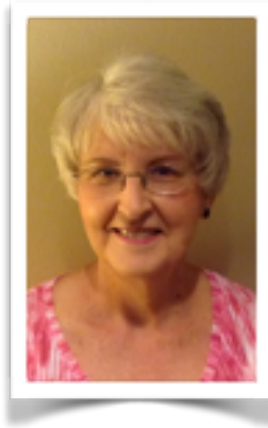


SKSR BULLETIN

A message from President Cheryl Bauer



October 2014



It's time to start another year with Sno-King School Retirees. Our August Retreat started us off with reviews, discussions, and plans for the coming year. I'd be remiss not to say "welcome" to those who are new to our organization, new to retirement, or starting a new year as active members. We basically have the same Executive Board working hard to promote our goals, to provide information, and to coordinate activities for everyone to enjoy throughout the coming year. With that said, we have our first meeting of the year

at the Sno-Isle Tech Center up in south Everett. Please see the article later in this edition for more information. November will find us gathering at the Edmonds Unitarian Church with a wonderful potluck and an opportunity to hear our Washington State School Retirees Association Legislative Coordinator filling us in on what is happening in Olympia.

When I left you last, I was on a 10 day trip in British Columbia. Now it's home and back to the routine. I'm pleased to be serving you again this year as President. It keeps me busy, but it also provides me with opportunities to meet new people, learn new things, keep up on what's happening at the state level in education, and experience new activities. I hope that you, too, will take this opportunity to meet new people, learn new things and have some fun along the way.

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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. 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

Special Luncheon October 16

- Le Bistro @ Sno-Isle Tech Center**
- Scholarship Luncheon November 20
- Cookie Fest & Holiday Music December 4
- Food Lifeline service project January 15
- February time & place undecided

“Beauty and Duty “ Our October Luncheon

Since many of you are still traveling in September, but haven't left yet for points south, we have been having our Welcome Back Event in October. This year we will have our first meeting and luncheon at the Le Bistro at the Sno-Isle Tech Center in south Everett, near Paine Field and the Boeing Plant We meet and chat starting at 11:30 with lunch being served at noon. For those of you who have never experienced the delicious food cooked by the students of Chef Becky, I encourage you to attend this year.

Alice Miller will present a program “Beauty and Duty” which includes a display of military women’s uniforms from WW1-1980. Alice will talk about each item in the collection, their history, construction, woman who wore the item and how that woman served in the military. Maybe you were lucky enough to see Alice’s display of Viet Nam uniforms at this year’s Puyallup Fair. This is a program not to miss.

Reservations are required. Please let Donna Murrish know if you are planning to attend. You can also call Cheryl Bauer 425 743-9755 or email her at bauercl@frontier.com. for further information.

\$15 per person Deadline for responding is **October 10**
 Make checks payable to Sno-King School Retirees
 Return form and check to: Donna Murrish
 11227 Goodwin Way N.E. Seattle WA 98125
 Your Name _____
 Meal Choice: ___ Salmon with ginger citrus sauce
 ___ Pretzel coated chicken

Benefits Fairs

At the beginning of each school year Edmonds and Shoreline School Districts have a Benefits Fair for current employees. SKSR has a table at the fairs to inform current staff about our organization and our grant and scholarship programs. This year the Edmonds volunteers were Cheryl Bauer, Don Denton, Linda Fitzgerald, Evie Nordeen, Virg Rayton, Erma Snook and the Shoreline volunteers were Barb Bumgardner, Roberta Hawkins, Rita Requa, and Jim Siscel.



Linda Fitzgerald & Virg Rayton

Legislative News/Oct. 2014

WOULD IT MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE TO YOU IF YOUR PENSION CHECK WAS REDUCED BY \$150 A MONTH?

That reduction is what some believe will be on the legislative agenda come next January when the Legislature convenes. It was rumored last session that the \$150 Medicare Subsidy would be taken away. Your pension check would not be reduced, but if you are in any of the PEBB health care plans and are on Medicare, your health care premium would rise by \$150, making your spendable income reduce by \$150.

The subsidy was \$182.89 in 2011, however it was reduced the following year to the current level. The current Medicare Retiree Subsidy is \$150 per member per month or 50% of the health plan premium, whichever is less. The subsidy is authorized by the legislature in the operating budget. For the past 3 years, WSSRA legislative priorities have started with "Oppose additional cuts to retiree health benefits."

Be sure to ask Legislative Candidates their position on reducing retiree health benefits. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Rita Requa at rrequa@comcast.net.

APPLICATION PERIOD NOW OPEN FOR EDUCATOR GRANTS

If you are an active (working) member of any school employee group that interfaces with students, you qualify to make application for an SKSR grant of up to \$200 to facilitate your work with those students.

