

Local 23 Members Join GSI Picket Line at Indigo Landing



GSI workers and other Local 23 members walked a picket line on July 10, in front of the Indigo Landing Restaurant, in Alexandria, Virginia, near Washington, DC. GSI workers from Indigo Landing were joined by GSI workers from other locations as well as Local 23

members. "No contract, no peace" was our theme as we yelled and chanted. This is Local 23's second picket line at a GSI location. GSI workers are fighting for new contracts at 7 different locations. GSI wants their employees to pay a lot more for their health insurance. Also, Indigo employees' last wage increase was August 2009.

Indigo Shop Steward Cynthia Thomas thanked the Local 23 members for coming out to support GSI workers. She said that "we are going to continue fighting to get a good contract that we deserve".

The next bargaining session with GSI will be August 8.

Local 23 Merger Vote Information

Members of Local 14 in Denver, Local 804 in Fort Benning, Local 27 in Washington, D.C., and Local 353B in Texas have already come together with Local 23 members and organizers at General Membership Meetings and actions, and throughout August members of these locals will vote to formally join Local 23. Local 23 members will be voting by mail-in ballot to accept the merger of these locals along with the officers designated in the merger agreement.

In the first and second weeks of September, all Local 23 members should receive a package with a summary of the merger along with the ballot.

If you don't receive a ballot, please call (212) 332-9329 and one will be mailed to you.

Read biographies of the Local 23 officers on the reverse side of this newsletter!

Next Local 23 Membership Meetings

Atlanta

Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at 5 pm

501 Pulliam Street SW, Suite 541, Atlanta, GA 30312
(404) 589-9901

Charlotte

Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at 5 pm

6047 Tyvola Glen Circle, Room 217, Charlotte, NC 28217
(704) 414-6613

Dallas

Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at 9 am, 2 pm and 5 pm

211 South Main Street, Euless, TX 76040
(817) 283-2353

Denver

Thursday, September 6, 2012 at 10 am and 5 pm

5303 East Evans Ave., Suite 302, Denver, CO 80222
(303)759-5458

Washington, D.C.

Thursday, September 20, 2012 at 10 am and 4 pm

Asbury Methodist Church
926 11th Street NW, Washington, D.C.

Meet the Officers of Local 23



Jim DuPont, President

Jim DuPont has worked for UNITE HERE for 23 years. Jim was the President of Local 2850 in Oakland, CA for 8 years. He has worked in every aspect of the union, including negotiations, organizing, servicing and administration. He is currently the President

of Local 23 and the Director of the UNITE HERE Food Service Division.



**Alisa Gallo,
Secretary-Treasurer**

Alisa Gallo started organizing for Local 217 HERE in 1994 in Hartford, CT. She spent over 7 years with Local 217 and became a Lead Organizer, later serving as the RI Area Director, doing new organizing at casinos, universities and hotels,

and representing existing members in grievances, arbitrations, and negotiations. In 2002, Alisa joined the staff of the International Union, and from 2002-2006, organized mostly in our union's Gaming program. She spent 2 years in Southern California, leading worker, community and clergy organizing. Since 2006, Alisa has been the International Union's Airport Organizing Director. During this time, the Union's representation of airport concession workers has grown by about 7,500 new members, more than 5,000 of whom were organized under card check neutrality agreements. Since 2009, Alisa also served as Vice President of UNITE HERE Local 23.



**Maya DeHart,
Vice President**

Maya DeHart started working for UNITE HERE (then HERE) in 2000 as a research analyst for the union's airport sector. She later became Airport Director, leading campaigns - working together with our local unions - that protected our current

members' jobs and standards, and organizing rights for non-union airport workers at airports around the country. During the SEIU raid on our union, Maya worked on the legal strategy to protect our airport members from being stripped of their democratic rights. This success led to the formation of UNITE HERE Local 23 in 2009, and since then, Maya has served as Secretary-Treasurer of Local 23. In 2010, Maya also became the Director for Healthcare Strategy for UNITE HERE's Food Service Division, and is now working with UNITE HERE's healthcare fund to engage members on healthcare issues.



**Jaime Flores, Executive Board
Member-at-Large**

Jaime Flores has over thirty years of union building and organizing experience with UNITE HERE. Beginning with his time in San Francisco in 1980, he has fought tirelessly for safe, respectful and fair conditions at workplaces

throughout the country. Jaime's time with the union has taken him across North America with organizing stints in New Orleans, Fort Benning, Chicago and Phoenix. Since 2010 he has worked closely with members at the Local 23 chapter in Atlanta and the soon-to-merge Fort Benning chapter to strengthen worker power. As the Executive Board Member At-Large, Jaime will represent our members in non-chapter locations such as Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Salt Lake City and El Paso.

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