

SKSR History—The following information was taken from the booklet *Celebrating 50 years* published by Washington State Retired Teacher Association (WSRTA) in 1997 to celebrate fifty years of the organization. There was a section for each WSRTA Unit.

### **Sno-King**

Sno-King RTA, Unit #23, was founded in 1977 with the “division” of the Sno-Isle unit which had become “too large.” Our first president, Paul Weaver, led our retired educators representing Shoreline, Northshore and Edmonds school districts.

Our area is the “north-end bedroom” of Seattle, located in North King County and South Snohomish County at the top of Lake Washington, thus Sno-King RTA. The Puget Sound on the west provides boating swimming, fishing and a panorama of the Olympic Mountains and Whidbey Island. On the east, the Cascade Mountains provide winter recreational activities at Stevens Pass, Snoqualmie Pass and Crystal Mountain. Ten communities are located within our boundaries: Edmonds, Kenmore, Bothell, Lake Forest Park, Shoreline, Mountlake Terrace, Woodway, Brier, Lynnwood and Woodinville

In 1988, with 184 (according to other records 249) members, Sno-King changed its “coffee, tea and cookie” atmosphere and became action-oriented for member benefits and community involvement. In a major effort that produced a scholarship fund for future teachers, a politically-active legislative committee, sponsorship of valuable retirement seminars, active participation on state committees and recruitment of both active and retired educators resulted in over 1,000 members. This unit has ten consecutive all-time high enrollments, produces ten issues annually of the Sno-King RTA *Bulletin* (rated Excellent by WSRTA,) and has been twice recognized as a unit of “highest distinction” as well as other awards for excellence in member services.

The following information was taken from issues of the Washington State Retired Teacher Association *Journal*. The date is shown before the information. The person reporting is in italics at the end of the article if known.

May/June 1987, P.10

Sno-King RTA selected Amy Strother, from Shorewood High, to receive their 1987 scholarship. She and her mother were guests at the unit' April luncheon.

Sno-King members have introduced a resolution calling for litigation on the COLA matter. They will wait for further information at the State Convention.

Officers for 1987-88 will be Marion Bellows, president, Jim Becker, vice president/programs; Cheryl Bickford, secretary; and co-treasurers Gordon Roberts and Myra Sorenson.

Sno-King and Sno-Isle held a joint meeting May 21 at the Mill Creek Country Club with WSRTA President Orville Widman as guest.

*Betty Odle*

July/August 1987, P.5

Elderhostel programs in Washington state may still have openings, Sno-King RTA members have been advised. Marion Bellows, Sno-King president has details: The Pacific Century, includes Mt. St. Helens; Northwest Indians & Thoreau; Puget Sound Marine Studies; and Soviet Union/Universe of Life.

Typical of the "not-too-retired" retired teachers is Sno-King's Walt Barnum, who is now a docent at the Museum of History and Industry, where he works with 3rd and 4th graders who come in on field trips.

*Betty Odle*

May/June 1988, P.4

Sno-King RTA will wrap up its year with two meetings.

Installation of officers by WSRTA President-Elect Eloise Stendal will take place at a 1:30 meeting June 16 in the Edmonds District Board room.

A July 21 picnic will honor new retirees from Shoreline, Edmonds, and Northshore districts, at 4 p.m. at the lakeside home of Al and Pat Svendsen.

Sno-King RTA awarded three \$300 scholarships to 1988 graduates of north King and south Snohomish County high schools. at their Scholarship Luncheon April 21.



**Sno-King scholarship winners: Alice Scroggins, Melinda Hoffman and Rob Porter**

Winners were Alice Scroggins, Lynnwood High; Melinda Hoffmann, Shorewood High; and Rob Porter, Bothell High. Frances Bolerjack headed the scholarship committee.

The AARP Community Service was presented to Dr. Walter Barnum, honored for his work in North City Elementary School. President Marion made the presentation. Dr. Barnum has volunteering in the North City first for many years, and this year has been assisting with the application for a grant the SPA. He has also served as a docent Museum of History and Industry, where helped revise the tour curriculum.



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New officers elected April 21 are President James A. Becker; President-Elect John Hunter; Secretary Edith Kirkpatrick; and Treasurer Gordon Roberts. Eight delegates and three alternates to the State Convention were also elected.

