



## Democratic Party Passes Progressive Platform—Except for Peace

Jeff Klein, Dorchester

The Massachusetts Democratic Party passed its most progressive platform ever at its convention in Worcester June 3. Single-payer healthcare, a \$15 minimum wage, paid family leave, forgiveness of student loan debt, a ranked-choice voting system, an independent commission to draw the state's congressional districts, an end to for-profit prisons, a carbon tax, and accountability for police officers who use excessive force, are among its provisions.

It was the largest platform convention in the state party's history. Our Revolution Massachusetts (ORMA), the Bernie Sanders-inspired organization, organized 700 convention delegates and had a substantial presence.

Delegates passed four ORMA-supported platform amendments, on voting reform, criminal justice, climate

justice, and student debt relief, and added them to the party platform.

Massachusetts Peace Action (MAPA) and ORMA then proposed two platform planks dealing with questions of war and peace:



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**"Massachusetts in the World"** calls for a foreign policy that honors our treaty obligations to get rid of nuclear weapons; relies on diplomacy not war; and reduces military spending to fund urgent needs at home.

**"Peace in the Middle East"** calls for an end to US military interventions; stopping massive weapons sales to Saudi Arabia and other non-democratic regimes; peace and security for Israelis and Palestinians, while affirming US policy that Israel's settlements in occupied territory are obstacles to peace; opposition to limits on free speech on questions of Israel and Palestine.

While delegates to the Convention were allowed to debate and vote on various other ORMA platform amendments, the Party leadership ruled that platform planks dealing with foreign policy issues were "out of order"—

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## Locals Rally to Support People's Budget

Renae Reints, Suffolk University

In an event co-sponsored by Massachusetts Peace Action, nearly 200 people rallied outside the Tip O'Neill Federal Building May 31 to protest the Trump administration's budget proposal. Activists held signs reading "No more cuts! Tax the 1%!" and "Hands off our Social Security!" while chanting "Stand up! Rise up! Resist!"

Speakers condemned the Republican budget while endorsing an alternative: The People's Budget. This budget, drafted by the Congressional Progressive Caucus, devotes \$2 trillion to clean energy, infrastructure, education, and healthcare. It expands Social Security, closes tax loopholes, and stops CEOs from awarding themselves millions in tax-free bonuses.

"People just want equality," said Ingrid Smith, member of the grass-

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roots community organization City Life and supporter of the People's Budget.

"Everyone just wants enough money to pay their bills and live."

The president's budget proposal calls for cuts to programs focused on climate protection, housing, food security, worker safety, and cancer research, and over \$200 billion from food programs. Alongside the \$880 billion cut to Medicaid already passed

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## Introducing Michelle Cunha

*Renae Reints, Suffolk University*

"We have to be able to make our own choices, and you don't make a choice to be bombed," said Michelle Cunha, Assistant Director of MAPA.



This is the ideology that led Cunha, a longtime reproductive rights activist, to join the peace movement. Cunha first joined New Hampshire Peace Action in 2004, graduated from Franklin Pierce University in 2006, and became Bird Dog Coordinator for New Hampshire Peace Action in 2008.

With this position, Cunha tracked where presidential candidates would be campaigning in New Hampshire during the 2008 election and brought volunteers to ask questions.

When she moved back to her hometown of Bedford, Massachusetts, in 2014, Cunha joined MAPA. This year, we welcome her as Assistant Director of the organization – a newly-created position. Cunha works closely with Executive Director Cole Harrison to make sure MAPA reaches its goals.

Cunha recently made TV news when she questioned Rep. Seth Moulton about his stance in favor of the U.S. retaining the option to launch a nuclear weapon first (*photo, above*).

"Most of the jobs that I've had in the past have been making other people rich," said Cunha, who worked for a private ambulance company before joining the peace movement. "This job is about being a part of the solution and not part of the problem. This is about being part of the greater good."

## Tweeting for Peace

*Renae Reints, Suffolk University*

Kripa Solanki isn't old enough to vote, but that isn't stopping her from making her voice heard.

