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Community News and Opportunities for Action, WEEK of December 23rd, 2018

*reporting on events & issues of peace, justice, and sustainability affecting us and future generations in Alaska,
broadcasting on **Sundays, 8am & 6pm** on KWRK-LP 90.9 FM Radio in Fairbanks, Alaska. Be ready for opportunities to participate!*

Day, Date	Time	Event Description, Contact information	Where?
Saturday Dec. 22	10-12	Ally Training Opportunity - Greetings - the local Fairbanks group called Gender Pioneers is a support group for transgender people. They also welcome allies. The city of Fairbanks recently brought forward ordinance No. 6093 guaranteeing equal rights for people in the LGBTQI community. They did not vote on it last week instead postponing the vote until Feb. 25. Gender Pioneers is offering an emergency ally training later this month in response. They hope to get interested people trained and up to speed on the directly related issues around 6093.... a two hour training.	UUFF: Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fbks, 4448 Pikes Landing Rd
	6-9 pm	Annual Night of Hope Christmas Celebration. This celebration will include dinner, music, dancing, gift giving, and celebration of the holiday. Christmas Cheer to Fairbanks Homeless. Night of Hope Flyer	JP Jones Center 2400 Rickert St.
	10am - 1pm	Weekly volunteer workdays continue over the Holidays! Green Star will be continuing to receive shipments of electronics to be recycled from the Central Recycling Facility, so we still need your help to sort and prepare the electronics for shipment! Standard shifts are morning (10:00am – 1 pm) or afternoon (1 pm – 4 pm) but we can be flexible to fit your schedule! Training, snacks, and coffee [are] provided on site.	1205 1st Ave.
Sunday Dec. 23		North Pole Zone- Stage 2 air alert in effect. Expires [Monday] Dec 24 at 2pm. No burning w/o a waiver or NOASH. For more info call 451-2132 or visit http://dec.alaska.gov/fnsbair . Fairbanks Stage 1 air alert until Dec. 24, 2pm.	
		Gifts for the Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living: [UUFF] are collecting cash donations for the Interior Alaska Center, to be used to fulfill holiday wishes of the families staying at their shelter and utilizing their services. Donations will be accepted after services on Sundays through Dec 23 . If you would like to donate in honor of a friend or family members, ornaments are available to signify your gift.	UUFF is at 4448 Pikes Landing Rd
Wed. 12-26 ??	5:30 pm	Fairbanks Open Radio weekly mtg - Come help with programming, shows, fund-raising... info@kwrk.org or 374-0577	3535 College Rd, suite 203
Thursday Dec. 27	12- 1 pm	Fbks Housing & Homeless Coalition mtg - Since this meeting is on the same week as Christmas, attendance might be lighter than normal, but it will be the last FHHC meeting for a while. We will forego the January meeting due to Project Homeless Connect (PHC) the day before and the February meeting due to the Fairbanks Symposium on Homelessness the day before that one. We will resume regularly scheduled FHHC meetings in March.	Council Chambers City Hall, 800 Cushman St

