

The Debs Foundation Newsletter

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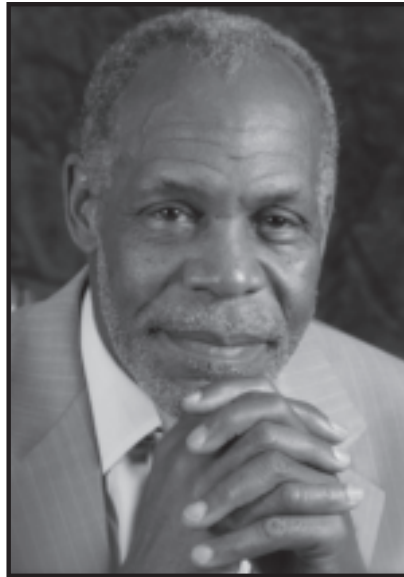
FALL 2011

2011 Debs Award Recipient - Danny Glover

As actor, producer, and humanitarian, Danny Glover has been a commanding presence on screen, stage, and television for more than 25 years. Add to that his participation in numerous marches and demonstrations in support of workers' rights. His accomplishments in acting and directing have enhanced and enabled his community activism and advocacy for human rights, both in the U.S. and in Africa, with a particular emphasis on advocacy for economic justice and access to health care and education. For these efforts, Glover received a 2006 DGA Honor. Internationally, Glover has served as a Goodwill Ambassador for the United States Development Program from 1998-2004, focusing on issues of poverty, disease, and economic development in Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean, and currently serves as UNICEF Ambassador.

It is mainly for his humanitarian efforts that we recognize him with the Debs Award. But by the way, his active support of workers' rights is also "Debsian." He recently showed up at the protest rallies in Madison, Wisconsin in support of union rights. Most recently he helped save the jobs of hundreds of garment workers at the Hugo Boss factory in Cleveland, Ohio by leading a boycott by prominent motion picture actors who refused to wear Hugo Boss tuxedos to the Academy Awards ceremonies.

Glover's versatility as an actor is displayed in the good-guy—bad-guy roles he played in successive years in 1984 opposite Sally Fields in Places in the



Danny Glover

Heart and in 1985 as McGee in Witness, where eventually the bad guy gets his just deserts. He was a "good guy" in two westerns: in Lonesome Dove in 1989 and in Buffalo Soldiers in 1997.

Glover was born in 1946 in San Francisco and grew up in a union family. He graduated from San Francisco State University and was active in the Black Student Union while a student. One tidbit, Glover's height is listed as 6'3 1/2".

The above is by necessity mostly a snapshot from a resume which extends to seven pages. The cause of social justice and human rights is served well to have Danny Glover as champion. We are sure you will want to join us September 24 to honor him.

Presentation Speaker



Bruce Raynor

Presenting the award to Danny Glover will be Bruce Raynor, a person well known to foundation members. He received the Debs Award in 2004. Raynor retired this year from his leadership position as President of Workers United, ending a long career in union leadership which began in the education department of the former Textile Workers Union of America in 1973, where he worked on numerous southern organizing drives, including the successful J.P. Stevens organizing campaign in the late 1970s. He used a combination of aggressive

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FALL BUSINESS MEETING • Sunday, September 25, at 9:00 am, Debs Home

See You on C-Span

You will want to check out C-Span September 30, which will be broadcasting live from the Debs Home. Large segments will be live and will be backed with some pre-taped material. This will be an excellent opportunity to spread the word about the life and enduring legacy of Eugene Debs, and we hope it reaches a wide audience. It will be a one and one-half hour program. Mark it on your calendar.

See You in the Movies

It won't be a blockbuster movie expected to be listed in the weekly rating for ticket sales when released. It is a full-length film, and its producers hope it gets good reviews when shown at Sundance and Cannes.

The title is "The Drunk," featuring a fictional grandson of Eugene Debs. In the film, he is or was a drunk who is convinced by his mother, living in the Debs Museum as curator, that he has a legacy to uphold. In the primary elections, he takes on the conservative Democratic candidate for governor. The fictional debates between the liberal and the conservative candidates fill much of the dialogue. As the story goes, the primary race generates lots of excitement due to the "Debsian" influence. You'll have to see it to learn how it ends.

The film is a low-budget production, but is large enough to fall under screen actor guild wage standards. Paul Fleschner and William Tanoos, both Terre Haute natives, co-wrote, will co-direct, star in, and produce the film. Tanoos is an attorney and son of a Terre Haute lawyer. Fleschner works on-stage in Chicago and many of the cast also have Chicago stage credentials. Fleschner also is the son of a Terre Haute attorney. The filming for the Debs Home footage is scheduled for the first week in August. Filming of the debate will be done in the auditorium of Woodrow Wilson Middle School in Terre Haute.

Release of the film is scheduled for hopefully early 2012, to coincide with the excitement of the 2012 elections. Hopefully the movie will benefit from and contribute to the excitement in the real election of 2012.

More details later.



Do You Want a Pastor-President?

Rick Perry says that at age 27 he felt "called" to the ministry, but at that time had no idea what his pulpit would be. Were he to become President, we'd all be part of his congregation. Wow!

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The *Debs Foundation Newsletter* is published twice yearly for distribution to members 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 members, an application form is provided elsewhere in this issue.

Tunnel Vision

It's not really a tunnel but almost seems like it. It is a ditch seven to eight feet deep and three feet wide dug to replace with PVC the clay sewer line which over the years has succumbed to the voracious appetite of tree roots. First there was lots of hand digging and scoping with a fancy electronic "camera" in order to trace where the sewer line exits the Debs Home and runs to a city main. The plumber hoped that an outside cleanout would give him better access to run a "worm" to try to clear out the pipe. It didn't do the job, however, so there was no alternative to installing new PVC pipe from the cleanout to the city main. Fortunately, the line runs straight out east from the Home, thus running under the memorial wall to exit our property. That is where it got complex and expensive. No problem going under the wall, but then sidewalk, curbing, and asphalt had to be ripped out and replaced, all this on university property.

