



December 2016 NEWSLETTER



NEXT MEETING

When/Where: Wednesday, December 14, 2016
Teamster Building (main floor)
14675 Interurban Avenue South, Tukwila [on METRO#150 Bus Line]
11:30 AM – Lunch; 12:00-ish Business Meeting

GUEST: **John Giuliani - Maestro of the squeeze-box...and, YOU GUYS!**

Lunch Menu: Baked Ham, scalloped spuds, veggies, fruit, salads, roll, and dessert

Reservations: Call 206-441-0504 by Monday, **December 12** to reserve your place for lunch. The cost of lunch is only **\$15.00** and any leftovers are up for grabs to be taken home. **BE SURE TO CALL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS SPACES ARE LIMITED.**

From Southbound I-5 take exist #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.

Please remember to CALL in if you plan on attending the luncheon. Our Celebrity Chef, Dick Illian will be whipping up a meal that deserves to be consumed by our honored retired Teamsters...and their guests! I'll be making a list, and checking it twice. ☺ That message was brought to you by one of my pushy elves. In any event, this is my last newsletter prior to my retirement from the retirees club, sniff, sniff. After 15 years, I am finally pulling the rug from underneath myself. Our luncheon should be lots of fun with music, prizes, and an ugly sweater contest...the 3 ugliest getting gifts. There is an outside chance that Santa might even show up. As you can imagine, he is very busy this time of year, and a lot of his schedule is determined by his reindeer.

They have a union contract, being Teamsters and all. Speaking of showing up, retiree **William Peters, (local 174)** was absent in November and missed out on collecting \$120 for the “Be Here” prize. We also will entertain volunteers to serve on our GTRC executive board. Along with myself, **Mary Pekerek, Willie Mitchell, and Ron Fowler will be leaving the board...but not the club!** We will make every effort to have a “smooth” transition, and that our nifty outfit charges into 2017 full steam ahead.

Oh boy Howdy, the New Year! Are any of you out there tired of the 2 year campaign and resulting firestorm of election 2016?!? My prediction is that now, the tenor of current events is going to rise, to an already high decibel level. Many folks are high fiving each other while the rest are wringing their hands and scratching their heads. I have great reservations about our new federal government: particularly in regards to our Social Security, Medicare, foreign policy, union issues, and our first amendment protections, etc. Whatever happens, I am going to make sure my seat-belt is buckled.

ANOTHER OOPS...A man is at work one day when he notices that his co-worker is wearing an earring. This man knows his co-worker to be a normally conservative fellow, and is curious about his sudden change in “fashion sense.” The man walks up to him and says, “I didn’t know you were into earrings.” “Don’t make such a big deal out of this, it’s only an earring,” he replies sheepishly. His friend falls silent for a few minutes, but then his curiosity prods him to say, “So, how long have you been wearing one?” He answers, “Ever since my wife found it in my truck...”

CODA: I would like to say what a privilege, and how much fun these last 15 years as President of this club have been. I have made a lot of friends, and due to this time of life, lost many also. A shout out to all of you have attended, supported, and really enriched this second Wednesday experience. Special thanks also to the board members who have worked hard to keep this train on the tracks. When I became a Teamster in 1959, I had little notion that I would still be associated with the union almost 60 years later! I turn 80 in 2017 and with the time I have left, I plan on keeping in touch with the club...so please, keep on coming. Merry Christmas, happy New Year, and I love all of you! Hank

Let’s fill the joint up on the 14th...Wear something ugly, enjoy yummy buffet, prizes, Music, laughter, sneezing, etc, the wonderful sounds of your friends.