

## WILPF Nuclear-Free Future Tour April 2 – September 24, 2017

### May 17-19 - Pittsburgh PA

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- **Thursday, May 18, 7:30 pm**, Friends Meeting House, 4836 Ellsworth Ave, Pittsburgh, [“Let’s End the Whole Nuclear Era”](#) with [Ellen Thomas](#) and [Odile-Hugonot Haber](#)



- also speaking: Patricia DeMarco - ["The Nuclear Option- Ethical Issues and Obligations"](#)



- **May 19, 2017** – meet with [Bridget Barrett](mailto:bridget.barrett@mail.house.gov) – bridget.barrett@mail.house.gov, Rep. Mike Doyle’s office, 2637 E Carson St, Pittsburgh PA 15203 - 412-390-1499



Women's International League for Peace  
and Freedom (WILPF) - Pittsburgh

PRESENTS



**"Let's End the Whole  
Nuclear Era"**

Ellen Thomas and  
Odile Hugonot-Haber  
joined by Patricia DeMarco

Thursday May 18, 2017, 7:30pm  
Friends Meeting House  
4836 Ellsworth Ave  
Pittsburgh PA



Ellen Thomas and Odile Hugonot-Haber represent WILPF on the 5,000-mile tour to promote a nuclear-free future. Environmental scholar, Patricia DeMarco, joins them.



**Topics**

- ❖ The nuclear weapons ban treaty negotiations June 19-July 7, 2017, and the Women's March to Ban the Bomb on June 17;
- ❖ Eleanor Holmes Norton's nuclear weapons abolition and energy conversion bill, introduced each session since 1994 which moves money from nuclear and other weapons to carbon-free, nuclear-free energy, environmental restoration, and other human needs;
- ❖ The campaign to stop the unnecessary and extremely hazardous shipments of highly radioactive liquid waste from Chalk River, Canada to Savannah River Site, South Carolina;
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- ❖ Voter initiatives as a tool for education and change.
- ❖ Patricia DeMarco will discuss "The Nuclear Option- Ethical Issues and Obligations"

Donations will be accepted.

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## WILPF-US Nuclear-Free Future Tour Coming to Pgh

By Carol Umer

What we in Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, US Section, now call the WILPF Nuclear Free Future Tours had their genesis in August 2014. Earlier Ellen Thomas, co-chair of the WILPF-US Disarm/End Wars Committee, made a similar tour under the auspices of Proposition One Campaign in 2009 after her husband, William Thomas, died.

William Thomas was a philosopher and visionary who knew that nuclear weapons were a threat to all life on Earth. In 1981 he began a vigil in front of the White House that his wife Ellen continued for 18 more years.

On the current Nuclear Free Future tour, now co-sponsored by WILPF and Proposition One, Ellen Thomas shares experiences from those years. She tells the story of Proposition One, the 501-c-4 corporation Ellen and William co-founded in order to launch a voter initiative in 1990 for nuclear weapons abolition. A small group of committed DC voters collected over 25,000 petition signatures to put DC Initiative 37 on the ballot in a city where citizens have almost no power in political decisions that affect them profoundly. Although *The Washington Post* and the city's white power elite bitterly fought this initiative, it succeeded and became the basis for a bill introduced in every session of Congress by Eleanor Holmes Norton between 1994 and 2016. During the 2015-16 session of the House the bill was "HR 1976."

This bill should have become law under President Obama, who promised in Prague to work toward nuclear weapons abolition. Instead, US policy since then has been the "modernization" of the whole US nuclear weapons complex, including the weapons already manufactured. As you well know, a trillion dollars has already been allocated for this project and costs will almost certainly become higher.

On the 2017 tour Ellen will be asking people to seek their legislators' co-sponsorship of Norton's "Nuclear Weapons Abolition and Economic and Energy Conversion Act." She will be calling for support of the current negotiations in the UN General Assembly for a treaty banning nuclear weapons and criminalizing their continued possession and production.

