



Name: **Scott Marshall**

Local Number/USW District #: **District 7**

Employer, Job Title: **Retired from Pullman Standard**

Years as USW Member: **29 years as SOAR activist**

Hometown: **Chicago**

**What is unusual about where you live or where you worked?**

South Chicago was a steel community for years, and the destruction of the steel industry decimated that community. The sense of community that the labor movement provided has largely been destroyed and we need to work hard at rebuilding that.

**What does this year's theme, "A Union That Works" mean to you?**

I saw a T-shirt that said, "Kicking Ass for the Working Class," and to me that's what a union that works means. We are under assault like never before, but people get it now. The backbone of democracy in this country is in the labor movement and our union is at the forefront of that. We need to keep fighting.

**What issues are important to you as a SOAR activist and why?**

The attacks on Social Security and Medicare, and the fact that Social Security is inadequate now given the attacks on pensions. These attacks are really destroying my generation. If you judge a country by how it treats its young people and its seniors, we're not looking too good.

**What is the most "political" thing you have done?**

I got involved very early on in the election of (Congressman and Chicago Mayor) Harold Washington in the late 1970s. All of my life, I've been an internationalist. I believe in "Workers of the World Unite." I've tried to make relationships with unions all around the world.

**What career option do you think Chris Christie and/or Rob Ford should pursue?**

I'd like to see Chris Christie become a coal miner. I've always felt that these one-percenters should have to do an honest day's work and find out what it's like.

**Who would you prefer to have dinner with, and why: Hilary Clinton, Lady Gaga, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, Will Smith, Richard Trumka or Jennifer Lawrence?**

Actually, I'd like to have dinner with Elizabeth Warren, because I'd like to convince her that she should run for president. Her ability to explain issues so people can understand them is exactly what we need right now.

**What's the best thing about the SOAR Conference?**

We are on the cusp of a huge upsurge in this country. We have to concentrate on the 2014 election, of course, but more and more people are angry. Take the Koch brothers. If you asked people four years ago who the Koch brothers were, they didn't know, but now they do. There is an energy here that's contagious.

**What things do you hope to do while you're here?**

I want to get to know more people and take advantage of the networking opportunities. I'm looking forward to the convention and strengthening the connection between SOAR and the rest of the union.

**Have you yet decided how you will put the convention to work when you return home?**

The emphasis on the 2014 elections is critical. We will go home from here more fired up about it. We have a pretty extensive coordinators group in our district. Our coordinators are looking forward to implementing the political action coming out of here.

