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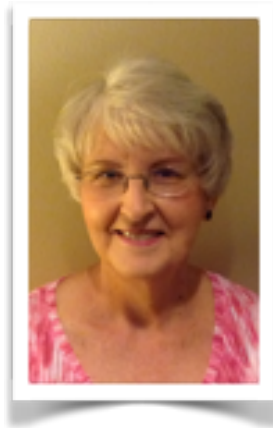
## A message from President Cheryl Bauer



February 2015

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Here we are at January, and the start of a new year. This seems like a fitting time to think through what SKSR has meant to me as I complete my second year as President of this organization. Before the convention in June, there are many activities that we'll be embarking on. From our service project on January 15, to the retirement seminars sponsored by Sno-King, to a field trip to the Hibulb Cultural Center in March, to the April Scholarship Luncheon and

May joint luncheon with Sno-Isle, we'll be active and busy. When I retired in 2006, I had a friend, Ellie Bonanno, who invited (actually, pretty much insisted) I come with her to the planning session which is held in August. I certainly had no idea about the scope of this organization, or why I should be part of it. My learning curve has brought me to experience new friendships, new activities, and new challenges. ( I emphasize this one!) I've also come to realize that people are this organization. We are now over 1300 + members strong. We have a definite voice in the legislature (which we'll need to use this year), and opportunities to share our time and resources with others, all the while having fun along the way. What a great group to be a part of!

### Snowbirds!

Snowbirds! It's that time of the year again! Before you flee south, please send Erma Snook a notice about your winter address change and when it is effective. Thanks to those of you who already have! Contact her at 425-776-2067 or at [egsnook@comcast.net](mailto:egsnook@comcast.net). Even if SKSR sends you an email newsletter, WSSRA sends a snail mail Journal, so an accurate address saves return postage bills. Thank you!

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**MARK YOUR DATEBOOK**

**March Field Trip**

**Hibulb Cultural Center**

**March 19**

Retirement Seminars Feb 19 to March 19

Scholarship Luncheon April 16

Joint Sno-Isle Sno-King Lunch May 21

Sno-King Picnic July 17

**Food Lifeline Service Project**

On January 15, about 15 of us participated in our annual service project at the Food Lifeline Center in Shoreline. Some of us were food sorters and some of us made two pound sacks of white cake mix which started out in 50 pound bags. These will then be shipped to various food banks on the western side of the state. I'm still smelling the wonderful odor of white cake mix. Because our organization is about helping others as well the various other things we do, I always come away feeling like I've given back to my community in a small way. We were all definitely glamorous in aprons, nets and mustache covers.

**April Scholarship Luncheon**

On April 16, we will again have a chance to enjoy great food (salads this time), be entertained with music by a local school group, and meet the recipients of our scholarships. As you hopefully know, each year Sno-King is pleased to give four \$1500 scholarships to high school seniors going into education. We try to give one scholarship in each of the school districts we represent — Edmonds, Shoreline, and Northshore with an extra to be given at the discretion of the selection committee.

Mark your calendar now and look for more information in the April bulletin.

**HIBULB CULTURAL CENTER  
FIELD TRIP**

Each year Sno-King School Retirees plan a field trip usually in March. We go as a group and hopefully experience something new and a little different. The executive board and members at various events were given a chance to vote. We had a very hard time making a decision, but have ultimately decided to go to the Hibulb Cultural Center and Natural History Preserve in Marysville. It has an approximately 23,000 acre preserve, an interactive cultural center, a longhouse, a research library, and a gift shop.

The date for this field trip will be Thursday, March 19, with a cost of \$7 for seniors. We'll meet at 9:30 at the Park and Ride on 164<sup>th</sup> SW. It is located just west of the Fred Meyer (not the Park and Ride at Ash Way). Go to the north part of the Park and Ride and there should be ample parking. We will be able to participate in a group tour at 10:30. Lunch at a nearby restaurant is also planned. I hope we'll have lots of people wanting to join us. Please call Cheryl Bauer 425 244-1709 or email at [bauerc1@frontier.com](mailto:bauerc1@frontier.com) if you plan to join us.

