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Sparks of hope in winter's night

by Christina Diebold, editor

Wolf Moon. That's the name Native Americans gave the full moon in January, reflecting the pitilessness of the season. It's a tough time meteorologically, with afternoons turning dark by 4 p.m., biting winds, slippery driving, and power outages. Sometimes it seems like we're living on the edge, but the poor may find themselves over the edge – unable to afford shelter, searching out food pantries, asking for help to pay the heating bill.

In an economic downturn as severe as this one, the problem is compounded, with need rising as resources dwindle. Out on the front lines when it comes to helping low-income families and individuals are Shawn Yardley, administrator of Bangor's Department of Health and Community Services (which gives out general assistance), and Dennis Marble, executive director of the Bangor Area Homeless Shelter. Both men, interviewed in this Newsletter, struggle to meet the needs confronting them with ingenuity, hard work, and steady determination. Both of them credit community support, and we can be grateful that Bangor as a community is compassionate.

Iron hard as it may be, January is also a time of hope, because that is when we commemorate the inspired leadership of Martin Luther King, Jr., a leadership that changed our country. This year it is impossible to avoid linking Dr. King's dream to the election of Barack Obama as our next president, and hope abounds that he will be able to make significant changes. A conversation on King's legacy and our president-elect will be held January 18. Other events, also listed in this Newsletter, are a potluck and “I Have a Dream” Café, as well as the annual MLK Breakfast sponsored by the Greater Bangor Area NAACP and the University of Maine.

Like a seed under the snow, plans for the HOPE Festival in a new location on April 25 are incubating. Our peripatetic friend from Jonesport, solar energy apostle Richard Komp, is carrying the message of photovoltaic power to Nicaragua and Rwanda. And activists in Maine have their eyes on peace, social justice, and a major change in national priorities.



Helping the needy tougher than ever

by Christina Diebold

Layoffs, business closings, bank bailouts, powerful CEOs begging for “bridge loans,” Wall Street Ponzi schemes exposed – every day, it seems, there’s bad economic news. As the economy weakens, the needs of the poor increase, and it’s not an easy time to be in charge of general assistance in Bangor.

From his office at 103 Texas Avenue, Shawn Yardley, head of Bangor’s Department of Health and Community Services, administers a long list of services – housing, immunization clinics, STD clinics, substance abuse programs and general assistance, among others – drawing on several sources of funding (city, state, federal), while meeting a number of legal requirements.

Under state law, each municipality is required to fund general assistance, with the state reimbursing a majority of the amount. Programs vary, however, in the way they are run. Some small towns, for example, might have office hours for general assistance every other Wednesday from 4 to 6 p.m. As Yardley said, “It’s easier to be poor in Bangor and Portland than other parts of the state.” Even in Bangor, it’s not that easy. Recipients are required to apply for help every 30 days. In October, Yardley’s department processed 486 applications. General assistance is linked to property valuations. As valuations flatten, spending does also, while the demand for services increases. “It’s a squeeze,” Yardley admitted.

To make dollars go further, he uses two tools – communication and coalition-building. Bangor Health and Community Services publishes a monthly newsletter with tips on cancer screening, good nutrition, flu shots, and exercise. In addition, the department has launched a website, www.whatyoumatter.org, which emphasizes preventive health care. The city’s website also provides information about Health and Community Services, including a workfare requirement for able-bodied adults not responsible for child care. Twelve towns in Eastern Maine, including Bangor, are working on public health, and have formed an advisory board with representatives from health, education and civic organizations.

With a long waiting list for subsidized housing and limited general assistance, a single mom will most likely have to make use of food pantries and soup kitchens to feed her children, Yardley said: “We have a safety net, but it has some big holes.”

Community support keeps Homeless Shelter going

by Christina Diebold

On any given night in Bangor, more than 150 people are staying in shelters, such as the Acadia Recovery Community, Shaw House, Spruce Run. One of the most venerable of these is the Bangor Area Homeless Shelter, at the corner of Cedar and Main Streets. Long-time Executive Director Dennis Marble says the shelter has 33 beds, but from December to April, three more cots are put up in the TV room, for a total of 36.

