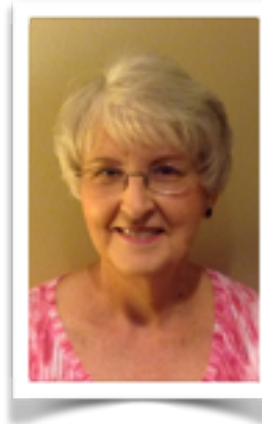


# SKSR BULLETIN

## A message from President Cheryl Bauer



November 2014



This time of year always brings certain things to mind – especially when walking in a neighborhood of beautiful trees changing colors before they take their “fall.” I think of baseball and the World Series. When I was in elementary school, we even got to listen to it on the radio – especially if we happened to have a male teacher. Then there is football – high school, college, and pro. Keeps one busy cheering, if they are so minded. It also brings opportunities to do NEW things. I'm hoping you'll consider getting

involved in some of the upcoming activities offered by SKSR. There are articles in the newsletter about the November Scholarship Luncheon, the December Cookie Fest and Sing-along, opportunities to serve and field trip opportunities. This is a critical year for education and retirees in particular, as the state legislators try to fund the needs of so many different worthy groups. Look for continued updates in this and upcoming issues of the bulletin.

Lastly, I'd also like to remind everyone to vote on November 4. The current issue of the state magazine, The Journal, has a list of candidates supported by WSSRA. There are local issues, statewide issues, and other decisions to be made. Please exercise your right to vote!

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### 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**

**Scholarship Luncheon**

**November 20**

- Cookie Fest & Holiday Music December 4
- Food Lifeline service project January 15
- February time & place TBD
- March Field Trip TBD
- Scholarship Luncheon April 20

**November Scholarship Luncheon**

On November 20, 2014, starting at 11:30, we will have our first pot luck luncheon of the year. This will be held at the Unitarian Church in Edmonds. We are excited to have Bruce Caldwell playing the piano for us as we mix and mingle. After eating, we will have Peter Diedrick, our Legislative Coordinator from Olympia, talking to us about the upcoming legislative session, and it's importance to retirees. We'll also have Rebecca Miner, the new Shoreline superintendent, update us on events in that district. Of course we'll have our raffle with great items donated by businesses and individuals.

While getting together with old colleagues, and meeting new people is a big part of this luncheon, it's other purpose is to raise funds for our scholarships. As you may know, there are a total of four scholarships given to high school seniors in our three districts who are going into education. We have increased the amount this year to \$1500. We are able to do this thanks to money raised at our luncheons, generous donations, and memorial gifts.

Now that you plan to come, what do you need to do?? You need to contact Donna Murrish at [donnamurrish@comcast.net](mailto:donnamurrish@comcast.net) or 206 363-5753 or Cheryl Bauer at [bauercl@frontier.com](mailto:bauercl@frontier.com) or 425 244 1709. You need to bring a hot dish or salad (enough to feed 12 people) or 3 dozen cookies and \$5.00 per person (part of our fund raising effort). If you cannot bring a pot luck item, the cost is \$10 per person. It is very helpful to know by Tuesday, November 18, if you plan to come. However, if you decide at the last minute, that's okay too.

Lastly, we'd like to collect food items for the local food banks. This is a service outreach that is always needed and easy for us to do. Hope to see some new faces on November 20.

**SNO-KING SCHOOL RETIREES' SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

The purpose of the SKSR Scholarship Fund is to assist carefully selected graduating seniors majoring in education from Edmonds, Northshore and Shoreline School Districts in reaching their goals. Contributions are tax deductible. Enclosed is a contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_ As a special gift\_\_\_\_\_ Or in memory of

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Make check payable to Sno-King School Retirees' Scholarship Fund. Mail to:  
Sno-King School Retirees, PO Box 33962, Seattle WA 98133-0962.



# Cookie Fest and Sing Along

## December 4, 2014

**Plan Ahead! RSVP today! - Contact Erma Snook (425)776-2067 - [egsnook@comcast.net](mailto:egsnook@comcast.net)**

**Join us in the Edmonds School District Board Room - 12:30 p.m.**

**Bring 3 dozen cookies of one kind to share - package them in six baggies of six each**

**Sample and plan what to buy - 6 cookies (1 bag) for 50 cents**

**Sing along to Holiday Music ! (We provide the words and music!)**

**Accompanied by our own Bruce Caldwell on Keyboard**

### ATTENTION ACTIVE SKSR MEMBERS GRANT DEADLINE

**NOVEMBER 6TH**

**FINAL NOTICE**

Grant applications are due by Thursday, November 6th. All active (working) members of Sno-King School Retirees, of any employee group in direct contact with students, are eligible to apply for a grant of up to \$200 for use in facilitating work with those students. How could such a grant help you to accomplish your goals?

