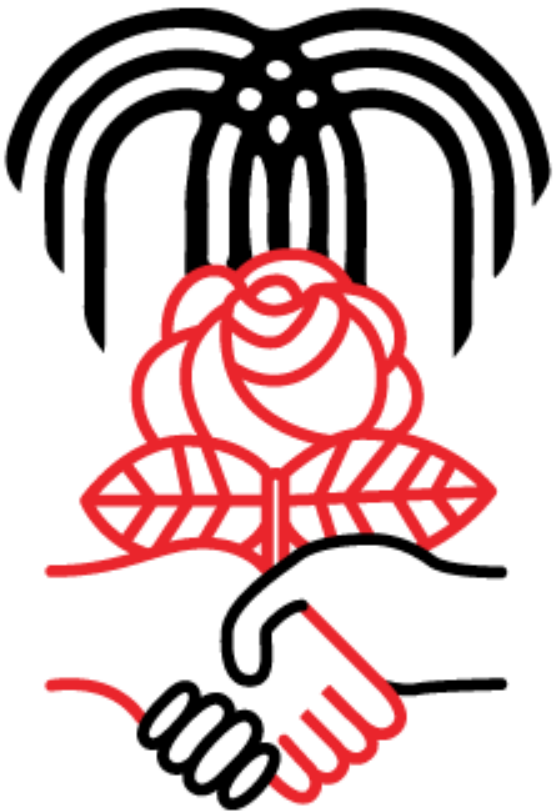


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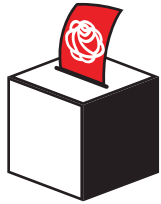
Let's be real, 2023 was... a lot. But as we gear up for a new year and all it has in store, let us take a few moments to reflect on everything we were able to accomplish together in 2023 to set the stage for an even better 2024.

IN THE PAST YEAR

- We worked alongside our comrades at the **Teamsters Union** as they prepared to walk out of UPS jobs across the region and the nation.
- After their strike was averted at the last moment, we shifted our time and attention to the various **United Auto Workers** actions taking place, organizing donations for workers at the Fairfax auto plant after they were furloughed and used our platform to show our support for the UAW.
- Additionally, some of our members supported **Starbucks** workers during the "**Red Cup Rebellion**" walkouts in November.
- Tabled at events across KC, including **Juneteenth** and **Pridefest**.
- Collected signatures (in conjunction with our comrades at **Missouri Jobs with Justice**) regarding the ballot initiative to raise the Missouri minimum wage to **\$15/ hour** and to secure **sick leave** for all employees.

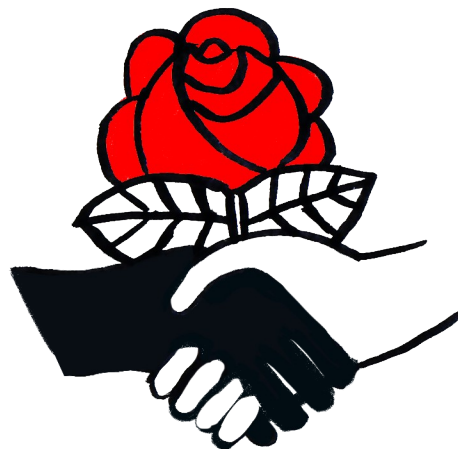
- We hosted a **new member orientation** (with another to come in 2024!) for folks who were ready to dive in and get involved as well as those who are simply socialism-curious.

NATIONAL CONVENTION



2023 also saw the return of the National DSA convention that was held this year in Chicago. We were able to send several delegates to represent our Kansas City chapter to see what our comrades all across the nation have been working on. The convention was a success, and we hope to send a larger delegation in the future to showcase the growth we've had here in the Kansas City area.

You can find a full results list of resolutions, Constitution and bylaws changes, NPC recommendations, and committee reports at convention2023.dsausa.org



FREE PALESTINE

We cannot recap 2023 without discussing the ongoing horrors in Gaza. Since October, more than 22,000 Palestinians have been slaughtered as Israel continues to show no regard for human life in the area. KC DSA firmly stands with the people of Palestine and has been standing in solidarity with **Al-Hadaf** while they do good work here in our area. We signed on to a letter authored by **Al-Hadaf** urging Emmanuel Cleaver to do the right thing and demand a ceasefire. After initial hesitation, Cleaver did call for a “cessation of hostilities” in Gaza after meeting with representatives from **Al-Hadaf, KC Tenants**, and various faith leaders. We continue to pressure other political leaders to call for a ceasefire and ensure that the people of Palestine are not forgotten in the ever-changing news cycle.

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A BETTER WORLD IS POSSIBLE

2023 has certainly been a busy and memorable year, and there is no way our organization could have accomplished so much without our members. It is you, dear comrade, who are the heart and soul of what we do. KC DSA is nothing without the compassionate, determined people who make up our organization. Take a moment to reflect on the past year and take pride in all that we have accomplished together. But brace yourself, because 2024 is here, and we have more work to do than ever before!

WHAT'S NEXT

Tuesday January 16th – Chapter General Meeting

7pm @ Plaza Library / online

RSVP at kcdsa.org/JanMeeting

Join us for our first chapter meeting of 2024! We'll be discussing our ongoing campaigns and how we organize our committees within the chapter. And we want to hear from you!



COFFEE WITH COMRADES

Join us the first Wednesday of every month at Thou Mayest in River Market! Come get to know other members of the chapter and get involved with our work.



POLITICAL EDUCATION

Our reading group just finished reading and discussing The Principles of Communism, join us and discuss what the next reading should be!

YDSA WORKING GROUP

This working group was formed to work with the new ydsa chapter at Johnson County Community College.



PUBLIC OWNERSHIP WORKING GROUP

Currently working on a campaign to prevent public funds going to the construction of a new Royals stadium.

COMMITTEES

Committees are where we do work internal to the chapter to keep it running smoothly. Committee work is only available to chapter members in good standing, as it often involves access to internal administrative infrastructure such as member lists. Some committee positions are elected, some are appointed, some are open to all members, and some have other admission processes – inquire directly with the groups to learn more.

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Is there an issue here in Kansas City that **you** would like to work on? Do **you** have skills (**you do**) that you'd like to use to help our chapter function? **Join us** at our next chapter meeting and get involved!

Hint: we'd love to have a design committee to help make more content like this cool zine!

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