**February Meeting**

This year it was decided not to have a February general membership meeting. Between the other activities sponsored by SKSR, and the work already being done by the board, we decided to put our efforts into upcoming events. Please look for further information about those in other articles in this newsletter.

Our thanks to those of you who purchased and/or sold Entertainment Books for 2015. From these sales we realized \$1,400 for the scholarship fund this year.

# 2015 RETIREMENT SEMINAR SCHEDULE

## SESSION 1

**Thursday, February 19** **Boardroom A/B**

5:00 – 5:20 pm  
Welcome, ESD  
5:30 – 6:00 pm  
The Emotional Side of Retirement, EAP  
6:10 – 6:30 pm  
Retirement Planning, Sno-King School Retirees

## SESSION 2

**Thursday, February 26** **Boardroom A/B**

5:00 – 5:30 pm  
VEBA  
5:40 – 7:00 pm  
State Medical & Dental Plans, PEBB

## SESSION 3

**Wednesday, March 4** **Washington State Retirement System**

5:00 – 6:20 pm  
TRS 1 (Room 101 & 102)  
5:00 – 6:20 pm  
TRS 3/SERS 3 (Boardroom A/B)  
6:30 – 7:00 pm  
Deferred Compensation (Boardroom A/B)  
7:10 – 8:30 pm  
PERS 1 (Room 101 & 102)  
7:10 – 8:30 pm  
TRS 2/SERS 2 (Boardroom A/B)

## SESSION 4

**Wednesday, March 11** **Boardroom A/B**

5:00 – 6:30 pm  
Preparing for a Lifetime in Retirement  
D.A. Davidson & Co

## SESSION 5

**Wednesday, March 18** **Boardroom A/B**

4:00 – 5:30 pm  
Social Security & Medicare  
Social Security Administration

**WHERE:** Edmonds School District Administration Building (ESC)  
20420 68<sup>TH</sup> Ave. West Lynnwood, WA 98036

### IT'S A RECORD! 42 GRANTS AWARDED

Each fall Sno-King School Retirees' active members are invited to apply for grants of up to \$200 to facilitate special projects they'd like to carry out...if only they had the money. These projects are intended to enrich the school experience of students they work with. During these tough economic times schools are experiencing, money is tight, so a few extra dollars come in handy. SKSR enjoys identifying and facilitating the creative ideas of our active members. Since starting this program during the 1998-1999 school year, and including this one, SKSR has awarded almost \$55,000 in grants.

Recipients of 2014-2015 grants are: **EDMONDS:** Pamela Bader, Louise Barnes, Tanya King-Bazor, Marilyn Hall, Peggy Hohnhaus, Ruth Kenney, Mary Magill, Jennifer Martin, Kim Mason, Janice Maxson, Courtney McCready, Jodi Mackey, Joan Pederson, Tammy Reardon, Lisa Shearer, Heather Slettebak, Janet Tucker, Cathy Reighter, Jill Walzer, Ellen Winningham and Cathi Wrolstad. **SHORELINE:** Martha Abrego, Jennifer Altena, Marty Behnke, Sarita Benson, Dennis Day, Joanna Freeman, Patty Hansen, Jenny Hodgen, Debbie Hubbell, Carrie Misener, Julie Moe, Renita Ng, Martha Nichols, Karen Nicholson, Kerry Quinn, Judy Schaad, Marybeth Scherf, Amy Serra, Mary Telstad, Sharon Turpin and Nancy Vidlak. **NORTHSHORE:** No applicants this year.

We extend our thanks to the following board members who served on the review committee to identify this year's recipients: Cheryl Bauer, Roberta Hawkins, Evie Nordeen, Jan Phillips and Virg Rayton. Thanks also to those delivering grant checks to recipients during December and January: Cheryl Bauer, Barb Bumgardner, Sharron Cain, Roberta Hawkins, Rita Requa, Jim Siscel and Erma Snook.

### Ellie Bonnano and the Mariners

Ellie Bonnano was a long time seating host for the Mariners. She worked the far entrance down the third baseline of the Suite Level. She was very much appreciated by the Mariners. Several years ago she was selected as the #1 Seating Host of the Mariners by her peers and received as the prize the use of a suite for one game. With her passing her name was added to a display of past Mariners employees, so that they will always be remembered. The display is outside of the employees break room in the tunnel underneath center field. Jim Siscel was able to see and take the picture below. Ellie's name is second from the bottom of the second row in from the left.



