



May 2024 Solidarity Newsletter



A Note From Nada

Greetings to all!

We are in the midst of very intense period for all of us working for Palestinian freedom and self-determination as well as a permanent and peaceful resolution of the conflict based on equality, dignity and freedom for all, urgent climate action, criminal justice reforms here in New York State and so much more. You will read below about WESPAC members launching a WESPAC liberation book club. We are also looking for overnight hosts for the 10 Veterans for Peace who are marching from Maine to Washington, DC and who will be in our area exactly on the day that we celebrate 50 years of WESPAC! You can read more below.

If you would like to take out a congratulatory ad for our three honorees this year: Harry Soloway and Jewish Voice for Peace Westchester, Diana Sanchez and Yonkers Sanctuary Movement, Juanity Lewis and Community Voices Heard, you have two more days until the deadline to submit your ad! Also, please let me know soonest if you intend to attend the awards!

WESPAC has been invited by NAMIWalks Westchester to table this Saturday in Hartsdale at their big event to support mental health services. If you would like to table for us, please do let me know!

As always, do not hesitate to reach out with any question, comment or concern. The struggle continues,
Nada

WESPAC Annual Awards Celebration

Join us in celebrating 50 years of WESPAC and our incredible honorees at this year's awards celebration! See below for purchase information for both journal ads and tickets, or click [here](#).



Please consider buying a journal ad for the

WESPAC Annual Awards

Celebrating 50 Years of WESPAC!

Journal Ad:

Premium Full Page \$300,

Inside front or inside back cover, 4.25" x 7.5"

Full Page \$200, 4.25" x 7.5"

Half Page \$100, 4.25" x 3.75"

Quarter Page \$50, 2" x 3.25" or 4.25" x 1.75"

Tickets:

\$100 per ticket

Purchase at donorbox.org/wespac-annual-awards-2024



Please join us at our Annual Awards in celebrating

50 Years of WESPAC

Sunday, June 2nd at 2 PM
at the

Wainwright House
260 Shuyvesant Avenue
Rye, New York 10580

Explore WESPAC wespac.org [@wespacfoundation](https://www.instagram.com/wespacfoundation)

This year, we honor



Harry Soloway
Jewish Voice for Peace
Westchester



Diana Sanchez
Yonkers Sanctuary
Movement



Juanita Lewis
Community Voices Heard

The meal will be catered by Bartleby and Sage and the afternoon will include a singalong with the WESPAC Solidarity Singers.

Tickets are available at wespac.org or by returning the enclosed order form. Please consider buying a journal ad and making an additional contribution to support the costs of this special event.

Veterans for Peace Walk – Westchester Stop

Veterans for Peace are walking from Maine to Washington, DC to expose the horrors and harms of war and in their own words: Silence the Drums of War.

It will take them two months! It so happens that they will be in Westchester County on June 2nd and June 3rd! WESPAC has offered them a table at the WESPAC Awards that will be happening that day. We are asking folks here to please sponsor a ticket so we can completely cover their table. Go [here](#) to sponsor a ticket.



They will also need accommodations in Westchester for those two nights of Sunday, June 2nd and Monday, June 3rd. I will invite them to share a few words about their peace walk since they would be halfway to their destination at that point. You can read more about the peace walk [here](#).

Here is why they walk:

We are walking for an end to war, especially the looming threat of nuclear war.

We are walking for the children, that they may grow up without the worry of nuclear Armageddon or the climate crisis.

We are walking in solidarity with the heroic people of Gaza who are determined to survive a brutal genocide, and for West Bank Palestinians living, resisting and dying for 75 years under [Israeli apartheid](#) and [occupation](#).

We are walking because everyone everywhere deserves a decent job, food, shelter, medical care and education.

Westchester Social Forum 2024

The Social Forum, April 14, was a beautiful gathering! Here is a clip that does a wonderful job of capturing the event.



Public Banking Day of Action

PUBLIC BANKING DAY OF ACTION

WED MAY 15
THE CAPITOL BUILDING,
ALBANY

Contact: Tousif Ahsan
tousif@neweconomynyc.org

SCAN THE CODE TO RSVP!

