



**Working for
Peace in
San Diego**

Fall Newsletter 2018

Peace Resource Center of San Diego PRCSD.org

**2018
Souper
Supper
Speaker**



We are thrilled to announce Marjorie Cohn as the Speaker for the Souper Supper this year. Her profound analysis of human rights, US foreign policy, and the contradiction between the two is deeply respected around the world.

Marjorie Cohn is professor emerita at Thomas Jefferson School of Law where she taught for 25 years. The former president of the National Lawyers Guild and criminal defense attorney is a legal scholar and political analyst who writes books and articles, and lectures throughout the world.



**Souper Supper
& Annual Membership Meeting**

Celebrating San Diego Peace & Justice

**Sunday, November 18
6:00 - 9 pm
Church of the Brethren
3850 Westgate Pl.**



**Carol Jahnkow,
PRC Director Emeritus,
inducted into
San Diego Women's Hall
of Fame**

Carol Jahnkow, PRC Director Emeritus, was one of six amazing women inducted into The San Diego Women's Hall of Fame on March 18, 2018. Carol was honored as a Bridge Builder awardee.

Congratulations, Carol! We are deeply grateful for your years of service, advocacy and activism in the San Diego Community and your leadership at the Peace Resource Center of San Diego.

Membership Renewal! Nov. 4

If you haven't, now is time to renew your membership with the PRC. Only current members can participate in the Annual Meeting.

Details & renewal form inside.
Not a member yet? Join us!

Teaching Peace at the PRC

"If we are to reach real peace in the world,,we shall have to begin with the children."
- Gandhi

Peace Making Partners and Rowan Elementary School



Peacemaking Partners now in its 3rd year at Rowan School!

The curricula combines hands-on learning experiences with sensitivity training for K-5th grades. Students learn how to respond to bullying and racism on the playground and in the world without becoming part of the problem. We share stories of the young heroes of the civil rights movement such as Ruby Bridges and Cesar Chavez. We are consistently delighted by how much they remember year to year and how they express their insights and growth as peace makers in circles.

Children explored:

- *What do I do if I am bullied?*
- *What do I do if I witness bullying?*
- *How can I talk to grown ups without making things worse?*
- *What does being an upstander mean?*
- *What is non violent resistance?*

- *What can we do together to care for each other and the earth?*

Interested in observing a Friday morning class? Contact Bonnie Loews at bonnie.loewy@yahoo.com

Peace Camp 2018 in June

Peace Camp is a collaboration between the PRC and the Church of the Brethren. The 2018 Camp was a great week for the 33 campers and 27 youth-adult volunteers.

Camp started with a musical bang as Miss Linda and her students led a music fest of peace songs out of our very own Peace Camp song book. Toolbox for Peace study sessions followed, where we learned about compassion, courage, justice, persistence and making choices.

Campers participated in gardening, cooking, non- competitive games, service, and music with the Peace Tool of the day integrated into the lessons. The children also immersed themselves in arts and crafts projects. By week's end, each camper had a shopping bag of memories and masterpieces to share with family members and friends.



Friday's Closing Ceremony was fun for everyone, with camp t-shirts and Peace Camp certificate for all. This year we incorporated a Peacemaker Award – which was based on submissions to the

Peacemaker Comment Box. Our first Peacemaker Award recipient was Chloe McCrea! Peace Camp continues to grow and we are already planning for more campers next summer.

Interested in helping? Contact Pastor Sara at shaldemanscarr@gmail.com

A Fund Appeal by Board member John Falchi:

Dear Friends of the PRC,

Many of you have joined with us in a great many peace, social justice and environmental protection programs in the past and we look forward to continue the work with you. I am asking for your help to support the PRC mission and work. The Peace Resource Center is the one organization that consistently and explicitly brings PEACE to the front.



Perhaps a brief outline of the unique programs, services and resources the Peace Resource Center provides San Diego will help.