## Legislature Convenes: What Lies Ahead for Us?

The 105-day Session of the Legislature convened on January 12, 2015 with a Republican majority in the Senate and a Democratic majority in the House. The Legislators face a projected budget shortfall of \$4.8 billion at this time. The passage of the class size Initiative 1351, the McCleary decision to fund education, mental health issues, and transportation make a daunting task for the legislature to pass a balanced budget in 105 days. Over 100 bills were filed before the the Legislature convened.

### The WSSRA legislative agenda has not changed:

*Make the actuarially recommended payment to the state pension plans, oppose additional cut to retiree health benefits, oppose any changes to the Washington State pension plans, restore Plan 1 COLA at earliest possible date,*

As mentioned in the past, there has been a push by some legislators to cut/do away with our health benefit. Some would also like all pensions to be a defined contribution plan. According to the National Institute on Retirement Security, it requires 91 percent more money to achieve the same level of retirement income with a defined contribution plan (401-k) compared to a Defined Benefit Plan (TRS1). Be alert for any of these ideas to have a bill number, a hearing or a vote. When it is imperative for members to contact their legislators, please do so. You will be notified. Email is the fastest way to do that. Phone calls to their offices with a message to the Legislator is another method.

Here are the email addresses and phone numbers for Legislators in our area:

**1st District:** Rep. Derek Stanford, 360-786-7928, [derek.stanford@leg.wa.gov](mailto:derek.stanford@leg.wa.gov), Rep Luis Moscoso, 360-786-7900, [luis.moscoso@leg.wa.gov](mailto:luis.moscoso@leg.wa.gov), Sen. Rosemary McAuliffe, 360-786-7600, [rosemary.mcauliffe@leg.wa.gov](mailto:rosemary.mcauliffe@leg.wa.gov)

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**32nd District:** Rep. Ruth Kagi, 360-786-7910, [ruth.kagi@leg.wa.gov](mailto:ruth.kagi@leg.wa.gov), Rep. Cindy Ryu, 360-786-7880, [cindy.ryu@leg.wa.gov](mailto:cindy.ryu@leg.wa.gov), Sen. Maralyn Chase, 360-786- 7662, [maralyn.chase.@leg.wa.gov](mailto:maralyn.chase.@leg.wa.gov)

**46th District:** Rep. Gerry Pollet, 360-786-7886, [gerry.pollet@leg.wa.gov](mailto:gerry.pollet@leg.wa.gov), Rep. Jessyn Farrell, 360-786-7818, [jessyn.farrell@leg.wa.gov](mailto:jessyn.farrell@leg.wa.gov), Sen. David Frockt, 360-786-7690, [david.frockt@leg.wa.gov](mailto:david.frockt@leg.wa.gov)

To find legislators' contact information from districts other than those listed above, go to the website of the legislature: [www.leg.wa.gov](http://www.leg.wa.gov) If you live out of state, contact the legislators from the legislative district of the school district from which you retired.

### November Scholarship Luncheon

On November 20, 2014, over 40 of us met at the Unitarian Church for our November Scholarship Luncheon. We enjoyed the piano playing of Bruce Caldwell while meeting and visiting with colleagues from our working days. Peter Dietrick, from the state office, enlightened us on the upcoming legislative session. We then heard from Rebecca Miner, the new superintendent of the Shoreline School District. Lastly, we honored three very special people. Betty Odle, Phyllis Enger, and Phyllis Fiege who all qualified for Honorary Membership in our organization. This means they are, or will be, 90 years of age by June 30 and have been active in SKSR for over 20 years. Please look in the latest Journal for their pictures and information about them. Between the luncheon, raffle, donations and Entertainment Book sales, we took in \$728 for our scholarship fund. Thanks to Erma Snook

### IN MEMORIAM

**Edmonds:** Dawson, Walter R, 08/2014, Past SKSR President ('82-'83). Lennstrom, Agnes M, 11/01/2014.

**Shoreline:** Pitblado, Donna, 11/23/2014; Reiss, Dr William S, 10/19/2014; Walsh, George O, 10/28/2014.

### Fifth Annual Cookie Fest and Sing Along

Transforming the Edmonds School Board Chambers into Holiday Fare, on December 4, were Gil and Erma Snook, Marlene Johnson, Barb Smith, Jim Siscel, Lani Biddle, Jan Phillips and Donna Murrish. SKSR cookie bakers brought their 3 dozen cookie specialties for the fifth annual Cookie Fest and Sing Along. We displayed and enjoyed 29 kinds of cookies.



