

# Local 770 Retiree Club News

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## Grocery Strike Avoided

9/24, 9p.m. GROCERY WORKERS APPROVE CONTRACT (reprinted from [www.ufcw770.org](http://www.ufcw770.org))

Agreement protects health care, pension, with moderate wage increases.

Grocery Workers turned out in large numbers Friday and Saturday across Southern California to review and vote on their proposed contract.

As recommended by the Union leadership, the members voted to approve their contract during voting all day Friday and Saturday.

“This deal protects our members’ health care and pension, and provides modest increases in wages,” said Rick Icaza, president of the grocery workers union, UFCW Local 770.

“This is a win for grocery workers, our communities, and our local economy. Without the unity and determination of our members, this deal would not have

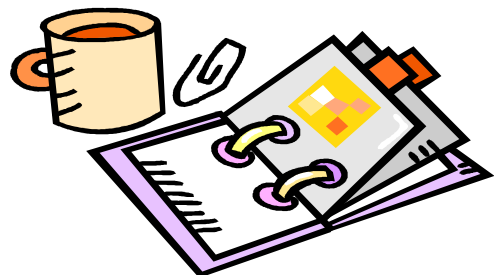
*Now is a great time to get connected and stay active in your union. Join a Retiree Club Meeting.*



been possible. And without the unwavering support of consumers and the community, it would have been a much tougher fight. To those supporters, thank you,” concluded Icaza.

The new contract affects approximately 62,000 workers in a region that spans between Kern, Inyo and Mono Counties in the north, the Mexican border in the south and the Arizona border in the east. Its term will extend from March 7, 2011, to March 2, 2014.

Albertsons, Ralphs and Vons Pharmacists and Pharmacists Interns will be voting on their contract by mail.





**Local 770 invites all retirees to partner with us in keeping Walmart out of Burbank.**

**Please take time today to sign our petition online at:**

[http://www.ufcw770.org/nowalmartinburbank\\_petition](http://www.ufcw770.org/nowalmartinburbank_petition)

#### **FACTS:**

- The City of Burbank is proposing to allow a Walmart to open in the Empire Center in Burbank, CA. This would devastate our community and would directly threaten your union job.
- As the world's largest retailer, Walmart sets the industry standards for wages, benefits and corporate responsibility. By offering what amounts to poverty wages for most of its workers, Walmart sets a horrible standard for all American retail workers. Walmart's average retail worker makes \$8.81 per hour. This translates to annual pay of \$15,576, based upon Walmart's full-time status of 34 hours per week, well below the poverty line for a family of four.
- In addition, Walmart passes significant costs on to the communities where it operates. Because Walmart does not provide affordable health care, many Walmart workers and their families participate in publicly-funded health care and other public assistance programs. Most Walmart stores also create traffic and crime problems that result in the need for more law enforcement officers. At the same time, Walmart sends much of its revenue out of local communities, while local businesses keep more consumer dollars in the local economy.
- As Walmart's influence continues to grow at home and abroad, policymakers, media and others are asking questions about the impact of Walmart in our community. Unfortunately, we already know that this impact all too often includes the closure of local businesses or unionized retail stores. We know that this would hurt our community and our families. That's why we're asking you to join the fight to protect our jobs and our communities and Keep Wal-Mart out of Burbank!

## Travel with Family and Friends

Local 770 is pleased to offer many travel discounts this fall. Visit the retiree web page at [www.ufcw770.org](http://www.ufcw770.org). Travel can be found under the Senior Dis-

count button. We are also pleased that Local 324's travel club invites family and friends to join their trips. You can visit their travel club page at

[www.ufcw324rc.com](http://www.ufcw324rc.com) for details on upcoming day trips and cruises.



## You're invited to join the Retirees Club

Local 770 now has club meetings in 5 areas and is forming a new one in the Santa Clarita/Antelope Valley area. If you need more club informa-

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*"Catch up with old friends and make some new ones."*

tion, please call us at: (805)437-7241 or (213) 487-7070 x.7241.

Each area club has it's own format; from lunch to bingo there is something for everyone.



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[www.ufcw770.org](http://www.ufcw770.org)**



## Upcoming Events:

*November and December meetings are a great way to meet new friends. Join the fun!*

*Please check our website for meeting dates. Some have been changed due to the holidays. Or call the local union office in your area for information.*

*Los Angeles and Harbor City Area:*

*(213)487-7070 ext. 7241*

*Arroyo Grande, Santa Barbara, Ventura:*

*(805)437-7241*

## RETIREEES RALLY TO SUPPORT GROCERY WORKERS

Thank you for showing your support for our contract dispute by Adopting-A-Store and letting managers know you would not shop their stores in the event of a lockout or strike. Thank you for staying active in your Union. Your dedica-

tion to the industry and encouraging

words to those in the stores provided a

tremendous boost to those fighting for healthcare not welfare, better wages and good jobs in our communities.



Retirees show their unity.