



General Teamster Retirees Club
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November 2008 Newsletter

NEXT MEETING

Where: **Note new location!**

Teamster Building (main floor)
14675 Interurban Ave. South
Tukwila, WA (on Metro #150 Bus Line)

When:

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

Special Guest: Scholarship Mark Coles, Joe Tessier (Retirees Welfare Trust) A Pension representative-John Oftebro & Jenny Riddell (Pharmacy)

Lunch Menu: Braised beef tips, rice pilaf, veggies, salads, Roll, Dessert and Coffee.

Reservations: Call (206) 441-0504 by **Monday, November 10th** 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 exit #156 – Tukwila, Interurban Avenue. Turn Left on Interurban Avenue South. Proceed south approximately 1&1/4 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 & 1/2, on your right.

EUREKA! WE ARE “HOME” AT LAST

Great news!! We will now be having our luncheon meetings at the Teamster Building. We will be using a meeting room on the main floor at the south end of the building. We ask that you use that parking lot as the parking on the west and north sides of the building is used by the locals. Doors will be open at 10:00 AM, and the rest of our program will remain the same. We will continue to have Jeff and Gloria provide our catering. The Union Pharmacy will be here to give flu and pneumonia shots for \$30 and \$35 dollars respectively, and yes, you can use your Medicare card.

There will not be a Labor Agency pickup this month, so save your stuff for December. We will be asking for donations for our annual gift card program to help struggling Teamster families during the Thanksgiving and the Christmas holidays.

You do not want to miss this meeting as, in addition to getting a review of the Retirees Welfare trust, we will have a guest from Pension to discuss the impact of our current economic meltdown on the fund.

Please note that local 174 has been on strike at Oak Harbor Freight Lines for seven weeks now. They are located at 1225 37th St. SW Auburn. They can use all the support they can get, so drive by and honk, or better yet, get out and spend some time with the pickets.

Jim Dross, recovering from some major health issues, donated 2000 golf balls to the club and we thank him for that. I've mentioned retiree **Jim Woolbert** before, and thought that you might be interested to know that this 174 retiree will have been married 73 years next February! Anyone around that can top that??

TACOMA BOY MAKES GOOD

Some time ago I sat down and had a nice chat with **Rick Hicks**, current Secretary Treasurer of local 174.

Although he was born in Tacoma in 1960, being a military brat, (his dad was in the Air Force) the family moved all over, in and out of the U.S. Rick wound up graduating from Evergreen High in 1978, slated for a full wrestling scholarship at the U.W. But, he broke his arm, and for the next 10 years split between Highline and Evergreen, he coached wrestling and football.

He became a Teamster in 1981, going to work at UPS as a part-timer. He became a full time driver in 1985, and got married in 1988, his marriage producing his beloved daughter who is now 17.

Hicks told me he had great role models growing up, his dad working for Scarsella being in locals 313, and 174. As he got more involved in his union, he recalled that February 7th 1994 represented a personal turning point. During a 1 day strike, he gravitated to a leadership role, and became a 174 business agent in 1995. In 1997, then Secretary Bob Hasegawa terminated the entire staff and Rick went back to UPS. He returned to the local from 2001 to 2003 serving as a business agent, and in January 2007, began serving as the newly elected Secretary Treasurer.

Nowadays, his life is full, running the local, being a dad, and hopefully a role model to others. Rick loves sports, is a big "Dawg" fan, likes fishing and the outdoors, and is looking forward to 174's centennial next year. He thinks that labor is rebounding, that working people are fed up with stagnant wages, out-sourcing, and eroding health care. He sees his mission, and gets his greatest satisfaction from improving Teamster contracts through negotiation.

Rick has a first class staff helping him and to his everlasting credit, is a big supporter of the retirees. Local 174 appears to be in very competent hands.

ONLY IN TEXAS

This one's good

In Richardson Texas a State Trooper was running radar. He had a perfect spot to watch for speeders but he wasn't getting any. Then he discovered the problem. A 12 year old boy was standing up the road with a hand-painted sign that read 'RADAR TRAP AHEAD!' The officer then found the boy's young accomplice down the road with a sign reading, 'TIPS' and a bucket full of money. (And we used to just sell lemonade)

This one's better

A motorist was mailed a picture of his car speeding through an automated radar post in Plano Texas. A \$40 speeding ticket was included. Being cute, he sent the police department a picture of \$40. The police responded through the mail with a photo of handcuffs!

Lastly, a couple of things you might not know

- That guy who fell into the upholstery machine is fully recovered.
- Everybody likes a kidder but nobody loans him money.
- Children go through four stages of life with their fathers. First they call you DaDa. Then they call you Daddy. Next they call you Dad, and finally they call you collect.

Come on down and celebrate our new digs on the 12th. By the way, we need your correct address both e-mail and snail mail