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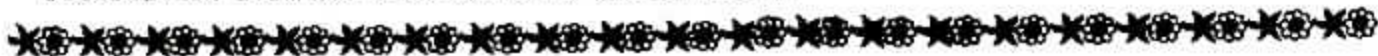
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Marion Bellows

It is time for the changing of the guard, but what an act to follow! Betty Odle has done such a tremendous job these past two years, and I thank her for all the effort she has expended for our Unit.

Our June meeting was a busy one with the honoring of Edmonds Living Legends and our Unit Past Presidents. Elthea Lewis, WSRTA Past President and AARP Area Coordinator, installed the new officers in a meaningful ceremony. Our program with Elderhostel slides and the comments of Fran Peters, Judy Liden, and Meta Hudson on their Elderhostel experiences was very informative and entertaining. I think that a number of our members are ready to take off on one of these exciting adventures.

We hope many of you are planning to come to our annual picnic honoring new retirees from Edmonds, Northshore, and Shoreline District. As usual this picnic will be at Al and Pat Svendsens' beautiful home on Martha Lake at noon on July 17. A map and reservation form are elsewhere in the Bulletin.



I want to thank all of the members of Sno-King RTA for the support you have given to me and our Unit during the two years that I served as your president. You can all be very proud of the wonderful work that your Convention Committee did to make this WSRTA convention really superb. So many of our members came out to help - to serve on the Hospitality Committee to welcome and help the delegates; to work on the registration desk, to help with decorations, etc. It has been an honor to have served such wonderful people.

We are all looking forward to the new year, and I know that you will be generous in your support of the new officers. Please let Marion Bellows know that you are available to work on a committee. It does not need to take a great deal of your time - there are short-term jobs as well as those that take more time and commitment. Do try to attend more of our meetings. The programs are good, and it is fun to see and talk with our old friends. Call some of your teaching buddies and bring them with you to the meetings. If you need a ride to the meetings, let us know and someone who lives in your area will be happy to bring you with them to the meeting.

*Thanks again for your support,
Betty Odle, Past President*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 9 1:30 Board Meeting - Cheryl Bickford's, 12355 - 11 Ave. NE Seattle 363-2731
- July 17 noon Picnic at Svendsens' on Martha Lake
- Aug. 13 Convention Committees Report Wrapup - John Hunter's. Details at Board Meeting.
- Sept. 10 Board Meeting
- Sept. 16 Ellensburg Leadership Workshop
- Spet. 18 1:30 Regular meeting in Edmonds District Board Room

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

At the WSRTA Convention June 2, the WSRTA Legislative Committee gave out copies of a 74-page study THE CASE FOR COLAS, RETIREMENT INCOME PROTECTION FOR WASHINGTON'S PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS. This study, financed by contributions of WSRTA members, verified by the Teachers Retirement System staff, clearly shows that the Washington Legislature has not given the same consideration to retired teachers as to retirees of other Washington Retirement systems.

The following letter to First District Representative Grace Cole explains the message in brief. WSRTA members should flood the mail of their legislators, urging more equitable treatment for older retired teachers. All legislators have copies of the WSRTA COLA study.

Representative Grace Cole
228 House Office Building

Dear Representative Cole:

Glad you are planning to stay with the Legislature - we need you!

Grace, there is need for an original definition "Comparable Worth" treatment of retired teachers' pensions. For example, it would seem reasonable that a teacher who taught first grade for 30 years would be entitled to the same annual pension as any other first grade teacher with 30 years in the same school district. A 1970 retiree's pension is based on an annual salary of approximately \$9,833, while her colleague next door, who retired in 1984, has a pension based on an annual salary of \$26,533. Action by the 1986 Legislature raised the minimum benefit for the 1970 retiree to \$13 per month for each year of her 30 years' service to a monthly pension of \$390, (\$4,680 annually), while the 1984 retiree receives \$1,331 (\$15,984 annually). PLEASE SEE ENCLOSURES - WSRTA 1986 STUDY.

