

# Ground Zero

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## STORIES OF HOPE AND RESISTANCE



**August 8, 2005:** Olympians Alice Zillah (on L), Shannon Bushnell (center), and Patty Imani (on R, with head down) formed a prayer circle in the center of the road, stopping traffic into the Base for 40 minutes. Dorli Rainey is being led away by a Kitsap County Sheriff's officer. *Photo by Scott Yoos*

By Brian Watson, Ground Zero newsletter editor

On August 8, earlier this year, I was witness to one of the most moving nonviolent direct actions I can remember at the Bangor Submarine Base—or anywhere else for that matter.

They are all moving, of course. Each time people place their very being at the physical place where violence and injustice occur, something in the universe shifts. Like the subtle yet inexorable shift of the tectonic plates beneath our feet, direct actions like the one on August 8 result in the eventual breaking of stone, the splitting of bedrock, and the release of massive energy.

Witnessing a direct action like the one on the chilly morning of August 8, gives us a glimpse of an otherwise hidden reality. It is like a small temblor, a little rumble. It shows that the plates are moving, that the fortress is vulnerable: the very ground beneath it is cracking open.

Nobody lives long enough to watch a mountain range get thrust into the sky. No one can possibly see the totality of the

geologic forces around us. Yet we know they exist. We only have to open our eyes to history, and open our ears to the stories the Earth reveals.

In this issue of Ground Zero are several stories about the direct action on August 8, as well as about the Peace Fleet on August 3.

What do these stories reveal?

I think they tell us that something is moving under our feet. The foundations that the Bangor base is built on are crumbling.

A mountain range is not built in a day. The work of building a peaceful, disarmed world is not one for the impatient. We sometimes despair at what we see around us: war, poverty, the unraveling of the Earth, empire.

Listening to the stories of nonviolent direct action reminds us—like an earthquake or a volcanic eruption—that there is another force at work in this world.

# "Red life rising to the sky, dissolving all weapons

By Shannon Bushnell

*"The heart of nonviolence is the recognition that every person embodies the sacred, that within each of us, even the torturer and the bomb maker, is a holy potential for change and growth." -- Starhawk, Truth or Dare: Encounters with Power, Authority and Mystery*

On August 8, four Olympia peace activists were counted among the nineteen total arrested for blocking the entrance to Naval Submarine Base Bangor in Kitsap County, Washington. The demonstration, organized by the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action, commemorated the sixtieth anniversary of the US bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan during WWII. This action represents the culmination of the week-long series "Beyond Hiroshima," which included the successful passage of the Nuclear-Free Zone ordinance by the City of Olympia, a three-hundred-mile Peace Walk, and various artistic and educational activities.

The four Olympians arrested included myself, Alice Zillah, Patty Imani, and Bryce Brown. We planned and coordinated our own arrests. The arrests of Alice and Bryce came two days after their completion of a three-hundred-mile Peace Walk from Hanford Nuclear Reservation to Bangor. The Peace Walk joined activist individuals and groups from across the state, including members of the Nipponzan Myohoji Buddhist Temple on Bainbridge Island, who also played a central role in the action at Bangor on August 8.

In addition, four more Olympians participated in the peace vigil at Bangor and provided support to the arrestees. In total, approximately seventy-five activists from across the state joined the demonstration, the first to be held during Monday morning rush hour, expressing their support for nuclear disarmament. Interactions between the demonstrators and law enforcement were peaceful, and no injuries were reported. The mutually positive relationship between Ground Zero activists and local law enforcement is a key component of the civil disobedience we perform. Advance communication between activists and police is appropriate to the context and culture of the local area, reinforces the nonviolent philosophy and practice of Ground Zero activists and maintains ongoing opportunity to continue these actions, which are primarily educational and powerfully symbolic in nature.



