

Straight Talk

CAT TEAM Local 235A



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COOKING UP SOLIDARITY

VISITORS FROM LOUISIANA BRING FOOD, FELLOWSHIP TO PICKET LINE

Sometimes, the path to building solidarity is through the stomach.

That was especially true for USW Local 5702 members from Gramercy, La., who traveled to Gregory, Texas, over the weekend to treat their locked-out brothers and sisters from Local 235A to some home-cooked jambalaya.

Sherwin Alumina locked the doors on members of Local 235A on Oct. 11 after members overwhelmingly rejected a final contract offer that demanded huge cuts in benefits to workers and retirees.

Local 5702 members, who have faced their share of tough fights over the years at Kaiser Aluminum in Gramercy, decided to bring some food and fellowship to their struggling sisters and brothers and their families.

Even as the lockout approaches its second



USW Local 5702 members prepare a pot of jambalaya.

month, spirits on the Sherwin picket line have remained high, in part because of events like Saturday's cookout.

"Knowing that others have been through similar situations and won, and that they were willing to come all this way to join us in our fight, that gave everyone on the picket line a huge lift," said Local 235A Vice President Rey Herrera.

THANKSGIVING DINNERS FOR LOCKED-OUT FAMILIES

USW District 13 is determined to make sure that Sherwin Alumina's greed doesn't deprive our families of enjoying the Thanksgiving holiday. Director Ruben Garza's office is sponsoring the distribution of turkey and trimmings for all Local 235A families. The distribution began on Monday.

One Day Stronger – One Day Longer