



General Teamster Retirees Club
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NEXT MEETING

Where:

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

When

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

Special Guest: Tim Allen-Senior Business Agent, Local 174 regales us with:
“The life and times of a Teamster rep”

Lunch Menu: Ham, Mac & Cheese, salads, veggies, rolls, dessert & coffee.

Reservations: Call (206) 441-0504 by **Monday, April 9th** 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 FOLLOWING IS RATED P.G

Before I turn to other matters of great import, I would like to share the following quote with you. "Welfare of the many is immensely more important than the engorgement of the few". This could well be the motto of organized labor, elegant, but slightly dated language and all. It was uttered by **Albion Tourgee**, a famous judge and committed abolitionist from Ohio in the 1800's.

Our guest speaker this month, **Tim Allen**, has devoted much of his working energy to this principle for more than 20 years. You won't want to miss his analysis of what that entails, which he will do with insight, humility, and not a little humor.

It was a rather somber occasion, when most of the **GTRC** e-board attended the funeral of former board member, **Maust** retiree, and over 30 year Teamster, **Jim Foster**. Jim leaves behind his wife **Margaret** (She also served on our board as a trustee for a couple of years), 4 sons and 5 grandchildren. During the reception after the service, his son **Travis** came up and stated how nice it was to see the contingent of retired Teamsters. He said to me "You know dad would be really proud, because he was union right down to his boots". It is ironic that he was done in by Alzheimer's, as he and Margaret were both at our March luncheon at which our guest speaker, **Dr. Leverenz**, spoke to us about the disease, and the ongoing progress in trying to find a cure.

The **GTRC** board attended the annual Teamster/management luncheon held each year at the **Catholic Seaman's Club**. We enjoyed a pasta lunch, along with the officers and guests of the other locals in **Joint Council 28**. The moderator was J.C. President, **John Williams**, and with the professional aplomb befitting his exalted rank, handled the introductions of the many local dignitaries smoothly. Much of the grunt work that goes into making this event a success was done by the heart and soul of the J.C., **Diana McDowell**, and the staff at the Seaman's Club, father **Tony Haycock** being the ramrod of that group.

By the way, our luncheon crowd for March wound up donating over 60 jars of peanut butter!! Go retirees!!

SO MUCH STUFF GOING ON

Is anyone else getting tired of these 4 Republicans running around the country, busily proving that yes, Martha--you can stick your foot in your mouth more than once! I say the four of them should stop trashing each other and offending our sense of hearing, join forces, and create a new comedy team. Perhaps they could call it "The Four Stooges".

I also think the cognoscenti of the Republican Party might want to reconsider the "War on women" that its Presidential want-to-bes are raving about. Women constitute 53% of the voters, and none of these jerks would be running for office without one!

The huge flap over the unfortunate death of yet another young, black man, **Trayvon Martin**, has the whole country buzzing. Fox news intellectual heavyweight, **Geraldo Rivera** put in his 2 bits

worth, and told us the problem was the hoodie. The hoodie killed Trayvon! Comedy Central wag, **Stephen Colbert** pointed out that blaming an article of clothing skillfully avoids discussing the issue of **GUNS**.

One thing about living in the good old U.S. of A...It is never boring.

LITTLE CHARLIE (this is so cute...tee, hee)

Little Charlie and his friend Jenny are only 10 years old, but they know they are in love. One day they decide that they want to get married, so Charlie goes to Jenny's father to ask him for her hand. Charley bravely walks up to him and says, "Mr. Smith, me and Jenny are in love and I want to ask you for her hand in marriage."

Thinking that this was just the cutest thing, Mr. Smith replies, "Well, Charles, you are only 10. Where will you two live?"

Without even taking a moment to think about it, Charlie replies, "In Jenny's room. It's bigger than mine and we can both fit in it nicely."

Still thinking this is just adorable, Mr. Smith says with a huge grin, "Okay, then how will you live? You're not old enough to get a job. You'll need to support Jenny."

Again, Charlie instantly replies, "Our allowance, Jenny makes five bucks a week and I make 10 bucks a week. That's 60 bucks a month, so that should do us just fine."

Mr. Smith **is** impressed. Charlie has put so much thought into this. "Well Charles, it seems like you have everything figured out. I just have one more question. What will you do if the two of you should have little children of your own?"

Charlie just shrugs his shoulders and says, "Well, we've been lucky so far."

Mr. Smith no longer thinks the little bastard is adorable! ☺

I know you don't have anything on your agenda, so pencil in APRIL 11th...Comfort food, another knockout speaker, prizes, and a lot of people who look older than you!! It just doesn't get any better than this...See ya there.

And always remember: Every calendar's days are numbered.