“We’re open 24 hours a day and we serve three meals a day,” he said. Then he offered a truly astonishing statistic. With all those thousands of meals, the shelter spends \$300 or less a year on food. All the rest is donated by the community -- individuals, agencies, churches. On Tuesdays and Thursdays the shelter picks up date-sensitive donations from the Airport Hannaford. On Mondays and Fridays, the shelter receives frozen buffet donations from Hollywood Slots. A school will do a food drive, and donations come in off the street – for example, leftovers from a bank function or a church bean supper.

Volunteers provide and cook evening meals. Breakfasts are prepared by the overnight staff with whatever is on hand, and lunches are put together by the shelter’s own staff and other volunteers. Altogether more than 33,000 meals each year are provided.

Only about a quarter of the shelter’s budget comes from the state. The shelter is reimbursed by the city through its General Assistance program (“The city has been very good to work with,” Marble said) and also receives some funding from Penobscot County. People with major disabilities receive Social Security funds and are not eligible for General Assistance, which cuts down on the reimbursement the shelter receives. In recent years people have had longer stays at the shelter as a result of a lack of affordable housing, an insufficient supply of housing vouchers, and gaps in needed supportive services. While this has meant that the shelter has served fewer people, demand (in terms of how many beds are full) has actually increased.

“What we do is an unfunded federal mandate,” Marble said, “and it’s an extra burden on the service center (Bangor).” He feels that Maine’s shelter system is stretched to the limit, and that “new mechanisms” may be required, but he has high praise for the community. “It’s been years of reaching out and asking and getting ‘yes,’” he said.



Martin Luther King Jr.'s Legacy and President Obama

by Ilze Petersons

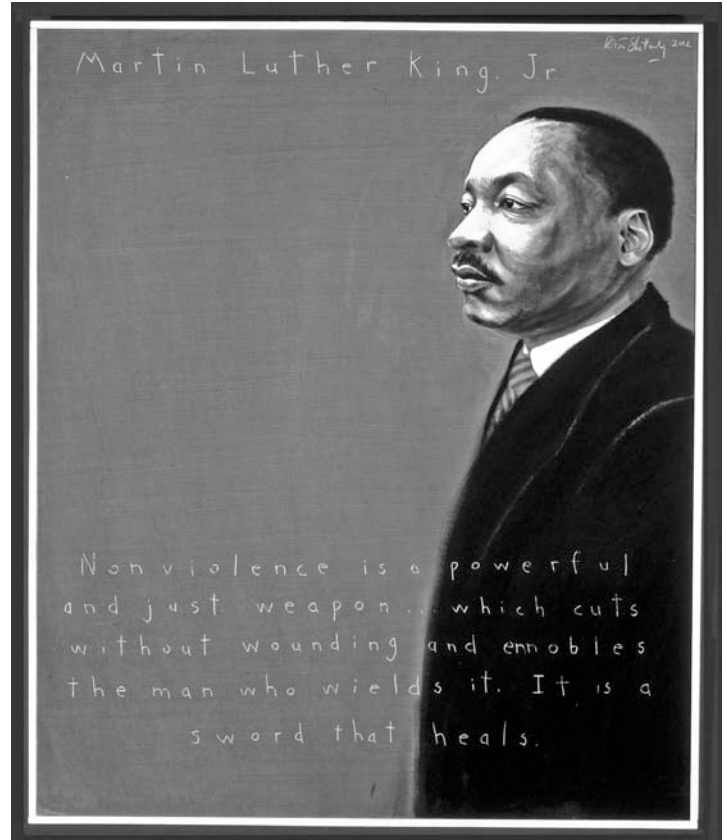
We share hope for a new direction as we face the devastation caused by the policies of the previous administration and Congress. Members of the Peace & Justice Center of Eastern Maine invite you to join a conversation about "Martin Luther King, Jr. and President Obama" on Sunday, January 18, from 3 to 5 p.m. and then stay for a potluck supper and an "I Have a Dream" Café from 5:30 to 8 pm. Standard-size stove and refrigerator facilities are available for those bringing food.

