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April ~ May 2021 Notes

~Announcement~

Historical event for Nani's Kitchen & Workers United Upstate New York. On May 1, 2021 Meghesh Pansari, owner of Nani's Kitchen "Staff" became a member of Workers United Upstate New York. Assemblyman Harry Bronson witnessed this Historical event as a neutral judge and officially certified the count of the Cards 100% were in favor in organizing with Workers United upstate New York. Nani's kitchen is located at 250 East Main St., Rochester, NY 14604. Website nanaiskitchenmangement@gmail.com.

Our Manger and International Vice President Gary Bonadonna Jr. Welcome everyone to this historical event. There were approximately 100 members of labor and politicians, friends and family to witness this historic event. Dan Malone, President of AFL CIO attended. From Workers United Upstate New York attend Monika Shelton Administrative Assistant to Gary Bonadonna Jr. Erin Young Business agent and her husband Dave, Jaz Brisack organizer, Tariq Chaudari Pharmacist, Ross Clark business agent, Julie Black Historian, photographer. And Rob Vittelo Buffalo district director And many other members of Workers United. Many elected officials and future politicians and friends and family also were in attendance. Gary Bonadonna Jr. spoke Ask political leaders to be part of the process and remove barriers that restrict labor from Organizing. Labor brings safety, supports continuing education which in ROA return on assets to any company or Business that creates positive results for families and communities.

The owner Meghesh Pansari welcomed the idea of Workers United Upstate New York and his workers to organize. He championed the idea to build a relationship with labor in a community that would be diverse and welcome everyone to his restaurant. He also thanked everyone for attending. He asked everyone to stay to enjoy the celebration with a large buffet. The food was delicious, the variety of flavors and creativity and presentation was very memorable.

Channel 10 reported his life story that evening and the next day. The Rochester Democrat & Chronicle May 2, 2021 Business section Speaking Out entered the article by Gary J Bonodonna Jr. Guest Columnist. To read the whole article please go to Rochester Democratic and Chronicle webpage.

It was my honor also to be a witness to this historical event. Success is having a labor workforce. We dedicate ourselves to improve our skills and education to provide the greatest and the highest quality service that we work.

Congratulations to the owner Meghesh Pansari and the NEW members of Workers United Upstate New York .

Ed Laughlin WRO President Officers and Board members

- April 29, 2021 met with Bill Marshall Vice President. Together wrote a agenda for a WRO meeting with officers and board members for May 4, 2021. The meeting will discuss a future meeting for all members of the WRO picnic in the Park. Bill Marshall and I drove to 3 parks, BrightonPark, Pitsford Park, Cobbs Hill Park. Will discuss plus and minuses of all parks at the May 4, 2021 meeting with the WRO officers and board members.
- April 20, 2021 Highland Park Memorial event. Erin and Dave Young attended Bill Marshall and I, also attended the event. Dan Malone welcomed everyone who attended. We honored those lives lost this past year. Keynote speakers from labor spoke about the hardships they had to overcome during the Covid getting health equipment masks. University of Rochester hospital Thank Labor for supporting them during these difficult times in our state and our nation. Over 100 people were in attendance which included labor politicians, friends and family. Labor spoke about taking a leadership position with safety and Health . Flowers were laid to rest at the memorial for those members and labor we have lost this past year and those before us.
- April 27th Ave. AFL CIO Retiree Zoom meeting. Invited guest from Harry Bronson office Elizabeth Morabito. She had a slideshow explaining the Star and Enhanced Star programs. My recommendations to Elizabeth that the program be equal to everyone. under the new program in 2015 the program sends checks in the mail. These checks are late and cause hardship for many elderly retirees who also have healthcare issues. ~
~Ongoing Issue~
- Personally I like to thank Colin O'Malley for continuing to organize the zoom meetings in the facility. Ellen Mancuso, meeting notes from the last meeting Were approved. There was some discussion on interviews for future politicians. The announcement that there will be a memorial in Highland park at 5 o'clock May 28, 2021 asking all labor unions to attend in observance. The next meeting for the AFL CIO Retiree" group is June 1 at 11 AM zoom meeting. I'd like to thank Bill Marshall, Vice President of the WRO attending all zoom meetings this past year.
- Call New York State health department on April 22, 2021. Needed information on how many people can attend an outdoor gathering in the park. At the present time the recommended limit for outdoor gatherings is 100 people and events.
- April 15 2021, Met with a variety of Retiree's discuss a variety of different issues.

- April 9, 2021 Wrote letters to Assembly Sarah Clark and Samra Brouk Concerning the Star and enhanced star programs in New York State. These letters were written as a taxpayer as a homeowner.
- During the week of April 5 through April 10, 2021 help a member need of transportation he can no longer drive. The services are free.. Our contact person is Lauren with Jewish Center. 255 East Ave. Suite 201 Rochester NY 14604 and all other contact information on file to help future members. On behalf of the WRO I personally like to thank Lauren for helping us out during the Covid crisis this past year.
- The WRO, member Leonard NUDO Has peacefully passed away. We, send our prayers to the Nudo family. His kindness that he showed everyone will be sadly missed. His kindness Will be treasured by all the members...
- "COVID-19 vaccines available at Sidney Hillman Health Center" Reminder to all WRO members and current members of Workers United Rochester Regional Joint Board Members. The Sidney Hillman Health Center continues to offer vaccines. Please call Sidney Hillman Health Center to get additional information phone number 585-473-2555.
- The WRO would like to welcome anyone who wants to join the WRO. Anyone who is interested please go online Workers United Rochester New York. There is an application you can fill in. Anyone else who would like information please call me or email me. Over the past year we've helped our members with information on the Covid, Informing them on Wearing masks and social distancing. We provided Covid vaccine Information Places, phone numbers. We helped with stimulus checks and included information to our members to fill out taxes to get reimbursed for their stimulus checks. We are advocates for members who needed transportation. We called members to ask if they needed food or any other assistance every month for the last 15 months and will continue to support our WRO members and nonmembers.

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