



General Teamster Retirees Club
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July 2009 Newsletter

NEXT MEETING

Where:

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

When

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

Special Guest: Mr. Bingo and Good Time Charlie

Lunch Menu: St. Louis pork ribs, chicken, baked beans, slaw, salads, dessert, etc.

Reservations: Call (206) 441-0504 by **Monday, July 6th** 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.

HERE'S THE SCOOP!

There will be **no Labor Agency pick up** this month. * There will be **NO August newsletter*** However, we are continuing to collect food for the agency's food bank as they continue to set records for demand. I don't have to remind people that there are a lot of people hurting now; many of whom have never experienced hardship. Here is a reminder that the deadline for scholarship applications is **July 10th**.

As you are no doubt aware, our annual golf tournament takes place at **Foster Golf Links** on Thursday, August 13th, with registration at 7:00 AM, and a "shotgun" start to play at 8:00 AM. We will have lunch, prizes galore, a trophy for the overall winner, a lot of lying, but hopefully no cheating! If you do not play, but would like to volunteer to give us a hand, please call us. (206-441-0504)

Speaking of volunteers, on the 12th of September, from 10:00AM until 8:00 in the evening, **Local 174** will be hosting a huge party to celebrate 100 years of dedicated, militant, Teamster unionism to this community! The retirees, that would be you and me, have been asked to participate so we are asking for people who might be willing to donate a couple of hours on that day. There will be food, music, games, stuff for the kids, celebrity appearances, a memorabilia room and unscripted testimonials from past and current members. All this and more, which will require lots of support people to make it work. Many of us helped make this local a good one, so come on down and help it celebrate.

Your GTRC executive board could use another member for "light duty" work. Our club can always use new energy and ideas, so if you have been toying with the idea of stepping up, there is no better time than the present. We would like to extend a big thank you to former local 599 and JC 28 officer, **Dave Lovell**, who once again this year made a generous donation to our scholarship fund.

The other day I was surprised when I answered the phone and former 252 and 174 business agent **Clancy Pirtle** was on the line. Clancy is doing well, is healthy, and has had a busy retirement. He and his wife live on Liberty Lake near Spokane. He wants to come to the September party for local 174, and said he would try to bring another former 174 BA with him, **Don Lawrence**.

POT SHOTS

Has anyone noticed that one of labor's biggest priorities in the last election, the Employees Free Choice Act (EFCA) has all but dropped off of the legislative radar? The Senators were talking about a "compromise" bill which usually means one that has been eviscerated. I mention this only because the Democratic Party which now has the Presidency, the Senate, and Congress was supported by organized labor, and once again is being deserted.

My guess is that the Dems are going to do an “el foldo” on health care reform as well. It is enough to make a grown man grind his teeth and utter expletives! I submit that organized labor and the Democratic party have a relationship much like a dysfunctional, abusive marriage. We, organized labor, keep getting lied to, ignored, scoffed at and pushed around, but keep going back for more. Working and retired union folk deserve better.

A WHITE LIE BACK-FIRE

Jack decided to go skiing with his buddy, Bob. So they loaded up Jack’s mini van and headed north. After driving for a few hours, they got caught in a terrible blizzard. They pulled into a nearby farm and asked the attractive lady who answered the door if they could spend the night.

“I realize it’s terrible weather out there and I have this huge house all to myself, but I’m recently widowed, she explained. I’m afraid the neighbors will talk if I let you stay in the house.”

“Don’t worry, Jack said. We’ll be happy to sleep in the barn. And if the weather breaks, we’ll be gone at first light.” The lady agreed, and the two men found their way to the barn and settled in for the night. Come morning, the weather cleared, and they got on their way. They enjoyed a great weekend of skiing. About nine months later, Jack got an unexpected letter from an attorney. It took him a few minutes to figure it out, but finally he determined that it was from the attorney of that attractive widow he had met on the ski weekend. He dropped in on his friend Bob and asked, “Bob, do you remember that good-looking widow from the farm we stayed at on our ski holiday up north 9 months ago?”

“Yes I do” said Bob. “Did you, er, happen to get up in the middle of the night and pay her a visit?”

“Well, um, yes,” Bob said, a little embarrassed about being found out, “I have to admit that I did.”

“And did you happen to give her my name instead of telling her your name?”

Bob’s face turned beet red and he said, “Yeah, look, I’m sorry, buddy. I’m afraid I did. Why do you ask?”

Jack answered “Because, she just died and left me everything!”

JULY 8TH... Great food, Bingo with cash prizes, and the \$125 “be here” prize, more free books, and even some talking books- Join us for some fun and relaxation!