26th Annual Winter Solstice

PEACE CONCERT

Music & Cheer for Dark Hours

December 8th, 2012, 8:00 PM

at and co-sponsored by the

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF GAINESVILLE

We believe all people share a moral responsibility to create peace. Mindful of both our rich heritage and our past failures to prevent war, and enriched by our present diversity of experience and perspective, we commit ourselves to a radically inclusive and transformative approach to peace

From the UU Statement of Conscience on Peacemaking, 2010

Join us at UUFG for:

Christmas Eve service: Tuesday December 24
Sunday Services followed by coffee and fellowship: 11:00am
Sunday Morning Discussion Group on Issues of the Day: 9:30 - 10:45am
For details visit: http://uufg.org/

Social Justice Council has provided support and volunteers to
Vets for Peace on their Memorial Day display, Weekly pickets for peace,
Peace Poetry Contest and the Winter Solstice Concert
You are invited to join with us at a special service supporting a Culture of Peace and Justice in Gainesville on Sunday February 3rd, 11:00am

Other projects of UUFG Social Justice Council:
- Anti-Racism, promoting diversity
- Interfaith Hospitality Network, hosting homeless families
- Interweave, support for GLBT people
- Backpack Program: food for families at Westwood Middle School
- Helping Hands: Social Justice projects for our Sunday School children
- Immigration policy for Justice
- Earthkeepers Ecospiritual Group

For more information, visit: http://uufg.org/
Welcome to our 26th annual Winter Solstice Concert and our 5th year celebrating at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Gainesville.

The year began on a serious note with VFP sponsoring the film Hidden Battles at the Civic Media Center. The film focused on the hidden wounds of battle that many involved in conflict struggle with for the rest of their lives. This was tragically illustrated when Marine Brian Arredondo committed suicide on December 19th, 2011, the day most US troops left Iraq. His family lost two sons, one in combat and the other to suicide. Today more veterans have committed suicide than have been killed in combat.

More hopefully, January saw letters going out to schools to announce the annual VFP Peace Poetry Contest, expanded this year to both Marion County and Alachua County K-12 school children. Children submit poems on the topic of peace and judging is done by UF Poetry professor Dr Sidney Ellis and her graduate students. The award ceremony where children read their poems, which are published in a booklet given to families and on our website, was held right here at the Unitarian Fellowship on May 12th. If you have children or grandchildren or teach K-12, you can help them get published in a booklet given to families and on our website, was held right here at the Unitarian Fellowship on May 12th. If you have children or grandchildren or teach K-12, you can help them get published in a booklet given to families and on our website.

Many VFP members are also part of Move to Amend, whose goals are stated here: “We, the People of the United States of America, reject the U.S. Supreme Court’s ruling in Citizens United, and move to amend our Constitution to firmly establish that money is not speech, and that human beings, not corporations, are persons entitled to constitutional rights.”

Sad to say, two chapter members passed away in February – Charles Willett and Mike Norton. They will be missed.

The Penrod Awards for Peace and Justice were presented on March 30th before a packed house during the CMC SpringBoard at the Matheson Center to Kimberly Hunter and Katie Walters. (See article in this program.)

In April Scott Camil appeared on CNN’s Don Lemon show, wearing a VFP shirt, and changed the conversation from soldiers posing with dead bodies to why we are in the war in the first place, to the great delight of both local and national members of VFP. Watch the usual media message get disrupted as Scott leaves the anchors squabbling amongst themselves (on our website under 2012 events).

May kicked off with VFP participating in a lively May Day celebration with a march in honor of workers from the University to the Plaza. We followed up with a well-attended showing at the Hippodrome of The Invisible War, a powerful documentary film about rape and sexual assault in the military, the most under-reported crimes in the U.S. May ended with a successful Memorial Mile (see article) despite the tropical storm that blew through that weekend. VFP came together with local volunteers after the weekend to run all 6,000 tombstones through the dryers at a local T-shirt printing firm. Thanks to all of you who made this happen!

Summer was marked by a National VFP Convention in Miami, attended by four local members. An important focus of the convention was the democratic process, specifically voting procedures and who should be represented in the votes, foreshadowing our national battle over that same topic in November.

The Peace Paper Project, which Amy Richards shared with us throughout the year, was held the week of October 29th. VFP donated $200 towards the project, which offers veterans a chance to heal through art projects involving handmade paper including paper made from combat uniforms. Amy gave VFP Gainesville a ledger made for us from fabric including military uniforms from all branches of the service. The ledger came with an inscription thanking VFP Chapter 14 for our support.

In October Scott and Sherry went to the first reunion of Scott’s first battle in Vietnam. Scott raised funds for a team of four people from UF’s Oral History program to come and interview the veterans who attended. It was a very powerful experience for all involved. The interviews will go to the Library of Congress and the Oral History archives at UF.

Scott and Sherry and VFP Gainesville continue building a legacy of truth telling providing sometimes difficult but always important information that the public needs to make good decisions, both in private lives as they consider careers in the military and in the public life of the country as we vote. As we did this year to add our collective voices to choosing a way forward for our nation.

When there are too many guns, they begin to shoot by themselves. — Russian proverb
ALTERNATIVE NEW YEAR’S CELEBRATION & PEACE GATHERING:
December 30, 2012 — January 1, 2013

Mankind must put an end to war or war will put an end to mankind.
- John F. Kennedy

Details: go to www.tinyurl.com/altnewyear or search on Facebook for “Alternative New Year”

Contact Pax Christi Florida co-ordinator Nancy O’Byrne: obyrnen@bellsouth.net - 904-461-9216.

Celebrate with us the peace we all know is our birthright.

Support the people who support Veterans for Peace!

