New Jersey Peace Action's
Virtual Spring Gathering
April 19, 2020
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A HISTORY OF INSPIRING FALL EVENT HONOREES

1983—Congressman Peter Rodino
1984—Sandy Gottlieb, SANE Nat’l Director
1985—Assemblyman Willie Brown Jr., CA
1986—Seymour Melman and Sandy Gottlieb
1987—Rev. William Sloane Coffin
1988—Jeff Cohen, Director of FAIR
1989—Panel discussion on Middle East
1990—NEED INFO
1991—Physicist Michio Kaku, WBAI host
1992 & 1993—NEED INFO
1995—Corbin Harney, Shoshone Elder
1996—Ibrahim Ramey, Fellowship of Reconciliation
1999—Robert Rabin and Nilda Medina, Committee for Rescue & Development of Vieques, Puerto Rico
2000—Amy Goodman of “Democracy Now”
2001—Bishop Thomas Gumbleton, Pax Christi
2002—Michael Parenti, political analyst
2003—Civil rights lawyer Ron Kuby
Larry Hamm, People’s Organization for Progress
2004—Prof. Frances Fox Piven, Reps. Barbara Lee and Donald Payne, Dr. Henry Frundt
2005—Daniel Ellsberg
2006—Ray McGovern, Sam Provance and Geoffrey Millard
2007—Camilo Mejia
2008—Antonia Juhasz
2009—Dahr Jamail, journalist
2010—A Tribute to Howard Zinn
2011—Phyllis Bennis, Judith LeBlanc, Jesse LaGreca of Occupy Wall Street
2012—Jonathan Granoff, St. Peter Claver Church
2013—The Combat Paper Project
2014—Theodora Lacey, Clinton Lacey
2015—Sister Megan Rice
2016—Colonel (ret.) Ann Wright
2017—NJPA 60th Birthday Bash
2018—Event not held
2019—John Nichols

Clockwise: Daniel Ellsberg (2005), NJPA’s 60th Birthday Bash (2017) and Theodora and Clinton Lacey with young activists (2014).
A Letter from President Judith Arnold

In reading over what I wrote for our 2019 Dinner journal, I see that my wish for the year was for U.S. troops to come home from war and for new denuclearization treaties. It makes me sad that my wishes were not realized, but ever more determined to work for these goals.

In this extremely important presidential election year, the NJ Peace Action Board of Directors will focus on several initiatives. One very important one is holding voter registration drives. We especially want to encourage young people to register and to vote and we will be organizing events to that end. We hope our members and supporters will come out to help with this effort.

We are also working with national Peace Action and other organizations on Back From The Brink: A Call to Prevent Nuclear War. This is a national grassroots initiative seeking to fundamentally change U.S. nuclear weapons policy and lead us away from the dangerous path we are on. The Call lays out five common-sense steps that the United States should take to reform its nuclear policy. We hope to get communities in our area to approve Back From the Brink resolutions. If you would like to be involved in this effort, we would love to hear from you.

We at NJPA are very proud of the work we do to bring awareness of nuclear and environmental threats to our world and we always welcome new people who wish to work with us to make a difference. Please join us in working for a just and peaceful world.

A Message from Executive Director Jeff Hoey

As I write this, we have made the difficult decision to cancel the live, face-to-face dinner this year in light of the health crisis we are all dealing with. By the time you read this, we will have put together a live, streaming event on the web in which you all can join us. We are excited about this new way of reaching out to you.

We are living in unprecedented times. While all of us are impacted by the coronavirus outbreak, we have to remember that many are impacted more than you or me. We need to be kind and helpful to those who need it. Reach out to check on loved ones and those who are more affected due to age or health issues. Let us know if there is anything we can do to help. It will take all of us working together to come through this as unscathed as possible.

This new reality will require that all of us learn new skills in activism – using email and social media to get our message out will be very important. We need to connect with you, our supporters, and keep you informed on our work and the issues around our work AND WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESSES TO DO SO. Our representatives in Washington and locally need to know our thinking on issues and know what we expect them to do. We ask for your help with that!

As peace activists, we need to work harder. We need to be even louder in our support for those who need our voices. We need to stay in front of our political representatives and make sure they know that out of this crisis, we are demanding change. No more spending $1.4 million per minute on war while healthcare workers are forced to wear garbage bags as Personal Protective Equipment. No more sanctions against people and nations struggling with disease and hunger. Move the Money from a bloated Pentagon to human needs now!

Thank you all for your support over the years and especially in these trying times. With your ongoing generosity, New Jersey Peace Action will remain on the front lines of the struggle!
What would have been . . . .

