



**General Teamster Retirees Club**  
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## May 2009 Newsletter

### NEXT MEETING

**Where:**

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

**When**

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

**Special Guest:** **David Frieboth-Executive Secretary-Treasurer, King County Labor Council.** A long time labor activist, Dave will lay the “skinny” on us

**Lunch Menu:** Braised beef tips over rice pilaf, salads, veggies, roll, dessert, and coffee.

**Reservations:** Call (206) 441-0504 by **Monday, May 11th** to reserve your place for lunch. The cost of lunch is only \$11.00. ***Be sure to call as soon as possible, as spaces are limited!***

### Directions:

**From Southbound I-5** take exist #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.

## CALENDAR AND REMINDERS

We are still collecting food for the Labor Agency food bank, so keep bringing those cans and containers etc. I am happy to report that Agency director, **Nancy Holland Young**, was just released from Northwest Hospital after being in intensive care and a month long stay in the hospital. Nancy and the PSLC have been great supporters of the GTRC, and we hope she is fully recovered and back on the job post haste. At our next luncheon, besides the books and puzzles for the taking, there will be CD's of movies, some old, some new. Think Good Will without price tags! Upcoming.....

**JUNE 10th:** Our guest will be author and historian **Vincenza Scarpaci**. She will describe the Italian experience in America. We will have an Italian lunch and music..even Dean Martin!

**JUNE 15th:** GTRC Presidents 72nd birthday...he will accept gifts!

**JULY 8th:** Our Bingo/picnic lunch extravaganza with \$125 dollar "be here" prize.

**AUGUST 13th:** The annual GTRC Scholarship Golf Tournament at Foster Golf Links. This is our one big fund raiser for the year, and we need all the help we can get...we need golfers and sponsors. We have a shotgun start at 8:00, followed by lunch, cash awards, prizes, and lots of fun. Even if you do not play golf, you may know someone who does, or maybe some small business acquaintance might like sponsoring a hole for \$200. College for our kids is getting prohibitive, so we are striving mightily for a successful event.

**SEPTEMBER 12th:** All day long party at the Teamster building celebrating the 100th anniversary of the granting of the local 174 charter! There will be prominent guests, music, food, kid's activities, historical displays, and much more. You need not be a member of 174 to attend...everyone is welcome with the exception of scabs and union busters. Don't miss this. Recently, **Ed Goldsberry** and I were invited to a planning meeting for the party, hosted by local 174 officer, **Dave Jacobson**. It is clear that 174 is pulling out all the stops to make this the blast of the year!

## BOY OH BOY!

I am sure glad the worthy residents of Seattle repeatedly voiced their opposition to tearing down the viaduct and boring a several billion dollars tunnel. Guess what, that is exactly what we are going to get.

Puts me in mind of how we managed to acquire Safeco and Qwest stadiums. It is particularly galling that the citizenry pays the freight, and the stadiums are named after corporations! How about calling them the "Peoples Arena"!? Probably sounds too socialist, right?

Speaking of which, it is interesting to note that our whacked-out right wing friends are calling the new President a Marxist and a socialist. Perhaps they would like to return their social security checks and Medicare benefits as these are products of the nefarious “socialist” agenda. They are also riding from village to village warning the populace that Obama wants to “take away our guns”. This has pleased the gun and ammunition makers no end.

Indications are that the administration has no such intention, so take your finger off the trigger partner, and breathe deeply...everything is going to be all right.

## **GRANNIES ON THE ROAD**

Sitting on the side of the road waiting to catch speeding drivers, a state trooper sees a car pattering along at 22 mph. He thinks to himself, “This driver is as dangerous as a speeder!” So he turns on his lights and pulls the driver over.

Approaching her car, he notices that there are five elderly ladies- two in the front seat and three in the back, wide-eyed and white as ghosts. The driver, obviously confused, says to him, “Officer, I don’t understand. I was going the exact speed limit. What seems to be the problem?”

The trooper trying to contain a chuckle, explains to her that 22 was the route number, not the speed limit.

A bit embarrassed, the woman grinned and thanked the officer for pointing out her error.

“But before you go Ma’am, I have to ask, is everyone in this car OK? These women seem awfully shaken.”

“Oh, they’ll be all right in a minute, officer, we just got off Route 127!”

***We have a good menu and an interesting speaker so we hope to see you May 13<sup>th</sup>!***

If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, and then doesn’t it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, and dry cleaners depressed??

Think about it.