

Peaceways

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Housing Available in Davis Bottom

Davis Bottom is a historic neighborhood nestled into the heart of downtown Lexington. With the completion of the Newtown Pike Extension Project nearing, the homes, families, and community spirit that once filled the neighborhood are coming back. Lexington Community Land Trust, a 501c(3) (nonprofit) organization, is currently building permanently affordable single-family homes in the now-renamed Davis Park neighborhood. These new construction homes are quality-built and energy efficient while

maintaining affordable prices. Once complete, the neighborhood will feature a five-acre city park, bike paths, and mixed-use development. Lexington CLT is currently accepting applications from qualified applicants for the homeownership program. For questions, or to determine eligibility for this program, please call (859) 303-5223 or visit LexingtonCLT.org.



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Military budget lobbying with help from FCNL

Sixty teams nationally are being organized to educate people about the military budget. After training, groups are meeting with their member of Congress or a staffer, get to know them, and lobby them on the issue.

Lexington has been asked to form a team, and already a group in town is interested. Emily Savin from the Friends

Committee on National Legislation is coming to the Quaker Meeting House (649 Price Ave., Lexington) on Wednesday, August 2 from 5:30-9 p.m. to help get this group started. The meeting will begin with a light supper. CKCPJ is a local sponsor for the event. Please register at: http://act.fcnl.org/event/advocacy-teams_attend/141

The July 23 issue of the [Lexington] *Herald-Leader* began a series by John Cheeves about accidental child shootings in Kentucky. Cheeves reports that in Kentucky, a child accidentally shoots another child every seven weeks. On July 24, Cheeves explores the Gun Violence Archive, which tallies gun violence in America. CKCPJ suggests that readers include that GVA statistics on the agenda of any and all meetings as a way to bring additional public attention to the issue. Cheeves' story makes it clear this issue cries out for attention in Kentucky. Please include GVA statistics on the agenda for your next meeting. They are updated daily.

Gun Violence In America as of 7-24-17

(excluding suicide)

2017

Killed	8,694
Wounded	17,355

2016

Killed	13,218
Wounded	27,241

Source: www.gunviolencearchive.org

Solar Over Kentucky

CKCPJ member Dick Shore asked that information about the installation of solar generation be sent to all members. A recent press conference announced that solar panel installation is underway at the Catholic Action Center, a Lexington homeless shelter. Adam Edelen, a management consultant with experience in both the private and public sectors, told the press that the project is the first shelter in the country converting to renewable energy without public funding.

Individuals and companies interested in such conversion are asked to consider the following steps:

1. Contact a solar installer and ask for a budget estimate for purchase and installation of solar electric generation for a specific roof.
2. Contact their electric utility and tell them you are negotiating to install your own solar generation, but that you are interested in a conditional lease to the utility of roof space for the specific purpose of the utility placing solar generation capacity there, that the utility would design, install, own, operate, and maintain, to be installed by a local installer.

Background

1. Capability. The existing electric utilities make their money by investing in generation capacity. They cover their costs when selling electricity, but they make their money investing in generation. In a recent rate case by Kentucky Utilities, the Public Service Commission affirmed a return over 9 percent. The utility companies know how to borrow money. They know how to organize and conduct construction projects. They know how to find engineering expertise. Kentucky Utilities has already installed solar at their Brown

- generation facility on Lake Herrington.
2. Incentives. Some states have a “renewable portfolio standard” that requires a stated fraction of generation capacity to use wind, or solar. Kentucky has no such requirement for electricity from non-carbon generation. Solar is now price-competitive with natural gas. See utilitydive.com/news/renewables-challenge-natural-gas-plants-on-price-inlatest-lazard-analysis/432700/
3. Siting. Larger roofs, such as industrial and commercial buildings, are more cost-effective than smaller roofs, such as residences. By contrast with farmland or other non-urban areas large industrial and commercial buildings already have electric supply cables serving them, so that no additional transmission lines would be needed to connect to the grid.
4. Monopoly. The electric utilities are regulated monopolies. To the extent that electricity is generated by others, they will lose money. They have a huge investment in generation and transmission facilities. To the extent they install decentralized roof solar generation, they will continue to dominate the electric sector.

