team of accompaniers in the Peace Community as well as in Bogotá. We were also recently granted our 501(c)(3) status in March as an officially independent organization (having previously been under the care of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, USA). We are elated with these achievements and are thankful for the continued support and solidarity from LEPOCO, who shares a common aim of building a just society and peaceful world through nonviolent action!

Recently in February, the Peace Community of San José de Apartadó celebrated the 18th anniversary of their formation. The community has come a long way since then. In 2014, the ambassadors of France and Germany awarded, with the support of the United Nations, the "Antonio Nariño Human Rights Prize" to the Peace Community.

Nevertheless, despite the achievements, the struggle and fight continues. The massacres that took place against the community are still today awaiting justice. Every day, amidst their daily joys of living and working within a community, they continue to struggle against militarization, displacements, risk of landmines, and potential combat within their territories and in other civilian spaces. Aside from violence due to the conflict, the Peace Community also faces risk from extractive industries such as coal mining that would threaten their land.

Paramilitarization continues to be an issue in the area. Since February, the Colombian state launched a focused aerial operation (Operación Agamenón) against paramilitaries in the zone, which resulted in combat and displacement of the civilian population in various areas of the region.

The recent suspension of unilateral ceasefire by the FARC as well as the resumption of aerial operations on the part of the state of Colombia, is a cause of continued concern for us. In May, on an accompaniment with the Peace Community to Mulatos, we heard shots fired from helicopters, as well as combat occurring in the nearby areas -- demonstrating that despite the on-going talks between FARC and the government, peace is still a

fragile and long process. As recently as June, combat between armed forces continues to occur within our area, risking casualties and displacement for the civilian population.

Achieving a meaningful and sustainable peace in Colombia is not a dream, but there is much work to be done on the ground outside of the peace talks in Cuba. There remains an ongoing concern about targeted assassinations against human rights and environmental defenders, and in this respect, FOR Peace Presence provides protective accompaniment to some of these organizations working with local communities in Colombia.

In El Tamarindo, for instance, we accompany ASOTRACAMPO within the humanitarian space of El Mirador, which faces eviction from their land because it has been designated as a free trade zone. In Boquerón and Don Jaca, we accompany Tierra Digna, a Colombian collective of lawyers working with rural communities threatened by extractive industries. These Industries, driven by profit and supported by the consumption patterns of the United States, pillage the resource-rich lands in Colombia. In Buenaventura, we accompany the Comisión Intereclesial de Justicia y Paz, a human rights organization, in a humanitarian space that makes use of nonviolent tools within one of the most violent cities in the world. In Guenaventura we have also observed the disproportionate effect of state violence against communities of color.

Do check out our blog at www.peacepresence.org for further information and photos. Again, we are eternally grateful for LEPOCO's ongoing efforts to support and spread information about our work.

Thank you for joining us as we carry out this important work in Colombia and explore new paths forward as well! Together we are building a real and lasting peace.

In solidarity, Adilah Nasir,
International Accompanier from Malaysia,
working with FOR Peace Presence in Colombia

You can read more about the work of the FOR Peace Presence in Colombia at www.peacepresence.org. You can also make a donation for their work at that website or by sending a check (made out to FOR Peace Presence) to: Liza Smith, 3659 Laurel Ave., Oakland, CA 94602.

Also, know that the FOR Peace Presence remains strong, but that financial support, like individual donations, is most welcome. The FOR Peace Presence plans periodic speaking tours to the U.S. featuring people struggling for peace and justice in Colombia and they invite us to learn more about their work as a participant in one of their regular international delegations (usually annually) to Colombia.

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

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by calling 610-691-8730, or by writing to lepoco@fast.net.

Bits & Pieces

⊕ The Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space is organizing their fall **Maine Peace Walk** for Oct. 9-24, to cover roads from Ellsworth, Maine, to Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Maine Veterans for Peace and CodePink Maine are among the other sponsors. The theme will be, "Militarization of the Seas: The Pentagon's Impact on the Ocean." They will bring attention to concerns like Navy sonar blasts wreaking havoc on sea creatures including whales, pollution from the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard; the Pentagon's carbon footprint (the largest on Mother Earth); ocean acidification; and Arctic militarization. Their call to action closes: "If the seas die so do humans on Earth and much of wildlife. Now is the time to speak out for ending the massive military impacts on the world's oceans and for conversion of our fossil fuel dependent military industrial complex to sustainable technologies." To learn more visit globalnet@mindspring.com, or call 207-443-9502.

