



General Teamster Retirees Club
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June 2009 Newsletter

NEXT MEETING

Where:

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

When

Wednesday, June 10th
11:30 AM – Lunch
12:00-ish – Business Meeting

Special Guest: **Vincenza Scarpaci, Ph.D Retired Professor and Author**
Historian of the Italian-American Experience

Lunch Menu: Jumbo Ravioli in Crème Sauce; Spaghetti and Meatballs in Red Sauce;
rolls, salad, veggies, coffee and dessert...ummm

Reservations: Call (206) 441-0504 by **Monday, June 8th** to reserve your place for lunch.
The cost of lunch is only **\$12.00**. ***Be sure to call as soon as possible, as 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.

WHAT'S NEW AT THE ZOO

Please note that the June price of lunch is **\$12.00**. Our fine caterers have tried to keep their price reasonable, but their costs have been steadily rising. We feel that you cannot get many lunches of equal quality to **Jeff and Gloria's** for this amount.

The **Labor Agency** will be here at the June meeting to collect our regular donations and contributions to their food bank.

The annual **Dallas-Mavis** campout at Hartstene Island is coming up in August. For details, you may call **Al Lopez** at (253) 856-7188.

Applications for our **GTRC** scholarship program, **AND** entry forms for our August 13th retirees golf tourney at **Foster Golf Links** will be available at the local union offices, and Joint Council 28. We anticipate an elevated number of requests for scholarship forms this year, due primarily to the sagging economy, and the hits that educational support has taken. **Let us all hope that the enthusiastic response of both the sponsors and golfers** will justify our commitment to our young scholars.

Our guest speaker will be available after her presentation and the awarding of our fabulous prizes, to autograph her beautiful new book if you are so inclined. The cost of the book is \$40 and **The Elliott Bay Book Company** will donate 20% of each sale to our Retirees Club! One reviewer stated of her book, "It cuts to the heart of how nearly all of us got here: through determination, hard work, and by surviving the downs and celebrating the ups." If you can only attend one luncheon this year...this is the one!

MUSING THE WAY OF THE WORLD

I hope I live long enough to see the expansion of Sound Transit, and the trolley to "nowhere" expanded to perhaps circle at least the down town area. I was opposed to destroying the Alaskan Way Viaduct and building a tunnel, but since the powers that be have dictated otherwise, can it be done in 10 or 12 years and be on budget? They tell me that when this project is completed, that the waterfront will be transformed into a veritable garden of Eden, no more noise, wine bottles, and certainly no unsightly condos!

There was a huge parade in Seattle on May 30th with the participants militating for health care reform. It is clear that whether one supports a "single payer" solution, or drastic reform of the current system, **something** has to change! Particularly, with dire predictions about the solvency of Medicare staring us in the chops. It is a public obscenity that 46 people died in Pierce County last year because of no medical coverage!

President Obama says we do it this year or it does not get done. Many folks may have a problem with the prospect of the government running the health care system, but how do you like the job the Insurance companies are doing?

Finally, it is now all but official: Americans are now considered clinically addicted to cell-phones. When users have this pointed out to them, they always claim to be an “exception.” It reminds me of the 1972 election that Richard Nixon won by a landslide. A couple of years later when he resigned in disgrace, you could not find a soul that voted for him.

WHO WROTE THAT SIGN ANYWAY?

***Toilet out of order: Please use floor below.

***In a Laundromat: Automatic Washing Machines: Please remove all your clothes when the light goes out.

*** In a London department store: Bargain Basement Upstairs

***Notice in a health food shop window: Closed due to illness.

***Spotted in a Safari park: Elephants Please stay in your car.

***Message on a leaflet: If you cannot read, this leaflet will tell you how to get lessons.

***Outside a second hand shop: We exchange anything-Bicycles, washing machines, etc. Why not bring your wife along and get a wonderful bargain?

***In an office: Would the person who took the step ladder yesterday please bring it back or further steps will be taken.

***A letter to Dear Abby: A couple of women moved in across the hall from me. One is a middle-aged gym teacher and the other is a social worker in her mid-twenties. These two women go everywhere together and I've never seen a man go into or leave their apartment. Do you think they could be Lebanese?

And finally this from the farm: Ham and eggs...A day's work for a chicken, a lifetime commitment for a pig.