The process is simple! Just submit the following:

1. A few sentences explaining what item or resources you would purchase and the intended direct effect/ impact on your students.
2. Amount of money requested
3. Your name, address, grade level (if a teacher), school and district
4. Principal's/Program Manager's name, email address, school address and phone number
5. Usual day/time of your regular staff meetings

Applications are due by Thursday, November 6th and should be sent to Virg Rayton, SKSR Grants Chair, <[virg@raytonfamily.com](mailto:virg@raytonfamily.com)>, Phone: (425) 774-9413 or Rita Requa, <[rrequa@comcast.net](mailto:rrequa@comcast.net)>, Phone: (206) 362-5220. Recipients will be notified by Thanksgiving.

#### **Welcome New Members:**

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Miner, Rebecca, 18321 Dayton Pl N, Shoreline, WA 98133, [rebecca.miner@comcast.net](mailto:rebecca.miner@comcast.net)

Wagner, Roberta, 1829 N. 150th ST, Shoreline, WA 98133, [bertlvbake@hotmail.com](mailto:bertlvbake@hotmail.com)

## HELP WANTED

This is one article I wish I didn't have to write. But for next year, our unit will need to fill the following positions:

**Health** – As you may have realized, we have not had any health articles in our bulletins. This position could be filled at any time. Takers??

**Bulletin Editor** – If you were paying attention in the last issue's spotlight article, you read that this is Dave Johnson's last year as editor. There is a small stipend for this job, and help from Dave to transition, would be available.

**President** – After serving as your President for a second year, I realize that a third term is not in my future. I hope we can get some new blood and would be more than willing to help mentor someone in this position.

If you would consider serving in any of these areas, please contact Cheryl Bauer at [bauerc1@frontier.com](mailto:bauerc1@frontier.com) or call or text me at 425 244-1709.

## NorthWest 1

For those of you new to SKSR, and those of you who need a review, the the state organization, Washington State School Retirees Association, is divided into eight districts. We are in the Northwest One District along with Whatcom, Skagit/Island/San Juan, and Sno-Isle. On October 6, 2014, five members of SKSR attend the NW 1 regional meeting in Mt. Vernon. Edie Moersch, WSSRA President, was also in attendance and thanked many individuals and groups for all the work they have done thus far.

State committee reports were given with the most pertinent of the state reports being the Legislative report. (See Rita Requa's article in this bulletin.) A new ad hoc group, The Select Committee to Reduce Convention Costs, gave it's first report. In order to balance the location of conventions from falling more heavily on the east side of the state where the costs are lower, they are looking at different ways to fund or subsidize this event.

Each unit gave a report of their activities. Peter Diedrick, our Legislative Coordinator, then discussed the importance of this legislative session, from potential shifts in the House and Senate to the importance of meeting directly with legislators. Rita Requa made a proposal regarding attending the opening day of the legislature on January 12, 2015. The plan is to have at least one member from each unit for each legislative district represented in that unit.

Our unit introduced a motion regarding a local and state dues' increase which was followed by much discussion. The motion passed and is being sent to the WSSRA Executive Board.

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS ARE WAITING FOR YOU

Sales of the new 2015 Entertainment Book are going pretty well so far. Last year's copy will soon expire and your new copy is waiting for you.

Contact Donna Murrish at [donnamurrish@comcast.net](mailto:donnamurrish@comcast.net) or call 206-363-5753 to get your copy. Books are available until the first week of December. Remember, they make good gifts!

## Spotlight Person

### For our Active members who are enrolled in TRS Plan 3

You may have taken advantage of the annual TRS Plan 3 January rate change period to adjust your defined contribution percentage in the past. Due to conditions of the recent IRS re-qualification of TRS Plan 3, January 2015 is the last time you will have this opportunity to change your rate without changing employers. If you would like to take advantage of the final rate change flexibility period in January 2015, you will need to complete a **TRS Plan 3 Contribution Rate Change Form** and turn it in to your employer between January 1 and 31.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND DONATIONS

TO: **Virg Rayton, Evie Nordeen, Linda Fitzgerald, Richard Gourley, Kay McKenna and Phyllis Fiege** for memorials in memory of Georgia Elvrum

TO: **Virg Rayton** in memory of Helen Hull

TO: **Michele White** in memory of Ruthanne Warren

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This month the spotlight is on Rita Requa. There really isn't enough space to list all the things that Rita has done for this organization over the years. At the current time, she is our **L e g i s l a t i v e Representative** both from our unit and NW-1. In addition, she

serves as Historian at the state level. (Hopefully, you've read her articles in The Journal.) I'm pretty sure there are very few offices she hasn't held. She is a past president of SKSR as well as WSSRA State Past President (2008-2009).

Rita joined SKSR in 1996 after teaching 5 years in Oregon and 30 years in Washington at the elementary/primary level. Even then, she was active in serving her profession and held the position of Shoreline Education Association President. She took her first position with SKSR in 1998 as Education Chair and was responsible for starting our Grants program for active members. The first year saw four recipients receiving a total of \$850. We now have a budget of \$7000 and last year gave out 42 grants. Look what she started!

