



Society of Active Retirees

Dear SOAR Member,

Wayne State University, our long-standing and valued partner, has recently made an important business decision that will impact SOAR.

On June 28, 2017, members of the SOAR Board of Directors met with Dr. Ahmad Ezzeddine, Associate Vice-President and Senior Associate to the President of Wayne State University. Dr. Ezzeddine informed us that, due to declining student enrollment and high maintenance costs, a decision had been made to close the WSU Oakland Center effective December 22, 2017. As a result, SOAR must find a new location for its offices and classrooms.

**Rest assured that this decision does NOT affect our Fall 2017 Term. We will offer our usual selection of 70+ classes at the Oakland Center and at the Birmingham Temple between October 9<sup>th</sup> and November 17<sup>th</sup>. Nor does this affect our Winter 2018 Term, which will be held as always at Birmingham Temple.**

At a special meeting, the SOAR Board charged the Executive Committee to find alternative sites for office and classroom space to conduct our Spring and Fall terms starting in 2018. In addition, the Executive Committee will investigate sources of revenue (grants, donations, fundraiser etc.) to help offset additional costs. Our goal is to provide even better levels of lifelong learning and social opportunity.

Change requires effort, but it also provides opportunities for continuing to improve our operations. The SOAR Board wants to maintain the level of quality our members expect, even to raise the bar related to member satisfaction.

**We will keep you updated on progress as we move forward on the identification and developing a new SOAR location. You can reach us at (248)489-0005 or [soarcontact@gmail.com](mailto:soarcontact@gmail.com) with suggestions for space or questions about the SOAR relocation.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Harmon".

Dan Harmon  
Chairman of the Board  
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ralph Stromberg".

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