



General Teamster Retirees Club
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September 2009 Newsletter

NEXT MEETING

Where:

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

When

Wednesday, September 9th
11:30 AM – Lunch
12:00-ish – Business Meeting

Special Guest: We don't have one.....but we can wing it. Perhaps a surprise.

Lunch Menu: Chicken Cordon Bleu, rice pilaf, **green** beans, rolls, salad, veggies, coffee and dessert...ummm

Reservations: Call (206) 441-0504 by **Monday, September 7th** 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 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.

WHATS THE TRUE MEANING OF LABOR DAY?

Hint...it is not another sale at Macy's.

WHERE DID YOU SPEND YOUR SUMMER VACATION?

Hey, we are retirees, every season is vacation for us...at least most of us.

MEETING AGENDA.

On September 9th the PUGET SOUND LABOR AGENCY will be here to pick up our donations of food, clothing, etc. We also will announce our scholarship winners, and hopefully have a few of them present to meet the retirees.

OUR GOLF TOURNEMENT was a big success with 72 folks playing and 13 sponsors. We had a very nice buffet lunch, lots of prizes, and yours truly managed to get only the second eagle in his golfing life!

The winner was Boeing retiree, Larry Smith, from Local 174 whose overall score was 72. Larry, who retired July 1st 2003, took home a handsome trophy and a wad of cash for his effort. He and his wife Barbara, have two daughters and 6 grandchildren. Smith tells us that he has been playing "cow pasture pool" for 53 years. Larry said this was the first time he had played in our tournament, and that he is enjoying retirement immensely. Congratulations! Larry, we hope to see you back next year to defend your title.

BIG BAD BODACIOUS BASH!!!

Local 174, celebrating 100 years since being chartered in 1909, is having a huge party, Saturday September 12th. The festivities will begin with a "family oriented agenda" from 10AM until 3:00, and then the adult portion starts and continues into the evening complete with a sit down dinner, entertainment and much more. All day there will be games, food, music, exhibits, and testimonials from former, and current members.

The local gave a lot to its members throughout the years, and you could give back a little by being a volunteer for this event. All volunteers will receive a commemorative tee-shirt, be asked to perform some task for an hour, and then be free to join the party. I know what this great local did for my family so both my wife and I will be doing stints as volunteers. If you would be willing to serve, or just want some information regarding the party call either (206-441-6060), or (206-441-0504).

HEALTH CARE...HOT AIR!

I imagine that many of you have been following the spirited, and many times nasty debate, regarding proposed health-care reform in this great republic of ours. The word "debate" is being very generous in describing the exchanges I have witnessed.

There are people showing up at town hall meetings wearing side arms, some displaying pictures of President Obama with a Hitler mustache, and sporting signs such as "NO PUBIC OPTION" and "NO SOCIALISM, KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF MY MEDICARE." In fairness, there have also been many meetings that were civil, orderly and informative.

While in Hood River, on a little get-away, I read the following excerpt from an article in the *Longview Daily News*. The following exchange took place between two women attending Congressman Brian Baird's town hall meeting.

"An older woman holding a "Medicare Yes, Obamacare No" sign got into a verbal sparring match with another Organizing for America Volunteer. Neither woman would give their name.

"I'm not as bright as you, but I have a little bit of years on you and when you have to pay for everyone else's (medical costs) we'll see how you like it," the older woman said outside the building after Baird had started speaking.

"My generation will be paying for it," the young woman replied. "And I'm willing to do it to help my fellow citizens."

I thought that this brief exchange highlights a fundamental split in this country on the way we view social and governmental responsibility.

HAIRCUT

A young boy had just received his driver's permit and asked his father if they could discuss his use of the car. His father said he would make a deal with his son. "You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little, get your hair cut and we'll talk about the car..." The boy thought for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer and they agreed on it. After about six weeks his father said, "Son, I've been real proud. You brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm really disappointed you didn't get your hair cut. The young man paused a moment and then said, "You know Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, and Moses had long hair. And, there's even a strong argument that Jesus had long hair." To this his father replied, "Did you also notice that they all walked everywhere they went?"