President Obama will become president of the United States just 43 years after passage of the Civil Rights Act and a few days after we celebrate the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. Will we finally see the deep changes urged by Dr. King?

Today we are grateful for all those providing food, energy, and housing assistance to the growing number in need. In his 1967 speech at the Riverside Church in New York, King acknowledged the importance of helping those harmed by government policies but also urged fundamental change: "We are still called upon to give aid to the beggar who finds himself in misery and agony on life's highway. But one day, we must ask the question of whether an edifice which produces beggars must not be restructured and refurbished. A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death."

Barack Obama was elected because so many saw in his leadership the possibility of fundamental change. But as Obama said on election night, "This victory alone is not the change we seek -- it is only the chance for us to make that change." Historian Howard Zinn reminds us that much of Roosevelt's New Deal came about only as a result of organized pressure from large numbers of veterans, the unemployed, the homeless.

As we welcome the inauguration of President-elect Obama, let's talk about how together we can continue to build the movement to fulfill Martin Luther King's vision of a society based on caring and cooperation, not corporate greed and military domination.



We thank Rob Shetterly of Brooksville for his generosity in allowing us to use his portrait of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., part of his Americans Tell the Truth series. In difficult times, it behooves us to recall this statement made by the civil rights leader in his speech accepting the Nobel Peace Prize:

"I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become reality. I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word."



"I Have a Dream" Café

by Maria Girouard and Meredith Eaton

On Sunday, January 18, the Peace & Justice Center of Eastern Maine will host an "I Have a Dream" Café. Bring a song, a poem, your thoughts to share in honor of the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. The activities are free, and the public is welcomed from 5:30 to 8 pm at the Keith Anderson Community Center, 19 Bennoch Road, Orono.

Bring a dish to share for the potluck supper, which will be followed by creative performances of music, speech, poetry, visual arts, and more with a theme of nonviolence and social justice. Any attendee may take the stage for up to 10 minutes to share an experience and visions for the future.

Dr. King said, "Everybody can be great, because everybody can serve." The Peace & Justice Center of Eastern Maine is collaborating with local AmeriCorps members and other community partners to honor Dr. King's birthday by making it "a day ON, not a day off." These AmeriCorps members applied for and were awarded a small grant by the Maine Commission for Community Service to provide local youth and Civil Rights Teams with resources to spread the word about Dr. King's teachings and his belief in building peaceful bridges through service. Civil Rights Teams will be invited to present their dreams for a more peaceful and just society at the Café.

We look forward to a fun, interesting and inclusive event. You may wish to add your voice or simply spend time in a peaceful environment, making new friends and reconnecting with old. Volunteers are needed to assist with the event. For more information call Ilze Petersons at 942-9343.

Breakfast at UMaine to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr.

by Diane Khiel, Executive Committee, Greater Bangor Area NAACP

"To retaliate with hate and bitterness would do nothing but intensify the hate in the world. Along the way of life, someone must have sense enough and morality enough to cut off the chain of hate."

In light of those timely sentiments by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and with great hope and optimism for the coming year, the Greater Bangor Area NAACP is collaborating once again with the University of Maine to present the 2009 MLK Breakfast Celebration on Monday, January 19, at Wells Commons on the UMaine campus, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., with doors opening at 8 a.m. Women With Wings, a Bangor singing group, is tentatively scheduled to perform from 8 to 8:30 a.m., and the UMaine student singing group, Renaissance, is expected to close the program. A keynote speaker is to be announced.

Long-time NAACP member the Rev. Dewey Fagerburg, who shares this birthday with Dr. King, is slated to offer remarks commemorating the National NAACP's 100th anniversary. Special recognition will also be given to

the following day's inauguration of this country's first African-American president, truly Dr. King's dream coming to fruition. With respect to Dr. King's remarks on the plight of the Native American, Ussi Atukee, a Cherokee, will recite a moving passage wherein Dr. King traces the origins of racial hatred back to the atrocities suffered by our nation's indigenous people.

