



Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
Triangle Branch Newsletter
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Moncure Plywood Workers Struggle Continues



Left: On the line with the Moncure Workers Aug. 18.
Right: Workers support rally in Pittsboro Dec. 20.



The Moncure Plywood Company (Chatham County) workers are still on strike. The strike began in early August after talks on a new contract broke down. The major issues were, and remain, company demands for a sixty-hour work week, effective abolition of seniority, and major increased employee costs for health care plan.

It finally became clear to the union and supporters that the ultimate goal of the company is to break the union, which has represented the workers for forty years, since

shortly after the plant opened.

WILPF has been with the workers since early August, visiting the line every week, organizing community support, providing food and strike fund contributions. Community support has been increasing recently, which is very heartening to the union.

Visit the line with us! Call Lori at 968-1888 for schedule and details.

WEEKLY ONGOING VIGILS

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

Stop the Iraq War, Impeachment, Stop Torture, No Iran War.

Corner of Gregson and Main, Durham, by Brightleaf Square. Noon-1 P.M., Saturdays.
Impeachment and Peace in Iraq (GRIM and others.)

Moncure Plywood Plant, Corinth Rd., Moncure (Chatham County) Day and time varies; 968-1888 for info.



Triangle Branch Meeting Reviews Year's Work

During the Branch meeting for January 2009 the members reviewed the goals adopted at the May 2008 retreat and assessed

- ◆ where we are in implementing those goals;
- ◆ what we can do to advance during the remainder of the goal period.

The goal areas are: Peace and Human Rights; Anti-Racism; and Economic Justice. The review results are:

PEACE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

A. Do more to link with like-minded groups like Peace Action, Quakers, Vets for Peace.

1. Support events sponsored by other members of OCPC whenever we deem consistent with our values and priorities.
2. Identify a WILPF member who also belongs to each group to be the contact person with that group -- through meetings, NEWSLETTER, our email listserv.

B. Invite well-known experts and coordinate with other groups.

1. We need to continue to identify people who are experts in areas of critical interest to our work to speak at monthly meetings -- for example, perspectives on GAZA, economic issues, workers' rights,
2. Make an effort to cosponsor public meetings with other groups.
3. Ruth Zalph volunteered to be a facilitator for this effort. She would assume the role described in #A, 2 above.
4. Take responsibility for all the aspects of planning and staging of a major public event to educate the community about a critical issue once a year.
5. Members might offer housing for out of town participants in major events sponsored by WILPF or other groups on a regular basis.

C. Continue to conduct political education (Vets for Peace, CITCA, Pastors for Peace)

1. Order more of the glossy bottled water fliers for distribution at public meetings.
2. Update information on the cost of war for TAX DAY from National Priorities Organization

of Orange County.

3. Create informative fliers for monthly vigils.
4. Immediately, plan vigil on Gaza for Wednesday, January 14 at 12:00 in Peace and Justice Plaza.

ECONOMIC JUSTICE

A. Promote and deepen critique and understanding of economic system/capitalism/neo-liberalism as underpinning of U.S. political system including:

- ◆ Develop a program on this to educate the public in this window of opportunity as Free Market Capitalism implodes.
- ◆ Write a series for local newspapers on what is Capitalism and offer a version of alternatives.
- ◆ Have speakers on economics on our radio show.
- ◆ Reformulate our TV show to reach a larger audience for not only economic education about also on other justice issues. Partner with BAJ on this issue.

B. Moncure

- ◆ Maintain our support and solidarity . Support other groups to go on other days; e.g., Church of Reconciliation and Friends Meeting.
- ◆ Work with Anna in supporting a large organizing effort.

C. Create and maintain a reading list on Economic Justice, Capitalism, and alternatives.

ANTI-RACISM

A. Increase work on Black-Brown-White alliance.

1. invite NAACP women to join WILPF, via breakfast meeting.
2. increase action and visibility in HKonJ People's Assembly

B. RENA/CEER work--now that dump and transfer station are gone, get town/county to deliver original promised park, water, sewer, transit, etc.