New Jersey Peace Action Anniversary Dinner
in Celebration of
Sixty-Three Years of Working for Peace
Hasbrouck Heights Hilton, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey, April 19, 2020

Welcome
Judith Arnold, NJPA President

Presentation of the Peace Action Person of the Year Award to
Laurie Endicott Thomas
Presenter: Jeff Hoey, NJPA Executive Director

Presentation of the Sylvia and Oscar Ackelsberg Peace Award to
People’s Organization for Progress
Presenter: Peggy Monges, NJPA Education Fund President

State of the Peace
Jeff Hoey, NJPA Executive Director

“Strength for the Struggle”
Virginia Ahearn, NJPA Board Member

Presentation of the Dorothy Eldridge Peacemaker Award to
Lawrence Wilkerson
Presenter: Helga Moor, NJPA Board Member
“The American Empire: It’s High Time to Dismount the Tiger”

Questions and Answers
Moderated by Don Leich, NJPA Treasurer

Thanks and Raffle Results

Music provided by Alan Smith
Thank You and Congratulations to Our Honorees

Lawrence Wilkerson,
Laurie Endicott Thomas and
People’s Organization for Progress

Kay Al-Askari
Litsa & Sig Binder
Mary Alice & Claude Cesard
Ken & Joann Dalton
Keith Danish
James and Evelyn Dette
Michael Grele & Lynn Fedele
Milt Horowitz
Sally & David Jones
Carol LaPierre

John and Angela Lawrence
Dave Mortensen
Anna Nelson
Edith Oxfeld
Paula Rogovin
Tim Sevener
Jo Sippie-Gora
Terri Suess
Nancy-Jo Taiani
Sharon Walton
“America exists today to make war. How else do we interpret 19 straight years of war and no end in sight? It’s part of who we are. It’s part of what the American Empire is.

We are going to lie, cheat and steal . . . to do whatever it is we have to do to continue this war complex. That’s the truth of it. And that’s the agony of it.” — Lawrence Wilkerson, on Democracy Now, Jan, 13, 2020

As peace activists, we have a special appreciation and respect for members of the military who have the courage to recognize and speak the truth about militarism and the harm that it does. Retired Colonel Lawrence Wilkerson, who served in the Army for 31 years, is one such warrior turned truthteller. He is best known for his time as chief of staff to General Colin Powell, including when Powell was Secretary of State, from 2002 to 2005. Wilkerson helped Powell prepare his since discredited February 2003 speech to the United Nations, selling the invasion of Iraq on the false pretext of an imminent threat from weapons of mass destruction that turned out not to exist. The asserted connection between the 9/11 attacks and Saddam Hussein was “bogus information” and the Bush administration knew it, says Wilkerson. Like Powell, he regrets his role and says he wishes he had resigned, calling the war a “catastrophic, strategic mistake” that caused “massive, chaos, killing, death, starvation,” destabilized the region and produced ISIS.

Since retiring from the Army, he has been an outspoken critic of the U.S. addiction to war and the “beast of the national security state, the beast of endless wars.” A lifelong Republican, he has compared the Trump administration to a Mafia family and supported impeachment as far back as mid-2017. He accuses the Trump administration of using the same tactics as the Bush Administration to promote war with Iran, which was narrowly averted earlier this year, when Iran retaliated for the U.S. targeted assassination of General Qassem Soleimani. In Wilkerson’s view, Saudi Arabia, not Iran, is the greatest state sponsor of terrorism in the world.

A 74-year-old South Carolina native, Wilkerson dropped out of college and volunteered to fight in Vietnam, believing it was his duty, like his father before him who fought in WWII, though he came to learn that the Vietnam War too was “built on lies.” In Vietnam, he prevented a war crime by placing his helicopter between a location full of civilians and another helicopter that wanted to launch an attack there. He also had heated disagreements with superiors and his gunner crew when they wanted to designate populated areas as free-fire zones.

He is the Distinguished Adjunct Professor of Government and Public Policy at The College of William and Mary, where he has taught for the past 15 years and has also taught at George Washington University. In 2009, he received the Sam Adams Award, given annually to an intelligence professional who has taken a stand for integrity and ethics. Fellow recipients include whistleblowers Julian Assange (2010), Edward Snowden (2013) and Chelsea Manning (2014), and journalist Seymour Hersh (2017).

He is also a non-resident fellow at the Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft, a Washington, D.C. think tank founded in 2019 and jointly funded by George Soros’ Open Society Foundation and Charles Koch’s Koch Foundation. Named after John Quincy Adams, its goal is to bring together like-minded progressives and conservatives and “lay the foundation for a new foreign policy centered on diplomatic engagement and military restraint.” A collection of Wilkerson’s interviews with the Real News Network has been published under the title War Is Not About Truth, Justice and the American Way.
# Peace Action Person of the Year

This annual award goes to one or more members who have done an especially fine job of promoting the programs of the organization.

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Laurie Endicott Thomas launched her first antiwar protest at age 5, a few days before her uncle’s birthday party. She was told that her uncle, a lieutenant in the Green Berets, had to leave for Vietnam after the party. Horrified, Laurie told her grandmother to cancel the party. Laurie reasoned that if there were no party, he wouldn’t have to go. But her grandmother explained that the army would make him go anyway. So she told her grandmother to call the army to tell them to stop the war. Laurie explains, “The war seemed like a bad idea. I was told that I would see things differently after I grew up, but I didn’t.”

Laurie has maintained this antiwar stance into adulthood, even choosing a job in Morristown to take part in the Morristown Peace Vigil. She recalls that one cold winter evening, when she was alone and feeling somewhat dispirited, a passerby told her she inspired him. He was documentary photojournalist Bob Karp, who tweeted a photo of Laurie (above left), with the comment “Shoutout to Laurie Endicott Thomas of Madison, member of N.J. Peace Action. The Morristown Peace Vigil has been held from 6 to 7 pm every Friday on The Green in Morristown since the Friday after 9/11.”

