



**General Teamster Retirees Club**  
*Affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters*  
*Teamster Locals #38, #117, #174, #763*  
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## July 2008 NEWSLETTER

### NEXT MEETING

**Where:**

Tukwila Community Center  
12424 – 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South  
Tukwila, WA

**When**

Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>  
11:30 AM – Lunch  
12:00-ish – Business Meeting

**Special Guest:** Mr. Bingo and Mr. \$125 check for the “Be Here” winner

**Lunch Menu:** Chicken, Ribs, potato salad, beans, Roll, Dessert and Coffee. Other goodies!

**Reservations:** Call (206) 441-0504 by **Monday, July 7th** to reserve your place for lunch. The cost of lunch is only \$11.00.

**Directions:**

**From Southbound I-5** take exit #156 – Tukwila, Interurban Avenue. Turn right onto Interurban Avenue South; proceed north. Turn right at the stoplight at 42<sup>nd</sup>; 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 42<sup>nd</sup>; 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.

## EYES ON THE BLACKBOARD PLEASE

Let's have a big turnout for our picnic/luncheon on the 9<sup>th</sup>. We are going to have great food, many prizes, maybe some jokes, and a good time had by many, if not all. If you do not want to play Bingo, bring a deck of cards, a book, or a ball and a couple of mitts, and play catch outside. There will be **no Labor Agency pickup. There will also be NO August newsletter, or luncheon** in lieu of our August 7<sup>th</sup> **GTRC Retirees golf tourney**. If you have been procrastinating, now is the time to dust off your clubs, get some money out of that old sock in the bottom drawer, and come on down to Foster and join us. As many of you probably know, money for scholarships is getting hard to come by, and many schools, including the UW are hiking tuition. Our prospective teachers, doctors, engineers, etc, need our help more than ever. Which reminds me that just last week, former Secretary Treasurer of Local 599 in Tacoma, and former JC 28 Vice President **Dave Lovell**, donated \$1500 to our 2008 scholarship fund!! Joint Council general secretary and very nice person, **Diana McDowell** steered Dave in our direction, and our profound thanks to both of them. **Ed Scribner**, Director for Retiree Affairs for the International, called and has indicated that for the third year in a row, he will join us for our tournament. He is a great guy, and is working hard to keep retirees in the forefront of the union's attention. I told him he should bring **President Hoffa** with him this year, so that he could see first-hand just how far some of us old, washed up rank and filers can hit a golf ball!

## A BUSY GUY

Most of the time, retiree **Edmen (Ed) Goldsbary** has a broad smile on his soon to be 88 year old face. You might wonder what a fella who was raised with 10 siblings, a mom and dad, as well as goats, pigs and chickens in the Kent valley is so happy about. A lot of his good health and sunny outlook have to do with the twin facts that #1 his father made him eat onions, and #2 he has religiously adhered to the maxim of "watch what you eat!" Ed attended Kent Elementary, J.R. High in Auburn, and Renton High School. Rejected for service in WWII (which he told me was one of the biggest disappointments in his life), Ed drove a truck on a farm for 25 cents an hour, and included a room, hauling corn one way, and ferrying "pickers" to the farm as a backhaul. In 1946 he got a job at Safeway, then located at 4<sup>th</sup> and Holgate, driving semi and joined Teamster Local 910. He was married in 1947, and when he quit Safeway after "a beef with the dispatcher" he went to work in Lee's Café which he and his wife owned jointly. He worked the restaurant from 1952 until 1955 after his wife "ran off with a race car driver". He got a job with Time Oil, and rejoined the Teamsters, driving tanker for Time which changed to Whiting and then the truck permits wound up in the control of Arrow Transportation. During this 17 year period Ed served as a shop steward, and was active in union affairs. He retired in 1982 from Arrow and for the next 10 years he sold cars, and did landscaping to busy himself. From 1993 until 2003 Goldsbary went back driving for Ballard Transfer. He is now "really" retired. In 1965 Ed remarried and he has two

children and two stepchildren and he shares a beautiful little bungalow in Ballard with a daughter and her family. He has worked his entire life, recalling that he peddled lettuce in his wagon to the neighbors when he was 9 years old. He likes to garden, chat with old friends, and attend our luncheons and break bread with some of his old 741 pals. He has ran over his share of bumps in life, but has had a pretty good run at it so far. I suspect that we are going to be seeing him around for quite sometime to come.

## **BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU SAY**

On Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, it was my privilege to march in the ILWU sponsored march from Pier 30 to pier 66 along Alaskan Way. This demonstration was to protest the continuing occupation by the U.S. of Iraq, and to bring the troops home. Much of labor was represented and I met our intrepid editor Bill McCarthy there, along with some of our brothers from local 117. Many vets were interspersed with the marchers and even the “raging grannies” showed up.\* A moment to shed a tear...The Sunset Bowl in Ballard shut its doors April 17<sup>th</sup>, and the building will be razed to provide more condos and retail space. Yet another community treasure lost to increasingly mindless development!