C. Emphasize/expand recognition of food crisis and economic justice issues within HKonJ.

Note to the membership:

The Steering Committee, as recommended by the membership meeting January 10, sent a letter of concern to Rep. David Price over his affirmative vote on the H.R. 34 Gaza resolution, which was very one-sided in blaming Hamas for the violence, and demanding only Hamas reduce the violence. There was no expression of Israel's responsibility or need to improve humanitarian assistance. Many thanks to the Committee, ESPECIALLY Peggy Misch, for their work in preparing this.

Membership Renewal Time

We are indeed living in time filled with the need for our voices and our action. As members of WILPF, we are fortunate to be part of an international family, a membership which makes our small voices more vocal, more visible, more informed.

A new calendar year is a good time to schedule your renewal, so join now!

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Triangle WILPF Calendar of Events

Fridays, 7:30 a.m.-8:00 a.m.: WILPF's RADIO SHOW on 103.5 FM-WCOM in Carrboro and Chapel Hill. Also available on the internet by going to <http://www.communityradio.coop/> and clicking on the box in the upper right hand corner. Contribute! This is your community radio station!

Wed., Jan. 14, 12 noon-1:00 p.m. SPECIAL VIGIL FOR PALESTINE, P&J Plaza, Franklin & Henderson, Chapel Hill; 12 noon-1:00 p.m. Sponsored by Triangle WILPF

Wed., Jan. 14, 7:30, Special Presentation, Balance & Accuracy in Journalism, RIGHTS & WRONGS IN GAZA: THE TASK AHEAD; MIKO PELED, Israeli American peace activist, RASHA ALI, Guilford College student from Ramallah area; RICHARD WARK, ICAHD and AJJP. Community Church of Chapel Hill, UU. 106 Purefoy Road; 542-2139 for info.

Thu., Jan. 15, Understanding Gaza, UNC-CH Teach-In; Nelson Mandela Auditorium at the FedEx Global Education Center (McCauley and Pittsboro Streets) 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Dr. Sarah Shields *et. al.*

Sat., Jan 17, 10:00 a.m.-noon, Orange County People's Assembly (HKonJ); Friends Meeting House, Raleigh Rd., Chapel Hill;

Mon. Jan. 19, 9:00 a.m.-?; Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration. Chapel Hill. Begin with rally at P&J Plaza (Franklin and Henderson); march to First Baptist Church

(Roberson St.) at 10:30; celebrate! Info: www.chapelhill-carrboro-naacp.org/files/mlk_flyer.pdf

Tue., Jan. 20, all day: Inauguration of President Barack Obama as 44th President of the U.S. Find a party and Celebrate.

Fri., Jan. 23, 7:00 P.M. WILPF Book Club Dan Pollitt's Book Chapter from *To Rescue Our Heritage* at Dan Pollitt's house, 1018 Highland Woods Rd., Chapel Hill (929-5983). We are planning to continue in February with a study of Corporate Personhood. Please come with ideas for a book or course of study.

Sat., Feb. 7, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. NAACP monthly meeting; at Hargraves Center, Roberson St., Chapel Hill.

Sat., Feb. 14, all day: HKonJ March and Rally, Raleigh. Call 968-1888 if you are interested in catching a bus or sharing a car ride. **THIS WILL BE OUR WILPF MEETING FOR FEBRUARY.**

Fri., Feb. 27, 7:00 P.M. WILPF Book Club at Dan Pollitt's house, 1018 Highland Woods Rd., Chapel Hill (929-5983)

Sat., Feb. 28, starting roughly at noon; Dedication of the Freedom Ride Highway Marker at Rosemary and Columbia. Begin the ceremony at noon at the Hargraves Center, walk to the marker and dedicate the site.



[WILPF Middle East statement on Gaza - January 2, 2009](#)

We, the members of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, are horrified at Israel's bombing of Gaza.

We join with millions around the world in protests and call for an immediate cease fire.

We are profoundly distressed, knowing that the continuous bombardment will lead to further civilian deaths and suffering, and this massive escalation of violence could spiral out of control and engulf the whole region in war.

The massive air attack is a crime against humanity as it comes on top of the two-year inhumane siege that Israel has imposed on the one and a half million people living in Gaza, the world's largest prison.

(More)

Read the entire statement here (<http://www.wilpf.org/gazastatementDec08>)

