

# THE ORGANIZER

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## Planning Underway for Anti-G8/NATO Demonstrations in Chicago this May



The Socialist Party has started to organize a contingent for Chicago actions against the G-8 and NATO this May, and while president Obama has moved the G-8 meetings to Camp David to avoid protests, that won't stop tens of thousands of activists from converging on Chicago to protest the G-8 and also the NATO meeting

that is still happening that weekend.

### Plan Of Action

On Friday May 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup> the Party will table and take part in the **Counter-Summit for Peace & Economic Justice** which will be held at the People's Church 941 W Lawrence in Chicago.



We hope to organize a meeting of Socialist Party members on Saturday evening to help plan for the protests on Sunday.

On Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup>, the Party will have a contingent at the **Rally & March to Say No to the War and Poverty Agenda of the G-8**. This will be a large, family-friendly march and rally!

We'll have updates and more on the Party's website at: [www.socialistparty-usa.org/g8chicago.html](http://www.socialistparty-usa.org/g8chicago.html)

## Stewart Alexander Visits the North East

Socialist Party USA Presidential candidate Stewart Alexander visited the greater NYC Metro area from March 15 – 19th to meet with members of the NYC and Northern NJ Locals and take part in the Left Forum. This was Stewart's first campaign trip to the area and was a complete success.

### Speaking with Students



Stewart joined New York City Local members and students at Brooklyn College just a few hours after landing in NYC. This was a warm-up for another, and larger, event the next day at "City as School", a public school in Manhattan's "West Village", where he met with twenty plus students and teachers for a few hours of discussion.



### Left Forum

The Left Forum is an annual event in New York City which brings thousands of leftists (or all varieties) together for a series of workshops and panels.



The Party had a table in one of the three "vender" rooms and sponsored a series of panels. On Saturday Stewart joined NJ US Senate candidate Greg Pason and Kristin Schall, Kristin Schall of *The Socialist*, in a panel on electoral action entitled "Running Red". He later met with

hundreds of Left Forum attendees.

On Sunday Stewart attended to panels on electoral action, met with attendees, then traveled to New Jersey to meet with members there.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**JULY 28- 29, 2012**  
**SOCIALIST PARTY USA**  
**NATIONAL ORGANIZING CONFERENCE**  
**MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE**



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**Stewart Alexander continued...**

### **New Jersey to Los Angeles**

On Sunday evening Stewart Alexander joined Greg Pason and a dozen Northern NJ members and supporters at a "meet and greet" in Montclair. That event helped kick-off the NJ petitioning drive and Alexander/Mendoza campaign in the state. Then on Monday Stewart and Greg spoke at Sparta High School, where they were invited by a teacher there.

On Sunday evening Stewart flew back to Los Angeles and the campaign continues.

If you'd like to have Stewart Alexander or Alex Mendoza visit your area, contact the Alexander/Mendoza campaign at [travel@stewartalexander2012.com](mailto:travel@stewartalexander2012.com).

### **JOIN THE SPUSA WOMEN'S COMMISSION**

The Women's Commission of the Socialist Party USA is dedicated to the principles of socialist feminism and strives to establish an equal society through education, organization, and direct action. We are united by our common belief in the Party's goal of establishing a radical democracy that places people's lives under their own control - a non-racist, classless, feminist society.

Contact Women's Commission Chair: [asarlay@gmail.com](mailto:asarlay@gmail.com)



### **FEMALE EDITORIAL BOARD CANDIDATES**

The National Committee is looking for female SPUSA members to serve as an Editorial board member. If you are interested in serving please contact the National Office at [natsec@socialistparty-usa.org](mailto:natsec@socialistparty-usa.org)

**Deadline for applications is May 31, 2012**

### **The Organizer**

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The Socialist Party's Presidential Campaign is in full swing and is making some great strides in the effort to spread the Party's message. While many of you have been very gracious in the contributions you have offered, we are entering a critical period for the Campaign and are issuing a fundraising call to the Locals throughout the country. Our request is that your Local set aside just one spring month where you attempt to hit a Campaign fundraising goal of \$200. If you need or would like to share fundraising ideas, contact Mimi Soltysik at [socialistpartyusala@gmail.com](mailto:socialistpartyusala@gmail.com).

### **Contributions should be sent to:**

Alexander/Mendoza 2012  
4202 Bluffpoint Rd. Rowlett, TX 75088  
payable to: "Stewart Alexander for President".

You can also forward your donations directly to the Campaign website: [www.stewartalexanderforpresident2012.org](http://www.stewartalexanderforpresident2012.org)

### **MAY DAY 2012**

May Day is just around the corner. Please send us info on and May Day events your local is planning.

### **Send event info to:**

<http://socialistparty-usa.org/calendar.html>

Next National Committee Meeting: June 9-10, 2012  
Hammer & Tongs Deadline: June 15, 2012