



**SNO W KING RETIRED TEACHERS
ASSOCIATION**

BULLETIN

DECEMBER 1989

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

December brings to us those dark dreary days and long rainy stormy nights - the bear days. December also brings the joys and activities of Christmas and Hanukkah.

Our December meeting will be at the Edmonds District Board room on December 14. (Note that this is the second Thursday.) We have heard that Santa is expected to visit us. We're trying to arrange to have pictures taken of Santa and our members - the proceeds will go to the Scholarship Fund, so plan to bring a little cash with you and have your picture taken with the "jolly old elf"!

A reminder, no meeting during January. The February meeting will be on the 15th.

A very Happy Holiday to you all,

John Hunter, President

JOIN US FOR A FESTIVE, MUSICAL DECEMBER MEETING, DECEMBER 14TH

We are looking forward to the appearance of the Kellogg Middle School Chorus (Shoreline District) at our December 14th meeting in the Board Room of the Edmonds School District. These young people are looking forward to singing for us and we hope that you will come and bring your friends to share their gift of song. We know, too, that you are looking forward to the visit of Santa so that you can give him your Christmas list!

COMING EVENTS

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| December 6 | 1:30 p.m. | Board meeting at Gordon Bower's, 18827 Soundview Pl., Edmonds. |
| December 14 | 1:30 p.m. | Holiday Music Program, Visit from Santa, Edmonds District Board Room. |
| January | | No Meeting |
| February 14 | 1:30 p.m. | Board meeting at Pat Svendsen's, 15515 Larch Way N, Alderwood Manor
"Stuffing Party" for retirement Seminar packets at 11 a.m. |



**Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year**





LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - GORDON BOWERS, LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN

The Washington State Legislature will meet in January for a 60 day session, (non-budget), which supposedly handles only routine business. WSRTA hopes to have some legislation introduced - the "COLA Issue That Will Not Die". The three top priority goals are: to change plan II (those hired after 1977) retirement system rules so that the age for full retirement benefits be age 60 instead of 65; to support legislation providing a capped 3% COLA for Plan I retirees to begin at the same age as Plan II retirees; to seek state funded health care contributions for TRS retirees, to be used for medical, long-term care and/or dental insurance.

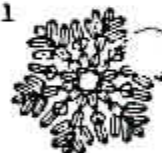
The WSRTA committee is producing an updated Video that includes all of the foregoing goals, filmed by the same contractor and using the same teacher actors as the 1986 film, which was very well done. Copies of the Video cassette will be available to all RTA Units January 1.

Letters sent to the legislators homes receive more attention at this time than during the Legislative Session. 21st District - Edmonds & Lynnwood, west of I-5 - Senator Gary Nelson, 9710 Wharf St, Edmonds; ^{Rep.} Jeanette Wood, 24223 Timberland, Woodway; Rep. John Beck, P O Box 1043, Edmonds - all three are 98020. 44th District - Senator Rick S. Bender, 16029 Simonds Rd NE, Bothell, 98011; Rep. Maria Cantwell, 23409 Lakeview Dr, Mountlake Terrace, 98043; Rep. Paul King, 22804-57th Ave W, Mountlake Terrace, 98043. Letters should be brief, express thanks for previous support, state your personal case regarding the COLA - that your pension purchasing power had already eroded a great deal before you reached the age of 65.

STAY TUNED!

COOKIES NEEDED FOR THE RETIREMENT PLANNING MEETINGS & SEMINARS

If you are able to supply 2-3 dozen cookies for the following dates please call Joan Brown, 774-5006, or Pat Svendsen, 743-3482, to sign up for one of the dates. (Pick-up or delivery can be arranged.)



January 16 and 30 - 7 p.m. at Lynnwood High Little Theater
February 20 & 27, March 6 & 13 - 7 p.m. at Edmonds High Cafetorium

DUES FOR 1989-90 WERE DUE JULY 1 IF YOU ARE NOT ON AUTOMATIC DUES DEDUCTION. PLEASE USE THE FORM BELOW WHEN YOU SEND IN YOUR DUES OR IF YOU WISH TO HAVE AUTOMATIC DUES DEDUCTION.

SNO-KING RTA - WSRTA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
(Membership year is from July 1 to June 30)

Name (please print) _____
Last First Middle
Address _____ Apt. _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone No. _____ Social Security No. _____ Ret. No. _____

I hereby authorize the Washington State Retirement System to deduct WSRTA dues at \$2.00 a month. I understand this authorization makes me a continuing member of the association and will be cancelled only by written notice from me. Cancellation is only effective at the end of the fiscal year - June 30.

I prefer to pay my dues by check. \$24.00 for WSRTA \$6.00 for Sno-King RTA Enclosed is my check for \$ _____

I also authorize the Washington State Retirement System to deduct the dues for membership in Sno-King RTA at \$04 a month Assoc. dues for Spouse: \$2.00 \$ _____

NEWS ABOUT OUR MEMBERS, Continued


Irma Bendock is in Hawaii for a month - November 15 to December 15! All three of her sons will be joining her for Thanksgiving, plus her five grandchildren. What fun!

Eileen Langford is in California for the month of November visiting her daughter and her family.

Helen Thayer, our fall Scholarship luncheon speaker is continuing with her assistance to education. In March 1990 on their trip to the North Pole, they will carry a transponder to communicate with the French satellite Argos. The message will then go to computer bulletin boards and hence to classrooms. Rich Feutz, Kent-Meridian Middle School teacher is coordinating this. He is the Washington Teacher of the Year. He is writing a curriculum with Science Center assistance. Apple Computer will also broadcast the program to 70 schools in 20 countries.

Maybelle Chapman and her two children took a trip through the Northeastern states and then to New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, and then to her home town outside Springfield, Mass., and ended up at Cape Cod. They really enjoyed the fall colors.

Fran Peters will be leaving for Yuma, Arizona shortly for a couple of months. She will be presenting an Earthquake preparedness program at the March meeting. She will show the video which Channel 9 presented last month, as well as some "Earthquake survival kits".



February Bulletin
deadline is January 18.
Send news to Betty Odle,
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