

THE NEWLYWED CHRONICLES

This year we depart from the usual to reflect on the significance of the crossroads at which we stand. As our parents dig deeper into their ancestry, we discover that each of us is a diverse melting pot. We are reminded of our ancestors – those who came to America hoping for religious freedom, democratic government, free speech and the right to pursue a better life.

In 2016, we watched some of these freedoms being eroded and realized that we can't always rely on government and institutions. Freedom comes with personal responsibility. *So this year, we added our voices ...*

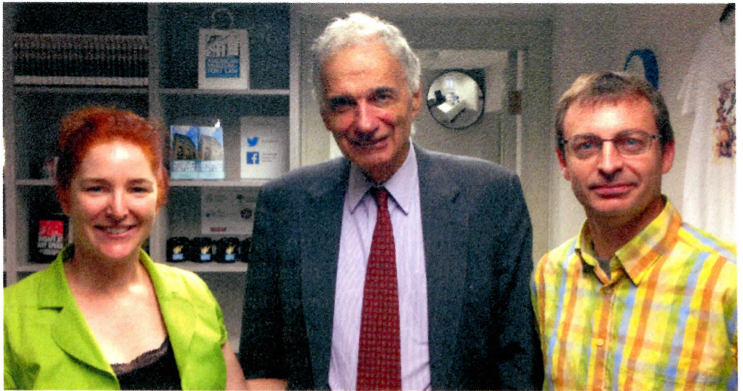
"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." ~ ML King





Hundreds of petitions signed • Dozens of letters written to our representatives • Letters to the editor • Donations to political, health, and environmental causes • Organizing statewide educational forums on fracked gas pipelines in CT • Protesting the construction of a power plant in Oxford, CT • Canvassing 300 homes in our neighborhood, twice, to oppose a zoning change, 100 phone calls, and 40 letters to Town officials • Running a conference on storytelling and diversity • Organizing a pipeline protest walk in Suffield, CT





And when we got discouraged, Ralph Nader reminded us that it only takes 1%. One percent of the people taking action on any issue can make positive change happen ...

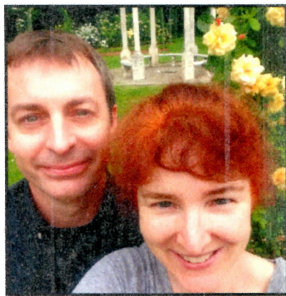




In 2016
we spent
a lot of
time fighting
for what we believe
in and defending
our rights.



Even with all of that there was
still time to stop and smell
the roses.



Wishing you a
festive holiday
and a year
of action!

To Be Continued...