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## ACTION of the MONTH

### HOLIDAY GIFTING AT LOCAL NON-PROFITS!

*Want to give gifts this year which have direct positive impact, which are made with no Un-Fair Trade practices, and which will further our local communities along the path to sustainability? Then give gift donations to local non-profits like the ones listed below. Many of these groups are old PC friends and have participated in our Non-profit Fairs for the last two years. Check the websites for their complete wish lists.*

☺ **Bay Area Crisis Nursery** -- diapers, formula, clothing, toys, games  
<http://www.bacn.info/donate/index.htm>

☺ **Fresh Start** -- men's and women's underwear, socks, personal care  
[http://freshstartwc.org/fresh\\_start\\_wish\\_list0.aspx](http://freshstartwc.org/fresh_start_wish_list0.aspx)

☺ **Christmas for Everyone** -- any new presents; workers needed!  
<http://www.christmasforeveryone.com/php/donate.php>

☺ **Shelter, Inc.** -- Nonperishable food, personal care items, bedding  
<http://shelterincofccc.org.presencehost.net/index.html>

☺ **Monument Crisis Center** -- Food, diapers, toiletries  
<http://monumentcrisiscenter.org/donate.html>

(Also, please see our donation barrel outside the office and at events.)

☺ **Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano** -- nonperishable food  
<http://foodbankccs.org/give-help/donate.html>



## Creating a Peaceful School Conference on Feb 4, 2012



MtDPJC proudly presents a very special conference entitled “**Creating a Peaceful School**” for teachers, administrators, classroom aides, school personnel, and after-school program providers. Scheduled for Saturday, February 4, 2012 from 8:30am to 3:30pm, at Acalanes High School in Lafayette, this conference will discuss ways educators can maintain inner peace midst the tumults of the classroom, as well as ways to use conflict resolution to help students learn non-violent tools to deal with the stresses in their lives. The low cost (only \$25!) includes a custom boxed lunch from Sunrise Bistro of Walnut Creek. In addition, five instructional hours of Continuing Education (0.5 CEU) will be available from St. Mary’s College for just \$25.

Conference organizers are local luminaries known for their outstanding dedication to teaching peace in the schools and spreading the principals of non-violence here and abroad. **Ian Harris**, husband of MtDPJC Board Member Sara Spence, is a retired professor and author of *Peace Education* and *Peacebuilding for Adolescents*. **Dan Reynolds**, a MtDPJC Board Member and Mt. Diablo High School teacher, has won the California Teachers’ Association Peace Teacher of the Year Award, as well as being named Teacher of the Year for the Mt. Diablo

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## Mt. Diablo

### Peace & Justice Center

The Mt. Diablo Peace & Justice Center works to build a more peaceful and just world through citizen involvement. To this end, we work to eliminate nuclear weapons; reduce militarism; heal the causes of violence, such as racism and injustice; and promote nonviolent conflict resolution. A community-based organization focusing on education and action, the Mt. Diablo Peace & Justice Center is a tax-deductible 501 (c)(3) non-profit.

#### Won't you join us?

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## Tyrants or Liberators?

By Mir Adnan Aziz

*Ms. Aziz's report from her homeland Pakistan first appeared in*  
<http://www.thenews.com.pk/TodaysPrintDetail.aspx?ID=80320&Cat=9>

Responding to the critics of his Austrian invasion, Hitler said, "Certain foreign newspapers have said that we fell on Austria with brutal methods. I have in the course of my political struggle won much love from my people. Not as tyrants have we come, but as liberators." The déjà vu is all prevailing, the similarities to the perpetual American war on terror too great to be ignored. Today, those whom Washington sets out to liberate have no difficulty in deciding whether their forced benefactors are tyrants or liberators.



