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**NEXT
MEMBER
MEETING:
TUESDAY
JANUARY 26,
5:30-7:00PM**

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New Tools and a Changing Workforce

On Saturday December 5, 9to5's packed member meeting included a two hour Power of Video workshop. The workshop was part of 9to5's media justice project, Making the Media Ours, and taught members about using video. **Dorothee Royal-Hedinger of Organic Nation TV** presented equipment ideas, best non-profit videos, 10 tips for shooting video and led the hands-on workshop.

In October, **Jose Olivia of ROC United** spoke with a smaller but no less engaged group of members on the model of restaurant worker organizing .

Here's Lila Saavedra's report: "Restaurants are the largest developing industry even in to-

day's economic rut, yet restaurant workers are still not receiving fair treatment. With issues in the food industry such as unfair



Dorothee Royal-Hedinger ran workshop with members on the Power of Video on 12/5

wages, discrimination, and sexual harassment, there doesn't seem to be any hope for the hard working employees, right? Wrong! At the October 29 member meeting, Jose Oliva pre-

sented a whole new outlook on restaurant opportunities. Olivia spoke on behalf of the Restaurant Opportunities Center, an organization that was founded in 2002 in NYC by restaurant workers. This small group has grown since then, with branches in 8 cities.

During the meeting 9to5 members were able to learn more about the industry and different approaches in making a change. 9to5 is looking forward in working with ROC to bring about change in the lives of Milwaukee's restaurant workers."

Represent 9to5 on Your Local Board

Our membership is represented by our strong local board. Are you an engaged member interested in running for our 2010 local member board?

Here's the criteria:

- Current Member of 9to5 Milwaukee
- Active volunteer of the chapter
- Representative of working women and families engaged in changing working conditions
- Actively engaged in one or

more of 9to5's programs (Job Supports, Work/Family, Fairness and Equity)

- Dedicated participant in 9to5 Member meetings, and willing to participate in an additional monthly board meeting (mostly in person in Milwaukee)
- Desire to advance 9to5 Milwaukee's working women agenda and programs
- Ability to work within an anti-oppression methodology

If you answered yes, to these criteria, and are interested in running for a two-year board term please send a three sentence bio by 12/31/09 to 9to5Milwaukee@9to5.org Elections will take place for a new board in January, 2010.

A Special Thank You for two years of amazing volunteer service and leadership to outgoing board members, Elvina Sands, Jocasta Zamarripa, Doris Gillispie, and Rosie Caradine-Lewis!



**THANKS TO
ALL 2009
VOLUNTEERS**

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Advancing Change Together

Any Gift at \$25 or more gets a 9to5 Milwaukee T-shirt or a “Taking On the Big Boys” book!

This season, consider making a holiday gift to 9to5 Milwaukee. With any donations of \$25 or more made by 12/31/09, you can get a book or t-shirt. New memberships at \$20, also get a gift.

Kindly send your donation to the address listed in the left corner on Page 1 or make your donation online at www.9to5.org

AND THANKS!

“When I was recently doing outreach, one person who stuck out to me was a mother with two children who was excited to grab my pen and jot her name down on the list as a supporter for Paid Sick Days.” said Angie Grice, 9to5 weekly intern, who spoke with women and families on the corner of 12th and Vliet. “Communicating with many different individuals taught me a lot about raising your voice and speaking up for the rights that we have. I am

excited to discuss more issues about Job Supports and working conditions for women.” In about an hour, two interns had engaged 60 women to sign and get involved in 9to5’s campaigns. Angie was excellent at outreach and you can be too!

Please consider a quick call to advance change, today. Please contact your state legislator, plus Rep. Sheridan and Rep. Kessler @ 1-800-362-9472. Urge them to pass School Con-

ference Leave, early next year, so parents and families don’t have to choose between their paycheck and a parent teacher conference. In these days where we want more parental involvement in education, let’s make that possible with a few hours of school conference leave.

Its also a great time to remind them to support paid sick days, statewide. 9to5 Milwaukee is continuing to do statewide and federal education and outreach, while we fight for the local Milwaukee Paid Sick Day ordinance in the courts. Thanks for all your support!



Angie Grice, 9to5 intern, at the video workshop in December.

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