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WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER.

As the year draws to a close, the Officers and Staff of Local 537 want to express our warmest wishes to all our members and their families. As we prepare for a new year, we hope you enjoy a joyful and prosperous holiday season. We are excited to see what 2024 has in store for us all.

The year 2023 has witnessed more strikes from labor unions than ever before as they continue their pursuit of economic justice and fair compensation for workers.

The concept of a living wage revolves around the idea that every worker should earn enough to cover their basic needs, including housing, food, healthcare, and education. The Labor Movement, which has been advocating for workers' rights and fair wages for decades, is now making significant strides in this endeavor. Workers from various sectors, including manufacturing, healthcare, education, actors, writers, warehouse workers, and hospitality, have taken to the picket lines to demand better compensation, improved working conditions, and a fair share

of the economic prosperity that their labor contributes to.

It is clear that the fight for a living wage is far from over, and the Labor Movement remains committed to ensuring that all workers receive the compensation they deserve.

Maria Landa-Rios Memorial Scholarship

We will be accepting applications for the **Maria Landa-Rios Memorial Scholarship**. This scholarship is in



honor of Ms. Landa-Rios, president of Local 537 before passing in 2001. Ms. Landa-Rios passion was education and the importance of attending college. This year, we will award one (1) scholarship for \$1,200.00 to a member of OPEIU Local 537, their spouse, or child who is attending or is registered to attend an accredited college or university. Please contact our office for the application and list of requirements

and rules.

The application will be available on November 6, 2023, and will be available on our website at www.opeiu537.org.

The application deadline is **January 3, 2024**, and the award recipient will be announced at the Membership Meeting on January 17, 2024.

UNION STRONG WE'RE ONLY AS STRONG AS OUR MEMBERSHIP!



We would like to welcome the following members to OPEIU Local 537 and extend an invitation to join us for our General Membership meeting on **November 15, 2023**.

Latisha Bradley
Stephanie Dairy
Shawna Herron

Nayeli Hinson
Kanika Lewis
Lorelyn L. Woodall



The Officers and Staff of OPEIU Local 537 send a special congratulations to our following member who served tirelessly to the Union and Employer.

We wish you the best as you enter into a new phase in your life.

Jacqueline Ngo of Operating Engineers, who retired after 38 years of service.

RATIFIED CONTRACTS



- Laborers Local 652
- Sheet Metal Workers Trust Fund
- United Brotherhood of Carpenters (UBC) - Wages
- UA Plumbers Local 345
- UAW-LETC - Wages

UPCOMING NEGOTIATIONS

- Art Directors Guild/IATSE 800
- CWA Local 9586
- IATSE Local 122 - Wages
- IBEW Local 413 - Wages
- Labor Management Compliance Council
- Machinist District Lodge 947
- Musicians Local 325
- Operating Engineers - Economics
- San Diego Electrical Training Admin. Corp. - Economics
- San Diego Counties Central Labor Council
- Zenith American Solutions Inc.

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES

Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 23 - Friday, November 24, 2023

Winter Holiday

Monday, December 25, 2023 - Tuesday, January 2, 2024

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 7:00 pm

This meeting will be held by ZOOM, registration is required. Please RSVP to Marlene at marlene@opeiu537.org if you would like to attend.

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