*Paul Weaver*

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Two sessions of the AARP "55-Alive" driving courses will be held, Oct. 12/13 and Oct 26-27, in the Frances Anderson Center, 700 Main, Edmonds, sponsored by Sno-King RTA unit. Registration or information may be obtained from Betty Puckett, Sno-King Community Service chair; or from the Anderson Center. Classes are open to all persons 55 years or older. Instructors will be certified AARP members. The sessions run from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for two days with a noon break. Participants may "brown bag" it or go out to lunch. The fee is \$7, and may be paid at the door; but pre-registration is advised. State law requires all insurance companies doing business in Washington to allow a reduction in premiums to those passing the course. The reduction is valid for two years.

To further the scholarship funding, a Scholarship Luncheon will be held on Thursday, Nov. 10, at 12 noon, in the Edmonds Unitarian Church. Reservations may be made with Treasurer, Gordon Roberts; \$4 donation. A program on "Whales" is tentatively planned.

Volunteer tutors are needed to work with the Literacy Council of Seattle and the Columbia Lutheran Home, to provide English as a Second Language training for nurse aides, who work at the home. Anyone interested in this challenging opportunity is asked to contact Mary Swenson Keyte.

*Paul Weaver*

November/December 1988, P.7

A Christmas program with music by a Shoreline elementary school will be the entertainment for Sno-King retirees at Shorecrest High school at 1:30 p.m.

Thurs., Dec. 15. The new auditorium is at the north end of the building. Park in the student parking lot or along the street.

At the well-attended annual scholarship luncheon November 10, members met a member of the Snohomish County Canine Corps with its handler from the Snohomish Sheriff's department. Training of the dogs and their use in police work were explained.

Funds from the luncheon go to the three scholarships – one to each school district (Edmonds, Northshore, and Shoreline) represented by the Unit. Sno-King started its scholarship fund in 1984, awarding the first \$300 grant in 1985. In June, 1988, three \$300 scholarships were granted, one each to graduates of the three districts. They are awarded to graduates interested in pursuing a career in the field of education. Contributions last year ranged from several dollars to \$300; plus luncheons and raffles, and bank interests of \$333. Many members donate their state mileage money or other reimbursement checks. Sno-King also gives a \$25 memorial for each deceased member and/or spouse.

*Paul Weaver*

January/February 1989, P.6

Planning is underway for car-pooling to Olympia when the call comes to Sno-King RTA for the trip to meet with legislators. Unit members are actively soliciting support for the COLA bill from state senators and representatives. Members who would like to be notified may call Gordon Bowers.

Sno-King RTA meets the third Thursdays at 1:30 p. m, in the Edmonds School District Board room, 3800 196th SW, Lynnwood, with the next session Feb 16.

*Paul Weaver*

March/April 1989, P.10

The Spring Scholarship luncheon of Sno-King RTA will be held at 12 noon on Thursday, April 20, at the Edmonds Unitarian church. Helen Beaver has completed a beautiful sweater to be auctioned off for the Scholarship Fund. A recipe book is also under consideration to add to this fund. It would feature the salads, hot dishes and cookies members have furnished for Unit meeting.

Announcement of a Unit sponsored AARP "55 Alive" driving course.

Sno-King members have been asked to help the Lynnwood Fire Department with their Volunteers in Public Services (VIPS) program. A variety of skills are needed, such as office/clerical, public education, inspections and information gathering. Help is also needed to give safety presentations in elementary schools and senior centers. Contact unit President Jim Becker or City of Lynnwood Fire Department.

*Paul Weaver*

September/October 1989, P.11

Recipes from grandmothers and mothers are being sought by Sno-King RTA, for its soon-to-be published Centennial Cookbook. Proceeds will go to the Scholarship Fund.

Sno-King meets at 1:30 p. m. the third Thursday of each month, except January and August, in the Edmonds School District Board Room, Lynnwood. The next meeting will be Thursday, Oct 19.

Announcement of AARP "55 Alive" driving course.

*Paul Weaver*

January/February 1990, P.11

Sno-King will sponsor four sessions of Pre-Retirement seminars for personnel of Edmonds, Everett, Mukilteo, Northshore and Shoreline school districts, Feb 20 and 27, and March 6 and 13. Patricia Svendsen, Sno-King Retirement chair, has information.

