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**RAGING GRANNIES COME TO HYANNIS**

Cape Codders for Peace & Justice (CCPJ) and the Cape branch of the Women's International League for Peace & Freedom (WILPF) are holding a Raging Grannies action at 4 p.m. on Friday, November 18, at the army recruiting center in Hyannis, 1 Financial Plaza, 297 North Street, Hyannis.

CCPJ and WILPF are part of United for Peace & Justice, one of the endorsers of a National Stand Down Day to end the Iraq War, a project of the Iraq Pledge of Resistance. This action calls for demonstrations and nonviolent resistance at recruiting stations across the country, in support of student peace and counter-recruitment actions on November 17.

The Raging Grannies originated in Victoria, British Columbia, in the mid-1980s, when eleven women decided to make the world safer for their grandchildren. They donned wigs and flamboyant hats, and wrote satirical skits and catchy lyrics set to popular music or nursery rhymes.

Since then, Raging Granny actions have taken place around the United States and abroad, including on Cape Cod, poking fun at the powerful, protesting war and injustice, and advocating peaceful and sustainable practices. This year the Raging Grannies have increasingly appeared at recruiting centers, asking that they be sent to Iraq instead of their "grandchildren." Among the songs in Hyannis will be "*Leave Our Kids Behind*", written by a Boston woman to be sung to an old gospel tune.

People of any age can be a Raging Granny, and men are welcome. All it takes is a decorative hat and a finely honed sense of both outrage and humor. Everyone is welcome -- you don't even have to be able to carry a tune.