This year's celebration of Dr. King's life and legacy began on campus on October 31, when the GBA NAACP joined the university in dedicating its Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King Memorial Plaza, a granite and brick reflective park located beside the Memorial Union. The plaza features inspirational quotes from the civil rights leader and his wife and stands as a testament to the university's dedication to diversity and tolerance.

Tickets for the 2009 breakfast may be purchased by calling 581-1428 at UMaine. Prices are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors 65 and older, \$10 for students with ID, and \$10 for children 12 and under.

HOPE Festival date change to 4/25/09

We have reserved the University of Maine Student Recreation and Fitness Center in Orono for Saturday, April 25, for the HOPE Festival, to be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Our December Newsletter listed the date as April 11 -- please note this change.

In addition to being in a new, lighter space, this year's HOPE Festival will be more interactive. We urge participating groups to consider bringing projects to provide information and ways for people in the community to become involved in dealing with the economic crisis, developing affordable alternatives, and affirming a sense of community. In addition to information tables, a children's program, dance lessons, music, juggling, locally produced food and crafts made from recycled materials for sale, there will be "talking circles" on the issues represented by participating groups, hands-on demonstrations, dance lessons, and more.

Applications will be available in January for organizations and food and craft vendors. Please let us know in advance if you have hands-on demonstrations and activities you can offer. Volunteers are needed to help with all aspects of the Festival. If you can help with publicity in your neighborhood, set up, clean up, children's activities, or food concessions, please let us know at 942-9343.

Outreach to community for art work, writing on hope

Leading up to the HOPE Festival, the Peace & Justice Center is launching an outreach initiative to schools, choirs and faith communities spearheaded by Emma Macaillen, who is looking for people interested in creating art work or essays about hope and what motivates it. The Center is also looking for choirs to join our intergenerational Peace Choir, contingent on space. If you can help, or have ideas and suggestions about these projects, please contact Emma Macaillen by leaving a message at 942-9342, or emailing the Center, info@peacectr.org.

- i) Developing materials that would support discussions within various communities about hope and design ways that the discussions could be brought to the HOPE Festival to be shared – on bulletin boards, at a HOPE microphone, with photos, stories, etc.
- ii) Sponsoring two or three evenings at the Peace & Justice Center focused on stories of hope prior to the Festival.
- iii) Shared writings.

If you are interested in helping with this effort, please contact Ilze Petersons at 942-9343 or Kay Carter at kbcdevc@tds.net or 944-7814.

Collecting stories about hope for HOPE Festival



by Kay Carter, Steering Committee, Peace & Justice Center

In the words of Badger from the book *Crow and Weasel* by Barry Lopez:

“The stories people tell have a way of taking care of them. If stories come to you, care for them. And learn to give them away where they are needed. Sometimes a person needs a story more than food to stay alive. That is why we put these stories in each other’s memories. This is how people care for themselves.”

Stories of Hope is the focus of an initiative of the Peace & Justice Center. What are our stories? How do we share them with others? What sustains and nurtures hope in our communities and our world? How do these stories help us create and sustain a more just world? Volunteers are needed to help design ways to celebrate and share these stories. Some ideas under consideration now include:

Peace & Justice Center working to become stronger

Like many others, the Peace & Justice Center of Eastern Maine is struggling financially, and has launched an effort to become sustainable in the long term (check out the thermometer on the back of the Newsletter).

On November 15 and December 13, members of the Steering Committee and others concerned about the situation met to discuss remedies. Program Coordinator Ilze Petersons pointed out that the Center receives contributions from people in 75 towns in Eastern Maine, indicating widespread support. Recently the Center received a generous donation from Veterans for Peace, who meet at the Center. While we are also exploring grant possibilities, we realize that the long-term sustainability of the Center has always depended on active members. The future will depend not only on how much members contribute financially but also through increased active involvement.

We discussed how we can strengthen developing volunteers and leadership for the long term at the Center. Other possibilities include creating a brochure that can be handed out to potential members, encouraging present members to recruit new members, reaching out to the community through teach-ins and educational programs at the Center, interacting with Obama volunteers, and involving more young people by sponsoring essay and poster contests in the schools and inviting their input.