Tonight’s Program:
(may include but not limited to)

**PROCISIONAL WARM-UP**
Mark Billman * Cathy Dewitt

**CHEROKEE PEACE CHANT**
Georg Suzuki

**DRUMS OF PEACE**
David Beede * Rob Rothschild * Paige Allison
Bill Hutchinson * Bob McPeek * John Chambers
Robert Clark * George Tortorelli * Bill Moran

**CHAMBERS AND FRIENDS**
John Chambers * Janet Rucker * Mark Billman * David Beede
Bob McPeek * Watermelon Slim

**KEVIN O’SULLIVAN**

**MONICA MULHEARN & LINDA GRIFFITH**

**TALKING STICK**
Keith Peters * Richard Bassil * Bill Moran

**QUARTERMOON**
Raven * John Smith * Tom Nelly * Tuck Tucker

**INTERMISSION**

**A CHOIR OF HEAVENLY SEMI-ANGELS**
Fagan Arouh * Alan Hill * Michelle Ott * Dan Tampas
Bob McPeek * Richard Bassil * Rob Rothschild
Kiki Carter * David Beede * Mark Billman * Cathy Dewitt
Bill Hutchinson * Janet Rucker
and YOU

and Master of Ceremonies - Bob Treadwater

Interpreter for the Deaf: Diane Delage
Over the last 26 years, Veterans for Peace has recognized people whose service is integral to the work of VFP.

This recognition is acknowledged with the presentation of the Peace Helmet Award. The award is a beautiful stained glass replica of the VFP symbol of the Dove of Peace on a military helmet. For the past 26 years, these stained glass Peace Helmets have been created for us exclusively by McIntyre Stained Glass Studio.

We started giving this award out publicly at the Solstice Concert in 2008. We do not give this award out every year.

This year’s recipients’ names are not printed here in order to keep the award a surprise.

Peace Helmet Award Recipients over the last 26 years:

(We did not have computer records in the beginning so we have done our best to remember all of the recipients. If you have received this award and are not listed, we apologize.)

Virtual Peace Helmet to the Occupy Movement everywhere

2011 Peace Helmet Award Recipients:
Jessica Newman
Ann and Phil Haisley - Books Inc / Book Lovers’ Cafe
2010 Peace Helmet Award Recipients:
Sheila Payne
Charlie Scales - Hyde and Zeke Records
2009 Peace Helmet Award Recipients:
Kirk Anthony - MFSo
Jacque Betz - Code Pink
Sue Faulk
Craig Nikolaus
Pete Theoktisto - Everyman Sound
Bob Tomashevsky
2008 Peace Helmet Award Recipients:
Denny Bellesheim
Dottie Burnham
Louis Clark - Bio-Graphix
Rob Hopkins
Gil Marshal
Ku Wang
Other Years:
Mary Bahr
Norman Balabanian
Pierce Butler
Scott Camil
John Chambers
Joe Courter - Gainesville Iguana
Jim Creaven
John Fullerton
Bill Gilbert
Sherry Steiner
John Hawkins
Dave Henderson
Stephen Hunter
Bill Hutchinson
Marybeth Hyer
Bobby Ing
John Koch
Julie Netzer
Bill Salmon
Bill Warrick
Charles Willett

$300 Move to Amend, Working against corporate personhood.
Total Donations = $4,390

VFP Projects
The Memorial Day weekend display: $1,024.42 (see article)
The John Penrod Award: $2,000 (see article)
The Peace Poetry Contest: $524.12 (see article)
It costs us about $1,600 to produce the Winter Solstice concert.
Total cost of VFP Projects = $5,148.54
Other:
DVDs: $345
Button Materials: $241.62
PO Box: $76
Veterans For Peace National: $497.79
Occupy Gainesville: $300
Bumper Stickers: $211.70
Loan to member: $1000
Ad, The Fine Print: $100
Gas & parking Miami Convention: $137.79
Other Costs: Total = $2,909.90
Total spent for 2012 = $12,448.44

Income:
Solstice 2011: $9,500
Jack Penrod Committee: $1,335
Memorial Day Donations $843.25
Other Donations $950
Convention table sales: $151
Dues and other sales: $217
Total income for 2012 = $12,996.25

If you care to make a special donation for any of these projects, that would be greatly appreciated.

We could not do this without the money that we raise from you, our Friends, our guests, our supporters and our sponsors.
Gainesville Veterans for Peace (VFP) believes that part of our responsibility is to help support and mentor other groups who share our goals. In that capacity, we make donations of time, materials and funding to other Peace and Justice organizations.

The Winter Solstice Celebration is the primary event from which we derive our operating funds. Last year, we raised $9,500 from the Solstice and then, over the year, we donated $4,390 of that money to groups we support.

We include this financial report each year so that we have full transparency with you, the people whose support makes our work possible.

Thank You.

Our donation list for 2012:

- $300 to the Samuel Proctor Oral History Project
- $500 to The Gainesville Iguana, Gainesville’s progressive calendar and newsletter
- $500 to the Civic Media Center, an alternative library and space for progressive speakers, groups and events - www.civicmediacenter.org
- $100 to the Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice, of which our VFP chapter is a member - www.fcpj.org
- $500 to the Home Van for its service to our area’s homeless (25 – 30% of the homeless are veterans)
- $240 to the Alachua County Labor Party’s Committee of 100 to help their efforts to get universal health care enacted through House Bill HR676. www.floridalaborparty.org/alachua
- $250 Courage to Resist, an organization that help resisters in the military
- $500 Courage to Resist for Bradley Manning Defense Committee
- $500 Brian Arredondo Memorial Fund
- $200 Iraq Veterans Against the War
- $200 The Combat Paper Project
- $200 Veterans housing assistance
- $100 Paying the Price for Peace: The story of Brian Wilson

In Memory of Warren Lane

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Special Thanks to —

The Members & Supporters of Veterans for Peace
Bill Hutchinson • Civic Media Center • Hyde & Zeke Records
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Pete Theoktisto of Everyman Sound Company
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Gainesville
The UUFG Social Justice Council
Tuesday afternoon peace picketers
Charles Willett • Mike Norton

Veterans for Peace thanks

Linda Pollini
for the beautiful artwork on the cover of this program.

