



raiserestaurants.org

RESTAURANTS ADVANCING INDUSTRY STANDARDS in EMPLOYMENT

Welcome to the 8th annual conference of Restaurants Advancing Industry Standards in Employment (RAISE)! This year's conference promises to be the most important, since we are descending upon Washington, DC in the midst of a bill moving through the U.S. House of Representatives to raise the minimum wage to \$15 an hour for all workers. This year, RAISE members will get to not only meet with their Congress members; they will get to testify in Congressional hearings and be a part of making history.

Of course, this year's conference will also include all the fabulous elements of previous conferences as well as:

- A peer community of responsible restaurant employers coming together to learn and share best practices in terms of wages, benefits, hiring and retention, race and gender equity, and much more;
- The launching of new tools to support restaurant owners willing to do the right thing, including: an MBA certificate course to train restaurants in how to advance to livable wages and benefits;
- Our guaranteed loan fund for 'high road' restaurants;
- Consumer support for 'high road' restaurants; and
- Tax and other incentives for employers doing the right thing

About RAISE: Restaurants Advancing Industry Standards in Employment (RAISE) is a vibrant community of restaurants committed to professionalizing our industry, raising wages and work conditions, and raising standards for America's 14 million restaurant workers. We are committed to taking the "high road" to sustainability. We believe in fair wages, better benefits, racial equity and gender equity in the restaurant industry. We seek to professionalize the restaurant industry by raising standards everywhere. We are an association of over 770 employer members of the Restaurant Opportunities Centers United.

Conference information:

Date and Time: Mon, Feb. 11, 2019, 5:30PM - Wed, Feb. 13, 2018, 5:00 PM

Location: Beacon Hotel & Corporate Quarters
1615 Rhode Island Avenue Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20036



raiserestaurants.org

2019 RAISE Conference Agenda

Monday, February 11, 2019

3:00-5:00: New Member Orientation

5:30-8:30: Opening Dinner (Human Rights Campaign, 1640 Rhode Island Ave NW, Washington, DC 20036)

1. Welcome by DC ROC Board Worker Member & RAISE Member Andy Shallal, Owner of Busboys and Poets
2. State of ROC - Saru Jayaraman (ROC Co-Founder and President), Sekou Siby (ROC Executive Director, Fekkak Mamdouh (ROC Co-Founder and CEO of Colors, LLC)
3. Additional Speakers - National Women's Law Center, ROC Board Members & Allies
4. Regional Gatherings - New York; New England (Boston, VT); South (North Carolina, Texas); Mid-Atlantic (Pennsylvania, Washington, D.C.); California; Midwest (Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin)

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

Beacon Hotel, 1615 Rhode Island Avenue Northwest

8:00-9:00: Breakfast

9:00-9:10: Opening Keynote Address

9:10-10:40: Plenary Opening Session: Winning One Fair Wage & Ending Sexual Harassment

10:40-10:50 Break

10:50-12:20 Workshops Session 1:

Group A - Supporting High Road Employers Through Training, Guaranteed Loans, and Incentives Policies

Group B - Engaging Consumers to Support the High Road

12:20-1:20 Lunch Plenary: Addressing the Labor Shortage Through Equity - Immigration, Racial Equity, and Building a Worker Pipeline

1:20-1:30 Break

1:30-3 Workshops Session 2:



raiserestaurants.org

Group A - Supporting High Road Employers Through Training, Guaranteed Loans, and Incentives Policies

Group B - Engaging Consumers to Support the High Road

- 3-3:10 Break
- 3:10-4:40 Plenary: The Future of RAISE as an Alternative to NRA
- 4:40-5:30 Preparing for Wednesday events
- 6pm-9pm Donor Dinner
Featured Chefs

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

- 7-8am Breakfast
- 8:00am Buses Leave for Capitol Hill
- 9-10am Capitol Hill Shadow Hearing with the Congressional Progressive Caucus on the Raise the Wage Act
- 10-2 Lobbying Visits
- 2:30 Action on Capitol Hill
- 3:30 Buses Return to Beacon Hotel