

# THE ORGANIZER

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## OCTOBER ANTI-WAR MOBILIZATIONS



On Saturday, October 27th Socialist Party members from around the country joined massive regional demonstrations against the war in Iraq.

Tens of thousands of peace and justice activists converged on Boston, New York City, Orlando, San Francisco and other cities calling for an end to the war and occupation of Iraq.

The Socialist Party is committed to continuing the struggle against the war and occupation. We want all US troops out of Iraq and Afghanistan and want to close all US military bases on foreign soil. We join the call to slash the military budget (we call for an immediate 50% cut) and to spend those funds on human needs. Needs like a socialized health care system, free public education (including pre-K and post-secondary), mass transit and housing.

### Photos from some of the Socialist Party contingents:



Orlando, Florida



New York, NY

Updates on the Socialist Party's anti-war work and can be found at [www.socialistparty-usa.org](http://www.socialistparty-usa.org).

## ACTIVIST CAMPAIGNS



### HEALTHCARE FOR ALL!

The Socialist Party stands for a socialized health care system. A system based on universal coverage, salaried doctors and health care workers, and revenues derived from a steeply graduated income tax.

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## 2007 NATIONAL CONVENTION MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

The Socialist Party held our 2007 national convention in St. Louis Missouri from October 19-21, 2007. The convention was an opportunity for members from across the US to meet with each other work toward building a stronger, more unified Party.

The convention tackled many controversial topics and the debate was heated but the end results were compromise and solidarity.

### 2008 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN



Stewart Alexander (left) and Brian Moore (right)

The convention nominated a Presidential slate of Brian Moore and Stewart Alexander.

Brian Moore is a member from Florida who has run strong campaigns in the past, including as an Independent for US Senate in his home state of Florida.

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## 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 or 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

**ACTIVIST CAMPAIGNS** continued..

A national health program with full standard and alternative medical, dental, vision, and mental health coverage for all, publicly funded through progressive taxation and controlled by democratically elected assemblies of health care workers and patients. The National Health Program should extend, and replace, Medicare and Medicaid.

For more info. on the campaign contact campaign chair Matthew Andrews at [peopleunite@verizon.net](mailto:peopleunite@verizon.net) or write the National Office at 339 Lafayette St. #303 NY, NY 10012



**FAIR FOOD UPDATE: CIW MARCH ON BURGER KING HQ Nov. 30 – Dec. 2 in Miami, Florida.**

The Coalition of Immokalee Workers is organizing a major march on the Burger King Headquarters in Miami Florida to coincide with Burger King's annual shareholder meeting. The march/rally will take place on November 30<sup>th</sup>. The CIW will also organize an "Our World, Our Rights" Conference and Concert for Fair Food on, December 1<sup>st</sup>, and

activities with Miami-area faith communities on December 2nd. For more info. check out [sfalliance.org](http://sfalliance.org) or the Party's website at: [www.socialistparty-usa.org](http://www.socialistparty-usa.org)

Stewart is a party member from California who has been active in the Peace & Freedom Party.

All members and state/local organizations are encouraged to get involved in the campaign. Contact the national office for more info.

**NEW OFFICERS & NATIONAL COMMITTEE**

**Co-Chairs:** Andrea Pason (NJ) and Jerry Levy (VT)

**Vice-Chairs:** Nan Pfefferle (WI) and Peter Moody (PA)

**Female National Committee:** Doris Lake (VT), Sharin Chiorazzo (NJ), Susan Dorazio (MA), Myrtle Kastner (WI), Anita Zeidler (WI) and Alice Kelsey (NY). **Alternates:** Beverly Brown (OR), Linda Randolph (WI), Teresa Salo (NJ), Kristin Schall (NY) and Emily Roth (MI).

**Male National Committee:** Bill Stodden (IL), Greg Pason (NJ), Steve Sears (WI), Eric Chester (MA), Dwight Welch (IL), and Mark Luzietti (FL) **Alternates:** Dan Jakopovich (NY), Peter Diamondstone (VT), Matthew Andrews (MA), Matt Erard (MI), Mwara Ngoima (VT) and Jerry Stastny (WI).

Convention minutes will be posted in the next issue of *Hammer & Tongs*

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