

# The Olive Branch

Week of August 26, 2013



## Expounding on King's Dreams

In light of the recent anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech, much discussion has been spurred regarding King's philosophies and his impact on the civil rights movement. However, today I would like to reflect upon a slightly less famous speech of his, which he gave at the pulpit the morning before facing trial. In his speech, King discussed the experience of the first Negro student to enroll in the University of Alabama, Autherine Lucy. Although her enrollment was official, Lucy was mobbed by both students and community members from the moment she entered campus. In response, the school board asked her to leave for her own protection and that of the school, and the campus was declared a place of peace once again. King takes issue with this claim and introduces the concept of "positive peace," which refers to peace which is compatible with justice, rather than the mere absence of violence at the cost of justice. In contrast, negative peace involves the absence of violence while also contributing to the exploitation of or devaluation of particular groups of people. Although King thoroughly advocates nonviolence, he claims that this does not equate to complacency. Rather, he feels that in order to achieve a just peace, it is necessary to "revolt against this

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peace” that supports the status quo.

King’s response to unjust peace is different from what many may consider peaceful behavior. Rather than quietly accepting one’s place in life, seeking positive peace often requires the ability to persevere in the midst of struggle and to speak out against injustice. Positive peace requires a certain type of engagement that mere complacency does not. It differentiates between the lack of violence and the lack of injustice and suggests that individuals dedicated to peace work must look further than the status quo to enact change.

Peacework, ultimately, requires a particular mindset: the ability to identify problems in the status quo that contribute to negative peace, as well as a desire to actively combat the problem in a non-violent way. In promoting this




conception of peace, Dr. King sought a better society in which “real peace—a peace embodied with the presence of positive good” can prevail. Dr. King’s conception of peace work also supports the adoption of intersectional peace movements, or movements that engage the interests and needs of multiple groups of people. Likewise, activists can draw from his ideas to promote peace in their own communities. Lacking the willingness to challenge currently existing unjust social structures is ultimately incompatible with peace activism because not doing so can only support negative peace.

-Ashli Godfrey

# Spotlight:

## Eugene V. Debs

**THE WORKING CLASS CANDIDATE**  
FOR PRESIDENT



**EUGENE V. DEBS**  
OF INDIANA  
WILL DISCUSS THE ISSUES OF THE NATIONAL CAMPAIGN AT  
**WASHINGTON HALL**  
12th STREET CORNER HARNEY  
**Sunday, October 9th, 8 P. M.**  
ADMISSION 10 CENTS

Eugene Victor Debs was born in Terre Haute, Indiana, on November 5, 1855. There he was raised, and there he joined the working class at a very young age. At fourteen, he began work at a railway company, cleaning and painting train cars. Eventually, he became a locomotive fireman for the same company and joined the Brotherhood for Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, a trade union designed to financially protect workers and their families from what was a very dangerous job. He went on to become treasurer of the union and editor of its magazine for a number of years.

Debs began his political career as a Democrat in 1879 when he became Terre Haute city clerk until 1883. After his term, he went on to join the Indiana General Assembly in 1884 for one year. In 1893, he

formed one of the first industrial trade unions, the American Railway Union, or A.R.U., which was designed to protect unskilled railroad workers.

One year later, in 1894, the Pullman Railway Company of Pullman, Illinois reduced employees' wages by 28% and the already oppressed workers for the company were fed up. After a bit of prodding, Eugene Debs became the leader of the strike, eventually spending six months in federal prison for "obstructing the Postal Service" because Pullman cars were sometimes used to carry United States Mail.

Following his stay in prison, Eugene Debs emerged a staunch Socialist who eventually ran for U.S. president five times. He was and continues to be the most voted-for socialist candidate in American history, having at one time obtained six percent of the popular vote.

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His speeches, given around the time that the Woodrow Wilson administration rescinded its claim it would not enter World War I and instituted a compulsory draft, were strongly against the idea of war and upper-class privilege. The Espionage Act of 1917 was designed to make speech “used to the injury or the United States or to the advantage of a foreign nation” punishable by law.