Innovative members in the past have used their funds for such things as field trips, art materials, books, computer programs, PE equipment, educational games, visiting experts, etc. This past year we awarded nearly \$7000 to a record 42 recipients. SKSR enjoys recognizing and supporting initiative and creativity and since the program's inception during the 1998-1999 year has awarded a total of almost \$48,000 in grants.

Applications are due by Thursday, November 6th and the process is simple! Just submit the following:

1. A few sentences explaining what item or resources you would purchase and the intended 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 should be emailed to Virg Rayton, SKSR Grants Chair, <virg@raytonfamily.com>,

Phone: (425) 774-9413 or Rita Requa <rrequa@comcast.net> Phone:(206) 362-5220. Recipients will

Trips on Our Website

We have a space on our SKSR website to share our trips. If you went on a trip this past summer and would like to share some of your pictures with our members they would be appreciated. This is one of the most viewed areas on the website. Please send electronically 20-40 pictures with a description of each picture to Jim Siscel at asjs68@earthlink.net. Jim will post them on the website. If you have any questions please contact Jim Siscel.

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July Picnic

July 16 found many of us down at the Edmonds City Park enjoying a day of perfect weather and perfect (well, at least special) friends. We enjoyed Betty Odle's famous meatballs, green and potato salads, assorted fruits, rolls, chips and various desserts. What a feast!

We had several guests including Edie Moersch, Washington State School Retirees President and her husband, and Marianne Harvey, Northwest - 1 District Representative. Virg Rayton, chairman of the grant committee,



SKSR Members listen to Presentation

introduced the nine grant recipients who were in attendance. They each gave a brief description of how the grant money they'd received was used. It really is exciting to hear all the good things that happen because of an extra \$200 or less given to help in classrooms.



Rita Requa & Marianne Harvey

WSSRA ENDORSES LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES

For the first time ever, WSSRA has endorsed a number of legislative candidates throughout the state. The process started with the WSSR-PAC analyzing legislative candidates and districts, with input from our lobbyist, our legislative coordinator, the Executive Director of WSSRA and the Executive Committee itself. Their recommendations were forwarded to the entire WSSR-PAC Board for approval. The WSSRA Board of Directors reviewed and approved at the August 11 WSSRA Executive Board meeting.

Endorsements for our area include:

1st Legislative District:

House Position 1: Derek Stanford (no opposition)

House Position 2: Louis Moscoso (votelouis.com)

21st Legislative District:

Senate: Marko Liias

House Position 1: Strom Peterson (votestrom.com)

House Position 2: Lillian Ortiz-Self (electlillian.com)

32nd Legislative District:

Senate: Maralyn Chase (maralynchase.org)

House Position 1: Cindy Ryu (cindyryu.org)

House Position 2: Ruth Kagi (ruthkagi.org)

46th Legislative District:

Senate: David Frockt (davidfrockt.org)

House Position 1: Gerry Pollet (gerrypollet.com)

House Position 2: Jessyn Ferrell (electjessyn.com)

All candidates need help in the election with the exception of Derek Stanford who has no opposition. You can go to their websites and sign up for what interests you; telephoning, door belling, yard sign location, office work, stuffing envelopes, etc. Your help will be appreciated. Be sure to identify yourself as a school retiree!

**THANK YOU SO MUCH TO THE FOLLOWING WHO
CONTRIBUTED TO THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND DURING
MAY, JUNE, JULY & AUGUST 2014**

Alma Ohtomo – in memory of Ellie Bonanno Pat Svendsen, Jay Lapp, and Margaret King.
Laura Rogers – in memory of Diane Renstrom and Jack Rogers
Robert & Cynthia McCullough – in memory of Kay Bartholomew and Dick Sacksteder
James & Marianne Lockhart – in memory of Dick Sacksteder
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Barbara Stone – in memory of Dick Sacksteder
Barbara Berg – in memory of Joan Brown and Ruthanne Warren
Donna Murrish – in memory of Barbara Lehman
Betty Z Scott, Jane Morck, Cheryl Lamey, Robert & Donna Reser, Mary Ellen Gardiner, Rachel Lake, Roger & Judith Dalzell, Betty Gilbert-Boogard, Donald & Joyce Scott, Darrell & Rita Miller, and Kimmel Athletic Supply Co – all in memory of Ruthanne Warren.
SKSR – in memory of Joan Brown, Ruthanne Warren, Kathleen Gordon, Julie Rusk, Grace Dawson, Sara B. Rice, Frances Weaver, Walter Somers
Dale L Schultz, Alyce T Wiggins, Phyllis Fiege, and Rachel Lake – for donations

To bring you up-to-date on the Sno-King Scholarship Fund and for those of you who are not familiar with it, here is a look at just how those funds are being used. Each spring our Sno-King unit awards four scholarships to students who are planning to pursue a degree in Education. These students come from high schools within the Edmonds, Northshore, and Shoreline School Districts. As our funds increase, we have periodically been able to also increase the amount of the scholarships. We're very pleased to tell you that beginning with the 2015 awards, we will be in a position to increase the awards from \$1200 to \$1500. Thanks again to all of you who have helped make this possible.

