



**General Teamster Retirees Club**  
*Affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters*  
*Teamster Locals #38, #117, #174, #763*  
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## October 2010 Newsletter

### NEXT MEETING

**Where:**

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

**When**

Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>  
11:30 AM – Lunch  
12:00-ish – Business Meeting

**Special Guest:** Jayapal-Director of OneAmerica (An Immigrant Rights Org.)

**Lunch Menu:** Baron of Beef, brown potatoes, veggies, salads rolls, dessert, coffee

**Reservations:** Call (206) 441-0504 by **Monday, October 11th** 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.

## PUMPKIN MONTH

No **Labor Agency** pickup this month, but feel free to bring donations and we can store them (small amounts only) until the next pickup in December. As you decide whether or not to come join us for lunch, know this. Along with our dynamic special guest, will be her husband, **Steve Williamson**, former local 174 employee, head of the **King County Labor Council**, ramrod of the “keep an eye on **Wal-Mart** campaign and currently with the UFCW. Also making a brief appearance will be **Owen Lynch, JC 28** lobbyist, who is going to take a few minutes to tell us why Initiative 1082 is a really bad idea.

We have a great menu, interesting, and passionate speakers, and a room full of really sharp, good looking older folk, most of who manage to stay awake! I usually tell our guest speakers that we normally have 65 to 75 guests...so help not make a liar out of me, grab a friend or neighbor, and come on down. Oh Jeez, did I forget the jokes and fabulous prizes...those too.

We lost several people since last we spoke. **Wayne McGregor and Fred Pinto** both retired employees from **Rainier Brewery** died this month (September), as well as **Pacific Rendering** retiree, and regular Meeting attendee **Ray Owens**. Ray always had a smile a mile wide and always brought a couple of boxes of doughnuts to our picnic/lunch meetings. Long time **Olympia Beer and K&L** driver, **Dorin Ridenour** died On the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Jenny Arnold** from the Pharmacy will also be on hand to administer **FLU** shots from 11:00 until 12:30. They are covered by Medicare B so bring your card; for non-Medicare people the vaccine is \$28. She will also have sign-up sheets for shingles and pneumococcal vaccine to be given at another meeting.

## THE DISGRACE OF SILENCE

Buried in the second section of the **Seattle Times** on September 17<sup>th</sup> was an interesting little snippet. It seems a Seattle cartoonist **Mollie Norris**, who had initiated a “Everybody Draw Mohammed Day” with a satirical cartoon in support of free speech, had her life turned upside down on her. She had been working for the **Seattle Weekly** whose editor **Mark Fefer** announced that her comics would no longer be in the paper. It seems that the FBI had suggested that Norris change her name, move, and otherwise changes her whole identity, Why, you ask? Because of a **FATWA** issued by some cleric in Oman.

A fatwa is a death sentence that stays in effect until it is carried out, or its recipient grovels enough to suit some Muslim religious leader. The most famous victim of this onerous practice was the author **Salman Rushdie**, who wrote a novel, **The Satanic Verses** that was a tepid criticism of Islam. He was in hiding, protected by the British government, for over 10 years! It seems that few if any of our fellow citizens, the media, or the powers that be, give a damn!

To my knowledge, there has been one article printed by local **Times** writer **Denny Westneat** deploring the disinterest, and silence regarding this young woman’s whole existence being

altered negatively. In his article he asks "Shouldn't we be sturdier than this"? Indeed, we **ALL** should. So, on your next road trip, if you spot a woman wearing a Burka, in Roundup Montana, you'll know who it is. What a shame.

## **MEEOUCH!**

A firefighter was working on the engine outside the station, when he noticed a little girl nearby in a little red wagon with little ladders hung off the sides and a garden hose tightly coiled in the middle. The girl was wearing a firefighter's helmet. The wagon was being pulled by her dog and her cat. The fireman walked over to take a closer look. "That sure is a nice fire truck", the fireman said with admiration.

"Thanks", said the girl.

The fireman took a closer look. The girl had tied the wagon to her dog's collar, and to the cat's testicles. "Little partner," the firefighter said, "I don't want to tell you how to run your rig, but if you were to tie that rope around the cat's collar, I think you could go faster."

The little girl replied thoughtfully, "You're probably right, but then I wouldn't have a siren."

## **THE WASHINGTON TEAMSTER**

Former local 174 business agent, and current SPEEA officer, as well as a member of local 763, **Bob Rommel** has sent a letter to JC 28, and all the Secretary Treasurers, basically lamenting the cessation of publication of the **Washington Teamster**, and asking that the decision be reexamined, and perhaps revoked. If you share his sentiments, make your feelings known. It never hurts to try. Let's have a great turnout on the 13<sup>th</sup>, and if it sounds like I'm nagging...well, I guess I am. See you there.

***Before you put this work of art in your shredder, remember the date, of our next luncheon meeting and bring a friend or even a relative. I am bringing my wonderful wife.***

***PS: Bring your reading glasses...there will be books galore to pick from...free for the taking.***