Eugene Debs is most famous for what has now become known as “Eugene V. Debs 1918 Statement to the Court,” in which he was called upon to defend himself for claims he made in a speech given in Canton, Ohio. In both orations, Debs wished to emphasize that war was, without fail, initiated by those members of the upper class powerful enough to control world affairs and paid for in blood by the poor or powerless. He considered the Espionage Act to be “despotic” in nature, as it was clearly intended to silence those who disagreed with the government’s decision to go to war or initiate a draft. The Supreme Court case in which he was called to answer for charges of violation of the Act is still considered to be one of the most important free speech cases of all time, and it resulted in Debs’ imprisonment for ten years.

Regardless of one’s political beliefs and the stigmatization of Socialism even still today, this historical case begs the question, what is so wrong with an individual speaking out against his government when he sees problems within it? Is this kind of thing not what the United States was founded upon? And what qualifies someone as a traitor to his country? Upon reading the speeches Debs gave, it is easy to wonder why he was punished so harshly when his words gave such support to the intelligence and agency of American citizens who worked for a living.

—Katie Munn





# On Campus Events

## Angels for Life blood drive

The Angels for Life blood drive is part of the Live to Give event coming up at Pruis Hall! Indiana Blood Center will be on-site to accept blood donations on the date and time below. Donate Life will be joining us at the blood drive signing people up for organ and tissue donor registration. Be the Match will also be there registering people for the bone marrow registry.

The entire process will take about an hour and will give you the opportunity to be part of the life-saving network in our community. Indiana Blood Center is the primary blood supplier for IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital and approximately 60 other Indiana hospitals.

Click on the **dates** below to schedule an appointment at a time that is convenient for you.

## Walk-ins are welcomed!

Angels for Life - Ball State University

**Tuesday, September 10, & Wednesday, September 11, (09:00 am - 04:00 pm)**

1000 W McKinley

**Pruis Hall**

Muncie, IN 47306

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## International Conversation Hour (ICH)

This program is designed to help international students practice English, learn studying skills and classroom culture, and make American friends. We recruit both domestic and international students from the BSU campus. Through interactive discussion, they can normalize their experiences and decrease their isolation, worries, and stress as well as get support from American students. They will also learn different kinds of study skills to help them succeed at Ball State University. We hope through students' participation, domestic students will learn about different cultures without studying abroad and international students will increase their sense of belonging to BSU and adjust to their transition from their countries to BSU better.

Time: Every Tuesday, 6-7:30 pm

First three meeting Location: 8/27, 9/3, and 9/10 will meet at the Studebake East, Multipurpose Room

Please feel free to bring your friends to join us. If you have any questions, please email Pei-Yi Lin, at [plin@bsu.edu](mailto:plin@bsu.edu)

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## Living Lightly Fair

Living Lightly Fair is a resource fair for sustainable lifestyles - on **Saturday, September 21, from 9 am - 5 pm**, at Minnetrista, a short walk from Ball State's campus.

The fair provides a full day of speakers, music, art, kids' activities, and a green marketplace of vendors and exhibitors, all aimed at offering ideas and inspiration for living more sustainably. **Admission is FREE.**

# On-Campus Events

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A free **shuttle bus**, sponsored by Freshman Connections, will run between campus and Minnetrista from **9 am to 5 pm**. Pick-up and drop-off will occur every half-hour at the Williams circle drive (behind the College of Architecture and Planning).

Dozens of **VOLUNTEERS are needed** throughout the day (and the day before) in two-hour shifts! If you're interested, please give us your name, email address, phone number, and all hours you're available on these dates:

- Friday, Sept. 20, from 2-4 pm
- Saturday, Sept. 21, from 7 am - 5 pm

Just **send your information to Susan Eichhorn at [eciswd.susan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:eciswd.susan@sbcglobal.net) or [sceichhorn@bsu.edu](mailto:sceichhorn@bsu.edu)**. You can also call 765-640-2535 with your information. Let Susan know if you need printed proof of volunteer hours for a class or club.

