

September 2011

PASI NEWS

Calendar:

- Sat., Sept. 3, 2 to 7 PM. 8th Annual PASI Picnic. 185 Tysen St. Bring a salad or dessert.
- Sat., Sept. 10, 5:45 pm. "Making Peace with 9/11 in Word and Music." Peace Action General Meeting, Potluck and Special Program. Staten Island Museum, 75 Stuyvesant Place
- Starting Thurs., Oct. 6 at 12:00pm. Stop the Machine! Create a New World. Concert. Rally. Protest. Freedom Plaza, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, DC october2011.org/
- Sat., Nov. 5. 5:30-8:00 pm. MAKE FOOD NOT WAR DINNER. Great food, music, peacemaker awards. New Dorp Moravian Hall, 2205 Richmond Rd.

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Making Peace with 9/11 in Word and Music With Jeannine Otis, Robert Ross, Bikes Not Bombs

Saturday, Sept 10, 5:45 PM, SI Museum, 75 Stuyvesant Pl.



Peace Action of Staten Island holds its first fall gathering on **Saturday, September 10th** with a special program "Making Peace with 9/11" at the **Staten Island Museum, 75 Stuyvesant Place.**

The evening will begin with a potluck and

conversation at 5:45 pm. We will be joined by a group of Afghan war vets who are part of the **Bike Not Bombs Bicycle Tour.** Jacob George and his vet friends are embarking on a 250 mile bicycle ride from the World Trade Center site to the White House to mark the 10th anniversary of the invasion of Afghanistan. Their goal is to raise awareness of the reality of war. Read more about their mission at www.operationawareness.org.

Beginning at 7:30 pm in the museum courtyard there will be an hour program "Making Peace with 9/11" including songs performed by well-regarded jazz singer **Jeannine Otis** and blues guitarist **Robert Ross.** Staten

Islanders are invited to read a poem or testimony which will become a part of the Museum video archives.

To include your reflection in the program, please send no more than 150 words to pasi.eblast@gmail.com by September 3rd. How do you make peace with 9/11?



The PASI Picnic is ON

Sat, Sept 3, 2 to 7PM

Yes, the PASI Picnic *is happening...*

The **8th annual Peace Action of Staten Island will take place on Saturday from 2 to 7 PM at 185 Tysen Street.**

Bring the whole family. We'll have activities for kids of all ages.

The picnic has become a tradition for PASI.

Everyone brings something – a salad or a dessert. PASI provides the hot dogs, hamburgers and soda. We relax in our hosts Jim and Dorothy Clark's spacious, shady backyard, enjoy the food, catch up with each other, and meet new friends.

In case of rain, the picnic will be held on Sunday, September 3, same time, 2 to 7 PM.



Roots of Peace Celebrates Its First Harvest



Roots of Peace Garden organizer Meredith Byrne above celebrated the beginning of the garden's harvest on August 12th. The garden is located at Targee & Irving in Stapleton.



Rep. Lynn Woolsey (CA-6) is asking Members of Congress to sign on to this letter to the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction. Rep. Grimm, where's your signature?

Letter to Super Committee: \$1.8 Trillion in Savings

To generate much-needed savings, we strongly urge you to examine the costs of the ongoing wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. To date, the wars have cost our taxpayers at least \$2.3 trillion, with an additional \$884 billion in future costs for veterans and their families. This adds up to a total of at least \$3.2 trillion. By ending the wars and paying for a safe, orderly, and

responsible redeployment of troops from both Afghanistan and Iraq, we can go a long way toward meeting our fiscal challenges. We propose:

Ending the overseas contingency operations emergency supplementals and on-budget appropriations starting in Fiscal Year 2013, providing \$170 billion in Fiscal Year 2012 to fund redeployment, while

saving more than \$1.8 trillion from current law spending levels over ten years

... Exorbitant spending on failed wars that have killed thousands of Americans must not be exempt from budgetary scrutiny. Before we ask American families to pitch in more, let's bring our troops home – and, in the process, our tax dollars home.

