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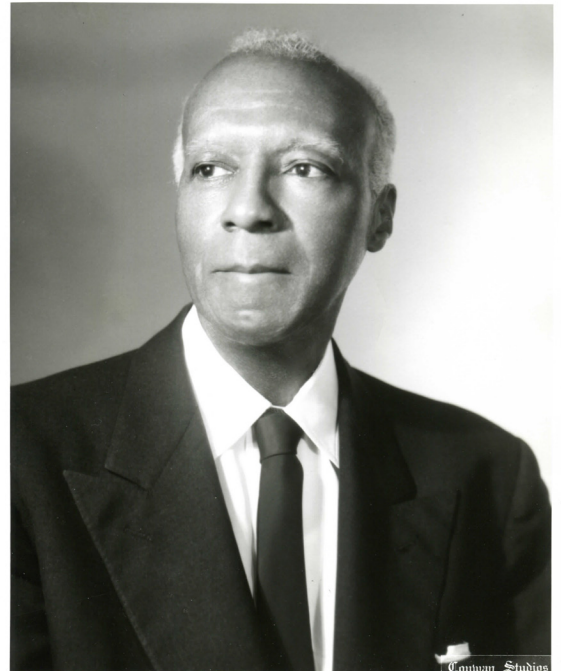


Fall 2022

Honoring the A. Philip Randolph Institute

The Eugene V. Debs Foundation each year honors a person or organization that demonstrates a long experience in the fields of labor, education, or public service. This year's Eugene V. Debs award will be presented to the A. Philip Randolph Institute. Founded in 1965 by A. Philip Randolph and Bayard Rustin, the AFL-CIO's first constituent group continues the important work in trade unionism and social justice begun by those two legends. Randolph and Rustin forged an alliance between the civil rights and labor movements, recognizing that working people of all races and creeds share the same goals: political and social freedom, and economic justice.

In 1967, A. Philip Randolph was the third recipient of the Debs award. He was nominated by Norman Thomas (winner of the second award) who wrote to the Debs Foundation, "we would honor ourselves" by honoring Randolph. According to Thomas, "He has rendered a very great service to labor, a service transcending the boundaries of the Sleeping Car Porters," and has become "a genuine elder statesman in the struggle for civil rights." The institute bearing his name continues this great work.



The 1967 award was presented on September 23, with Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall addressing the banquet in honor of Randolph. In his speech, Udall called A. Philip Randolph "the unofficial conscience of the labor movement," and compared Randolph and Debs pointing out many similarities. Udall noted both men were "self-educated" and "dedicated and skillful labor organizers," who "abhorred violence" and "sought to educate their fellow workers." Importantly, "both men extended their vision beyond the narrow confines of trade unionism to work for the broad social goals that would create a better America" and "both men believed in achieving these goals through the democratic process."

2022 Eugene V. Debs Award Banquet

October 15th
Hulman Center Glass Pavillion
Terre Haute, Indiana

The banquet to honor Randolph was attended by many prominent politicians, including Indiana Senator Birch Bayh and Congressman John T. Myers. All international union presidents were invited and more than five attended, with many others sending representatives. In presenting the award on behalf of the Foundation, Patrick Gorman, President of the Debs Foundation and Secretary/Treasurer of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America spoke for the

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Foundation saying "Agitator of the highest order, man of courage and conviction and unswerving devotion to the cause of peace and human brotherhood, and for decades, unofficial conscience of American labor, we proudly present

to you, as a worthy disciple of him whose memory we revere and whose honor we perpetuate, this 1967 Eugene V. Debs award in the field of labor and public service."

As the trade union movement has seen tremendous growth and enthusiasm recently, it is vital that we continue to connect with the past. We must remember those who forged the path that brought us to this moment. Both the Debs Foundation and the A. Philip Randolph Institute are dedicated to preserving this important legacy. The Debs Foundation is honored once again, to honor the legacy of A. Philip Randolph and salute those who keep his flame alive.

Banquet Weekend Debs Walking Tour

Join Debs Foundation Secretary and Kate Debs biographer, **Micki Morahn** for a short two block walk around Gene and Kate's neighborhood. Meet the people who lived on their block and discover the diversity and creativity of their neighbors.

The tour will depart from the Debs House at 951 North 8th street at 10 am and will cover the immediate block. If interested, walkers will be able to extend their tour to the Debs boyhood home monument on 4th street. Maps will be provided. Upon returning to the Debs home, tours of the home will be offered.

As customary on the day of the Debs banquet, the Foundation will host a short graveside service in Highland Lawn Cemetery on East Wabash Avenue at noon. Carpooling is encouraged. If interested, a short cemetery tour will be given to visit the gravesites of the Debs and Baur families.

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The Debs Foundation Newsletter is published twice yearly for distribution to supporters and friends of the Foundation. The Eugene V. Debs Foundation is a non-profit, private organization which maintains the home of Eugene and Kate Debs as a museum and shrine to labor, and carries on educational and informational programs which aim to honor and promote the goals for which Debs struggled: industrial unionism, social justice, and peace. For those wishing to become supporters, a donation form is provided elsewhere in this issue.

