



**General Teamster Retirees Club**  
*Affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters*  
*Teamster Locals #38, #117, #174, #763*  
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## October 2011 Newsletter

### NEXT MEETING

**Where:**

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

**When**

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

**Special Guest:** **Dick Nelson-Former State Legislator (1977-1992) Now active in**  
Citizen effort to close tax loopholes in State budget & create jobs

**Lunch Menu:** Baron of Beef, brown potatoes, veggies, salad, roll, dessert, coffee

**Reservations:** Call (206) 441-0504 by **Monday, Oct. 10th** 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.

## THE ORANGE ORACLE SPEAKS

Be advised friends and neighbors that the following issue of solid Teamster folk won Scholarships from the Retirees club: **Kaysha Lybecker (117), Chibuzor (Andy) Nwaelele (117), Amita Jain (38), Madison Hollenbeck (117), Alex Donaldson (174), Annalise Johnson (117), and Rachel Fowler (174)**. Congratulations and best of luck to them in their higher learning efforts. Thanks also to all the union locals, the JC 28 support, and GTRC members that made this year's scholarships possible.

**Jenny Arnold**, from the **Union Pharmacy** will be on hand to administer flu shots (\$28.00 covered by Medicare Part D). If you would wish an additional vaccine, call her ((206) 441-9174) and if possible, she will bring it to the luncheon. She will be available from 11 until 1:00 that day.

Our very own **Dan Nicholas** was featured on the front page of the July 26<sup>th</sup> issue of the **VOICE OF THE VALLEY** newspaper. The front page features Dan standing in front of a 1926 **Howard Cooper** fire engine. There has been some discussion over which is better looking, Dan or the truck. He had been honored by the city of **Maple Valley** for all he has contributed to the city, especially his efforts on behalf of the Maple Valley Historical Society. Danny is also a retired volunteer firefighter, and has been an asset to the GTRC as well. Kudos to him, and keep up the good work Dan!

I am sad to announce that former Secretary Treasurer of local **313, Pat Swanson** died recently. Pat served as the principle officer of that local from 1992 until 1999.

Have you done something special, or been somewhere that was particularly memorable; if so, let us know, and we can make a note of it in the newsletter. We are all getting older, so if we haven't had our 15 minutes or words of fame yet, it is time to get cracking!

## THEY ARE STILL AFTER US

**Jim DeMint**, (or is that DeMented?) **Republican Senator from South Carolina** has a proposed National Right To Work Act, pending before congress. His bill, if passed, would prohibit unions from negotiating "Union Security Clauses" in their labor agreements.

Now isn't that a 'great' idea?!? What is even more encouraging is that both front running candidates for the Republican presidential nomination, **Mitt Romney**, and **Rick Perry** support the idea. You remember Perry; he is the one who called Social Security a big Ponzi scheme!

Florida's Ethics Commission has found that the ethics complaint filed by the **Teamsters Union** is "legally sufficient" and will result in an investigation into that state's Governor **Rick Scott's** plan to privatize the state's prisons. Privatization usually is a thinly disguised effort to either get rid of unions, or make it more difficult to organize new ones.

Finally, the fabled GOP is going after the **Post Office**. Current proposals include laying off 120,000 workers, closing processing centers, and eliminating Saturday delivery. Can a bill to **privatize** the USPO be far behind? As a noted showman once said, "you ain't seen nothing yet".

## TIDBITS TO TITTER BY

An elderly lady was standing at the railing of the cruise ship holding her hat tight so that it would not blow away in the wind. A gentleman approached her and said, "Pardon me, madam...I do not intend to be forward but did you know that your dress is blowing up in this high wind?"

"Yes, I know," said the lady. "I need both of my hands to hold onto this hat."

"But madam, you must know that you are not wearing any underwear and you are exposed!" said the gentleman in earnest.

The woman looked down, then back up at the man and replied, "Sir, anything you see down there is 75 years old. I just bought this hat **yesterday!**"

## More chuckles:

\*\*\*\* Husband and wife are waiting at the bus stop with their nine children. A blind man joins them after a few minutes. When the bus arrives, they find it overloaded and only the wife and the nine kids are able to fit on the bus. So the husband and the blind man decide to walk. After a while, the husband gets irritated by the ticking of the stick of the blind man as he taps it on the sidewalk, and says to him, "Why don't you put a piece of rubber at the end of your stick? That ticking sound is driving me crazy." The blind man replies, "If you had put a rubber on the end of YOUR stick, we'd be riding the bus, so shut up!"

\*\*\* A young son asked, "Is it true dad that in some parts of Africa a man doesn't know his wife until he marries her?" Dad replied "That happens in every country, son."

**Mark your Calendar; Come feel the magic on Oct 12<sup>th</sup> ...We even invited a baboon that recites poetry. You will hate yourself if he shows up, and you miss it!**