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Membership Meeting Thursday, October 28th 10:30 am, 4:30 pm, or 6:30 pm

Steelworkers Building
60 Boulevard of the Allies (at Stanwix)

Local 57 members have been busy since our last meeting. Come hear reports about how our union is organizing and winning!

There will also be an announcement of a motion to expand the Executive Board, which will be voted on at a future membership meeting.

Convention Center Workers to Vote Oct. 13th

As part of the binding agreement that settled our dispute, SEIU and its Joint Boards agreed that they did not belong in Pittsburgh's hotel market. Additionally, they agreed that UNITE HERE represents workers at the Meadows, Wheeling and Erie casinos as well as workers at the Pittsburgh Athletic Association and the Fluted Mushroom.

It was also agreed that which union would best represent hospitality workers in cafeterias and event venues would be decided through elections, mediation and/or arbitration. On October 13th workers at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center will vote on which union they want to represent them. Since workers in the same industry should be united in the same union, whichever union loses the election at the Convention Center

will withdraw its claim to also represent the workers at the Consol Energy Center and PNC Park.

An overwhelming majority of workers at the Convention Center have signed an open petition declaring their intent to vote for UNITE HERE Local 57. Voting to stay with Local 57 keeps Consol, PNC and Convention workers in UNITE HERE—the union for hospitality workers.



Labor Day Parade



Local 57 members turned out in force to march in Pittsburgh's Labor Day Parade. Local 57's marchers showed their pride in our union and the important role we play in the Pittsburgh's labor movement and the city's economy.

VO Program Makes Union Stronger

What is a Volunteer Organizer, or “VO”? In UNITE HERE we refer to our rank and file union committee leaders who volunteer their own time outside of work to talk with their coworkers about union issues as Volunteer Organizers, or VO’s. UNITE HERE locals with the largest number of VO’s have the most active members, strongest contracts, and are best able to stand up for their rights on the job.

In Local 57 we have recently begun our first series of VO trainings, designed to give VO’s the skills to be successful organizers.

Our first group of VO’s learned how to mobilize their coworkers — skills they used to mobilize hundreds of Local 57 members to events like the June membership meeting and the July rally and civil disobedience action.

Since August, a group of VO’s from the hotels and casinos has been training on meeting with members in our workplace cafeterias, both in their own shops and in others. In five weeks, VO’s have spoken with approximately 200 Local 57 members in the Hilton, Omni, Sheraton, Crowne Plaza, Double Tree, and Meadows Casino.

We have learned much about our members’ views about their jobs, their contracts, and Local 57.

Josh Wyland is a server at the Omni William

Penn Hotel. A member of Local 57 for 8 years, he is on the organizing committee and is a shop steward. Josh has participated in each of the first two rounds of VO training. He says, “Educating and helping one another are two of the most important things we can do to advance our cause. Volunteer organizing has given me the chance to learn from and give advice to Local 57 members not only in my hotel, but in other hotels, food service units, and casinos across our local. If we want UNITE HERE Local 57 to reflect our wants and needs, the members need to take ownership of Local 57. Get out and learn about your Local 57 brothers and sisters. When we realize we are all fighting the same problems, we can make Local 57 the strong, fighting union we deserve.”

Mary Ann Campbell is a server at the Hilton, a member of the union for 38 years, and a member of the organizing committee. Mary Ann has also participated in the first two rounds of VO training. Mary Ann commented, “We, as members of the union, are the union. And we all need to get stronger together.”

More VO trainings are planned as we continue to make UNITE HERE Local 57 a strong, rank-and-file led union!



VO’s from first training: Front row, L-R: Mary Ann Campbell (Hilton), Brandon Baumgartner (Meadows), Sam Doman (Meadows), Bea Binion (Consol & Convention Center), Eric Toal (Convention Center), Maria Hamm (Meadows); Back row, L-R: Mike Gryzwinski (Consol), Josh Wyland (Omni), Anita Renner (Consol), Dan Renner (Consol); Not pictured: Rocquel Jackson (Omni), Mary Alice Cypher (Sheraton), Shirley Linden (Sheraton), Dan Furlong (Westin)

Hyatt Strikes Protest Permanent Recession for Workers

Just before Labor Day, Hyatt workers in Los Angeles, Honolulu, Chicago and Toronto went on strike as part of a wave of demonstrations in ten cities by UNITE HERE members protesting Hyatt and its billionaire ownership family, the Pritzkers. Workers say the company is trying to make the recession permanent for its workers, despite significantly improving industry conditions and Hyatt’s increased profitability and huge cash reserves.

Hyatt serves as the starkest example of how global hotel companies prospered even during the recession. In one day, Hyatt Corporation’s owners made \$900 million when they took the company public in November 2009. Meanwhile, Hyatt hotel

workers have endured reduced hours, understaffing, and heavier workloads which put workers at higher risk of injury.



(Top) UNITE HERE Local 75 workers in Toronto. (Bottom) UNITE HERE Local 5 workers chanted “Hawaii’s Needs, Not Wall Street Greed” in Honolulu as they joined 500 Hyatt workers on the picket line.

Join the Wellness Incentive Program! Earn Cash!

It’s time for H.E.R.E.I.U. Welfare Fund participants to take advantage of the opportunity to earn cash and benefit incentives while making healthy

lifestyle choices. This year the HEALTH FUNDamentals Wellness Incentive Program is better than ever. We’ve expanded the options to give you more ways to stop smoking and manage your diabetes and weight. Program participation starts soon, and if you have dependent coverage, your spouse will receive a separate invitation to participate. The 2011 enrollment kits will be mailed at the end of September. For more information, contact the H.E.R.E.I.U. Welfare Fund office at (412) 434-8700 or (866) 381-4373.

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