The 17-year-old Wellesley High School student is one of the youngest interns at MAPA, running a large part of the organization's Twitter and Facebook presence while also participating with the Social & Economic Justice and Middle East working groups.

"I was looking for a way to participate in changing what our country is like right now," said Solanki, adding that she felt "a sense of powerlessness" because while she was educated on all the issues, she still has one more year until she can vote. When she began looking for a more activist-centered volunteer position, she discovered MAPA.

"I found that MAPA stands for a lot of the issues that I care about through the lens of military spending," said Solanki. "It's not just about peace."



Outside of MAPA, Solanki is an active student who will be taking her education further, studying abroad in Armenia for her upcoming senior year and the year following. She plans to pursue a career in foreign policy or economics.

"I think it's important to foster more productive relationships with countries, rather than destructive alliances," said Solanki. "And we can still have people in well-paying jobs who aren't also working against their health and against their environment."

Solanki said she has learned a lot about how to present data graphically and research both sides of an issue. Additionally, the connections Solanki made through MAPA have inspired her.

"I think just being around this atmosphere of people who are so well connected and want to make a difference and are always pushing each other to do better – that's probably one of the best parts of MAPA," said Solanki.

## From Local Student to Global Citizen

*Renae Reints, Suffolk University*

Matthew Hahm was accustomed to hearing about war and its inevitability, but it wasn't until he took a certain course during his junior year at Boston College that he was offered an alternative. Through his learning, peace became a possibility to him.

"That course really helped me see that one of the biggest things that we need to do is just try to imagine peace," said Hahm.

The following summer, Hahm – originally from Washington state – interned with MAPA, hoping to help turn around the foreign policy he felt was corrupt. The internship gave him the opportunity to attend the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia.

He also went to Washington, D.C. for the Climate March and sat on a student panel at a peace convention.

During his senior year at Boston College, Hahm started a MAPA student chapter. After graduating this spring, Hahm will pursue work with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in Belize. For the next two years, Hahm will help with pastoral ministry work in the parish of a Belize community.



"The idea of being a global citizen is connected to my faith," said Hahm, a student of sociology and theology. "We need to see how one policy here can affect other people across the world. It's not right if we infringe on somebody else's rights so that we can gain more."



## Nuclear Disarmament Advocates gather at MIT

*Michael VanElzakker, Somerville, and Jonathan King, Cambridge*

On May 6 more than 200 concerned people gathered at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) for the 2017 "Resisting the Threat of Nuclear War" conference. MAPA was a key co-sponsor of this gathering along with AFSC, Council for a Livable World, MIT Radius, and the Future of Life Institute.

In a foreboding sign of the dangerous instability to come, then President-elect Donald Trump had tweet-ed out:

*"The United States must greatly strengthen and expand its nuclear capability until such time as the world comes to its senses regarding nukes".*

The new instability created by Trump was on the mind of everyone attending the MIT conference. There was considerable concern over the need to protect hard-won nonproliferation advances such as the Iran nuclear deal from the current political reaction.

Many of those present had worked on nuclear disarmament issues for many years, and they know that some of the hardest battles will have to be fought against both major US parties. Perhaps most salient is the Obama-supported \$1 Trillion (with a T) nuclear weapons escalation (euphemistically called a "modernization" by its proponents in the weapons industry and by their representatives in government).

In addition to the disarmament advo-

cates, representatives from local, state and the federal government spoke towards the end of the day. In a panel with US Rep. Barbara Lee and chaired by former Rep. John Tierney, former Secretary of Energy Ernie Moniz continued to advocate for the "Iran deal,"



*Rep. Barbara Lee and former Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz at MIT*

his proudest achievement.

Rep. Lee pointed out that Trump's "budget puts forth a \$1.4 billion increase for the National Nuclear Security Administration [NNSA] to build more bombs, yet it doesn't make our planet any safer, nor does it advance NNSA's goal of nuclear nonproliferation."

Cambridge City Councilor Dennis Carlone and Mayor Denise Simmons discussed municipal initiatives such as Don't Bank on the Bomb, and State Representatives Mike Connolly and Denise Provost described efforts within state legislatures to raise awareness of Congressional budget priorities.