Other Action

Roof owners and others may want to contact their state legislators urging a clean renewable portfolio standard that cuts air pollution and encourages the use of non-carbon fuels by setting minimum standards for the fraction of generation to come from each of several non-carbon sources, in particular wind and solar. Such persons may also want to contact electric utility companies to urge the utility publicly endorse such legislation. For more information contact Dick Shore dick@JohnMuirKY.com

Rabbi Uri Smith has sent a letter to Kentucky Secretary of State Allison Lundergan Grimes, in the name of CKCPJ, thanking her for her position of protection of the Kentucky voting records which have been requested by the federal executive administration in a search for election fraud. If you, like CKCPJ, believe that these records should be kept private, please send your own thanks to Sec. Grimes.

The Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice

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End the Interference in Venezuela

Although former CKCPJ co-chair Janet Tucker has moved to Pennsylvania to be closer to family, she continues her activism. Peaceways received the following letter with a request for support.

The Committees of Correspondence for Democracy and Socialism (CCDS) joins with people all over the world to demand that the United States stop interfering in the internal affairs of the sovereign nation of Venezuela. This interference is intended to embolden the political right and to cause such internal turmoil as to destabilize the current democratically-elected government until it is overthrown.

We demand an end to U.S. efforts to isolate Venezuelan diplomats from normal international interaction, stop efforts to blockade and weaken the Venezuelan economy, and end support for internal opposition elements who are engaging in violence and physical destruction in the streets of Caracas. We applaud and support the efforts of Pope Francis to launch a negotiation to end the violent conflict between the Maduro government and opposition factions.

United States Opposition to the Bolivarian Revolution

Senate Bill S-1018 (“Venezuelan Humanitarian Assistance and Defense of Democratic Governance Act of 2017”) introduced in May, 2017 is designed to escalate interference in the internal politics of Venezuela. The Alliance for Global Justice indicates that the proposed legislation includes provisions that construe criminal conduct in Venezuela as political repression, provide “humanitarian assistance” to opposition groups, urge the Organization of American States to ostracize Venezuela for violating democracy, isolate Venezuelan diplomats from participating in international organizations because of charges of drug dealing or corruption, and expand an economic embargo to increase the misery experienced by the majority of Venezuelan citizens.

The Senate Bill is just one of the most recent examples of a 20-year strategy to undermine and overthrow the populist Venezuelan government launched by Hugo Chavez. This United States effort at regime change included supporting a military coup against him in 2002. After

the untimely death of Chavez in 2013, his replacement, Nicholas Maduro, has been subjected to escalated U.S. subversion of the government and support for wealthy Venezuelans who have launched a civil war against the democratically elected government. What Chavistas call the Bolivarian Revolution, a historic project of the Latin American people to gain their national sovereignty from imperial control of the United States, is now threatened with a violent civil war against the regime. The majority of the population of Venezuela now experience food shortages, inflated prices, and reduced resources for maintaining newly created grassroots institutions including health care and worker cooperatives. While the root causes of the crisis are many, including an over-reliance on an oil-based export economy, the problems the country face are inextricably connected to U.S.-based subversion and efforts to overthrow the government by the Venezuelan wealthy class.

What is taking place in Venezuela is a right-wing reaction to a popular revolution.

The revolution began with the Bolivarian movement conceived under the presidency of the late Hugo Chavez. Since the untimely demise of Chavez, the movement has pressed forward, expanding and consolidating its gains, discomfiting the Venezuelan affluent classes and their allies in Washington, D.C. Historically, revolutionary resistance to big power dominance invariably generates violent backlash from those who cling to wealth and power in the international system and their partners within societies.

The long-standing subversion of Venezuela is virtually a repeat of what happened in Chile during the early 1970s. The Popular Unity government headed by Salvador Allende was successful in promoting revolutionary goals until a U.S.-backed coup killed him and overthrew the legally-elected Allende government. Thousands were tortured and murdered, and Chilean society was set back for decades, a trauma from which it has been taking years to heal.

With popular movements rising everywhere in the 21st century, it is imperative that progressives support revolutionary change in other countries first and foremost by staunch opposition to our own government’s imperial foreign

policy aims. The struggles against racism at home, for single-payer health care, and economic justice for workers are parallel to and connected to the struggles proceeding all across the globe. “An injury to one is an injury to all.”