*Funeral of drone victim in Pakistan*

In ancient Rome and 19th century Britain it was thought that military aggression and occupations by the mighty overawed the weak into political submission. The myth has prevailed and endured in modern America. However, in recent years this myth has been trashed by Hezbollah thwarting Israel and by rag-tag Afghan militias vanquishing the military might not just of the US but of the whole Western world. This should have forced the US to take a realistic approach to the scope and limits of military power and show sensitivity to the disastrous fallout. On the contrary, we have seen an extremely brazen, insensitive and increasingly gung-ho attitude, which has resulted in alienating millions— and in an equal number of deaths.

Military doctrines universally require devising a winning strategy. The US went into Afghanistan with the stated goal of hunting down and destroying Al-Qaeda. The real objective had nothing to do with establishing a US supportive democracy in the country. However, 10 years in, the US is determined to impose its ideals on a people who want absolutely no part of it at all. Former US diplomat in Afghanistan Matthew Hoh, who resigned as a mark of protest against the US Afghan policy, stated that "the insurgency in Afghanistan (as it did in Pakistan) only arrived after the US troops did". Washington continues to employ tactics that only serve to heighten the destructive consequences of a failed strategy. Abraham Lincoln said: "Force is all-conquering, but its victories are short-lived." Today, the West's bizarre Afghan policy serves only to further enrage and unify the Afghans while alienating a subservient Pakistan.

Washington's heavy-handed approach towards Pakistan has only served to expose our [Pakistan's] servile political leadership for what it is— a serf that cannot stand up to its master. Sanity and prudence demanded an accommodation and understanding of our national interests, but Washington's unbridled arrogance has done the exact opposite, degrading Pakistan at every turn. The never-ending drone attacks, fatal incursions, Blackwater high-handedness, verbal assaults of the US political, military and intelligence leadership, the US-India nuclear deal, Raymond Davis issue, Abbottabad operation and the latest Salalah attack— these should have forced any slave to wrest away the yoke of bondage. One is at a loss as to what more is called for to instill a flicker of nationalism in our seemingly sold-out leadership.

The last three years have seen eight Nato/Isaf cross-border attacks, leading to the martyrdom of 72 officers and jawans. This is apart from the Angoor Adda incursion in which 20 innocent civilians lost their lives. The tragic martyrdom of 26 officers and jawans in the latest Salalah attack epitomizes the callous indifference of our political leadership. Leaving no stone unturned to bring the army under "parliamentary oversight" they have remained dumb and toothless, bondage for personal interest forcing them to the same. Had our lives and national interest been of any interest, we would have seen the implementation of joint parliamentary resolutions against the previous attacks. The total blame of the lame-duck response lies entirely with Islamabad.

President Obama has come out of his self-proclaimed peace-shell with a bang. He may be the only Nobel recipient winning on lip service alone. His administration has

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# A Report on Two Local Justice Movements:

## Fair Trade Concord

When teacher Dan Reynolds asked his students to each bring a candy bar into class one day, little did they realize it was most likely produced by the slave labor of children on the Ivory Coast. In fact, some 40% of the world's chocolate is tainted by child labor and enslavement. (And yes, all the major chocolatiers, like Hersheys, Sees, Nestles, Kraft, buy from the Ivory Coast.) This class did more than just lament the unfairness of the world. Instead, student Jake Cooper, inspired by Dan to "think locally, act globally" founded the group Fair Trade Concord. Its general aim is to raise awareness of fair trade issues among local merchants and consumers, and its specific goal is to ensure that chocolate lovers in Concord have at least *one* fair trade treat in each store for purchase. Join them on their Facebook group!

Fair Trade Concord follows in the footsteps of Fair Trade Towns ([www.fairtradetowns.org](http://www.fairtradetowns.org)), a global movement which unites conscientious consumers, dedicated activists, members of the business and retail community, local communities of faith and other community organizations, and city or town governments in the effort to bring peace and justice into local communities. The Fair Trade Certification has long been the only guarantee that merchandise is produced without unjust working conditions, like the sweatshops, child labor, and even human slavery found throughout so much of the developing world.