This focus on budgets echoed a general theme among the more seasoned

community members. When Rev. Paul Ford turned to housing shortages, and others addressed public education and biomedical research, conferees seemed to agree that an argument should be made to the public that nuclear weapons are a huge waste of money that could be better spent on almost anything except nuclear weapons which, by definition, must never be used.

At the close, there was support for establishing a national nuclear disarmament organizing network, which as a first task would try to expand campus-based groups.

Representatives were present from many regional and national organizations with the mission of preventing nuclear war,

including Union of Concerned Scientists, Women's Action for New Directions, Ploughshares Fund, Council for a Livable World, Pax Christi, national Peace Action, New Jersey Peace Action and Peace Action of New York State. (See [www.masspeaceaction.org/MIT-conf](http://www.masspeaceaction.org/MIT-conf) for Program). The gathering was both an inspiring success and a sobering chance to see with clear eyes the enormously daunting tasks ahead.

The members of MAPA's Nuclear Disarmament Working Group, including Christie Dennis, Joseph Gerson, Gary Goldstein, Shelagh Foreman, Cole Harrison, Guntram Mueller, Jerald Ross, and Elaine Scarry, played important roles in making the conference possible.

## Newton North Students Protest Hypocrisy

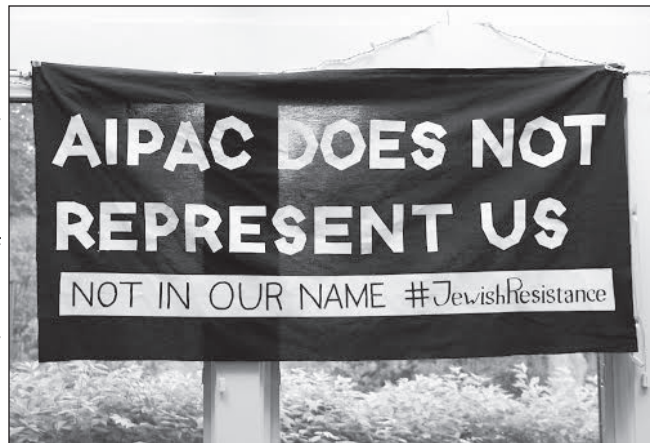
*Jennifer Horsburgh, Newton North HS*

In October of last year, Newton North High School (NNHS) Peace Action, invited Phyllis Bennis, an analyst and writer on the Middle East, to give a presentation about Syria. The principal of our school refused to allow us to put on our program with Ms. Bennis, expressing concerns that she would spark controversy because she has been critical of Israel's actions and policies, and pleading that the administration did not have time to prepare for an expected backlash.

Then, this past May, our club joined in planning a new event, Middle East History Day, during which invited speakers, including MAPA's Jeff Klein, gave presentations throughout the day. We were thrilled that faculty and students began to have conversations about the Middle East.

However, only a week before Middle

East History Day, we were dismayed to learn that the members of the Jewish Student Union, with the school administration's approval, had invited Arielle



Schwartz, of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), to speak.

We felt the administration's decision was hypocritical. If controversy and time constraints made NNHS draw the line at hosting Phyllis Bennis, an AIPAC speaker should have caused similar

discomfort.

NNHS Peace Action protested. During the AIPAC presentation, two Jewish students held a banner that read "AIPAC does not represent us," and as the audience left the presentation, three other students distributed flyers that provided context about what AIPAC really stands for. Our protest was civil and nondisruptive.

Supposedly, clubs and students of whatever political stripe may invite whomever they choose. But since that privilege was not extended to my club with Phyllis Bennis, the school should have been consistent with the precedent it had set.

What narratives are schools willing to sanction? When a pro-peace speaker is considered too controversial but strongly pro-Israel AIPAC is accepted, whose free speech matters more?

## Ending War Without End

*Prasannan Parthasarathi, Newton*

What many of us feared in the days after 9/11 has come to pass. The War on Terror has become the "War Without End."