The majority of this planet's sovereign states (158 out of 193) have now rebelled against being held hostage by the nine nuclear weapons states and their approximately fifty client governments. Those states have made no progress toward a treaty abolishing nuclear weapons, as required by the 1970 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, and so the General Assembly itself is now negotiating it. Since that body is more democratic than the Security Council, with no veto and one vote per each sovereign state, decisions can be made by majority vote when consensus cannot be reached. This is a radical change in UN governance that can have far reaching consequences in the whole UN decision making process. WILPF, by the way, has had a major role in developing and promoting this new ban treaty, and Ellen will be sharing information from our extensive resources.

WILPF's Reaching Critical Will has developed over the past twenty years to assist the UN, sovereign governments, and organizations like the Thomas Merton Center to achieve abolition of nuclear weapons. The International Red Cross/Red Crescent Societies have also been deeply involved as well as a significant group of other international organizations, especially within the health professions.

Together with concerned national governments, nuclear activists have shifted discussion of nuclear weapons from strategic political concerns to the humanitarian implications of those weapons and warfare. That has made a significant difference in both debates and government policies toward the most destructive and dangerous weapons humans have ever devised and developed.

In WILPF we are now campaigning to end the whole nuclear era - including the promotion and production of nuclear power and other uses of nuclear energy. We think this is necessary for the survival of living species on earth, and for the health of our beautiful and amazing planet home. We trust that most of you share our concerns and that all of us can work together in nonviolent and creative ways to save our planet and its living species, including human beings.

Carol Umer, Co-Chair Emeritus of WILPF-US Disarm/End Wars Committee

## "Let's End the Whole Nuclear Era"

On Thursday May 18 at 7:30 pm, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, with Remembering Hiroshima/Imagining Peace, will host an evening with members of the 5,000 mile tour promoting a nuclear-free future at the Friends Meeting House, 4836 Ellsworth Ave in Oakland.

Ellen Thomas and Odile Hugonot-Haber are representing Women's International League for Peace and Freedom on the tour, and will be joined in Pittsburgh by environmental scholar Patricia DeMarco. They will speak about:

- \* The nuclear weapons ban treaty negotiations June 19-July 7, 2017, and the Women's March to Ban the Bomb on June 17;
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Ellen Thomas is currently Co-Chair of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom Disarm/End Wars Committee (since 2008) and co-founder of Proposition One Campaign for a Nuclear Free Future (1990). She maintained a vigil for global nuclear weapons abolition north of the White House day and night for 18 years (1984-2002).

Odile Hugonot-Haber is currently chair of WILPF-US Middle East Committee and recent co-chair of WILPF-US Program Committee. She is working for a Weapons of Mass Destruction-Free Middle East.

Patricia DeMarco is a Visiting Researcher and Writer, Carnegie Mellon University, Institute for Green Sciences and Senior Scholar at Chatham University. She was elected to Forest Hills Borough Council 2016-2020. Her most recent book is *Rachel Carson's Environmental Ethic - A Guide for Global Systems Decision Making*.

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- (1) Disable and dismantle all nuclear warheads, and refrain from replacing them with any weapons of mass destruction (such as biological, chemical, or depleted uranium) at any time;
- (2) Use recent levels of nuclear weapons program resources to
  - (a) convert all nuclear weapons industry employees, processes, plants, and programs smoothly to constructive, ecologically beneficial peacetime activities, including strict control of all fissile material and radioactive waste pursuant to international agreement, and
  - (b) redirect those resources into human needs such as developing carbon-free, nuclear-free energy sources, health care, education, housing, agriculture and environmental restoration (for example, build solar panels and windmills instead of missiles and bombs);
- (3) Undertake vigorous GOOD FAITH effort to eliminate war, armed conflict, and all military operations;
- (4) Actively promote policies intended to induce all nations on earth to join in these commitments for peace on earth.

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