Laurie credits Dr. Seuss and her local public library with being the most important influences on her early activism. She explains, “Dr. Seuss’s story *The Sneetches* taught me that racism is stupid, and his book *Yertle the Turtle* taught me that fascism is stupid. Our local public library had a lot of children’s books about heroes of progressive movements, such as *She Wanted to Read: The Story of Mary McLeod Bethune*.”

In addition to activism for peace, Laurie has volunteered for Alliance for the Mentally Ill and advocated for Medicare for All. Laurie regards the passage of Medicare in 1965 as the high-water mark of the Civil Rights Movement. She explains, “When the bill was passed, 75% of the hospitals in the South were racially segregated. But to get money from Medicare, they had to desegregate, which practically all of them did, practically overnight. To kill a vampire, you need to drive a stake through its heart. But Jim Crow has no heart. To kill Jim Crow, you have to stab him through his pockets.”

An editor in medical and academic publishing for more than 25 years, Laurie has written four books on different aspects of medicine to help raise awareness and help people lead better lives. These books include *Where Do Gorillas Get Their Protein?: What We Really Know About Diet and Health*; *No More Measles!: The Truth About Vaccines and Your Health*; and *Don't Feed the Narcissists!: The Mythology and Science of Mental Health*. Her book *Not Trivial: How Studying the Traditional Liberal Arts Can Set You Free* focuses on education, outlining how those with wealth and power have worked to suppress education for black people and working-class whites. Laurie served as a delegate for Dennis Kucinich in 2008 and worked on Tom Wyka’s Congressional campaigns in 2006 and 2008. She has also presented papers to the Bertrand Russell Society.

Over the past year, Laurie has worked on designing a new website for NJ Peace Action. If you have enjoyed the new design and ease of use, you have Laurie to thank. Laurie explains, “When I built the website, I used a page builder that makes it easy for people with minimal training to build and update pages. I want to help other people learn all of the skills we need for the organization and the peace movement to thrive.”

Writer, editor, activist, advocate, website developer, political campaign volunteer, Laurie, clearly a Renaissance woman, affirms, “My agenda is clear: I am against ignorance, violence, pestilence, and dangling participles—not necessarily in that order.”
People’s Organization for Progress, commonly referred to as POP, has been advocating and agitating for justice for nearly four decades. During much of that time, it has partnered with NJPA to oppose war, militarism and violence and to advocate not just for racial justice but for social and economic justice as well. There have been many shared events over the years where NJPA has marched alongside our POP brothers and sisters in their trademark yellow tees, led by POP Chairman Larry Hamm, chanting “Power to the People” or perhaps the words of Frederick Douglass “If there is no struggle, there is no progress.”

Founded by Newark native Hamm in 1983, POP grew out of the struggles for justice of the African-American community during the late 1960s and ’70s. POP describes itself on its website as “an independent, grassroots, community based, politically progressive association of citizens working for racial, social and economic justice and greater unity in the community.” Perhaps best known for speaking out against police brutality, shootings and other manifestations of racism, it has been active over the years on a range of issues that includes opposition to war and armed conflict, reparations for slavery, universal health care, equal funding for public schools, tuition-free college, forgiveness of student debt, preserving and expanding the social safety net, raising wages, lifting the embargo against Cuba and protecting the rights of Palestinians. In an extraordinary effort that began in June 2011, the Daily People’s Campaign for Jobs, Peace, Justice and Equality!, POP held a daily action by the statue of Abraham Lincoln in front of the Essex County Courthouse for 381 days, a length of time equaling and honoring the 1955 to 1956 Montgomery Bus Boycott.

Though NJPA-POP’s working together is a natural partnership, it got going in large part because of the friendship between Hamm and Madelyn Hoffman, who was an activist in Newark before serving as NJPA Executive Director from 2000 to 2018. NJPA and POP stood together to oppose the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq and have continued to speak out against war with Iran and repeated plans to bomb Syria, along with other instances of U.S. militarism. We have gone to each other’s events and rallied and marched together through the streets of Newark, including the once annual Peace Train every December that began at Peter Francisco park and culminated in front of Newark City Hall.

One high point of our shared peacemaking occurred in August 2007 when POP, NJPA and other groups formed the Peace and Justice Coalition which held a rally and march in downtown Newark featuring Congressman John Conyers.
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NJ Peace Action Street Fairs!

Street fairs help NJ Peace Action in several important ways:

- **Outreach.**
- **Educating the public on peace issues.**
- **Recruiting new members.** Through our Bloomfield College tabling, we got a NJPA student chapter started there.
- **Petitions.** We have gotten thousands of Move the Money postcards signed and delivered to our Senators and Representatives.
- **Fun!** For our staffers, kids and the public!

**Upcoming Street Fairs:**

The dates for street fairs for the summer and fall are not available at this time.

Be sure to visit the NJPA website, njpeaceaction.org, for updates.
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Photo of Trina Paulus by Carolyn Vadala
Our Volunteers at Work —
They Put the “Action” in Peace Action

Top: Joann and Ken Dalton; Madeline Vricella; Anna Nelson and Laurie Endicott Thomas
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“Peace Sites become the grassroots place to establish ‘beachheads for peace.’ Peace Sites offer answers to many who say, ‘What can I do to stop the dreadful drift towards nuclear destruction?’” (Or in today’s context, “What can I do to stop the cycle of violence?”)—Lou Kousin (founder of NJPA Peace Site Network)

What Is a Peace Site?

