



**Women's International League for Peace and Freedom  
Triangle Branch Newsletter**

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**COMING  
HK on J 2008**

**FEBRUARY 9!**

## **The 14-point People's Agenda**

- All Children Need High Quality, Well Funded, Diverse Schools.
- Livable Wages and Support for Low Income People.
- Health Care for All.
- Redress Two Ugly Chapters in N. C.'s Racist History: The overthrow of the bi-racial 1898 Wilmington Government and the sterilization of poor, mainly Black, women from 1947-1977.
- Same Day Registration and Public Financing of Elections.
- Lift Every HBCU.
- Document and Redress 200 years of State Discrimination in Hiring and Contracting.
- Provide Affordable Housing and Stop Consumer Abuse.
- Abolish Racially Biased Death Penalty and Mandatory Sentencing Laws; Reform our Prisons.
- Put Young People to Work to Save the Environment and Fight for Environmental Justice.
- Collective Bargaining for Public Employees.
- Protect the Rights of Immigrants from Latin America and other Nations.
- Organize, Strengthen and Provide Funding For Our Civil Rights Enforcement Agencies and Statutes Now.
- Bring Our Troops Home from Iraq Now.

**Begins at Chavis Park in Raleigh**

**11:00 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.**

**See the Calendar of Events on P. 2 for details**

**A Movement, not**

**a Moment**

Note from the Editor –



Congratulations to long-time WILPF member **Yonni Chapman** for receiving the prestigious Chapel Hill-Carrboro NAACP MLK Jr. Service Award. Yonni has been a leader in the local social justice movement for more than three decades, including Free the Wilmington 10, Stop the NC Competency Test, anti-Klan organizing, Rainbow Coalition, UNC housekeepers and dining workers struggles, and the Rogers Road/environmental racism struggle. Yonni's work as a local historian has resulted in the renaming of the UNC Bell Award and challenged the historical landscape of UNC-CH. He is the author of a recent booklet documenting the history of Jim Crow NC General Statue 95-98, preventing NC public sector workers from collective bargaining, published by the NC NAACP. WILPF is proud to count Yonni as a member, and we are looking forward to the spring book club sessions that he will be leading.

--Lucy Lewis



Above: the DC protests against Guantánamo from Resistance Media. Three of our Triangle WILPF members, Jean Chapman (who carried a coffin), Peggy Misch, and Joan Walsh (also members of the Orange County and Durham County Bill of Right Defense Committees respectively) joined hundreds of other protestors in DC on the fifth anniversary of the opening of the Guantánamo prison. More pictures and information can be found online at: <http://resistancemedia.org/2007/01/11/activists-bring-the-plight-of-guantanamo-prisoners-to-federal-court.aspx>

None of the 3 were part of the civil disobedience inside the Supreme Court or on the steps - but they did march and sit in.

The protest was organized by Witness Against Torture, a group of Christians that marched to Guantanamo and held a vigil in December 2005. There were over 100 protests held throughout the world to mark today, the 5th anniversary of the first arrival of prisoners to Guantanamo. Thousands participated in the coordinated actions around the world as part of the International Day to Shut Down Guantánamo.

## HOW TO CONTACT US

The Triangle WILPF steering committee meets every fourth Saturday of the month 9 a.m. at Weaver Street Market in Carrboro. All WILPF members & friends are welcome.

If you would like to join WILPF or update your membership, please contact Ann Powers [dannpowers@bellsouth.net](mailto:dannpowers@bellsouth.net) 919-942-2919

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## Upcoming WILPF Meetings

**As noted elsewhere in the newsletter, Triangle WILPF will be participating in the HKonJ event in Raleigh on Feb. 9, in place of our regular February meeting.**

**Our March meeting will revolve around Women's History Month and International Women's Day, and featuring a presentation regarding Health Care.**

### MONTHLY VIGIL

WILPF sponsors a vigil in Peace and Justice Plaza in front of the old Post Office, Franklin Street, Chapel Hill, second Wednesday of the month, at noon. **FOR FEBRUARY ONLY, THERE WILL BE NO VIGIL. OUR MARCH VIGIL WILL BE HONORING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY AND WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH. THE VIGIL WILL BE EITHER ON TUESDAY, MARCH 4 OR THURSDAY, MARCH 6.**

### WEEKLY VIGILS

**Corner of Franklin and Elliot, Chapel Hill, by Whole Foods, Fridays 5:00-6:00.**

Stop the Iraq War, Impeachment.