It would seem that such a great difference in lifetime retirement income makes a mockery of "Comparable Worth." If the 1970 retiree had been a school secretary, custodian, cook, or bus driver, she would have received a COLA of 65% since 1970, or as a police clerk, 179%, but as a teacher, she received only 18%.* Since 1974, Washington retirees (RTS) have received only 3.5% total COLA, ranking low 49th out of 50 states.

Because pensions have been ruled "deferred compensation," it would seem fair and equitable that a permanent COLA for teachers should be provided as passed by the Washington Legislature in 1973 (RCW 41.32.499). TRA retirees were led to believe they would receive the same COLA as in the other five retirement systems. Instead they have seen their pension purchasing power eroded by inflation to less than half since the 1970's.

Thanks for your continued good work and anything you can do on this problem.

Sincerely

(signed) Gordon Bowers

*Excerpts from THE CASE FOR COLAS, 1986 WSRTA STUDY



CONGRATULATIONS 1986 WSRTA CONVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE

I want to express my deepest appreciation for the excellent planning and execution which resulted in a very enjoyable convention for the delegates and guests. The many hours of review of planning paid off in the happy results.

Kenneth A. Angell
General Chairman



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Dear Member of the Snohomish King RTA,

Thank you for your contribution to the 1986 Convention of WSRTA. Much was accomplished (the Mount Vernon meeting yesterday--"This was the best convention I have attended.") and that included having a good time with friends and associates. The things you did--big and little--were an important part of the whole.

I particularly appreciated the opportunity to see you at work as you planned, step by step, all the necessary actions. The music, the tours, the Mexican flowers, the placecards, the Bill Holm sketches, the smooth registration, the arrangements, the hospitality room, the pages--I hope that I didn't leave out too much!

The work of the conference had the right kind of setting which made possible the development of the Foundation, the adoption of the amended constitution, the discussions of our assets compared to WEA-R, the legislative details, the COLA plans, the committee reports, and even the discussion of chairman, chair, and chairperson.

You did a great job--as an individual, as a unit team, and as District 1. Thank you for your following of the motto "To Serve, Not To Be Served."

Kermit Franks

MEMBERSHIP FORM

WASHINGTON STATE RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Local Unit No. 23

Name _____ Phone _____

Address (Summer) _____

Address (Winter) _____

Retirement Number _____ Social Security Number _____

Legislative District _____ Name of Local Association Sno-King RTA

MEMBERSHIP PLAN:

I am on the Dues Deduction Plan (check) State & Local _____ State Only _____

I pay yearly; (check) State Dues (\$10) _____ Local Dues (\$6) _____

DUES DEDUCTION AUTHORIZATION FORM

WASHINGTON STATE RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Local Unit No. 23

Name (print or type) _____

Address: _____

Retirement Number _____ Social Security Number _____

Legislative District _____ Name of Local Association Sno-King PTA

I authorize the Washington Teachers Retirement System to deduct the following dues from my monthly retirement allowance and to pay such deduction to the Washington State Retired Teachers Association.

I agree to keep this deduction in force for the full membership year (July 1 through June 30). Should I wish to cancel ensuing deductions I will send a written notification of cancellation to WSRTA prior to May 1 to be effective July 1.

(Please check) State (84c) _____ Local (94) _____ Total _____ per month

Date _____ Signature (X) _____

MEMORANDUM TO BE RETAINED BY MEMBER

Date _____

On this date I have authorized the Washington Teachers Retirement System to deduct the amount of _____ per month from my monthly retirement allowance and to pay such deduction to the Washington State Retired Teachers Association.

I further agreed to keep this deduction in force for the full membership year. (July 1 through June 30). Should I wish to cancel ensuing deductions I will send a written notification of cancellation to WSRTA prior to May 1 to be effective July 1.

Signed _____

Use this form for ADD (Automatic Dues Deduction) and mail to Gordon Roberts at our Lynnwood P.O. address.

