



General Teamster Retirees Club
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February 2012 Newsletter

NEXT MEETING

Where:

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

When

Wednesday, February 8th
11:30 AM – Lunch
12:00-ish – Business Meeting

Special Guest: Jon Talton- Economics writer at Seattle Times/ author of 8 novels

Lunch Menu: Spaghetti/Meatballs..Lasagna, salads, veggies, dessert, coffee

Reservations: Call (206) 441-0504 by **Monday, February 6th** to reserve your place for lunch. The cost of lunch is only **\$13.00**. ***Be sure to call as soon as possible, because spaces are limited!***

Directions:

From Southbound I-5 take exist #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.

IT APPEARS WE HAVE LIFT OFF

At our February luncheon, we will be giving away **BOXES OF CHOCOLATE** and who knows what else.

A note here about our guest speaker. **Jon Talton** is a very busy man, and we are very fortunate to have him come and speak to us. His novels include the **David Mapstone Mysteries** and the **Cincinnati Casebooks**. He has just finished a novel entitled **South Phoenix Rules**. For over 25 years, Jon has covered business and finance, urban economies, energy, real estate, etc. He is a regular featured writer to the **Seattle Times** business page, and makes the arcane world of economics understandable to the layman. If you can only attend one luncheon this year, this is the one!

We got word last week that former 174 member, and one time candidate for Secretary Treasurer, **Fritz Adams**, had died. Fritz had been a long time employee at **Rainier Brewery**, where he drove truck and forklift, and also served as a shop steward. We wish his family our condolences at this time.

On Friday, the 27th of January, my wife **Bonnie**, along with Recording Secretary **Willie Mitchell**, and trustee, **Clint Copeland** attended a huge gala bash at the Teamster building sponsored by local 174 to celebrate the retirement of long time business agent, **Tom Mann**.

On the dais with him was his wife **Pam**, and 174 Secretary treasurer **Rick Hicks**, along with JC 28 head **John Williams**, former 174 ST **Scott Sullivan**, and man about town and bon vivant, **Tim Allen**. A huge crowd was treated to glowing testimonials to Tom's considerable skill as an agent and negotiator.

The event was catered by **Galliano's**, who provided a tasty Italian dinner, and the more than 100 guests had a great time.

Although Tom was not required to open all his gifts, he was asked to open one: it turned out to be the door off the Pension Office of the old Teamster building on Denny way!! How cool was that?

Tom served close to 20 years which is amazing considering the stress the job entails. We believe however, that the longevity record holder for a business agent belongs to **Andy Sullivan**, who served 22 & ½ years at local 174.

ASSORTED STUFF

MARY PEKAREK, our club's Secretary Treasurer, has been going through hell on a slow horse, dealing with the **IRS**. It seems that since the International dismantled its retiree division, our status as a nonprofit has come into question. She has had to dig through old files, and records, and answer a lot of questions, and fill out forms. Although nearly tearing her hair out,

she has complied with their endless questions with uncommonly good humor. We will keep you posted.

Trustee **Ed Merritt** will be joining our board on a regular basis this month as we begin planning our 2012 golf tourney. Last year we had a record number of applicants, and we expect this year will be more of the same.

We should have the **Scholarship Applications** available by March.

Finally, I have to say this **Republican** battle for the nomination is starting to look like an old fashioned pier 6 brawl. Even aging warrior **John McCain** says the bloodletting is threatening to divide the party. Boy, wouldn't that be a shame!

Right-to work for less fever has struck the Republican legislature in Indiana. What in the devil are those people smoking??

I SAY, THAT'S A KNEE SLAPPER SON

Does anyone remember "Little Willie"?

Little Willie fell down the elevator
Wasn't found till 6 weeks later
The neighbors sniffed and said "gee whiz"
What a spoiled child little Willie is!

Here's another:

Little Willie with a thirst for gore
nailed his sister to the door
His mother said with humor quaint
Willie dear, don't spoil the paint!

Cheery thoughts from an older American: "My goodness, I'm rich...Silver in the hair, Gold in the teeth, Crystals in the kidneys, Sugar in the blood, Lead in the ass, Iron in the arteries, and an inexhaustible supply of natural gas!"

A father buys a lie detector robot that **slaps** people when they lie. He decides to test it out at dinner one night.

The father asks his son what he did that day. The son says, "I did some schoolwork."
The robot slaps the son. The son says, "Ok, Ok. I was at a friend's house watching movies."

Dad asks, "What movie did you watch?"

Son says, "Toy Story." The robot slaps the son.

Son says, "Ok, Ok, we were watching porn."

Dad says, "**What?!?** At your age, I didn't even know what porn was!"

The robot slaps the dad.

Mom laughs and says, "Well, he certainly is your son!"

The robot then slapped the mom.

Lastly, don't you love puns?

* A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion...

* Dancing cheek to cheek is really a form of floor play...

*and remember, If you don't pay your exorcist, you will get repossessed!..

*No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.

Did I mention chocolate, prizes, a compelling speaker, great lunch, etc?!? Save the 8th for us.