

**Next Union Meeting**

**Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2008**  
Tukwila Community Center  
12424 – 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave. S.  
Tukwila, WA 98168

Even though the Boeing strike is over, we are still meeting in Tukwila. We booked the hall for several months, not knowing the duration of the strike.

**Chairman Duggan is Retiring**

The allure of retirement has gotten hold of Bob Duggan. He found a fantastic deal on some rental property in eastern Oregon at an extremely reasonable price (1/4 acre lot, two-bdrm. house, shop, root cellar, RV storage, and vineyard). So, any of you wine connoisseurs better get his address before he goes. His approximate departure date will be sometime in January.

As a result, he will be resigning as Chairman of Local 161. It is effective immediately in order to give the most time possible to the incoming Chairperson. He wishes to emphasize that “this has nothing to do with job, personalities or pressure resignation demands from some fellow workers.” I appreciate all the time and effort he put in on behalf of the membership. It is a demanding job with a substantial time commitment. Bob, thank you very much for your service to our Local.

*Paul Schneider*

**Airporter Credit Card Machines**

Unfortunately, the company is still forcing the use of the credit card machines on the Airporter service. Apparently, management doesn't care about keeping a schedule. Meetings have been set up for familiarization and training. They insist that the machines will not lose their signal, operate correctly and cause few problems for the drivers. We shall see.

Please document any problems that you encounter with these machines and notify a UTU Vice-Chairperson. We will closely monitor their effectiveness.

**Winter Work Looks Good**

There seems to be a good amount of work scheduled this winter. Boeing is looking to increase shuttle work in Everett and possibly Renton. Ski season looks promising with strong numbers for Wed. through Sunday.

**New UTU Local 161 Vice President**

Congratulations to Jerry Healy. He was elected Vice President for our Local. We welcome him to the team and look forward to his assistance in representing the concerns of the membership.

**Driver of the Year**

At the GLS end of the season party, UTU Vice-Chairperson Patty Snell received the GLS Driver of the Year Award. She was recognized for her positive attitude and professionalism. She received kudos from passengers on shore excursions and charters. Patty is also someone her fellow workers can rely on for assistance and answering questions. Congratulations, Patty!

**Interim Chairman**

Lem Austin has been appointed to the position as Interim Chairman until the election results are in. We wish to thank him for filling in during this time. Please continue to address any concerns you have to him or one of our Vice-Chairpersons.

**Nominations for Chairperson**

Nominations for the office of General Chairperson will be accepted at the next Union Meeting. This is to fill the remaining term of office through December 2009. Nominations will be taken at the meeting, **OR** Nomination Forms can be turned in to a Union Officer if you cannot attend the December 10th meeting. The forms can be printed from our website:

[www.utulocal161.org](http://www.utulocal161.org)

**Thought for the Day**

It's nice to know that on Thanksgiving Day, all over America, families sit down to share a meal at the same moment...HALFTIME!

*HAPPY THANKSGIVING*