Separate discussion groups are planned for certified and classified personal. Richard T. Fowler, certified financial planner, will discuss "Three Easy Steps toward Financial Security" at the opening meeting.

Representatives of the Washington TRS will attend the Feb 27 meeting, to give dollar retirement estimates, and answer questions. Speakers will be Vickie Wargum, for certifieds, and Dian Parkinson, for classifieds.

On Mar 6, Frank Mendez, of the Social Security Administration will explain those benefits; and other speakers will discuss medical and dental plan conversions. These will include Kathy Jordan, Group Health; Tom Wilkey, King County Medical; Robert Stackhouse, Snohomish County Physicians; Glen Connely, Shoreline Medical Program; Jim Norris, Blue Cross; and Robin Hillery, Washington Dental Services.

The final session March 13 will feature "Legal Aspects of Retirement" discussed by Attorney John Hofer Jr., and "Self-Concept and Longevity - Knowing the Secrets", by Marilyn Grey, manager of the Edmonds SD Resources Development department.

In another project, Sno-King members are circulating 30,000 fliers on behalf of the Unit's scholarship fund to South Snohomish and North King County residents, President John Hunter announced. "We have been building up our scholarship fund since 1984, by contributions mainly by retired teachers, and have provided scholarships to nine students in our three school districts service area. Now we are broadening our program, to encourage more students to go into teaching." he said. Working with Hunter are Jim Becker, Ed Osborne. Managing the fund are Frances Bolerjack, Cheryl Bickford and June Roberts. All contributions are tax deductible.

The next meeting will be Thursday, Feb 15, 1:30 p. m., Edmonds SB room, Lynnwood.

*Paul Weaver*

March/April 1990, P.10

Sno-King RTA is focusing on developing its scholarship fund to provide more funds in each of the three scholarships it awards annually – to a graduate in each of its three school districts: Edmonds, Northshore and Shoreline. The annual Scholarship Luncheon will be held at 12 noon, at the Edmonds Unitarian Church, on Thursday, April 19. Beginning in February, a “Dutch Auction” of original and hand paintings is being held each meeting. The paintings have been donated; written minimum bids of \$2 are offered . . . and all sums bid are paid into the Scholarship Fund, whether the bid is the winning one or not!

The May meeting will be held on Tuesday May 15, jointly with Sno-Isle RTA, at Mary’s Lady, Marysville.

Announcement of AARP “55 Alive” driving course.

Carpool drivers are being sought to help with planned spring and summer outings, with riders helping defray the driver’s costs. The Snohomish antique shops and Molbak’s Greenhouse in Woodinville are scheduled for Thursday, April 26; and the Museum of Flight, for May 24, Joan Brown has details.

*Betty Odle*

August/September 1990, P.11

Planning for the Retirement Planning Training at Shoreline Tues-Thurs., Aug 14-16 requires cooperation from many members of the Sno-King Unit, to host participants Tuesday and Wednesday nights and provide breakfasts Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Jim Becker is coordinating the program.

Announcement of AARP “55 Alive” driving course.

Legislative Chair Gordon Bowers warns members that certain members of Congress are pushing to cut Social Security payments, “to help balance the budget due to the skyrocketing Savings & Loan fiasco. “\$5,000 per household is projected as the costs for this theft,” according to some sources. Instead of Social Security, those who benefitted from the fraud should be made to refund these costs—letters to Senators and Congressmen are urged, Bowers reports.

Officers for 1990-91 were installed June 21; but only Secretary Phyllis Enger is new to her job. Serving a second term are President John Hunter, President-Elect David Eddy, and Treasurer Ed Osborne.

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Announcement of AARP “55 Alive” driving course.

The annual Christmas party will feature the Sunset Elementary Choir, and will be held Thursday, Dec 20, at 1:30 in the Shoreline Center.

*John Hunter*

April/May 1991, P.11

Sno-King will boost its three-district scholarship fund with another luncheon on Thursday, April 11, at noon at the Edmonds Unitarian church; officers will also be elected at that time. Sno-King awards a renewable scholarship to one graduating senior from each of the three school districts it serves; Edmonds, Shoreline, and Northshore.

The May meeting will be a joint affair with Sno-Isle, at the Mill Creek Country Club at noon on May 16. WSRTA President Cal Watness will be the speaker.