Our War Without End began with the US intervention in Afghanistan in October 2001 and expanded with the invasion of Iraq in March 2003. The US is engaged now in military actions in Syria, Iraq, Yemen, Libya, Somalia, Afghanistan, and Pakistan, and U.S. Special Operations forces are deployed in more than 100 foreign countries.

In Yemen, the war is being prosecuted by the Saudis with US weapons and US logistical support, including the in-air refueling of planes. As imports of grain have been cut off, famine looms. In Syria and Libya, bloody civil wars continue. Iraq and Afghanistan are beset by terror attacks and bombings of public places.

The Trump administration has escalated the War Without End. It wants to send more US troops to Afghanistan. In Syria, the tomahawk missile strikes in early April represented the first US attack on a government facility. The

attack violated US law, as it had been conducted without Congressional authorization and could put us on a colli-



*US base in Afghanistan*

sion course with Russia.

The War Without End could expand into East Asia, where the US is engaged in high-risk brinkmanship with North Korea. Our government's bellicose language and threatening wargames have pushed North Korea into developing nuclear weapons. (If you faced the prospect of a US invasion, wouldn't you want to arm yourself with a nuclear bomb?)

In the face of this War Without End,

MAPA maintains its commitment to peaceful and diplomatic solutions. We continue to push for diplomacy in Syria, in Korea, and elsewhere.

We also stand by our friends in Congress who are calling upon that body to assume its constitutionally mandated role to declare war.

We support Barbara Lee's H.R. 1473, which would prohibit the Department of Defense from funding any attempt by the Administration to expand our presence in Syria by putting U.S. combat boots on the ground.

We also support a bipartisan effort coled by Rep. Jim McGovern calling for an immediate Congressional debate on the deployment and use of U.S. Armed Forces in Iraq, Syria, Yemen, and elsewhere.

And we call upon our Representatives and Senators to refuse to fund the Pentagon war effort in the Middle East nor to authorize the sale of US weapons to the countries in the region.

Please join us in our efforts by signing our letter to Congress: [bit.ly/end-war-without-end](http://bit.ly/end-war-without-end).



## People's Budget

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by the House of Representatives, Trump's budget would increase military spending by \$54 billion and allow for the president's proposed \$5 trillion in tax reductions for the wealthy.

"A budget is a moral document," said Bob Massie, activist, politician, and Democratic candidate for Massachusetts governor. Where a government allocates money shows where its values lie, he explained, adding that the current budget proposal's underlying values "are repugnant to us as citizens of the United States."

Angered by the lack of support for middle class and poor citizens, multiple grassroots organizations from the Greater Boston area joined with the Massachusetts People's Budget Campaign (MPBC, formerly the Budget for All Campaign) to rally and march in favor of a progressive alternative budget.

Michael Kane, executive director of the Mass. Alliance of HUD Tenants, introduced each speaker and led chants in between each. He spoke ardently at the start of the rally, saying, "Trump has proposed the deepest cuts to the programs that keep us strong." His mention of Trump's tax cuts for the wealthy was received with boos from the crowd.

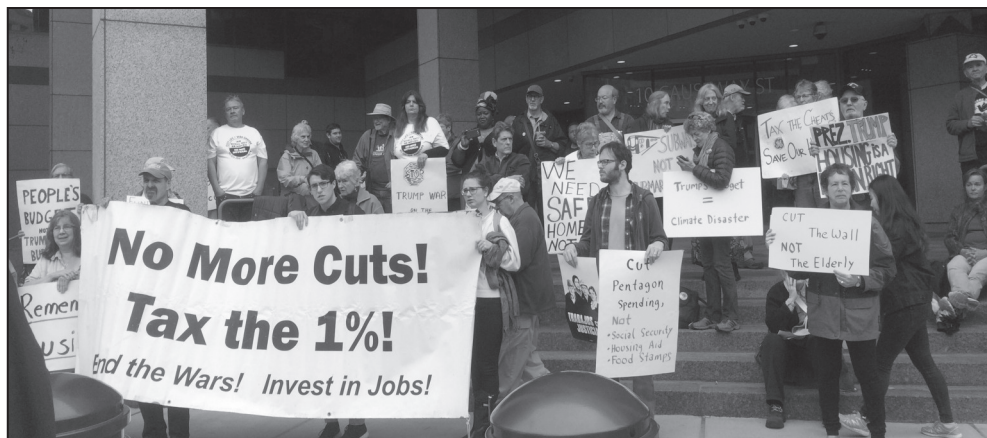
Steve Tolman, president of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO, also shamed Trump's actions in a passionate speech. "Brothers and sisters, it's a sham... he demonstrates he doesn't care about us," he said. "It's our nation, our government."