The Great Micki Morahn

Congratulations and best wishes from all of us at the Foundation to **Michelle K. Morahn**, our esteemed Foundation Secretary, who is retiring this year from the faculty of the ISU History department.

A generous donation was made on behalf of the faculty of the ISU Department of History "in honor of our retiring colleague, Ms. Michelle Morahn, for her many years of devoted teaching and, of course, her steadfast support of the Debs Foundation."

Fall Board Meeting

October 16, 2022

1:00 pm Eastern Time
Hilton Garden Inn, Terre Haute
& via teleconference

Great Debs Quotations

What's your favorite Debs' quotation? We'd like to hear from you! If you have a favorite — especially one that is overlooked — send it to the **Debs Foundation Quotation Station**: info@debsfoundation.org

Internship Spotlight

Have you ever wondered what it's like to complete an internship at the Debs Museum? A few industrious students find out every year. Recent interns have hailed from Marion University in Indianapolis, Bennington College in Vermont, and most frequently, Indiana State University right here in Terre Haute. **Chad Bugle**, a recent graduate in Art History and Museum Studies at ISU, wrote a new collections management policy for the museum and expanded on the museum's artifact catalog during his last semester. "I am beyond grateful to the Debs Foundation for the opportunity to help improve documentation of their collection," Chad said of his internship in fall of 2021. "I think the work we have done these last few months will improve scholarly access to Debs' life and will assist in helping the foundation preserve his legacy for years to come."

Internships are not limited to history students. **Lucencee Jackson**, currently majoring in Civil Engineering at ISU, completed a fall internship at the museum for his minor in Civic Leadership. "Equality, fraternity, and justice were consuming the passions of progressive socialist, unionist, prison abolitionist, and peace activist Eugene Debs. So many of my interests in history were tapped into over the semester while I worked on data entry for the museum's catalog." **Will Schultheis** is a film and international relations student at Bennington College who spent a five-week winter field work term at the museum. "Over the past few weeks, I have been reading and researching Eugene Debs, his life, and his beliefs. I am helping with the project of exhibiting Debs as a socialist, one of the museum's four pillars of his life." Will's efforts are part of an ongoing overhaul of the museum's second-floor exhibits.

If you are (or know) a student with an internship requirement and a passion for Debs' story, please reach out to museum@debsfoundation.org.

Special Thanks

Eugene V. Debs understood the value of every worker. In that spirit, we recognize and thank our professional cleaner, **Bonnie Wilson**.



Museum cleaner Bonnie Wilson shares a smile with Debs

Bonnie has worked at the Debs Museum for over two years and does a commendable job keeping Gene and Kate's house tidy for guests. Cleaning a whole museum is no simple task, and Bonnie treats every item and surface with extra care.

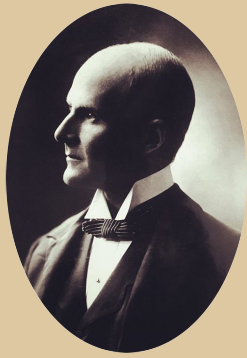
A true Debsian, Bonnie is a community organizer in her own right. She leads the board of directors of Central Christian Church in Terre Haute, sits on her congregation's Social Justice Committee, and coordinates

educational events with her fellow local activists. Bonnie recently organized several museum tours and a screening of *The Revolutionist: Eugene V. Debs* with her congregation. Bonnie's favorite work by Debs is *Walls and Bars*.

Debs Museum Open for Tours

The 1890 Debs home is open for tours Tuesday-Saturday from 12:00-5:00 PM Eastern. Guided tours begin at 1:00 and 3:00 PM. Walk-in visitors are welcome any time during open hours. Mask requirements remain in place. Virtual tours via Zoom broadened our reach during the last two years and will remain a permanent option for visiting the museum.

To schedule an in-person or virtual tour for your family, union local, classroom, or any other group, email museum@debsfoundation.org or call (812) 232-2163. Tours are always free. A suggested donation of \$5 per person helps keep the museum doors open and the Debs legacy alive.



In Debs' Words

from "Debs' Acceptance"
International Socialist Review,
October, 1912

"Capitalism is rushing blindly to its impending doom. All the signs portend the inevitable breakdown of the existing order. Deep-seated discontent has seized upon the masses. They must indeed be deaf who do not hear the mutterings of the approaching storm.

"Poverty, high prices, unemployment, child slavery, widespread misery and haggard want in a land bursting with abundance; prostitution and insanity, suicide and crime, these in solemn numbers tell the tragic story of capitalism's saturnalia of blood and tears and shame as its end draws near.

"It is to abolish this monstrous system and the misery and crime which flow from it in a direful and threatening stream that the Socialist party was organized and now makes its appeal to the intelligence and conscience of the people. Social reorganization is the imperative demand of this world-wide revolutionary movement."