Why Fair Trade? When you choose to purchase Fair Trade products, you are endorsing an economic system that provides opportunities for producers to lift themselves out of poverty. Fair Trade provides confidence that producers are paid fair prices for their products and labor by removing many of the "middle-men" who traditionally have absorbed the majority of the profits. In addition, Fair Trade provides a set of requirements that assure consumers strict standards have been met to protect the environment, build economic sustainability, empower women,

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requested an increase in total war spending to \$708 billion in 2011. This figure is 6.1 percent higher than the peak under Bush and his neocon brigade. Elected on a platform of change, as with every other essential question, he has adopted Bush's policy. Come election year, President Obama seems to be more worried about the politics of the war than its strategy. He fails to understand that by expanding the war theatre he stands to lose far more than by abandoning a fruitless unwinnable war in Afghanistan.

Today, the United States epitomizes a state whose vaunted assertions of freedom and human rights are grounded in profound duplicity ending right at its shoreline.

## Sustainable Contra Costa County

[www.sustainablecoco.org](http://www.sustainablecoco.org)

Sustainable Contra Costa (SCOCO) was founded in 2007 by Robert Joe, Tina King Neuhausel, Marsha Golangco, Sheila Hill, and James Kali with the goal of providing the education and inspiration needed to convert local consumer-based communities into more sustainable ones. The group encourages local citizens, businesses, and governments to live and operate in a way that sustains the health and well-being of our environment, economy, and society.

Some of SCOCO's accomplishments include: **Sustainability Workshop Series** bringing businesses, organizations, and experts together to share ideas, discuss industry issues, and take advantage of cost-saving opportunities and sustainable solutions. This year's business workshops included: *Greening Your Restaurant and Food Service Business* and *Stimulus Dollars at Work for Residential Builders and Remodelers*. They've also hosted several Homeowner Workshops to help people understand home energy efficiency and how to use the rebate programs.

Sustainable Contra Costa Network also provides an **online forum** for people and groups to connect with others, share ideas about sustainable actions, post events, and discuss important local issues. Participate at [www.sustainablecoco.ning.com](http://www.sustainablecoco.ning.com)! Its **Annual Leadership in Sustainability Awards** recognizes those who demonstrate outstanding efforts to implement sustainability and serves to educate the public and inspire change. Nominations are accepted throughout the year.

The **Sustainable Schools Alliance** is a collaborative effort of community partners to connect parents, students & school staff to share ideas, leverage resources, and learn how to implement sustainable practices in our local schools. The first Sustainable Schools Summit was held at San Ramon Valley High School this year. SCOCO also coordinates the **semi-annual**



*Is your holiday candy slave-free?*

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Its militarization can be gauged from (apart from a military general in charge of the CIA) its recent forays and occupations of different lands. It is imperative that Islamabad take a very strict attitude now. It is high time that we rethink our very relationship with Washington. We do not want Ambassador Munter telling us that the "Pak-Iran gas line is not a good idea," or diktats contrary to our own national interests. Militancy, never popular in Pakistan, is edging ever up because Islamabad has come to be seen as a proxy for Washington at the cost of our blood and sovereignty. There is a famous Afghan saying: "You have the watches, we have the time." It may be true for Afghanistan; unfortunately, time is one luxury Pakistan simply cannot afford.

esa noche reunidos frente a la c rcel de richmond  
 escuch bamos en el carro aquel programa  
 sobre troy davis  
 troy davis otro hermano a ser asesinado  
 otro hermano con la esperanza del pobre  
 que se seca con el sol de la ma ana  
 y se entristece en las horas de la madrugada  
 esper bamos alg n milagro