Despite the tough economic times, the mood at the meetings was upbeat. As office manager Steve Soucy said, “People send us money because they believe in what we’re doing -- that’s one of the joys of the job.”

Learn how to use solar energy

Richard Komp, president of the Maine Solar Energy Association, will be offering a workshop on assembling photovoltaic modules at his solar home in Jonesport on Saturday and Sunday, January 17-18. The workshop will be repeated the weekends of February 7-8 and March 7-8. Dr. Komp himself will be working on a Solar Cultural Course in Nicaragua with Grupo Fenix before going to Rwanda in March to set up a PV cottage industry with Hutu and Tutsi women working together, making PV modules to power a school and the Genocide Museum in rural Rwanda.

The workshops in Jonesport will be facilitated by John Burke of SEADS and Soni Biehl, treasurer of MESEA. Burke has had many years of experience working in the solar field and is currently working with the ARC Center in Harlem, New York City, developing a program to manufacture UL-approved PV modules. Biehl has experience with PV installation and assembly. In this workshop you'll help assemble a 60-watt PV module, utilizing the encapsulation process developed in Nicaragua. Depending on the number enrolling, participants will make one or more 60-watt modules, which are capable of charging 12-volt batteries and thus are a good start for a small home or cabin PV system.

The cost of the workshop is \$50 for one day, \$85 for both days, lunch included. Contact the organizers if you are vegetarian or have other dietary needs.

Date, time, location: Saturday and Sunday, January 17-18, February 7-8 and March 7-8, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 17 Rockwell Road SE, Jonesport, with carpooling from Four Corners in Columbia at 9:30 a.m.

Contacts: phone, 207-733-1095 or 516-669-2442
e-mail, seads@maineline.net, dadsolar@yahoo.com, sonibiehl@gmail.com



Letter to Rep. Mike Michaud

Below is part of an open letter written to Maine's 2nd Congressional District representative, Mike Michaud, by Mary Beth Sullivan, outreach coordinator for Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space. She can be reached at mbsull@mindspring.com.

Dear Representative Michaud,

While listening to Maine Public Radio recently, I heard that you are positioning yourself to be ... on the Armed Services Committee. The reason, as I heard it, was because you want to provide more jobs in Maine – to support BIW

and Saco Defense, and to build up small businesses in the state by providing Pentagon contracts.

Rep. Michaud, apparently we have not been clear enough in our peace activism. We came to you by the hundreds to ask you to stop funding the war in Iraq. Eventually, you heard us. You listened deeply and changed your vote. Since then, you have been steady and reliable in your opposition to funding the occupation of Iraq, and we have expressed our deep gratitude to you for that.

But perhaps we didn't say this clearly enough: we want to end the occupation of Afghanistan, and we don't want you to support the next war either.

We understand that, as long as our local economies depend upon building the infrastructure for future war-making, our livelihoods depend upon endless war. This is an unsustainable future for our state, for our nation, and for the world. ...



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Jim Harney receives social justice award

On December 7, the Community Church of Boston presented its 2008 Sacco & Vanzetti Social Justice Award to Jim Harney, a photojournalist living in Bangor, for his lifelong witness and reporting on the struggles of the world's oppressed, particularly migrant workers from Central America. In the fall of 2008, while suffering from cancer, Harney led a walk to various towns in Massachusetts to raise awareness about the plight of the undocumented. More information can be found at CelebratingJim.net.

Information on permaculture available

The dead of winter is a good time to think about permaculture, a system for sustainable design for the land and nature. Groups in several parts of Maine have information on how to create permaculture designs for individual and community plots of land. Those include: Portland Permaculture (www.portlandmainepermaculture.com), the Newforest Institute in Brooks (www.newforestinstitute.org), Humastacia Permaculture in Whitefield (549-5978), Moose Pond Arts and Ecology in Otisfield (www.moosepondarts.com/permaculture), and the Long Green House in Orono (longgreenhouse.wordpress.com/).

