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LOOKING FORWARD

Full Steam Ahead in 2014

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The Socialist Party has just come off a very busy 2013 and is going full-steam ahead for 2014.

After a successful 2013 national convention its important to take an inventory of all the things we've accomplished in 2013.

We kicked off the year with Actions to close Guantanamo. Locals and members joined Witness Against Torture's campaign to Close Guantanamo and the National Office sponsored a large orange and black banner that was hung off the roof of the building where our office is located.

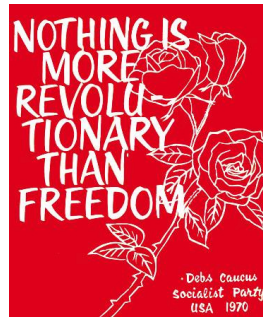


In March the Party celebrated International Women's Day with a special issue of *The Socialist* and in April the Party joined other organizations in actions in opposition to drone warfare. Like the Close Guantanamo Campaign, the Party sponsored a banner for the building we have our office in.



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On May Day, our locals took part in rallies in cities across the US and the Party put out May Day literature for members to use, including print outs from our May Day issue of *The Socialist*.



May Day was also the kick-off of our campaign to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the re-constitution of the Socialist Party USA, with a special web-page set of with Party archives and photos plus a special 40th anniversary journal.

June through August brought **Socialist Summer** activities- most of these actions were organized on the local level with rallies, teach-in, and skill shares and more. Locals also took advantage of summer events to table and organize, from street fairs to poetry events and art shows.

The end of August marked the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington and the Socialist Party took part. Members marched with placards and joined the hundred thousands plus activists in DC to mark that event.



As summer ended, we started to plan for our 2013 national convention. Members from across the US came to Queens NYC in October to elect a new National Committee, amend the platform, constitution and pass a series of resolutions to help us organize the party internally and reach out to activists and grown.

The convention happened over three days and was productive and fun, with a great convention reception and a productive three "working" days.

As we hit the end of 2013, the Party organized our "Actual Socialist" photo campaign with members responding to President Obama's confirmation that he is NOT a socialist and that people should meet real socialists to see the difference. We took that invitation and produce a photo gallery on-line and will use those images in an outreach campaign this winter.

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As we head toward 2014 we have so much more to do. We'll focus on our Plan of Action from the 2013 national convention with a focus and create clear goals. On January 1st, the next year will begin and we hope to have all of you involved in local, state and national campaigns.

A better world is possible!

January. 18-19, 2014: Next SPUSA National Committee Meeting – Berkeley, CA.
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