In addition, about 8 years ago, one of our members left a substantial legacy to Sno-King which has allowed us to offer the Sno-King scholarships as "renewable" for 3 additional years, provided the student continues in the field of Education. Our original investment is currently higher than what we started with, in spite of having already paid out more than \$85,000 in renewable scholarships.

Is this a great organization or what!?

In Memoriam:

Dawson, Grace I, June, 2014
 Elvrum, Georgia, September, 2014
 Rice, Sara B, June 2014
 Somers, Walter H, August, 2014
 Weaver, Frances E, August, 2014

Updated Member Directory to be Published

Soon it will be time to contact all members to update our Member Directory. We want to be sure that we have your latest address, telephone number, and email. We will be starting this process after the elections in November. We will contact those with email addresses via email and call those with telephone numbers. We have decided to go to a three-year publication cycle starting in 2015. We will provide annual updates for those with email addresses.

Welcome New Members:

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Winnie Smith Memorial First Year Scholarship Winners

The following students are recipients of this award:

Kevin Miller from Shorewood HS now studying at Whitman College.

Kevin writes that he has known for years that he wanted to be an elementary school teacher. He has gotten involved with several activities at college with an emphasis on teaching. One program is mentoring elementary students with Whitman students where weekly visits are made to the schools.

Shelby Pitta from Woodinville HS, a student at Grand Canyon University.

Shelby writes that she hopes to receive a degree in Early Childhood Education with a minor in Spanish. She hopes to study abroad next summer to increase the fluency of her Spanish speaking and to gain cultural experience. Her plans after graduation are to be a bilingual educator for grades third and below.

Laura Taylor from Mountlake Terrace HS, an undergraduate at the University of Washington.

Laura says that the past school year has been a challenge and that there was one horrible week where she was sure she would be miserable as a teacher. But that was just one week, other than that, teaching has been the only constant.

Nathan Winningham from Shorecrest HS now studying at Washington State University.

Nathan had some illness over the fall/winter term but his grades rebounded greatly during his second semester at WSU. He feels humbled by our generosity and wants to make sure that we know how much he appreciates this scholarship.

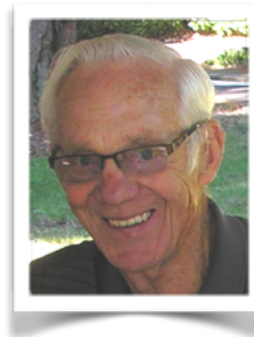
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“In the Spotlight”



It's only fitting that as he shares his expertise one more year in the position of SKSR Bulletin editor, that we feature Dave Johnson as our highlighted person. Dave was in the Shoreline School District all of his career. He was at Ronald Elementary, Morgan Junior High, Hillwood Elementary, and

lastly 17 years at Shorewood High School. He and his wife, Marlene, (our hospitality chairman) have been active members of SKSR for many years. He has held the position of community service committee chairman, President, Vice-President and Treasurer. He is currently serving on the Finance Committee, and as you know him best, editor in chief! He is a Past Master of the Edmonds Masonic Lodge and a current member of the Edmonds Historical Society acting as a museum docent. When he isn't doing all those things, he is traveling or on the golf course. I've been told he and his wife are great walkers. Can we say a “busy man”? Almost forgot, he is also the seller/drawer of tickets for our raffles. When you see him, please thank him for all the countless hours he has given as member of our unit.

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Address, phone or e-mail changes should be sent to **Erma Snook** egsnook@comcast.net or
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If you know of illness, please call Sunshine Chair, **Evelyn Nordeen** evie.nordeen@frontier.com or
425-775-1127

To help with mailing our next Bulletin on **Monday, October 27** call

Marilyn Dauer 425-774-7445, or **Joan Hertrich** 425-778-9572

ENTERTAINMENT 2015

Once again, Sno-King has **Entertainment Books** waiting for you. The same great values are being offered for your dining and entertainment pleasure. To get your book, please contact donnamurrish@comcast.net or call at 206-363-5753. Income from these sales will go towards funding grants for our members who are currently still actively employed within the school districts. The price this year is \$35.

P.S. I will be away from Sept 20 – Oct 6. During that period of time you may email Erma Snook at egsnook@comcast.net or call at 425-776-2067.