

# THE ORGANIZER

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## MARKING THE 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE WAR IN IRAQ



On the week of March 19<sup>th</sup>, Socialist Party local and state organizations took part in the many anti-war demos marking the fifth anniversary of the war and occupation of Iraq.

The Socialist Party opposed this war from day one and calls for the immediate withdrawal of all troops now.

As part of this effort the National Committee endorsed the ongoing "Iraq Moratorium" actions that are held on the third Friday of every month and has initiated a Socialist Party Anti-Imperialism Committee. This committee will include representatives from every Party state and local organization and will help us better coordinate our anti-war work.

If your local or state party would like to take part, contact the National Office at [natsec@socialistparty-usa.org](mailto:natsec@socialistparty-usa.org).

## SOCIALIST PARTY ENDORSES ANTI-WAR ASSEMBLY



The Socialist Party has endorsed the National Anti-War Conference to "Stop the War in Iraq and to Bring the Troops Home Now!" The conference will be held June 28-29<sup>th</sup> in Cleveland.

Information on the conference is posted at: [www.natassembly.org](http://www.natassembly.org) and updates will be posted on the Party's website ([www.socialistparty-usa.org](http://www.socialistparty-usa.org)).

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## NATIONAL ORGANIZING CONFERENCE THIS SUMMER!

The Party will hold our biennial National Organizing Conference this July in Ann Arbor Michigan.



The National Organizing Conference is held in years in between national conventions and is an opportunity for rank-and-file members to share skills and meet other Socialist Party members from across the US.

The Organizing Conference Committee includes Matt Erard (convener), Susan Dorazio, Sara Mc Lean, Kevin Kane, Beverly Brown and Walter Brown. Matt Erard can be reached at [matterard@sp-usa.org](mailto:matterard@sp-usa.org).

Updates on the National Organizing Conference will be posted on the Party's website ([www.socialistparty-usa.org](http://www.socialistparty-usa.org))

## Become a Founding Member of the SPUSA Sustainers Club

The Socialist Party USA depends first and foremost on the grassroots activity of its membership. As we grow, however, our ability to coordinate activity and meet the needs of a more active membership is becoming strained.



Without voluntary contributions beyond membership dues, our operating budget will remain strapped to the bare essentials. To help us maintain a database

of regular contributors, the Party has created the "Sustainers Club"

The Sustainers club is open to anyone who can donate at least \$30 a year above dues and is willing to have their name added to our regular contributors database. It is also open to non-members who contribute at least \$30 a year and ask to be added to the Sustainers Club list. You will receive a unique membership card, a subscription to The Socialist, and a "Founding Member" lapel pin to show your solidarity. You can join on-line at the following website:

[www.socialistparty-usa.org/joinus/supporterform.html](http://www.socialistparty-usa.org/joinus/supporterform.html) or by sending your check and info. to SPUSA Sustainers Club c/o 339 Lafayette St. #303 NY, NY 10012

## SUPPORT MOORE/ALEXANDER 2008!



[www.votesocialist2008.org](http://www.votesocialist2008.org)

The Moore/ Alexander campaign is working hard to qualify for as many state ballot lines as possible.

In March, Brian won the nomination of the Liberty Union Party in Vermont and will run with Stewart on that Party's line this November. The slate is also ballot qualified in Florida and working in various other states. Updates on the campaign can be found on the campaign website: [www.votesocialist2008.org](http://www.votesocialist2008.org)

## SOCIALIST PARTY UPDATE:

**Chicago Socialist Party re-chartered!** The National Committee rechartered our Chicago organization on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Special thanks to Art Kazar who helped make this possible. The CSP's website can be found at: [www.chicagosocialistparty.org](http://www.chicagosocialistparty.org)

**New Party Officers:** The Party welcomes new National Treasurer Jerry Stastny of Wisconsin and New Editor William Wharton of New York City.

**Sign up for our Members-Only E-Mail List:** All Party members in good standing are encouraged to join the SP Members e-mail list. You can join the list by sending your full name, address and e-mail address to:

[list-admin@socialistparty-usa.org](mailto:list-admin@socialistparty-usa.org)

### DUES RATE CHANGES ON MAY 2, 2008

The following dues rate changes will start on May 2, 2008  
**Full time student rates** will be an introductory rate for new members only.

The annual base rate for net incomes **under \$20,000/ yr** will start at **\$30** (up from \$25) and the base rate for net incomes **between \$20-\$35k** will start at **\$75** (up from \$60).

## MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE FROM THE SOCIALIST PARTY USA

### New T-Shirts (union printed on union t-shirts)



SPUSA Logo T-Shirt  
red ink on white t-shirt

\$18.00 each

available in: small, medium,  
large & extra-large



Workers of the World Unite! T-Shirt  
red ink on white t-shirt

\$20.00 each

available in: small, medium, large &  
extra-large

### Books

- \_\_\_ **Rebel Lives: Albert Einstein** (soft/89 pgs) \$6.00
- \_\_\_ **Rebel Lives: Helen Keller** (soft/89 pgs) \$6.00
- \_\_\_ **Rebel Lives: Sacco & Vanzetti** (soft/121 pgs) \$6.00
- \_\_\_ **DMZ Magazine (counter recruitment)** \$3.00

### Pamphlets

- \_\_\_ **E.V. Debs "Canton Ohio Speech"** \$2.00
- \_\_\_ **E.V. Debs "A Letter on Immigration"** \$1.00

### New Poster!

- \_\_\_ **10" X 15" Helen Keller poster** \$15

### Buttons

- \_\_\_ **Color Hand & Globe** \$2.00 ea. or 10 for \$15
- \_\_\_ **Jobs, Peace & Freedom stickers** (3.75" x 2.5")  
\$2.00 ea. or 10 for \$15

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