



# RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

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# BULLETIN

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Betty Odle

I hope that our snows are over so that we will have a good turnout for our third Scholarship Luncheon at noon on February 21st. We appreciate the fine work that has been done by our Scholarship Committee and also wish to thank all our members who have supported the Fund with their contributions - financial as well as food for our luncheons.

You will probably be hearing from our phone committee soon - our Legislative Committee is in touch with the activity in Olympia and will be asking for your help. If you have some spare minutes and would be willing to help with the phone chain to call our members, please call Winnifred Smith, 778-3979 and offer your help.

Looking forward to seeing you at the February Luncheon!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- February 12 District 1 Coordinating Council Meeting, 9 a.m., Sno-Isle Skill Center
- February 13 Board Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Betty Odle's
- February 21 Scholarship Luncheon, Noon, Edmonds Unitarian Church  
Attorney Paul Williams will speak on the legal aspects of retirement.
- March 13 Board Meeting 1:30 p.m.
- March 21 Regular Meeting - 1:30 p.m. Edmonds School Dist. Board Room.

## SCHOLARSHIP SALAD LUNCHEON

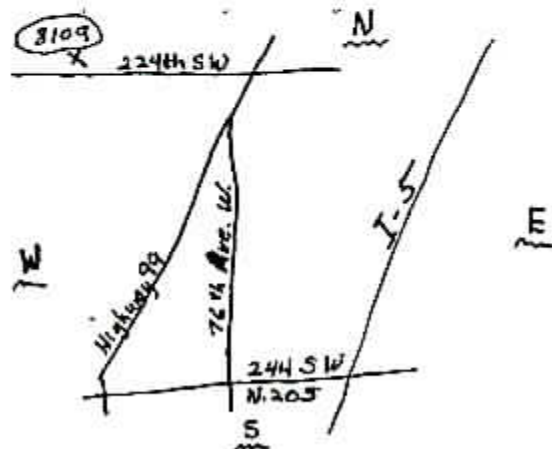
Our next meeting, on February 21, will begin at 12 noon at the Edmonds Unitarian Church, 8109 - 224 SW, Edmonds. For a \$3 donation you will enjoy a delicious hot dish and salad luncheon in the company of good friends while contributing to our scholarship fund, which we are happy to report has reached \$2,300.

Bring a neighbor, a relative, friends, to help our fund grow. Where else can you take someone to lunch for only \$3?

The program is of timely interest to all. Attorney Paul Williams will speak on post retirement legal concerns and problems.

We need to know an approximate number attending the luncheon in order to have plenty to eat; so if you did not sign up at the last meeting, please call Pat Svendsen, 743-3482; Betty Odle, 525-8276; or Betty Puckett, 522-8921, by Monday, February 18. If you did not donate food for the October Luncheon and would like to do so for this one, please call Pat or one of the Bettys.

The church is easy to find. It is several blocks west of Highway 99, quite far back from the street on the north side of 224th.



## PRE-RETIREMENT SEMINARS

Pre-Retirement Seminars for teachers who are planning to retire this year will start on Tuesday, February 26. Following is the program of speakers in which teachers already retired may be interested. The dates of March 5, 19, and 26 would have special value for Sno-King members. Please feel free to attend those sessions. All Sessions begin at 7 p.m. in the Edmonds High School Cafeteria, 7600 - 212 SW, Edmonds.

February 26	Retirement Estimates, Virginia Foust
March 5	How to Stretch Retirement Income, Jim Lord
March 12	Social Security, Medical Conversions
March 19	Legal Aspects of Retirement, Career Change & Planning
March 26	Health & Recreation, Dr. Howard Pyfer (Capri Plan & Wellness Center)

Edmonds, Shoreline, and Northshore are working with teachers planning to retire in their districts.

## COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR LEGISLATORS

Your Sno-King RTA Legislative Committee will try to keep you informed on bills in the legislature of concern to retirees. Occasionally the Senior Citizens' Lobby in Olympia or your WSRTA Legislative Chairman, Dr. Staynor Brighton, will notify Sno-King RTA that phone calls or letters need to be sent to certain legislators. At that time, your Sno-King RTA telephone committee (Ruth Westerhuis, Winnifred Smith in charge) will call each RTA member with the message urging that action be taken ASAP. See below for legislators' names and toll free numbers.

