



# THE INTERSECTION

The Finger Lakes Justice Partnership Weekly Newsletter

April 26, 2026

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Gentle Chair Yoga, 28, 1-1:30 p.m., Penn Yan Public Library.** Free, low-impact beginners' yoga practice. Registration is requested but we can welcome a few walk-ins too. **New location beginning in May: Saint Paul's Lutheran Church (135 Hamilton St., Penn Yan)!** Register: <https://tinyurl.com/4az68me7>.

**TVPOC Seed-Starting, Pot-Painting, Gardening Party, Wed, April 29, 6PM.** Location will be sent to those who register here: <https://tinyurl.com/4vhbsw2m>

**Innovative Power Solutions: Safe, Climate Friendly Answers to NY's Energy Need, Wednesday, April 29, 7 pm on Zoom.** A panel of experts will discuss advances in solar energy, battery storage, and virtual power plants, and how they can help us reach our energy and climate goals. Register: <https://tinyurl.com/yuzx5kvs>

**May Day Shutdown, Friday, May 1, 12 p.m. at Bicentennial Park, Geneva.** Join us on May 1 to say NO WAR, NO ICE, NO BILLIONAIRES! On International Workers' Day, millions around the world will take the streets. In the Finger Lakes, we're joining cities and towns across the U.S. to stand together — against war, against deportations, and against Trump's billionaire agenda stealing our future. No School. No Work. No Shopping. See you in the streets. Organized by the Party for Socialism and Liberation of the Finger Lakes and a plethora of supporters.

**"One Struggle, Many Fronts" Fundraiser for Cuba Friday, May 1, 6 p.m. at Trinity Place (78 Castle St., Geneva).** Join us for this educational fundraising event, organized by the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization (IFCO), also known as Pastors for Peace, to continue raising awareness of the enduring blockade and embargo against our Cuban neighbors. Cuba continues to persist against widespread power outages and shortages of food and medical supplies due to U.S. foreign policy decisions, and hundreds of thousands of Cubans are affected by these inhumane restrictions. The Rev. Claudia De la Cruz, MDiv./MSW, will reflect on the history of the United States' sanctions against Cuba, especially in light of a recent religious humanitarian mission IFCO sponsored last month. IFCO plans to fill a shipping container with medical supplies, solar panels, tools, and other essential materials to help ease the burden of our Cuban siblings. Even if you're not able to attend, your support is essential. Please consider making a contribution to this fund through either Trinity Place or IFCO/Pastors For Peace. If making it through Trinity Place by check, please make it out to Trinity Church with "Fundraiser" on the memo line. Checks can be mailed to Trinity Church, P.O. Box 287, Geneva, NY 14456. Reserve your spot (and, if you want, make an online donation) here: <https://tinyurl.com/3e5yf326>

**Progressive Prepping in Practice, Saturday, May 2, 12:00 p.m.** Since the start of the pandemic, the number of self-described "progressive preppers" has soared: people who see value in community building, skill sharing, and mutual aid to counterbalance economic uncertainty, climate change, and social upheaval. If that sounds like your kind of prepping, please join us to learn, discuss, and organize together at these ongoing meetings. To receive invites, updates, and location details, please sign up at <https://forms.gle/tmJcVxQ8MAYlwe947>. Presented by the Yates Resilience Community.



## TAKE ACTION

*People don't risk their lives to come to this country unless they are in danger. I don't think it's a crime to come here. I am a human being. I just hope that everybody can see that.*

-Dolores Bustamante, 4/21/26

Take action to support Dolores Bustamante and bring her home to Wayne County. Dolores is a beloved mother, grandmother, dedicated farmworker, and community leader. She came to the US 20 years ago with her 3-year-old daughter, requesting asylum from the life-threatening violence she feared in her previous life. Dolores has been an upstanding, taxpaying member of both her farmworker and larger communities the entire time she's been in the US. She has cooperated with the immigration court system, attending her ICE check-ins when notified.

Dolores was scheduled to check in with the Buffalo ICE office on 4/22. She was fully aware that she might be detained, and despite her fears about being separated from her family and about detention center conditions, she complied on 4/22 as ordered. Dolores was detained at her check-in and has since been transported to a facility in Louisiana. At this writing, her family does not know her exact location. A judge has ordered that she not be deported.

Dolores's story in her own words: [tinyurl.com/yf9tjbbx](https://tinyurl.com/yf9tjbbx)

Here's how you can help:

- Donate to the [Bring Dolores Home: Legal Defense Fund](https://tinyurl.com/ytm3rxkd) to help cover legal fees, bond, phone, commissary and other related expenses. Please share information about this fundraiser widely. [/tinyurl.com/ytm3rxkd](https://tinyurl.com/ytm3rxkd)
- Call Governor Hochul at (518) 474-8390 and demand that she do everything in her power to secure Dolores Bustamante's release.
- Call Senator Gillibrand at her DC office (202 224-4451); her Albany office (518 431-0120) and her Buffalo office (716) 854-9725) and demand that she do everything she can to bring Dolores Bustamante home to her family and community.

