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A message from President Cheryl Bauer

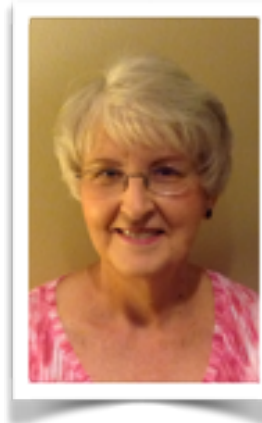


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ON VACATION



Out of the country (Canada – it counts!) for two weeks.

No phone or computer. Time to reflect, read, relax, and enjoy the scenery.

Volunteers?? We still need a Health Committee Chairman and other one-time event chairmen.

Always looking for new ideas from members for programs, activities, field trips, etc.

Consider this being the year you choose at least one activity to attend.

As the first year of my presidency ends, I want to thank the greatest board ever who made my job work smoothly and efficiently.

This legislative session will need to be watched closely. Get ready to write or email your representatives concerning causes important to retirees.

Initation is for everyone to come to the annual picnic at the Edmonds City Park on Wednesday, July 16.

Over the next year, your officers and board will again be planning activities and programs with information for all.

Now I need to pack as convention is just around the corner. There will be 10 delegates representing you in Vancouver at this WSSRA yearly event.

Have you visited our web site? Click on the link below to see the many things that Sno-King does. www.sksr.org

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MARK YOUR DATEBOOK

July 16 SKSR Picnic
 11:30 AM at Edmonds City Park
 August 13 Annual Planning Retreat
 Foundation House 9:00 AM

SNO-KING SCHOOL RETIREES' PICNIC

All members are invited to come to the annual Sno-King School Retirees picnic on **Wednesday, July 16th**. New retirees and their escorts from Edmonds, Northshore and Shoreline School Districts will be our special guests. Sno-King members will make a \$5 contribution to help defray food costs. The Sno-King board furnishes the wonderful picnic fare, including Betty Odle's famous meatballs. We will be at the covered kitchen area starting at 11:30 AM. Lunch itself will be served at 12:00.

Active Educators, who have received grants from our unit this year, are invited to share the results of their grant. Contact Virg Rayton at virg@raytonfamily.com to let us know if you will be attending. We are always amazed how you stretch the money in your grants. Active Educators, this is a time to relax after a busy school year and to renew friendships with your retired friends.

Sno-King Members, this is a time to invite some of your retired friends who are not members and have them experience a fun and relaxing time, encouraging them to become part of our organization.

Please RSVP to Donna Murrish at 206-363-5753 or at donnamurrish@comcast.net by **July 11th**, so we can plan the food. You are, however, welcome to come even if you don't RSVP. **See you there!**

Directions to the Edmonds Park: Take SR-104 (Edmonds Way) to Edmonds. DO NOT take the arterial off-ramp to Edmonds-Kingston Ferry.) Follow 5th Ave S (towards downtown Edmonds) to Pine

AUGUST RETREAT

On Wednesday, August 13, your Executive Board consisting of officers, committee chairmen and other interested members, will be having our annual retreat at the Foundation House in Bothell. We meet for most of the morning and discuss and plan the activities for the coming year. If you have any ideas or thoughts you'd like to share, please contact Cheryl Bauer, or one of the other board members (listed on the front of the bulletin) and share those concerns with us. Knowing what you'd like to do or hear about, will help us in our planning. Those thoughts are always appreciated!

Winnie Smith Memorial 2nd and 3rd Year Scholarship Winner Updates

Third year recipients are **Sorcha Connor-Boyle**, **Colleen Hill** and **Vincent Pham**.

Sorcha writes that she is ever so passionate about a career as an educator and hopes to help kids integrate into general education by the time they reach kindergarten and first grade. She states, "I am forever grateful for your support over the last three years. Gonzaga is helping me fulfill my dream and you all are helping me be at Gonzaga. I'm so privileged to be a Zag and can't wait to be an educator like all of you."

