

March 2008 NEWSLETTER

NEXT MEETING

When/Where: Wednesday, March 12

Tukwila Community Center

12424 – 42nd Avenue South, Tukwila

11:30 AM - Lunch

12:00-ish – Business Meeting

Special Guest: Conrad Thompson, Chairman of Snohomish County DUI task-force

Lunch Menu: Corned beef & cabbage, veggies, salads, Roll, Dessert and Coffee.

Reservations: Call (206) 441-0504 by **Monday, March 10th to reserve your place for lunch. The cost of lunch is only \$11.00.**

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 Macadam Road (north). Cross Interurban Avenue South and the Duwamish River. The TCC is located immediately on your right.

THIS JUST IN FROM THE DEN OF INIQUITY

Announcing a new schedule for **LABOR AGENCY** donation pick-ups. Starting **this month, March**, they will be collecting our donations **quarterly**. Bring your give-aways to the March meeting and then the next pick-up date will be June, September, and then December. Many of us past a certain age may want to stick this notice on the refer next to the photos of the grand children. As the economy turns further downward, the agency's need increases, so take an extra moment to see what you can spare for a good cause. The other day, I received a call from **Don Lawrence**, former 174 business agent who is living in eastern Washington with his lovely wife Evelyn in holy retirement bliss. They are on the Columbia river near Davenport, and among other things, Don supervises a "fish farm". I spent the greater part of 12 years working with Don, and beside being a great teller of stories, he was a hail fellow well met. I knew early on that Don and I were well matched when after a noontime walk around Greenlake, during which I was raving about corporate greed in the U.S., he turned to me and said, "You know Thompson, I'm sick of listening to your Communist bullshit"! He also sends along a hello from another former 174 agent, **Clancey Pirtle**. Last warning about the red dot on your label. If we have not received your dues (\$10) after March, you are automatically dropped from our mailing list. Please do not let that dark cloud enter your life.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS COMING UP

At our last meeting, 174 business agent **Tim Allen** reminded us that next year, 2009, is the 100th anniversary of the chartering of local 174. The local is planning a large celebration and has asked that we retirees participate. If you have any old pictures, contracts, paraphernalia of any kind., let us know and we can pass it along, or you can call the local directly (206-441-6060). They may even be interested in recording testimonials about the old days.* Former Teamster **Ray Ellison** and his band will be performing a M.S. benefit dance, at the Tukwila Community Center, Saturday, March 29th 2008 from 1:00 P.M. until 4:30 P.M. There will be a raffle, door prizes, and all proceeds will be donated to the Multiple Sclerosis Society. * Are you sick of hearing about Iraq, of the US being there, and the untold wealth and thousands of lives it has cost? Saturday, March 15th from 10:15AM-12:00AM there will be a peace march along Ballinger Way N.E. It will be a "walking demonstration" and for more details you may call (425) 402-6925.

BRING THE EAR-PLUGS MARTHA, WE GOT 9 MORE MONTHS!

On February 20th, the I.B.T. endorsed Barak Obama to become our next President. He currently is locked in a fierce battle with Hillary Clinton for the Democratic nomination, but appears to be the odds-on favorite to prevail, and be anointed in Denver this August. You Republicans out there (and yes, I know you are there) apparently are going to be

represented by the aging gladiator of the “straight talk express”, John McCain. This will lead to an interesting match between old and white, and young and black, certainly a first in America. Now all of this is fine and dandy, but does it need to take the better part of two years, and cost over a **billion** dollars?? We have, and will continue to be bombarded with mailings, television ads, phone calls, and punishing, prolonged, putrid, pusillanimous, punditry! I love Democracy, but please Louise, let’s shorten this process, make it a **lot** less expensive and while we are at it, get rid of the electoral college.

ALWAYS PLAN AHEAD

A 54 year old woman had a heart attack and was taken to the hospital. While on the operating table she had a near death experience. Seeing God she asked “Is my time up?” God said, “No, you have another 43 years, 2 months and 8 days to live”. Upon recovery, the woman decided to stay in the hospital and have a face lift, liposuction, breast implants and a tummy tuck. She even had someone come in and change her hair color and brighten her teeth! Since she had so much more time to live, she figured she might as well make the most of it. After her operation she was released from the hospital. While crossing the street on her way home, she was killed by an ambulance. Arriving in front of God, she demanded, “I thought you said I had another 43 years? “Why didn’t you pull me from out of the path of the ambulance?” God replied: “I didn’t recognize you”. March 12th, lock up the remote, try to remember where you put your keys, and come on down and have lunch with us. It is where the elite, meet.