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This year, Veterans for Peace organized the third annual Peace Poetry Contest, inviting all students in Alachua County and Marion County schools to submit poems based on what peace means to them. This is the first year we opened it up to Marion County, and the submissions were split 50/50 between both counties.

After the more than 200 submissions were collected, a panel of English graduate students at the University of Florida (Claire Eder, Rebecca Evanhoe, Adam Stengel, Ezra Stewart-Silver, Sarah Trudgeon and Terita Heath-Wlaz), led by Dr. Sidney Wade, judged the entries based on their message and creativity, and issued first, second and third place awards by age group (ranging from kindergarten to twelfth grade). The winning poems and honorable mentions were published in the 2012 Peace Poetry Contest booklet, and poets were invited to share their poems aloud at the Peace Poetry Reading held at the end of the school year at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. This year, Gainesville’s own Mama Trish donated her time and performed at the reading, adding a musical element to the poetry.

Vets for Peace believes that poetry is a prime and meaningful medium for creating a “culture of peace.” Because of this, we believe the Peace Poetry Contest provides a positive avenue for children and young people to share feelings and craft their words creatively.

Overall, the event was a great success, bringing in very diverse poems from students of many different backgrounds. We received great feedback from the parents and K-12 students who participated in this year’s contest, and local media outlets covered the event.

Be on the lookout for the invitation for submissions to the 2013 Peace Poetry Contest, to be distributed in schools sometime in mid-January. The Peace Poetry reading will be held in late April or early May, towards the end of the school year, all North Central Florida residents are welcome to join us in creating a culture of peace.

To see photos from the 2012 reading and to enjoy all winning poems published in the Peace Poetry booklet, visit the Vets for Peace website at www.vfpgainesville.org. For more information, contact the Peace Poetry Contest at vfpeacepoetrycontest@gmail.com.

Over the years, our funding has been a source of elation and frustration; right now, it’s something of a panic. Our major funding source, the Legal Services Corporation, is subject to federal budget cuts, and over the last several years, Congress has reduced our funding by 18%. Grant funding from the Florida Bar Foundation, which itself is working in crisis mode, was cut significantly as were local and state funding and grants.

I love what I do, who I work with and the clients I work for! I believe that people who don’t have the resources to pay for civil legal help should at least be allowed an opportunity to speak with an attorney, to get advice and to understand their rights. They should have the opportunity for representation if it is needed, especially to maintain housing, income and safety. I believe that a person, regardless of their income, should have the right to access the civil legal system. Mostly I believe that “equal justice under the law” should mean just that; regardless of resources, everyone has the right to be heard.

By the way, Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc. is a local 501(c)(3) non-profit law firm. Your contribution to Three Rivers is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Please visit our website at www.trls.org/invest.html or contact Marcie Green at 352-372-0519.
Thirty-five years ago, I stumbled upon an entry level job at a local civil legal organization called Three Rivers Legal Services. Today, I am still inspired by the group of professionals including the staff members and attorneys along with volunteer attorneys who use their professional skills to care for the civil legal needs of our clients who cannot afford counsel.

The cases handled by Three Rivers are routine but critical, they aren’t the sexy legal battles written about by John Grisham or Michael Connelly. Issues covered ranging from eviction and foreclosure to family law disputes to complicated consumer problems. Clients, often preyed upon, need representation in unfair collection practices, predatory lending disputes and unemployment and disability claims.

Clients are young and old, educated and not; many with disabilities and most who work at low-paying jobs. Many are humble; some are funny; some can be scary. We see so many individuals just trying to get by in an economy that is often unpredictable and with minimum wage jobs that don’t always cover the bills.

Three Rivers represents the elderly and disabled, victims of domestic violence, homeless and disabled veterans, and families with incomes that barely make ends meet.

Staff attorneys consist of a few who were there when I started along with a group of enthusiastic newer attorneys dedicated to public interest law.

Volunteers are local attorneys in private or government practice and law students eager to make their experience count. Three Rivers has a legal helpline that provides a quick turnaround to answer our clients’ legal questions and our program provides legal representation in 17 counties in north Florida.

Now, however, Three Rivers Legal Services is in more of a crisis than we’ve ever experienced before. Staff has shrunk to its smallest size in decades although the case load continues to increase.

— Abdal-Hakim Murad

True religion invites us to become better people.
False religion tells us that this has already occurred.
— Abdal-Hakim Murad

Statistics

A man died today.
I have never nor will I ever meet him.

He had a family.

He was a person.
The world he lived in is left mangled.
His children ask their mother why he can’t come home.

She has no answer.

Wife lives without husband.

Children live without father.

A human being, ripped from the earth
Leaving only hurt in his place.

He is not an outlier.

Every day, men die.

They become statistics.

The death of men, measured in graphs.
The lives of people, torn apart.

Shaken by the hell that is war.

Shredded by the monstrosity.

The battlefield is just the beginning.
The world reels from war.

Yet man still continues to destroy himself.
Still continues to shred and tear lives.
Still continues to make statistics of death.

Why?