Announcement of AARP "55 Alive" driving course.

Sno-King's Betty Odle, State Chair of the Retirement Planning Committee, was sent to Anchorage to "show-and-tell" about WSRTA's program for the Alaska Retired Teachers—another tip of the hat to Betty and her hard-working committee!

*John Hunter*

June/July 1991, P.12

The annual joint luncheon of the two Units straddling the Snohomish/King County line was held May 16 at Mill Creek Country Club, hosted this year by Sno-King. WSRTA President Cal Watness was the speaker. Entertainment was by the Meadowdale High Swing Band, preparing for contest all the way to Anaheim.

Sno-King awarded three scholarships again this year. . .Kara Gorud, Shorewood; Amy Roberts, Meadowdale, and Aimee Benoit, Inglemoor, were the recipients.

*Betty Odle*

P. 10-11 Additionally reported: The resounding success of WSRTA's Retirement Planning Committee, under Chair Betty Odle, has drawn national attention. AARP/NRTA has asked for a presentation to the National Convocation in Cincinnati in August. Incoming President Gil Thurston who is scheduled to attend the conference with WSRTA Executive Director Lois Sheppard, will work with Betty to prepare such a presentation covering development of the "Clock Hours" approval; training of the presenters; and programming of the seminars, "Think of Your Future: for pre-retirees?"

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**BALLPLAYER** Jack Allen, still playing after 63 years in the game. (Photo courtesy The Seattle Times' Peter Liddell)

Jack Allen, 83, is a retired administrator from the Edmonds School District ... an active member of Sno-King RTA ... a great grandfather ... *a devoted softball player*. Jack plays softball in the summer for the Old Timers (over 55) team in south Snohomish county, and coaches and plays for an Arizona league for players 70 and older during the winter. He has been playing ball since high school in 1920.

He pitched for Eastern Washington Normal (now EWU) in the 1920's, and led his team to a satisfying victory over Washington State (Agricultural College, then).

His wife, Ruth, is not only his loyal fan, but also is official scorekeeper for the Arizona team. She too is a member of Sno-King RTA.

*Gordon Bowers with material courtesy The Seattle Times*

April/May 1992, P.14

Announcement of AARP "55 Alive" driving course.

Sno-King's spring scholarship luncheon is Thursday, April 19th at the Edmonds Unitarian Church, at noon.

The May meeting will be a joint luncheon hosted by Sno-Isle on Tuesday, May 12, at Mill Creek Country Club.

Sno-King is planning a trip to the Burke Museum at the University of Washington, which was recently remodeled with an expanded display area. Featured in March, April and May at the Burke is a showing of Bill Holm's Indian paintings. Holm is the brother of Sno-King's Betty Odle.

"Working After Retirement" was the topic for the March meeting at the Northshore District Offices. Helen Pulsifer, Associate Area Representative for Worker Equity in the Area 10 Office of AARP, discussed working options in employment *after* retirement and offered suggestions.

Additionally reported: Conducting his 30th and final season is the founder of the Cascade Symphony, Robert Anderson. He is former music director for the Edmonds School District and is a member of Sno-King RTA. Dr. Anderson also is a violinist and former Seattle Symphony member. Thirty years ago, he opened the first season of the Everett-based music group with Brahms' "Academic Festival Overture." and chose the same number to begin this year's four-concert series.

*Gordon Bowers*



June/July 1992, P.13

The 1992-93 year will begin for Sno-King with a day at the Races on Thursday, September 3, when Unit members gather at the Longacres Paddock Club. The gates will open at 3:30p.m., with the first race at 5 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. and racing will end at 9 p.m. Reservation should be made to Joan Brown by August 25. Active teacher members are urged to join in this activity.

Officers will be installed at 1:30 p.m., June 18 in the Edmonds School District Board Room.

The final meeting of the current year on May 12 was a joint luncheon with Sno-Isle at Mill Creek.

President David Eddy, who has been reelected to head Sno-King for another term, expressed satisfaction with the April 16 Scholarship Luncheon. "It helped increase funding for future scholarships, and it was a successful social event." Over \$200 was earned for the Scholarship Fund. Because no student applied from Northshore this year, the amount of the scholarships was added to

the winners from Edmonds (Guyen Phan of Meadowdale High) and Shoreline (Gretchen Dubeck of Shorewood High).

