Peace Coalition of Monterey County

~ Since 1991 ~

Working together to create a more just and peaceful world

PCMC's
25th Anniversary
Celebration
Friday, 12 February 2016
@ Irvine Auditorium, Middlebury Institute of International Studies
Congratulations to the Peace Coalition of Monterey County on its 25th Anniversary

Thank you for bringing together organizations and individuals dedicated to promoting non-violent solutions to world conflicts and long-range policies for a more just and peaceful world.

Jane Parker
Chair, Monterey County Board of Supervisors

As a chapter of Amnesty International USA, we share the same mission statement: "to conduct research and generate action to prevent and end grave abuses of human rights, and to demand justice for those whose rights have been violated." We will also have special focus on local issues and on advocating issues of interest to our members, the local community and the MIIS community.

Club President: Stephanie Nelson
Vice President: Leah Mallett Dzhedzhera
Club email: amnestyinternational@miis.edu
The Monterey Peace and Justice Center

PEACE, NOT WAR.
SOCIAL JUSTICE, NOT INEQUALITY.
WE ARE A CATALYST FOR CHANGE.

Thank you for helping us
cultivate peace and the practice of nonviolent
social change in our community and
the world through education and advocacy.

Programs, events, workshops, conversations, lending library

1364 Fremont Blvd, Seaside, CA 93955
Open Wednesdays and Saturdays
1:00 PM to 5:30 PM

www.PeaceCentral.org or 831-899-PEACE

Book MONTEREY PEACE & JUSTICE CENTER for your event

When seeking space for your group's meetings or functions, please consider MPJC.
It is centrally located on the Peninsula and may accommodate small to medium-sized groups. Space is available for a negotiated donation in exchange for the use.

Please contact MichaelFrederiksen@gmail.com to arrange reservations.
The People's Oral History Project

Presented by Gary Karnes
with Karen Araujo and
Juan Martinez

Interviews with
Monterey County
Activists and Organizers
1934-2015

$30 @ peoplesoralhistoryprojectmc.org

Save the Date: "Sweet Thursday"
Book Night @
the National Steinbeck Center in Salinas
- Thu., 31 March 2016- Time TBD

The birthday of Cesar Chavez!
Interviewees will be available to sign
copies of "Voices of Change"

Ph: 831-402-9106
Em: PeoplesOralHistory@gmail.com

Save the Date
Monterey County's 2016
Outstanding Women's Event
Sunday March 20, 2016
2:00 to 4:00 PM
Irvine Auditorium in the McCon Building at the
Middlebury Institute of International Studies
400 Pierce Street, Monterey, CA

The Monterey County Commission on the Status of Women is proud to honor women in
Monterey County. To submit a nomination please visit our website at:
www.co.monterey.ca.us/csw

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS: FEBRUARY 5, 2016

For more information, including sponsorship
opportunities, please contact
Yolanda Cervantes at 831-512-3239
or email yolanda.cervantes@gmail.com
To meet the challenges of climate change and the depletion of our natural resources by helping our communities transition to sustainable practices.

CSMC has grown from one small group to fostering nine all-volunteer local action groups in Monterey County cities and two thriving regional projects, and boasts thousands of online and mailing list members. We collectively provide over 9,000 reported hours of volunteer work each year. We’re a network of active people who share a passion for thinking globally and working locally to promote clean and green values: renewable energy, clean water, resource conservation, waste reduction and reuse, community gardens, and a robust cooperative economy. We also support land-use policies that reduce sprawl, preserve open space, and create compact walkable urban communities.

The Democratic Women of Monterey County (DWMC) is a volunteer organization that champions Democratic candidates and campaigns on political issues that affect all citizens while emphasizing the role of women.

DWMC is dedicated to creating opportunities for Democratic women to interact, participate, and educate themselves and the community about political candidates and issues.

Visit us online at dw-mc.org

Congratulations to the Peace Coalition on its 25th Anniversary!

-Konny Murray, President
Greetings, Fellow Friends of Peace,

Welcome to the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the Peace Coalition of Monterey County.

Thank you for joining us this evening as we look back on our history, hear a variety of views on the current state of affairs, and envision—with you—how we may build a culture of peace.

We are diverse organizations united in our commitment to non-violence.

Together we affirm that a better world is possible!

With peace and gratitude,

Karen Araujo and Tom Lee, Co-Chairs

Cover photo: Customs House Plaza, Downtown Monterey in 1991. Veterans for Peace members True Boardman (deceased), Gordon Smith (then VFP Chapter 46 President), and Victor Beusch (now Henry).