**Shannon Bushnell** under arrest at the gates of the Bangor Submarine Base, August 8, 2005.  
*Photo by Brian Watson*

The arrestees were booked at the Kitsap County Jail on suspicion of disorderly conduct and failure to disperse; all were later released. As of the date of this publication, none of the arrestees have been formally charged. The three most recent attempts by Kitsap County Prosecutors to obtain convictions on Ground Zero activists have proven unsuccessful. This informal tradition validates our legal right to grieve the US government's failure to adhere to its own laws and international treaties that call for the reduction and eventual elimination of nuclear weapons worldwide.

The Bangor base, located just sixty miles north of Olympia, is the last active nuclear weapons depot on the West Coast. This confirmed site of weapons of mass destruction is capable of deploying 1,760 nuclear warheads on hair-trigger alert. The US Department of Defense continues to increase both the number, and destructive capability of its nuclear weapons arsenal, attempting to justify this stockpile as a valid defense strategy. In fact, it is a strategy of offense and pre-emptive force. These bombs are designed to be first-strike weapons, which can destroy entire cities and civilian populations on short notice. Bangor base was recently renovated to accommodate an "upgrade" to the larger, more accurate Trident D-5 missile system. Each of the 24 D-5 missiles on a Trident submarine can carry eight, 455-kiloton warheads, about thirty times the explosive force present in the Hiroshima bomb. Each Trident missile costs \$60.9 million, representing money stolen from the American

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people, that would be better spent on vital human and environmental services.

The Trident system also holds the local economy hostage. Since the Navy offers one of the few family-wage jobs in the area, it is guaranteed a willing workforce. The day before the action, Ground Zero hosted the renowned activist Bruce Gagnon, who spoke eloquently on the interrelatedness of jobs and peace. He inspired us to envision a future in which all people will have socially and environmentally responsible employment. An economy based on peace will ensure everyone a right livelihood, and can become a basis for building the infrastructure we really need, such as renewable energy systems and expanded public transportation options.

My own father is employed as a mechanical engineer at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, located twenty miles south of Bangor, and home to several aircraft-carrier ships. I lived the first twenty years of my life in Bremer-ton, an experience that shaped me into a peace activist. On the day of the action, as I walked with others in procession to the gates of Bangor, a spontaneous memory entered my mind. I recalled the image of myself as a teenager, situated in my parents' middle-class home on a Saturday, doing some housework. My job was to iron my father's plaid, short-sleeved work shirts for the coming week. On Monday morning, he would clip his shipyard badge to the front pocket of the shirt, and prepare for a day designing refrigeration components for the aircraft carriers. The end of the workday always ends with a low, resounding whistle from the shipyard airhorn.

In my imagination, as I processed towards the demonstration site that day, I heard the airhorn again. This time I perceive that instead of signaling the end of a single workday, the airhorn, sounded metaphorically by peace activists around the globe, signals the coming end of the nuclear age. As I quietly chant the names of the Goddess (Isis, Astarte, Diana, Hecate, Demeter, Kali, Inanna!) we arrive at the Bangor Gate. I stand in prayer, calling up the wild power of the molten core of the earth, red. Same color dress I wore ten years before, attending my high school prom at the Officer's Club on base. Red in honor of those killed. Red for robust life renewing itself in a never-ending cycle. Red life rising to the sky, dissolving all the weapons in its wake, forming a mushroom shaped cloud of love and peace that envelopes the entire globe, which we call home.

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*Shannon Bushnell lives in Olympia, WA. This piece first appeared in Works in Progress, the newsletter of the Olympia peace community.*

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*TION OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY, were planning some sort of demonstration when the navy ships came into Elliott Bay on July 30."*

The statement continued, *"The groups had been in contact with both the USCG and the USN, advising them of their intentions to launch a 'peace navy' to meet the fleet when it entered Elliott Bay."*

An undated report concluded, *"With the past actions it may be advisable to allow the activist groups to conduct as much exercise of their 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment rights as possible and avoid confrontation, only becoming involved in issues of safety and national security."*

An FBI record stated that "uncorroborated information" indicated that one of the groups was planning a sit-in or other demonstration during the public tours on the Navy vessels. The statement said, *"Additionally, there is information that the groups may attempt to secure themselves to the outside of vessels to prevent them from leaving their moorings at the end of Seafair."*

The FBI record shows that a government agent had actually watched two Peace Fleet vessels being launched in West Seattle in 2003. The record stated, *"All of the boats remained outside the security zone and conducted a peaceful protest in accordance with their stated intent. There were no incidents reported."*

It appears our cooperation and legal protest in 2003 was not enough for the Coast Guard in 2004.

