



4C's MONTHLY UPDATE: April 2008

Thank Legislators for Supporting ARP Disability Insurance

Members who contacted their legislators about funding for ARP Disability Insurance are asked to send them a quick "thank you" message. Tell them we appreciate their help in getting the funding put in the Appropriations Committee budget and ask for their continued support as the budget works its way through the legislative process. [Contact information for legislators can be found at the 4C's website.](#)

The Appropriations Committee passed a budget which includes more than \$400,000 for the Community Colleges to pay for disability insurance for members in the Alternate Retirement Plan (ARP). Employees in the State Employees Retirement System (SERS) have this protection, but ARP members must be covered by a supplemental disability insurance policy.

Getting the funding included in the Appropriations Committee budget was the first step. We will need support from more legislators and Governor Rell to make sure this new money stays in the budget. We'll be in touch when we need your help again!

SEIU to Bring Obama Supporters to Pennsylvania

Our international union, the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), has endorsed Senator Barack Obama for President. The SEIU CT State Council is organizing two trips for members who want to campaign for Obama in Pennsylvania: April 12 and April 19. Buses will leave from Hartford and New Haven early Saturday morning and return on Sunday evening. SEIU will be providing transportation, overnight accommodations, and meals. For more information or to sign up, contact **Rochelle Palache** at (860) 916-8751 or e-mail her at rsmith@seiu1199ne.org. For more on the SEIU endorsement and the Obama campaign, go to the [SEIU website](#).

Negotiations Continue on Contract Reopeners

The Contract Reopener for those in Nursing and Allied Health fields heads to arbitration this week. Hearings before an arbitrator will be held April 2, 3, and 4. Negotiations will continue in May on the Contract Reopener for Program Coordinators and Department Chairs.



Upcoming Events April

April 2 & 3

Nursing/Allied Health Negotiations, AFT Office, Rocky Hill

April 4

Nursing/Allied Health Negotiations, 4C's Office, Hartford

Wed. April 9

CCC Chapter Meeting
12:30, Community Rm

Sat. April 12

Delegate Assembly
10:30-12:30, 4C's Office

Wed. April 16

HCC Chapter Meeting
3 PM, A208

Wed. April 23

NCC Chapter Meeting
2:30, Cul. Arts DR

Thu. April 24

TXCC Chapter Meeting
2:30, place TBA

Thu. April 24

MCC Chapter Meeting
3:45 PM, LRC L142

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, June 6

Membership Celebration
Anthony's Ocean View
New Haven

New Items on the 4C's Website

We're continually updating the union's website. Several items have recently been added that may be of interest:

- **[Member2Member](#)**: Classified Ads & Announcements; Most recent: Help wanted for abandoned cats and a deal on a Mac iBook G4! New ads on Wednesdays.
- **[Part-Timers](#)**: Information about the Union's Policy on Waivers
- **[Delegate Assembly](#)**: 4C's Budget Information, including a line item budget
- **[Executive Board](#)**: Officer Job Descriptions
- **[4C's Contracts](#)**: A typo is corrected in the Merged Contract

For other events, check the calendar on the **4C's website**.

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