Remember: The Trump regime's One, Big Ugly Bill of 2025 more than tripled ICE's annual budget to \$75 billion over 4 years by cutting back on food and health care programs for low-income families while giving the wealthiest individuals and corporations big tax breaks.

## GOOD NEWS

More than 100 former American astronauts created Astronauts for America to affirm their commitment to the Constitution and uphold American values.

Youth suicides decreased 11 % after creation of a nationwide 988 hotline, especially in states with the most calls; some saw up to 18% reduction. The service began saving lives in 2022, but a “press 3” option for LGBTQ+ callers was discontinued last summer. Protests followed, and that service is being reinstated.

Judge Jorge L. Alonso issued a preliminary injunction upholding the use of ICE-tracking apps as a first amendment issue.

Judge Denise Casper in Boston issued a court order this week blocking the Trump regime from enforcing anti-renewable energy policies against wind and solar companies nationwide.

Satirical news outlet The Onion will take control of far-right InfoWars under a bankruptcy agreement. When the deal is finalized, The Onion has committed to purchasing everything outright, with proceeds going to paying the families of Sandy Hook victims.

Per the High Seas Treaty (Intl Union for Conservation of Nature), 10% of Earth’s oceans are now covered by marine protected areas, helping to buy time for key species and ecosystems to migrate and adapt to warming waters.

## MEDIA RECOMMENDATIONS

Sometimes interesting synchronicities crop up in the news and assorted media we follow. Here are a couple thematic pairs we’ve noticed recently.

The differences between “native” and “invasive” may not be as cut-and-dried as we think – nor as benign:

- “Scapegoat: The Invasive Species Story, Metaphor, and the War on Nature.” Last Born in the Wilderness podcast. Access: <https://tinyurl.com/5a9um2te>
- “Indigeneity with Andrew.” It Could Happen Here podcast. Access: <https://tinyurl.com/4f8zsaec>

Some observers are sure that a MAGA collapse is imminent. Others warn we should be more sanguine:

- “Trump Voters are Over It.” Yvonne Wingett Sanchez and Elaine Godfrey, The Atlantic. Access: <https://tinyurl.com/yfcsma4t>
- “Reports of a MAGA civil war over Iran are greatly exaggerated.” Chauncey Devega, Salon. Access: <https://tinyurl.com/yc6sub7n>

Tech bro fascism is worsening:

- “The Explicit Manifesto of Digital Fascism.” Rezgar Akrawi, Savage Minds. Access: <https://tinyurl.com/y56bhudb>
- “Geek Tragedy: Look upon their works and despair.” Tim Murphy, Mother Jones. Access: <https://tinyurl.com/ckxta4w7>

## Feature: Stirring the Pot

Written by Anne Kiefer

Trump’s billionaire cronies benefit from labor, but don’t pay their fair share in taxes, courtesy of the president they bought and paid for. Instead, Trump and the GOP raid healthcare and food programs for low income families to pay for ICE and for Trump’s illegal, immoral war in the Middle East. They gut environmental regulations to expand their ability to extract resources, expel their manufacturing waste unchecked, and increase their corporate profits, with no care for the clean air and water on which we depend.

This system is unsustainable and on May 1, International Workers Day, workers and students will demonstrate their opposition by opting out, by demonstrating negative resistance—leaving work and school and refraining from retail spending. Why is this message so powerful? Omar El Akkad explains in his National Book Award winning, *One Day, Everyone Will Have Always Been Against This*.

“Every small act of resistance trains the muscle used to do it. . . . One builds the muscle by walking away from the most minor things—trivial consumables, the cultural work of monsters, the myriad material fruits grown on stolen ground—and realizes in the doing of these things that there is a wide spectrum of negative resistance. Maybe it’s not all that much trouble to avoid ordering coffee and downloading apps and buying chocolate-flavored hummus from companies that abide slaughter.

“It is this realization that renders negative resistance most terrifying to political and economic power—the simple fact that, having taken these small steps, a person might decide it was no great sacrifice, and might be willing to sacrifice more, demand more. That having called for justice in one instance, one might do it again and again, might call for a just world.”

Join your voice with others opting out of work, school and retail shopping on May Day at one of several Finger Lakes region May Day Workers Over Billionaires rallies. Visit Mobilize: <https://tinyurl.com/3cy75z3u>

BUFFALO & GENEVA, NY

MAY DAY: END THE WARS! END THE BLOCKADE!