This is the local peace group rally that was the seed for the Peace Coalition.

Keynote speaker that day was Mel Mason
2015 Member Organizations

Green Party — Monterey County
Humanist Association of the Monterey Bay Area (HAMBA)
Libertarians for Peace
Middle East Study Group
Monterey County Democratic Central Committee
Monterey Peace & Justice Center
Monterey Peninsula Friends Meeting (Quakers)

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) - Monterey County Branch
Occupy Monterey Peninsula
Peace Corps Volunteers (returned) of Monterey County

Progressive Democrats of America, Monterey

Unitarian Universalist Social Justice — Faith in Action

United Nations Association, Monterey Bay Chapter

Veterans for Peace, Chapter 46

Women's International League for Peace & Freedom (WILPF) - Monterey County Branch
The war called Desert Storm was the catalyst that brought peace-oriented organizations in Monterey County together. The U.S. government began threatening war on Iraq in August of 1990 after its invasion of Kuwait. On Labor Day weekend, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom invited local groups to join in a public "teach-in" and protest demonstration against the U.S. plans. Window-on-the-Bay was the chosen site, and the well-attended event was the first of a series that fall that made the waterfront park a traditional place for local demonstrations.

On Martin Luther King Jr. Day, in January of 1991, marches converged from three directions on Custom House Plaza for a peace rally where Mel Mason, former City Councilman from Seaside, was the dynamic keynote speaker. In the immediate aftermath of that day, the Desert Storm war was declared and the local peace groups met to organize a coalition for peace advocacy and action. PCMC was born. PCMC mounted demonstrations, letter-writing campaigns, meetings with our congressman, huge discussion meetings, film series, educational flyers and gatherings to push for peaceful settlement of international crises.

The Peace Coalition actively protested:

- The Gulf War (Desert Storm) 1991.
- The Bosnia War 1994-1995
- The Kosovo War in Serbia 1998-1999
- The Afghanistan War 2001
- The Iraq War 2003

Continued...
Remembering the Past—continued...

On February 15, 2003, PCMC was a part of the largest world-wide demonstration in history against the imminent Iraq war — to no avail. As the Afghan and Iraqi wars became permanent, PCMC continued its networking and educational events and distributed a weekly email calendar listing the many peace and social justice events in Monterey County. We have made policy statements against U.S. drone warfare and in favor of foreign policy decisions that promote peaceful negotiations instead of further military involvement.

Entering its 26th year, the Coalition is aligning itself with World Beyond War’s effort to bring peace groups together all across the country in a great grassroots effort to develop the steps needed to move us from a militarized society to a peace culture. The first part of each regular PCMC meeting is open for comments from the public, an opportunity to think together where the peace movement should go from here.

~ A Lifetime of Peace ~

We offer special recognition to and appreciation for Joyce Vandevere in honor of her many years devoted to successful organizing in our region and creating more justice and peace in our world. We are grateful for her visionary leadership.
ABOUT PCMC

The Peace Coalition of Monterey County meets from 2-4pm at the Monterey Peace & Justice Center on 3rd Sundays in the months of January, March, May, July, September, and November.

The meetings are open to all and there is ample time on the agenda for comments from the public.

Your participation is welcome!
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS for ORGANIZATIONS are available in the foyer.

Our purpose is: To bring Monterey County organizations and individuals dedicated to peace together to promote non-violent solutions to world conflicts and promote long-range policies for a just and peaceful world.

Toward this end PCMC shall:

♦ Explore the social and economic conditions that lead to conflict or follow it
♦ Maintain public visibility through vigils, demonstrations, advertisements, articles, letters, and media coverage
♦ Provide educational outreach by disseminating information to the community, individuals, and organizations
♦ Communicate our point of view to the President, Congress, United Nations, state and local representatives
♦ Advocate for issues and policy positions, not endorse nor support candidates or parties
♦ Conduct all actions in a non-violent manner

Please visit us online & join the local peace movement at peacemonterey.org.
Current PCMC Steering Committee members

