



General Teamster Retirees Club
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December 2009 Newsletter

NEXT MEETING

Where:

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

When

Wednesday, December 9th
11:30 AM – Lunch
12:00-ish – Business Meeting

Special Guest: **Joe Tessier & Mark Coles** with retiree H&W update
“**The Silver Sagers**” will be back...and a surprise, mystery guest!

Lunch Menu: Ham, scallop potatoes, veggies, salads, rolls, dessert and coffee

Reservations: Call (206) 441-0504 by **Monday, December 7th** 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.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Gee whiz, that is exactly what I wrote a year ago! Well, I meant it then, and I mean it now.

Nancy Holland Young director of the Puget Sound Labor Agency is retiring and we wish her well. She has done a great job of shepherding that organization's fortunes for a long time. **The Labor Agency** will stop by at the luncheon and pick up our food and other donations. If anyone wants to bring an unwrapped toy to contribute that would be nice also.

The Union Pharmacy has no **flu vaccine** available, but will be here to provide the following. **Union Center** will provide the Zostavax (shingles) and the Pneumovax (pneumonia) vaccine at the December 9th meeting. **Pneumonia vaccine** is recommended for most anyone age 65 years and older, and for younger individuals who smoke or have chronic lung diseases such as asthma. There is not cost for Pneumovax for those who have Medicare part B coverage, and those with other insurance can submit the receipt for reimbursement.

Union Center will also give the **shingles vaccine**, which is recommended for most individuals over the age of 60. For the shingles vaccine, please sign up for the shingles vaccine the Monday before the meeting (December 7th) by calling Union Center Pharmacy 206-441-9174. This will allow the pharmacy to ensure that it will be covered by your pharmacy insurance.

Ray Ellison and the group will be back to musically liven up the joint. **Joe and Mark**, whom you are familiar with by this time, will give us a brief synopsis of the health and prognosis for the Retirees Health and welfare fund for 2010. OH, and did I mention the appearance of a MYSTERY guest??

In summation, come on down and we will offer you fabulous food, incisive information, gorgeous gifts, music, festivity, friendship, A Big SURPRISE, and heaps of humor...Have I forgot anything??

Tom Krett former S.T. of our club sent us a check for our gift-card program. He keeps the GTRC in his thoughts as the wheels on his school bus go "round and round." Trustee, **Jim Foster** is working on the gift cards, and relates that the locals did not have a lot of candidates for help at Thanksgiving, but that the Christmas need will be even greater than last year.

TEA-BUGGERS

Have you noticed all the hoop-lah being created by the so called “Teabag movement”? They have been staging rallies, having parades, and demonstrating in front of the white house. One of their prominent advocates is Sarah Palin.

Now all of this is in the best American tradition... the right to assemble, and petition our government or just shake our fist at them. It seems their major concerns are the pending health care legislation, the Obama administration in general, and the dreaded takeover of our country by those nefarious “socialists!”

Here is a question for these folks. Have they considered that Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, the military, fire and police departments and public education in this country are all forms of socialism?? In my humble opinion, the teabagger’s gripes would have a lot more credibility if they were based on some kind of fundamental knowledge.

I’m just saying...

REDNECK FISHERMAN

This good-old-boy was stopped by a game warden in Walnut Ridge Arkansas with two ice chests full of fish. The game warden asked the man, “Do you have a license to catch those fish?”

“Naw sir, replied the redneck. I ain’t got none of them there licenses. You must understand, these here are my pet fish.”

“Pet fish?” “Yeah. Every night, I take these here fish down to the lake and let ‘em swim round for awhile. Then, when I whistle, they jump right back into these here ice chests, and I take ‘em home.”

“That’s a bunch of hooey, fish can’t do that.”

The redneck looked at the warden for a moment and then said, “It’s the truth, Mr. Government man. I’ll show ya. It really works.”

“Okay said the warden. “I’ve got to see this!”

The ole country boy poured the fish into the lake and stood and waited. After several minutes, the warden says, “Well?”

“Well, what?” says the redneck.

The warden says, “When are you going to call them back?”

“Call who back?”

“The FISH” replied the warden!

“What fish?” replied the redneck.

***Good luck to all you fisher-persons, and join us at the last luncheon of 2009.
Doors open at 10:00 a.m.***