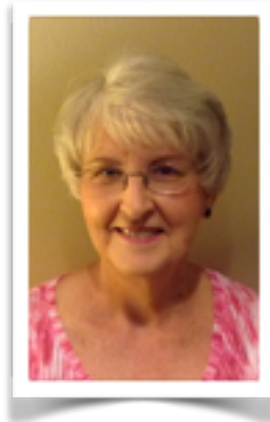


SKSR BULLETIN

A message from President Cheryl Bauer



April 2015



As this March finds us enjoying an early spring complete with sunshine, daffodils, tulips and not too much rain, I am starting to get anxious for summer. But before we get to that time, however, there are several Sno-King events to tell you about. There are details later in the bulletin, but a quick overview here will give you an idea of what to look for. On April 16, we will have our annual spring salad luncheon where we announce and meet the high school seniors who are

our scholarship recipients. On May 21, we join with the members of Sno-Isle at the Sno-Isle Tech Center in south Everett for a luncheon and entertainment. June finds delegates attending convention in Wenatchee. And of course, there is the annual picnic at the city park in Edmonds which happens on Wednesday, July 15.

Retirement seminars are now over for this year after five evenings of sponsoring and sharing information with those who are soon to join our ranks. Special thanks to Jim Siscel who does the leg work and organizing for these seminars.

Please remember to keep informed on what is happening in the legislature. Rita Requa has met (and will meet again) in Olympia with representatives and senators sharing our retirement concerns. Look for articles written by her, and information in *The Journal*.

On Thursday, May 21, we will continue the tradition of joining with our neighbor unit to the north, Sno-Isle for a luncheon at the LeBristo at the Tech Center in South Everett. Please mark it on your calendar and look for more details in the next bulletin. We will be having Debbie Demetri presenting her impression of Rachel Carson. For those of you who have had the privilege of seeing her perform, you know it will be a special treat. This is our year to be in charge, and I hope we'll have a good showing of interested attendees.

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**MARK YOUR DATEBOOK
Scholarship Luncheon April 16**

Joint Sno-Isle Sno-King Lunch May 21
Sno-King Picnic July 15

April Scholarship Luncheon

On April 16, we will again have a chance to enjoy great food (salads this time) and be entertained with music from the jazz band at Meadowdale Middle under the direction of Bruce Lavin. We meet at the Unitarian Church in Edmonds located on 228th. Our start time is 11:30 with food being served at 12:00, while the band provides entertainment. Linda Fitzgerald and Keith Lindaas will introduce the four high school seniors receiving this year's scholarships. As you hopefully know, each year Sno-King is pleased to give four \$1500 scholarships to high school seniors majoring in 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. The money raised at this luncheon as well as the raffle and donations are what make these scholarships possible.

We'd love to have you come and bring a salad (enough to feed 12 people) or 3 dozen cookies and \$5.00. If you're not up to salad making, bring yourself and \$10. It is helpful if you can let Donna Murrish (206 363-5753) donnamurrish@comcast.net or Cheryl Bauer (425 244-1709) bauerc1@frontier.com know if you plan to attend. However, if you decide to come at the last minute, this is fine as well.

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2015-2017 Member Directory Published

Our 2015-2017 Member Directory has been published. It was sent to those with email addresses as a PDF and a Word document. Those recipients can print a copy if they want. It will be updated to those email addresses in January 2016 and 2017. For those receiving the email copies you can update the Word document with the updates published in the Bulletin. If you want a hard copy, you can print it yourself in the PDF or Word document. For those that wanted a hard copy of the directory it has been mailed to you. If you have not received the email copy or the hard copy, please contact Erma Snook by April 30th at egsnook@comcast.net or 425-776-2067 and she will send you the appropriate copy. Emailed copies save your unit postage costs. Please shred the old copy of our Directory if you are not going to save it.

Thank you to Erma Snook for keeping out membership records, Bruce Caldwell for converting those records into our printed and PDF Directory and Jim Siscel for converting the PDF to a Word document.

Latest Legislative Information

At the time of printing, this is what has happened to legislation affecting retirees so far. The house has passed two important pieces of legislation benefitting our members. HB 1737 would allow Plan 2 & 3 members who retired before age 65 to substitute teach without penalty. HB 1168 fixes an error that restricts PERS 2&3 retirees their right to work. Both of these bills passed the House. Similar bills in the Senate either died in committee or did not get a hearing. The Senate can still act on the House bills. There has been no talk recently of reducing or eliminating our PEBB health benefits. That doesn't mean there will be no action on those benefits as funds for that program are included in the final budget, which is usually the last item on the agenda before adjourning. So be alert to notices to contact legislators about any of these issues.

Contacting your legislators directly through email ensures that the legislator will personally get the message. Phone messages go to the Legislative aide and not necessarily to the Legislator. Here is contact information for the 1st, 21st, and 32nd legislative districts.