Karen Araujo, Co-Chair
UU Social Justice/Faith in Action

Tom Lee, Co-Chair
Community Member-at-Large

Lawrence Samuels, Treasurer
Libertarians for Peace

Deborah Warcken, Secretary
Humanist Assoc. of Monterey Bay

George Riley—Green Party-Monterey County
Shelly Sitzman—Humanist Assoc. of Monterey Bay
David Henderson—Libertarians for Peace
Katharina Harlow—Middle East Study Group
Jan Black—MoCo Democratic Central Committee
Judy Karas—Monterey Peninsula Friends (Quakers)
Janet Wilson—Monterey Peninsula Friends (Quakers)
Steven “Quazar” Goings—NACP
Akin Miller—NAACP
Sidney Ramsden-Scott—Occupy Monterey Peninsula
Larry Parish—Occupy Monterey Peninsula
Celia Bosworth—Returned Peace Corps Volunteers
Lou Richards—Returned Peace Corps Volunteers
Joyce Vandevere-Monterey Peace & Justice Center
Helen Rose—Monterey Peace & Justice Center
Lorita Fisher—United Nations Assoc.—Monterey Bay Chapter
Jennifer Felliguth-WILPF
Darby Worth-WILPF
Thank you to these businesses for donating to this evening’s reception!

Café Rustica - Carmel Valley
Layers Bakery - Monterey
Petra's - Pacific Grove
Cost Plus-Sand City
Sweet Elena's - Sand City
Grocery Outlet - Seaside
Trader Joe's - Monterey
Full Moon - Monterey
Bruno's Market - Carmel
Vesuvio's-Carmel
Jeffrey's- Carmel Valley

Pepper's Mexicali Café - Pacific Grove
Lucky's Market - Carmel
Dametra- Carmel
Chipotle- Monterey
Julia's Vegetarian - Pacific Grove
Michael's Tacqueria- Pacific Grove
Bagel Bakery- Pacific Grove
Occupy Monterey Peninsula
We are the 99%. You are the 99%.

Yes, we're still here! And we're still meeting every 1st Saturday morning of the month in front of Monterey City Hall at 10:30am.

Humanist Association
of the Monterey Bay (HAMBA)

Humanism is a progressive philosophy of life that, without theism and other supernatural beliefs, affirms our ability and responsibility to lead ethical lives of personal fulfillment that aspire to the greater good of humanity.

We're about: Science · Environment · Atheist · Evolution · Peace · Humanism · Separation of Church and State · Rights · Consciousness · Critical Thinking · Sustainability · Social Justice · Freethinker · Freedom From Religion · Secularism

Join us for our 3rd Wednesday Meetings.
For more info: dvarcken@comcast.net
LIKE us on Facebook
This evening's speakers...

Jim Haber has been an active member of Jewish Voice for Peace since 2000 and is on the Coordinating Committee of World Beyond War. A long-standing member or associate of the Catholic Worker movement, Haber coordinated interfaith resistance to nuclear weapons and war through the Nevada Desert Experience from 2008 to 2013. He was a member of the National Committee of the War Resisters League from 2002 to 2014 and edited the 2008 WRL Peace Calendar "Salaam, Shalom, Salh: Nonviolence and Resistance in the Middle East and Beyond."

Angela Keaton is director of operations at Antiwar.com – project of the Randolph Bourne Institute – and is the former producer of the Scott Horton Show for Antiwar Radio. She holds a J.D. and M.A. from the University of Florida. She is the immediate past chair of Outright Libertarians (an association of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender activists) and the former Chair of the Board of Directors for the Ladies of Liberty Alliance (LOLA). From 1999 to 2005, Angela hosted "The Liberated Space," a talk and news show on the controversial KOOP 91.7 FM - Austin, Texas.

Nancy Merritt is CA State Coordinator for the Peace Alliance/Campaign for a U.S. Department of Peacebuilding (DoP/HR 1111), and a member of the National and CA DoP Committees. She has been involved with peace and justice issues for many years and has worked with the Peace Alliance since 2004. The Peace Alliance promotes peace at every level, from personal to schools to communities to the justice system to international peacebuilding. She coordinated the work of the DoP groups with Congresswoman Barbara Lee’s office to introduce and promote a cabinet-level Department of Peacebuilding.
~ Moving Toward a World Beyond War ~

Moderated by Jan Knippers Black
Professor of International Policy Studies at MIIS, member of the national board for Amnesty International, and author of many books — including “The Politics of Human Rights Protection”

- Words of Welcome
- Special Acknowledgement
- Recognition of Honored Guests
- Thank you to donors and volunteers
- Introduction of Speakers
- Speakers:
  - Jim Haber
  - Angela Keaton
  - Nancy Merritt
- Questions and Answers
- Closing words

Please join us in the atrium following the speakers’ program for a reception, displays, and an opportunity to share your vision for a culture of peace.
Always Giving Peace A Chance
For over 10 years, Libertarians for Peace of Monterey County has been active with the Peace Coalition and the peace movement.

