

## **UTU Local 161 Newsletter -----October 16, 2008**

### **Next Union Meeting**

Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2008 – 6:00 pm

---NEW LOCATION---

Tukwila Community Center  
12424 – 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave. S.  
Tukwila, WA 98168

Due to the Boeing Machinists' strike, we will be meeting at this new location. We look forward to seeing you there!

### **Rich Waring's Retirement Party**

We had a fantastic time at Mac's Smokehouse for Rich's retirement party. It was exciting to see such a great turnout of drivers past and present. There are some pictures of the event on the local's website: [www.utulocal161.org](http://www.utulocal161.org)

Our thanks go out to Jerry Healy and Sheila Anderson for organizing this memorable event.

This get-together was a good example of the camaraderie that has existed among the union members over the years. In our business, with everyone's different schedules, it is very difficult to meet at the same time. We sometimes get hung up on the differences between us, rather than the similarities. One of the main reasons many of us stay with GLS, is because of the great relationships that are established with our peers. There's no better example than our friend, Rich. He never hesitated to help a fellow driver. He continues to help family and friends in many ways...a great guy all around!! It was wonderful to see his family at this celebration.

Congratulations, Rich! Enjoy your retirement. You've earned it!

### **Time Clock in Driver's Room?**

Vice-Chairperson Patty Snell contacted Jeremy Butzlaff about the time clock that has been installed in the driver's room. According to him, Holland America requires time clocks for the office staff, with at least one being located in an "unsecured" location. It needed to be placed near computer and phone lines. As a result, it was installed here.

He assures us that it is not intended to be used by the drivers. Our shifts continue to be determined by the Operations Office and our paperwork.

### **Nominations for Several Officer Positions**

At our last union meeting on Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, nominations were accepted for the following UTU Officer positions whose current terms conclude on December 31, 2008.

President – Brian Donald – Elected by Acclamation  
Vice President Nominees – John George  
Ed Gorman  
Jerry Healy  
Sec/Treas. – Larry Gregg – Elected by Acclamation  
Trustees – Sam Esayian, Wayne Ingersoll, and  
Howard Simonson - All Elected by Acclamation

An election will be held for the position of Vice-President. Ballots will be mailed out in the near future. Be sure to follow the voting instructions carefully. In past elections, several ballots were not counted due to failure of reading the directions.

### **Problems with Credit Card Readers**

Several drivers have indicated that the Credit Card machines are severely affecting the Airporter schedule. Such problems as loss of communication, jamming of the receipt paper, and general poor service, have ended up in delays. On an average, it takes about a minute to process one card. If you need to sell 10 or 15 tickets, the result is a late arrival at SeaTac. A meeting is scheduled with management to review these concerns.

### **Bus "Rodeo" in Yakima**

Vice-Chairperson Chuck Fox reports that several of our drivers went to the Yakima Bus "Rodeo" that was sponsored by the NW Motor Coach Association. A sign-up sheet had been posted about a month ago. Chuck was joined by Larry Gregg, Doug Hall, Skip Olmstead, Jeremy Butzlaff, Josh Gatherum and Justin Dennison.

They attended classes on Fuel Economy, the Smith System, DOT Regulations, Customer Service, and participated in a driving skills course with new coaches from MCI, Prevost and Setra.

GLS paid for the rooms and the NWMCA covered the food. The participants donated their time. They all had a great experience and would be interested in doing it again next year. Watch for postings in the future. Perhaps more can join in the fun!

### **Thought for the Day**

Don't find fault...Find a remedy!