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You may also access this information on the SKSR Website, SKSR.org. Click on Legislation and scroll down to CONTRACT YOUR LEGISLATORS. You will find contact information for the 1, 32, 43, 21,

Hibulb Cultural Center Field Trip

What a great way to combine learning new things, eating good food and visiting with fun people. That's what happened when Sno-King School Retirees took a field trip to the Hibulb Cultural Center on the Tulalip Reservation in Marysville. It is a beautiful museum. We started with a short video, and then walked through the rest of the exhibit chronically, the Tulalip tribe, the importance of canoes, salmon and caring for the environment. We then went to Bob's Burger and Brews and enjoyed a delicious lunch and more conversation. Though our numbers were small, our enjoyment was large.



Sno-king members enjoy the exhibits at Hibulb

Convention

This year the annual Washington State School Retirees Association Convention will be held in Wenatchee on June 8-9-10. Each year, Sno-King sends delegates to find out what is happening in other units and at the state level. We also go to workshops where we have an opportunity to learn and share with others. This year we will be honoring Ed Gonion, who has been the director at the state level for the past 11 years. What an outstanding job he has done for our association and for all retired school employees. Special notice should be made that our own Donna Murrish has been nominated for the Stan McNaughton Award. This is given for outstanding service outside of SKSR.

If you think you might like to go and become more involved in SKSR, please let Cheryl Bauer know at 425 244-1709 or at bauerc1@frontier.com.

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In the Spotlight



It's hard to cover the many facets of this month's person in the spotlight, Jim Siscel. Sometimes we call him Mr. Mariner (because of his passion for baseball). He was used to getting salutes as a Colonel in the Air Force, and as leader in the Boy Scouts. He may have compass in hand as he is leading an orienteering group. Or you could catch him volunteering at Lynndale Elementary or facilitating a salmon egg growing program at various elementary schools. Seldom is he seen without his camera. But for most of us who are involved in Sno-King School Retirees, he's known as person who gets lots of things done.

Jim taught for 25 years in the Shoreline School District – most of the time at the 3rd and 5th grade level. Within SKSR, there isn't much he hasn't done. He did programs for two years, before taking on the job of President which he held from 2011-2013. Currently, he is our web master, heads the retirement seminar planning, and is membership chairman. We have grown to 1,323 (with 25 more members waiting for official paperwork to be completed) under his chairmanship. He is tireless in coercing those he knows, and some he doesn't know, into joining. He organizes our annual night at the Mariners and and takes pictures at all the events. This year he was instrumental in getting our new directory organized. I could continue on.

What I most want you to know, however, is that he is a tireless worker who seldom if ever says no to a task. He truly does put his heart and soul into “doing” for all of the members of SKSR. It is with appreciation and thanks to him that I end this article.

Seattle Mariners & Sno-King School Retirees

Come with the Sno-King School Retirees families and friends to the Seattle Mariners game on **Friday, May 8th at 7:05 pm** when the Mariners play the **Oakland Athletics**.

We have reserved View Reserved seats on the 300 Level in infield sections on the third baseline. These seats are above the 300 level concourse, which will involve climbing 14 – 24 steps. Invite your children and their families and your neighbors to join you at the game. Send in one form and money for all, and we will seat you all together.

Normal View Reserved tickets are \$22. Our ticket price is only \$12 per person. Please fill out the form below and send it with your check, payable to **Sno-King School Retirees** to: James Siscel, 19322 73rd Place West, Lynnwood, WA 98036. Questions: Jim—425-778-7202 or asjs68@earthlink.net

The deadline for your form and check to be received is Friday, April 17th. Yes, our family and friends want to cheer on the Mariners!!

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To **Rachel Lake**, in memory of Eleanor Monroe and Bill Reiss To **Virg Rayton**, in memory of Lloyd Keiley To **SKSR** in memory of Eleanor Monroe, Lloyd Keiley, Jerry Matchett, Mary Brook, Lee Evans,

NEWS FROM NW-1 Coordinating Council Meetings Jan 5, and March 2, 2015

- In **January**, seven SKSR members attended the NW-1 meeting in Mt. Vernon. This Council meets 3 times a year to bring together all the Northwest local WSSRA organizations. It is a time to hear what other organizations are doing and to learn about and collaborate on issues/concerns that we wish to communicate to the state Executive Board. After hearing the local and state reports, our focus was on suggestions for ways to reduce costs/spending by WSSRA and on ways to control the State Convention costs and to enhance/improve the overall convention activities. We had some lively discussion and excellent recommendations from reducing the number of Journal publications, to reviewing ways to hold state committee meetings more economically. At the convention having a single Keynote speaker would provide time for more breakout training sessions. These ideas and more will be taken back for further discussion by the state board.
- In **March**, 5 SKSR members attended the NW-1 meeting in Mt. Vernon. This meeting focused on two primary matters: WSSRA Executive Director, Ed Gonion’s retirement and what is happening in the State Legislature. Rita Requa gave a brief speech reflecting our appreciation and thanks for all that he has done on behalf of retired school employees. He will be further recognized at the WSSRA convention in June. As for the legislative concerns, they remain focused on the Health Benefit, pensions and colas and the bills to allow retirees to substitute without penalty. It is critical to maintain contact with your legislators.
- Join** us for a meeting someday. They are lively and informative.

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