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Dear WILPF Members,

We rely on donations to carry out our work. Make your contribution to peace and justice today!

The full moon falls on New Year's and we'll be spending it somewhere in Gujarat state, India, on our way to the WILPF International Board meeting at Gandhi University. One of the most compelling reasons for belonging to WILPF is the opportunity it affords to develop deep alliances with women from many parts of the world. Many of you reading this letter are veterans of several WILPF international meetings, while we are relative novices, having each attended only one in the past. You can offer advice or follow our travels through [WILPF's Facebook page](#). If you are not already a fan, now is a great time to become one.

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Many members relate to WILPF as a social network or family as well as a political home. We've been gratified by the generous response of so many of you to WILPF's annual fundraising appeal and the surge of membership renewals that has been flooding the national office during the month of December. If you haven't already given, there is still time to postmark a check or give on-line for 2009.

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Your commitment puts WILPF on solid ground as we move ambitiously forward into the next decade. The board recently approved a budget for 2010, which you can access, along with the third quarter financials, at <http://wilpf.org/20093rdQtrFinanceAnd2010Budget>. This budget provides for two sessions of the Practicum in Advocacy at the United Nations, special programming to celebrate the 150th birthday of Jane Addams and the 10th anniversary of Security Council Resolution 1325, a retreat for the leadership teams of our ten issue committees, and involvement in the second U.S. Social Forum, to be held in Detroit in June.

January 25: copy deadline for the spring 2010 issue of Peace and Freedom; submission can be sent to Theta Pavis, editor, at [peacefreedom\(at\)wilpf.org](mailto:peacefreedom(at)wilpf.org).

The National Board is also pleased to appoint Georgia Pinkel as program co-chair. Georgia is returning to the National board, having served as Membership Chair during the 2005-08 term. She has kept abreast of WILPF news by serving as the editor of the popular Branch Action column for Peace and Freedom, a post she will retain.



We end the year with too many farewells. On December 25, long time WILPF member Rita Arditti died of cancer. Rita was loved for her warm smile and admired for her work with the Grandmothers of the Plaza de Mayo in Argentina. Sam Cooke, who so capably led WILPF's Peacewomen Project for four years, bid farewell on December 18. We wish her the best of luck in her new position with the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission. Our beloved Secretary General Susi Snyder will be leaving her post following the IB meeting in January, and closer to home, we'll be bidding farewell to WILPF U.S. Director of Operations Stacey Ferguson Mruk. [Click here](#) to read Stacey's thoughts on leaving WILPF.

With the highest aspirations for us all, moving forward and making peace.

Nancy Munger and Laura Roskos
Co-Presidents, U.S. Section

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