Why burden you with this long story? Because of the cost. The final amount has yet to be calculated, but it definitely will be near or even over \$16,000.00 This unexpected expenditure shows why we need a capital campaign to provide us the financial resources to meet not only expected expenses as for maintaining the Debs Home and keeping it open to the public free of charge, but also for the unexpected. We had gone all these years with few sewer problems until about two years ago. Then, wham-splash, \$16,000 down the drain!

There certainly was no tunnel vision on the part of those visionaries who founded the Debs Foundation 49 years ago and those who have kept it going strong all these years. We must and will keep it going strong!

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET
TERRE HAUTE
September 24, 2011
Honoring
DANNY GLOVER

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Afternoon

1:00 to 4:30 p.m.: Debs Home Open

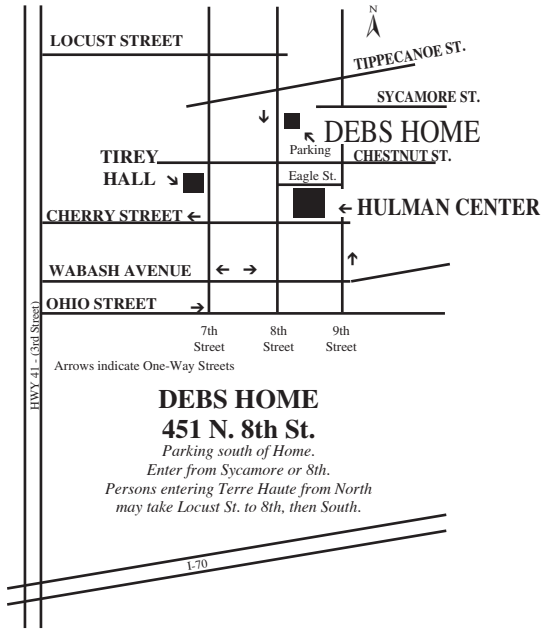
Evening

6:00 p.m.: Social Hour and Reception (cash bar), Hulman Center, ISU.
Enter West Doors.

7:00 p.m.: Banquet Honoring Danny Glover

The fall business meeting will be Sunday, September 25,
at 9:00 a.m. at the Debs Home

The new parking garage across from Hulman Center is now open and accessible from Cherry Street. The parking fee is \$1.00 per hour. A free lot is directly east of Hulman Center, and another is the large lot south of the Debs Home.



Individual Greetings

You have the opportunity to participate in sending greetings in either of two forms. For a listing of your name (one or two persons), send \$20. For a listing which includes your personal greeting not to exceed 20 words, send \$30. Indicate if not attending the banquet in order that a copy of the souvenir program can be mailed. This order must be received by September 10. Use space at bottom-right to provide name, \$20 or \$30 listing (include message) and if attending the banquet. Your greeting honors this year's Award Recipient and the Debs Foundation as well.

Dinner Ticket Order

\$40 per ticket, Table of 8 is \$280
Students K-College - 1/2 price

NOTE

We offer a choice of entrees. Please **indicate your choice when you order tickets and again at the door.**

Chicken Dijonnaise _____
Number

Vegetable Marinara _____
Number

Name _____

_____ X \$40 = \$ _____
 number of amount
 tickets enclosed

Tickets must be paid in advance, checks payable to The Debs Foundation, P.O. Box 9454, Terre Haute, IN 47808. Please check one of the following options.

Hold tickets at the door, in the name of _____
 (actually the preferred way)

Mail my tickets to the following address:

Inquiries may be directed to Charles King, 812-237-3443, or,
 charles.king@indstate.edu

Program Listing \$20.00 _____
 \$30.00 _____

Name or Names:

(If not attending banquet,
 provide mailing address across left).

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rank and file organizing and alliances with civil rights and community leaders to build worker power.

Those of you who attended the 2004 banquet will remember the enthusiasm and deep conviction with which he delivered his remarks. No one went to sleep during his speech. We are sure that in addition to his remarks related to Danny Glover, he will have plenty to say about current difficulties in advancing or even holding on to workers' rights.

In giving the presentation speech Raynor will be doing pay-back for the times Danny Glover has marched in support of workers in the union Raynor has headed.

At the 2010 Value Voter's Summit

U.S. Sen. Jim DeMint (R-S.C.) told attendees, "You cannot be a real fiscal conservative if you don't understand the importance of having a culture that is based on values."

Government programs designed to help the poor, DeMint asserted, just make things worse. What people in need require is God, he said.

"If you look at the inner city, you see that a lot of drugs are bought with welfare money or food stamps, DeMint said. Only people who are accountable to God, he added, have the type of strong work ethic needed to built a vibrant economy.

"When you get big government," he observed, "you're going to have a little God."

from *Church & State*, Oct. 2010

**DON'T PITCH YOUR NEWSLETTER!
PASS IT ON.**

NOTE: Please check here if this is a:

RENEWAL

NEW MEMBERSHIP

ADDRESS CHANGE

Email Address: _____



Membership Dues: The Eugene V. Debs Foundation

NAME _____

STREET _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____


_____ \$ 5.00 Student Member _____ \$100.00 Sustaining Member

_____ \$10.00 Regular Member _____ \$250.00 Life Members

_____ \$25.00 Supporting Member _____ Other

Enclose remittance. Make checks payable to the Debs Foundation.
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