

Mike Perrin
Meat Cutter
Albertson's 7294
25-year Union member

I wouldn't want to be negotiating a contract right now. We enjoyed our summer without worrying about whether our contract would be renewed in September. It was great that we settled early.

I was really happy with the protections in our contract that they can't lay us off even if they bring in pre-packaged meat. This was a stroke of genius because no one else protects their meat cutters like this. With most jobs, even if you have benefits, they would be half as good and cost each member and their families a lot of money.

For those who will be retiring soon, they're thrilled with the increase in pension. Also, the part-timers are very grateful for the 24-hour guarantee.

Bea Medinas
Journeyman Clerk
Raley's 415
30-year Union member

Considering what's happening in our country and around the world, what President Loveall has accomplished for all the members—the benefits, pension and security—is an extraordinary feat. He is a tremendous leader and negotiator and continues to achieve the best for the members of this union. He takes care of us like we're family. It gives me enormous peace of mind to have our contract secured for the next three years, particularly with the economy declining the way it is. Ratifying the contract early shows keen foresight to anticipate a downturn of economy by our leaders and shows their experience and expertise.


Linda Wyman
Pharmacy Technician
Albertson's 7220
32-year Union member

Our contract improvements are the best negotiated anywhere in the United States which means that we still have the best in the country. No matter where we work, our interests are being protected. The union still fights for our rights and shows that every member counts. People are really happy with the pension improvements. For me, maintaining the health benefits was very important. Working in a pharmacy, I see a lot of different health plans so I know how great ours is.


Lori Thurn
Journeyman Clerk
Raley's 488
20-year Union member

Our leaders successfully negotiated a contract that gives us stability in these unstable times, higher wages and excellent medical benefits. That gives me peace of mind. I am grateful to President Loveall for making this one of the strongest Unions in the country.

We are all fortunate to have the health care and prescription coverage that we do. It's clear to me that our negotiators are watching out for the future of our health plan by enforcing the coordination of benefits. If a person's spouse can get medical coverage from their employer, it makes good sense that our plan shouldn't have to foot the bill. This will make sure our coverage stays as good as it is in the years to come.

 James Brown
Journeyman Clerk
Albertson's 7233
39-year Union member

I think this is an excellent contract. We also signed it early, the wages are very fair and the benefits are fantastic. We really have done well over the last four years and we'll do well over the next three. One of the reasons that we're able to keep our great medical benefits is because spouses who can get insurance at their jobs can no longer freeload on our program. We can all be grateful to President Loveall for another super contract.

 Cindy Hammond
Drug Clerk
Rite Aid 6065
20-year Union member

I am grateful we have this fine contract without having to go on strike. The pension and benefits we have are so important and they don't cost the members anything—even if health care costs go up. I couldn't get good quality health care without them. I don't have to be afraid it will be too costly to take my kids to the doctor. If we didn't have a union we wouldn't have the job security that some people take for granted. I certainly don't take this good union job for granted.