After speeches at the Tip O'Neill Federal Building, the group marched to the JFK Federal Building in Government Center just as the rain clouds parted. Chants of "No more cuts – tax the one percent!" filled the downtown area.

Further speeches followed at the JFK building. Ronel Remy, member of City Life, rallied the crowd with strong ideas. "A warrior is brave, a warrior is bold, a warrior is determined... you can be this warrior," he said. "Stand up. Fight. Say, 'I want to make my mark.'"

Other speakers at the rally included state legislators, environmentalists,

teachers, healthcare workers, a scientist, seniors, and policy analysts.



*People's Budget Rally, Boston, May 31*

## Tax Day 2017: An Outcry for Resistance and New Initiatives

*Paul Shannon, Somerville*

On Saturday, April 15, 2017, 2,000 people gathered on a sun-drenched Cambridge Common to send some clear messages to Washington: "President Trump, release your tax returns; stop your attacks on our families with your 'death budget'; don't you dare move \$54 billion from the human needs

The brass bands, women's protest chorus, beautiful weather, and sign language interpreters, together with the sparkling M.C.'ing by state representative Michael Connolly, all lit a fire under the crowd and made the event one of the more lively local rallies we have seen. Speakers from the Libertarian Party of Massachusetts and the New England Independence Campaign added to the diversity of viewpoints.

The Cambridge rally was one of dozens of protests around the country organized in response to a national call for Tax Day events. That national call and other actions in other states focused exclusively on Trump's tax returns.

But here in Massachusetts, we also included the important issues of taxes, budget priorities, and military spending as focal points of the event.

The Massachusetts People's Budget Campaign is anchored by MAPA, Mass Alliance of HUD Tenants, and the American Friends Service Committee. The rally was also supported by volunteers from Food Not Bombs, Pass Mass Amendment, and New England War Tax Resistance. 19 other organizations did outreach as sponsors. Chris Nogiec obtained permits and provided indispensable logistical assistance.



budget to the Pentagon; and drop your proposed new tax cuts for wealthy corporations and high rollers."

The crowd also had a message for the Democrats: "Be bold. Support the People's Budget as your party's positive alternative to the shameful Republican budget schemes." Advocates spoke on budget issues related to public education, climate justice, war and peace, criminal justice, seniors, single-payer healthcare, housing and low-income crises.

## State Dem Convention

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although there is no such rule in the party charter or convention rules. Yet the previous 2013 party platform had stated in its preamble: “We want strong diplomacy and support nonviolent conflict resolution as a first resort in our domestic and foreign relations and call for a reduced military budget that allows for investment in human needs” — language that was dropped from the 2017 version.

One can only assume that part of the motivation for this undemocratic maneuver was the determination of influential party members to reject any language addressing the Israel-Palestine conflict that criticized Israeli settlements or failed to place blame on “Palestinian violence” for the failure to reach a negotiated agreement.

Carol Coakley, supported by MAPA, had submitted a resolution on “Peace and Security for Israelis and Palestinians” to the Democratic State Committee last August. But the DSC leadership, through a series of maneuvers, culminating in a 79-42 procedural vote at the Bourne DSC meeting on April 29, had managed to prevent a discussion and vote on the resolution. That controversy was covered in the *Boston Globe* and other media.

Then, days before the convention, delegates received an email under the heading “United Not Divided” which mischaracterized the Israel/Palestine resolution as “unbalanced and misleading” and “divisive and damaging to our party.”