Eugene V. Debs

Gift Shop Update

The Debs Museum Gift Shop is pleased to offer new items this year to museum visitors and online shoppers who want a tangible reminder of Debs and his body of thought:

A, B: In response to the demand for the "Debs Credo" poster, we're now offering a t-shirt with the same design in white with red lettering, and in red with white lettering. Both are available in a range of sizes and are priced from \$20 - \$25, depending on shirt size.

C: We now offer a reproduction of the 1912 Socialist Party of America lapel pin with its unique birdsmouth flag. Debs was buried with just such a pin on his lapel, part of a set comprising a lapel pin, a stick pin, and a watch fob, all of which are on display at the Debs Museum. The replica pin is available from our gift shop for \$9.50.

D: In recognition of Debs' hope and faith in the idea of One Big Union, we continue to offer the IWW lapel pin featuring the IWW's current logo for a mere \$9.50.

E: We still have shirts in a few sizes featuring our classic Debs T-shirt design, now at 25% off while supplies last!

Newly available (but not pictured here) is **Wisdom of Progressive Voices**, edited by Joanne Boyer. This volume contains excerpts from progressives throughout American History.

A



B



SALE!

25% off our classic T-shirt
Coupon code: DEBS25



Banquet Musical Presentation by DJ Buddha Brown



DJ Buddha Brown (Alfred Brown) will be providing our musical presentation for this year's awards banquet. Son of APRI's esteemed president Clayola Brown, he is originally from Queens, NY and currently resides in Washington, DC, where works at the APRI National Office.

Mr. Brown will be providing music for ambience as well as providing a feature presentation later in the evening.

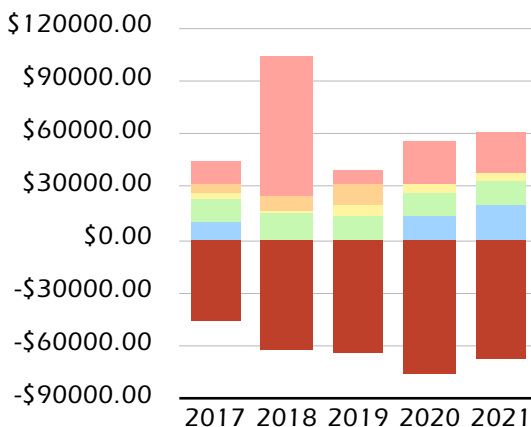
Says Brown, "I've been playing music since the age of 14, and I've been pleasing diverse crowds since the start of this music journey."

You may find some of Mr. Brown's mixes and jams on his MixCloud site: <https://www.mixcloud.com/buddha-brown/>

Financial Report

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Dues, Donations and Support	\$ 11834.00	\$ 80388.48	\$ 7521.53	\$ 25180.16	\$ 24171.21
Banquet Income	\$ 6228.00	\$ 7709.70	\$ 12581.37	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Memorabilia Income	\$ 3211.00	\$ 2112.13	\$ 6287.77	\$ 4582.06	\$ 5102.79
Investment Income	\$ 13280.00	\$ 14261.24	\$ 13249.47	\$ 13032.70	\$ 12612.00
Capital Gains (Realized)	\$ 9347.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 13425.82	\$ 19920.17
Total Revenue	\$ 54526.00	\$ 104471.55	\$ 41499.06	\$ 56220.74	\$ 61806.17
Expenses	\$ (46056.00)	\$ (61652.10)	\$ (63344.07)	\$ (74,991.84)	\$ (66,959.82)
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 8470.00	\$ 42819.45	\$ (21845.01)	\$ (18771.10)	\$ (5153.65)

Income/Expenses



Expense Breakdown (2021)

Salaries, Other Compensation, and Employee Benefits	\$ 34094.34
Professional Fees and Other Payments to Independent Contractors	\$ 10472.75
Occupancy, Rent, Utilities, and Maintenance	\$ 11784.33
Printing, Publications, Postage, and Shipping	\$ 5656.51
Other Expenses	\$ 4951.89
Total Expenses	\$ 66959.82

Eugene V. Debs Award Banquet Ticket Order Form

\$50 per ticket, Table of 8 for \$320 ■ Students K-College \$30

Purchase Tickets Online at: www.debsfoundation.org

Name _____

Total Amount Enclosed _____

Please indicate your meal preference: {
Chicken _____ Number _____
Vegetarian _____ Number _____
Vegan _____ Number _____

Tickets must be paid in advance, checks payable to:
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Your reservation will be recorded and honored at the door.

Inquiries may be directed to Benjamin Kite at 202-538-2845, or
by email: banquet-information@debsfoundation.org



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Personal Program Greeting

Name Only \$20.00 _____

Name and Greeting \$30.00 _____

Name(s) and Greeting: _____

Greetings will appear in the banquet program book,
either including your name only or your name and a
brief greeting (20 words max). Copies of the
program book will be furnished upon request.

Greetings must be received by September 30th.

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