

9th ANNUAL

PEACE AND JUSTICE GATHERING

South Texas College (Weslaco), Student Services Bldg. F

FEBRUARY 01, 2014; 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM



THE NEW FACE OF AMERICA

Some special themes this year:

- 1. Labor and Immigrant Rights**
- 2. Stopping the Texas Death Penalty**

Dan LaBotz:

A longtime organizer and author of The Crisis in Mexican Labor, Made in Indonesia, Cesar Chavez and La Causa, Rank and File Rebellion: Teamsters for a Democratic Union, Troublemaker's Handbook: How to Fight Back Where You Work and Win! And coming soon: The American Left and the Mexican Revolution.



Gloria Rubac:

Lives in Houston, is a teacher and has been active in left political work for over two decades and is an important figure in Texas opposing the death penalty.

ARE CHILDREN WELCOME? Yes! There is a **Peace and Play Program**. (This year's theme: protecting Mother Earth.) Dr. Georgianna Duarte, and her Education students from UTB, will work their magic again.

For information or suggestions, email Erik Toren (ectoren@gmail.com) or call Linda and Nick Braune (956-970-0604).

PfPJ thanks all the community groups who participated during the past Gatherings or are participating this year:



All Souls Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Brownsville; ~~Amnesty International~~; South Texas College chapter; ARISE; BARCA; Call to Action, RGV; Comite de Apoyo; Flor de Nopal Sangha; Food Not Bombs, South Texas College chapter; Holy Spirit Peace and Justice Community; McAllen Ministerial Alliance; Iglesia Menonita Buenas Nuevas (Good News Mennonite Church); Islamic Society of South Texas (McAllen Mosque); La Union del Pueblo Entero (LUPE); Masjid Arridwan (Edinburg Mosque); MEChA/ACLU; Military Families Speak Out; Mujeres Unidas/Women Together; Partido Socialista del Valle; Pax Christi; Planned Parenthood; Proyecto Azteca; Proyecto Libertad; Rio Grande Valley Friends (Quakers); Rio Grande Valley Islamic Center (Weslaco Mosque); San Antonio Council on American-Islamic Relations; Sierra Club; Socialist Workers Party; Southwest Workers Union; South Texas Civil Rights Project; Stonewall Democrats of the Rio Grande Valley; Students for Peace, UTPA; Students for Peace and Change, UTB; Texans for Peace; Texas Coalition Against the Death Penalty; Texas RioGrande Legal Aid; Unitarian Universalist Church of Corpus Christi; Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Hidalgo County; The Socialist Forum; World Peace Alliance. Coalition of Immokalee Workers; Pan Am Students for Medical Spanish; No Border Wall, Valley Interfaith, International Socialist Organization, Students Against Sweat Shops; Pax Christi, Sierra Club, STC Latin@s, Texans for Peace, and Occupy McAllen.

(PEOPLE FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE APOLOGIZES IF WE HAVE LEFT OUT ANY PARTICIPATING GROUPS. PLEASE LET US KNOW; AND WE WILL ANNOUNCE YOUR PRESENCE IN THE FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT. PfPJ meets monthly at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (14th and Nebraska in San Juan) at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. Meetings are open to all who want to help.

Memorable quote from last year: “The two most important events for progressives to attend in the Valley are the Cesar Chavez March and the Peace and Justice Gathering.” John-Michael Torres.

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Founded in 2002, People for Peace and Justice is a coalition of persons and organizations based in the Rio Grande Valley. We oppose violence, lies, and greed that subvert democratic government and society. We will model peace and tolerance within our association and in our dealings with others. We come from diverse backgrounds, ages, races, ethnic groups, educational levels,



religions and philosophies, political and sexual orientations. We welcome opportunities to work with other individuals and organizations who share our commitment to peace and justice. We meet every second Wednesday of the month at 7PM at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Hidalgo County Bldg., 1401 S. Nebraska Avenue in San Juan, Texas.