As a result of a concerted effort, the Membership Expansion Committee recruited 176 new active teachers this year. Helping Co-



**SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR Marion Bellows awards scholarship winners Guyen Phan, Meadowdale; Gretchen Dubeck, Shorewood.**  
—photo by Robinsor

Chair Ruthanne Warren with materials for presentations were Gordon Bowers, Jim Becker, Joan Brown, Ed Osborn, and John Hunter among others. The presentations included the 11-minute WSRTA video tape "What Kind of Retirement is This?" as well as printed materials about TRS pension plans. Committee members are visiting Edmonds schools this spring and next fall.

Announcement of AARP "55 Alive" driving course.

Insurance Commission Dick Marquardt is holding senior citizen programs this spring. Remaining are the following: May 26, 1:30 p.m., Ballard Hospital, and June 1, 1-3 p.m., Valley Medical Center, Renton. The Commissioner will present a comprehensive overview of Medicare and Medicare supplement insurance. Those seeking assistance or advice should bring their policies with them.

*Betty Odle*

August/September 1992, P.9

Sno-King—The event of the summer was the July 16 picnic at Edmonds City Park. It was a beautiful, warm day ideal picnic weather. New retirees from Edmonds, Northshore, and Shoreline were welcomed to the picnic.

*Betty Odle*

September/October 1992, P.9

The annual Fall Scholarship Luncheon will be held at the Edmonds Unitarian Church, at noon on Thursday, Oct 15. The luncheon is potluck, with donations going to support the three scholarships given annually by Sno-King RTA—one each to a graduating senior in Edmonds, Northshore and Shoreline school districts.

Announcement of AARP “55 Alive” driving course.

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The annual joint meeting of Sno-Isle and Sno-King will be held on Thursday, May 20. at the Mill Creek Country Club. Each Unit will get tickets and driving information out to their membership.

Announcement of AARP “55 Alive” driving course.

Sno-King co-sponsored with the Shoreline School District, a series of four sessions of a retirement seminar: Feb 23, and March 9, 18, and 23. 168 certified staff and 29 classified staff were registered.

Meeting information given.

At the February meeting, Unit members enjoyed the music of the 2nd and 3rd grade chorus from Highland Terrace Elementary—postponed from December because of snow. The march meeting featured ‘Starting a Small business’.

*Betty Odle*

June/July 1993, P.9

The summer calendar remains busy for this group. On May 20, they hosted the joint Sno-Isle/Sno-King luncheon at Mill Creek Country Club.

Following the State Convention, with a full complement of delegates attending in Wenatchee, members will gather at the Edmonds Center in downtown Edmonds, at 1:30, on Thursday, June 17 for Installation of Officers.

Winding up the year (with only the month of July off, before heading to Leadership Conference in September), members will gather at Edmonds City Park at noon on Thursday, July 15, for potluck picnic, conversation, swimming and games.

*Betty Odle*

February/March 1994, P.9

Members of the Sno-King Unit hosted a breakfast for State Senators and Representatives from the 1st, 21st, 32nd, and 44th Districts. The honorable guests were informed about the latest news and needs on pension problems, inequities, COLAs and future legislation. The area includes four Senators and eight Representatives.

Additionally Reported: Three advisory motions, passed by Sno-King RTA Unit #23, have been forwarded to President Betty Johnson. In a letter to the WSRTA president, Jim Becker, Sno-King president, said the motions grew out of the Unit's Executive Board meeting in November.

MOTION #1: WSRTA Leadership conference be re-scheduled to mid-July and overnight accommodation in Central Washington University be investigated.

MOTION #2 WSRTA Executive Board develop and recommend a proposal to the WSRTS Delegate Assembly to standardize local unit dues throughout the state.

Becker noted that those two motions passed unanimously.

MOTION #3: If WSRTA standardized local unit dues across the state, requiring an increase from our current local unit dues, Sno-King RTA would support an increased ADD of no more than 25 to 50 cents per month.

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Sno-King presents a scholarship to a graduating senior in Edmonds, Northshore, or Shoreline School Districts who plans to major in education. As of November, the Scholarship fund contained a CD of \$13,500 and \$4,194.39; \$637 of which the group earned in October and November through a Scholarship Luncheon, sale of "Apple" books, donations and sale of Entertainment Books.

