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The last few months have been a whirlwind of ACTION by SEIU-HCWI Retirees. In looking over the activities we have been a part of, the one I feel has been the most successful, is the Fight for 15 movement. There has been improvement in wages among low wage workers because of their joining together, voicing their need and taking action including walking off the job -- Fast Food workers in New York State have walked off the job a dozen times and now a new minimum wage of \$15 an hour will be going into effect there. Across the country we have seen growing action. We have seen the numbers in these actions grow with every event.

Our Retirees attended an action in Chicago this Spring with the Fight for 15 Campaign at the McDonalds' Board Meeting below are the thoughts and feelings of those that attended.



Susan Roberts, said:

“Was a great experience, people from all over the country were there. It continues to keep pressure on the corporations who are paying such low wages and reaping such large profits. We need to keep this issue in the media to keep the message alive.” Fight for 15

Ann Brink, said:

“I joined the "Fight for 15" Chicago Rally this spring to support low wage workers. It was heartening to see bus loads of people of all ages from across the country gather together for a common cause. Seeing people of all ages and races joining together for a common need made the Rally more meaningful to me. It was surprised at the heavy Police presence including Helicopters overhead for this peaceful march. It was surreal.....”

Mary Kay Henry from SEIU was there from California and the two major speakers were Pastors from North Carolina. Reverend Wm Barber focused on the moral issue of fair wages in light of the huge disparity of CEO pay versus workers' pay. It is inexplicable that corporations can make billions of dollars in profits, pay minimal (if any) tax, pay exorbitant wages and bonuses to CEO's, and pay such low wages to the people who make them their profits. Many of those at this Rally work several jobs and still do not make a living wage. It seems so wrong that we are going backwards to such radical differences in the haves and have nots! How can 1% of our workforce make billions while the other 99% can hardly make ends meet?

I am glad I went but am saddened and disgusted by the lack of moral integrity of corporations and many of our political Leaders.



Another movement that has been especially moving this spring was the Picket and Candel Light Vigil held for Home Care Workers fight for a fair wage, decent working conditions, and the rights

to keep a union. Joining together with many grassroots organizations in Milwaukee in front of the building was very moving. Retirees with SEIU-HCWI were there.

Tracy Surprise, said,

"I think the Home Care workers' struggle is one of the best examples of what is wrong in our country and state. Minority women and some men doing the most important work of caring for vulnerable people in their homes. Giving them a quality of life and compassionate care that would not exist otherwise. Their efforts must be rewarded, praised, and compensated. Profiteering off their work and the most vulnerable of our citizens is deplorable and these corporations like NHS must be exposed and held accountable for their predatory policies. Their struggle is important and I am honored to be a part of it in any way I can."



Come join us August 19th at SEIU-HCWI at 9:30AM to meet Paul Sickel from the Wisconsin Coalition for Retirement Security who will give an update regarding the most recent attacks on the Wisconsin Retiree System contained in the State Budget (that got stripped out when the public heard about them) and what to expect next.