



**General Teamster Retirees Club**  
*Affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters*  
*Teamster Locals #38, #117, #174, #763*  
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## September 2010 Newsletter

### NEXT MEETING

**Where:**

Teamster Building (main floor)  
14675 Interurban Avenue South, Tukwila  
(on METRO bus Line #150)

**When**

Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>  
11:30 AM – Lunch  
12:00-ish – Business Meeting

**Special Guest:** Pro- Initiative 1098 spokesperson...and Heather Weiner, JC 28 Political Coordinator

**Lunch Menu:** Chicken Cordon Bleu, rice pilaf, veggies, salads, rolls, dessert & beverages

**Reservations:** Call (206) 441-0504 by **Monday, September 6th** (Labor Day) to reserve your place for lunch. The cost of lunch is only \$12.00. ***Be sure to call as soon as possible, because spaces are limited!***

**Directions:**

**From Southbound I-5** take exit #156-Tukwila Interurban Avenue. Turn LEFT on Interurban Avenue South. Proceed south approximately 1 and ¼ miles. The Teamster Building will be on your right.

**From Northbound I-5** take exit #156-Tukwila, Interurban Avenue. Take the Tukwila exit, turn right onto Interurban Avenue South and proceed south. Move into the right lane. The Teamster Building will be located approximately a mile and 1/2, on your right.

## **SINCE WE LAST WE SPOKE....**

**NOTE: PUGET SOUND LABOR AGENCY PICK-UP AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING...BRING DONATIONS INCLUDING FOOD (THEY NEED THAT)...CLOTHING... (REALLY NEED THAT) AND IF YOU WISH CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO THE PUGET SOUND LABOR AGENCY (THEY REALLY NEED THAT)...TIMES ARE GETTING TOUGH...AND THEIR SERVICES ARE IN DEMAND.**

Our July picnic/bingo meeting was a big success. Our mini car show was fun with the following vehicles on display. A 55 Oldsmobile and 65 Chevy super sport (owners unknown), a 38 Buick convertible courtesy of **Danny Curtin**, a 72 Ford LTD Brougham (**Mike Melton**), a 55 Chevy pickup (**Jerry Day**), and a 52 Chevy convertible (**Mike Williamson**). **Wally Miller**, somewhere in his 80's, brought his motorcycle, and passed everyone on his way home! One of the sweetest ladies you will ever meet, **Eileen Tennant**, won the \$125 "Be Here" prize. Longtime Teamster, and former local 174 business agent, **Vic Jablonski**, died in July.

## **GUTS, GLORY, AND GOLF**

Our golf tourney at Foster was reasonably successful, a little down from previous years, but as everyone knows by now, the old economy is not what it once was. Our winner was **Lou Anderson**, a retiree from local 760. He took home a beautiful trophy, a model semi from the International, and I believe I saw him pocket some cash as well.

The invaders from east of the mountains helped to add to this tournament's fun--so a tip of the hat to Local 760 Secretary-Treasurer, **John Parks**. We extend our gratitude to all the golfers, sponsors, and special thanks to **Renee Copeland, Kathy Maxwell, Noe Rendon, Mary Pekerak, Willette Mitchell, Jim Johnstone, Mike McBride, and Ed Merritt**.

All of this effort so that we can help these Teamster offspring as they enter academia. We had 10 applications this year, and we will be announcing the winners at the September luncheon.

**John Oftebro**, late of the Union Center Pharmacy, had his group there again. He told me that this summer he had hosted a family reunion consisting of 140 Norwegians. Try to get your mind around that for a minute! At one point in order to prevent total chaos, he had to don his Viking horns...that did the trick.

I played with one-eyed, 92 year old **Jim Woolbert** and he beat me by several strokes! Also in our group was longtime Washington Teamster editor, **Bill McCarthy**. Bill has spent most of his professional life making other people look good, while promoting a positive image of our union. I would like to extend thanks and appreciation for his many years of service and dedication to the cause. He has been especially supportive of the retirees, and for that we are particularly grateful.

**COKE...**As I write this, our brothers and sisters at the pop giant are on strike with a number of critical issues at stake.

Please stop by a picket line, and say, "Hi!"

I know for myself, I shall not be buying **ANY COKE** products until we get our people back to work.



## 16 YEARS OF MEAT

It was many years ago since the embarrassing day when a young woman, with a baby in her arms, entered his butcher shop and confronted him with the news that the baby was his and asked what was he going to do about it?

Finally he offered to provide her with free meat until the boy was 16. She agreed.

He had been counting the years off on his calendar, and one day the teenager, who had been collecting the meat each week, came into the shop and said, "I'll be 16 tomorrow."

"I know," said the butcher with a smile, "I've been counting too, tell your mother, when you take this parcel of meat home, that it is the last free meat she'll get, and watch the expression on her face."

When the boy arrived home he told his mother. The woman nodded and said, "Son, go back to the butcher and tell him that I have also had free bread, free milk and free groceries for the last 16 years and watch the expression on his face!"

\*\*\*\*Question: Why are retirees so slow to clean out the basement, attic, or garage? Answer: They know that as soon as they do, one of their adult kids will want to store stuff there.

**Let's pack the joint on the 8<sup>th</sup>, and bring your appetite, good humor, a friend, and something for the Labor Agency.**