PASI TAKES the PLEDGE to be in FREEDOM PLAZA OCT 6



Join PASI in Washington DC in Freedom Plaza starting on October 6 to stand for human needs, not war.

October 2011 is the 10th anniversary of the invasion of Afghanistan and the beginning of the 2012 federal austerity budget. It isn't an option to sit on the sidelines while the wars continue and Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid and support for human needs come under attack.

PASI members have been pledging to be in Washington DC starting on October 6th and staying there as long as possible

to take part in creative resistance calling for change. Will you take the pledge, too?

"I pledge that if any U.S. troops, contractors, or mercenaries remain in Afghanistan on Thursday, October 6, 2011, as that occupation goes into its 11th year, I will commit to being in [Freedom Plaza](#) in Washington, D.C., with others on that day or the days immediately following, for as long as I can, with the intention of

making it our Tahrir Square, Cairo, our Madison, Wisconsin, where we will NONVIOLENTLY resist the corporate machine by occupying Freedom Plaza to demand that America's resources be invested in human needs and environmental protection instead of war and exploitation. We can do this together. We will be the beginning."

Go to www.october2011.org for more information

EARTHQUAKE A REMINDER TO CLOSE INDIAN POINT NOW!



Indian Point nuclear reactors lie on top of the Ramapo fault line

On Tuesday, August 23, 2011, an earthquake near Mineral, VA measuring 5.8 on the Richter scale was felt here in New York State, more than 300 miles away. Is the Indian Point nuclear facility, just 35 miles north of Midtown Manhattan safe from earthquakes?

Alicia Godsberg, the Executive Director of Peace Action New York (PANYS), says no. "Indian Point's reactor number 3

was rated by the NRC as the least capable of all 104 operating nuclear power plants in the U.S. to survive an earthquake without core damage. Despite this," Ms. Godsberg wrote in a recent press release, "it operates on top of the Ramapo fault line connecting Peekskill, NY with Stamford, CT." Entergy, Indian Point's operating utility, claims Indian Point's reactors are

built to withstand a 6.0 magnitude earthquake and could handle a stronger one if necessary. Although strong earthquakes are not common in our region, smaller tremors do occur.

PANYS will be working to close Indian Point and ensure the removal of the spent fuel from the area before an accident occurs for which New York is unprepared. Go to www.panys.org to follow this campaign.



273,077

PEOPLE HAVE SIGNED THE CONTRACT

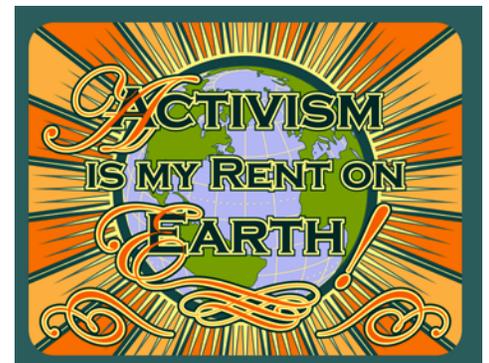
As of August 24, 2011, 273,077 have signed on in support of the Contract for the American Dream. Peace Action, nationally and locally, is working with our allies in labor and the economic and racial justice movements to build support for this contract. Sign on at www.peace-action.org or rebuildthedream.org and join efforts on Staten Island that support these initiatives. PASI will keep you posted.