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## FOIA documents: Coast Guard destroys evidence in \$10,000 fine case against Ground Zero Peace Fleet skipper

By Glen Milner

Glen Milner has not been contacted by the Coast Guard since he received a letter dated July 14, 2005, assigning a new Hearing Officer to his case. The new Hearing Officer is L.I. McClelland, in Arlington, Virginia. A public hearing could be called at any time in Seattle on this case.

On another issue, a September 8, 2005 response to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request regarding the fleet arrival on August 5, 2004 showed the Coast Guard had destroyed the only actual evidence they had found for August 5, 2004, voice recordings between Coast Guard vessels in Elliott Bay. It is yet unknown whether the recordings were destroyed after the ACLU and Glen Milner had filed FOIA requests for this information in December 2004. In either case, the Records Officer of the Coast Guard did not know of any regulation allowing the destruction of these voice recordings. The Records Officer is asking for more information on this.

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*Glen Milner is a citizen expert in filing Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests. He lives in Lake Forest Park, WA.*

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# “For 40 minutes, they had to wait, and I hope, think about why we were there, blocking their way.”

By Liz Rivera Goldstein

Yesterday I was arrested—really arrested—for the first time in my life.

My husband, Dan, and I stood side by side with 17 others at the entrance gate to the military base which houses Trident submarines that sail the world carrying nuclear missiles. This event was done to protest and commemorate the 60th anniversary of the bombings of Nagasaki and Hiroshima, Japan. We



**Liz Rivera Goldstein** (holding banner in middle) with her husband Dan (on R) and Dorli Rainey (on L) blocking the main entrance to the Bangor Submarine Base, August 8, 2005. *Photo by Brian Watson*

stood with Buddhists, Catholics, Quakers and questioners (like me). Some prayed, some stood silently, and we all went quietly when the sheriff's officers arrested us.

I have been charged with disorderly conduct. It seems funny to me, as our protest was well-planned and carried out in a very orderly manner. I didn't feel that I was being disorderly at all. I did know that *someone* ought to be the one being arrested, and it didn't seem that it should be me. I stood on the three lane road, in the morning dawn, facing cars filled with folks "just trying to get to work." They do this every day—driving in to do whatever they do on the military base. But for 40 minutes, they had to wait, and I hope, think about why we were there, blocking their way.

Why do this, 60 years after the fact?

Because our current government is planning to resume testing and creating nuclear bombs—new bunker busters and small mini nukes: the type of things that we attack other countries for doing.

Because I have been studying history, I learned that the Japanese were about to surrender in the weeks before we

dropped the atomic bombs. The Japanese sent messages asking for surrender talks with the American government, and we ignored them. Those bombs didn't prevent a greater loss of lives. That is the lie I have always been taught. Those bombs caused millions to die and suffer horribly, in both Japan and the US.

Families near Hanford, WA were exposed to toxic nuclear releases while the bombs were made. US soldiers were exposed to radiation and died of cancer, and so did the folks near the areas of New Mexico where the atomic tests took place.

If you are brave enough, look at photos of what the bombs did to the innocent residents of the cities of Nagasaki and Hiroshima. Find the articles that were written in the first few weeks after the bombings, which were hidden and censored by our government. If you are really interested, I will help you find them. Read a book about the memories of children who survived the bomb blasts. And notice how thin those victims are—children hungry because their country was being crushed by America. Was there any doubt that America would prevail in that war?

But the main reason I stood on the road, as the sun rose, and faced those cars is to set a good example for my children. More parents should stand up (or sit down) for what they really believe or want to change. What may be symbolic to some is just one part of the every day work I do to oppose war and killing and hatred in this world. Almost three years ago, I promised that I would spend two

hours each day working for peace—educating myself, writing and calling people, meeting with elected officials, sharing what I learn with others—especially young adults. I am amazed at how far this work has taken me, and humbled by the parents and children who contact and work with me.