With all the hours she gives to SKSR, you might wonder what she does with her "spare" time. That list is long, too. She is an avid reader, a world traveller, does water color painting, and enjoys time with her family. And, I can tell you from experience, she plays a mean game of bridge.

When Rita served as State President, her motto was "Staying Connected." Thankfully for us, Rita stays connected with family, friends, the legislative representatives, and fellow colleagues all over the state. She is an inspiration to our organization.

## INVITATION from SNO-ISLE REA

Rita Requa, SKSR Legislative Chair

Sno-Isle has issued a warm invitation to Sno-King members to a legislator panel discussion on Tuesday, November 18. The topic will be what the citizens of Washington State may expect to see during the 2015 Legislative session. The discussion will be held between 10:30 and 11:30 am in the fellowship hall of Our Savior's Lutheran Church at 215 Mukilteo Boulevard in Everett. It will be followed by a catered lunch starting at 11:30 am for the price of \$10.

Legislators from the 21st, 38th, 39th and 44th Legislative Districts will be speakers. Sno-Isle plans to invite superintendents of area school districts from Edmonds in the south to Arlington in the north as guest attendees. Also invited are members of Retired Public Employees Council, Chapter 6, a group of 450 public retirees with legislative concerns similar to ours.

As Washington State retirees, we realize that our individual and collective futures may certainly be affected for better or worse by the actions of the 2015 legislative session. Our concerns relate most closely to the state maintaining the actuarially recommended payments to the state pension funds, preserving the defamed benefit pension plans for future state and public employees and protecting the current \$150 monthly Medicare Eligible Healthcare Subsidy for eligible members of the Public Employees Benefits Board health plan.

If you plan to attend, contact Tim Knopf (WSSRA Legislative Committee Member) at 425-327-5352 or email: [timknopf1@yahoo.com](mailto:timknopf1@yahoo.com) by Nov 12.

## SAVE JANUARY 12, 2015, Opening Day of Legislative Session

Rita Requa, SKSR Legislative Chair

I hope that all of you will contact your elected legislators congratulating them on their win and telling your story regarding any cuts to our retired benefits, specifically the Medicare Eligible Healthcare Subsidy. Legislators can be reached by email, phone or US Mail. Addresses can be found at the website: [www.leg.wa.gov](http://www.leg.wa.gov) under Legislator E-Mail Services.

NW1 local presidents at the recent meeting made a commitment to have at least one member constituent from each Legislative District attend the opening ceremonies January 12, 2015.

I have gone to opening day ceremonies of the legislature in the past and it is impressive. While in Olympia it would be convenient to see your legislator. Appointments to see legislators should be made before Thanksgiving. I will assist you in making appointments and have current information available for you. We can carpool to Olympia. If you would like to attend that ceremony, let me know at 206-362-5220 or [rrequa@comcast.net](mailto:rrequa@comcast.net). Please consider this opportunity.

### January Service Project

On Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, we are again planning on volunteering at Food Lifeline. Food Lifeline is a local hunger relief organization where excess food items are brought to the distribution warehouse in Shoreline, repackaged and distributed to the local area. Our job will be to repackage whatever food items they have for the day we participate. To help at this service project, you will need to dress warmly and be able to stand at the workstation for around 3 hours.

Contact Cheryl Bauer at [bauerc1@frontier.com](mailto:bauerc1@frontier.com) or 425 244-1709 to volunteer by **Monday, January 12th**. If you need driving directions, they can be given at that time.

### 2015-2017 Member Directory to be Published

Soon we will be contacting all members to update our Member Directory. We have decided to go to a three-year publication cycle starting in 2015. We want to be sure that we have your latest address, telephone number, and email. We will start this process after the elections in November. We will contact those with email addresses via email and calling those with telephone numbers. Those with emails we would appreciate a response to verify your information by November 21st. We will provide annual updates for those with email addresses.

### October Luncheon

Sometimes an article is fun and easy to write and this is one of those times. Those of us who attended the first luncheon of the year at the LeBristo Restaurant at the Sno-Isle Tech Center were treated to wonderful food served with style by the students of Chef Becky. We had a fabulous presentation by Alice Miller, who brought her display of various military uniforms and spoke on the role of women in the military. She had collected many of these uniforms from various sources and had great stories to go with them. She started with a World War I Navy uniform worn by a Yeoman F. Next came World War II uniforms designed to rival the movie star images of the day. Lastly, she showed and talked about uniforms designed during the Vietnam War. All branches of the service were represented, as were uniforms worn by nurses who served in the wars. What a fun way to learn history!!



Alice Miller presents the uniforms

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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  
425-775-1127

To help with mailing our next Bulletin on **Monday, January 26** call

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