Paul Krehbiel
Rafael Pizarro
Harry Targ
Janet Tucker
Co-Chairs, CCDS

••••• **Submissions to Peaceways**

Articles submitted for publication in *Peaceways* should show an awareness of and sensitivity to the CKCPJ’s mission and concerns.

Articles of varying lengths are encouraged. Short essays reflecting an individual’s experience of peace- and justice-related events and community action or activism are encouraged, as well.

Feature articles should be no longer than 500 words, unless you are willing to have the piece cut to fit one page of *Peaceways* text. Pieces will be edited for clarity.

Please include references in the text for all quotations, statistics, and unusual facts. End- or footnotes are not used. Please query submissions to peacewayseditor@gmail.com before writing a feature article intended solely for *Peaceways*.

For all submissions, the author’s name, address, and phone number should appear on the body of the submitted text. If you submit material that has been published or which you are also submitting to other publishers, be sure to indicate this. Also include information about your relationship to any organization or issue mentioned in the article for inclusion in a biographical reference at the end of the story. Submissions should be made in Word format *via* email. Book reviews are usually solicited by the editor but we welcome inquiries from potential reviewers.

Submission deadline is the 10th of each month. *Peaceways* is published 10 times a year. We do not publish in January.

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Calendar for Peace & Justice

The council seeks to promote dialogue as a path to peace and justice. Consequently, we announce events that we do not necessarily endorse.

Wed., Aug. 2

Lobbying Workshop, 5:30-9 p.m. Quaker Meeting House, 649 Price Ave., Lexington. Emily Savin, Friends Committee on National Legislation will provide information about effective ways to lobby concerning the military budget. The meeting will begin with a light supper. Register at: http://act.fcni.org/event/advocacy-teams_attend/141

Tues., Aug. 8

PFLAG, 6:30-8:30 p.m., St. Michael Episcopal Church, 2025 Bellefonte Drive, Lexington. Speaker for the meeting is Chris Hartman, founding director of the Kentucky Fairness Campaign, dedicated to an inclusive community where all people are valued. For two decades, he has worked across the state, promoting legislation prohibiting discrimination of LGBTQ people. PFLAG welcomes LGBTQ persons, family members, friends and allies. Presentation and Q & A takes place the first hour, followed by our confidential support group meeting.

Tues., Aug. 8

Central Kentucky SURJ, 5:30 p.m. Wild Fig Books and Coffee, 726 N. Limestone, Lexington. Discussion will include plans for advocacy for the coming months, including "Take Back Cheapside."

Tues., Aug. 15

CKCPJ steering committee meeting, 7 p.m. Quaker Meeting House, 649 Price Ave., Lexington. Discussion will include follow-up on the May 24 Re-Set Supper, planning for the upcoming committee meetings, proposals for new initiatives and continuing action.

If you interested in becoming more involved with **Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice** or are currently involved with an issue that you would like to add to CKCPJ's agenda, please feel free to attend a steering committee meeting or reach out to the group through peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com or (859) 488-1448. You are also welcome to come and listen.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

CKCPJ Steering Committee Meetings, third Tuesday, 7 p.m, Quaker Meeting House, 649 Price Ave. More info: (859) 488-1448 or peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com. All are welcome.

Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Peace, every Thursday, 5:30 - 6 p.m. at Triangle Park (corner of Broadway and Main Street) in downtown Lexington. Contact Richard Mitchell, (859) 327-6277.

Migrant Network Coalition, first Monday, noon - 1:15 p.m., GLOBAL LEX, 1306 Versailles Road, Lexington. Contact Lindsay Mattingly, lmatingly@lexpublib.org, (859) 231-5514.

PFLAG Central Kentucky, second Tuesday, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. LGBTQ individuals of all ages, family members, friends and allies are welcome. St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 2025 Bellefonte Dr., Lexington. Visit info@pflagcentralky.org or (859) 338-4393. Speakers followed by confidential support group meeting.

Bluegrass Fairness of Central Kentucky, second Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Lexington Public Central Library, 140 E. Main St., Lexington. Contact Craig Cammack, chair, (859) 951-8565 or info@lexfair.org.

Wednesday Night GLSO "Heart to Heart" discussion group, 7 p.m., Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave., Lexington. GLSO operates Kentucky's only Pride Center, where they have quietly provided services to the GLBTQQIA community for decades. More info, Pride Center hours. and other links at www.glsso.org.

