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NEXT MEETING

Where:

Tukwila Community Center
12424 – 42nd Avenue South
Tukwila, WA

When

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

Special Guest: **Scott White-Democratic candidate for State Rep-46th district**Plus Norma Leach from League of Woman Voters.**

Lunch Menu: Baron of Beef, Potatoes, veggies, salads, Roll, Dessert and Coffee.

Reservations: Call (206) 441-0504 by **Monday, October 6th** 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 42nd; 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 42nd; 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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

No Labor Agency Pickup this Month. Check your records and make sure your dues (\$10 a year) are current. Delinquency leads to cessation of getting this fabulous newsletter, and a severe scolding from your minister when he or she, finds out. Greg Watts, retired policeman from the Port of Seattle and Local 117, was the winner of the GTRC golf tournament. We raised \$3500 for scholarships and the following students split that total as follows: Naomi Onofrei (Local 117) \$1000. Shannon Casey (Local 174) \$800; Jessica Perry (Local 117); \$700. Timothy Hecker (Local 117) \$500; Alexis Kaullen (Local 38) \$500. They were all excellent candidates, and Shannon and her mother attended the September meeting. Shannon was sporting her 174 tee-shirt that she said her dad "made me wear". Good news; with the help of Rick Hicks, Secretary-Treasurer of Local 174, and Joe Tessier Local 117, it looks as though the GTRC is going to be able to use a meeting room at the Union headquarters after the first of the year for our luncheons. This will save us a considerable sum of money, and the Teamster building is close by the TCC, at 14675 Interurban, just south of our current venue. NOTE: Do not miss the October luncheon; after Mr. White concludes his remarks, Norma Leach from the League of women voters will review all of the Initiatives on the November ballot, with special emphasis on I-1000, the controversial assisted suicide measure. By the way, for you computer users out there, if you would like to check out the retirees info, punch in www.teamsters174.org and look for the link.

THINKING OUT LOUD

I flipped open my Morning PI the other day and there in the letters to the editor, was a letter from long time GTRC supporter, Wayne Moore. Granted that everyone is entitled to their own opinion, I could not have agreed more with Wayne. He said that in his 88 years, every time the Republicans have been in power, they have screwed things up for the little guy. He thinks impeaching the "Shrub" is a good idea, and voting for McCain will bring 4 more years of the same. It may be a little late, and take more courage than the Democrats have been able to muster, but BUSH should be made to pay for the awful mess he has created. I know some of you vets out there are leaning to McCain, but consider this. He referred to Social Security as an "absolute disgrace" and has supported Bushs' failed attempt to privatize it. Wouldn't that have been nice in this recent economic meltdown?!? He is also anti-union, a free trader, and definitely a war hawk. If all that wasn't bad enough, check out the credentials of his choice of a running mate. Ouch! Now I am not going to say that Obama is the second coming, but he does seem to exhibit the kind of thoughtful temperament that will be needed to put this old Humpty Dumpty of America, back together again. Or, at least start the process. Every one needs to vote this time, and if you need a ride to the polls, please call us.

MEDICARE

The phone rings, and the lady of the house answers "Hello". "Mrs. Sanders, please." "Speaking." "Mrs. Sanders, this is Doctor Jones at Saint Agnes Laboratory. When your husband's doctor sent his biopsy to the lab last week, a biopsy from another Mr. Sanders arrived as well. We are now uncertain which one belongs to your husband. Frankly, either way the results are not too good." "What do you mean?" Mrs. Sanders asks nervously. "Well, one of the specimens tested positive for Alzheimer's, and the other one tested positive for HIV. We can't tell which is which." "That's dreadful! Can you do the test again?" questioned Mrs. Sanders. "Normally we can, but MEDICARE will only pay for these expensive tests one time." "Well, what am I supposed to do now?" "The folks at MEDICARE recommend that you drop your husband off somewhere in the middle of town. If he finds his way home, don't sleep with him."

IN PARTING

We haven't seen you Boeing guys for awhile. That is a reminder that our brothers and sisters from the IAM are still on strike, so drive by and give them a honk, or better yet take out a little time and walk some picket. Call a friend, come to lunch, and ask yourself this question: If 4 out of 5 people suffer from diarrhea, does that mean that one enjoys it?