Peace Sites began as buildings—where groups could congregate, socialize, and study peace. They can be religious institutions, peace centers, community centers, schools, colleges, offices, and businesses. At least one municipality became a Peace Site.

Now websites can also be Peace Sites, linked to other websites and carrying the ideals of the physical peace sites.

Each site determines its own way to work for peace. Some hold Peace Fair Days sharing ethnic food, song and dance to bring a community together for a day of celebration: Peace Sukkoths in Parks, sharing a holiday for Shalom; and annual affairs honoring a local outstanding worker for peace.

Others provide film showings and speakers at community meetings; join peace groups like NJ Peace Action in their actions; and share space for other peace groups to meet.

These peace sites can be categorized into three different groups: Symbolic Peace Sites, Institutional Peace Sites, and Community Peace Sites.

Peace sites can include a visual symbol of peace, such as a peace garden, peace pole or peace room, or provide a peace site newsletter. Some activities for peace sites include organizing a peace fair or festival; sponsoring a peace essay/poetry/art contest; offering film presentations or establishing study groups on peace issues; creating a peace library; organizing public forums, workshops, or conferences on peace issues; presenting an annual peace award; sponsoring a weekend retreat for reflection on peace; and/or networking with other peace sites.

Groups can also meet at peace sites to work actively for peace by calling or writing letters to Congressional representatives and senators; writing letters to the editor; organizing visits to Congressional representatives; writing and signing petitions; following legislation on peace issues; and/or providing literature about peace issues to the general public.

Some Important Peace Issues of Concern:

- Proposed increases to the U.S. military budget, including continuing support for the development of a costly weapons systems, like the F-35 and the unproven national missile defense system.
- The abandonment of international, diplomatic agreements and treaties, like the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, the Anti-ballistic Missile Treaty, the new START Treaty and the Iran Deal.
- The $185 billion pledge for modernization of the U.S. nuclear arsenal, part of negotiations around 2010 ratification of new START Treaty between the U.S. and Russia.
• Obtaining more community support for effort to “Move the Money” from the military budget to community programs like health care, education, environmental protection and more.

For more information on rededicating or establishing a Peace Site, contact us at:
NJ Peace Action
673 Bloomfield Ave, Bloomfield, NJ 07003
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Current Peace Sites

Academy of the Holy Angels, Demarest
The Art of Survival’s Garden of Peace, Newark
Bloomfield College
Center for Modern Dance Education, Hackensack
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The Clay Cellar, Montclair
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Peace Pole at Unitarian Society of Ridgewood

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Ask us about our Peace Education Curriculum

✓ Training educators to incorporate social justice curriculum into their classrooms
✓ Interactive workshops for youth and adults demonstrating how the world-wide distribution of resources can lead to war
✓ Illuminating workshop on “Moving the Money” from the military to community needs
✓ Nonviolent conflict resolution strategies and anti-bullying measures.
LOCAL CHAPTERS, VIGILS, AND PARTNERS

The AUGUST 9th SAVING LIVES TASK FORCE is a multi-faith and secular coalition and partner with NJ Peace Action. Formed in 2008, the Task Force’s primary focus is education and lobbying for abolition of nuclear weapons and transferring the money not spent on weapons into combating hunger and poverty. For more information, contact dmortnj@hotmail.com or view our website at http://njpeaceaction.org/august9. The Task Force also works for these goals with another partner, the Multifaith Peace and Justice Alliance.

The BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE CHAPTER of NJ Peace Action was founded in January 2018. The first coordinator was Valentia Orajerena, who created a survey asking students to rate the importance of the following global and domestic issues: nuclear weapons, gun control, climate change, immigration, health care, education, infrastructure, human rights, refugee crisis, and drug policies. The chapter, now in its third year, is being led by Bloomfield College senior Jonathan Johnson.

The LEONIA VIGIL FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE is held every Sunday afternoon from 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. in the center of Leonia, at the intersection of Broad Avenue and Fort Lee Road. Just about every Sunday since 9/11, local youngsters, centenarians, and those in between have gathered to take a stand against war and wasteful military spending, and in favor of human needs and social justice. We have also organized educational forums, sponsored an annual International Day of Peace and, for the past six years, worked with the local schools on an annual Peace project in which students express their ideas related to peace and justice through art and writing. Our Facebook page is “Leonia, NJ Vigil for Peace and Justice.” Please join us.

The MONTCLAIR PEACE VIGIL continues to hold its signs for peace at the corner where Bloomfield Avenue meets Fullerton and Church Streets. This past year, special vigils were held to say “No to War against North Korea,” to support the Iran Nuclear Deal and to protest against the Israel Defense Force’s violence against peaceful Palestinian protesters in Gaza. For more information or to ask for a vigil on a specific matter, please call NJ Peace Action at 973-259-1126.