MEMBER DUES (Check appropriate box)
STATE \$10.00
LOCAL 6.00
Total \$16.00
ASSOCIATE DUES (For spouses and working educators)
LOCAL \$ 2.00

IF YOU HAVE NOT HAD A CHANCE TO PAY YOUR 1986-87 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

Name
Address
City
Zip Code
Phone
State Legislative Dist.

If you like to write checks, use this smaller form and mail to our Lynnwood P.O. address.

A HEARTY THANK YOU

Mary Lou Porter, Pat Svendsen, and Marion Bellows wish to thank all of those fine people who helped on their respective committees at the Convention. Each and every one of you played an important part in making the Convention such a success. Your assistance was greatly appreciated. We couldn't have done it without you!

NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS

Phyllis E. Fiege is involved in politics and is serving as a precinct chair (person, woman, man?) in the 44th District in Woodinville.

Welcome to Julie Bloomer, Gordon and Irene Bergum as new members of our Unit.

Cheryl and Lyle Bickford attended a Navy Ship Reunion (U.S.S. Patoka) aboard the Queen Mary in Long Beach for several days in May. This is the 5th Reunion for this group. They are NEW members of the Point Arena Lighthouse Keepers Association (Highway 1 in California).

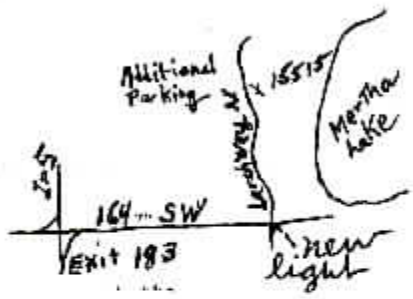
Paul Weaver appeared at our June meeting with a "beautiful" black eye. He lost a bout with a concrete parking lot. No broken bones, only hurt feelings and a number of stitches.

Helen Beaver is taking her daughter and son-in-law to Germany (acting as a guide--not paying the bills). They will be going down the Romantic Road, over to Munich, and returning for a trip on the Rhine.

Judy and Harry Liden are leaving for Minnesota to attend Judy's family reunion and later a trip to the North Shore and into Canada. They will be gone July 2 - 16.

All articles and news items must reach Betty Odle by August 20 at 2137 North 86 St., Seattle, WA 98103 - phone 525-8276.

ANNUAL PICNIC Thursday noon, July 17
Pat and Al Svendsen's home
15515 Larchway North on west side of Martha Lake. Take Exit 183 from I-5 or 164 SW from Aurora - go east to Larchway North. Phone 743-3482 if you get lost.



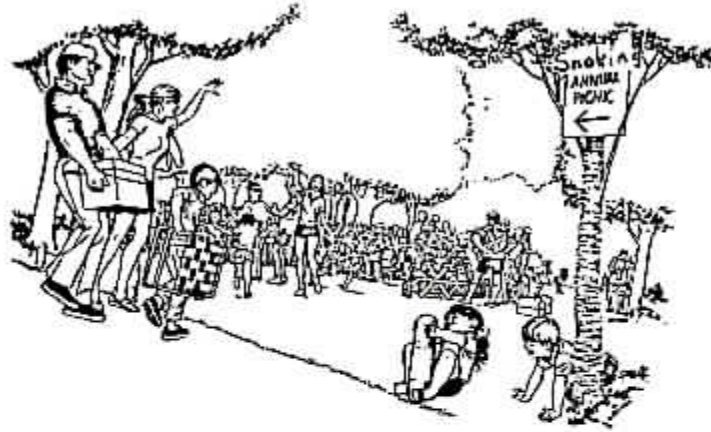
PICNIC RESERVATION FORM

SNO-KING R.T.A. PICNIC, Noon, July 17, at Svendsens'
Reservations close July 11, 1986

Please reserve () places at the picnic at \$4.50 each.

My check for \$ _____ is enclosed. signed _____

Mail reservations to: Sno-King RTA., P.O. Box 5253, Lynnwood, WA 98036-0878.



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