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\_\_\_\_\_Become an individual member (check membership level, below)

- ♦ \$10/year student, retiree, unemployed
- ♦ \$20/year individual
- ♦ \$50/year Sustaining Membership
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- Small organizations with under 200 members \$100/year
- Medium organizations with over 200 members \$200/year
- Large organizations with over 1,000 members \$500/year

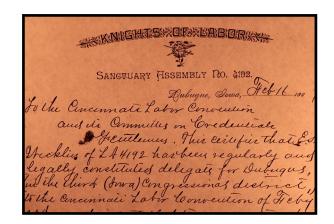
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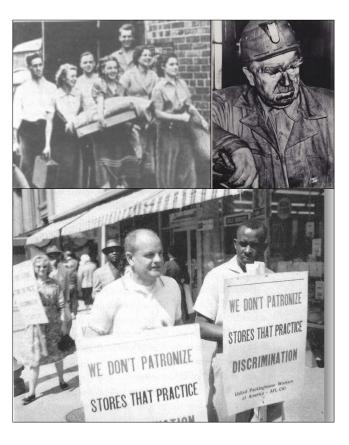
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# lowa Labor History Society



Celebrating the workers in lowa's history whose lives, labors, and struggles built our state

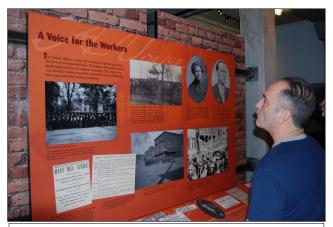


Exhibit on button workers at the Muscatine History and Industry Center in Muscatine, Iowa

#### Who We Are

The lowa Labor History Society is a non-profit organization of individuals, unions, educators, historians, and community groups who are joining together to celebrate and raise awareness about the rich history of lowa's workers—their lives, labors, and struggles that shaped the history of our state.



Labor history class at 2016 Black Workers' Conference in Iowa City

#### What We Do

### Connect members of the public with existing labor history resources.

Our state already has a treasure trove of labor history resources for people to explore! Here are just a few examples:

- Books and Articles such as <u>Solidarity and</u> <u>Survival</u> by Shelton Stromquist and dozens of others (contact us for reading lists!)
- Creative Works include paintings, songs, and plays based on lowa worker stories, such as "Bread, Roses, and Buttons" and "Voice Lessons" by Janet Schlapkohl
- Oral histories and Archives include hundreds of Iowa Labor History Oral Project interviews and vast Labor Collections at the State Historical Society in Iowa City
- Historic Sites & Museums like the John L. Lewis Museum in Lucas, African-American History Museum in Cedar Rapids, and Muscatine History & Industry Center

## Develop new labor history events, programs, and materials.

We are kicking off some exciting new initiatives:

- Labor in the Schools programs—link teachers and students with curriculum
- lowa labor history tours—develop maps and guides to highlight significant labor history sites; plan labor history tours
- Speakers for community workshops recruit a "speakers' bureau" of volunteers to conduct labor history presentations
- Conferences, film screenings, newsletters, and more! — stay tuned for upcoming events, including our 1st lowa Labor History Society conference in Spring 2017!

#### Join Us!

Whether you're a union member or community activist, a teacher or historian, or just interested in learning more about lowa labor history, there's a place for you in the lowa Labor History Society!

Members receive a periodic newsletter with articles about lowa labor history, as well as links to resources and upcoming events. They are also invited to participate in committees, serve in leadership roles, and vote on organizational decisions.