Full details about the fair and the day's schedule are available at [www.livinglightlyfair.org](http://www.livinglightlyfair.org), but here's a sneak peek of the highlights:

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### White River Clean-Up

Would you like to make a difference right here in Muncie and make new friends at the same time? (And get a free lunch and t-shirt while you are at it?)

Join us for the White River Clean-up on Saturday September 14th from 8am-noon.

We will have a bus available to bring participants to and from the clean-up starting point. The bus will meet on the circle drive just behind Noyer and Whiting building at 7:30am. The bus will bring participants back around 12:30pm. Lunch will be provided. We will begin at Westside Park, about 5 minutes from campus.

Participants are asked to wear closed toe shoes and pants.

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### Bone Marrow Drive

This event will be held on 9/11/12 at 11:00 a.m. on September 11-12 in the Multicultural Center-Malcolm X Library. The event is sponsored by the Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity.

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### Fall Career Fair

This event will be held on September 18 from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. in Worthen Arena. For more information, contact Steve Fulton at (765) 285-1080. Alumni are invited to participate in the annual Fall Career Fair. Job-seeking alumni are welcome to participate. Some employers will offer interviews the next day.

# Off-Campus Events

## **Muncie Peace Walk**

The annual Peace Walk to support A Better Way will be Sept. 7 at the Delaware County Fairgrounds.

Registration will be at 8 a.m., with the walk beginning at 9 a.m.

Participants are asked to collect pledges for A Better Way, a nonprofit that provides shelter and services for victims of domestic violence, advocacy for victims of sexual assault and a 24-hour crisis line, among other services.

The route to the Cardinal Greenway begins and ends at the fairgrounds. Walkers can choose their distance and walk for fun or as training for the Sept. 14 Walk Indiana marathon.

Information: [www.abetterwaymuncie.org](http://www.abetterwaymuncie.org)

## **Peace Through Yoga India Information Session with Christine Yovanovich**

Join Chris Yovanovich & Christine Dolan Kessler for the India Trip Information Session:

When: Saturday September 7, 2013 from 3:30-4:00 p.m.

Where: Peace through Yoga Zionsville studio

Cost: Free

Have you ever thought what it would be like to visit India, but thought it was too expensive? Think again!

Come learn about the ins and outs of this trip of a lifetime and see if this is your year to go!

Sign up at <http://www.peacethroughyoga.com/workshops-and-events/>

## **Chakra Awakening and Healing with Pat Sheehan**

Saturday, September 7, 2013

Peace Through Yoga Zionsville Studio

Join Dr. Pat Sheehan, Ipsalu Tantra Kriya Yoga teacher, as you:

- Consciously move energy through your chakras as you ground to earth and connect with universal energy
- Learn about each of the chakras and begin to release old patterns and heal wounds associated with each chakra
- Experience chakra healings using sound, meditations, guided imagery, movement and yoga techniques
- Develop your own healing plan based on your awareness and needs

Fee: \$25.00

# Grants and Fellowships

## **United States Institute of Peace Annual Grant Competition**

This Grant Program supports peacebuilding projects such as educational or research institutions and civil society organizations that are managed by nonprofit organizations. Every year, the USIP awards 20-25 grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$120,000. USIP may provide grant support to nonprofit organizations and individuals—both U.S. and foreign—including the following: institutions of post-secondary, community, and secondary education; public and private education, training or research institutions, and libraries. The next deadline for the annual grant competition is October 1, 2013.

Visit <http://www.usip.org/grants-fellowships/annual-grant-competition> for more info.

## **The Jennings Randolph Senior Fellowship Program (USIP)**

These are awarded to scholars, practitioners, policy analysts, policy makers, and others to spend 9-10 months in residence at the USIP during which time they will reflect and write on international peace and security challenges. Citizens of any country are able to apply. The program beginning in October 2014 is now open. Visit <http://www.usip.org/grants-fellowships/jennings-randolph-senior-fellowship-program> to learn more.