Friday, Dec. 28	6 pm potluck, 7 pm presentaion and discussion	Alaska Peace Center potluck and presentation of the San Francisco to Moscow Walk for Peace In 1960 Suzanne Rich Osborn joined a group walking from San Francisco to Moscow to promote peace between the United States and the USSR. “We wanted to see a world without war. We were talking about making a unilateral peace and for each government to stop militarism.” The walk was organized by the Committee for Nonviolent Action. The small group of people walked across the United States to New York, caught a flight to London, wound up on a boat to Belgium, and walked from there to Moscow. They were treated quite well in Russia and passed out thousands and thousands of leaflets along the way, as well as picketing at military bases they passed by. Potluck at 6:00, Program and discussion begins at 7:00. Join advocates for peace, justice, and sustainability, with good food, camaraderie, enlightenment, and discussion.	Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fbks 4448 Pikes Landing Rd - - - - - Flyer here.
		<u><i>After This Week</i></u>	
Thurs. Jan. 3	2019	116th Congress starts	
		<u>:: January 3: Deadline to apply for teacher scholarships for field courses in Denali National Park.</u> Alaska Geographic and the National Park Service are awarding scholarships to teachers for accredited courses taking place in Denali National Park and Preserve. Making use of a field camp 30 miles into Denali, these small group intensives expose teachers to science, research and educational opportunities using Denali as their classroom. Courses are three days in length. Professional development credit is made available through the University of Alaska Anchorage. For more information, please visit Alaska Geographic's website.	
Friday, Jan.4		The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) <u>announced that they've extended the scoping comment deadline</u> for leasing in the Beaufort Sea to Friday, January 4. For more background and possible talking points, <u>see last week's newsletter.</u> <i>from NAEC</i>	
Tues, Jan. 15		Alaska Legislature Session starts in Juneau. Keep in touch via Gavel Alaska, now also available on TV ch. 9.9; also via your Legislative Information Office (LIO).	
	4-5 pm Alaska time	Kick Off 2019 with War Abolition 101 & Militarism in the Media Webinar: Militarism, violence, and war are pervasive in pop culture and the entertainment industry. The mainstream news media largely refuse to critique skyrocketing military spending and the vast negative impacts of perpetual warfare. <u>Join World BEYOND War for our next free webinar on January 15 featuring experts Jeff Cohen and Rose Dyson on role of media in promoting war and violence.</u>	Webinar Free
January 19	1-4pm	Northern Hope Center 2nd Annual Fundraising Auction - independently run, member operated, non-clinical, safe, friendly environment for people who suffer from the symptoms of mental illness. Please come out to support this truly inspirational organization!	Lions Bingo Hall (Fairgrounds)
Thurs, Jan. 24	7 pm	Kenneth Ream - death penalty talk & discussion, with Alaska Peace Center potluck	JP Jones Ctr
Feb 27, 2019		<u>Fbks Housing & Homeless Coalition (FHHC) will be hosting the Fbks Symposium on Homelessness II</u>	
		<i>Alaska's Congressional delegation:</i> <i>Capitol switchboard 1-202-224-3121</i> <i>Rep Don Young in Fbks 456-0210; Email via web site: donyoung.house.gov;</i> <i>Sen Lisa Murkowski in Fbks: 456-0233/fax 451-7146; Email via: murkowski.senate.gov-</i> <i>Sen Dan Sullivan in Fbks 456-0261/fax 451-7290; Email via: sullivan.senate.gov</i>	www.alaskapeace.org <u>links to government representatives.</u>

Good News category:

from Co-op Market Shoppers have donated more than \$85,000 in spare change since we started the Lend a Hand program in 2013. Thank you!
[Local non-profit charity recipients are chosen every year by Co-op Market member-owners.]

from info@innocenceproject.org: “HOME FOR HOLIDAYS... In 2018, with your support we’ve exonerated nine innocent people, the most ever in the Innocence Project's 26-year history, and helped pass 17 wrongful conviction reforms in 14 states. After spending more than 215 years in prison combined, our clients are where they belong: home with their loved ones. [Read the 2018 year in review](#)”

*from Union of Concerned Scientists, “ Victory! States make **major progress on clean transportation for all** ... A group of nine bipartisan governors just committed to developing a regional policy that will reduce emissions from transportation while funding much needed solutions to build a clean, equitable, modern transportation future. . [Read More.](#)*

from Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL): “The Supreme Court [refused](#) to let the administration immediately implement a change to asylum policy that would automatically reject the applications of anyone who entered the country between ports of entry. That new rule contradicts federal law, which states that anyone can apply for asylum once in the U.S., regardless of how they entered the country.”

“On Thursday the Senate [unanimously passed](#) the first bill to make lynching a federal crime. Congress has failed to pass such legislation more than 200 times since 1882.”

