



General Teamster Retirees Club
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NEXT MEETING

Where:

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

When

Wednesday, October 14th
11:30 AM – Lunch
12:00-ish – Business Meeting

Special Guest: **Cynthia Lair**, Nutritionist/author/teacher/mother/sometimes-actress
Host of online cooking show **“Cookus Interruptus”**

Lunch Menu: Braised beef tips, rice pilaf, peas-carrots, salads, dessert, coffee

Reservations: Call (206) 441-0504 by **Monday, October 12th** 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 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.

BACK AMONG THE LIVING

I have to point out that the September luncheon is only the second one I have missed in 9 years. I understand that in my absence, Vice President **Elaine Russell** took over and did a good job. My thanks to her and the rest of your executive board for making all of you say “Hank who”??

A big slap upside the head to **Tim Corner** (he’s a tough guy you know) for donating 13 boxes of books to the retirees club. There will be plenty of reading material for all of you to take home with you, and plenty left over to donate to either a senior center, or a rest home...Tim’s idea. Tim is one of those guys that some would say is a little rough around the edges, but he has a heart of gold, and we truly appreciate everything he has done for our club. There will not be another **Puget Sound Labor Agency** pickup until December.

Trustee **Margaret Foster** underwent major surgery recently and is recuperating nicely. Just another reminder that as this recession drags on, the food banks are still scrambling to fill the need, so keep bringing whatever you can spare to our luncheons.

THE 100-YEAR PARTY

September 12th started off calm enough, with a few Teamsters dropping in on the local 174 centennial party. Then, between 12:00 and 2:30, hundreds of people showed up, flooding all the available parking. There was music, pony rides, a bouncy bounce for the kids, popcorn, paraphernalia for sale, and a room dedicated to pictures, artifacts...essentially a history of local 174.

When I arrived, GTRC members **Bob Jones and Edmun Goldsberry** were holding forth in the “history room”. Local 174 electronic wizard, **Tim Allen**, was hooking up a lap top that showed a continuous wheel of nearly 300 photos on a screen. Business agent **Dave Jacobsen** was essentially the trail boss of this enterprise, and with the support of his boss, S.T. **Rick Hicks** and many volunteers, put together a party for the ages.

In the evening, there was a sit down dinner with chicken, beef, or roast suckling pig and all the trimmings. The nearly 600 evening attendees were unanimous in their praise of the meal and entertainment. After dinner in the big hall, the appreciative crowd were rocked by none other than Elvis (**Clayton Wagy**) who in real life is a working Teamster at E. Masin Furniture. Ex business agents **Don Lawrence, Clancy Pirtle, Clint Copeland and LeRoy Brown** showed up also. Even though I was feeling poorly, I had a fabulous time.

LOOKING AT LIFE

It is hell getting old, getting grumpier, getting new maladies, aches and pains, new barnacles, and expensive new pills and potions. Every once in a while you imagine seeing that old bag of bones wearing a shawl, carrying a scythe, and beckoning to you with a bony finger. Well, a pox on him you say, he'll just have to wait.

What is with all these new inventions, and what is twittering, tweeting, texting, and let us not even get into what is happening to our mother tongue. Does anyone under 40 say thank you anymore instead of "no problem"? Our reflexes, both mental and physical, are getting slower, and how come those kids never call?

For all of the vagaries of the aging process, I do not think a whole lot of we seniors would want to trade places with the 20 year olds who are wading into the brave new world. These kids are going to have to deal with Huge federal deficits, global warming, increasing crime and continuing job losses, and the possibility of the good old US of A, morphing into a third world country. Our generation has had a pretty good run at it, and we can and should count our blessings, and remember all of those beautiful sunsets. I wish our replacements well.

QUESTIONS

What is the difference between **BIRDFLU** and **SWINEFLU**? For Birdflu you need "tweetment" and for Swineflu you need "oinkment". Here are some questions and answers from the old TV show, Hollywood Squares:

Q. True or false, a pea can last as long as 5,000 years

A. George Gobel: Boy, it sure seems that way sometimes.

Q. Which of your five senses tends to diminish as you get older?

A. Charley Weaver: My sense of decency.

Q. In bowling, what's a perfect score?

A. Rose Marie: Ralph, the pin boy.

Q. When you pat a dog on its head he will wag his tail. What will a goose do?

A. Paul Lynde: make him bark?

Q. You've been having trouble going to sleep. Are you probably a man or a woman?

A. Don Knotts: That's what's been keeping me awake.

Q. Back in the old days, when Grandpa put horseradish on his head, what was he trying to do?

A. George Gobel: Get it in his mouth.

Q. When a couple have a baby, who is responsible for its sex?

A. Charley Weaver: I'll lend him the car, the rest is up to him!

Our guest speaker is going to be very interesting, so come on down and bring a friend on the 14th. See ya.