pero era hora de orar, caminando por los nuestros,  
 mis hermanos y hermanas  
 esperando la hora de la deportaci n  
 v ctimas de la avaricia, del odio racista  
 que no conoce la hermandad  
 de modo que al principio  
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 a la tarde soleada,  
 al universo  
 en solidaridad con ese hermano  
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 o mejor dicho, cubana californiana,  
 a la hora en que nos sent bamos a la mesa  
 o le d bamos la mano al amigo en el restor n  
 asesinaban a troy davis  
 otro mont n de sangre sobre nuestras manos  
 y yo soy troy davis  
 y t  y aqu el y el de la esquina

somos todos troy davis en la lucha en california  
 nueva york, arizona y la mierda de alabama,  
 ocupando wall street y las estaciones del bart en la bah a,  
 y tanta gente api ada en las aceras, en los estadios,  
 en las estaciones de la polic a...  
 yo soy, t  eres,  l y ella, nosotros, ustedes,  
 cada uno de nosotros  
 mundos sin fin  
 troy davis

that night gathered outside the jail in richmond  
 we were listening in our cars to that program  
 about troy davis  
 troy davis another brother about to be murdered  
 another brother with the hope of the poor  
 which dries out in the sun of the morning  
 and grows sad during the dawn hours  
 we were waiting for a miracle  
 but it was time to pray, walking for our own,  
 my sisters and my brothers  
 waiting for the hour of deportation  
 victims of greed, of racist hatred  
 that knows nothing of brotherhood, sisterhood  
 so that at first  
 we directed a prayer to the heavens,  
 to the sunny afternoon,  
 to the universe  
 in solidarity with that brother  
 who languished in a southern prison  
 later we found out that in the hour of the californian  
 dinner,  
 or rather the cuban californian dinner,  
 at that time when we sat down at the table  
 or shook the hand of the friend in the restaurant  
 they were murdering troy davis  
 another huge pool of blood over our hands  
 and i am troy davis  
 and you and he and that one and the one in the  
 corner  
 we all in the struggle in california  
 new york, arizona and shit alabama,  
 occupying wall street and the bart stations in the  
 bay,  
 and so many people piled up on the sidewalks, in  
 the stadiums,  
 in the stations of the police...  
 i am, you are, he and she, we, all of you,  
 each and every one  
 worlds everlasting  
 troy davis



Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Leymah Gbowee, and Tawakkul Karman

## The 2011 Nobel Peace Prize Women

The election of Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf sparked the Arab Spring Movement and promised reforms in Liberia continue. Peace activist Leymah Gbowee, and Justice activist Tawakkul Karman initiated mass demonstrations which led to the ouster of Liberian warlord and President Charles Taylor. These women's white tee shirt protest was documented in the riveting film "Pray the Devil Back to Hell" which was shown during our Video of the Month series and is available for home viewing at the Peace Center's library!

## PEACE IN THE NEWS

Thanks in good part to the letter writing blitz of The Brady Campaign, the No Open Carry Bill AB1444 has now been signed into law! More at [www.bradycampaign.org](http://www.bradycampaign.org).

After repeated police assaults on Occupy encampments across the nation, the movement is undergoing a period of metamorphosis. **Occupy Walnut Creek** continues on Ygnacio and a **Port of Oakland Blockade** is scheduled for Dec. 12. What next? See [MichaelMoore.com](http://MichaelMoore.com).

Great news—the Prez did not sign the Keystone Pipeline authorization! Many thanks to **Bill McKibben**, [350.org](http://350.org), and those pesky activists who encircled the White House last month. Also **China**, which has never before agreed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, has **finally agreed to sign** onto the Global Warming Agreement being worked out by the nations at the summit in Durban, South Africa. Although China has now surpassed the US as the most polluting nation, one condition sadly was **not** to begin reductions **until 2020!**

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and allow opportunities for education, alleviation of poverty and health care.