I have some ideas on what could have been done to stop Saddam Hussein, on how to deal with terrorists, or how to get out of Iraq. Few are interested in what I have to say. I have no media to help me share my thoughts. But it has never been more important for all of us to talk and hear each other. The future for our children depends on it.

Do something in your area, even if it is just reading a book or doing research online in your home.

You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one.

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*Liz Rivera Goldstein, of Port Townsend, is the founder of the Teen Peace Project, serves on the national steering committee for United for Peace and Justice, and is Chairperson for the National Network Opposing Militarization of Youth (NNOMY).*

# "I am still quivering from the awesome experience"

By Genny Kortés

I spent this last weekend with the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action in Poulsbo, WA, in an event remembering the first atomic bombings of Hiroshima/Nagasaki and resisting trident nuclear weapons. Having just returned, I am still quivering from the awesome experience.

I rode with Mary and Nan, fellow participants, on the Bainbridge Island ferry early Sunday morning. After about a half hour drive, we arrived at Ground Zero, an almost sacred land of trees and peace, located alongside the Bangor Submarine Naval Base. A tall barbed wire fence separates the properties.

About 100 people arrived Sunday to participate in planned actions, strategies, and a walk and vigil to the Bangor main gate. People joined specific groups for the planning. The peacekeepers kept us safe in their leadership, a part of which was to lead us across the 55 mile-per-hour Clear Creek Road and then in quite

a trek to the base entrance. Monks, who had walked from Hanford to Bangor for 3 weeks, led us by drumming and chanting. The hot sun penetrated our skin as we held "No More Hiroshima Bombings" and peace signs. We shared two meals all together. The evening program included the local Raging Grannies (a riot!), and Jim Thomas, who talked on accountability to Hanford, and Bruce Gagnon, a leader against weapons in space.

As the sun was going down, some departed to nearby lodging, and others, including myself, retired to our tents. The air had cooled comfortably. The Ground Zero house burned earlier in the year. It will be rebuilt! A passed hat held contents of \$1283 from us.

Monday morning arrived with a gathering at 5 am, necessitating flashlights to see. By 5:15, we were walking single-file down Clear Creek Road and through the path to the base. After we all arrived, the peacekeepers stepped out in front of the cars with people who had to be at work on time, and then the banner people swept out in one fold, forming an arc in front of the entrance. The prayer people (which included me) then formed a circle in front of the banner, after which some then knelt in prayer position or in other forms, all while chanting to the drum beats. I stood with my head down, and arms to side with my palms open.

The event was arranged with the county police so that no one would be hurt. The police called out a 3-minute warning to leave the road, then a 1 minute warning, after which they began arresting us. They took and folded the long banner first, and began arresting people on the right side first. When that side was cleared, several cars began to move forward several feet, which was directly in front of me! However, a Ground Zero

photographer came out immediately and made them halt until we all were arrested.

There were originally 20 of us arrested, but one was a peacekeeper. She was graciously "unarrested" after the police realized their mistake. The peacekeepers, while also in technical violation, are the bridge between us and the police. They put white plastic cuffs on our wrists, some with hands behind, and some with hands in front. At first, the female officer couldn't open mine, and then it was placed very loosely, so I could wriggle out of it at the Port Orchards correction facility.

We had to take off our jewelry, shoes and jackets, and everything in our pockets. I had been told to have only my driver's license, as they would keep a \$10 booking fee, if you carried money. We arrived at the facility at 6:30 am. We were placed in holding cells (separated by gender), after which we were called out singly for questioning and charges. I think we were charged with disorderly conduct. I felt sorry for the electronic fingerprint technician, as he was the one slowing the procedure.

While waiting, I observed jail detainees being released, the behavior of the police, and envied the one getting himself a cup of coffee. My sustenance was one cup of water which I drank in the darkness earlier that morning. I was dressed in jean shorts and t-shirt, so my knees were shivering in the cool office, and I also dozed to while away the time.