The New Economy Project alongside NYPIRG and other organizations have an upcoming **Public Banking Day of Action**.

If interested, fill out this [RSVP form](#) and recruit your members and colleagues to do the same.

Any questions, please reach out to Tousif Ahsan with New Economy Project at tousif@neweconomynyc.org.

WESPAC Solidarity Singers Video Clip



The Solidarity Singers meet every other Tuesday at 5:30 PM at WESPAC!

Biden in Irvington Rally

Photos courtesy of Andrew Courtney, 4.25.24



Concerned Families of Westchester (CFOW)

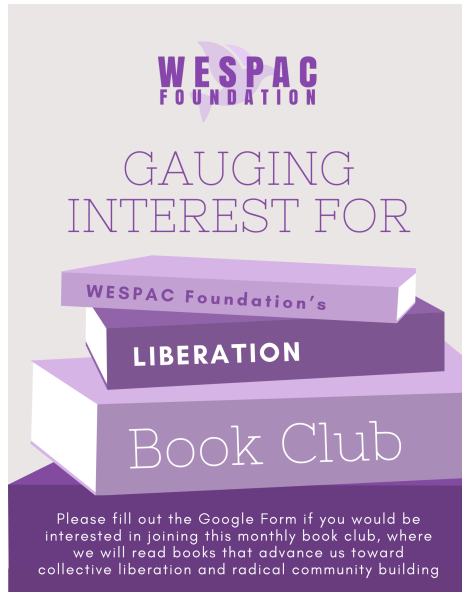


Concerned Families of Westchester is a peace & justice group organized in the wake of the 9/11/2001 events. We are based in the Rivertowns, from Yonkers up to Tarrytown. Each Saturday we have a vigil/demo in Hastings. We also have a [weekly newsletter](#) and a [Facebook page](#), and we meet frequently via Zoom. Our most recent vigil was in support of the fabulous Columbia students, arrested for their encampment opposing Israel's war on Gaza. Our protests

this month also included "Plastics vs. Planet" (Earth Day) and demanding that the US send no more money or weapons to Israel. We are supporting Jamaal Bowman for re-election, and we have also endorsed William Wagstaff for Westchester DA. Interested in speaking out and making your voice heard? Please join our vigil any Saturday at noon in Hastings (as shown in this photo) to demand peace & justice! And for more information, email fbrodhead@aol.com.

WESPAC Liberation Book Club Interest Form

Click [Here](#) to fill out the interest form!



Second Annual Conference on Building Anti-Racist Multiracial Community

Building anti-racist multiracial community is vital to WESPAC's work. That's why we are a mission-aligned partner for the The Center for the Study of White American Culture's Second Annual Conference on Building Anti-Racist Multiracial Community.

September 27 – 29, 2024
Rutgers Law School
Newark, New Jersey

More details [here](#). Below are photos from last year's conference!



Walkabout Clearwater Coffeehouse Presents: Friends of Pete Seeger Night

Sat. May 18, 2024, 7:30 pm

With:

Guthrie's Ghost (David Bernz, Jacob Bernz, Fred, Gillen, Jr., Steve Kirkman, Julie Corbalis)

ARAS (Adrien Reju, Andy Stack)

Jackson Pines (Joe Makoviecki, James Black)



Community Unitarian Universalist Congregation

468 Rosedale Avenue

White Plains, NY

Doors open at 6:30PM, Teachabout/sing-a-long with audience participation at 6:45PM. Show starts 7:30PM

SPECIAL TICKET OFFER

RESERVE TICKETS \$25.00 (no service fee): Your ticket will be at the door.

Pay by check, cash or credit card upon arrival at the

Coffeehouse. NOTE: Reservations may be made until 6:00pm the day prior to the performance date.

Use the [ticket form](#) to reserve your ticket now.

Night of the performance price – \$30.00

You can also buy your tickets through Eventbrite (a small service fee will apply.)

Westchester Cooperative Network

If you are part of a group that is seriously considering forming a worker owned business, the Westchester Cooperative Network can connect you with the necessary training, legal assistance and financial support to make this vision a reality! All details and the application form are available on our website at

<https://www.westchestercooperative.net/>

