

Member Spotlight (continued) Paul Smith “Smitty”- Hard Rock, Cook

I have been a proud union member since 1988. I am a delegate, shop steward, and specialty cook at the Hard Rock Casino. My journey began at the Showboat, then moved to the Taj Mahal, where I worked for 26 years, followed by Resorts, and finally the Hard Rock since it opened. I am a delegate for our union and a shop steward. I served on the PAC committee and have participated in countless LOAs. I’ve fought against injustice in states like Florida, Georgia, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and many others. I have been a representative at nine casinos in Atlantic City. I was there when we opened our health center and watched it grow into one of the best benefits our union offers—what we call “one-stop shopping.” I have been arrested three times for civil disobedience in support of our union and have helped it grow by conducting card checks and underground campaigns. Politically, I’ve been involved in many city, state, and presidential campaigns, including both of Obama’s terms and opposing Trump both times. When I’m not fighting corporate greed, my wife, my fur baby, and my Harley are my world. We enjoy bike weeks, wineries, traveling, and spending time with family. I am a father of two and a proud grandfather to my perfect granddaughter, Scarlet. I know fighting for our union is challenging but essential. If we don’t do our part to protect our union and way of life, people like Icahn and Trump will take it away from us. The fight has just begun, and I am asking all of you to step up. When the union calls, rise and fight—because when we fight, we win.

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2024 Political - Thank you to all of our LOAs and staff who canvassed in Pennsylvania and Nevada. Many were out in the heat, the rain and the cold since July. We are grateful for your hard work, dedication and sacrifice.

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American Foundation for Suicide Prevention - Local 54 participated in the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Atlantic-Cape Walk at Hard Rock and walked together to raise awareness and funds for suicide prevention.



The White House - Local 54 staff attended the back to school event with Dr. Jill Biden at the White House, representing all of our hard working cafeteria workers that ensure students are fed every day.