



# SNO-KING RTA

# RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

# BULLETIN

December 1990

## President's message

The cement wonder turned turtle. Great floods have come upon the land and subsided. A few unfortunate people were lost. Many people have lost their homes, possessions and sometimes their livelihoods. We hope that a happier time is ahead.

Christmas rapidly approaches. I hope we will all extend a hand-up to those who may be temporarily down.

If you are downtown in the forenoon be sure to wave at Santa in Frederick and Nelson's corner window.

Happy Holidays,

John Hunter



## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - Gordon Bowers, Legislative Chairman

The Joint Committee on Pension Policy (JCPP) met November 19, with WSRTA representatives attending. Senator Jerry Sailing (Spokane) introduced the COALITION OF RETIRED PERSONS' legislative request for consideration: 1. That PERS & TRS PLAN I calculations for a COLA begin at the age of retirement, and that a 3% COLA be granted after a pension purchasing power has eroded 30% (instead of the current requirement of age 65 and 40% pension erosion.)

The State Actuary presented the cost figures for same, which will be in the next issue of the Sno-King Newsletter.

2. Increase the minimum pension by \$1.00 per month per year of service.

The JCPP is also trying to find the best way to distribute supplemental health benefit funds - approximately \$12 per month for all Plan I retirees.

Also on the agenda was discussion of plans to protect the jobs and benefits of military reservists called to active duty - Desert Shield. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

## SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE REQUEST!!!!

Senator Gary Nelson is the only member on the JCPP from this area so PLEASE write to him at 9710 Wharf Street, Edmonds, WA 98020. The message (in your own words) "I urge your support for the Public Employees Retirement Coalition's COLA Proposal. WSRTA is a member of the coalition. The COLA proposal has two parts: 1. Eliminates the age 65 requirement and 2. It reduces the loss of purchasing power from 40% to 30%. A COLA would not begin before age 66 as in Plan II.

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Gordon got a note from Jeannette Woods, Representative from the 21st District saying: "We'll keep working for COLAs for state employees!"



## NEWS ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Gretchen Lay and her husband took a two week trip to California to visit one of Gretchen's sons and two granddaughters in Simi Valley. They also visited her brother-in-law in Palmdale and took a two day visit to Laughlin for a little gambling. No wins, but lots of fun.

Barbara Chamberland spent 11 days in London and environs and then joined a three week tour of France, Spain, and Portugal. Finally saw Granada, Cordoba, and Seville after all those years of putting pictures of them on bulletin boards.

Pat and Dave Eddy toured Germany in August. It was particularly interesting since travelers can now freely travel in East Germany. They included a stop in Oberammergau to attend the Passion Play.

Kamilla Aarseth and Marvel DeSordi enjoyed a Fall Foliage Tour from October 6th to the 19th. They joined the Tauck Tour in New York City and toured upstate New York and all the New England states. The foliage was beautiful and also saw many historical places and spent two days in New York City after the tour ended.

Donna Palmer spent two weeks in Fairbanks, Alaska visiting a niece who had just won an award for being the top Physical Education teacher in Alaska, for her wilderness survival course. Donna enjoyed a bush pilot trip to a native Eskimo village north of the Brooks Range where few tourists have visited. She and her niece went on a camping trip to Denali National Park and had her first white water rafting trip.

Don and Ruthanne Warren spent a leisurely trip driving south as far as Yuma, AZ visiting friends and relatives along the way. The October weather was perfect as well as the side trips such as the Imperial Date Gardens at Bard, CA where we sampled those fine Medjool dates.

We are very sorry to report the sudden death of Jordan Moe late Saturday Night, December 1. Our very deepest sympathy go to his family and friends - he will be greatly missed. Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, December 8 at Luther Memorial Church, 13047 Greenwood Ave. N.