**Corner of Gregson and Main, Durham, by Brightleaf Square. Noon-1 P.M., Saturdays.**

**Impeachment and Peace in Iraq (GRIM and others.)**

## Calendar of Events

**Feb. 5 & Feb. 8: WILPF's NEW RADIO SHOW is launching on 103.5 FM-WCOM in Carrboro and Chapel Hill (somewhat!) The staff will be training on Feb. 5, and we plan to do our first broadcast LIVE on Friday at 7:30 A.M.**

**Feb. 9: Triangle WILPF will participate** in the HK on J march in Raleigh in support of the 14-Point People's Agenda instead of having a regular second Saturday meeting. See above on Page 1 for more details. There are at least two buses planned from the West Triangle (Durham-Chapel Hill); call either Miriam Thomas ((919) 370-4114) or Loi Hoyt ((919) 968-1888). The Southern Orange County and State NAACP are organizing mass transportation. Meet at Chavis Park, Raleigh at 11:00 A.M. March to Jones Street (Legislature) 12:30 P.M. Email [turner@naacpnc.org](mailto:turner@naacpnc.org), visit the website at [www.hkonj.com](http://www.hkonj.com), phone 866-626-2227, or contact Dick Paddock for information (see Contact Us box.)

Transportation for other parts of the state may be arranged by contacting **Libby Manly** at [emanly@ufcw.org](mailto:emanly@ufcw.org) or 919-491-2262.

**Feb. 24: Lessons on Truth and Reconciliation:** from Greensboro to South Africa, Catholic Worker Roundtable, Silk Hope, 4 p.m., Sunday. WILPF member Lucy Lewis will be joined by Cynthia Brown, former co-chair of the Greensboro Truth and Reconciliation Commission, as they report on their work with the Greensboro TRC process and recent delegation to South Africa, sharing their perspectives and lessons learned. Potluck at 4pm, followed by presentation and discussion. Information, contact Lucy Lewis, [llewis2001@earthlink.net](mailto:llewis2001@earthlink.net), 929-5983

**Feb. 24-Feb. 27:** In conjunction with the **Commission on the Status of Women** (Feb. 28-Mar. 1) Triangle WILPF anticipates that our friend Marta Benavides of El Salvador, former International Vice-President of WILPF, will be in the Triangle Area prior to the CSW meeting in New York City. We hope to develop ways of meeting with her and/or presenting her to the public in a special event. Contact Connie Gates [connie@jamkhed.org](mailto:connie@jamkhed.org) for information or to offer ideas.

**Mar. 15: Triangle WILPF monthly meeting** featuring a consideration of Health Care in the U.S. and the world. See a [note below.](#)

#### **A Note from the Front Lines:**

Four of us (John Heuer, Dick Paddock, Diane Diane VandenBroek, and me) took about 7 hours yesterday to stand with folks from Salisbury and around Charlotte to demonstrate on a street corner in Charlotte, visible to attendees of the Chamber's event and the public, for impeachment, jobs, health care, etc. The corner was crawling with the media, some of whom interviewed and photographed us.

#### **SO MUCH FOR BALANCED COVERAGE:**

“The members-only event snarled traffic as police blocked streets around the Chamber's uptown office. About 135 people crowded in a small auditorium for the presentation while outside, about a dozen people protested, holding signs calling for Cheney's impeachment, better health care and peace.”

## **HEALTH CARE NOTE**

**ALMOST ONE TRILLION DOLLARS ALLOCATED FOR THE IRAQ WAR AS OVER 44 MILLION AMERICANS CAN'T AFFORD HEALTH INSURANCE AND MILLIONS MORE ARE UNDERINSURED. OVER 4000 AMERICANS HAVE DIED AND TENS OF THOUSANDS OF OTHERS WOUNDED IN THE WAR. HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF IRAQIS DEAD AND MAIMED AND MILLIONS DISPLACED. MEANWHILE 18,000 AMERICANS DIE EVERY YEAR BECAUSE THEY HAVE NO HEALTH INSURANCE.**

So while we commemorate the 5th anniversary of the war and redouble our efforts to bring our troops home, we are also devoting ourselves to championing a fundamental human right at home: health care for all. We want health care not warfare.

And there is a choice. There is a gold standard piece of health legislation authored by John Conyers and Dennis Kucinich with 88 congressional sponsors. HR676 supports Medicare for All – everyone in and nobody out – is progressively financed and will put the public back into control of its health care and end the market/profit driven health care system with insurance companies determining who lives and who dies.

WILPF has a long history of support for universal, comprehensive and affordable health care and is a strong supporter of HR 676. Triangle WILPF is putting a campaign to pursue the legislation as one of its priorities in the coming election season. We will go toe to toe with congress members in our state who are seeking re-election, not one of whom has signed on to HR 676.

Come to our next WILPF meeting on March 15th, to help us map out a campaign for real universal health care. There could not be a more powerful day to launch this human rights effort. The meeting will feature a 17 minute documentary about 676, prepared by the California Nurses Association. Miriam Thompson, board member of the national movement [Health Care Now \(healthcarenow.org\)](http://HealthCareNow.org) coordinate Clement w  
facilitator :  
underway.





Guantanamo Demonstration, Washington, DC, 1/11/2008: Fifth anniversary.