

General Teamsters Retirees Club

April 2008 NEWSLETTER

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, April 9th at the Tukwila Community Center, 12424 – 42nd Avenue South, Tukwila
11:30 AM - Lunch
12:00-ish – Business Meeting

Special Guest: Bob Rommell, Assistant executive director for S.P.E.E.A. Bob will bring us up to speed on the Boeing situation.

Lunch Menu: Spagetti-Meatballs-drumettes, veggie, salads, Roll, Dessert and Coffee.

Reservations: Call (206) 441-0504 by Monday, April 7th to reserve your place for lunch. The cost of lunch is only \$11.00.

Directions: From Southbound I-5 take exit #156 – Tukwila, Interurban Avenue. Turn right onto Interurban Avenue South; proceed north. Turn right at the stoplight at 42nd; cross the Duwamish River. The TCC is located immediately on your right.

From Northbound I-5 take exit #156 - Tukwila, Interurban Avenue. Take the Tukwila exit, turn left onto Interurban Avenue South and proceed north. Move into the right lane. Turn right at the stoplight at 42nd; cross the Duwamish River. The TCC is located immediately on your right.

From Northbound or Southbound on Highway 99 turn east onto South 130th Street.

Proceed straight; turn left at Macadam Road (north). Cross Interurban Avenue South and the Duwamish River. The TCC is located immediately on your right.

CALANDER MARKING TIME

It is that time again, the period when we start haranguing everyone about our scholarship-golf tournament. We struggle mightily each year to make this project a success, as it constitutes 85% of our efforts to do something positive for our members and their kin. The other 15% is devoted to our Thanksgiving and Christmas “gift card” drives. This year, the tournament will be held at Foster once again, a “union” course represented by local 763. The event will take place Thursday August 7th (the 14th was not available) and will have an entry fee of \$85. Sponsoring a hole will cost \$290, both these amounts are increases as Foster’s expenses have risen, they have been passed on to us. In as much as we are currently mandated to use only 75% of our golf proceeds to the scholarships (the rest is plowed back into the GTRC’s CD’s) the more golfers, and more importantly, the more sponsors we have, the more funds will be available for our budding Teamster related scholars. Our golf “chairman” of the last couple years, Jim Landry, has left the board, but is helping your officers put this together. We are more or less doing it by committee this year. Any help, or suggestions any of you have would be greatly appreciated. Reminder- No Labor Agency pick-up this month or for May either. The next one will be June.

SNIPPET TO GET YOUR GOAT

All of us are feeling the pain every time we fuel our vehicles. Many of us were led to believe through the main stream media that when the Exxon Valdez ran aground in 1989 and caused all that damage up in Prince William Sound, that the skipper had been punished, double hulled tankers mandated, the company fined...end of story. Well, not quite. A jury awarded 5 billion dollars to 33,000 residents of the still be-fouled area, two decades ago, and to date the company (now ExxonMobil) has not paid a penny! This outfit banked 40 billion in profits in 2007, and their \$600 an hour legal team have managed through appeals to get the court judgment cut in half. They are now asking the Supreme Court to reduce the penalty to nada, zilch, zero! Almost 20 years later, after dumping 11 million gallons of crude into a pristine area, these scumbags are pulling every legal maneuver to avoid paying an amount that represents 3 weeks worth of their 2007 profits. These corporate moguls then wonder why we consumers are skeptical of the reasons they give for gouging us at the pump!

COMMUNICATION BREAKDOWN

A teacher noticed that a little boy at the back of the class was squirming around, scratching his crotch, and not paying attention. She went back to find out what was going on. He was quite embarrassed and whispered that he had just recently been circumcised and he was quite itchy. The teacher told him to go down to the principal's office. He was to telephone his mother and ask her what he should do about it. He did and returned to class. Suddenly, there was a commotion at the back of the room. The teacher went back to investigate only to find him sitting at his desk with his "private part" hanging out. "I thought I told you to call your mom!" she said. "I did" he said, "And she told me that if I could stick it out till noon, she'd come and pick me up from school."

A POEM NEAR AND DEAR TO US GUYS

We may live without poetry, music and art—We may live without conscience, and live without heart;--
We may live without friends, we may live without books;--But civilized man cannot live without
cooks.—He may live without books*what is knowledge but grieving?—He may live without hope*
what is hope but deceiving?—He may live without love* what is passion but pining?—But where is the
man that can live without dining? * Speaking of dining, our caterer does a fine job of feeding us, so
come on down and join us, and see for yourself how age has improved us all!