Colleen is in her final year at Western Washington University. She will be taking her Final Block this Fall. This is the last quarter of blocked classes before she begins her two quarters of student teaching. She plans on doing her Special Education student teaching at a high school or middle school in Bellingham.

Vincent writes, "Everything I have done in this year has been done with the specific purpose of making me the best teacher I can be. I have realized how important it is to understand that we are not who we are on our own - we all are shaped by the many people who choose to invest in our potential and more importantly, invest in our abilities to grow as people." Vincent has received a Fulbright Teaching Assistantship in Vietnam and will return for his MAT in 2015.

Second year winners are **Rachel Magnenat**, **Hope Odendahl** and **June Woo**.

Rachel says, "My time in Uganda this past month reminded me even more that I am very passionate about working with children and deeply desire to become a teacher. I am still planning on finishing my degree and becoming a school teacher. Thank you again for your continuing support of helping me reach my goal."

Hope writes, "Thank you so much for supporting my education! I am loving my time at Western Washington University. I started the Dual-Endorsement Elementary and Special Education program this year and am really enjoying this exceptional program. This quarter I have been doing my practicum in a fourth grade classroom and have really enjoyed formally teaching for the first time in the program. My classes are challenging, yet enjoyable and I feel that I will be extremely prepared when I graduate."

June is a third year student at Bowdoin College. This summer she will be teaching English as a foreign language in the rural, under-resourced schools in Ecuador through a non-profit organization. She states, "Thank you for all your support throughout the past years. I hope to become an effective and influential teacher who challenges students to learn academic material while inspiring them to become people of character."

HEALTH CHAIR

So far, we have not had anyone come forward to chair the Health Committee. I know it's hard to follow the excellent job that Gary Reul did for so many years. But we will provide resources, and help you through the first time or two. We'd like to have you come to the executive board meetings, but this is not necessary. Perhaps there are two of you who would consider co-chairing this committee?

This will be the first edition of the bulletin without an article on health issues. While we all have other sources of information, I have always looked forward to hearing about new ideas or reading a reminder of things I should have known. Please call Cheryl Bauer at 425 743-9755 or email me at bauercl@frontier.com if you think you might be interested.

Highlights of the WSSRA Convention, June 9-11, Vancouver, WA

ERMA SNOOK WON THE PATRICK T. HOBAN MERITORIOUS AWARD! Erma was given this award at the banquet on June 9. The criteria for this award centers around volunteering, performing of responsibilities and duties, inspiration and encouragement of fellow constituents in their performance to deliver WSSRA goals. We are all proud of you, Erma!

Delegates to the 67th Annual Delegate Assembly elected Edie Moersch President and Bill Bergsma President-elect, approved the budget for 2014-15 of \$1,073,837, heard speeches from Pamela Valentine, Oakland Bay Middle School visual arts teacher who explained her school's successful use of

Josten's Renaissance Program, heard speeches from Tim Leavitt, mayor of Vancouver, and an address on Building Membership from Jeannie Coffey, AMBA Director of Association Relations.

Reports were distributed from all committees and officers. WSSRA has now over 18,300 members, a 25 year high. Sno-King membership has reached 1300! This is also an all-time high! A very moving Memorial Service was held for over 400 WSSRA members who passed away this year.

Fund raisers were held for the WSSRA Foundation and the WSSR-PAC. Foundation baskets were won by Virg Rayton, Evie Nordeen (2), Erma Snook and Cheryl Bauer.

On the morning of June 11, the delegates from Sno-King (Cheryl Bauer, Barbara Berg, Roberta and Tom Hawkins, Donna Murrish, Evie Nordeen, Virg Rayton, Rita Requa, Jim Siscel, Erma Snook) attended individual workshops: Presidents-Vice-Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Committees: Health Services, Membership, Retirement Planning, Outreach, Legislative.



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Spotlight of the Month Erma Snook



Erma Snook

This issue's person of the month has to be Erma Snook. After winning the Patrick T. Hoban Award at the state WSSRA Convention, I want all of you to know exactly who she is, and why she won.

