

## SOAR Article May 2022 Sound Off Meeting for Negotiations

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### **Upcoming Event and Issues:**

SOAR Contract Sound Off for Retirees will be held at Local 1010 on **Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 10:00 AM. Our Retiree sound off has been a long-standing tradition.** 1010 is one of the few unions who have a sound off for Retirees.

Please note that there is very little parking at 1010 due to Morton High School taking up more than half of the parking lot because they have a large job removing the asbestos flooring from the schools' gymnasium. So, if you would like to present an issue to the negotiating committee you might want to come early enough to find parking.

Please be prepared to present your issues. Please be respectful and courteous as there are many people who genuinely want their issue heard and to be considered by our negotiating committee.

So, all retirees please come if you can; let our negotiating committee know our real issues. I realize that legally retiree issues are not a required item for negotiations. But I also know and believe we have the very best Union Officers who genuinely care and will do their best to help us. They must represent the active members first, as this is their first responsibility and a requirement by Federal Law. We all know wanting and getting are two different things. We can only get meaningful improvements for retirees and widows if we work together. Division from within only and always is the perfect receipt for failure.

So, think and pray for Prayer is the strongest power on earth we have. Believe in our negotiating committee, support our negotiating committee. Let's work together towards some meaningful gains for active workers, retirees and widows.

Thanks, Dorine