



June 2024 Solidarity Newsletter

A Note From Nada

Greetings to all!

As we transition to the summer months, folks at WESPAC continue the nonviolent work for a more just and peaceful world.

This past Sunday we had the opportunity to lift up the incredible work of Juanita Lewis and Community Voices Heard, Diana Sanchez and Yonkers Sanctuary Movement and Harry Soloway and Jewish Voice for Peace Westchester. It was a truly beautiful, uplifting afternoon. A very big thank you for all who contributed and participated in helping us celebrate WESPAC's 50th anniversary! You can enjoy photos below and also on our social media platforms.

Westchester for Palestine and Rockland for Palestine are organizing buses to DC as part of a national effort to demand Biden stop the US armed and funded genocide of Palestinians. You can find details below on how to sign up. Bus tickets are subsidized at \$40 per person.

Also, WESPAC is launching two book reading groups that you can learn about below. The Solidarity Singers continue to meet regularly and will be meeting at WESPAC this Tuesday at 5:30pm.

Our friends in Yonkers are organizing a special Black Lives Matter vigil on Monday, June 17th at 5:30pm with details to follow.

Follow our social media handles for updates on the environmental, criminal justice and economic legislative initiatives that our members have been supporting this legislative session in New York State.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions, feedback, and suggestions.

WESPAC Annual Awards Celebration

Last Sunday, June 2, we gathered at the Wainwright House in Rye to celebrate 50 years of WESPAC and our incredible honorees Diana Sanchez, Juanita Lewis, and Harry Soloway! Thank you to everyone who was able to attend and those who made it possible. And a special thank you to [Veterans for Peace](#), whose members are presently walking from Maine to Washington D.C. for an end to militarism, endless war and genocide. Here are some photographs from the event:





Biden: We are Your Red Line! Stop the Genocide. Get on a bus to DC on Saturday morning: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Dn5XASHScJjtnLXDSBmm4RGuWRbvzgShC4eINqBdKxY/edit>



GET ON A BUS TO DC!

SURROUND THE WHITE HOUSE FOR PALESTINE!

\$40

**Busses Available for
Westchester & Rockland**

📍 **Yonkers/White Plains Bus**
☎ **(914) 573-4118**

📍 **West Nyack Bus**
☎ **(845) 402-6880**

Join the WESPAC Liberation Book Club!

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LOOKING FOR A
RADICAL READING
COMMUNITY?

WESPAC Foundation's
LIBERATION
Book Club

Join us monthly! We have two groups that meet
monthly:
Second Tuesday's at 1 PM
Second Wednesday's at 7 PM

Next week launches the WESPAC Liberation Book Club! There will be two separate groups, one that meets second Tuesdays at 1 PM monthly and one

that meets **second Wednesdays at 7 PM** monthly.

Please email ajz9tye@virginia.edu if you are interested in joining us! The first meeting will be introductions and deciding which book we will read first. Once again the first meetings are next Tuesday (6/11) at 1 PM and next Wednesday (6/12) at 7 PM. The WESPAC office is located at 77 Tarrytown Road on the upper level, Suite 2W in White Plains, NY 10607 across the hallway from the State Farm Insurance.

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 recent vigils have demanded an end to US support for Israel's war on Gaza. 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.

New Rochelle Against Racism (New RoAR) Letter: Seeing Change Over Time

Ron Chisom, the father of the undoing racism movement, says that the pillars of anti-racist communities are those who remain consistent over time.

The celebration of New RoAR's Tenth Anniversary on April 26 led me to reflect that those who are intimately involved in the work often don't see how incremental changes over time transform people, spaces, and communities.

TEN YEARS OF
NEW ROAR

Sometimes it takes someone who is not directly involved to see the progress and the things that you are blinded to, and that's what happened for me at the anniversary.

I attended the Tenth Anniversary celebration with a friend to introduce her to the movement. When we left she asked, "Who are those people? Wow...I didn't know all that was happening."

This is exactly why anti-racist organizers who are making change need to celebrate – to shout out, document, archive, share and inspire others to take the steps that you have taken to get the results that you have achieved.

You are leaders who moved boldly into "business as usual" spaces with an alternative—a model grounded in humanity, guided by principles, and delivered by everyday people who are consistent, persistent, and effective in bringing about change.

This is what we saw. Anti-racist, multiracial collectives working within their circles of concern and influence to examine themselves, their institutions, policies and practices and make accountable changes with a shared vision of building strong, diverse communities of nurturing families, caring for each other in civil society, demanding ethical businesses, and creating local government that protects and secures our mutual human rights.

So much has been achieved: New health care resources, parent-teacher associations for disenfranchised educational communities, greater accountability in policing, community gardens, interrupting gentrification, an anti-racist news blog, challenging political candidates, success in installing a people's City Council, and much more.

The New RoAR model for change is to be celebrated and shared!

Thank you to the New RoAR family!

And thank you to David Peters for his clear and everlasting leadership.

With respect and love,

Sandy Bernabei

Antiracist Alliance

Power to the People!

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/>

