

COALITION for Peace Action UPDATE



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Eighth Anniversary of the Iraq War **COUNTDOWN TO WITHDRAWAL** **End the Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan** **Saturday, March 19, 2:00 – 3:30 PM** **Palmer Square, Princeton, NJ**



Join CFPA for what will hopefully be **the last Iraq War demonstration we will need to hold**. The theme of the Rally is “Countdown to Withdrawal,” as the US is on track to honor its commitment under the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) with Iraq to have almost all US troops out of Iraq by the end of 2011. The Rally will also advocate for a SOFA agreement to speed up US troop withdrawal from Afghanistan.

Confirmed speakers include: **Jesse Hamilton**, who served as an Army Staff Sergeant in Iraq from 2005-2006; **Patrick G. Eddington**, former CIA analyst and author of the just-published *Long Strange Journey: An Intelligence Memoir*, which will be on sale at the Rally; **the Rev. Muriel Burrows**, Pastor of Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church in Princeton; **Jeffrey Laurenti**, Senior Fellow and Director of Foreign Policy Programs, Century Foundation; **Sharleen Leahey**, songwriter and performer; **the Rev. Robert Moore**, Executive Director of the Coalition for Peace Action; and **Bill Deckhart**, Southeastern PA Coordinator for the Coalition for Peace Action.

In the event of inclement weather, the Rally will be indoors at Nassau Presbyterian Church, just across the street from Palmer Square; enter through the door on the right. In conjunction with this event, several CFPA chapters will be holding peace vigils around the region. For more information on these events, see the “Upcoming Events” section of this newsletter, or visit our website, www.peacecoalition.org.

Peace Lobby Day



On Tuesday, March 22, CFPA will be taking a van to Washington, D.C. for a Peace Lobby Day, which will focus on the Afghanistan War, veterans' health, and a Peace Economy. Our van will leave Princeton at approximately 8 AM and will make various stops along the way; it will arrive back in Princeton that same evening. Suggested donation towards rental and gas for the van is \$35 per person. To reserve a space on the van, please email cfpa@peacecoalition.org or call 609-924-5022.

Upcoming Events

Friday, March 18 – Buxmont Peace Vigil: 4:30 - 6:00 PM, Morrisville side of the Trenton Makes bridge. Carpooling from Princeton Shopping Center (Rite Aid end) leaves at 3:45 PM.

Saturday, March 19 – Iraq War Regional Rally: 2:00 – 3:30 PM, Palmer Square, Princeton

Sunday, March 20 – South Jersey Peace Vigil: 11:30 AM to Noon at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the South Jersey Shore in Pomona, NJ.

Tuesday, March 22 – Peace Lobby Day to Washington D.C. Contact CFPA office to reserve for rented van.

Tuesday, March 22 – Prospects of Political Settlement in Pakistan and Afghanistan: 7:00 – 9:00 PM, in the Lower Hall of the Central Baptist Church, 106 Lancaster Avenue, Wayne, PA.

Tuesday, April 12 – Talk on *How Peace Activists Saved the World from Nuclear War*: 6:00 PM Potluck, 7:30 PM Talk, Trinity Episcopal Church in Princeton (George Thomas Room)

Saturday, June 18 – 30th Anniversary Membership Dinner with keynote speaker Rep. Barney Frank): Reception and Dinner 1:00 – 3:00 PM, Program 3:00 -5:00 PM, Princeton Theological Seminary, Mackay Campus Center

Sunday, November 13 – Interfaith Service and Conference for Peace: Interfaith Service 11:00 AM, Conference 1:30 – 5:00 PM in Princeton, NJ.

Recurring Chapter Events

Monroe Township Weekly Peace Vigils: 11 - 12 at Prospect Plains and Perrineville Roads, Monroe Twp, NJ.

Buxmont Monthly Peace Vigils: last Wednesday of every month from 4:30 - 6:00, Silver Lake Park between Lockheed Martin and Holy Family University, Route 413 Bypass in Newtown, PA.

Save the Date: June 18, 2011
CFPA 30th Anniversary Membership Dinner
with Keynote Speaker Rep. Barney Frank



CFPA is thrilled to announce that Barney Frank will be the Keynote Speaker for our 30th Anniversary Membership Dinner on June 18 at the Princeton Theological Seminary, Mackay Campus Center. The event's schedule includes a Reception from 1:00 – 2:00 in the Private Dining Room, Dinner from 2:00 – 3:00 in the Main Dining Room, and a Program including Representative Frank's speech from 3:00 – 5:00 in the Main Dining Room.

We are also pleased to announce our three confirmed honorees who will be celebrated at the Dinner:

Dr. Morad Abou-Sabe', President of the Arab American League of Voters of New Jersey

Jane Dugdale, Co-Chair of CFPA Affiliate Main Line (PA) Peace Action and leader of PA Smart Security Campaign

Nancy Strong, CFPA weekly office volunteer and periodic mailing volunteer

This event is intended for CFPA members and their guests. A formal invitation will arrive through the mail in April. To register early, visit our website, www.peacecoalition.org and click on the "Order Now" button at the bottom of the appropriate web page.

Save the Date:

Sunday, November 13, 2011

CFPA Annual Conference
and Interfaith Service for Peace

Interfaith Service Preacher:

Swami Tatvavidananda Saraswati

Confirmed Conference Speaker:

Jo Comerford, Director of the National Priorities
Project

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

A Talk by Dr. Larry Wittner,
*How Peace Activists Saved the World
from Nuclear War*

6:00 Potluck, 7:30 Talk
Trinity Church (George Thomas Room)

Dr. Larry Wittner is Professor of History at
SUNY Albany and has authored a number of
books on the nuclear disarmament movement.