GRADUATION DINNER FOR
DUBUQUE WORKERS’ ACADEMY

Wednesday, April 18
Happy’s Place • 2323 Rockdale Road • Dubuque
6:00 p.m. - cash bar; 7:00 p.m. - dinner;
8:00 p.m. - program and performance of “Bread, Roses & Buttons: Pearl
McGill and the 1912 Lawrence Textile Strike”
(a play by Iowa City playwright Janet Schlapkohl, based on research by Janet Weaver)

Dinner tickets: $10 for Academy graduates; $20 for all others.*

Workers’ Academy graduates, family members, friends, union members & activists are
invited to honor the graduates of the Workers’ Academy, the Dubuque Federation of
Labor’s 6-week program that teaches the fundamentals of unionism and addresses is-

* Reserve your ticket by April 13 by calling Bruce Clark at 563-599-7725 or emailing Bruce at hawkeyerad@hotmail.com. Tickets may also be purchased in advance at the Dubuque Labor Temple (1610 Garfield Avenue) during weekdays or from any officer of the Dubuque Federation of Labor.

The after-dinner program includes a performance of the short play “Bread, Roses and Buttons,” which focuses on Iowa teenager turned labor activist Pearl McGill. At age 16, Pearl went to work in the button factories of Muscatine, Iowa, where she became involved in the union organizing drive. She participated in the button factory lockout and subsequent strike which began in 1911. She became a strike leader for the Button Workers Protective union, traveling across the country making countless speeches to raise money to support the workers in Muscatine. Later she joined the Industrial Workers of the World, and was an outspoken activist and organizer during the Lawrence textile strike of 1912 (known as the Bread and Roses strike).