On Dec. 3 at a Peace Center Potluck, Dan spoke at length about his work reaching out to teens in order to activate them at just that point when so many are becoming disillusioned by the world's problems. Keys to turning kids from a 'F\*\*\* the World' attitude are: Communication not judgment; teaching the Zen values of compassion and action to relieve suffering; and Picking the right starting point. The proposed project, he stresses, must be do-able, not overwhelming. This is one reason Fair Trade Concord is off to such a good start, as it focuses on local merchants and asks not that they stop selling all slavery-tainted chocolate, but only that they offer one Fair Trade option. To keep up with the goings on of FTC, join their group on Facebook. Also, keep up with their meeting schedule on page 8 of the Gazette or on our on-line Activist Alert.

(FTC will be continuing regular meetings next spring, as some of its energy is currently tied up in Occupy Together. Stay tuned for more updates in our next issue.)

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School District. **John Marvin** is a retired teacher from Pleasant Hill Middle School, while **Lorin Peters** (a 2010 MtDPJC Local Peace Award Winner) has been practicing Gandhian Nonviolence for 39 years and is a retired Bishop O'Dowd High School teacher, and he also leads the Peace Center's Nonviolent Discussion Group on 3rd Thursday evenings. **Jill Johnson** has been teaching Peace and Conflict Studies for 17 years at Freedom High School. **Chris Giotta** teaches art at Walnut Creek Intermediate. **Marti Roach**, a professional facilitator,

## Support Your Local Peace Businesses

Below is a partial list of local merchants who have historically supported the Peace Center. Please commit it to memory, then pass it on. Please do business with them whenever you can. Tell 'em the Peace Center sent you!



Brady Campaign, Contra Costa Chapter

Contra Costa Musical Theater

Crane Consulting

Peet's Coffee

Marti Roach Consulting

Security...etc.

Viano Vineyards

Whole Foods of Walnut Creek



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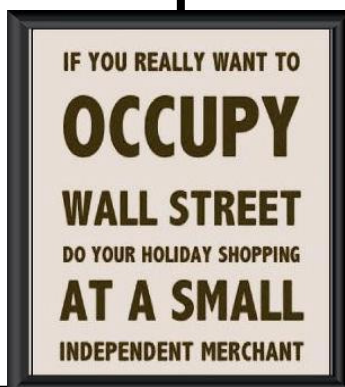
**Sustainable Communities Summit** where leaders of local sustainability organizations come together to collaborate and share ideas and resources, and SCOCO hosts the "**Green Booth**" at farmers markets and events throughout Contra Costa where "Sustainability Advisors" engage visitors in conversations about sustainable living practices, resource conservation, and rebate programs.

What lies ahead? SCOCO is committed to bringing together the dispersed sustainability efforts taking place in Contra Costa by being a centralizing link to the resources, programs, and services available within the county. From the Lemon Lady to the Green Business Program, we must all

work together if we are to make significant change. In executing their role, Sustainable Contra Costa is focused on expanding the Sustainability Advisors Program and Speakers Bureau to become a centralized website of solutions and resources for Contra Costa. Two other local groups work at the city level on sustainability issues, **Sustainable San Ramon** and **Sustainable Lafayette**. More at:

[www.sustainable-sanramon.org](http://www.sustainable-sanramon.org)

[www.sustainablelafayette.org](http://www.sustainablelafayette.org).



and **Mary Alice O'Connor**, Executive Director of MtDPJC, will moderate.

Workshop topics will include: The brain science of fear and anger; Gandhian Nonviolence curriculum; High School Peace and Conflict Studies curriculum; Journaling for Peace and Human Rights; Nonviolent communication; Practical lessons on Conflict Mediation; Yoga for teacher relaxation; HeartMath for resilient educators and youth. For questions and suggestions, contact [intern@mtdpjc.org](mailto:intern@mtdpjc.org). To sign up, go to [www.mtdpc.org](http://www.mtdpc.org).