At 10:30am, after 4 hours, it was nice to be free in the sun. Our planned rides were waiting, and our friends cheered and took pictures upon our release. We held a closing circle back at Ground Zero before departure, which was beautiful. I have new, lovely peace friends!

Nobody has been fined or charged there since Feb. 2000. Kitsap County prosecutors have been unable to get convictions against nonviolent activists arrested at Ban-

gor the last three times they have tried them. Juries and judges have found that people arrested at Bangor protests have the legal right to redress grievances under International and US law with nonviolent direct action.

I feel drenched from the natural sun with rays of peace on my skin. Oh, and by the way: we stopped hundreds of cars. As Naval people were going to work, they really stacked up fast!



**Genny Kortés** (with button-festooned hat on R) joins hands with others who blocked the entrance to the Bangor Submarine Base on August 8, 2005. Those arrested by Kitsap County Sheriffs on August 8 were: Moona Cancino, 26, of Portland; Joy Goldstein, 70, of Vashon; Alice Zillah, 32, Bryce Brown, 31, Shannon Bushnell, 28, and Patricia Imani, 43, of Olympia; Roger Thorson, 60, of Carnation; Dan Goldstein, 54, and Liz Rivera Goldstein, 47 of Port Townsend; Fr. Bill Bichsel, 77, of Tacoma; Marion Ward, 66, and Genny Kortés, 65, of Vancouver; and Shirley Morrison, 83, Jean Sundborg, 65, Rev. Anne Hall, 60, David Hall, 59, Mary Hanson, 59, Dorli Rainey, 78, and Glen Milner, 54, of Seattle.

*Photo by Brian Watson*

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*Genny Kortés is a retiree who lives in Vancouver, WA. She was a spouse of a draftee in the Viet Nam era, has done civil disobedience on the White Train Tracks, and at the Nevada Test Site. She marches to drumming on peace walks whenever she gets a chance. This was her first experience at Ground Zero, and says "it is in my heart."*

# Despite threat of fines, 12 Local Peace Activists in 4 Peace Fleet vessels meet the US Navy Fleet arrival at Seafair on August 3 in Elliott Bay

By Glen Milner

On August 3, local activists staged a water-based nonviolent protest against the glorification of weapons at the Seattle Seafair festival and the deployment of radioactive depleted uranium munitions on US Navy vessels.

This was the fourth year the Peace Fleet met the Navy's warships as they entered Elliott Bay at Seafair.

Knowing of the \$10,000 fine levied against Glen Milner in 2004, the event was followed more closely by the Seattle Post Intelligencer. Michael Barber of the PI wrote that day, "Sailors lined the gunwales, well-wishers waved from shore while the equally familiar 'Peace Fleet' of anti-war activists made its David-vs.-Goliath presence known from four small pleasure boats in Elliott Bay." Barber described the Peace Fleet this year as "under a cloud."

2005 was the first year that members of the Peace Fleet did not contact officials in advance of the action. In 2004, information given to the Coast Guard and the Navy was used to harass Peace Fleet vessels and peace sailors.

This year, only one Peace Fleet vessel, a 21-foot skiff from Port Townsend, was boarded by the Coast Guard. The boarding took place soon after crewmembers had hoisted their peace signs into plain view of passersby on the Seattle waterfront. The incident provided skipper Neal Liden, a former Navy Lieutenant, the opportunity to educate Coast Guardsmen about the hazards of depleted uranium.

Coast Guard vessels turned away from one of the Peace Fleet sailboats after Coast Guard crewmembers saw the deck lined with Seattle PI photographer Karen Ducy's professional cameras and equipment. There were no further boardings of Peace Fleet vessels by the Coast Guard.

