



\*Greetings from the Site Committee

## Welcome to the Heartland

Des Moines Branch President

We in the Des Moines branch of WILPF look forward to the WILPF 2008 Triennial Congress with great anticipation. It will be a privilege to gather with WILPF members from around the country and to gain strength and inspiration from each other.

Our Des Moines branch is growing, with over 150 members at present. We are blessed with dedicated women and men who are active on many fronts in the work for peace and justice. As a follow-up to our corporate study course, we put on a well-attended conference on corporate power in 2005. We hosted a weekend with David Korten, author of *When Corporations Rule the World* and *The Great Turning*, in 2006, which focused on grass roots activism. Our Water Women study group (*Water is a Wo(men)'s Issue*) has educated and inspired many of us to learn more about issues surrounding the right to water.

Among the various endeavors of our members, some of us are involved with efforts to bring public campaign financing to Iowa, which we see as a way to combat the big corporate money in the political system that impacts all the vital issues about which we care so much.

In this time of critical challenges, WILPF members are called to find new and powerful ways to speak out for peace and justice. We know that we are all deeply interconnected, as people and as a planet. We also know that in solidarity there is strength. Together, we can do so much.

Thank you for your registration. We are anxious to welcome you to Iowa!

In solidarity,  
*Judy Lonning*

## Registration for the Congress

The **Great Hall – Wednesday, June 25: Registration will begin at 12:30 pm – 4:30 (although we will continue throughout the day).** Each attendee will be given their room assignments (linens are provided). Simpson student assistants will be available to answer any questions and/or help with luggage.

Registration will take place in the **Great Hall** only a short distance from your dorm room. If you will be arriving late that night or on Thursday, we will arrange for one of the students or one of our volunteers to assist in your registration.

The **Great Hall** will also serve as the meeting room for the plenary sessions and other large group activities. The dining hall is on the ground floor of the same building.

Dining Hall



- \*1st row (l to r): Sherrie Taha, Willa Tharp, Diane Krell, Evelyn Glazebrook, Tae Campbell
- 2nd row: Mary Hanson Harrison, Marybeth Gardam, Cheryl Sypal, Sherry Hutchison, Maggie Rawland, Jan Hollebrands
- not present: Maggie McGill, Jan Burns, Judy Lonning

## Getting to Indianola

**Plane:** Des Moines International Airport serves: Allegiant Air, American (Amer Eagle), Continental (Express Jet), Delta (Comair), Midwest Airlines, Northwest, and United  
**Shuttle Service:** Simpson will provide this FREE service from the DSM airport to Simpson. **Please send ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE TIMES** to [wilpf-desmoines@dwx.com](mailto:wilpf-desmoines@dwx.com) or phone 515-255-6587

### BUS: DES MOINES GREYHOUND STATION

1107 KEOSAUQUA WAY  
 Des Moines, IA 50309

### Telephone Numbers

Main: 515-243-1773  
 Baggage: 515-243-0577  
 Greyhound Package Express: 515-243-0577  
 Customer Service: 515-243-1773

### Hours of Operation

Hours of operation subject to change. Please call to verify hours before making travel arrangements.

**Station** Monday-Sunday: 4:45 am-11:59 pm  
 Holiday: 4:45 am-11:59 pm

**Ticketing** Monday-Sunday: 4:45 am-11:59 pm  
 Holiday: 4:45 am-11:59 pm

Greyhound passengers age 62 and older may request a **5 percent discount** on unrestricted passenger fares. Appropriate ID may be required.

**TAXI:** Yellow Cab Company - 515-243-1111 Capital Cab Company - 515-282-8111 Cost for cab from airport to Simpson is approximately \$35.00

**CAR:** [see page 4](#) Free parking is available 5 minutes from dorm - loading zone near dorms

## On campus, on the go – Simpson College

**Campus Amenities:** The campus buildings for our meeting are within a leisurely 5 minute walk from the **Great Hall** where we register and dine, and the dorms are close as well.

Coffee shop, lounges, beautiful library, bookstore & small sundries are available for our use.

Copying services will be available at the Conference center for \$.10/page.

Air-conditioned dorm rooms are provided with linen service [pillow, linens, 1 towel, 1 washcloth, soap & glass]. Only specified rooms will have a phone.

In each residence hall room: You may access the internet through your own internet provider via dial-up access at no charge from Simpson College, as there are telephone jacks in each room. Simpson College will provide wired internet connections only.