- Other peace groups joined with the Church of the Brethren and the PRC as we co-sponsored a Peace Week for Children on the Peace Campus last June. The Peace Camp served over 30 children this year, and we anticipate even more participants next year.*
- Our Youth Programming also includes the Peacemaking Partners Program, now in its 3rd year at Rowan Elementary School. Students visit the Peace Campus and participate in hands-on activities, role-playing, and art creation that explore peace-making in response to bullying.*
- We connected with peace groups around the county and the country during the Campaign Nonviolence Week of Action (see the article on pg. 5)*
- We threw a party for the Golden Rule Project of the Veterans For Peace, which raised over \$1500!*
- The PRC hosted a youth group from the Phoenix Community during the Mijente days of action around July 2, and participated in the community response to ICE's "Operation Streamline".*
- Co-sponsored "My Lai: +50" Week with Veterans For Peace and the American Friends Service Committee, which challenged us to reflect on the costs of war. The PRC hosted the final showing of the traveling exhibit by Veterans For Peace with a panel discussion about the moral lessons they learned from the Vietnam War.*
- We collaborate with and support local groups that promote peaceful solutions to violent problems in our troubled times - challenging Islamophobia in local schools with the Council on American Islamic Relations, promoting Restorative Justice instead of youth incarceration with the Peace Promotion Momentum Team, training peacekeepers and upstanders on de-escalation, and more!*

Won't you join me as a supporter of the Peace Resource Center? Consider volunteering. Join the Board! Become a sustaining member to keep the mission strong.

*sincerely,
John Falchi, PRC Boardmember*

PRC Partnerships & Collaborations

The work continues together.



Peace Week 2018 Collaborative

Campaign Nonviolence conducted its 5th annual **Week of Action** during September 16-23. This year, peace-promoting action took place in all 50 states and in 24 countries - over 2660! In 2014, there were 287 peace-promoting events in the United States. Peace is rising.

The PRC collaborated on a dozen Peace Week 2018 events in the greater San Diego. The Saturday kick-off event, **Shining Peace Over San Diego**, was an Overpass Light Brigade light show with music and camaraderie on Mission Bay. "Such a great segue energizer into Peace Week 2018," commented one participant. On Sunday afternoon, a diverse inter-faith group of 35 came together in La Mesa to participate in **Peace Circles: Listening and Learning To Make A Difference**. This pilot workshop received very favorable responses and will be held quarterly.

On Monday, a panel discussion with the Peace Momentum Team on "**Youth and Restorative Justice in San Diego**" was held at Dojo Cafe. Over 100 participants listened to the inspirational success stories of young people moved out of the school-prison pipeline.

Two movie nights featured "**Women, War, and Peace**" with Women Occupy San Diego at the Women's Museum and "**Pray The Devil Back to Hell**" at the Ocean Beach Green Center. Wednesday, a diverse group of thinkers convened by Pax Christi gathered at sunset on the beach to engage in **Deep Listening Peace Circles**. Peacemakers supported Veterans For Peace's demonstrations against the Miramar Air Show's glorification of war mid-week. The week finished with Saturday and Sunday forums by the PRC on "**A Peace Economy NOW!**" Members of People Over Profits, Women Occupy, Veterans For Peace, Franciscan Peace Connection, Our Revolution, Stand Up For Peace, shared strategies for changing our current disaster economy through local actions on police violence, alternative currencies, war tax divestment, and challenging the private prison industry monies.

Next Steps:

- **Peace Vigil in Vista: Stand Up For Peace.** Please come out and support this long-standing vigil at the corner of Santa Fe Dr and Vista Village Dr in Vista, Sundays, 12:30-1:30pm.
- The PRC plans more forums and actions to expand on the strategies developed at the workshops to promote local peace economies.
- Visit us on Facebook and online for upcoming events, work and collaborations around legislative, economic, and social justice work in San Diego.
- Support and promote local businesses that reflect PRC values.

*Peace Week 2018 was made possible by a grant from the **National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee** (www.nwtrcc.org).*

The 2018 Annual Meeting of the Peace Resource Center is Sunday, November 18.

The PRC Membership meets annually to decide on the 2019 Board of Directors slate proposed by the PRC Nominating Committee and other PRC business matters.

The Annual Meeting follows the Souper Supper.

- Membership is open to all individuals and organizations who: a. Subscribe to the purposes of the Center; b. Desire to associate themselves with the purposes of the Center as set forth in the Statement of Purpose above; and c. Pay the annual dues established by the Board of Directors.
- **Membership dues are due by November 4th this year.**
- Decision-making is by consensus of the body.
- Interested in joining the Board of Directors? Send your bio to the Nominating Committee of the Board, by email to info@prcsd.org or by mail: Attn Nominating Committee



Celebrating San Diego Peace & Justice

July 2 Mijente Banner Drop - Community responds to the start of ICE "Operation Streamline" in San Diego with a banner drop opposite ICE downtown offices. Mijente's commitment to nonviolent civil disobedience is a central component of its justice work.