



North Jersey Socialist

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The Fight Against Trump Begins

The Northern New Jersey Local, as part of the Socialist Party of New Jersey and Socialist Party USA, has joined the fight against the Trump agenda. We have worked to join in existing networks of activists to stand up to the assault on immigrants, to defend education, oppose police brutality and against the continued push for war and imperialism.

As the Socialist Party's National Committee recently stated "Our support for refugees, undocumented immigrants, Black Lives Matter, the LGBTQA+ community, Muslims, Native Americans, and any other group or community under attack by Trump and his alt-right supporters will be steadfast and unwavering."

We understand that while building broad movements in this fight, as the National Committee also stated "Let us be perfectly clear: our opposition to Donald Trump cannot be built on or with the Democratic Party."

This current period brings with it new challenges and our commitment to opposing Trump needs to come with an equal commitment to providing democratic socialist ideas and struggle to build a democratic socialist future.

North Jersey Activist Roundup

1/5/17: Montclair Environmental Discussion



Approx. 20 community members, including students from Montclair State University, came together to discuss environmental concerns and listen to a

report on the EPA Superfund Site in Ringwood and the Splitrock Prayer Camp at the Ramapough Lunaape Nation. The event was organized by Montclair State University student and Montclair Fair food Alliance member Matthew Kelly and hosted by Mary Z See of 73 See Gallery and coordinated with the Party's Change Climate and Community Campaign. *Greg Pason*

1/14/17: Second Annual Conference: "Acting Locally for a More Sustainable World," sponsored by the North East Environmental Coalition, held at the Montclair Library. On the subject of local food and sustainable communities, there were several speakers who are active with community gardens in Newark and Paterson, and who received awards at this event. One of them, Justin Allen, spoke on "Urban Agriculture, Empowering Individuals, Creating Community and Rejuvenating Land." David Korfhage and Richard Larsen of the Citizen's Climate Lobby spoke on "Creating the Political Will for a Livable World (see photo)." Captain Hugh Carola spoke on "Hacken-sack Riverkeeper, Mission and Work." There were information tables from several groups, including the Purple Dragon Organic Produce Co-op and the Hackensack Riverkeeper. *Susan Gordan*



1/14/17: Bread and Roses Brunch:

Northern NJ SP Member Teka L organized the second "Bread and Roses Bunch" at her and Charles S' home in Bloomfield NJ. The event brought together various community activists to discuss local, national and international issues while building a broader network for future events and actions. The next Brunch will be Feb 18th. *Greg Pason*

**JOIN US FOR THE
SOCIALIST PARTY OF NEW JERSEY
STATE CONVENTION
Sunday March 5, 2017**



73 See Gallery

73 Pine St Montclair NJ

11:00 am to 3:00 pm

For info e-mail gpason@socialistparty-nj.org

1/15/17 "We the People Against Hate March"



Highland Park. The event was sponsored by the Youth of Highland Park, and MANY high school students were present, among the 80 participants.

We marched through the center of town, ending up at a local church, inside of which the organizers spoke to the crowd and invited anyone up to speak about mobilizing against the Trump agenda. *Susan Gordan*

1/18/17, Save Our Health Care vigil at the offices of Republican Congressman Leonard Lance, NJ's 7th District, in Westfield (where I was) and Flemington. The rally was to urge/demand that Lance not support repeal of the ACA. Approximately 100 people showed up in Westfield (and the same number in Flemington). Congressman Lance came out to speak to us. The humor of the night was when he asked the crowd if they wanted tickets to the inauguration, and in unison, the crowd said, "NOOOOO." He invited 20 participants to come into his office to speak to him for about 15 minutes. He came outside, again, after the meeting and said that his stance is that he will not vote to repeal unless there is another plan ready to go into effect, but the crowd demanded NO REPEAL.

The vigils will continue in Westfield (and perhaps, the other towns), every Wednesday, 4:30-7:00, at Congressman Lance's office. *Susan Gordan*

1/21/2017- Women's March Vigil in Montclair.



25 local activists joined together on January 21st in a solidarity vigil with the many Women's Marches across the US that day. Northern NJ members also attended events in NYC, Newark and Washington DC. *Greg Pason*

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2/2/17: Women's March -Hear Our Voice - Next Step

On Thursday, February 2 in a show of solidarity the Bloomfield and Montclair communities joined together to have "Women's March -Hear Our Voice -Next Step." It involved getting the neighboring communities involved in the political process. The women and men inspired by the Historic Women's March that took place on January 21 - sat, ate, drank, discussed politics and wrote postcards to their area politicians at the Town Pub of Bloomfield.

This event was not a partisan event. There were Democrats, Independents, Greens and Socialists in the crowd of over 100.

While it is true that all politics are local, what happens on the national level does impact all of us. Those on the far left have always known this to be the case, but now the general public is waking up to this truth. What goes on nationally and internationally has always impacted all of us in the United States. This post Women's March event will be the first of many other steps the community will take to remain active in the political process. *Teka Lark*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Feb 12th- Northern NJ Local Membership Meeting –
3:00 pm @ Trend Coffee 411 Bloomfield Ave Montclair NJ

Feb 18th- Bread and Roses Brunch – 11:00 am
Bloomfield, NJ. For info: 1635schl@gmail.com

Feb 21st- Join us at Montclair Twp Council to Make Montclair NJ a Sanctuary City! – 7:00 pm at 205 Claremont Ave, Montclair, NJ. Bring a sign!

Feb 28th- Join the Northern NJ Socialist Party at "Ending Racism and Inequality in the Food System"
6:45 pm -9:30 pm @ Montclair State University's University Hall Conference Room (7th Fl) Little Falls, NJ
Local Activists speak about what can be done locally to end wealth and racial inequality. Learn about what can be done locally, nationally, and globally to be better activists, nutritionists, educators, and citizens. Speakers to include Northern NJ Local member Teka Lark FREE

Next Month- BLK GRRL BOOK FAIR Benefit – CIW's Return to Human Rights Tour, International Women's Day and more. Next Issue out March 1st

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