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## 4C's MONTHLY UPDATE: JULY 2008

### Members Ratify Agreement to Fund Promotions & ARP Disability Insurance

Members voted by an overwhelming margin to ratify an agreement to pay for this year's promotions and to continue to pay for disability insurance premiums for those in the Alternate Retirement Plan. The Agreement involves using some of the promotion dollars that become available on July 1, transferring unspent money in other funds, and suspending the liberal use of computer literacy and retraining funds for one year. Retraining Funds will still be available, if needed, to retrain members to avoid layoffs.

[Read the Agreement on the 4C's website.](#)

### Votes by Campus:

	ACC	CCC	GWCC	HCC	MCC	MXCC	NVCC	NCCC	NCC	QVCC	TRCC	TXCC	total
YES	33	29	56	74	55	31	39	24	68	33	34	65	541
NO	2	3	3	4	3	2	14	4	7	1	5	5	53

In addition, 29 ballots were declared invalid. 27 had no name on the outer envelope so voter eligibility could not be confirmed. 2 contained ballot errors.

### Talks on Other Issues Continue

In June, Mary Bencivengo (at right), Division Director of Allied Health/Science at Tunxis, testified before the arbitrator in the Nursing and Allied Health Reopener. Talks continue on this issue and on the Department Chairs/Program Coordinators Reopener. Arbitration hearings will resume in the Fall.



We hope to wrap up negotiations over new Distance Learning Language this summer and to bring it to members for a ratification vote in the fall. Any new language, whether reached through negotiation or arbitration, must go to the Legislature for approval. The next session convenes in January, 2009.

### Members Enjoy June Celebration



More than 250 members and their guests enjoyed themselves at the first 4C's Membership Celebration held on June 6 at Anthony's Ocean View in New Haven. A similar event, with a larger seating capacity, is being planned for the fall to celebrate the union's 35th Anniversary.

[See photos from the June 6th event.](#)

### **Entertainment Savings from Union Plus**

Ready for some fun this summer? Union Plus has announced new savings on Disney World tickets. Union members will also find savings at other theme parks, movie theaters, Broadway shows, sight-seeing, and more! See all the Entertainment Discounts at [http://www.unionplus.org/entertainment.cfm?union\\_code=SEIU](http://www.unionplus.org/entertainment.cfm?union_code=SEIU). You will need the SEIU Company ID number (744387769), also listed on this website, to access these discounts.

There are many more savings programs listed in the [Member Benefits](#) section of the 4C's website.

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