The MORRISTOWN PEACE VIGIL has been held by the fountain on the Green in Morristown from 6 to 7 p.m. every Friday since the Friday after 9/11. In the early years, many passersby were openly hostile. As the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan dragged on, however, we saw public opinion gradually turn in our favor. The attendance at the vigil reached record levels after the 2008 presidential election. Yet the wars still continued. A stalwart few have kept the Morristown Peace Vigil going, uninterrupted, through all kinds of weather, for more than 18 years. The Green is lovely this time of year, so please join us on Fridays at 6 p.m. for good fellowship in the service of peace.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN PEACE ACTION, formed 60 years ago, when NJ Peace Action was known as NJ Sane, is the oldest chapter. In May 2019, we marched in the Maplewood Memorial Day Parade, as we do every year, carrying our banner. In October, we had an information tent at Maplewood Green Day on the need to change our priorities way from war and regime change to fighting climate change and global warming.
The **TEANECK PEACE VIGIL**, marking 14-1/2 years of consecutive weekly vigils, stands firm in our opposition to U.S. military participation wars in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Yemen. Passersby continue to honk, wave, make peace signs, and shout in support of our message. We remain ready to host (on the street corner or on-line) the groundswell we anticipate as the Trump administration threatens war in Venezuela and around the world even during this pandemic. We commend NJ Peace Action for its ongoing support and efforts for peace and justice. In November, vigil member Henry Shoiket died. Mary, now 105, is living with her family in Chicago! When the restrictions are lifted, please come join the vigil any Wednesday at 4 p.m., National Guard Armory, Teaneck Road and Liberty Road, Teaneck, New Jersey.

The **UNION COUNTY PEACE COUNCIL** seeks to promote a greater consciousness of peace, ecology, and social justice and to work with other like-minded organizations and individuals to foster nonviolence and sustainability in our neighborhoods and in our world. For more information, e-mail dianeb181@gmail.com or visit the “Union County Peace Vigil” page on Facebook.

**WEEHAWKEN CITIZENS FOR PEACE** are proud of their association with NJ Peace Action dating back to the late 1960s, in the days of Dorothy Eldridge and NJ SANE. We marked our rebirth with a candlelight vigil on March 19, 2003. We have held early evening vigils at the Soldiers and Sailors Monument ever since. The location, facing the expanse of Manhattan Island, attracts people from all over the world. Our “Honk for Peace” sign gets a good response.
Last year’s Dorothy Eldridge Peacemaker Award went to Kathy Kelly, a peace activist, founder of Voices in the Wilderness and coordinator of Voices for Creative Nonviolence, who has been nominated three times for the Nobel Peace Prize. Also honored, with the Sylvia and Oscar Ackelsberg Peace Award, was the Northern New Jersey Chapter of Jewish Voice for Peace for its opposition to the occupation of Palestine and support for the human rights of Palestinians. Tim Sevener, who leads NJPA’s tabling efforts and makes it fun for all with his guitar playing and bubble machine, was named Peace Action Person of the Year. Music was provided by the duo Learning.
2019 Fall Gathering

Last fall’s annual gathering, on November 16, 2019, featured keynote speaker John Nichols, National Affairs correspondent for The Nation magazine, who received the Hope Shapiro Bread and Roses Award. Nichols gave a rousing speech entitled “We Need a New Foreign Policy in Order to Save the Planet and Achieve Economic, Social and Racial Justice.” We honored the late Tom Bias with the Winter Soldier Award, which we presented to his family. He was a long-time member of the Solidarity Singers, who sang in his memory. Michael Reitman provided music for the event.
In Loving Memory

New Jersey Peace Action mourns the loss of these dedicated activists whose lives exemplified their commitment to peace and justice.

Salah Al-Askari
Bob Bender
Tom Bias
Elaine Blumgart
Carol Buchanan
Joan Comiskey
Lauretta Freeman
Lilo Hoffman
Carla Horowitz
Ian Kettles
Mary Jane Milway
Robert Monges
Perry Rosenstein
Diane Sank
Henry Shoiket
Frank Wagner
Judith Yafet

We honor their many years of work to bring about peace and justice and we vow to carry on their struggle.
Some of those we lost in the past year . . .

Top Row: Tom Bias, on left, with the Solidarity Singers; Lauretta Freeman; Henry and Mary Shoiket

Row 2: Robert Monges; Bob Bender; Joan Comiskey

Row 3: Salah Al-Askari, right, with Kay Al-Askari and James Yee; Elaine Blumgart; Carla Horowitz; Frank Wagner

Right: Perry Rosenstein of the Puffin Foundation
Artistic talents, she helped build the art center at Grailville. Widely sold casts of her sculptures helped support the movement and rejuvenation of religious art theologically and artistically in the 1950s and ’60s. Trina produced a “Grail Art Production” catalog every year, even while back at Ohio State finishing her B.F.A. degree. In 1966, she volunteered to join the international Grail team in Akhmim, Egypt, developing a women’s weaving and embroidery cooperative for local girls to support themselves and become more independent. It continues to this day, celebrated for the quality and originality of its work.

