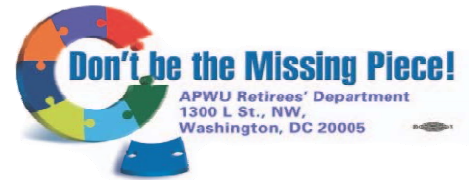




APWU Retirees Department

"Together, we win!"



APWU Contract Negotiations and Chapter Tailgating Kickoff!

With contract negotiations set to begin on Feb. 19, retiree chapters can support the fight for good jobs and good service by hosting an APWU Tailgating Party. The Retirees Department encourages retiree chapters to get active in the run-up to bargaining and throughout the negotiating period.

Tailgating Parties can be held during regular meetings or special chapter meetings. Let us know when you plan to host your event, so that we can send you stickers and other material.

Before the Event:

- Invite your retiree members, local president, officers, and Contract Action Team members to the tailgate. Let them know that the retirees are there for them during the negotiation.
- Invite retiree non-members and ask them to join the union.
- Invite retiree leaders from other unions and members of community organizations who will support our efforts. Offer door prizes and plan a budget (or ask for donations) to serve refreshments to help ensure a good turnout.

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At Your Tailgating Party:

- Wear your APWU gear.
- Distribute stickers and flyers that participants can pass out to friends, families and colleagues.
- Read the statement by APWU President Dimondstein about contract negotiations.

Retiree Chapters have been asked to host a tailgate party. Local and State APWU leaders should offer assistance to help make this event a success. If you don't have a retiree chapter, your tailgate party can be an organizing tool to start one. For additional information on forming a retiree chapter, please contact the APWU Retirees Department.

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- Share your stories of the labor movement. Talk about how your earning and working conditions improved overtime or stories about the postal strike. For example, some of you may remember learning “schemes” used to sort mail prior to automatic machines. Others may remember that there were once couches in the ladies rooms. Still others may recall when starting salaries were \$2.95 an hour. Wow! Times have changed!
- Turn up the music! Enjoy the oldies while you support your union.

Chants to motivate your Tailgaters

Call: "Hey! Hey! what do ya say?"
Response: "the post office is here to stay."

Call: "Hey! Hey! what do you say?"
Response: "we want a contract right away."

Call: "Hey! Hey! what will we do?"
Response: "Organize our community too!"

Call: "Who's got the power?"
Response: "We got the power!"
Call: "What kind of power?"
Response: "People power!"

Call: "we're working families under attack"
Response: "protecting our post office, stand up fight back!"

Call: "It's Great!"
Response: "To Be!"
Together: "A Postal Worker!"

Call: "Union Power on the rise!"
Response: "now's the time to organize!"

Call: "what do we want?"
Response: "A Contract!"
Call: "When do we want it?"
Response: "Now."

Call: "Give me a U, give me an N, give me an I, give me an O, give me an N...what does it spell?"
Response: "Union!"

Call: "Tell the women, tell the guys"
Response: "Organize! Organize!"

[Singing]

Call: "Everywhere we go, people want to know, who we are,
Response: So we tell them: We are the Union! Mighty, Mighty, Union!"

Share your event! Take pictures, video interviews, and obtain statements of support. Send them to nccc@apwu.org or mail to APWU Retirees Department, 1300 L Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20005.

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