



General Teamster Retirees Club
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January 2009 Newsletter

NEXT MEETING

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

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

Special Guest: **Bonnie Baker-Membership Manager-Northwest Harvest**

Lunch Menu: Baron of beef, mashed potatoes, veggies, salads, dessert, coffee/tea

Reservations: Call (206) 441-0504 by **Monday, January 12th** to reserve your place for lunch. The cost of lunch is only \$11.00. ***Be sure to call as soon as possible, as 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.

WELCOME TO 2009

I hope everyone enjoyed their holiday season, and have rolled up their sleeves to challenge, what the prognosticators are telling us, is going to be a grim year. Many of our number have been through rougher times than this, think great depression, World War II, Korea, the cold war, the 60's, etc. So, as President Bush so famously intoned, "Bring it on!" You won't want to miss our guest speaker, as she is going to discuss the growing food crisis in our country, and ways that we can help. There will be no Labor Agency pick up this month. However, feel free to bring any non-perishable food items and we will store them for the Agency's March pick up. Trustee **Jim Foster** reports that the GTRC, thanks to all of your generous donations, was able to send gift cards to 16 Teamster families in need this year. Jim worked hard on this program, and our hats are off to him. I recently talked to retired Tradewell driver, **Helmer Peterson**, and at 97 years old, he proudly states that he is feeling well and still has "all his marbles". We were saddened by the recent deaths of Long time Teamster retirees **Bill Setran**, and **Mary O'Reilly**. Bill was a 174 retiree from Sears, and was 92, and Mary worked for local 117, and the Joint Council, and was 88. Finally, a note of thanks to Rainier Beer retiree **Danny Nicholas**, who took a load of wood, and old pallet boards out to the **Oak Harbor** picket line just as the cold weather hit.

SPEAKING OF WHICH...

I don't know where you live, but I live in Seattle, and I would like the world and **Mayor Nichols** to know that the City's response to our snow storm was pathetic. From the streets not being cleared to the absence of bus service, the City virtually guaranteed that retailers, already suffering dismal sales, would experience a disastrous sales season. People missed work and frequently after spending hours digging a driveway clear, an SDOT truck would come by and create a new 2 foot high berm! The Mayor gave himself a B for the way the various utilities reacted, but judging by the public outcry, most Seattleites were giving him an E or a D.*** How about the Senate refusing to bail out the big three automakers? The administration did finally at the last minute extend them a bridge loan, but it will only suffice until the new administration takes over. It appears that those southern Senators, who were instrumental in kyboshing the original loan proposal, had a thinly veiled agenda...to break the UAW. It was okay to give the banks and their high rolling investment buddies 700 billion dollars, few questions asked, but not the car companies. Maybe Lincoln should have just let the south secede!

A LITTLE BOY

...was sitting on the curb with a gallon of turpentine, shaking it up and down and watching all the bubbles. A little while later a Priest came along and asked the little boy what he had. The little boy replied "This is the most powerful liquid in the world, it is called turpentine." The Priest responded, "No, the most powerful liquid in the world is Holy Water. If you take some of this holy water and rub it on a pregnant woman's belly, she will pass a healthy baby." The little boy answered back, "You take some of this turpentine and rub it on a cat's ass, and it will pass a Harley Davidson." ***As you look for some canned goods in your pantry, and call some friends to join you at the luncheon **January 14th**, remember this: Being over the hill is much better than being under it.