During the 1967 Six-Day War, Trina was evacuated to the International Grail Center in Paris where she spent two years before returning to the U.S. Her preoccupation with what makes a real revolution, which lies at the heart of Hope for the Flowers, was strengthened by witnessing the poverty of her girls in Akhmim and being present in Paris during the worldwide revolutionary year climaxing in May 1968. French workers joined the students to grow a massive general strike that shut down the economy to oppose consumerism, capitalism, and imperialism. Artists in Brussels occupied the main museum hall with their sleeping bags. When Trina asked one of them if he really thought that tearing down the whole old order would produce something good, he said a fist-raising “Yes!” Trina realized that, as much as she wanted change, this way could produce a dictator. “It needs to be radical but the REAL revolution will be more like change from caterpillar to butterfly. Even though you can't see it, the butterfly is already inside the caterpillar in some invisible form. If you kill caterpillars because they're not butterflies, you kill the butterfly too.”

Returning to the U.S. in 1969, a contract from Paulist Press on an earlier book, Theology of Hope, inspired her retreat to a $10-a-week room to edit it for publication. But her experiences in Egypt and Paris had changed her purpose from the
exciting challenge of Vatican II behind the first book. The book morphed into what three years later became *Hope For the Flowers*, a moving parable about how we all can be transformed like the central caterpillar heroes, Stripe and Yellow. “You must want to fly so much that you are willing to give up being a caterpillar.” Beautifully hand-lettered and illustrated by Trina, it was published in 1972 and won the Christopher Award as the year’s most inspiring book. It has established itself as an international classic, with more than three million copies sold in English and translations into Spanish, Dutch, German, Brazilian Portuguese, Russian, Korean, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Persian, and Thai. Editions in Polish, Hebrew, Arabic, French, Turkish, and Swahili are in process.

Plays, musicals, and readings of *Hope* have been produced by nonprofit groups around the world. Trina believes such modest expressions are more fitting with *Hope*’s spirit of sharing than the 30 or so movie or Broadway offers which asked for exclusive rights and allowed her only limited input. Her sense of responsibility as *Hope*’s “shepherd” has brought a “No” many difficult times. “I don’t know why I was given the grace to write this book, which seems able to have crossed all boundaries of age, race, culture, religion. I think butterflies touch something universal. The heroine Yellow puts our common question this way, ‘It can't be true! How can I believe there's a butterfly inside you or me when all I see is a fuzzy worm?’ When the butterfly finally emerges, it's not the end--to just fly and be beautiful and lay eggs. Because it has wings, there is a new purpose. The butterfly can fly and carry the pollen of love from one flower to another--and receive each flower's nectar in return. What a life-giving exchange!”

A parishioner of St. Peter Claver Church, she moved to Montclair in 1980 to raise her son. As Montclair’s “Butterfly Lady,” she raises and releases Monarchs from eggs laid on her milkweed, the caterpillar’s only food. You might have seen her in demonstrations dressed as Archbishop Oscar Romero, the Catholic prelate from El Salvador who was gunned down by right-wing forces in 1980, while celebrating Mass. She has marched in Montclair's Fourth of July parade with all sorts of props: pushing a compost pile through the streets in a wheelbarrow, guiding a trailer marked “Waste mis-Management” to keep an alkalinizing sewage sludge facility from being built in the Ironbound, right next to Newark's wholesale food center and PATH line. Lately she has been marching with NJPA and others wearing a large hat adorned with dangling declarations of her beliefs such as “No War” and “Grow Your Food,” and her groups, NJPA, WILPF, and Aging In Montclair.

There is a reason she wears her beliefs where people can see them. While living at Grailville during the 1960s, she went to Cincinnati to show support for the raising of the United Nations flag on UN day. UN opponents unfurled a banner with a huge American flag saying “This is the only flag to which we pay allegiance.” Her photo, in front of this banner, appeared in news reports. She resolved that from then on, she would leave no doubt to observers about where she stood. Combining her art, activism and belief in sharing, she has helped others proclaim their beliefs too. A few weeks later, she and her art students brought 30 large posters to Cincinnati’s first major civil rights march. In 1978, with Clay Colt and Kate Donnelly (of [donnellycolt.com](http://donnellycolt.com) progressive resources), she silk-screened 1200 anti-nuclear posters to pass out to marchers heading to the first UN Disarmament Conference.

As the 50th anniversary of *Hope* approaches, Trina is busy with new foreign language editions, peace and climate healing efforts and her new parable, *Chickens & Foxes*, which offers three endings: *Some Enchanted Evening, Violence and Hope* and *A Terrible Night*. She is vice-president of Central Rocky Mountain Permaculture Institute and Cornucopia Network of New Jersey. You can contact Trina at [hopefortheflowers.com](http://hopefortheflowers.com).

Top: April 2019: Teaneck Vigil—Paula Rogovin plays guitar; Henry Shoiket; Steps to a Nuclear Free World Conference at NJIT in Newark

Above: May 2019: Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Prep Conference in NYC—Peace Action National Executive Director Kevin Martin waits to speak and group photo Lobbying visit at office of Senator Robert Menendez

Left: May 27—South Mountain Peace Action in Maplewood Memorial Day Parade

Below: June 2019—Vigils in Teaneck and Montclair
Top: July 4—Montclair Parade

Row 2: July 12—Remembering Newark’s 1967 Rebellion with POP
August—Hiroshima/Nagasaki Commemoration