## **Rotary Peace Fellowships**

The Rotary Foundation provides these fellowships to fund master's degree or professional development certificate study at one of the six Rotary Peace Centers. Recipients of this fellowship promote peace, cooperation, and successful conflict resolution on both the national and international levels. Visit <https://www.rotary.org/en/peace-fellowships> to learn more.



# Peace Organizations

## Social Justice League

The Social Justice league strives to better the world through awareness, local involvement, and fundraising for worthy causes. We aim to bring greater awareness of social justice issues to Ball-State and the community. Join us to explore both domestic and international issues and to confront and combat injustices.

Our club meets every Thursday at 5 p.m. in the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies. We can be reached at either [sjl@bsu.edu](mailto:sjl@bsu.edu) or [bsu.social.justice@gmail.com](mailto:bsu.social.justice@gmail.com).

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## Timmy Global Health

Timmy Global Health is a nonprofit organization based out of Indianapolis that seeks to eliminate healthcare disparities worldwide. At Ball State, our chapter works through the academic year to raise awareness, money, and medical supplies for our annual trip to Ecuador during spring break.

Contact Info: [bsutimmy@gmail.com](mailto:bsutimmy@gmail.com)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BSUTimmy>

Meetings: Tuesday @ 7pm. Education Resource Room 1 in the Bracken Library Basement

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## Delivering Educational Support to Kenya

Delivering Educational Support to Kenya (DESK) is a student-led organization designed to assist students in Kenya. In Kenya, all students are required to have a school uniform to attend school. Unfortunately, some families are not in a position to buy school uniforms or school supplies for their children. To help these families, DESK organizes various fund raising activities to raise money to buy school uniforms and supplies. Some of these activities have been bake sales, calendar sales, and boxed lunch sales.

Contact email: [desk@bsu.edu](mailto:desk@bsu.edu)

Fall 2013 Meeting Dates & Times:

September 23, 6-7pm in TC 542

October 28, 6-7pm in TC 542

November 25, 6-7pm in TC 542

# Peace Organizations

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### Ball State TOMS

Our club is directly affiliated with the TOMS company. Our main goal and focus as a club is to raise awareness about the company and what they do. We do this through sponsoring and holding several events throughout the school year. We meet every Wednesday night at 9 PM in Bracken, room 401.

Contact info: TOMSCLUB@bsu.edu

Taylor Cardini, President

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### Students for Responsible Consumerism

Students for Responsible Consumerism aims to educate consumers about their relationship with products and the corporations that make them. Our mission is to make students aware of the socioeconomic and environmental influence of their purchases. We foster consumer activity that promotes ethical products that avoid exploiting labor or the environment.

Our club meets Tuesdays at 5 p.m. in the Student Center, Room 308. We can be reached at the following emails: [src@bsu.edu](mailto:src@bsu.edu) or [responsible.consumerism.bsu@gmail.com](mailto:responsible.consumerism.bsu@gmail.com). This is our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/responsibleconsumerism>, and we also have a tumblr page: <http://responsibleconsumerism.tumblr.com/>.

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### Ball State Circle K

Circle K International (CKI) is the premier collegiate community service, leadership development, and friendship organization in the world. CKI blends community service and leadership training with the opportunity to make friends. Our motto is: "Live to Serve, Love to Serve!" Our club offers weekly service opportunities and larger service events for those who wish to become involved.

Our club meets every Tuesday evening at 7:30 in WB 136.

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The Center for Peace and Conflict Studies is an interdisciplinary knowledge unit devoted to conducting research on various forms of structural and direct violence and conflict, and also dedicated to implementing projects that employ nonviolent strategies to resolve conflict.

Our programs include:

- Mediation training and services
- Meditation classes
- The Brown Bag lunch speaker series
- The Muncie Interfaith Fellowship
- The Social Justice League on-campus organization

To get all the latest updates on activities and news from the Peace Center, follow us on Twitter @bsu4peace or “Like” our Facebook page!



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