



SNO KING RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

BULLETIN

DECEMBER 1984

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

How quickly 1984 has passed. It does not seem possible that we are about to start a new year. We hope that this past year has been good to you and that you will be looking forward to new goals and adventures in 1985. The wonderful thing about retirement is that we are free to try new things. We may be busier than ever, but we have more freedom to make choices about how we spend our time. We hope that you will want to make the choice to be with us at our meetings and activities because your presence enriches our lives.

May you and your loved ones have a joyous holiday season. Snowbirds - drive carefully - we'll look for you in the Spring - and perhaps meet some of you along the way as Bob and I head South for January.

*Happy Holidays,
Betty Odle, President*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- December 5 Board Meeting 1:30 p.m., Gene & Marjorie Olmsted
4505 - 230th Pl. SW, Mountlake Terrace
- December 13 Christmas meeting, 1:30 p.m., Board Room (SECOND Thursday)
- January No Meeting
- February 13 Board Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Betty Odle's
- February 21 Scholarship Luncheon, Noon, Edmonds Unitarian Church

Please note the date of our Christmas Social meeting--December 13. Shortly after 1:30 p.m., we will be entertained by vocal and instrumental students from Meadowdale High School under the direction of Bob Burton. A short business meeting will follow, and then we will partake of holiday goodies. BRING A FRIEND and come enjoy our Christmas Social. By the way, call your favorite high school to find out when they are putting on their holiday musical program--go and enjoy.

Betty Puckett

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT - JUNE ROBERTS

Al Meinert, librarian at Meadowdale High School, is the lucky winner of our raffle sweater. Thanks to Helen Beaver for her handiwork and to some super saleswork on the part of many of you, the raffle took in \$231.50. The scholarship fund is now \$1,275.82. We are well on the way to our second thousand. Remember our February 21 luncheon will feature hot dishes and salads. Would you like to help plan? Give me a call at 546-4284.

BRIEF HISTORY OF WASHINGTON STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM - GENE OLMSTEAD

The present retirement benefits that Washington State teachers now enjoy, as listed on the following pages, have been made possible only because dedicated active and retired teachers have been willing to put in countless hours in presenting our case to the State Legislature.

No informed retired teacher would say that with a continual rise in our cost of living this struggle to beat inflation has been won. Still at this Thanksgiving time it might be well to pause and thank in some way all those retired teachers who have fought the good fight and made our benefits possible.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS

The AARP State Coordinator is the principal representative of the American Association of Retired Persons in the state and serves as the liaison between the membership, the state and local Retired Teachers Associations and the Area Vice-President or Associate Area Vice-President. The State Coordinator is part of the NRTA division of AARP. Presently, Elthea Lewis, 1402 - 22nd NE, #315, Auburn, WA 98002, serves in this position.

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Washington State Department of Retirement Systems was established by Act of the 1976 Legislature, to consolidate the several state retirement systems under one administrative office. The office is located in the Capitol Plaza Bldg., 1025 East Union, Olympia, WA 98504; tel. (206) 753-5283. The Director of the Department is Dr. Robert L. Hollister, Jr. The Department includes the Teachers' Retirement System, the Public Employees' Retirement System, The Law Enforcement Officers' and Fire Fighters' Retirement System, the State Patrol Retirement System, and the Judges and Judicial Retirement System.

The Department is aided by the State Actuary to help keep the systems on a sound financial basis, and by a part-time medical doctor to advise concerning disability cases. The Attorney General provides legal counsel. The State Treasurer is the custodian of all funds of all the retirement systems.

The 1982 Legislature enacted (ESHB 762) a new section to Chapter 41.32 RCW. In effect this law abolished the Retirement Board for Teacher Retirement as well as Boards of the other State Retirement Systems (Teachers, PERS, LEOFF, State Patrol, Retired Judges and Judicial) and substituted therefore a 12 member State Advisory Committee to the Department of Retirement Systems. The Retired Teachers appointee is your WSRTA Past President, Stayner Brighton, who will serve until July 14, 1984. The State Investment Board is responsible for investment of the Retirement Trust Funds.

