

Join us for an evening of celebration and solidarity in
A TRIBUTE TO UAW AMERICAN AXLE STRIKERS!
4-7 PM - SATURDAY JUNE 14, 2008
UAW LOCAL 235 HALL
2140 HOLBROOK AVE (at Lumpkin), HAMTRAMCK

For 87 grueling days workers struck American Axle and Manufacturing (AAM) plants in New York and Michigan in defense of living standards and working conditions won in past decades. With support from their families, other union members, progressive groups and the community, over 2,200 workers in Hamtramck and Detroit picketed and rallied valiantly in the snow and bitter cold to resist the demands for deep cuts by AAM's CEO, Dick Dauch.

Fearful that the company would give their work to non-union workers, members of UAW Locals 235 and 262 voted to end their strike. Despite the unpredictable consequences of a "no" vote, nearly a third of Local 235 members voted against it! The contract that will now be put in place is contemptuous of the workers who made American Axle hugely profitable.

Although there is no joy in returning to work under the new terms and conditions - and, in the case of the Forge plant, to an imminent plant closure - these UAW members deserve recognition for their sacrifices. Their fight was not only about themselves, but about decent living and working standards for all workers, especially here in the heart of our metropolitan region - the City of Detroit - Uniontown! We will salute their steadfastness and determination and express our thanks at an evening of celebration and solidarity:

SPAGHETTI DINNER

UAW Local 235, 2140 Holbrook Avenue, Hamtramck (½ mile east of I-75)
4 to 7 pm Saturday, June 14th - SHORT PROGRAM AT 5:30 pm

STRIKERS & THEIR FAMILIES DINE FREE
CASH DONATIONS BY SUPPORTERS WELCOMED

American Axle Support Committee

Al Benchich, president, UAW Local 909*
Frank Hammer, retired int'l representative, UAW-GM*
Wendy Thompson, retired president, UAW Local 235*
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