

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

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(Standup Week 219)

Tuesday, 6pm–7pm

Why are we in Iraq?

Not because of weapons of mass destruction.

Not because Iraq was involved in 9/11.

Not because Iraq was a threat to our national security.

What have we gotten?

US military dead: 4,328 US military wounded: 31,431

Iraqi civilians killed: 100,091* Money spent on war: \$642 billion

Who are we?

Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War has pledged to “Stand Up” until the war ends and the troops come home safely.

Every Tuesday evening at 6 pm (rain or shine), **Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War** assembles on the northwest corner of 8th Avenue and 24th Street to facilitate “**Chelsea Stands Up Against the War,**” a community protest against the war in Iraq.

We carry banners, signs, and candles as we gather for one hour each week to protest the war in Iraq. We distribute this newsletter, peace buttons, collect signatures on petitions and speak with our neighbors about the need to end war in Iraq. The **Stand Up** make a dramatic statement to passing vehicular traffic on 8th avenue.

Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War is an all-volunteer organization that wants to build the broadest possible neighborhood consensus. With that goal in mind, the organization is open to all and functions by consensus.

Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War is not formally affiliated with any other organization but is willing to work with all groups and individuals who are committed to ending this illegal and immoral war fought by our fellow citizens, paid for with our tax dollars, and prosecuted in our name.

*The recent Johns Hopkins/Lancet report places the figure at 655,000+



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Keep the Pressure Up

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Feeling too old, or just too tired after working all day, to attend a demonstration against the war? Well take some inspiration from the “Granny Peace Brigade.” What’s that, you ask? On October 17th, 2005 a group of “older” women went to the Times Square recruitment center to enlist. They asked to enlist in place of grandchildren who had been deployed to Iraq. They were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct.

After the arrest, they could have accepted an Adjournment in Contemplation of Dismissal (an ACD), but decided instead, with their lawyer’s help, to go to court and defend their civil liberties and their right to speak out. As an outcome of these events they were put on trial in NYC Criminal Court and acquitted. The group decided to identify themselves as the “Granny Peace Brigade.”

The group felt it required three committees to bring an end to the war: the No Bases Committee, the Counter Recruitment Committee, and the Legislative Committee. Each committee gathers information to disseminate to the public and organizes its own actions. These include teach-ins, where experts are asked to speak on specific issues, phone-a-thons, where people are requested to call their representatives about legislation, and counter-recruitment actions in which parents are encouraged to be pro-active in monitoring military recruiters’ access to their children in their schools.

The “Grannies” message to the city: Educate for peace, not for war. The “Grannies” can be found every Friday afternoon in front of the Times Square Armed Forces Career Center carrying out their “re-truthment” campaign. Men and women of all ages are welcome to join them.



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