Work starts on Clean Elections legislation

Maine Citizens for Clean Elections (MCCE) is back to work on legislation to solidify the public financing system for elections in Maine and to remind people to add money to the Clean Elections Fund when filing state income taxes. The Clean Elections Fund was raided by "borrowing" some of its fund for other state programs. The MCCE is demanding the return of that money so candidates in 2010 will have money to run their campaigns. For more on its work: www.mainelection.org.

Fund promotes connecting youth to land

The Flannel Shirt Fund, named for Joel Cartwright, a young man who died a few months ago, is helping to connect youth to farms. The fund, nearing \$10,000 already, is seeking more donations. It will make grants to groups connecting young people with land-based projects. For more on the fund, call 832-5584 or joyfulbodies@gmail.com.

Newspaper features news of Spanish speakers

Maine Latino is a periodic newspaper featuring news of Portland's Spanish-speaking communities. Written primarily in Spanish, the paper offers a wide variety of news, from politics to marches for justice to boxing matches to music events to ads for local businesses. For more information, try www.melatino.com. Copies of the paper are likely available at La Bodega Latina (The People's Market), 863 Congress St., Portland or call 761-6661.



Dud Hendrick will speak about the "Sorrows of Empire," concerning the impact of US bases on other nations, at 7 p.m. Friday, January 9, in the Curtis Library, Brunswick. The talk is sponsored by Peaceworks, 725-7675. He will speak again on that topic at 7 p.m. Tuesday, January 13, at the Peace & Justice Center of Eastern Maine, 170 Park St., Bangor, 942-9343.

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January 13: Dud Hendrick speaks about the "Sorrows of Empire," 7 p.m., 170 Park St., Bangor. Peace & Justice Center of Eastern Maine, 942-9343 or info@peacectr.org or www.peacectr.org.

January 13: MOFGA (Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Assn.) annual meeting and first day of annual Agricultural Trades Show, Civic Center, Augusta. MOFGA, 568-4142 or mofga@mofga.org or www.mofga.org.

January 18: Martin Luther King holiday celebration with discussion, food, more, 3-8:30 p.m., Keith Anderson Community Center, Orono. Peace & Justice Center, 942-9343 or info@peacectr.org or www.peacectr.org.

January 18-19: Martin Luther King Jr. holiday events in many cities

and towns in Maine. Look for an event near you or contact NAACP in Portland, 253-5074 or Bangor, 548-2081.

January 19: 2009 MLK Breakfast Celebration, 8 to 10:30 a.m. Wells Commons, University of Maine, Orono. Tickets at door or call 581-1428.

January 21: "HR 676" film on single payer health care shown along with talk by Jerry Call of Midcoast Health Care Reform on single payer benefits, 6 p.m., Free Library, Belfast. Peace and Justice Group of Waldo County, 525-7776.

January 30: Celebration honoring Peter Wilk for 26 years with Maine Physicians for Social Responsibility, 5:30 p.m., Mariners Church, 368 Fore St., Portland. PSR, 772-6714.

February 1: Amnesty International Maine winter meeting with talk by Gilbert Martin on human rights in Africa, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Waldoboro (location TBA). Call 832-6863 or thesil@midcoast.com.

February 7 (snow date: February 8): Annual workshop for war tax resisters in Maine, with planning for spring actions, 10 a.m. with talk/workshop, followed by lunch and planning in afternoon to 3 p.m., Unitarian-Universalist Church, Belfast. Maine WTR Resource Center, 525-7776, roscc@psouth.net.

February 8: Community Supported Agriculture Fair around Maine (farmers and eaters make connections), 1 p.m., various locations. For a list and other details: MOFGA, 568-4142 or mofga@mofga.org or www.mofga.org.





Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Commemoration

His Legacy for Maine Today

Sunday, January 18th

3:00–8:00 P.M.

Keith Anderson Community Center, Orono (next to Post Office)

*Snow date: Monday, January 19th, Peace & Justice Center
of Eastern Maine, 170 Park Street, Bangor*

➤ **3:00–5:00 “Talking about Martin Luther King, Jr. and Barack Obama”**

Join an open conversation facilitated by the Peace & Justice Center of Eastern Maine about hopes and fears for the Obama administration and the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.