Announcement of AARP "55 Alive" driving course.

The Feb 15 meeting featured Sally Sterling from the Attorney General's Office speaking on Consumer Fraud at the Edmond School District Board room at 1 p.m.

At the December meeting, members heard Kathy Nelson's "Early Bird Chorus," second and third graders from Highland Terrace Elementary School. Members had their pictures taken with Santa Claus to benefit the scholarship fund.

*Betty Odle*

April/May 1966, P.10

The May 3 community service project, "The Edmonds Beach Patrol," involved cleaning up the beaches. Members of the Beach Rangers were there to cheer the volunteers on. It wasn't all work and no play though. There was a

-1.1 foot tide enabling those participating in this project to view examples of sea life. Ten new members were welcomed pushing Sno-King's membership in excess of 1000.

*Ed Osborn*

December/January 1996/1997, P. 22

Evie Nordeen, community service committee, sends a hearty "thank you" to all of the Sno-King members who participated in the *Hillside Creek Restoration Project* at Brookside School. The volunteers planted 223 native plants in the newly excavated portion of Hillside Creek. Bill Bennet led the restoration project which will greatly benefit future fish in the stream as well as the immediate benefit to the ecosystem.

Sno-King participated in the December grand opening of AARP's Washington State Office with a display of activities.

The Dec. 12 Christmas meeting was held at Kellogg Middle School. Attendees were entertained by the spirited music of the Kellogg Jazz Band. Sno-King president Joanne Dunn enthusiastically added, "I can't imagine anything more cheerful and full of energy than a middle school jazz band at Christmas.

April/May 1997, P.40

The Sno-King school retirees invited their 1997 scholarship winners to the April Luncheon held in the Edmonds Unitarian church. These scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors who plan a career in education. One recipient is selected from each of the three school districts comprising the Sno-King unit - Edmonds, Shoreline and Northshore. "At the same time, proceeds from the luncheon will go into a fund for the 1998 grants" said scholarship chair Frances Cardew.

The Old-Time Fiddlers entertained at the event, which concluded with election of 1997-98 officers. The new slate includes Dave Johnson, president, Don Denton, president-elect; Gayle Bromley, secretary; Donna Murrish, treasurer and Joanne Dunn, past president.

Having enjoyed a joint meeting with the Overlake unit March 20, featuring storyteller Debbie Dimitre relating the achievements of author Rachel Carson, the Sno-King unit plans another joint meeting May 15. This time they'll join the Sno-Isle unit at Mill Creek Country Club. State President-Elect Barbara Landrock has been invited to address the combined group. The noon luncheon also features the '35 Rockers, a group of music educators playing jazz.

A stream water quality monitoring session, led by Bill Bennett and scheduled by community service chair Evelyn Nordeen, was done April 19 in the Lake Forest Park area. Evelyn has also arranged a "baby shower" for the June 19 meeting. Members are asked to bring items or donations for young

mothers and mother-to-be who are enrolled in a Edmonds School District class for teenage moms.

*Terri Malinowski*

October/November 1997, P.37-38

Dr. Patrick Hoban, executive director of WSRTA, will be the guest speaker at the Oct. 16 meeting of the Sno-King School Retirees. Unit President Dave Johnson said the event is at noon and is a scholarship luncheon. It will be held in the Edmonds Unitarian Church. Program Chair Justine Wood, has also arranged for Dean and Ruth Warner to entertain with mandolin and guitar music.

The unit launched its 1997-98 season Sept. 18 by scheduling master story teller Debbie Dimitre. Her subject was, "Meet Eleanor Roosevelt and Hear Her Story - A Peaceful Warrior for Human Rights." Dimitre introduced her topic with a brief biography of Mrs. Roosevelt and then assumed the famous First Lady's character, using props, items of clothing and voice tones. As Eleanor Roosevelt, she shared her thoughts and actions during her husband's presidency from 1933 to 1945 and afterward as his widow.

For membership information contact Don Denton, membership expansion chair.

*Terri Malinowski*

December/January 1997/1998, P.33

The Shorewood High School orchestra previewed its ensuing winter concert for the benefit of the Sno-King School Retirees at the December meeting in the Shorewood Theater. After the concert, the group moved to the school's culinary arts department for a sumptuous dessert buffet prepared by the class.