Ongoing Campaigns, Recent Past Events, Issues not specific to Alaska, and/or without specific date

Peace

*from the Congressional Record, on 12/20/18 Senator Dan Sullivan brought **NUCLEAR ENERGY INNOVATION AND MODERNIZATION ACT** “A bill ([S. 512](#)) to modernize the regulation of nuclear energy” to the Senate floor for immediate action, “with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:...” Read what is being pushed through, at <https://www.congress.gov/congressional-record/2018/12/20/senate-section/article/S7957-6>.*

Instead of material, consumerist gifts during this season, consider giving Gifts of Peace:
(Some suggested in CODEPink’s 21 Days of Giving:)
-- Start today by noticing how many gifts fill your day. A smile, a touch, someone listening, beauty, a surprise, an expression of love, being seen, heard, felt. How many

Justice

from Stop the War Machine: “In Texas a valuable teacher has been [fired](#) for refusing to sign a loyalty oath to another country – Israel... In “(t)he vast majority of American citizens are therefore now [officially barred from supporting a boycott](#) of Israel without incurring some form of sanction or limitation imposed by their state. And the relatively few Americans who are still free to form views on this hotly contested political debate without being officially punished are in danger of losing that freedom, as more and more states are poised to enact similar censorship schemes.” [See map in this article](#)..

from Brave New Films Dec. 16: “Do you belong to a community group or faith community where you could screen Home is a Human Right? Are you a student or

Sustainability

*“**[Why Green New Deal Advocates Must Address Militarism](#)** ... Environmentalists need to contest the Pentagon’s staggering global footprint. The US military is the world’s largest institutional consumer of fossil fuels and the largest source of greenhouse gasses, contributing about 5 percent of global warming emissions. Almost 900 of the EPA’s 1,300 Superfund sites are abandoned military bases, weapons-production facilities or weapons-testing sites. The former Hanford nuclear weapons facility in Washington state alone will cost over \$100 billion to clean up. ... **That’s why a New Peace Deal and a Green New Deal should go hand in hand...**” from Common Dreams via World BEYOND War*

from Northern Alaska Environmental Center:

people serve to make your life easier, more joyful, more supported? Take the time to truly receive — that too is a gift that brings peace.

-- Imagine what giving Peace and Love looks like today.
-- Today give yourself and your community the gift of having the courage to do, say, or explore something that you would not otherwise.

-- Give yourself and someone in your world the gift of a second chance... A peace economy understands, forgives and creates space for relationship, learning, finding the space between differences and listening from the heart and not from judgment.”

from World BEYOND War: **“Tell Trump to Actually Get U.S. Military Out of Syria, Not Just Promise to.** Removing troops from the ground — all of them, not just some — and ceasing base construction, if it happens, will be a start. Even more important is ceasing to bomb from above.

“In addition, alternative approaches need to be launched, including unarmed peaceworkers, a weapons ban for the region, a disarmament program, major actual humanitarian aid (and an end to sanctions that harm ordinary people), and diplomacy.

“The fact that politicians and the parties they belong to generally do more harm than good is simply no reason not to encourage the good and discourage the bad.
[SIGN THE PETITION HERE.](#)”

[Read Veterans For Peace Statement on Withdrawal of U.S. Troops from Syria](#)

from *Coalition Against U.S. Foreign Military Bases*:

“The Okinawan people and their prefectural government have done everything they can to prevent [a new U.S.] base in Henoko being built ...—and will continue their efforts to stop it if it begins. The vigil at the gate has continued for more than 5,000 days and the actual sit-in blocking construction vehicles, which has been joined by many internationals, has gone on more than 1,000.

“The people of Okinawa have experienced 73 years of occupation, the taking of precious farming land, and now some 30 U.S. military facilities and 25,000 military

educator who wants to bring Home is a Human Right to your campus or classroom? ...in your home?

70 yrs ago, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, marking the first International Human Rights Day. Since then, activists worldwide continue to fight to have these rights upheld and respected. ...Let's focus on what we can do at home, in our own communities and schools. In our 6-part films series, [Home is a Human Right](#), Brave New Films examines issues related to immigration in the U.S. that impact undocumented and refugee communities.