The following list of active and retired members of each system may be of interest: (As of May, 1984)

	<u>Active</u>	<u>Retired</u>
Teachers	45,217	20,268
PERS	112,082	40,784
LEOFF	9,425	4,068
State Patrol	776	261
Judicial	152	88

HISTORICAL REVIEW OF WASHINGTON STATE'S
PENSION PROGRAM FOR RETIRED TEACHERS

- 1917 Permissive self-supporting plan for first class school districts, \$40.00 per month.
- 1937 First state support, a joint-contributory plan. \$40.00.
- 1947 \$100.00 per month for 30 years of service.
Teachers paid 5% of salary up to \$3,600.00.
- 1955 \$4.00 per month for each year of service up to 35 years.
(\$140.00) 25% catch-up for those already retired.
- 1961 Pension supplement of 83¢ per month per year of service for those not eligible for Social Security.
- 1963 .833% times years of service on salary ceiling of \$10,000.00.
5 year average.
- 1965 New maximum of \$15,000.00 on salaries.
- 1967 \$15,000.00 maximum removed as well as the 35 year maximum.
- 1970 \$5.50 per month per year of service for both new and older retirees. (A minimum)
In lieu of Social Security, cost of living increases.
New pension formula of 1% on two highest years.
- 1972 Older retiree increase of 5.9% plus 5.4% for 1969-70 retirees.
- 1973 2% formula for a maximum of 30 years based on average of two years.
\$6.50 per month per year of service minimum.
3% cost of living adjustment.
- 1974 Cost of living increase for older retirees of 11.9% and 2.9% for those who retired under the 1% formula.
- 1975 Line item in the budget financed a \$7.00 per month per year of service minimum.
- 1976 Line item in the budget financed a \$7.50 per month per year of service minimum.
- 1977 Line item in the budget financed a \$8.00 per month per year of service minimum.
- 1979 Established a \$10.00 per month per year of service minimum.
Paid \$.8171 per month times years of service to those retirees who had retired by July 1, 1974.
- 1983 Cost of living increase of \$.74 per month per year of service to those retired on or before July 1, 1978 and to surviving beneficiaries receiving benefits on or before December 31, 1982.
- 1984 Provides that funding for TRS be made to parallel that used for PERS.

IF YOU HAVE NOT HAD A CHANCE TO PAY YOUR 1984-85 DUES, PLEASE TEAR OFF THIS SECTION AND MAIL WITH YOUR CHECK TO:
SNO-KING RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION, P. O. Box 5253, Lynnwood, WA 98036-0878

<u>MEMBER DUES</u>		(Check appropriate box)	_____	
STATE-----	\$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Name _____	
LOCAL-----	6.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Total	\$16.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Address _____	
<u>ASSOCIATE DUES</u>			City _____	Zip Code _____
(For spouses and working educators)			Phone _____	State Legislative Dist. _____
LOCAL-----	\$ 2.00	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Those traveling sisters, Betty Morton and Winn Smith, reported on a delightful fall vacation. "Our travels through nine states by car took us many, many miles plus we walked many miles. We saw and visited many interesting and historical places. Toured the White House, Department of State, Arlington Cemetery, and the Washington, Lincoln, and Jefferson Memorials, etc. We were in the Great Smokies, Blue Ridge Mts. Went through beautiful Luray Caverns. Niagara Falls-beautiful. Amish country extremely interesting. The colored leaves in the Adirondacks, Catskills, and Berkshires had been so the trees were bare; but as we traveled south into Tennessee, the colors were superb. We really enjoyed our visit to the National Zoo, where we saw the Pandas being fed. Ling Ling really plays to the audience (she is a darling) Hsing Hsing is rather shy but very much a gentleman. It is good to be home after four weeks away."

NOTE: ANY ARTICLES OR NEWS FOR THE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER SHOULD BE SENT TO MARION BELLOWS BY JANUARY 30 AT 9700 - 24 AVE. N.W., SEATTLE 98117, PHONE 782-3046.

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