



FEBRUARY 1986

BULLETIN

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

No wonder so many of our members head for the South in the winter! This one has certainly been one for the books: snow and freezing weather in November, fog most of December, and January with as much rain in a short time as we will probably ever have. I certainly hope all of our members have managed to survive these bouts with "Mother Nature."

We are very sorry to report the death of two of our members, Jacqueline Reid and Clarence Westenlund. They will be missed.

Those members who ordered tickets for Expo 86 will be receiving the tickets during the month of March. They will be sent out from the State WSRTA office the latter part of February and Gordon Roberts, our Treasurer, will forward them to you when he returns the first part of March after a two month stay in Hawaii - don't we all wish we were with June and Gordon?

I'm very happy to have Marion Bellows, our V.P. back with us after her trip around the USA and I hope that she finds time to give us a rundown of her experiences.

Our cancelled November program featuring a speaker from the Northwest Speech and Hearing Center will be presented at our February 20 meeting in the Edmonds School District Board Room at 1:30 p.m. Let's have a good turnout - I'm sure that our Legislative Committee will also have some important information for us about the current session of the Legislature.

Please let me, or one of our Sunshine people, Gretchen Lay (524-4686) or Esther Sellens (776-1509) if you are ill, or if you know of any of our members who are ill, or would just like someone to visit them, or call. Also, if any of our members need a ride to our meetings, please call me (525-8276) and I will try to arrange to have someone pick them up.

See you on the 20th,
Betty Odle

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- February 4 9 a.m. Sno Isle Vocational Skills Center -
Coordinating Council Meeting
- February 12 1:30 Board Meeting at Pat Svendsen's, 15515 Larch
Way N, Alderwood Manor. There will be a work
party to make up packets for Pre-retirement
Seminar at 10:30 a.m. at Pat's - Bring sandwich
and stay for Board Meeting.
- February 20 1:30 p.m. Meeting, Board Room.

Are you saving June 2, 3, and 4, 1986, to attend the WSRTA Convention at the Holiday Inn in Everett?

CALL FOR COOKIES - Pat Svendsen

The "Pre-Retirement Seminars" will begin on Monday, February 24, and will be presented every Monday evening through March 17. Even though the seminars are emphasizing preparation for retirement for active teachers, several of the topics will be of interest to retired teachers. Please feel free to sit in on any that interest you. All sessions begin at 7 p.m. in the Edmonds High School Cafeteria at 7600 - 212 Street SW., Edmonds.

Topics to be presented:

February 24	Virginia Foust from Olympia
March 3	Financial Planning, Ron Catton
March 10	Social Security, Medical Representatives
March 17	Lawyer on Legal aspects; Career Changes, Marilyn Grey

We will need cookies from our members for the four sessions, with the most needed for the first. You will be able to sign up for bring cookies at our February meeting, or call Pat Svendsen at 743-3482, or Betty Puckett at 522-8921.

SPRING GARDEN - author unknown

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF PEAS:

Pride in belonging,
Presence,
Promptness, and
Perseverance.

PLANT THREE ROWS OF SQUASH:

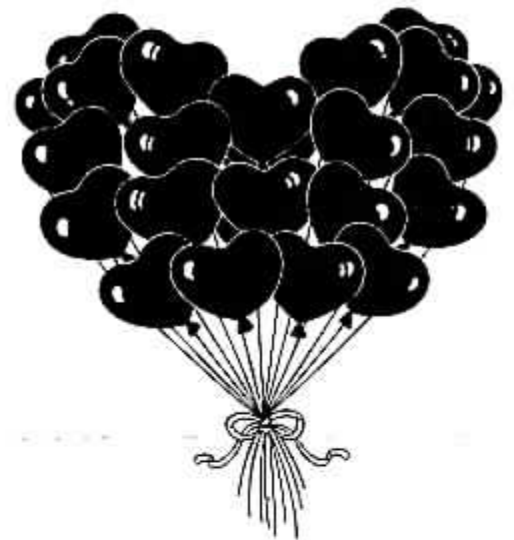
Squash gossip,
Squash criticism unless constructive,
Squash indifference.

PLANT FIVE ROWS OF LETTUCE:

Let us be loyal and unselfish;
Let us be faithful to duty;
Let us be true to obligations;
Let us obey rules and regulations;
Let us love one another!

NO GARDEN IS COMPLETE WITHOUT FOUR ROWS OF TURNIPS:

Turn up for meetings;
Turn up with a smile;
Turn up with new ideas;
Turn up with determination to make everything
count for something good.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - Gordon Bowers and Gene Olmstead

If you wish to receive copies of any bills or communicate your concerns to your legislators, call the Legislative Hotline (toll free) 1-800-562-6000, 8 am to 6 pm, Monday through Friday, 9 am to noon on Saturday.

Some legislative matters of special concern to retired persons are - LONG TERM CARE INSURANCE - a bill to regulate this type of insurance, and to give better protection to the insured, is now before the House Financial and Insurance Committee. CHORE ELIGIBILITY - a measure designed to create a uniform method of reducing chore services among all chore clients has been heard by both the Senate Human Services and the House Social and Health Services Committees. Due to budget concerns, this is sort of a safety net in case of budget reductions.

Skyrocketing costs of LIABILITY INSURANCE for all individuals, businesses, and agencies will be a major concern to legislators this session, as will student/teacher ratio, Puget Sound Cleanup, etc.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT - Cost of State government for each of us is \$3,156 per year, with some larger agencies such as the Dept. of Social and Health Services costing each person \$705; state aid to public schools, \$805; U. of Washington, \$235; Washington State University, \$84; interest on the state debt, \$119; etc.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

TELEPHONE TREE - Ruth Westerhuis and Winnifred Smith

The Sno-King RTA telephone tree is all set ready to make those important legislative calls when we get the word to do so. Please do your telephoning promptly and efficiently.

NEWS ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Two of our members were victims of our recent icy weather--Myra Sorensen broke her left wrist while out walking her dog, and Julie Bloomer fractured her leg, (type of accident unknown.)

Genevieve Kimm and Phyllis Fiege returned before Christmas from five weeks in England, Scotland, Wales, and the Hebrides Islands.

Paul and Frances Weaver were in Texas for the holidays.

Lois and Frank Madden went to the Rose Parade and Rose Bowl Game.

Gene and Marjorie Olmstead are spending February 4 - 12 in Mexico.

Marion Bellows' 12-week trip via Greyhound Bus was a success. She had a marvelous time visiting relatives and friends in about 20 states.



MEETING - FEBRUARY 20

Another reminder of our 1:30 p.m. meeting on February 20 in the Board Room of the Edmonds School District, 3800 - 196 Street SW, Lynnwood. Our guest speaker will be Jeff Garnett from the Northwest Speech and Hearing Clinic. Here's hoping we won't have snow that day.

NEXT BULLETIN

All items for the March Bulletin should reach Marion Bellows by February 24. Please send to her at 9700 - 24 Avenue N.W.
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