⊕ Karen Norvig Berry and Judith A. Dexter wrote an informative op-ed, "Gov. Wolf Took Right Step In Issuing Death Penalty Moratorium," for The Morning Call on July 10. They pointed to five Pennsylvania organizations who sided with the governor by filing friend of the court petitions supporting the moratorium. The five groups are: the ACLU of Pennsylvania, the Philadelphia Bar Association; the NAACP, the Jewish Social Policy Action Network, and Pennsylvanians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty.

⊕ Forty-two years after Chilean folksinger Victor Jara was tortured and executed, charges have been announced against 10 former military officials (at least three of them are School of the Americas graduates). A fourth SOA graduate, Pedro Barrientos, is facing a civil lawsuit in the United States filed by Victor Jara's widow and daughters, as the U.S. has failed to ex-

tradite Barrientos to Chile to face charges there. SOA Watch is organizing a delegation to Chile led by Father Roy Bourgeois, Oct. 6-14, to learn more about efforts for justice in Chile and to request that the Chilean government stop training its military at SOA-WHINSEC (200 Chilean soldiers are sent to train at SOA-WHINSEC every year). For more information see soaw.org.

You can also join **SOA Watch** for the **annual demonstration** at the gates of Ft. Benning, Georgia (home to SOA-WHINSEC) and the conference at the convention center in Columbus, Georgia, Nov. 20-22. Besides the demonstrations outside Ft. Benning and the workshops and speakers, there will be a march to the Stewart Detention Center, one of the largest private for-profit immigrant prisons in the U.S. Again, you can learn more at www.soaw.org.

⊕ LEPOCO Steering Committee member, **Martha Christine**, was featured in a story about the work of Bethlehem Backyards for Wildlife in The Morning Call, August 8. Certified by the National Wildlife Federation in 2012 the group is now seeking city support for erecting signs to proclaim the city's Backyards for Wildlife designation and for a tree-planting project.

⊕ As this newsletter is being prepared a **March Across the River** (the Delaware) is being held on Aug. 22 (Upper

Black Eddy, PA, to Milford, NJ to say "Stop the PennEast Pipeline" -- the 110-mile invasion by a transport line to carry fracked gas from northern Pennsylvania to New Jersey through preserved farmland and forests, over sacred indigenous sites, through streams and rivers, near homes, schools and water supplies. If you missed this demonstration you can learn more about what you can do to help the pipe-line opposition on Facebook at the stopthepennestpipeline site.

⊕ Mennonite Central Committee staff and partners are seeking 15 participants for a week-long learning tour in Pennsylvania focused on the **challenges and complexities of the U.S. criminal justice system**. The tour will run Sept. 20-26, at a cost of \$440/ person, covering on-site transportation, meals, lodging, and educational materials. For more info. contact Chantelle Todman Moore at 267-358-8208.

⊕ Fasts, religious services and a Rally for the Climate and a Just Economy at the Lincoln Memorial on Thurs., Sept. 24, will be held in Washington, DC, to mark the visit of Pope Francis in September. To learn more about the **Week of Moral Action for Climate Justice** visit moralactiononclimate.org.



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

Friday, September 4, 10 am: Americas Solidarity Group meeting at LEPOCO Peace Center, Bethlehem.

Tuesday, September 8, 3:30 pm: L.V. Committee Against State Killing (LV-CASK) Meeting at the LEPOCO Peace Center.

Wednesday, September 9, Noon: Stop the Wars Committee Meeting (formerly Nuclear Abolition Sisters) at Olive Branch Restaurant, south Bethlehem.

Thursdays, September 10 & October 8, 6 pm: L.V. Veterans For Peace Meeting at Perkins Restaurant, 3rd & Brodhead, south Bethlehem. Call Phil Reiss 610-282-8077 for more info.

Mondays, September 14 & October 12, 7 pm: LEPOCO Monthly Action Meeting at the LEPOCO Peace Center. All members & friends are welcome at this business meeting where the organization's activities are reviewed and set.

Tuesday, September 15, 4:30 pm: LEPOCO 50th Anniversary Planning Committee Meeting at LEPOCO Peace Center, Bethlehem.

Please join in the meetings and work of these groups as you are able. If you want more information about the meetings of the Peace Camp Planning Committee, LEPOCO Peace Singers, Newsletter Planning Group, Peace-A-Thon Planning Committee, or more information 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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Saturdays

August 29 & September 26

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, Silvēx Rd.
near intersection of Rt. 412 & I-78)

Call 610-691-8730.

50 Years of
Struggle Shared:

LEPOCO's 50th

Anniversary Celebration
& Dance Party!!!

Friday, September 11

7:30 pm

(Please see flyer insert)

Monthly Peace Vigil

4:30 - 5:30 pm; Second Thursdays

September 10th & October 8th

Our wars continue and expand.

Please help witness for peace.

3rd & Wyandotte Sts., Bethlehem

Contact: Vince Stravino 610-216-8103

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