Patrick Coogan, Grade 8
Queen of Peace Catholic Academy, Alachua County
1st Place, Grades 6-8
Memorial Mile 2012 by Scott Camil

2012 was the sixth year of the Veterans for Peace Memorial Day project known as Memorial Mile. The display consists of tombstones bearing the name, date of death, age, rank, and hometown of the American service men and women who have died due to the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. The display is set up in Gainesville along NW 8th Ave. It runs east from 34th Street for 1 mile, then crosses to the north side of the road and runs west back toward 34th Street. When we started this project in 2007, we did not think that we would still be involved in these wars today. In 2009, we ran out of room on the south side of the road and that is why we crossed to the north side and have started west.

The display had two parts this year. The main part is the tombstones, which are displayed by theater of war and date of death. We have books at both ends of the display that allow us to help people find the tombstones of the loved ones they are looking for. The second part of the display is a set of panels that show the cost of these two wars in human lives, dollar amounts, and lost opportunities.

This chart shows how many tombstones we have erected each year starting in 2007. Each of these tombstones represents a service person wearing an American uniform.

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Please keep in mind that the above yearly numbers are from Memorial Day to Memorial Day.

As of this printing, there are 6,650 total US fatalities, 4,486 in Afghanistan and 2,164 in Iraq.

When you visit our display, you will see that some of the tombstones have flags on them. We started marking local tombstones with flags so they would be easier to find. We now also put flags on all tombstones that we know have been visited. Currently, 204 tombstones are marked by flags.

It remains to be established whether conflict-resolution skills are weakly developed among Americans, compared to other cultural groups; but inasmuch as both the number of lawyers per capita and the murder rate are several times higher than in other industrialized nations, it seems a fair assumption. Of course, not all violent crimes can be explained this way, but a large proportion of homicides result from arguments among family members, lovers, friends, acquaintances, or neighbors. I do feel, therefore, that a nation’s murder rate is inversely related to the ability of its citizens to find mutually agreeable solutions to social conflict. Few Americans deny that in their language the word ‘reconciliation’ is almost synonymous with ‘capitulation.’ The search for compromise is not regarded as a fine art; it has a connotation of weakness.

— Frans de Waal

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2. The Alachua County Green Party opposes the war in Afghanistan.
3. The Alachua County Green Party supports the creation of an alternative military.
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The North Central Florida Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO represents workers from all fields and professions in Gainesville, Florida and the surrounding regions in North Florida. We fight for justice, equality, work place democracy, and a decent life for working families.

Come join us and organize now! We are proud members of US Labor Against the War.

For more information, contact 352-372-6888.

“Solidarity knows no borders nor boundaries.”

Veterans for Peace is very grateful to the volunteers who help us set up the display, nurture it, and take it down. This year we finished cleaning and repairing the tombstones on August 18th. At the current rate of deaths, which is 24 service members per month, we will need to build 288 tombstones for Memorial Day 2013.

We will start building them in March. Each year we add a new four-person team to manage the new tombstones. Would you like to volunteer?

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Just after this announcement the “Green on Blue” attacks escalated. Green on Blue is the name given to insider attacks against coalition forces by the Afghan security forces. These attacks accounted for 14% of coalition casualties in 2012.

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The United Nations Charter, to which all the Coalition countries are signatories, provides that all UN member states must settle their international disputes peacefully and no member nation can use military force except in self-defense. The U.S. Constitution states that international treaties, such as the United Nations Charter, that are ratified by the U.S. are part of the law of the land in the U.S., though subject to effective repeal by any subsequent act of the U.S. Congress (i.e., the “leges posteriores priores abrogant” or “last in time” canon of statutory interpretation). The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) did not authorize the U.S.-led military campaign in Afghanistan (Operation Enduring Freedom). [from Wikipedia]

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2012 | 36 | 51 |
US government from using taxpayer dollars to purchase fuels that have a higher carbon footprint than conventional oil. Congress crafted this law in part with the explicit intent to block the US from buying Canadian tar sands oil — considered the dirtiest oil on the planet.

On the economy, Obama wants to keep the Bush tax cuts for those earning less than $250,000 dollars a year and let them expire for those making more. That would be good. What would have even better consequences would be to fix the financial sector that caused the economic meltdown in the first place. To do that we would need to put the Glass-Steagall Act that separated commercial and investment banking for seven decades back into law. We also have not fixed the problem of banks that are too big to fail. We want laws that favor and protect the 99%, not the 1%.

In the end, if we care about these issues, we have to do a better job of holding Obama’s feet to the fire. The problem I have with the Democrats is that for the first four years they sat on their hands, afraid to criticize Obama for doing what they criticized Bush for doing. I know that the Republicans are the same; they criticize Obama for doing the same things that they had no problems with when Bush did them. Until we can put what is best for the country above what is best for the party, we will not improve conditions in our country.

To be candid, let me say that I am registered Green Party and I voted for Jill Stein because I agreed with her on the issues.

Now that the voting majority’s lesser of the evils has won the election, what are you going to do to help make our policies truly less evil?

And as a citizen, I’d rather not hear about “hope,” I’d rather hear about “plans.”

— Barbara Ehrenreich
Bradley Manning will turn 25 on December 17: it will be his third birthday in prison without trial. To write to PFC Manning, see www.bradleymanning.org/learn-more/write-2-bradley-manning.

Obama’s war against medical use of marijuana has escalated as states legalize it. There is now a bill in Congress to allow states to regulate marijuana instead of the federal government. The bill, known as the “Respect States’ and Citizens’ Rights Act,” would add a provision to the federal Controlled Substances Act expressly stating that state marijuana laws shall not be preempted by federal law.