High-speed wired internet connections are available in your individual residence hall rooms with advance notice and a \$25.00 flat rate for the WILPF Congress 2008.

\*The High Speed Internet Access form and \$25.00 must

be completed and returned to Simpson College prior to June 24, 2008. As access will be turned on in the specific room to which you are registered, room changes upon arrival will not be feasible.

\*Contact Ellen Schwartz - [ellen@nicetechnology.com](mailto:ellen@nicetechnology.com) 916-369-5510/916-835-4330 (cell) for a copy of the form and for any questions.

All WILPF participants will have access to our computer labs during WILPF Congress 2008 at no additional charge. We will have access to computers in Dunn Library, Carver Science Building and the dorm. Simpson College will not be able to provide any personal computer support services.

The dorm lounge has microwave and small refrigerator(s).

A beautiful swimming pool is available within limited hours which will be posted at the time of registration.

Campus is ADA compliant

## Speakers to Challenge Us



Amy Goodman,  
**Democracy  
Now!** host on  
Pacifica Radio

*"I really do think that if for one week in the United States we saw the true face of war, we saw people's limbs sheared off, we saw kids blown apart, for one week, war would be eradicated  
Instead, what we see in the U.S. media is the video war game. Our mission is to make dissent commonplace in America."* Goodman



*"We can shape the national sentiment with our voices of compassion and reason. We can send the simple message that we must not kill innocent people in the name of justice."* Korten

Fran Korten, publisher of  
**Yes! Magazine**



Honoree Peg Mullen,  
anti-war activist and  
author of *Unfriendly Fire:  
A Mother's Memoir*

On Tribute Night, we are honoring women in our Tribute Book and others who have given their hearts and minds to the pursuit of peace & justice.

Peg Mullen is a special honoree as she will receive the WILPF Des Moines Branch annual STRONG FEISTY WOMAN Award for her incessant and courageous activism against the Vietnam War and making public aware of the death of her son by "friendly fire."

## Be Prepared

*Action – Analysis – Putting Our House in Order– Geographical Gatherings – Fun – Understanding the Connections with International WILPF and JAPA – Workshops – Planning WILPF's Future Leadership Role in the Progressive Movement* – these are the topics members told us they wanted covered in the program at our 30th Triennial Congress. And we listened (see outline of Congress – [www.wilpf.org](http://www.wilpf.org)).

We have a lot of work to get done; however, we assure you that we have left spaces for actually talking about what we've heard and learned. Yes, "open spaces" are interspersed throughout the entire Congress; *soapboxes* (actual boxes) for individual orations in a commons area outdoors, *gathering circles* for common interest sharing, *geographic circles* for regional exchanges.

**You will be asked to sign up for these spaces when you register.** You will also be asked to sign up for volunteer hours at various tables or other areas where you will be needed.

**RSVP by May 18** for those who are planning to attend world famous Des Moines Opera Gaetano Donizetti's comedic opera, *The Elixir of Love* – Mary Hanson Harrison, [harrison0607@msn.com](mailto:harrison0607@msn.com)/515-282-4814. The tickets are for the dress rehearsal on Thursday evening ON CAMPUS and are FREE!

And don't forget to bring your **BEST GOODIES** for our silent auction! [Examples, jewelry, scarves, books, memorabilia, expert advice (tutoring on fundraising, organizing, etc.)]

**CAR:** routes (see map) Simpson is located in the city of Indianola, a residential community of 13,000 people. **Indianola is 12 miles south of Des Moines, Iowa's capital city; 12 miles east of Interstate 35; and 15 miles south of Interstates 80 and 235.** The Des Moines International Airport is 20 minutes from campus. Five miles south of Indianola is Lake Ahquabi State Park, where swimming and other recreational facilities are available.



→ Indianola, Iowa

**Suggested things to bring:** Snack food & drink; drinking cup or glass; alarm clock; small flashlight; if coming by car, an ice chest will be helpful. We will have access to small refrigerators. Bring one nice, not fancy, outfit for the opera. Rain gear; although it's fairly hot here in June, the evenings can be cool so a sweater would be appropriate. Nearby Buxton Park extends the beauty of the campus with a gazebo, brilliant plantings and plenty of room for a walk or gatherings. Bring walking shoes.

*"I do not allow myself to be overcome by hopelessness, no matter how tough the situation. I believe that if you do your little bit without thinking of the bigness of what you stand against, if you turn to the enlargement of your own capacities, just that in itself creates new potential."*

*Vandana Shiva*