➤ **5:30 Potluck Supper** – Please bring a dish to share!

➤ **6:00–8:00 “I Have a Dream” Café**

Sign up to share a poem, song, story, or a visual relating to the vision of Martin Luther King, Jr. (10-minute limit). Local AmeriCorps members have invited civil rights teams from area high schools to present their dreams for a more peaceful and just society at the Café*.

– This event is free and open to the public. –



* Sponsored by the Peace & Justice Center of Eastern Maine in collaboration with local AmeriCorps members and other community partners. Thanks to the Maine Commission for Community Service for supporting the outreach project by AmeriCorps members inviting local high school civil rights teams to participate in the Cafe.

For more information, please call 942-9343 or visit www.peacectr.org.

Peace Vigils:

For additions & cancellations: cpdiebold@yahoo.com

Bangor: Tuesdays 5-5:30 p.m. Federal Building, Harlow St. Call the Peace and Justice Center at 942-9343.

Bar Harbor: Sundays on the Village Green; 1-2 p.m., a silent and respectful peace vigil; bring your own signs. For information, call Suzanne at 288-8037 or Dee at 288-4365.

Belfast: Sundays noon-1, High and Main Sts. Call 338-6365.

Blue Hill: Sundays, noon, Blue Hill Bridge. Call 326-4405.

Bucksport: Sundays at noon on the Bucksport/Verona Bridge; meet at the traffic light on the Bucksport side; call 469-8972.

Deer Isle: Mondays 4-4:30, Route 15 across from Deer Isle Congregational Church. Call 326-4405 or 348-2511.

Ellsworth: Sundays at noon on the bridge in town; bring signs and songs. For information, call Martha at 667-5863.

Houlton: Fridays, noon-12:30, silent vigil at the Peace Pole in Monument Park. Call Marilyn, 532-3797.

Lincolnton Beach: Sundays at noon, Ducktrap Bridge. Call John, 230-2410.

Presque Isle: Sundays 12-1, Bridges for Peace on the Aroostook River Bridge.

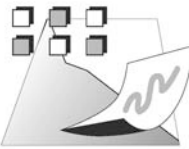
Rockland: Sundays at noon, corner of Park and Main Sts. Call 273-3247.

Skowhegan: Sundays 12-1 at the Margaret Chase Smith Bridge.

Southwest Harbor: Saturdays 11 to noon, Pemetic School Green, Main Street. Westside Peace Group. Bring your own sign or use one from our collection. Kate, 244-3702.

Waterville: Sundays, noon-1 p.m, Messalonskee Bridge on Kennedy Memorial Drive (by CVS).





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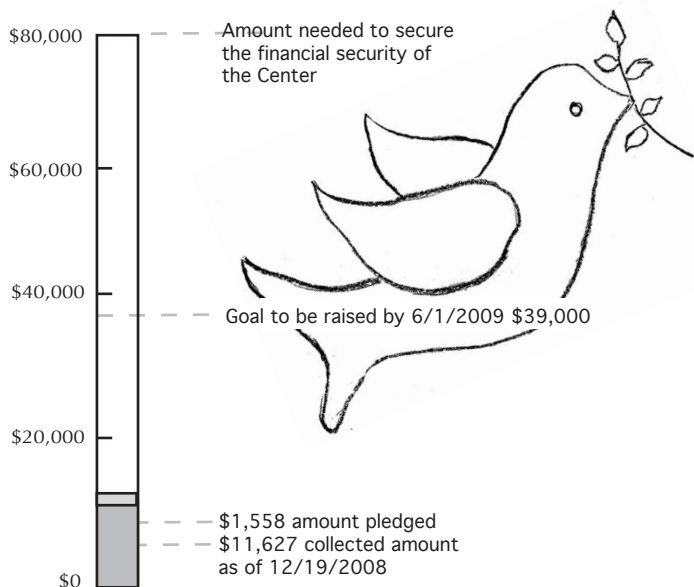
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