# Peace Center Events Past and Future

## Prison Reform Review

By Kendra Capece

Last month's Forum panel, co-sponsored with the MDUUC, featured four experts. Among these, **Jeanne Woodford**, currently the Executive Director of Death Penalty Focus ([www.deathpenalty.org](http://www.deathpenalty.org)) previously served as Warden of San Quentin State Prison, where she oversaw four executions. Woodford focuses her work on capital punishment, which is unconstitutional, immoral, and fiscally unjustifiable. Other unwise punishment approaches, such as "catch and release" with short jail terms for minor crimes, and inadequate post-release support, only add to the problem. Professor **Ron Ahnen**, a teacher in the Politics Department at Saint Mary's College and President of California Focus ([prisons.org](http://prisons.org)) then spoke on the conditions and cost of California's Supermax Prisons and on the Prisoners' Hunger Strike. All speakers agreed about the **need for less punishment, more compassion, and effective rehabilitation.**

## Tibetan Oral History Project

The Tibet Oral History Project aims to preserve the true history of the Tibetan people. At the request of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Marcella Adamski and other team members in 2003 began recording the life experiences of Tibetan elders who were forced to flee their homeland following the Chinese invasion. His Holiness has emphasized the urgency of conducting interviews of these elders before they pass away and their stories are lost forever. Read more about how Marcella Adamski was able to organize the project in an article she wrote for *The San Francisco Psychologist* "Survival of the Heart: Preserving the Tibetan Culture". Participating elders received a DVD copy of their own oral history to share with family and community. The **potluck dinner** followed by the presentation by Dr. Adamski, a local clinical psychologist will be held at MtDPJC, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek, CA on Thursday, **January 26** from 6pm to 9pm. The cost is \$20 (or 20 thanks-you's for Friendly Favors members ([www.ff.org](http://www.ff.org))). Info: [www.tdpc.org](http://www.tdpc.org) or (925) 933-7850.

**Bring a dish to share!**

## Local MLK Day Events

### Monday January 16 Noon

Join us for the Annual Martin Luther King Day Celebration in **WC Civic Park!** Great speakers, entertainment by Shell Ridge Ramblers and the Second Baptist Choir of Martinez, refreshments. Information at 925-933-7850 or on the website [www.mtdpc.org](http://www.mtdpc.org). Get inspired for the work of 2012!

### Alamo Jan. 16 Evening

The San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church presents "**Songs of Peace and Freedom**" to celebrate the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. Enjoy singing a selection of American songs of inspiration and change. The evening will include words from historic peacemakers and will feature live music from the Living Water Band of SVRUMC. The event is free and refreshments are included!

Come to the Wesley Center of the SVRUMC, 920 Danville Blvd.

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Please include \$3.00 shipping per order.

## Conversations that Matter

On the first Thursday of each month, this program gives our community an opportunity to dig deeper into the issues that arise at PC events or in the news. Previously, we have discussed Bill McKibben's statement during his talk that if the Keystone Pipeline is authorized by President Obama, then it will be "Game Over" as far as climate change goes. Next month's topic has not been decided on yet. Contact the office if you have any ideas, and expect a lively and informative discussion to ensue!

## Visit Arne Westerback

*Peace Gazette* founder in 1979 and MtDPJC co-founder in 1969, Arne is now in assisted-living at Poet's Corner, 204 Roberta off Patterson in WC. He would appreciate visits during non-meal hours. **Thank you, Arne, for your life-work helping to build a peaceful community and better world for all.**

## Mt. Diablo Peace and Justice Center

### Participation Form

*Now more than ever we need YOU! Help harness the momentum for change and keep that old pendulum swinging towards change that brings real solutions to the world's problems today— Peace and Justice for all!*

- Please call me about volunteering at MtDPJC
- Please add me to the mailing lists:
  - for weekly on-line Peace Activist Alert
  - for the monthly *Peace Gazette*
  - for the monthly *Peace Gazette* by email
- I would prefer to pledge \_\_\_\_\_monthly \*  
\_\_\_\_\_quarterly
- Pledger \$ 10 - \$ 45 per month
- Peace Steward \$ 600 yearly
- Founder \$1200 yearly
- Visionary \$2000 yearly