On the environment, Obama has a pretty good record so far. His decision on the Keystone tar sands pipeline will be key in determining his legacy on the environment. In 2007, President Bush signed into law Section 526 of the Energy Independence and National Security Act of 2007. It prohibits the

Obama has a “kill list” and on his say alone any American can be killed. TSA searches have gotten worse. Crackdowns on peaceful political dissidents have gotten worse. Deportations are happening at a much faster rate than under Bush. Obama has tried to mitigate the deportations by supporting the Dream Act and trying to provide a path for citizenship for undocumented immigrants who have a good record of work and no run-ins with the law.

The Americans are poor haters in international affairs because of their innate feeling of superiority over all foreigners. ... Should Americans begin to hate foreigners wholeheartedly, it will be an indicator that they have lost confidence in their own way of life.

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While the warhawks would rejoice when it began, the people would weep before it ended.

— Walter Lippmann

Solidarity of Vets for Peace & Occupy Gainesville

by Annette Gilley, John Fullerton and Bill Salmon

The “Occupy Wall Street” protests sprang to life in New York over a year ago fueled by public outrage with a system that cheats the majority of citizens while rewarding a wealthy class of billionaires now widely known as the 1%. About 200 protesters gathered in a public park grew to over 20,000 in a few days. Gaining the attention of the nation, Occupy Wall Street issued a declaration listing the many injustices created by the collusion between our government and multi-billion dollar industries.

Breaking through decades of apathy, fear and social conditioning the movement has named the problem – the interests of the 1% are crushing the interests of the 99% and the health of the planet. These protesters called upon all communities to occupy public space, form democratic groups, raise their voices and create their own process to address these many inequities.

Veterans For Peace immediately answered the call by endorsing the Occupy Gainesville Movement and pledging to defend protesters from police brutality. (The relationship between Gainesville area veterans and occupiers is enhanced by their recognition that war is a criminal industry benefitting the military-industrial complex at the expense of humanity and the environment.)

The Gainesville chapter of Veterans for peace has been active in the Occupy movement since its inception, and is committed to the spirit of the occupy movement. When the first Occupy Gainesville meeting was held, members of VFP were there. We concerned citizens were naturally drawn to the gatherings of Occupy Gainesville, called General Assemblies, that were held at the Bo Diddley Downtown Community Plaza.

We were active voices in the decision to challenge the status quo by occupying in the Plaza with several facing arrest. In fact the second person arrested was a VFP member.

Currently legal assistance is being rendered pro bono by a Veterans for Peace member to the Occupy Gainesville arrestees who were charged with being in violation of the local noise ordinance.

We can expect further erosion of our civil rights under Obama. During his first four years, Obama has solidified the Bush policies. We are still using renditioning and black sites for prisoners. At Guantanamo there are still beatings and force-feedings. We still have “indefinite detentions” but under Obama they are called “prolonged detention” and apply to American citizens as well. Obama could have closed the Guantanamo prison at any time by executive order, the same way Bush created it. Obama has sent more prisoners to the Bagram prison than Bush sent to Guantanamo and due process rights there are worse than at Guantanamo.

Under Obama, warrantless wiretapping and monitoring of American’s electronic communications is “sharply on the rise.” Warrantless wiretaps have quadrupled under Obama. Real-time monitoring of electronic communications inside the U.S. has climbed 60 percent since 2009 and far surpasses monitoring under President Bush. During the last two years, more Americans have been subjected to phone and e-mail surveillance than in the previous decade. Between 2009 and 2011, authorizations to monitor e-mails and network data of Americans increased 361%. This trend is climbing steadily and again, we are talking about “warrantless”.

During his first campaign candidate Obama hailed whistleblowing as “acts of courage and patriotism,” which “should be encouraged rather than stifled as they have been during the Bush administration.” Since his election, the Obama Justice Department has prosecuted more whistleblowers under the Espionage Act than all previous administrations combined. Bradley Manning, the soldier who is charged with leaking classified information to WikiLeaks, is facing multiple charges under the Espionage Act.

He who is not angry when there is just cause for anger is immoral. Why? Because anger looks to the good of justice. And if you can live amid injustice without anger, you are immoral as well as unjust.

— Thomas Aquinas
Veterans for Peace supported the early Occupy Gainesville activities by providing logistical support at our own expense, by arriving each morning with a pickup truck full of everything needed to set up two canopies, one where meals were prepared for members in the park and the other an information canopy where handouts and informative brochures were made available to anyone interested. Each evening everything was hauled away for the night.

Banners and posters displayed at the Plaza were made or contributed by VFP members also.

Twenty-three of the Occupiers were arrested exercising their right of free speech at about 2:00 am.

Occupy Gainesville members with military experience participated in a speak-out sponsored and moderated by VFP president Scott Camil and veterans John Fullerton and Mary Bahr.

Many actions by the Occupy Gainesville participants involved picketing the Bank of America, Wells Fargo, and Wal-Mart, as well as demonstrations marching down University Ave. and each time VFP members were there.

While the Occupy Movement is sometimes difficult to categorize, it has had a real impact on our national conversation. It has been credited with changing the narrative of that conversation from concerns about the national debt, to the growing awareness that the disparity in income is directly damaging our economy and the prospects of the middle class.
Now I understand why Obama did not go after Bush for the illegal invasion of Iraq. Obama did not want a precedent that would limit his power. We can expect no change in the US support for Israel or our lack of concern for the human rights of the Palestinians. For three generations, Palestinians have been forced to live in refugee camps. Palestinians are completely under the heel of Israel. In Gaza, the Palestinians live in what has been called “The World’s Largest Outdoor Prison”. The US gives Israel over 3 billion dollars a year in

Without any justification the City of Gainesville decided to close the plaza from 11:30 pm to 7:30 am to the general public while leaving it open to those few who might want to use it as they strolled from bars to restaurants to their hotel rooms. You couldn’t be there to exercise your fundamental rights to gather and speak about the philosophy of the Occupy movement without the threat of physical arrest; simply because the city unilaterally decided it didn’t want you there:

Because the message for all of us is so important and because it is a major force for change to a truly participatory democracy, this representative group of citizens gathered at this unique public forum to “talk the talk” and “walk the walk” of the 99%. They accepted physical arrest without resistance or disrespect to the police who were restricting their freedom without legal cause. How can that be? The answer is simple: they can’t. The plaza is literally an open public forum dedicated to the bicentennial celebration of our nation’s founding in 1776 and the sacrifice of so many during the Revolutionary War. Visit the plaza and you will see the

plagues and monuments honoring those sacrifices and expressly bestowing the plaza with its unique status as a public forum open to all, 24/7, 365 days a year, for the enjoyment and exercise of our most cherished freedoms. Without so much as even a fake claim by the city justifying closure of the plaza, voices were silenced, freedoms were restricted.

The fight to effectively pursue the goals and philosophy of the Occupy movement has been presented to a panel of judges asking that the arrests and the ordinance which caused the arrests to be struck down as unconstitutional. This, to let the city know that a place conceived and dedicated to free speech cannot be closed for any time unless for a “compelling governmental reason.” Stay tuned, a decision is pending.

(Is this the city’s first ill-fated attempt to restrict access to the plaza by those who are without food or home? A well-run government cannot operate only for a select few.)

To be a good civil libertarian is to spend one’s life in a fairly constant state of alarm.

— Molly Ivins
In Afghanistan we will be removing most “combat” troops by 2014 but other US troops will stay beyond that date.

We can expect a continued use of armed drones under Obama. During W Bush’s last four years, Pakistan was attacked by drones 52 times.

During Obama’s first four years Pakistan has been attacked by drones 299 times. So far 176 children have been killed by our drones in Pakistan.

We are also using drones to kill people in Afghanistan, Yemen and Somalia. The Obama administration is currently drawing up rules on who can be assassinated by drones, the “Kill List”. I wonder what will happen when other countries start using drones. The precedents that we are setting now may come back to bite us in the future, the way that blowback often does.

On December 5th the USS Eisenhower, an American aircraft carrier that holds eight fighter bomber squadrons and 8,000 men, arrived off the Syrian coast. At the same time the US is waging a propaganda campaign to justify military intervention. This comes right from W Bush’s playbook on Iraq. We started deploying our war machine while at the same time using WMDs as an excuse to invade. This time it is “Chemical Weapons” instead of Weapons of Mass Destruction.

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— alanuk

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over who would be worst, not over who would be best. In the end, the Democrats’ lesser of the evils won the election or the Republicans’ lesser of the evils lost the election.

The Republican strategy was self-defeating. They alienated women, people of color, Latinos, the poor and the young. It is amazing that their “ends justify the means” strategy, which consisted of screwing the country for four years so they could make sure that the black, non-citizen, Muslim, Socialist, Communist, Marxist president did not get reelected, was acceptable to the Republican base. So for four years they were the party of “No”. Somehow they managed to make viable the idea that you don’t tax the rich.

In the end, the voting base that they were left with were young white males and angry aging whites: the GOP now stands for Grumpy Old Palefaces.

What can we expect over the next four years?

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Katie Walters, 26, first became involved in social justice work as a student through the UF Campus National Organization for Women and Gainesville Women’s Liberation. She formerly worked as a coordinator at the Civic Media Center and currently is a committed organizer with the International Socialist Organization. Since winning the Penrod Award, Walters continues to live in Gainesville and organize with the ISO. She also worked with the Dream Defenders on the Trayvon Martin case, organizing students and community members to an organizing conference (Socialism 2012) in Chicago, getting people to the Republican National Convention protest in Tampa, and organizing against anti-choice Amendment 6 on the Florida ballot. She has also helped bring a national speaker from the ISO, been involved in political education through reading groups, and recently gave a talk “Women and Socialism” at the SE Marxist conference in Atlanta.

Kimberly Hunter, 24, was a dedicated organizer for national health care with the Alachua County Labor Party and a former volunteer with the Civic Media Center. As the co-founder of the Interfaith Alliance for Immigrant Justice, Hunter educated and connects local congregations with national immigrants’ rights movements, like the Coalition of Immokalee Workers. Since receiving the Penrod Award this past spring, Hunter moved to the South Bronx in May to join the New York City Teaching Fellows Program. By night she is earning her Masters of
United Faculty of Florida at the University of Florida is the professional association for faculty and professional staff.

UF faculty have protected their rights through collective bargaining since the union was first certified in 1976. We are affiliated with the Florida Education Association (FEA), the National Education Association (NEA), the American Federation of Teachers (AFT), and the AFL-CIO.

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Lesser of the Evils Wins Election – What’s Next?

by Scott Camil

The elections of 2012 are finally behind us. Thanks in part to Citizens United, the Supreme Court decision that says corporations are people, corporations were given the right to spend unlimited money on political campaigns. As a result, Americans were bombarded with 6 billion dollars’ worth of predominantly negative propaganda. The issues of the political debate were chosen and shaped by those with the most money to benefit their agendas. Two billion dollars of that was spent on the presidential race. This infusion of money is known as dark money because there is no way to know where it comes from.

There is a movement to fix this problem by supporting a constitutional amendment that says corporations are not people. This movement is called Move to Amend and is supported by Veterans for Peace.

During the televised debates, only candidates from two parties were allowed to be represented. During the foreign policy debate, there was very little difference between Obama and Romney. They agreed about the war in Afghanistan, with Romney saying, “We’ve seen progress over the past several years. The surge has been successful and the training program is proceeding apace.” They agreed on the very harsh sanctions on Iran. They agreed on the use of armed drones. Their contentious moment came while they were tripping over each other trying to show who could kiss Israel’s ass the best. I found this embarrassing.