At the November meeting, Retired Major James Kahlis showed slides of World War II airplanes. The retired career officer discussed the American Air Power Heritage Museum in Midland, Texas operated by the Confederate Air Force, known as the "ghost squadron." Major Kahlis is one of the 7,000 members of the squadron. The group began in the late 1950s with a surplus P-51 plane and now has numerous aircraft including a B-29 Superfortress. The squadron is dedicated to locating restoring and displaying aircraft of the period 1939-45. Its museum is the largest such facility in the world. The meeting also included patriotic songs led by Maryon Troxel.

*Terri Malinowski*

February/March 1998, P.30

The Sno-King School Retirees and the Overlake Unit joined forces Feb. 19 for a box lunch meeting at the Bothell Library. The combined membership heard a legislative update from Jack Rogers on current state actions affecting

retirees. Rogers is legislative chair for the Sno-King Retirees. Sno-King's membership of more than 1,100 is from the Edmonds, Northshore and Shoreline school districts.

Looking ahead to March, Sno-King will hear from Bill Holm, curator emeritus of Northwest Coast Indian Art at the Burke Museum in Seattle. Holm, an author, lecturer and artist, will discuss "The Many Traditions of NW Coast Indian Art." Holm also happens to be the twin brother of Sno-King newsletter editor, Betty Odle. The March 19 meeting is at 1:30 p.m. in the board room of the Edmonds School District Administrative Center.

This fall, the Sno-King Retirees are sponsoring a trip to New England Oct 2-10 to view fall colors. A small deposit is required to assure a place on the tour which involves parts of Maine New Hampshire, upstate New York and the Boston area. Call Maureen Bishop for more details.

April/May 1998, P.40-41

The Sno-King School Retirees awarded three \$1,000 scholarships at the group's annual scholarship luncheon April 16. One senior each from the Edmonds, Northshore and Shoreline school districts received a scholarship for college study. The 1998-99 slate of officers was introduced, and members elected Edmonds retiree Don Denton as president. Other new officers are Rita Requa, president-elect; Gayle Bromley, secretary; and Donna Murrish, treasurer. Winding up the luncheon program was the Ruze Dalmatinke professional ensemble, a Seattle-based group specializing in the music and dance of Croatia and Bosnia Hertzegovina.

The Sno-King Retirees will join with the Sno-Isle unit for a joint May 21 luncheon at the Mill Creek Country Club. The Sno-Isle unit will plan a program to commemorate its 50th anniversary.

Sno-King School Retirees has a membership of more than 1,100 from the Edmonds, Northshore, and Shoreline school districts.

*Terri Malinowski*

October/November 1998, P.30

Sno-King School Retirees and their guests attending the November 19 meeting will hear Major James Kahlis, Retired, of Mt. Vernon describe the Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, Fla. He will illustrate his remarks with slides and pictures of the museum displays. The program will be in the auditorium of the Edmonds Schools Administrative Center in Lynnwood at 1:30 p.m. Last year, the retired career officer provided a similarly interesting program about the American Air Power Heritage Museum in Midland, Texas, operated by the Confederate Air Force, known at the "Ghost Squadron."

The October meeting was the annual scholarship luncheon, held at the Edmonds Unitarian Church. The 1998 winners of the three \$1,000 scholar-

ships, one each from Northshore, Shoreline and Edmonds, were the honored invitees.

LeRoy Middleton of the Edmonds Museum addressed the September meeting of Sno-King unit. Middleton used slides made from historic photos to illustrate his remarks about early Edmonds. Those attending were invited to go directly to the museum after the meeting and see the current exhibit depicting the influence of trains on the history of the south Snohomish county area. The event is open to all school retirees in north King and south Snohomish County as well as anyone else interested in Snohomish County history.

(membership numbers and officers given, see previous report)

*Teri Malinowski*

December/January 1998/99, P.22

Feb. 18 at 1:30 p.m., Jim Tremper, a certified financial planner with the Shelgren Financial Group, Inc., will discuss such topics as strategies for seniors, taxes, income accounts and dealing with the requirement that 70-year-olds begin withdrawing from their IRA and other tax-sheltered funds. The meeting will be held at the Edmonds School District Administrative Center.

