



General Teamster Retirees Club
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May 2011 Newsletter

NEXT MEETING

Where:

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

When

Wednesday, May 11th
11:30 AM – Lunch
12:00-ish – Business Meeting

Special Guest: Rick Bender-retired President-Washington State Labor Council

Lunch Menu: Braised beef tips, noodles, salads, veggies, rolls, dessert, coffee

Reservations: Call (206) 441-0504 by **Monday, May 9th** 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.

Please Note

Applications for the 2011 GTRC scholarship awards are now available at the office of your local union, the JC 28 office, or if needs be, call us, and we will mail a copy to your home. **Important: Please be sure the application is filled out correctly, and is in no later than July 8th.** You may leave a message for us at the above number.

This year our annual retiree/scholarship golf tourney will be held at **Foster Golf Links, Thursday August 4th**. **A shotgun start will start us off at 8:00 AM. The entry fee is \$85 per player and includes cart, lunch, prizes, frivolity, and some sore muscles. Sponsoring a hole plus one entry will cost \$325, sponsoring a hole without a player entry will be \$250. We will need those entries in by July 29th.**

I am sad to report the deaths of **Greg Slaughter** and **Jim Dugan**. Greg was a business agent for local 763, and Jim was the past head of the Teamsters Credit Union. Both will be missed and our condolences go out to their families.

Harold Schmidt recently took a tumble and greeted some of Tukwila's finest concrete with his kisser! He tells me that the folks at Harborview had a devil of time stopping his nose bleed, and they kept him for 5 days. He is home now, but still a little woozy. I can probably count on one hand, the number of luncheons he has missed in the last 15 years. Having been a feared pugilist in his youth, I know he is a quick healer, and will be back with us soon.

Our guest speaker last month, **Bill Johnston**, e-mailed me the name and author of a book several of you asked about. It is "**The Pyramid Builders of Ancient Egypt**", and the author is **Rosalie David**.

Another sign of the times was an announcement that long time Tacoma stable employer **NALLEY'S** will halt production by June 25th and lay off 130 employees. Production is being transferred to an **Armour** canned meats facility in **Fort Madison Iowa**. **Nalley's** will then close permanently this coming fall. Kind of a bummer eh?

Speaking of Bumpers . . .

How about these brainless "birthers"?!? Does anyone remember any candidate for President of these United States being asked to produce their birth certificate?

We manage to demonstrate to the world that we can live up to our ideals and promises, and elect a black man (or at least half of him is) to lead this nation. Then those folks that compose the moronocracy have tried to make a lie of democracy by their mean spirited bigotry. The rest of the civilized world must be looking at us (The Trumps, Palins, and Becks, etc) and scratching their heads.

No President is above criticism, including Obama. He should be assessed by his deeds, philosophy, policies etc...not his race, or how his wife looks in an evening gown.

In a similar vein, we have a lot of our southern brethren reenacting civil war battles, flying the stars and bars, and denying that the war between the states had anything to do with slavery!

Me thinks we still have a lot of work to do. We are a long way from being "post racial".

The Meaning of Stress

You pick up a hitchhiker, a beautiful girl. Suddenly she faints inside your car and you take her to a hospital. Now that's stressful.

But at the hospital, they say she is pregnant and congratulate you that you are going to be a father. You say that you are not the father, but the girl says you are. This is getting very stressful.

So then....you request a DNA test to prove that you are not the father. After the tests are completed, the doctor says that you are infertile, and probably have been since birth. You are extremely stressed, but relieved.

On your way back home, you think about your 3 kids at home. Now that's stress!!

*******Have you ever wondered*******

- Why do "slow down" and "slow up" mean the same thing?
- Why does mineral water, that has trickled down the mountains for centuries, go out of date next year?
- Do they sterilize needles for lethal injections?
- At ball games, why do we sing "Take me out to the ballgame" when we're already there?
- Why does an alarm clock go "off" when it actually goes "on"?
- Did you hear...When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion....

Tha tha that's all folks!

Be sure to join us on the 11th...some new books and videos will be available...more mind boggling prizes...Rick Bender is also a former state Senator and high school quarterback! Gloria will have another great meal prepared for us.

...So if you missed the royal wedding, come on down and view a host whose wife says he is a royal pain in the ---! Cheerio.