The result was that very many of the Democrats weren’t happy with Obama because of his continuation of and, in some cases, strengthening of Bush’s policies. Many Republicans weren’t really happy with Romney as their choice. The debate was not over which candidate had the best ideas or the best plans for the future. The debate was over which candidate was the “lesser of the evils”. People were arguing with each other.

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The President does not have power under the Constitution to unilaterally authorize a military attack in a situation that does not involve stopping an actual or imminent threat to the nation.

— Barack Obama

TESOL at City College of New York, and during the day she teaches 9th Grade English as a Second Language at the High School of World Cultures, a school for recent immigrant students. She often wonders what sort of advice Jack Penrod could have offered her, as he, too, taught English Language Learners for a time. While she is inspired by the kindness, optimism and determination of her students, at the moment she is a bit overwhelmed and exhausted by the 90-hour work weeks, the complex challenges of teaching students with very diverse needs, and the inner politics of the NYC Department of Education. She misses the Gainesville community, plans to join the Alachua County Labor Party’s Committee of 100 next month, and is thankful for the ongoing support and friendship of long-time activists like Jack Price (who sends her news clippings every month) and the Redstockings women in New York.

And this is why the Penrod Award is important. It is important to recognize those whose work for peace and justice sets a standard for us all, a mission often difficult, grueling and without instant gratification.

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People of privilege will always risk their complete destruction rather than surrender any material part of their advantage. Intellectual myopia, often called stupidity, is no doubt a reason. But the privileged also feel that their privileges, however egregious they may seem to others, are a solemn, basic, God-given right. The sensitivity of the poor to injustice is a trivial thing compared with that of the rich.
— John Kenneth Galbraith

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Now a west coast chapter of Veterans for Peace has completed the first phase of restoring this historic vessel to service for peace activism. See www.vfpgoldenruleproject.org to see pictures, read stories, and contribute to the plans for bringing a message of world peace to all three American coasts and the inland waterways.

Move to Amend News:

- The State of Montana and over 100 cities voted Nov. 2 in favor of ballot initiatives affirming that money is not free speech and corporations are not citizens with constitutional rights.
- Gainesville MTA members worked with the Alachua County Commission to get an initiative on the 2012 ballot but were defeated by a single vote late in the process. MTA members are currently working with the Gainesville City Commission to approve a resolution in support of a constitutional amendment.
- The final Regional Convergence in a series that has taken MTA's National Team all over the U. S. will be held December 14 - 16 in Gainesville. Go to the MTA website at https://movetoamend.org/events/gainesville-fl-move-amend-south-regional-convergence to register.

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Charles M. Willett of Gainesville passed away Feb. 5 at E. T. York Hospice Center in Gainesville, three weeks after celebrating his 80th birthday with a large and festive family reunion. Charles was born on January 12, 1932 in New York City to Francis W. and Katherine T. Willett. He was educated at boarding schools and Harvard College with time out to enlist in the Army and volunteer for combat as a rifleman in the Korean War. Following college, he pursued graduate work in Munich and was accepted into the Foreign Service where he studied German and Czech. He served seven years as a diplomat in Germany and Austria.

His experiences in Korea and Austria transformed his world view. Charles became an ardent pacifist, advocate for human rights, and would later become a champion of the alternative press. He earned an M.S. degree in Library Science from Simmons College and joined the American Library Association in 1974. He served as librarian of Acquisitions and Collection Management at Harvard College Library, SUNY/Buffalo Libraries and the University of Florida Libraries. At the University of Florida, he was active in the faculty union. Following his library career, he worked as European Sales Manager for Ambassador Book Service.
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In 1991, he organized Crises Press to promote alternative books and magazines. Charles co-founded the Civic Media Center in 1993, an alternative library, reading room and activist space, now located at 433 S. Main St. The CMC’s stated mission is “to provide community access to information and points of view not carried, or incompletely covered, in the for-profit and corporate media.” Charles’ heart, mind and activities were intricately entwined with the life of the CMC. He served on the CMC board through 2011. Countless people have made the CMC what it is, but it was Charles Willett’s initiative, his vision, and his initial financial support that were the catalysts setting the foundation for what has become an amazing community resource.

It was at meetings of the “Gainesville Alternative Press,” which he convened at his house to help handle the wealth of publications sent to him for review, that the idea for the CMC arose in 1993. He was the source of our basic library when the CMC started, and Charles helped shape its method of operating. He made sure the rent was paid for the first 15 months. As treasurer, he handled the paperwork for many years as the organization grew.

During this same time, Charles also founded and edited Counterpoise, a quarterly journal “For Social Responsibility, Liberty and Dissent,” and oversaw many interns from the University of Florida during its publication run of 1997 to 2010.

Charles was a man of great intellect, wit, energy and charm, with a finely honed sense of humor. He was also an accomplished singer and dancer. While his overriding passion was the pursuit of a better informed, just world, he loved socializing and cultural activities. In recent years, his interests broadened to include international folk dancing, Klezmer music and Zumba Gold fitness. He was a graceful, elegant and sometimes controversial individual. He will be greatly missed by many.

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— Vaclav Havel
Much protest is naive; it expects quick, visible improvement and despairs and gives up when such improvement does not come. Protesters who hold out longer have perhaps understood that success is not the proper goal. If protest depended on success, there would be little protest of any durability or significance. History simply affords too little evidence that anyone's individual protest is of any use. Protest that endures, I think, is moved by a hope far more modest than that of public success: namely, the hope of preserving qualities in one's own heart and spirit that would be destroyed by acquiescence.