Sept. 2—Haledon/Paterson Labor Day Parade

Right: Sept. 2—Rep. Bill Pascrell at Haledon/Paterson Labor Day Parade
Top: Sept. 20—Montclair Vigil in solidarity with Climate March; Oct. 12—South Mountain PA at Maplewood Green Day
Row 2: Oct. 25—POP Dinner—Jeff Hoey and Larry Hamm speak Oct. 26—Jeff Hoey at UN Korea Peace Conference in NYC
Row 3: Oct. 26—UN Korea Peace Conference Nov. 23—Dr. Cornel West at Rutgers-Newark
Left: Dec. 6—Paula Rogovin at Waging Peace in Vietnam event at Oakland Public Library
Top: December 6—Climate Strike in Newark
Row 2: December 6—Climate Strike in Newark with Jeff Hoey Selfie
December 13—Meeting in Princeton with Congressman-Elect Tom Malinowski
January 4—Meeting in Parsippany with Congresswoman-Elect Mikie Sherrill
Right: January 10—Iran Vigil in Morristown
January 25—Iran Vigil in Montclair
Below: March 4—Conference in NYC on Impact of Nuclear War
There is no way to peace
Peace is the way

Thank you,
NJ Peace Action
for all you do to help
the way to Peace along.

Quakertown Friends Meeting
PO Box 520
Quakertown, NJ 08868
Peace Action

Go New Jersey Peace Action!

Love,
National Peace Action
Sending Love & Solidarity!
from
PEACE ACTION NEW YORK

May Peace & Justice Bloom in NY & NJ!

We are honored to work side by side with our friends in New Jersey Peace Action to build a better world.

www.panys.org
The Gay Activist Alliance in Morris County has been meeting every week to socialize with, educate and motivate New Jersey’s LGBT community since September 11, 1972. For more than four decades, we have peacefully fought for equal rights for all citizens. It is in this spirit that we applaud New Jersey Peace Action’s work, and invite you to come out to Morristown to meet us and work with us.

New Jersey Peace Action’s Board of Directors

congratulates our 2020 award winners

Lawrence Wilkerson—Dorothy Eldridge Peacemaker Award

People's Organization for Progress—Sylvia & Oscar Ackelsberg Peace Award

Laurie Endicott Thomas—Peace Action Person of the Year
LEONIA VIGIL GROUP
FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE

PROUDLY STANDS WITH NEW JERSEY PEACE ACTION

AND HONORS THE MEMORY OF VALUED ADVOCATES FOR PEACE
JOAN COMISKEY, HENRY SHOIKET and FRANK WAGNER

JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY FROM 4 TO 4:30 PM
IN THE CENTER OF LEONIA, AT BROAD AVENUE AND FORT LEE ROAD
(Note: The vigil is temporarily suspended due to the COVID-19 crisis.)

AND AT OUR ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF
THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE
TO BE HELD THIS YEAR ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

Visit our Facebook Page

New Jersey State
Industrial Union Council

Congratulations to New Jersey Peace Action
on the Occasion of its 63rd Anniversary Annual Dinner and
Congratulations to the 2020 Honorees!

- Lawrence Wilkerson, keynote speaker and recipient of the
  Dorothy Eldridge Peacemaker Award
- People’s Organization for Progress, recipient of the Sylvia and
  Oscar Ackelsberg Peace Award
- Laurie Endicott Thomas, Peace Action Person of the Year

“A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than
on social uplift is approaching spiritual death.”—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The New Jersey State Industrial Union Council

Carol E. Gay  David H. Weiner  Bennet D. Zurofsky, Esq.
President  Executive Vice President  General Counsel
President, CWA Local 1081

Contact us on the Web: http://industrialunioncouncilnj.org
“The master class has always brought a war and the subject class has always fought the battle. The master class has had all to gain and nothing to lose, and the subject class has had all to lose and nothing to gain.”

Eugene V. Debs
Address, Socialist Party Convention
Canton, Ohio, June 16, 1918
After this speech, Debs was arrested, tried and imprisoned for violating the Espionage Act.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF EMIL OXFELD

Edith, Nancy and Ellen

Solidarity
Forever!

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Essex County Branch

Now more than ever we need organizations with nuclear disarmament as a top priority working together to achieve a just and lasting peace among nations.

**New Jersey Peace Action**

has always been in the vanguard for this purpose, and we at Essex County WILPF pledge our support and collaboration. Congratulations on another year of dedicated activism.

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From all of us at Peace Action's national office—a big thank you to New Jersey Peace Action for your stalwart activism.

From lobbying your congressional delegation to get them to do the right thing, to vigils and demonstrations to keep peace issues in the public eye, you are doing the critical work to build our movement.

Here's to 63 years of peace leadership!
We, at Jewish Voice for Peace, Northern NJ Chapter, join the call for a global cease-fire in this time of pandemic. We stand with those in Gaza and everywhere without medical resources.

We celebrate another year of solidarity with NJ Peace Action and look forward to being together in person next year.

May NJ Peace Action’s vital work only cease once the governments of the world embrace and enact your call for a peaceful world.

For more information about our local chapter of Jewish Voice for Peace, please e-mail us at jvp.nnj@gmail.com

Or find us on Facebook:
https://facebook.com/JVPNoNJ/

NORTHERN NJ JVP
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Jersey City, NJ

Proudly supports
NJ Peace Action
for its long and successful history of activism for peace.