Party leaders at the convention then blocked debate on policies that — judging from recent opinion polls — have majority support from the party’s grassroots. Blocking debate is what actually divides the party and drives away voters at the ballot box.

The convention chair also ruled out of order an ORMA amendment that would have required Democratic candidates to support at least 50% of the party platform in order to receive support by the party organization.

ORMA plans to organize more local groups and hold a founding conference this fall.

## Peace Action Conference & Lobby Day

Carol Coakley, Millis

Capping off a weekend of education and discussion at Peace Action’s National Organizers Conference in Washington, D.C., Peace Action members descended on Capitol Hill May 2 to advocate for peace. The 12-member MAPA delegation posed these priority questions to our legislators and their staff:

Will you vote to limit arms sales to Saudi Arabia?

Will you vote against funding US military forces fighting in another country that have not been approved by Congress in an Authorization for the Use of Military Force?

Will you fight to keep the Iran nuclear agreement intact?

Will you push for a Pentagon audit?

Will you support the People’s Budget?

Will you seek diplomatic solutions to the conflict in North Korea?

Will you cosponsor Senator Ed

Markey’s SANE bill and his No First Nuclear Strike bill?

Good news was soon forthcoming: A week after MAPA met with her staff in D.C., Sen. Elizabeth Warren signed on to Sen. Markey’s No First Strike bill.

MAPA will be keeping a close eye on our mem-

bers of Congress as they face so many critical issues of war and peace this year. As one congressional staff member told us, “We don’t hear enough from people like you and you should come more often.”

We will!



Gene Gerzhoy, Sen. Markey’s nuclear policy aide (center), with MAPA delegation

## Newton Students Stage Multicultural Day

Kimia Tabatabaei, Newton South HS

Representing Newton South Peace Action, I led a small group that planned our school’s first ever Multicultural Day, held on May 12.

The day featured information on stereotypes, accounts of teachers’ per-

sonal life experiences as minorities, and inspiring musical performances.

But during a discussion on structural racism and colorblindness, some students posted blatantly racist comments targeting black students in the audience.

The administration responded by setting up an open forum for students to express their opinions and join together to reject all forms of discrimination. Yet the administration created confusion by saying the forum would address “racist and anti-Semitic comments”. While anti-Semitism is unacceptable, no anti-Semitic comments had been made.

Overall, the day was a major success. We hope Multicultural Day will become an annual event and that more conversations about race will help students to become better allies and better global citizens.



Organizers Kimia Tabatabaei, Midori Sangiolo and Adin Henderson



## Beyond Boston

*Carol Coakley, Millis*

The Merrimack Valley People for Peace hosted the Walk for a New Spring organized by the Buddhist members of New England Peace Pagoda in Leverett. This year's walk was dedicated to immigrants and refugees. After dinner at the North Parish UU Andover and a night's sleep the walkers were on their way to the State House to support the Safe Communities Act sponsored by Sen. James Eldridge. Merrimack Valley People for Peace attended several rallies in Boston including the science and climate marches.

In April Metrowest Peace Action (MWPA) and If Americans Knew NE sponsored a talk in Natick by Alison Weir on the history of Israel from her book, *Against Our Better Judgment*. In June MWPA sponsored a showing of

the movie *Occupation of the American Mind* about Israel's public relations campaign in the US.

Milton for Peace hosted a program at



Milton High School (*pictured*) with Amnesty International on the Syrian crisis featuring two Syrian refugees. They continue to support immigrant and refugee rights as well as Courageous Conversations, a series of discussions on racism, as well as educating around the BDS issue and their monthly vigil at Blue Hill Ave and Truman Highway.

On April 15 the Walpole Peace and Justice Group stood in solidarity with the Global Campaign on Military Spending and the Tax Day 2017 Mobilization on the Walpole Common. In June they held a vigil to protest Trump's withdrawal from the Paris Climate Accord. They are supporting and educating on refugee and immigrant rights and attended the hearing on the Safe Communities Act.

Watertown Citizens for Peace, Justice and the Environment cosponsored an event to Welcome Immigrants, a dinner to celebrate Iftar, and the Campaign for a Clean Energy Future. Their Annual Meeting on June 18 was to feature Maria Elena Letona of Neighbor to Neighbor.

