



Becoming a Change Agent

Pies from Nowhere by Dee Romito

In these difficult times, it is important for each of us to be given the opportunity to understand our role as a citizen. Our youngest citizens especially need to learn about those people in our country's history who demonstrated that "one person can make a meaningful change in their community and beyond".

In the book *Pies from Nowhere*, the reader/*listener learns how Georgia Gilmore started the *Club from Nowhere* in order to provide food and funds for the Montgomery Bus Boycott of 1955.

(*Check YouTube for a read-aloud of the book.) This story tells how one woman turned her expertise as baker and cook into a mission to work with others to sell food and raise money for all those participating in the Montgomery Bus Boycott.

After you have read/listened to *Pies from Nowhere*, think about how you might use your voice and your plans of action to make a positive change in today's challenging world!

Now...think about the questions below:

1. *Pies from Nowhere* takes place during a period of history in which there was enforced separation of different racial groups. During that time, Rosa Parks was arrested for refusing to give up her seat on a bus to a white person. With the support from every-day heroes like Georgia Gilmore, the bus boycott kept going for the year it took for the segregation on buses to be considered unconstitutional. Boycotting is a peaceful way to protest. Can you think of other peaceful ways people can protest that are happening or could happen in today's challenging world?
2. Georgia Gilmore said, "You cannot be afraid if you want to accomplish anything." Do you think Georgia Gilmore was afraid of what she thought about doing? Why or why not? What do you think she was afraid could happen? Have you ever wanted to do something, but were afraid to do it? Be prepared to share.
3. The book describes a time when a bus driver mistreated Georgia. After she paid her fare, the bus driver insisted she get off the bus and enter it from the back door. When she reached the back door, the driver took off before she could get on the bus. If you were on that bus and witnessed what happened, what do you think you would do and why?
4. Georgia Gilmore peacefully fought for justice. We are all still fighting for justice today. It is important for each of us to see ourselves as everyday heroes who are ready to make a difference in our world. How can you make a difference?