Nick Brossoit.

As we previewed the choices by tasting several samples, we listened to Edmonds Superintendent, Nick Brossoit. His focus was the "Other 25%" in our schools, the ones we have such difficulty reaching and promoting to graduation. It was an awe inspiring look at all of the tools being pursued to reach those students. It was a very enlightening talk. We then

purchased those cookies we wanted. In very short order only crumbs remained! We made over \$66. This year's proceeds will be donated to Clothes For Kids in the Edmonds School District. To round out our holiday celebration, we gathered to

sing Christmas Carols, beautifully accompanied by Bruce Caldwell on keyboard, and Jim Siscel on sleigh bells, a major highlight of the day.

We sampled, we sipped, we selected, we sang and went home sated! Hope you will join us next year!



Cookies, Cookies



Sno-King Members Sing



Bruce Caldwell

#### Welcome New Members:

Address and Emailing Information for these new members and all address changes for current members will be included in the new Directory arriving in February!

Albiker-Osterhaug, Brigit	Curtis, Ramona	Lewis-Winegeart, Theresa	Reed, Joseph
Adams, Thomas	Dawdy, Katie	Mackey, Jodi	Robnett, Geraldine
Albrecht, Leanna	Day, Liliana	McCready, Courtney	Schippers, Monica
Ashbrook, Dennis	Elledge, Victoria	Miller, Kathleen	Sezate, Lisa
Beal, Lois M	Fletis, Jed	Murray, Dianne	Thompson, Carrie
Bowhay, Allison	Gloyd, Belinda	Novstrup, Karen	Tisci, Pasquale
Bush, Patricia	Goad, Earleen	Parks, Jennifer	Underwood, Adrienne
Canada, Miriam	Hashimoto, Lori	Paul, Carol	Wetmore, Sherry
Chan-Lee, May	Hui, Kelly	Pedersen, Joan	Wheaton, Genevieve
Chikh, Lama	Hyppa, Jennifer	Perin, Mary	Whitney, Elizabeth
Cruikshank, Naomi	Janus, Toni	Rae, Mary	

### In the Spotlight

by Cheryl Bauer

This month I'd like to do something different and highlight two people from our organization. They are both hard working members who have been part of this group for many years. They are Barbara Berg and Evie Nordeen.

Barb taught most of her career in the Shoreline School District much of the time spent at Echo Lake Elementary. Barb has been many things within the organization. She has been secretary, scrapbook keeper, scholarship evaluator, and a volunteer at almost every event. She just completed her two year commitment as a state member of the Outreach Committee. She does photography, travels, loves the Mariners, and truly is a dedicated helper when someone needs her.



Barbara Berg



Evie Nordeen

Evie started her career in the field of medicine as a medical, surgical, geriatric, and psychiatric nurse. All this before she became a school nurse. She started in the Edmonds School District and completed her time in the Northshore School District. We've always said our organization includes everyone in the school. Evie helped her husband, Bob, with membership for many years and is now our Sunshine Chair. She sends cards and notes whenever she is aware of health or other issues. She has a wicked sense of humor and is always willing to do a job when asked of her. She reluctantly was our President/Chairman several years ago when no one else would take the position. She enjoys all kinds of music, scrap booking, playing the piano and is active in her church.

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Address, phone or e-mail changes should be sent to **Erma Snook** [egsnook@comcast.net](mailto:egsnook@comcast.net) or  
425-776-2067.

If you know of illness, please call Sunshine Chair, **Evelyn Nordeen** [evie.nordeen@frontier.com](mailto:evie.nordeen@frontier.com) or  
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