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GUEST EDITORIAL

THE HENRY GEORGE MOVEMENT NEEDS AN ACTIVIST MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION

By
Mary Davis

Throughout the forty years that I have been a Georgist, I have felt the need for a membership organization. I give people pamphlets, photo-copies of articles, or lend them a book. When I talk with them, many of them are ready to join. They ask, "Have you a membership application?"

What am I to answer?

If I tell them we don't have any members, that we don't have an organization they can join, they ask, "How do you hope to maintain a movement without an organization?"

I am a member of Common Cause, Public Citizen, YWCA, Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, and the League of Women Voters. These organizations have clout in socio-economic-civic matters.

Each of them has a strong membership organization and a strong program. Their members are continually informed about what's happening everywhere in the country, and what can be done in the way of education and political action.

Surely Henry George's solutions deserve an equal presentation and an equal hearing. They deserve professional direction, professional fundraising and continuous membership recruitment.

A more comprehensive and institutionalized arrangement will put on our movement a stamp of stability, resolution and unity which it has not had in the past. During my forty years I could have benefitted from the prestige and the confidence that being part of a world-wide organization would have given me.

Let's establish now the organization we have so long needed.

It will make my job easier. Your's, too.

Mary Davis is a lifelong Georgist teacher and activist from the Atlanta area.