At the conclusion of the action, another Peace Fleet vessel met with Peace Walkers from the Bainbridge Island Buddhist Temple and Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action at a pier in downtown Seattle. The walkers had just arrived in Seattle as part of a 300-mile



**Under FBI surveillance?** David Mitchell on Kim Esterberg's sailboat in Elliott Bay on August 3, 2005. Photo by Kim Esterberg

Peace Walk from the Hanford Nuclear site to the Trident submarine base at Bangor in commemoration of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

The roster of 2005 Peace Fleet sailors were: Bobbi Liden and Neal Liden of Port Townsend; Marilyn Bode and Mary Gleysteen of Kingston; Daniel Creech and Lori Somerhiser of Port Orchard; Ela Esterberg, Kim Esterberg and David Mitchell of Bainbridge Island, Michael Hill of Elbe, Tom Krebsbach of Brier; and Glen Milner of Seattle.

Peace Fleet sailors were each presented a hand-made peace dove by Karol Milner in her appreciation of their courage and support in the face of possible Coast Guard harassment. All were thankful for a safe voyage.

The Peace Fleet is tentatively scheduled to sail next on August 2, 2006. Please join us!

*Glen Milner is a mighty sailor man and a skipper, brave and sure. He fears neither the depths of Elliott Bay, nor the absurdity of the Coast Guard and FBI.*

## YOUR ANTI-TERRORISM TAX DOLLARS AT WORK...

**Q: When is launching a boat a threat to national security?**

**A: When it is launched in the United States, in the name of peace.**

In September 2005, the American Civil Liberties Union of Washington received 18 pages from the FBI regarding the Peace Fleet for 2003. Messages, dated July 31, 2003, showed an investigation by the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) and the Northwest Joint Analytical Center (NWJAC) of the 2003 Peace Fleet.

One statement said, "The Maritime Working Group (consisting of the maritime members of the NWJAC and JTTF) have been developing information for past three weeks regarding this event. Two weeks ago they gathered information that the four identified groups: 1. GROUND ZERO, 2. SNOW, 3. NOT IN MY NAME (NION), and 4. PEACE AC-

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# Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with T-SHIRTS and BUMPERSTICKERS



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Price: 1-10: \$1.00 ea.; 11-100: \$.50 ea.; 101+ \$.25 ea.

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the beloved sunflower bumperstickers were destroyed in the fire at Ground Zero. But we are re-designing them and a new version will be available really soon. It's hard to believe, but Ground Zero has sold nearly 15,000 sunflower stickers since they were first offered in 1998. Thanks to all of you who have bought them.

Your orders and donations to the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action are helping build the Trident Resistance Network and a **growing movement** to resist Trident and abolish nuclear weapons. **Each dollar** you send to Ground Zero helps build this movement by paying for phone calls, postage, printing, networking expenses, organizing, utilities, and more.

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Light up your yard or home; plug it into your car lighter for peace vigils; make it for holiday giving! Just imagine big, bright peace signs popping up and on all over!



What am I talking about? Peace signs made out of little bright lights that you can plug in and let them shine! I have left mine lit continuously since January 1 and it is still glowing and takes very little electricity.

The instructions are easy and clear and the materials you can find almost everywhere. It costs less than \$25 for the materials and the project takes less than an hour.

For the instructions send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Marilyn Bode, PO Box 819, Kingston WA 98346. Include a \$5.00 contribution for Ground Zero and I'll send you the instructions!

Questions? Call Marilyn at 360-297-2213.

## Ground Zero Annual Meeting October 29, 2005

Please come to the Ground Zero Annual Meeting! It's fun and invigorating. Newcomers are especially welcome, as well as all you folks who have been active in GZ for awhile.

The meeting will be on Saturday October 29, with a potluck lunch at noon, and the meeting from 1—4 pm. It will not be at Ground Zero (because of the fire). It will be at the Nipponzan Myohoji Buddhist Temple on Bainbridge Island, which is so beautiful, you've got to come just to see it.

See the enclosed flyer for more details and directions. And please come! The future of Ground Zero needs your participation and your ideas!



### Do you like to bowl? So do we.

Hey! If you would like to meet up with other "peace people" for some fun, this is your chance! Ground Zero members in Kitsap County are forming an

informal bowling "team!" Interested? Contact [info@gzcenter.org](mailto:info@gzcenter.org), attn. Mary Gleysteen.

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