- I. Invest in America's Infrastructure.** Rebuild our crumbling bridges, dams, levees, ports, water and sewer lines, railways, roads, and public transit. We must invest in high-speed Internet and a modern, energy-saving electric grid. These investments will create good jobs and rebuild America. To help finance these projects, we need national and state infrastructure banks.
- II. Create 21st Century Energy Jobs.** We should invest in American businesses that can power our country with innovative technologies like wind turbines, solar panels, geothermal systems, hybrid and electric cars, and next-generation batteries. And we should put Americans to work making our homes and buildings energy efficient. We can create good, green jobs in America, address the climate crisis, and build the clean energy economy.
- III. Invest in Public Education.** We should provide universal access to early childhood education, make school funding equitable, invest in high-quality teachers, and build safe, well-equipped school buildings for our students. A high-quality education system, from universal preschool to vocational training and affordable higher education, is critical for our future and can create badly needed jobs now.
- IV. Offer Medicare for All.** We should expand Medicare so it's available to all Americans, and reform it to provide even more cost-effective, quality care. The Affordable Care Act is a good start and we must implement it -- but it's not enough. We can save trillions of dollars by joining every other industrialized country -- paying much less for health care while getting the same or better results.
- V. Make Work Pay.** Americans have a right to fair minimum and living wages, to organize and collectively bargain, to enjoy equal opportunity, and to earn equal pay for equal work. Corporate assaults on these rights bring down wages and benefits for all of us. They must be outlawed.
- VI. Secure Social Security.** Keep Social Security sound, and strengthen the retirement, disability, and survivors' protections Americans earn through their hard work. Pay for it by removing the cap on the Social Security tax, so that upper-income people pay into Social Security on all they make, just like the rest of us.
- VII. Return to Fairer Tax Rates.** End, once and for all, the Bush-era tax giveaways for the rich, which the rest of us -- or our kids -- must pay eventually. Also, we must outlaw corporate tax havens and tax breaks for shipping jobs overseas. Lastly, with millionaires and billionaires taking a growing share of our country's wealth, we should add new tax brackets for those making more than \$1 million each year.
- VIII. End the Wars and Invest at Home.** Our troops have done everything that's been asked of them, and it's time to bring them home to good jobs here. We're sending \$3 billion each week overseas that we should be investing to rebuild America.
- IX. Tax Wall Street Speculation.** A tiny fee of a twentieth of 1% on each Wall Street trade could raise tens of billions of dollars annually with little impact on actual investment. This would reduce speculation, "flash trading," and outrageous bankers' bonuses -- and we'd have a lot more money to spend on Main Street job creation.
- X. Strengthen Democracy.** We need clean, fair elections -- where no one's right to vote can be taken away, and where money doesn't buy you your own member of Congress. We must ban anonymous political influence, slam shut the lobbyists' revolving door in D.C., and publicly finance elections. Immigrants who want to join in our democracy deserve a clear path to citizenship. We must stop giving corporations the rights of people when it comes to our elections. And we must ensure our judiciary's respect for the Constitution.

STUDENT ORGANIZER

Peace Action New York State (PANYS) welcomes **KATHRYN RAHILL**, our new Student Organizing Coordinator!

Kathryn is going to be coordinating our student organizing efforts, helping to start PANYS chapters at local colleges and universities as well as coordinating state-wide student exchanges and lobbying days. If anyone would like to reach Kathryn about student organizing, she will be in the Manhattan PANYS office Monday - Wednesday located at 64 Fulton Street (telephone 646-723-1749 and can always be reached at **KATHRYN.RAHILL@PANYS.ORG**.)



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WITH 9/11 IN WORDS
AND MUSIC**
Potluck & Program
Saturday
September 10, 5:45 PM
Staten Island Museum
75 Stuyvesant Place

4th annual
Make Food Not War Dinner
Honoring
Marjorie Garvin
Community Activist
Patricia and Lloyd Berg,
Fellowship of
Reconciliation
Saturday, Nov. 5 - 5:30 -
8:00 p.m.
New Dorp Moravian Church
2205 Richmond Road,
Staten Island, NY 10306
ORDER TICKETS ONLINE
www.peacesi.org

Thank You for Joining or Renewing Your PASI Membership.

If you aren't a member yet or still need to renew, it's easy.

Membership form

We have a sliding scale membership. No member turned away.

Name _____	Contribution
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State _____ Zip _____	___ \$10 (senior, student, fixed)
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