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Dear Ms. Dink -

He is a member of the "Mill Valley Seniors for Peace," a group of elderly retired citizens who demonstrated against the war before it started and continue to do so as one of its many activities. I was utterly appalled to learn about the FEC's proposal that would shut down groups that dare to communicate with the public.

How dare the Republicans even think about doing such a thing? I have watched with regularity and extreme consternation how their administration is severely and

persistently attempting to  
take away the rights of all  
its citizens, rights guaranteed  
to them ever since this  
nation was founded, in order  
to maintain its political  
hold on this country and  
hopefully the entire world.

Isn't this the way Hitler  
believed in his time and  
other dictators still do?

All of the Seniors for  
Peace members remember  
all too well WW II & the Viet  
Nam war, many having  
fought in one or the other  
and know that war in the  
end solves nothing and also  
to take away peoples rights  
only encourages rebellion.

Please, oh please, stop  
this latest Republican madness.

Sincerely yours,

June Berry

### What We Can Do, You Can Do:

- Make sure you are registered to vote at your current address. Encourage and assist with voter registration in your community including your friends and relatives.

• Become informed. Seek information from political parties, study and discuss the views of candidates for public office.

- Search out and join a peace and social justice group in your area which best reflects your views, or start your own group.

- Write and/or call your Senators and members of Congress to express your concerns on important issues. (See "Government" in phone book.)

• Write letters or op-ed articles to the editor of your newspaper expressing your concerns or support for crucial issues.

- Protest war and military buildup. Join a peace rally, a letter-writing campaign or other non-violent expressions.

• Contribute what you can to a political party, a candidate for office, or an organization such as ours who supports peaceful solutions to conflict and seeks genuine democracy and social justice.



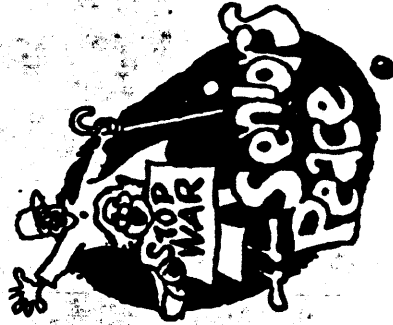
# Seniors for Peace of Mill Valley

Who we are.....

What we believe.....

What we do.....

What you can do.....



### **We are:**

A group of senior citizens who are residents of the Redwoods Retirement Community in Mill Valley, California. (Average age is 86) We are committed to the search for world peace, social justice and genuine democracy.

In January 2003 when the Bush administration threatened a preemptive unilateral war against Iraq, we joined peace-minded people around the world in street demonstrations opposing the war.

### **We believe:**

That war is not the answer!

That our best hope for a peaceful world lies in international cooperation and support of the United Nations. We aim to be a nation devoted to peaceful relations with all the world's people.

That all people are entitled to:

- A clean, safe environment
- Health care
- Decent, affordable housing
- Full employment at fair wages
- Affordable education for all
- Adequate Social Security

That the maintenance and nurturing of our democracy demands an informed, alert and active electorate.

### **What we do:**

Our initial anti-war demonstration was on Friday, January 31, 2003. For over a year, we have continued our street demonstrations for peaceful solutions to continued violence and for social justice. You are welcome to join us on Fridays between 4 and 5 p.m. at the corner of Miller Avenue and Camino Alto in Mill Valley.

In addition we:

- Prepare posters for our demonstrations
- Hold a 15-minute candlelight vigil each Sunday evening.
- Prepare petitions for legislative action.
- Contact Senators and members of Congress, and other government officials through letters and phone calls.
- Organize meetings and forums for the Redwoods community with guest speakers on social and political issues.
- Network with like-minded individuals and groups.
- Hold weekly meetings to discuss in-depth political issues and determine appropriate action.

### **Seniors for Peace video:**

A 25-minute documentary by award-winning producer, David L. Brown, captures the essence of who we are: our weekly activities, demonstrations, meetings, poster-making and candlelight vigils. It features up-close and personal interviews, completely unscripted and spontaneous, with the Seniors for Peace, who have been personally affected by wars and the aftermath of wars. The use of archival material of past and present conflicts depicts the horrors of war.

Following the enthusiastic response to the premiere showing of the Seniors for Peace documentary at the Mill Valley Film Festival, October 12, 2003, PBS television stations and many peace-minded individuals and groups have expressed interest in further screenings.

Groups interested in showing the video may contact the Seniors for Peace at our address, email, or telephone. Speakers are available if requested.

To order a copy of the Seniors for Peace video, please contact the filmmaker:

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