



## Happy Holidays from PACG!

Thanks to our dedicated volunteers, our generous donors and a little creative thinking, PACG has adapted well to organizing and working for social justice as the pandemic continues. We share this new version of a traditional seasonal song as our wish for blessings in the New Year to all of our friends.

### ***In the 12 Months of 2021 PACG Gave to Me...***

*(sung or read to the tune of the last verse of "The Twelve Days of Christmas")*

#### **12 Months of Letters to the Editor**

*Our Health Care Reform Forum led the way by speaking out for lower prescription drug prices and the Affordable Care Act. Our other forums followed suit and our community newspapers heard our voices!*

#### **11 Zoom Breakout Rooms in Our "Inauguration 2021 - Virtual Parade and Dance Party"**

*Who could forget Chillaxin' at the Bar, Shooting Darts, Chuggin' Shots, Designated Drivers and the other Breakout Rooms in our smashingly successful Virtual Inauguration Dance Party? We played games, danced and paraded with a live DJ!*

#### **10 Book Club Books Read**

*The PACG Book Club continues to meet most months. Its focus is on racial justice, and it will be expanding to include books on how the environment and health care play a role. The Book Club has gone international, with one member Zooming in from Canada!*

#### **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic and Pie Auction**

*PACG held its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic and Pie Auction **in person** this year! Taste of Ethiopia provided marvelous food. We were able to have a feast and support a minority-owned small business! With seventeen Pie Bakers we raised a record-breaking \$1375 from the Pie Auction! We will donate these funds to three community groups that will most benefit those in need.*

#### **8 Zoom Licenses Given**

*Once again, as the result of the pandemic, we bought Zoom licenses for not only our PACG forums and group members to use, but also for other organizations in the community with whom we coordinate our work on progressive issues.*

#### **7 Days to Our Next WEU!**

*The PACG Weekly Email Update (WEU) continues to be sent out 51 weeks of the year. We appreciate all of our members and community activists who use the WEU to spread the word about important issues.*

#### **6 Months of Environmentalism at the Farmers Market**

*Our Environmental Forum has continued its work with a table at the Davenport Farmers Market every Saturday for the past six months!*

#### **5 A New Board President! (read this like 5 Golden Rings!)**

*We are excited to announce that beginning in the New Year Glenda Guster will be our Board President! We have also added new Board members and are so grateful for their volunteer time.*

#### **4 Active Groups**

*PACG Book Club and our Civil Rights, Environmental and Health Care Reform Forums continue to do important work on issues of social justice.*

#### **3 Moderators for Our "Race, Adolescence and Trauma" Webinar**

*We were part of bringing the important work of Professor Kristin Henning to the QCA. Our host, Charlene, and Moderators, Athena and Abdur, addressed audience member questions to Professor Henning and kept the meeting lively and on track.*

#### **2 Groups Working on Racial Justice and Children**

*Our Civil Rights Forum continues to work with the Juvenile Justice Coalition of the Quad Cities and the newly-formed Adolescence, Race and Trauma Coalition. The latter was organized as a result of the Henning webinar to address issues that she mentioned in the webinar.*

#### **1 Street Corner Rally**

*Inspired by the Black Lives Matter Movement, PACG has been holding weekly "Racial Equality Now" rallies at John Deere Road and 16th Street in Moline. Each Saturday from noon to 12:30, supporters stand at this busy intersection holding BLM signs and encouraging drivers to honk their support.*

We appreciate that we have been able to see more of you in person this year. We will continue to do good work into 2022!



For more information about all that PACG has accomplished this year, check our website at [www.pacgc.org](http://www.pacgc.org).