Learn more about hosting a screening:

[Education Screenings](#) [Community Screenings](#)”

“North Carolina Board of Elections Executive Director Kim Strach warned in a January 2017 letter ... that those involved in **illegally harvesting absentee ballots in rural Bladen County would likely do it again if they weren’t prosecuted...**” *Read more in the 12-22-18 NewsMiner.*

from *Medscape*. **“Physicians, Patients Vow to Overturn Ruling Striking Down ACA.** Almost as soon as a Texas judge ruled yesterday that the Affordable Care Act (ACA) is unconstitutional, proponents of the law — including physicians' organizations, which had filed briefs in support — vowed to appeal the decision... The American Medical Association led a coalition — including the American College of Physicians, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry — in filing an [amicus brief](#) in support of the law... a coalition of 16 states and the District of Columbia, led by California, jump[ed] in to defend the ACA.”

“Please note: our office will be closed from Decr 24-January 7.”

“The Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta has a **housing crisis**. Three-thousand new homes are needed, but less than 30 houses are built in the region each year, according to a statewide housing assessment... pilot project to see if a **tiny home could help** solve these issues,” [per a 12-4-18 article in KYUK AM.](#)

from *CREDO Action*: “The world's largest investor in oil, gas and thermal coal is a money management firm called BlackRock – the world's largest asset manager.¹ **BlackRock controls over \$6 trillion, about as much as the world's 20 largest pension funds combined.**² If BlackRock stopped investing in fossil fuels – and used its vast power to influence the companies it invests in – we would be far closer to transitioning the entire global economy to a clean energy future.
[Tell BlackRock CEO Larry Fink: Divest from fossil fuels and use Blackrock's influence to transition the global economy to clean energy.](#) [Click here to sign the petition.](#)”

from Friends of the Earth: **“[Tell your Senators: Stop a Dow employee from running the USDA’s science division!](#)”**

“Carnival Corporation, the **cruise ship giant, is polluting the Arctic** -- with devastating impacts on its wildlife and communities. With 10 subsidiaries operating across the globe and over 40% of the global cruise market share, Carnival could be setting new, sustainable precedents for the industry. Instead, most of Carnival Corporation’s ships in its global fleet are powered with the cheapest, dirtiest fossil fuel available. [Tell Carnival to clean up its act and stop polluting the Arctic.](#)”

personel on this small island. They are fed up with the pollution, noise, violent crime and accidents caused by the U.S. military and do not want any new bases...

“We call upon all peace-loving people to **join the people of Okinawa in opposing the construction of the U.S. Military Base in Henoko.** To sign the petition please [CLICK HERE.](#)”

Songs heard with today's broadcast:

– *No More Genocide In My Name* - by Holly Near

-- *Peace Is*, by Fred Small

-- *The Saddest Game*, by Martha Tilston

--*Mahtaab*, written in the eleventh century by the Persian poet and mystic Baba Taher, sung by Iranian band Niyaz

-- *Kate Wolf's Give Yourself To Love.*

-- *Christmas In The Trenches*, by John McCutcheon

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Annual Outreach Costs

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Annual Newsletter: \$550 for 300 copies with postage

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Potluck Presentations, Peace Feast and Special Events

Facility use fees for events: \$15-\$250 rental, plus insurance if required

Guest speakers or musicians: \$600-\$2,500 per guest, can include airfare, stipend or compensation, lodging, local transportation and meals

Sound Engineering if needed: \$250-\$750

Advertising: \$75+ per event for printing flyers; \$250 - \$500 banner ad, Fairbanks Daily News-Miner; \$2000 for 1/3 page ad

Ongoing Expenses: \$225 monthly office rent; \$30-\$50 monthly utilities and supplies

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May Peace be with you! Have a good week!

“True peace is not merely the absence of tension. It is the presence of justice.” Martin Luther King, Jr.