The Sno-King Retirees are cosponsoring a five-week retirement planning seminar series beginning Jan. 6. The seminars, which have been cosponsored annually for more than 20 years with the Edmonds Northshore and Shoreline school districts. are designed to help current school employees plan for their retirements. Sno-King member, Phyllis Enger, is arranging the seminars which will feature speakers from the Department of Retirement Systems, Social Security and other helpful sources regarding financial planning, estate planning, legal affairs, and PEBB health care options. Applications for seminar enrollment are available from the human resources/personnel departments of the three districts. The meetings will be held on Wednesdays, Jan. 6 (the Jan. 6 session is traditionally for Edmonds school employees only), 13, 20, 27 and Feb 10, at 7 p.m. in the Edmonds School District Administrative Center, 204-68th Avenue West, Lynnwood.

*Teri Malinowski*

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The Sno-King School Retirees and the Sno-Isle Unit of the WSRTA will join forces on May 20 for their annual luncheon meeting at the Mill Creek Country Club, located between Bothell and Everett. The noon event will feature harpist Bronn Journey. WSRTA president-elect George Eisentrout will speak.

Looking ahead to June, the Sno-King Unit program on June 17 will feature slides and entertaining commentary by bon vivant traveler Dick Sacksteder. The 1:30 p.m. program will be held in the Board Room of the Edmonds School District Administrative Center.... Current Sno-King president and Edmonds

retiree, Don Denton, will be introducing incoming president Rita Requa, a Shoreline retiree.

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What a variety of programs we have had this year. In October storyteller Debbie Demitre told a dramatic tale of Nellie Bly, the first female investigative journalist in America. In November, Bill Holm, retired director of the University of Washington's Burke Museum shared information on Northwest Indian culture, art and puppetry. In December a student group from Shoreline entertained us with holiday music.

On February 17th at 1 P.M. we will gather at the Edmonds School District Administration Center. Our featured speaker is Doug Shadel from AARP, who will talk about consumer fraud as it relates to retirees.

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Additional Information:



Rachel Lake, a retired Shoreline teacher, joined 10 other electors in Olympia to vote for Washington state's choice for President of the United States. She was nominated and elected to be a presidential elector at the First Congressional Democratic Caucus, held in April of last year. On November 7 when the state's popular vote was cast for Albert Gore, it determined which party would be casting its ballot in December's electoral voting.

News media (CNN, ABC and NPR) and others called to interview her. Each elector and his/her guest were invited to Washington, D.C., for the Inaugural Ceremonies held on January 20, 2001.

On December 18, 2000, Rachel joined the other electors in Olympia, taking her husband, Ken, and her best friend, WSSRA member Rita Requa. The ceremony was called to order in the Reception Room of the Capitol Building by Secretary of State, Ralph Munro, after each elector had pledged and signed a document to vote for the state's Democratic choice for President and Vice-President.

Governor Gary Locke gave a brief history of the electoral process and spoke of the impact of the Electoral College in the past. After the election of a chair, each elector was given an official pen to sign the two ballots, which were documented and signed—verified before sending to the Congress of the United States. These collected tabulations for each state were read into the Congressional Record on January 5, 2001. Later, Governor Locke hosted the



electors and their guests to refreshments before they were invited to lunch by Democratic State Chair, Paul Berendt.

This event was very historical since the total for Governor Bush was 271 electoral votes and 267 for Gore. The confusion over ballots in the State of Florida and the appeals to the United States Supreme Court compounded the issue, but finally the results made this one of the most unusual events in the history of the Electoral College.

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Member services chair Barbara Berg planned a fun trip for members of the Sno-King unit in late November to the magnificent, new downtown Seattle Library. They took the bus from Northgate to the library, where they enjoyed a tour; afterward, they all went out for lunch.

In lieu of a regular meeting in December, Jack Rogers arranged for a breakfast at the Shoreline Center with the idea of talking with our newly-elected legislators. Unfortunately, the date conflicted with committee meetings for the legislators, so none could attend. As a result, Jack gave a very informative overview of how the legislature works and enlightened everyone on some of WSSRA's important issues.

The unit gave four grants to active teachers, for a total of nearly \$800. To help earn money for their scholarship fund, members brought and sold Entertainment Books, earning about \$450. They are working on ideas for increasing membership, which is so important for the organization.

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