— Wendell Berry

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"Can we stop feeling guilty yet?" you can practically hear the cable commentators asking. "Is the bubble back yet?"

— Naomi Klein

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All you need is love.
All you need is love.
All you need is love, love.
Love is all you need.

Nothing you can know that isn’t known.
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The whole world smiles with you
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The sun comes shining through

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Lennon/McCartney

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Nothing you can sing that can’t be sung.
Nothing you can say but you can learn how to play the game.
It’s easy.

Nothing you can make that can’t be made.
No one you can save that can’t be saved.
Nothing you can do but you can learn how to be you in time.
It’s easy.

All you need is love.
All you need is love.
All you need is love, love.
Love is all you need.

Nothing you can know that isn’t known.
Nothing you can see that isn’t shown.
Nowhere you can be that isn’t where you’re meant to be.
It’s easy.

All you need is love.
All you need is love.
All you need is love, love.
Love is all you need.
**HERE COMES THE SUN**

George Harrison

Here comes the sun, here comes the sun
Here comes the sun, here comes the sun
And I say it’s all right

Little darlin’ it’s been a long cold lonely winter
Little darlin’ it feels like years since it’s been here

Here comes the sun, here comes the sun
And I say it’s all right
Little darlin’ the smiles returning to their faces
Little darlin’ it seems like years since it’s been here

Here comes the sun, here comes the sun
And I say it’s all right
Sun, sun, sun, here it comes
Sun, sun, sun, here it comes

Little darlin’ I feel the ice is slowly meltin’
Little darlin’ it seems like years since it’s been clear

Here comes the sun, here comes the sun
And I say it’s all right
Here comes the sun, here comes the sun
It’s all right, it’s all right

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**WE CAN WORK IT OUT**

Lennon/McCartney

Try to see it my way,
Do I have to keep on talking till I can’t go on?
While you see it your way,
Run the risk of knowing that our love may soon be gone.

We can work it out,
We can work it out.

Think of what you’re saying,
You can get it wrong and still you think that it’s all right.
Think of what I’m saying,
We can work it out and get it straight, or say good night.

We can work it out,
We can work it out.

Life is very short, and there’s no time
For fussing and fighting, my friend.
I have always thought that it’s a crime,
So I will ask you once again.

Try to see it my way,
Only time will tell if I am right or I am wrong.
While you see it your way
There’s a chance that we might fall apart before too long.

We can work it out,
We can work it out.

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The price of freedom keeps going up, but the quality keeps deteriorating.

— Anonymous
Tonight's songs may include, but are not limited to...

ARMS ARE FOR HUGGING

Cathy Dewitt

Wherever you wander, wherever you roam,
You'll find things aren't so different from
right here at home;
People all over the world feel the same;
We're trying to save it, this isn't a game;
Chorus
Arms, arms are for hugging
And love is to give,
Peace is for all people
And life is ours to live!
All over this planet, people are scared;
From Moscow to Boston these feelings are
shared;
Every place has its beauty, we all have our
friends;
There isn't a soul who would want it to end;
Chorus
Bridge: 
Oh, people we've got to get together,
We've got to make our feelings known;
Whoever you are, wherever you're from,
In this you are not alone –
(In knowing that...)
Chorus
Whoever you talk to, you'll find this is true;
They all want the same thing as me and you;
We all love our children, we all love our land,
And a smile is a language we all understand–
Chorus
Repeat last line:
LIFE IS OURS TO LIVE!

IMAGINE

John Lennon

Imagine there's no heaven
It's easy if you try
No hell below us
Above us only sky
Imagine all the people living for today
Imagine there's no countries
It isn't hard to do
Nothing to kill or die for
And no religion too
Imagine all the people living life in peace
Chorus:
You may say I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us
And the world will be as one
Imagine no possessions
I wonder if you can
No need for greed or hunger
A brotherhood of man
Imagine all the people sharing all the world
Chorus
Rise like lions after slumber
In unvanquishable number!
Shake your chains to earth, like dew
Which in sleep had fall'n on you:
Ye are many — they are few.
— Percy Shelley

WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS NOW IS LOVE

David/Bacharach

What the world needs now,
Is love, sweet love,
It's the only thing that there's just too little of.
What the world needs now,
Is love, sweet love,
No, not just for some but for everyone.
Lord, we don't need another mountain,
There are mountains and hillsides enough to climb,
There are oceans and rivers enough to cross,
Enough to last 'til the end of time.
What the world needs now,
Is love, sweet love,
It's the only thing that there's just too little of.
What the world needs now,
Is love, sweet love,
No, not just for some but for everyone.
Lord, we don't need another meadow,
There are cornfields and wheatfields enough
to grow,
There are sunbeams and moonbeams enough
to shine,
Oh listen Lord, if you want to know...oh...
What the world needs now,
Is love, sweet love,
It's the only thing that there's just too little of.
What the world needs now,
Is love, sweet love,
No, not just for some oh but just for every,
every, everyone.
What the world needs now,
Is love, sweet love.
What the world needs now,
Is love, sweet love.

TEACH YOUR CHILDREN

Graham Nash

You who are on the road
Must have a code
That you can live by
And so become yourself
Because the past is just a goodbye
Chorus:
Teach your children well
Their fathers' hell
Will slowly go by
And feed them on your dreams
The one they pick's
The one you'll know by
Don't you ever ask them why
If they told you you would cry
So just look at them and sigh
And know they love you
And you of tender years
Can't know the fears
That your elders grew by
So please help them with your youth
They seek the truth
Before they can die
Oh teach your parents well
Their children's hell
Will slowly go by
(continue chorus)

You have enemies? Good.
That means you've stood up
for something, sometime in
your life.

— Winston S. Churchill