Co-chairs:
David R. Henderson and Lawrence Samuels

www.libertarians4peace.net

Photo: Professor David R. Henderson speaking at a March 20, 2010 Peace Coalition Rally at Monterey's Window-on-the-Bay

GLOBAL MAJORITY
Visit our website to learn more about how you can support nonviolent conflict resolution locally in Monterey County.

Roshi Pejhan, President

globalmajority.org

We are an international organization committed to the promotion of non-violent conflict management through education, training, networking and advocacy. We're creating an international movement of advocates and practitioners, working all over the globe, with the skills and resources to promote non-violent conflict resolution.
Our Water ♦ Our Health ♦ Our Future

Protect Monterey County thanks the Peace Coalition of Monterey County for a quarter century of dedicated work on progressive causes.

JOIN THE CITIZENS' INITIATIVE TO BAN FRACKING

Monterey County allowed Vesco to frack and acidize oil wells near the Salinas River. In 2015, Monterey County Supervisors rejected a fracking moratorium and oil operation regulations. Recently, the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board notified 6 oil companies that they are illegally injecting wastewater into protected aquifers of the Salinas groundwater basin.

Our government agencies and elected officials will not or cannot protect us.

San Benito County has banned fracking and dangerous oil operations.

It's time for Monterey County to do the same!

BAN FRACKING
Our future! Our choice!

Volunteer, Donate, and Donate at protectmontereycounty.org.


Unitarian Universalist Church of the Monterey Peninsula
490 Aguajito Road ~ Carmel, CA 93923

Social Justice/Faith in Action invites you to
join us for worship on Sundays @ 10:30am

Upcoming topics:
2/14 — Citizens of the World
2/21 — #BlackLivesMatter
2/28 — Mass Incarceration:
the Broken US Justice System

www.uucmp.org 831-624-7404
MAR 26, 2016
44th ANNUAL
MONTEREY COUNTY BRANCH NAACP
FREEDOM FUND
LIFE MEMBERSHIP BANQUET

Embassy Suites:
1441 Canyon Del Rey, Seaside California
Reception: 6PM  Dinner & Program: 7PM

2016 Theme:
"The Pursuit of Justice in an Age of Protest: Then and Now!"

Keynote Speaker:
Barbara Arnwine
Nationally Recognized Civil Rights Lawyer

Special Tribute to:
Julian Bond
NAACP Chairman Emeritus

President's Award:
William & Jan Zeigler
Monterey County Branch Pioneers

Partnership Award:
Leigh Rodriguez
Legal Redress

Medgar Evers Award:
Mickey Welsh
NAACP Life Member
& M. Cal ACLU Board of Directors Chair

FOR TICKETS ($75.00)
contact Steven Gongga at sgongga@csu.edu
To Co-Sponsor, contact Ruthie Watts at ruthie-watts@aol.com
For booklet ad, contact Alana Myles at alanamyles@yahoo.com
Safe Strawberry
Monterey Bay

You are invited to join our Pesticide Reform Coalition.

3rd Thursdays – 6:30pm
@ Monterey Bay Central Labor Council, Salinas

4th Thursdays – 5:30pm
@ Pajaro Valley Federation of Teachers, Watsonville

For more information contact Mark Weller:
Mark@PesticideReform.org

We act as a political party most of the time. But as a group of activists, we can be counted on to support progressive candidates and causes. We are proud of our progressive roots, principles and actions.

Attend: Monthly programs, 4th Friday.
See Peace Calendar for details.
Watch: Ch 34 AMP, 3 times a week, Mon-8pm, Wed-4am, Fri-2pm.

Website: www.greenpartymonterey.org
Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Greetings from Senator Bill Monning

Congratulations on the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the Peace Coalition of Monterey County!

As a founding member of the Coalition on behalf of the National Lawyers Guild, Monterey/Salinas Chapter and later with Global Majority, I carry strong memories of the many mobilizations to advance peace and justice.

Unfortunately, our work is far from complete and I hope this 25th Anniversary Celebration will serve as inspiration to re-dedicate ourselves and our organizations to remain active and proactive in the advancement of peace, health, and justice for all.


Bill
Senator Bill Monning

Special Notice:
You Are Invited to
Bill Monning’s Birthday Bash
Fundraising Reception
with Special Guest
California State Controller
Betty Yee

Please join us in Monterey
Friday, March 18, 5:30 - 7:30 PM.
See www.billmonning.org for info

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