The Board of Directors of First Friends of NJ & NY thanks New Jersey Peace Action for 63 years of working toward a more peaceful world.

Now, more than ever, First Friends of NJ & NY upholds the inherent dignity and humanity of detained immigrants and asylum seekers.

We provide compassion and hope through volunteer visitation,

In Memory of Carla Horowitz

A Passionate, Decades-long Activist and Supporter of New Jersey Peace Action

Her Peace Site Plaques, Made at her Potter’s Wheel for NJPA, Stand in her Honor.

Her Life was an Embodiment of Peace.

Virginia Ahearn
NJPA Executive Director 1997-2000
Madelyn Hoffman
NJPA Executive Director 2000-2018
The Bergen County Education Association

Working to advance and protect the rights of all members.
Advocating for a quality public education for all students in Bergen County.

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The Metuchen-Edison Area Branch of the NAACP

Congratulates New Jersey Peace Action on your 63rd Anniversary.
We proudly support your work!

As a community-based organization, we are committed to helping great organizations like New Jersey Peace Action.

Reginald Johnson, President
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Join us for our Juneteenth Celebration on 6/1/20.

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Thomas P. Giblin
Assemblyman—34th District
Clifton . East Orange . Montclair . Orange

South Mountain Peace Action
Maplewood and South Orange, NJ

Stop Endless War
Abolish Nuclear Weapons
100% Clean Energy

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“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate. Only love can do that.”
—Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

CONGRATULATIONS to THIS YEAR’S Awardees—
LAURIE ENDICOTT THOMAS and
PEOPLE’S ORGANIZATION FOR PROGRESS
Anna Nelson
Join the Morristown Peace Vigil

Every Friday from 6 to 7 pm on the Morristown Green, South Street, since September 11, 2001.

Suspended until the COVID-19 emergency is past.

For more info, contact nj_peaceaction@yahoo.com

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In Loving Memory of

PETER SHUCHTER
whose life was lived for peace and
whose heart beat for
New Jersey Peace Action

Leni-anne Shuchter

First they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out—Because I was not a Socialist.
Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out—Because I was not a Trade Unionist.
Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—Because I was not a Jew.
Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me.

—Pastor Martin Niemöller

A note from Mary Bell

Congratulations to NJ Peace Action!

The Highlands Natural Pool
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(973) 835-4299
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Join us for a swim in a fresh water, spring fed outdoor, Olympic-sized pool.

Open Memorial Day weekend through September. Visit website or call for Covid updates.

Jersey Pride, Inc. congratulates
NJ PEACE ACTION on its 63rd Acti-versary and Welcomes Everyone
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—Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Veterans for Peace
Chapter 21
(Northern New Jersey)

An activist adage runs
“Those with privilege, equality feels like discrimination.”
Thank you, NJPA, for working toward full equality for all.

Sherr Rase

Blessed are the Peacemakers.

In loving memory of
Florence and Lou Giammarino

Thank you Staff and Volunteers!
Virginia Ahearn, Clinical Herbalist

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WEEHAWKEN CITIZENS FOR PEACE

Hope is the thing with feathers
That perches in the soul,
And sings the tune--without the words,
And never stops at all.

—Emily Dickinson

Vigils some Sundays
Weehawken Soldiers and Sailors Monument
Boulevard East, Weehawken
Contact at WhknCitPaz@aol.com

In honor of Dorothy Eldridge

Dennis & Arlene Hirschfelder

Greetings
from the Northern NJ Local of the Socialist Party USA
www.northjerseysocialistparty.org

Congratulations
NJ PEACE ACTION
on 63 years of working for peace!
Peggy Monges

Look who helped with the Dinner Journal!

Congratulations to People’s Organization for Progress and to Laurie Endicott Thomas

The Martin Luther King Birthday Committee
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“LIFE’S MOST PERSISTENT AND URGENT QUESTION IS, ‘WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR OTHERS?’”
-MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Thanks for all you do
making a difference in our communities!

“Those who love peace must learn to organize as effectively as those who love war.”

—Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Thank You
New Jersey Peace Action
for leading us and
inspiring us to pursue peace.

Sig and Litsa Binder

To the memory of Dr. Irwin D. Mandel,
humanitarian, and pioneer in
the science of oral health

Charlotte Mandel

Without Justice, there is no Peace.

—Diane and Vito Gallo

Let’s “Move the Money”
to make “the Dream” a Reality!

Bob Russo
Montclair Councilmember/Former Mayor

“When I say it's you I like, I'm talking about that part of you that knows that
life is far more than anything you can ever see or hear or touch.
That deep part of you that allows you to stand for those things
without which humankind cannot survive.
Love that conquers hate, peace that rises triumphant over war,
and justice that proves more powerful than greed.”
—Fred Rogers

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For more information, contact the NJ Peace Action Education Fund
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www.preventnuclearwar.org

We call on local and county elected officials to urge the United States to lead a global effort to prevent nuclear holocaust through resolutions supporting the following:

1. Renouncing the option of using nuclear weapons first

2. Ending the sole, unchecked authority of any President to launch a nuclear attack

3. Taking U.S. nuclear weapons off hair-trigger alert

4. Cancelling the plan to replace entire U.S. arsenal with enhanced weapons

5. Actively pursuing a verifiable agreement among Nuclear armed states to eliminate their nuclear arsenals