

December 2007 NEWSLETTER

NEXT MEETING

When/Where: **Wednesday, December 12th**
Tukwila Community Center
12424 – 42nd Avenue South, Tukwila

11:30 AM - Lunch
12:00-ish – Business Meeting

Special Guest: **“The Silver Sagers” Holiday tunes and old time favorites**

Lunch Menu: Smoked Ham, Mac&Cheese, Country Green Beans, Salads, Veggies, Roll, Dessert and Coffee.

Reservations: Call (206) 441-0504 by **Monday, December 10th** to reserve your place for lunch. The cost of lunch is only \$11.00.

From Southbound I-5 take exit #156 – Tukwila, Interurban Avenue. Turn right onto Interurban Avenue South; proceed north. Turn right at the stoplight at 42nd; cross the Duwamish River. The TCC is located immediately on your right.

From Northbound I-5 take exit #156 - Tukwila, Interurban Avenue. Take the Tukwila exit, turn left onto Interurban Avenue South and proceed north. Move into the right lane. Turn right at the stoplight at 42nd; cross the Duwamish River. The TCC is located immediately on your right.

From Northbound or Southbound on Highway 99 turn east onto South 130th Street. Proceed straight; turn left at Macadam Road (north). Cross Interurban Avenue South and the Duwamish River. The TCC is located immediately on your right.

HEY YOU BACK THERE...PAY ATTENTION!

Here it is, the last luncheon of the year. We will have good entertainment, festive give-a ways, and election of officers for a new three- year term. I will not belabor the importance of getting new officers; everyone knows what is at stake. At his juncture, I, Jim Foster, and Willette Mitchell will be candidates. The current people, who won't be serving again, most importantly Vice-president Jim Landry, and S.T. Clint Copeland, said they would be more than willing to help a new person who would be willing to perform their current duties. I would like to thank all of the board for their help and input that has made my job easier, and a lot of fun. Dan Maxwell, (and his charming, very capable wife Kathy) Dandy Don Smith, and lovely Larry Odegard, please take a bow. This retirees club as presently constituted has come from brown bag lunches in the old Hall 2 at fifth and Denny, to a viable and important part of the local Teamster hierarchy. The first Wednesday of each month we have a staff meeting held in the boardroom of The joint council. We stuff the newsletters, discuss club business, and then get together for lunch. We regularly get to talk to local union officials, meet public figures, and get invited to labor get-togethers, etc. A week later, we all perform various tasks at the luncheon. That's it. You can't get fired, and you can't get paid! If our board members have to miss occasionally; that's okay, they are retired! End of subject. Jim Foster informed me that we were able to contribute eight 50 dollar gift cards to needy Teamster families this Thanksgiving. I imagine the need will be similar for Christmas. Thanks to all of you who contributed.

THEY ARE ALWAYS UP FRONT

Bill and Lila Setran can be found most luncheons sitting at the second table with their friends, Gordy and Vi Hammond. Bill was born, raised, and graduated from high school in Badger Minnesota. Born in 1917, he met his wife Lila in Grand Forks North Dakota, where they married. Shortly thereafter, with news that there were good jobs to be had, Bill and a couple of buddies drove out to Seattle and got jobs at Boeing. Lila and a sister came later to work and set up housekeeping. Bill said the old draft board was after him, so he joined the merchant marine. WW11 found Bill sailing all over the Pacific, from The Philippines to Alaska. After the war, Bill worked a succession of jobs, frequently working out of the hiring hall, and finally getting on steady at Sears, from where he retired in 1980. Bill and Lila live in a big house, with a big yard near Burien. They have two sons, 4 grandsons (one of whom won a GTRC scholarship 2 years ago), and 2 great grand children. You will notice that Bill is never very far from the front of the line at the buffet. Do you suppose that has anything to do with the fact that growing up he had 6 brothers and 5 sisters? One of Bill's fondest memories is being in Zimbabwe visiting their son, and going on a safari. They saw many wild animals and managed to have a close encounter with a male and female lion. It seems their Land-Rover approached just about the time the male lion was planning a romantic liaison with the female. Bill chuckled as he recalled their driver turning around and high-tailing it out of harm's way. Lila will also turn 90 next year, so both she and Bill will eat for free. They have earned it.

AND YOU WONDER WHY...

...people get fed up with the media as well as the politicians. Apparently while campaigning in Iowa, a mini-scandal broke out when NPR reported that Hillary Clinton had stiffed the wait staff at a local diner. The Clinton campaign replied that in fact she had left a \$100 tip on a \$157 tab. The restaurant manager confirmed the bill was paid and a tip was left, but could not say how much. The N.Y. Times talked to the waitress and she was dumbfounded the whole thing had become such a big deal. "You people are really nuts," she said. "There's kids dying in the war, the price of oil right now- there's a better thing in this world to be thinking about than...who got a tip and who didn't get a tip." May I add a resounding amen to that?!

BEFORE THE DOOR CLOSSES

No Labor Agency Pickup this month. If you want to make a donation to them for Christmas, they are on the first floor of the Labor Temple @1st and Broad in downtown Seattle. The following are a few letters that Dear Abby was at a loss to answer. **Dear Abby:** I was married to Bill for three months and I didn't know he drank until one night he came home sober. **Dear Abby:** I have a man I can't trust. He cheats so much, I'm not even sure the baby I'm carrying is his. **Dear Abby:** My mother is mean and short-tempered. I think she is going through mental pause.