

February 2008 NEWSLETTER

NEXT MEETING

When/Where: **Wednesday, February, 13th**
Tukwila Community Center
12424 – 42nd Avenue South, Tukwila

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

Special Guest: **Tim Allan, Senior Business Agent, Local 174**

Lunch Menu: I am zee artiste, zis meal I prepare for you will make you scream wiz joy!!
Or else, you can go to zee MacDonald's! Bon appetite

Reservations: Call (206) 441-0504 by **Monday, February 11th** 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.

CHECK THIS OUT

No Labor Agency pickup this month. Check your label this month. If you see a dreaded red dot, it means you have only March left before this divinely inspired missive ceases cluttering up your coffee table. Dues are still only \$10 per year, and not one penny of which goes to enrich the officers of this outstanding club! The 2008-2009 **James R. Hoffa** Memorial Scholarship for high school seniors is underway. Every year this fund issues 100 scholarships, 31 of which are worth \$10,000 (disbursed over 4 years), and 69 that are one time \$1,000 grants. For more info, please call Traci Jacobs, Manager of the Hoffa Fund at (202) 624-8735 or by email at scholarship@teamster.org. The deadline is **March 30th 2008**. We recently received a note from **Roy Snow** down Lacey way. He sends a big howdy to everyone and says he “is still kicking up dirt when I can”. When he fell off the roof of his house in 2004, he broke his pelvis, some ribs and lost nerves in his left leg. But he is able to get on his riding mower and take care of the grass. He retired from Signal Delivery in 1994.

ALAMOTA KANSAS 1926

Have you ever noticed Gordy Hammond and his wife Vi sitting in the second row at almost every GTRC luncheon? The above caption is where, and when he was born. Gordy was raised on

a 4200 acre farm, raising cattle and wheat. His parents, a brother and sister had to leave during the dustbowl of the 30's when the wind took 6 inches of their topsoil and deposited it somewhere in New England! They also lost 2500 head of cattle. The family moved to Oregon in 1938, and in 1940 his dad got a job in the ship yards. Gordy did a stint in the Navy from 1943 to 1946. (He also got called back for duty in Korea) He met his wife of 58 joy-filled years, vibrant Vi, at the Bon Marche in 1947 where she worked as an elevator operator. They were married in 1949 and their union has produced 7 children, 13 grand children, and 3 "greats". Gordy drove for United Buckingham, National Transfer, and Sears starting in 1976, and retired from there in 1988. He and Vi spent 17 years "wintering" in Arizona and southern California, but finally parted with his motor home in 2007. They have lived in Marysville the past 13 years, and Gordy tells me his personal motto is "Don't work too hard, and take care of your house". All in all he was a Teamster for 23 years, and says life has been pretty good to him. We are glad that he and Vi are a regular part of our GTRC family.

UNRELATED REFLECTIONS

Do you know where school bullies wind up? In the workplace, where they continue bullying. According to Zogby International, an eye-opening **37%** of U.S. workers have been bullied at the workplace. According to the poll 72% of the bullies are supervisors or bosses. This explains why in 62% of the cases, when made aware of bullying at their workplace, employers do nothing! To help alleviate this situation, Senator Rosa Franklin introduced SB 6622, which was heard in Senate Labor on Jan 22, to give remedy to workers who faced persistent bullying at work. Bully for her! The following is a quote by A fellow named Randy Hayes that seems to get truer with time..."Politicians and corporate 'leaders' have merged, reducing our political system to a democracy theme park. This leaves us with the Republican side and the Democratic side of the **BIG BUSINESS PARTY**, two sides of the same coin." This is a good spot to share a new two-word phrase with you. **Electile Dysfunction**: the inability to become aroused over any of the choices for president put forth by either party in the 2008 election year.

BEFORE I SAY ADIEU

Never ask a barber if he thinks you need a haircut.***An older gentleman was on the operating table awaiting surgery and he insisted that his son, a renowned surgeon, perform the operation. As he was about to get the anesthesia he asked to speak to his son. "Yes dad, what is it?" "Don't be nervous, son; do your best and just remember, if it doesn't go well, if something happens to me...your mother is going to come and live with you and your wife..."***Be glad if your mind only wanders. It could leave completely. Last one, I promise: A pessimist feels bad when he feels good for fear he'll feel worse when he feels better. See you on the 13th, fun, food, friends and **chocolate**.