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT	SENATOR	REPRESENTATIVES
1	Bill Kiskadden	Grace Cole and Nancy Rust
21	Mike McManus	Gary Nelson and Katie Allen
44	Rick Bender	Paul King and Jeannine Long
45	Alen Bluechel	John Betrazoff and Louise Miller

Please note the following telephone numbers for your use during the upcoming session (all numbers are toll-free):

- LEGISLATIVE HOTLINE (1-800-562-6000)  
Beginning January 14 and continuing throughout the session, this public opinion hotline permits you to contact all legislators as well as the Governor and Lt. Governor. You can obtain information on the status of bills and leave messages for your elected representatives and officials. This hotline operates Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and from 9 am. to noon on Saturdays.
- SENIOR CITIZENS' LOBBY HOTLINE (1-800-562-6118)  
This line is operated during the legislative session to assist the public in obtaining information on the Lobby's positions on legislation affecting seniors, discover what an individual can do to support these positions, convey information, obtain information on legislation and call attention to the unaddressed problems of senior citizens. Usual hours of operation are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES HOTLINE (1-800-562-6097)  
This line is operated to permit RPEC members and officials to obtain information on the status of legislation, communicate with legislators and conduct business. Usual hours of operation are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.



4. BUREAU OF AGING AND ADULT SERVICES HOTLINE (1-800-562-6028/6068)

This hotline is operated year-round 24 hours per day. You may use this number to request current information about the status of legislation and to obtain information about the services for older persons available in the state.

BEFORE making a hotline call, please have the following information organized and ready:

1. Your name, address, and phone number;
2. Your legislative district number;
3. The name of the person you wish to contact; and
4. Your message stated as briefly as possible.

Callers should have this information available before them while making the call. Remember to speak slowly please during your call.

If you wish to communicate in writing to a legislator, remember to:

1. Address members of the legislature with respect;
2. Be specific;
3. Be brief;
4. Be polite; and
5. Include your name and address.

Letters should be mailed directly to the legislator in Olympia as follows:

Representative (or Senator) \_\_\_\_\_  
 State Legislature  
 Olympia, WA 98504

RETIREE HONORED

Marion Bellows, who retired in June, 1984, from Mountlake Terrace High School, was recently named the recipient of the 1984 Washington State Business Education Association Merit Award. Bellows taught for 22 years at Terrace High where she served as business education department chairwoman and was active in Future Business Leaders of America. During this time, she served for seven years off the boards of WSBEA and WBEA and was secretary of both organizations at different times.



"Her work and life demonstrate the characteristics we strive to develop in students--honesty, integrity, commitment, dedication, and a positive, caring attitude," said a colleague of Bellows.

WSBEA represents about 2,000 secondary and post-secondary business education teachers in the state. The Merit Award is the most prestigious honor the association can bestow on a colleague.

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

MEMBER DUES (Check appropriate box)

STATE-----	\$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
LOCAL-----	6.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
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ASSOCIATE DUES  
 (For spouses and working educators)

LOCAL-----	\$ 2.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
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NOTE: ALL ARTICLES OR NEWS ITEMS FOR THE MARCH NEWSLETTER MUST BE SENT TO MARION BELLOWS BY FEBRUARY 25 at 9700 - 24 Avenue N.W., Seattle 98117. (782-3046)

TRAVELOGUE-OF MEMBERS (COURTESY OF PAUL WEAVER)

Following the December meeting of Sno-King RTA, many of our members packed their traveling bags and departed in all directions for their post holiday travels. Hopefully, they will return by the scholarship luncheon meeting at noon, February 21, at the Edmonds Unitarian Church.

Fran Peters chased the sun in Yuma, Arizona, for two months while Erma Bendock did the same in Hawaii and Mexico. Gene Olmsted enjoyed himself serving as conductor on the old steam R.R. (two streaks of rust and the right of way) Snoqualmie Falls on its holiday runs, to Gene's delight and that of many youngsters and oldsters, too. Gordon and June Roberts headed south in their trailer for two months' wandering about California, Arizona and Mexico.

Paul and Evelyn Hylton headed for a pow wow (with India Indians) in their RV via San Francisco, South Dakota, and even Quartzsite, Arizona. The Love Boat enticed Clara Mains, Mary Lamb, Hazel Laughlin, and Belva McIntosh on a February cruise along the Mexican coast. In November Clarence Fosmark spent several days in Puerto Villarta, Mexico. He advises other south-bound tourists to be sure to take the Tropical Tour and Sunset Cruises. Alice Byrne spent January in Arizona. We finally discovered where Frank and Lois Madden were last August--touring Alaska no less. No known connection, but Connie Hayden fell on some ice and broke her wrist on Washington, not Alaska, ice.

All Christensen is a very busy person these days working with the United Methodist Church Conference office doing demographic studies and assisting with new church starts. Pat Svensen is shifting into high gear organizing her staff for the annual Sno-King Pre-Retirement seminars beginning on February 26. Ken Angell and Paul Weaver attended the WSRTA Board meeting on Olympia January 21-22. Ken met with the State Convention committee (Sno-King hosts in 1986) and Paul attended the Board meeting as District I representative.



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