



General Teamster Retirees Club
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February 2013 Newsletter

NEXT MEETING

Where:

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

When

Wednesday, February 13th
11:30 AM – Lunch
12:00-ish – Business Meeting

Special Guest: Jeff Renner- King TV Meteorologist (Weatherman)

Lunch Menu: Spaghetti, Meatballs, Lasagna, veggies, salads, rolls and dessert

Reservations: Call (206) 441-0504 by **Monday, February 11th** to reserve your place for lunch. The cost of lunch is only \$13.00. ***Be sure to call as soon as possible, because spaces are limited!***

Directions:

From Southbound I-5 take exit #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.

THE MONTH OF AMORE

We have already received some inquiries about when the GTRC scholarship applications will be available. They should be available at the Joint Council, and the local offices, (38, 117, 174, 763) by April.

We also will be putting out a special notice regarding our **August 8th Golf Tourney** again this year at the local 763 affiliated **Foster Golf Links**.

We drew **David Deahl's** name at our January luncheon for the \$190, "I should have been there" prize, but Dave was MIA! The February draw will be worth \$210.

I recently visited **Ed Goldsberry** in his cozy little snug at the **Northgate Vista** retirement home. Ed will turn 92 this year, and he is happy as a clam. He has a huge plasma TV, with the remote only inches from his hand. However, his main passion is reading and sometimes he is so engrossed in a book that he forgets to go down to dinner. He exercises each day and looks great. He gave me a sack of paperbacks to donate to the clubs "library". His walls are covered with memorabilia, including a picture of him and some fellow Teamsters with former Teamster leader **Dave Beck**.

The very interesting presentation regarding the new technologies by our January guest, **Monica Guzman**, makes the history that Ed represents all the more important to preserve. It seems we are rushing into a new world of immediate knowledge, gratification, and a lot more of "me" than "we".

I guess we old timers need to cherish our memories and then get the hell out of the way.

SPEAKING OF OLD TIMERS...

On an **NPR** radio broadcast in December, the reporter was discussing the results of a recently concluded study. This study showed that seniors are more susceptible to scams and dishonesty than younger people. The average age of a scam or fraud victim is 69.

The study revealed that older Americans are more apt to answer a phone, open junk mail, or respond to a "great deal" via TV, radio or our computers. A contributing factor, the experts opine, is that older folks have reached a stage in life where they want to be nicer themselves, and expect others to do the same...thus, they (we) are more trusting.

Like any study or theory of human behavior, there are exceptions. It is something to keep stored in the old frontal lobe however, when we live in an era that proclaims the aged have all the money! Don't we wish?

This observation was brought to you as a public service...you are welcome.

BWHAHAHA

An old woman was asked....."At your ripe old age, what would you prefer to get--Parkinson's or Alzheimer's?" She wisely answered, "Definitely Parkinson's....Better to spill half my wine than to forget where I keep the bottle.

Same woman...."I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising. I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But, by the time I got my leotards on, the class was over."

Retiree quickies...

My memory's not as sharp as it used to be. Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be

These days about half the stuff in my shopping cart says, "For fast relief"

Reporters interviewing a 104 year old woman, asked her what was the best thing about being 104. She replied gently, "No peer pressure".

END OF JOKES

FEBRUARY 13th, you want to be in Tukwila at our luncheon...Guest speaker Jeff Renner is going to set you straight on the Olympic rain shadow, convergent zones, troughs, (pig and otherwise) and answer the eternal question.."Why the hell is it so gloomy all of the time in our beautiful northwest?!?"

Did I mention free books, CD's, terrific food, Prizes, chocolate, and perhaps some slightly inappropriate Valentine humor?

Also, after much persuasion by the executive board, the President has agreed to offer kisses to all the ladies in attendance...this benefit is strictly voluntary however. I'm looking forward to it...hope you are also. ☺