

SNO KING RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

BULLETIN

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A belated welcome to the New Year and all its expectations. Those members who attended the December meeting were entertained with song by a group of fine young people from Kellogg Middle School. Mr. & Mrs. Santa arrived and provided candy canes to all. Many members had their picture taken with the Santas and the proceeds (\$64) went to the Scholarship Fund.

The Scholarship Fund Committee mailed to over 2,000 businesses in the Edmonds and Northshore School Districts soliciting funds for the fund. To date only Bothell Business Systems and Woodlawn Optical in Bothell have responded.

Hope to see you at the February 15 meeting.

John Hunter, President

TWO SPECIAL EVENTS AT THE FEB. 15 MEETING

We are looking forward to the presentation of some of his European slides by our member Dick Sacksteder. Those of you who have attended previous meetings when he has had a slide presentation know that we are in for a special treat. Please come and bring your friends.

In addition, we will have a viewing of the new Cola Video. It does a fine job of showing our concerns and we hope that we will be able to have it shown to the teachers in all the schools of our three districts.

The meeting will be at our regular spot in the Board Room of the Edmonds School District at 1:30 p.m.

COMING EVENTS

- February 6, 1990 NW-1 COORDINATING COUNCIL meeting, SNO-ISLE Skill Center
- 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 AM!
- February 15 1:30 P.M. Regular meeting, Board Room, Edmonds School District.
Dick Sacksteder's slides of Europe and showing of new COLA Video.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

- Kamilla Aarseth and Marvel DeSordi now 2320 N 196th Pl, Apt Q205, Seattle 98133, 368-7569
- Frances Bolerjack 2015 163rd SE, Mill Creek, 98012, Phone 337-7914

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - Gordon Bowers, Legislative Chairman

The WSRTA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE has been meeting regularly, and on January 10, all 20 of the State committee members visited the offices of all 147 legislators, presented "an apple from the teacher" along with a greeting card from the WSRTA President, Jack Hill and Legislative Chairman Neal Nogler. This was part of continuing lobbying efforts - to renew contacts and keep your organization recognizable in the frenzied Capitol atmosphere. WSRTA also has several officially registered lobbyists (unpaid) from around the State: CAL WATNESS, WSRTA PRES. ELECT.; NEAL NOGLER; STAYNER BRIGHTON; GORDON BOWERS; GENE FINK; JOE LASSOIE; MIKE MADLAND; JESSIE SCHROEDER AND FRED WARNER. These volunteers will be knocking on legislators' doors constantly during the session, attending all pertinent hearings, etc.

There are more than 1700 bills still active from the 1989 session, including WSRTA bills, but we have two new bills introduced - HB 3428 reducing Plan II retirement age from 65 to 60 - this is necessary, because the JOINT COMMITTEE ON PENSION POLICY rules that Plan I cannot "LEAP FROG" over PLAN II. Therefore, we will try to move Plan II so Plan I can do. Our second bill (number not assigned yet) would set the age for a COLA at age 66, capped at 3%, applies to all Plan I. The reason for this is to bring Plan I one step closer to Plan II. Also in this bill - for those on the minimum (one percenters), the bill would increase to \$18.75 per month for each year of service or \$562.50 per month for 30 years service.

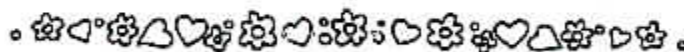
The 1990 WSRTA VIDEO (12 Min. long) is available - hope to get SNO-King's 8 copies shown in all RTA and teachers' meetings - all schools in Shoreline, Edmonds and Northshore, and elsewhere as practical. The Video is well done, explains teacher retirement problems - title is "WHAT KIND OF A RETIREMENT IS THIS?"

WSRTA also strongly supports Rep. Braddock's bill -HB2252, "THE WASHINGTON UNIVERSAL HEALTH ACT OF 1990). This bill would provide access to basic health care regardless of age, provide LONG TERM CARE, managed through a single "payer" - the State of Washington. The plan is similar to Canada's highly regarded system.

Locally, Sen. Gary Nelson, Rep. Jeannette Wood and Rep. John Beck held a Town Meeting for the 21st district Jan. 13 to get voter input. The three hour session, with 150 attending bogged down on child support problems, shared custody of children, industrial and residential growth problems, gasoline tax, etc.

The HOT LINE numbers to contact your legislators is still the same for 1990. Call messages to them and/or ask them to call you. SENIOR CITIZEN LOBBY, OLYMPIA, TOLL FREE 1-800-562-6118. LEGISLATIVE HOT LINE, OLYMPIA, TOLL FREE 1-800-562-6000, reply will come.

Stay tuned for more exciting programs!



NEWS ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Gordon Bowers is recuperating in Stevens Memorial Hospital after an emergency surgery for an abdominal aorta aneurysm. We wish him a speedy recovery. He is much missed by the Legislative Committee in Olympia.

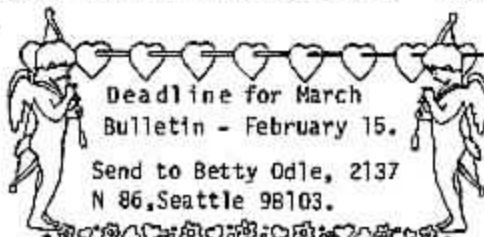
Judy and Harry Liden left January 26 for a three week tour of Egypt.

Helen McKean and Tyra Scott visited Katharine Evans Bartlett and Tex at their home on Potlatch Beach Rd., Marysville. They are great and are delighted to visit with friends.

Lucille and Earl Jones are spending the four winter months at their condo in Manzanilla, Mexico.

Jim and Marianne Lockhart headed, in their motorhome, for a golf resort in Yuma, AZ in early January. After a month they will roam around Arizona for a couple of weeks and then spend March watching baseball in the Phoenix area. They'll stay in a Mesa RV Park and will return after April 1.

Eileen Langford left Jan 1 Discipleship Training take some trips to some other she is there.



for a three month YWAM program. She hopes to countries in that area while

