



General Teamster Retirees Club
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June 2012 Newsletter

NEXT MEETING

Where:

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

When

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

Special Guest: Felicia Yearwood, City of Seattle Office of Civil Rights
will discuss age discrimination & reentry program for
people with criminal records

Lunch Menu: Pork loin, mashed potatoes, veggies, salads, rolls, dessert, and coffee

Reservations: Call (206) 441-0504 by **Monday, June 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.

IN TODAY'S NEWS...

For our first drawing in our newly instituted "You should have been there" drawing, we pulled the name of **Jeffery Wright**, retiree from local 38. The prize was \$50 smackers, and Jeff was **NOT** there. This month's drawing will be for \$70.

Our guest speaker works for the city of Seattle, office of civil rights. She will discuss many problems, and opportunities that face older workers. As she said to me, her other topic regarding folks who have served time, and are trying to get jobs and, or housing, can be a contentious subject. I told her our audience is comprised of wily veterans, and we can handle it!

We had a table full of **Garret** retirees at the May luncheon. They were **Roland LaSalle, Michael Bemis, Everette Moore, Charles Hart, Bob Lathrop, and Floyd Washington**. They were welcomed by an old compadre who is a regular GTRC member, **Jules Orsucci**. Some of them will be playing in our golf tournament August 9th @ Foster Golf Links. We hope they come back to join us for lunch, because like most of us older guys, they just get better looking all the time.

Speaking of older, in the Science Section of the May 29th issue of the **New York Times**, a study was cited purporting that regular exercise for seniors might actually shorten their life! They tell us to "keep moving", and then inform us that it might be lethal. It reminds me of the coffee and chocolate updates. I intend to keep walking and playing golf, eating chocolate, and drinking coffee...and let the Devil take the hindmost!

WILLIE & MARY

Willette Mitchell and Mary Pekerek are two board members I have alluded to before. Several years ago when we had 3 members abruptly resign, our club faced a mini crisis, and I called for volunteers to come on board and help us out. Willie and Mary did so and now Mary is our Secretary Treasurer, and Willie is our Secretary.

Mary keeps the books, pays the bills, and commutes from **Vashon Island** to attend our meetings and luncheons. Willie does our labels, picks up our supplies, and performs many functions at our luncheons. Both of these women do many other things that help keep our club running, usually with good humor, and no gripes. Since our club has lost its tax exempt status Mary has been dealing with the International, and the IRS. She also plays Bridge, takes computer classes, and is into photography.

Willie is also a talented camera buff, and has been caring for her aging mom whom she has just relocated from **Richland** to Seattle.

They both have plenty of stress in their personal universe, but manage to chuckle about their ups and downs. They are two fine individuals, who would be assets to any organization...and we are lucky to have them.

TITILATING TIDBITS

A group of Americans were traveling by tour bus through Holland. As they stopped at a cheese farm, a young guide led them through the process of cheese making, explaining that goat's milk was used.

She showed the group a lovely hillside where many goats were grazing. "These" she explained, "Are the older goats put out to pasture when they no longer produce." She then asked, "What do you do in America with your old goats?"

A spry old gentleman answered, "They send us on bus tours!"

***** A man went to church one Sunday and afterward he stopped to shake the preacher's hand. He said, "Preacher, I'll tell you, that was a damned fine sermon. Damned good!"

The preacher said, "Thank you sir, but I'd rather you didn't use profanity."

The man replied, "I was so damned impressed with the sermon I put five thousand dollars in the offering plate!"

Looking stunned, the preacher said, "No shit?"

***** Patrick's pregnant sister was in a terrible accident and went into a deep coma. After being in the coma for nearly six months, she wakes up and sees that she is no longer pregnant. Frantically, she asks the doctor about her baby.

The doctor replies, "Ma'am, you had twins...a boy and a girl. The babies are fine, however, they were poorly at birth and had to be christened immediately so your brother Patrick came in and named them.

The woman thinks to herself, "Oh suffering Jesus, no, not my brother, he's a clueless idiot!" Expecting the worst, she asks the doctor "Well, what's my daughter's name?"

"Denise" says the doctor. The new mother is somewhat relieved, "Wow, that's a beautiful name, I guess I was wrong about my brother", she thought..."I really like Denise" Then she asks, "What's the boy's name?"

The doctor replies "Denephew".

******OK, enough silliness...we would like the pleasure of your aging bones at our luncheon June 13th...laughing, slurping coffee, and winning prizes. You may also wish your President "Happy # 75" (JUNE 15th)**