

FLASH FOOTNOTES

Holiday Gathering & Annual Meeting

Friday, December 9, at 6 PM

- Special Guests
- Potluck Supper
- Election of Board
- Summary Reports

A Gift For Every Child

Bring warm gloves for guests of
Manna Meals Soup Kitchen

Enjoy good music, good food,
and good company

Holiday Shopping!

Pleasant Ridge Community Center
4 Ridge Road
1 block west of Woodward and
2 blocks south of I-696

Our December 9th celebration is on the eve of Human Rights Day. Fran Shor, professor at WSU and PA board member, will speak about Human Rights Day (est.1950). The meeting will include election of our board for 2012-13. To be on the ballot, send a statement by Dec. 2. to the office about why you want to be on the board and what skills you can bring. There are openings for at least three new board members.

CONVERGE TO CONVERT

By Frank Hammer, UAW Retiree

Peace Action of MI was the first organization to sign on to “Converge to Convert,” a campaign to align a divergent group of causes into one movement focused on arresting global warming and catastrophic climate change. Its central tenet is the reduction of carbon emissions via the conversion of the regional Detroit economy, reopening closed auto plants for “green” manufacturing. We agreed last March to build for a public demonstration on May 1, 2012, at the foot of the abandoned Michigan Central Depot. Southeast Michigan Jobs with Justice (JwJ) has embraced this effort, sponsoring several rallies at the old Ford Plant in Highland Park, highlighting the call for converting the closed plants to generate new “green” manufacturing jobs. The UAW is backing this.

MOVE THE MONEY

While the recommendations of the Sustainable Defense Taskforce would cut over one trillion dollars from the Pentagon budget over the next ten years, this would still leave the Pentagon a ten year budget of over six trillion dollars. Today military spending accounts for more than half of the federal government’s entire discretionary budget. Nuclear weapons spending alone accounts for over \$40 billion annually, and is scheduled to increase. There is an obvious connection between the bloated Pentagon budget and the critical budget shortfalls facing virtually every community in the country. Our board made the *Move the Money* campaign a central element of our plans for 2012.

“Disarmament, ecology and economic justice are inextricably linked; And only by serving the first can sufficient funds be freed to serve the other two.”

William Sloan Coffin, Jr.

BOOKSHELF

The Third Industrial Revolution

By Jeremy Rifkin

Explores how internet technology and renewable energy are merging to create a powerful Third Industrial Revolution. An insider’s account of the next great economic paradigm, including a look into the personalities and players—heads of state, global CEO’s, social entrepreneurs and NGOs—who are pioneering its implementation around the world. The author is President of the Foundation of Economic trends.



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We would enhance both our national security and our economy by redefinition of our role in the world. (See Deficit article)

TRIBUTES

In honor of the 40th birthday of Brett Dreznick
by Rudy and Roseanne Simons
In honor of the 65th birthday of Janet Goldwasser
by Roseanne and Rudy Simons
In honor of Frank O’Donnell and Helen Weber as they
celebrate a triple header
by Jim O’Donnell and Beth O’Connor
In memory of our lost friends
by Ron and Sigrid Dale
In memory of Gene Perrin
by Mike and Gail Whitty, David and Kathlyn
Elsila, Annetta Miller, Deborah Margules
In memory of Al Fishman
by Linda S. Gore, June C. Gore, Earl Mandel;
Dr. Beverly Anne Bancroft; David and Kathlyn
Elsila; Huntington Woods Peace Project;
Annetta Miller; David and Anabel Dwyer; Jack
and Shirley Sirotkin; Clara Lawrence; Gail and
Mike Whitty

CALENDAR

- Nov. 18-20 School of the Americas vigil at Ft. Benning, GA
- Dec. 10 Women in Black March, Birmingham
- Thur Dec. 15 ACLU celebrates the 220th anniversary of the Bill of Rights, honoring Dr. Gene Perrin. At Swords into Plowshares Gallery, www.aclu.mich.org
- Thur Jan. 12 @ 7 PM, British Film “The Age of Stupidity.” An archivist in the devastated world of the Future. At New Prospect Missionary Baptist Church, 6330 Pembroke, Detroit (south of 8 Mile off Livernois)

DEFICIT/BUDGET DEAL MYTHS

1. We must reduce the deficit now, and this requires cutting Social Security and Medicare
2. Stage one of the debt ceiling bill will cut the Pentagon budget by at least \$50 billion, a huge cut that will be difficult for the Pentagon to absorb
3. If the negotiations of the “super committee” fail, the automatic spending cuts would devastate the military and put our national security at risk
4. World peace and our national security and our economy require an extremely strong U.S. presence, all around the globe, all the time.