## Get Ready to Celebrate: It's Peace Action's 60th Anniversary!

*Rosemary Kean, Dorchester*

Turning sixty is a milestone worthy of celebration. We members and supporters of MAPA look forward to celebrating sixty years of working for nuclear disarmament and peace this year.

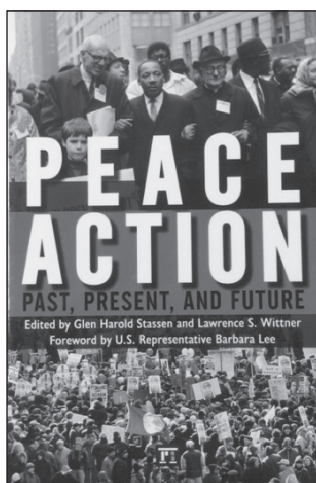
My friend Barbara told me that her sixtieth birthday was actually the thirtieth anniversary of her thirtieth birthday. This formulation is especially apt for MAPA.

Thirty years ago, in 1987, the Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign and the Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy, better known as SANE, merged into one new organization, SANE/Freeze. SANE had been founded thirty years earlier, in 1957, while the Nuclear Weapons Freeze campaign was initiated in Massachusetts in 1979.

Several years after this merger, the

name of the merged organization was changed to Peace Action, with MAPA as its statewide affiliate.

So, in 2017 we are celebrating the sixtieth anniversary of the original two peace organizations themselves and the thirtieth anniversary of the merger of the two into Peace Action—now the largest grassroots peace advocacy group in the United States.



Historian and activist Lawrence Wittner co-edited *Peace Action: Past, Present, and Future* in 2007 on the occasion of Peace Action's fiftieth anniversary. The book describes the many times that the peace movement in the

US and around the world pushed back against the use and testing of nuclear weapons. Wittner argues that the worldwide revulsion against use of nuclear weapons have prevented another nuclear war since 1945.

Wittner tells of the meeting between Dr. Bernard Lown, co-founder of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev. Lown was looking at his watch as they spoke at length to reporters about nuclear disarmament when Gorbachev asked him, "Do you have something more important to do?"

We know we don't have anything more important to do than work for peace and support and celebrate MAPA. We look forward to being with you for this celebration. Information about the date, location, food, music, venue and entertainment for the event is coming soon. Stay tuned!

## Peace and Justice Calendar

Summer 2017

[masspeaceaction.org/events](http://masspeaceaction.org/events)

June 22 7:00 pm	<b>China, Trump and the World:</b> Duncan McFarland Center for Marxist Educ, 550 Mass Ave, Camb
June 24 9:00 am	<b>Black Lives Matter Cambridge Symposium</b> Lesley U. Washburn Hall, 10 Philips Pl, Cambridge
June 28 7:00 pm	<b>Reading Group:</b> "An Indigenous People's History of the United States" RSVP to the office
July 18 time TBA	<b>Hearing on Anti-BDS Legislation</b> State House Room 437
Jul 18 7:00 pm	<b>Film Screening:</b> "National Bird: Drone Wars" Central Sq. Branch Lib, 45 Pearl St, Cambridge
Aug 6 11:45 am	<b>Hiroshima/Nagasaki Remembrance &amp; Peace Picnic</b> Cambridge Common
Aug 6 7:00 pm	<b>Hiroshima/Nagasaki Commemoration and Vigil</b> Watertown Square
Oct 14 7:30 pm	<b>Music for Peace:</b> "TWO-THREE-FOUR" Harvard-Epworth Methodist Church, Cambridge

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We are an affiliate of Peace Action, the nation's largest grassroots peace and disarmament membership organization, with more than 18,000 members and 30 state affiliates across the country.

Our work is funded entirely by donations from our members. Member levels (per calendar year):

- \$65 Family membership
- \$40 Individual membership
- \$10 Limited income or student

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- Make peace a priority in all elections at all levels by educating voters and candidates on just and peaceful foreign policy options.

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