Humanist Forum of Central Kentucky, first Thursday, 7 p.m., Great Hall of the Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Rd., Lexington. The Forum is a Chapter of the American Humanist Association. Meetings are open to people of all beliefs willing to express their opinions in a civil manner. Child care is provided. Contact President Staci Maney, staci@olliegee.com or (859) 797-2662.

Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, third Thursday, 7 p.m., Episcopal Diocese Mission House at Fourth St. and MLK Blvd, Lexington. Contact Ondine Quinn, (859) 276-0563.

NAMI Lexington Support Groups, every Sunday, 2:30 - 4 p.m. Participation Station, 869 Sparta Court, Lexington. Call (859) 272-7891 or visit www.namilex.org.

Christian-Muslim Dialogue Program, fourth Saturday, 10 a.m. - noon. All are welcome. Locations vary, call (859) 277-5126. The Christian-Muslim dialogue promotes understanding and mutual respect between Christians and Muslims. By exploring moral, cultural and political factors shaping the current context, the program promotes personal and collective responsibility to build a more just and peaceful world.

Dance Jam, every Tuesday, 5:30 - 7 p.m., Quaker Meeting House, 649 Price Ave. Move to the extent you are able. Sponsored by Motion Matters, \$7 per session to cover space rental. Contact Pamela, info@motionmatters.org, (859) 351-3142.

Movies with Spirit, second Friday of every month. Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Road, Lexington. Potluck at 6 p.m., film at 7.

National Action Network, third Thursday each month, 7 - 8:30 p.m. at the Central Library, Lexington.

To include a regular meeting of your organization in this space, contact Margaret Gabriel, peacewayseditor@gmail.com.

NO IS NOT ENOUGH: *Resisting Trump's Shock Politics and Winning the World We Need*

288 pages, Haymarket Books (published June 2017)

Reviewed by Jim Trammel

Trump is not an aberration, he is a symptom. He did not just luck into power through a fortuitous combination of economic paranoia, ugly racism and mistrust of immigrants. He is not even unique. He is the first of what will be more right-wingers ready to take advantage of social turbulence that cloaks an insidious global agenda. Just denying their initiatives isn't enough to win back power – there must be an active, organized, programmed resistance, says Canadian journalist, columnist and author Naomi Klein.

We must realize that Klein is speaking from her usual position on the far left of the spectrum. In another book, *This Changes Everything*, she conflated rampant capitalism (she hates capitalism) with the climate change issues that regularly occupy her. Here she synthesizes absolutely every socio-political development, in a book banged out just a couple of months ago.



Author Naomi Klein.

Klein builds to a starry-eyed social prescription that involves a radical leftward-shifting remake of society, in which brands and manufactured things are valued less (she hates branding), and caring and service to others somehow acquire comparable quantifiable economic cash value.

Implementing a plan of this scope would signify a societal revolution that would take its place on the pages of history with only a few other great social upheavals. The details are contained in her policy document called the Leap Manifesto, as in “you can't leap a canyon in two steps,” so it is sweepingly broad, and well-nigh impossible to translate into existing structures. Read through it only if you want to immerse yourself in impossible dreams.

Before that, however, she makes observations about Trumpism and how it can be resisted, a more enlightening part of the book. She was on the barricades back in the '70s and '80s when strikingly well-attended demonstrations challenged global world economics organizations' summit meetings. I remember coverage of demonstrators breaking store windows in Seattle. I wondered “What are they so passionate about – and why are there so many of them?” Now I have a better handle.

This globalism movement, once significant and relatively powerful, lost its place onstage after 9/11. What has arisen since is similarly global, but with a huge difference – it's *laissez-faire*, free-trade, corporate globalism, bent on plundering the earth and its palette of peoples to further

enrich the white male patriarchy.

Klein makes her most cautionary points about “shock politics” and “disaster capitalism.” In times of crisis, disaster capitalists and politicians looking to restrict personal freedoms seize upon chaos to advance their agendas of plunder.

The most chilling example she cites is the Hurricane Katrina aftermath, in which displaced and scattered citizens found their homes replaced by condominiums for the well-off. This happened in a hastily approved let's-do-this-now civic revitalization, that extended even to places on high ground not seriously affected by the flooding. Vice President Mike Pence, disturbingly, was key to this effort.