# ONE STRUGGLE MANY FRONTS

EDUCATION & FUNDRAISING TOUR TO BRING  
HUMANITARIAN AID TO CUBA

★ THURS, APR 30 • 7PM  
PILGRIM-ST. LUKE'S UCC, BUFFALO

★ FRI, MAY 1 • 6PM  
TRINITY PLACE, GENEVA

FEATURING CLAUDIA DE LA CRUZ



RSVP: [LINKTR.EE/IFCO](https://linktr.ee/ifco)



## Forums for a Nuclear-Free New York



### Innovative Power Solutions

Safe, Climate Friendly Answers to NY's Energy Needs

What are the latest power innovations that can help us meet our climate goals? Join us on Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> for an in-depth look at new developments in balcony solar, battery storage, and virtual power plants.

#### Our Speakers

Cora Stryker (balcony solar) is a co-founder of Bright Power, a leading provider of energy and water management solutions. Cora thrives on building win-win strategic partnerships, investing in growth strategies, and fostering a collaborative, supportive, and inclusive organizational culture.



Tom Konrad, PhD, CFA, (battery storage). Tom is a portfolio manager, financial analyst, and freelance writer specializing in renewable energy and energy efficiency. Tom serves as the Chair on the Marletown Environmental Conservation Commission.



Leon Porter (Virtual Power Plants) Leon leads Citizens Climate Lobby-New York's Utility Reform Working Group, which recently helped NYS AM Anna Kelles develop her new bill, the Grid Reliability and Energy Affordability Transition (GREAT) Act.

Wednesday  
April 29th  
7:00 pm



REGISTER

<https://tinyurl.com/589s9rka>

This online webinar is free, but registration is required.

*Can't make it? Everyone who registers will receive a link to the video.*

See all the webinar videos at [www.Grassrootsinfo.org/forums](http://www.Grassrootsinfo.org/forums)

## INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' DAY

# SHUT IT DOWN!

NO SCHOOL. NO WORK. NO SHOPPING.



FRI. MAY 1, 12PM

BICENTENNIAL PARK  
LAKE & EXCHANGE ST.  
GENEVA, 14456



## FARMWORKER ALBANY DAY

STAND WITH RMM AS WE STAND WITH  
IMMIGRANTS AND FARMWORKERS!

MAY 19, 2026

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Farmworkers are greatly hindered in going to Albany to voice their hopes and concerns, and the Farm Laborers Fair Labor Practices Act is under attack.

WE NEED YOUR PRESENCE TO  
ENSURE FARMWORKERS' VOICES  
ARE HEARD!

### JOIN US!

ON TUESDAY, MAY 19, WE'LL VISIT  
OUR STATE LEGISLATORS AND  
HOLD A VIGIL AT THE CAPITOL.



TO REGISTER, VISIT <https://bit.ly/4bXsPse> or scan the QR code



INFO ON LOGISTICS TO FOLLOW



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COME BE A PART OF THE  
**FIRST ANNUAL SCHUYLER PRIDE CELEBRATION**

Montour Falls Farmers Market **THUR. JUNE 11 4PM - 6PM**  
301 Clawson Blvd.  
Montour Falls, NY

There will be live music, face & body painting, activities for all ages, health & wellness resources, and hopefully **YOU!**



This event is hosted by Elizabeth B. Pert Library, Watkins Glen Public Library, Dutton S. Peterson Memorial Library, Montour Falls Memorial Library, and with support from Southern Finger Lakes Pride.

The ARTS Council of the Southern Finger Lakes administers QuickARTS grants with funding from Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes.

**DRIVE US TO SYNOD!**



[ROOMFORALL.COM](http://ROOMFORALL.COM)

**POSTCARDING JAM SESSIONS**

*your VOTE is your VOICE*

Let's work together to fill out postcards to encourage fellow voters!  
Meet in the Community Room at Penn Yan Public Library on these dates, any time between 9:30am and 12:30pm:

**Monday, April 20; Saturday, April 25; Monday, April 27**  
**Monday, May 4; Friday, May 8; Friday, May 15**

**YOUR VOTE MATTERS**

Connect with your local Democratic Committee at <https://www.yatesnydemocrats.com/>

Permission granted to use the library facilities in no way constitutes endorsement by PYPL of the policies or beliefs of any group, individual, or organization.

the transgender visibility project of ontario county

**SEED STARTING PARTY**

- seed starting
- pot painting
- garden workshop

**APRIL 29 - 6PM**  
**FREE - ALL AGES**

visit [typoc.org](http://typoc.org) to sign up!

## OUR MISSION

The Finger Lakes Justice Partnership will help weave together the efforts of the region's diverse justice-seeking individuals, organizations, and institutions. Rooted in the humble knowledge that we are continually learning, we will seek to coordinate resources and knowledge, respond to acts of injustice, and raise awareness around local threats and opportunities. Through advocacy for members of historically marginalized groups of all kinds, we will help move the Finger Lakes away from passive acquiescence to injustice, and toward an active embrace of anti-racism, community-building, mutual aid, and understanding.