*\*Contact the office at 925-9933-7850 for the ease of monthly auto-deductions!*

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*“Together, Peace is possible!”*

## *Support the Peace Center!!*

### At no cost to you!

It's true, we've said it before, and we'll probably say it again. If you shop on line or do much Googling, **sign up for GoodSearch/GoodShop, and Igive/Ishop**. We automatically get money when you do this, so it's like a tap into the corporate profit margin for this little nonprofit that should be very politically correct among our crowd. Yet, *no one seems to be taking the time* to sign up, even though it's been three years now we've been giving you this information. Such a crucial time and so many great causes and peace candidates to support... no surprise monetary support of non-profits has fallen lately. But understanding why does not pay the bills, get permits for marches and rallies, print this outstanding publication you are now holding in your hand, etc... you know the score.

Here's a way to invest five minutes of time and send us a monthly \$urge. A lot of little bits adds up! Now, go to these sites right this minute, so you don't forget. Let's put a smile on Mary Alice's face next month when the checks keep rolling in. Thanks!



### BEQUEATH PEACE!

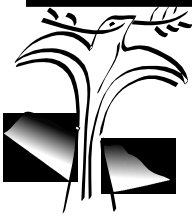
Leave the gift of peace for future generations by remembering the Mt Diablo Peace and Justice Center in your will.

Many thanks.

### IT'S SO EASY!

Help us raise money for the Peace Center as you do your weekly shopping. Every time you go to **Lucky, Smart Foods, FoodMaxx, or SaveMart** give the **SHARES** card to the cashier **before you pay** and **3%** of your purchase dollars will come to the Peace Center to support our programs. It **costs you nothing** and will help the world get a little closer to peace and justice. Please call Mary Alice 933-7850 or Jack Howell 932-1383, and let 'em know where to send your **free** cards. **Pass them out** to friends, family, and neighbors. You can also send a self-addressed envelope to MDPJC, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek, CA 94596; **indicate how many free cards to send.**





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**COMMITTEES - CONTACTS - CALENDAR**

**Volunteer Opportunities**

**Youth and Military needs a new Chair!** Inform local youth about enlistment alternatives!

**Youth Committee** forming! Contact the office if you are interested.

**Art and Writing** Help with this year's challenge, now in its 15th season!

Work with Dennis Thomas, Chair and 2011 Peace and Justice Awardee.

**NewPriorities/OccupyWC/Peace and Justice Advocacy** Promote the local New Priorities and Occupy Movements.

**Peace Center Tabling** at local Farmer's Markets and festivals needs folks to help spread the word about peace, justice and all that we do. Captain: Gordon Miller.

**Plus: Forums, Fundraising, Membership, Communications!**

*There's a place for YOU at the Peace Center— 925-933-7850!*

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*Let your voice be heard!*

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**December-January Calendar**

*All events at 55 Eckley Lane, WC, unless otherwise indicated. Details p6.*

- Thursday January 5 **Conversations That Matter— topic TBA, 7pm. Free**
  - Friday January 6 **Candlelighting to Remember Tuscon Shooting, 5:30 to 6:30pm; co-sponsored by the Brady Campaign**
  - Monday January 16 **MLK Day: WC Civic Plaza, 12 noon Alamo, 920 Danville Blvd, 7pm**
  - Thursday January 26 **Tibetan Oral History Project, potluck, 6-9pm**
  - Ongoing:**
    - OccupyWC** Wednesdays on Mt. Diablo/Main, 3:30pm till dark
    - Grandparents for Peace Vigil**, Fridays 3:00 TO 4:00pm; Rossmoor
    - St. Mary's College Peace and Justice Vigil:** Wednesdays at 12:15 to 12:45pm, at the Peace Pole
    - Crosses of Lafayette** Meditation 9:30am; Work Parties 10am Sat. Dec 7 & Sun Jan 8
- Send donations to *Jeff Heaton, 3576 Terrace Way, Lafayette, 94549*

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