We have to be vigilant, Klein sensibly warns, that the next terrorist attack is not seized upon to erode opposition to the Muslim travel ban. It has happened elsewhere already: In England, after the Westminster auto attack earlier this year, the government moved to supervise all electronic communication. In Paris in 2015, after those brutal shootings, only political assembly was forbidden – other venues such as concerts and athletic events went on, though events such as those were where the terrorists struck.

Klein mentions one possible good thing about Trump and his victory: It has helped unify and shine a light on opposition, as demonstrated by 4.2 million women who hit the streets after the inauguration.

On a personal level, Trump's egregiously negative example helped Klein (she says) and perhaps could help each of us notice the parts of Trump's ideology that might once have lived inside ourselves, so we can isolate, root out, and kill those awful tendencies.

Klein's book is current and engaging. Her prescription for the future is folly for now, but who knows what could someday happen. Trump was an unpredictable long shot, after all.

Reviewer Jim Trammel determined that the parts of Trump that lived inside him were in his pinky toes.

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*“The real and lasting
victories are those of
peace and not of war.”*

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

Bringing a Nuclear Weapons Control, Non-proliferation and Disarmament Specialist to Central Kentucky

by Maryann Ghosal and Kerby Neill

The Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice is currently working to bring Jonathan Granoff, a national and international leader on nuclear weapons control, non-proliferation and disarmament to Central Kentucky. The urgency of this topic in today’s national and international environment was stressed emphatically earlier this year when the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists’ Doomsday Clock advanced to two and a half minutes before midnight, the closest it’s been to midnight since 1953.

An attorney and author, Jonathan Granoff is the president of the Global Security Institute, As well as, Senior Advisor to the American Bar Association’s Committee on Arms Control and National Security and Co-Chair of the ABA Blue Ribbon Task Force on Nuclear Non-proliferation. In addition, Mr. Granoff is the award-winning screenwriter of *The Constitution: The Document that Created a Nation*, and has written articles for more than 50 publications and books. Featured as guest and expert commentator on hundreds of radio and television programs, Mr. Granoff has also testified frequently before Congressional committees and at the United Nations. Under Mr. Granoff’s leadership, The Global Security Institute is dedicated to strengthening international cooperation and security based on the rule of law, with a particular focus on nuclear arms control, non-proliferation and disarmament. GSI was founded by Senator Alan Cranston whose insight

that nuclear weapons are impractical, unacceptably risky, and unworthy of civilization continues to inspire GSI’s efforts to contribute to a safer world. GSI has developed an exceptional team that includes former heads of state and government, distinguished diplomats, effective politicians, committed celebrities, religious leaders, Nobel Peace Laureates, disarmament and legal experts, and concerned citizens. (Mr. Granoff was also nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014). GSI works through four, results-oriented programs:

- The Bipartisan Security Group targets members of Congress and their staff;
- Disarmament & Peace Education works with citizens and leaders in the global community;
- The Middle Powers Initiative addresses security concerns of Middle

Powers (economically significant countries that have renounced nuclear arms.)

- Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament is a worldwide network of legislators. One current effort of the Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament is U.S. Senate Bill 200, “Restricting First Use of Nuclear Weapons Act of 2017,” introduced by Senator Ed Markey, co-president of the PNNPD. It would prohibit the first use of a nuclear weapon without a declaration of war by the U.S. Congress. Watch Facebook and *Peaceways* for more information about when and where Mr. Granoff will be speaking. If you would like to help plan and prepare for his visit, contact Kerby Neill at tkneill@earthlink.net.

Maryann and Kerby are members of the CKCPJ steering committee

CKCPJ continues the sale of its artistic specialty Kentucky license plate that proclaims “Peace is Possible.”

The for the license plate was created by local artist Jaqui Linder and features a flock of sandhill cranes a centuries-old, cross-cultural symbol for wisdom, peace and longevity.

Locally, the ancient sandhill crane is recognized as a multi-cultural ambassador of peace. The sandhill migration is a wonderful sign, familiar to many Kentuckians.

“I envisioned several cranes in flight to communicate movement upward and



outward toward hope,” Jacqui said.

The lavender-purple on the plate represents transformation while the dramatic oranges, which blend to soft yellows, symbolize strength and light.

If you would like to purchase a plate, please contact Rebecca Glasscock, rebecca.glasscock@kctcs.edu