COMING EVENTS

December 12 1:30 p.m. Board meeting at Gordon Bowers, 18827 Soundview Pl, Edmonds, WA 98020, 778-9202

December 20 1:30 p.m. SPECIAL CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MEETING at the new Shoreline Center (see map above)

NO JANUARY MEETING

February 13 1:30 p.m. Board meeting at Jim Becker's, 16420 38th NE, Seattle 98155, 363-7750.

February 21 1:30 p.m. Meeting - Board Room, Edmonds School District Office







WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PLANNED FOR DECEMBER 20 MEETING

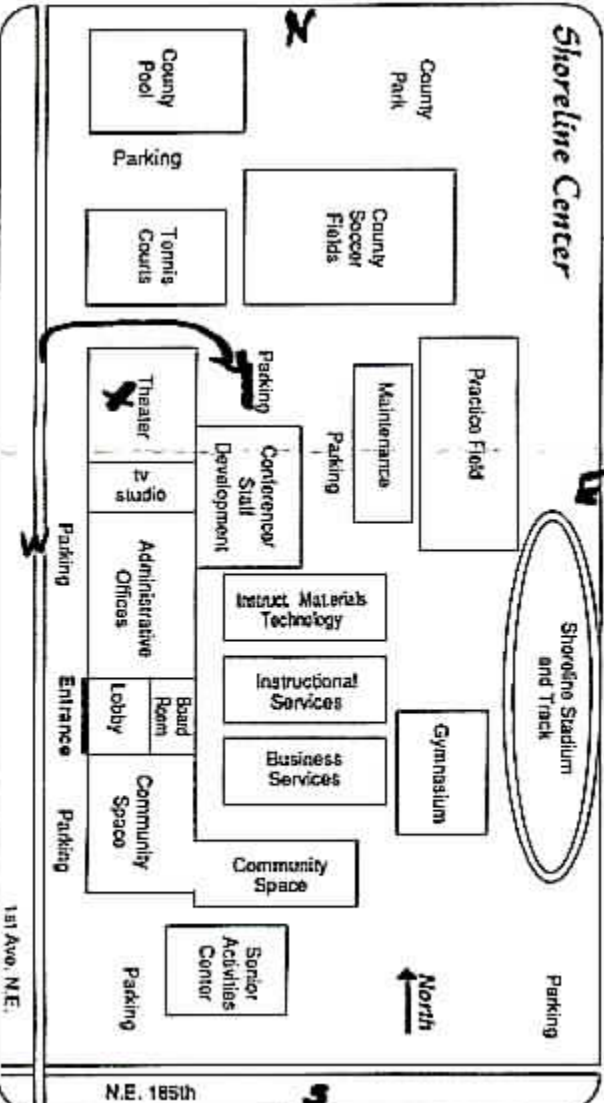
Please start calling all your friends and former co-workers to invite them to join you for this special holiday meeting in the Theater in the new Shoreline Center at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 20. (See map below.)

The talented "Early Bird Chorus" from Sunset Elementary School in the Shoreline District will entertain us with a selection of holiday melodies. Those who attended the State Convention when our Unit was host several years ago may remember what a fine job Kathy Nelson does in directing this special chorus. We are looking forward to hearing this fine group of students who care enough about singing to come to school early to rehearse.

In addition to the Early Bird Chorus we are again expecting a visit from Santa Claus. Plan to bring a little extra money with you in case we are able to take photos of you with Santa - proceeds to go to the Scholarship Fund.

We will have special holiday cookies and coffee after the program. If any of you would like to share some of your specialties, please call our refreshment chairman, Mary Ann Simons, 775-4004.

The Shoreline Theater is a large auditorium and we need lots of people to let the young people know we appreciate the time and effort they are putting in to give us this special program, so please save that date and bring your friends and neighbors!



February Bulletin deadline is January 18, 1991  
 Send to Betty Olie, 2137 N. 86, Seattle, WA 98108

*How about a contribution to the Scholarship Fund for a special gift?*

SNO-KING RETIRED TEACHERS' SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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