Erma retired from the Edmonds School District (College Place Middle.) She became active in the Sno-King School Retirees in 2004 and has been very active ever since. She started as secretary for Sno-King in 2004, then took that job on full time until she was elected President in 2007. She served two terms by herself and one term as a co-president. She served two different terms as chair of the Northwest 1 Council.

Erma has done so much for our organization, it's hard to know where to start. She is always behind the scenes at the luncheons and picnics. She has even gone so far as to collect donations from businesses for raffle drawings. She started the annual Cookie Fest and Sing Along and has served on the Finance Committee for many years. Her current role is keeping the unit membership directory up to date. She is definitely the “go to” person when you want something done in the organization. She is the one who sends email notices – at my request.

She tutors in her grandchildren's classes at Terrace Park Elementary School, often writes her legislators, and is on a first name basis with the superintendent of the Edmonds School District. Above all that, she is reliable, dependable, and very NICE!!

Penguins! Penguins! And More Penguins!

At our annual Joint luncheon with Sno-Isle Unit 21, we enjoyed a wonderfully prepared luncheon of Flank Steak or Citrus Salmon. Our 28 Sno-King members were treated to impeccable



Liz and

service, surpassing even Chef Becky's usual great group of students in training. The weather was great, the company was outstanding and the entertainment was even better than all of that! Liz and Don Healy shared a great screen presentation of their trek to Antarctica! It was astounding, informative, entertaining and we saw more penguins than I thought possible to inhabit the earth--and so many varieties! The birdlife focus of their trip was so well done. Our special thanks to Sno-Isle for a great luncheon! Plan to join us next year as Sno-King hosts the annual event.

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IMPORTANT LEGISLATIVE NEWS

The Last legislative session ended on time and did no harm to retirees: our health benefit remains the same \$150 monthly for those on Medicare. For the actives, no changes were made to Plans 2 and 3e. The next session of the legislature will face a \$1 billion budget shortfall (hold on to your hats/wallets!) The McCleary decision and the Legislature lack of a plan (so far) to adequately fund basic education, as demanded by the State Supreme Court, will be an added burden for the Legislature to face, along with its other obligations.

The Primary Election is August 5 and the Primary ballots will be mailed JULY 18. It is important for each of us to make our issues known to candidates. They need to hear our stories: the lack of a COLA, the threat to our Health Benefit, your “meager” monthly retirement check and how each of those affect you. Do the candidates have a reasonable position on long ago promises?

Here are the candidates who have filed in districts where most of SKSR members live:

1st District:

Legislative Position 1: Derek Stanford (D Incumbent) Position 2: Edward Barton (R), Luise Moscoso (D Incumbent) Dave Griffin (D)

21st District:

Senate: Marko Liias (D Incumbent), Dan Matthews (R)

Legislative Position 1: Scott Whelpley (D), Dick McManus (D), Strom Peterson (D), Justin McMahon (D), Allen McPheeters (R)

Legislative Position 2: Lillian Ortiz-Self (D Incumbent), Bob Lewis (Green Party), Jeff Scherrer (R), Ed Wegner (I)

32nd District:

Senate: Maralyn Chase (D Incumbent), Chris Eggen (D), Robert Reedy (R)

Legislative Position 1: Cindy Ryu (D Incumbent)

Legislative Position 2: Ruth Kagi (D Incumbent), Branden Curtis (R)

If you do not live in one of these districts, you can find the names, addresses and phone numbers of candidates who have filed for office at this Secretary of State internet address:

<https://wei.sos.wa.gov/agency/osos/en/Pages/CandidateFilings.aspx>

Beware: There are a number of initiatives circulating and collecting signatures. Be sure to read before you sign.



Students from Mountlake Terrace High School
perform at The Sno-King School Retirees
Scholarship Luncheon April 17, 2014



Phyllis Feige and family enjoying the Mariners game on May 9th.

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