



# RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

JULY 1989

## BULLETIN

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The year 1989-90 has commenced; the new officers have been installed. The previous good work of the Unit will continue. Those who are new and wish to become more involved let an officer or committee chairman know; we want you.

One objective for the coming year is to increase the permanent fund of our scholarship activity. We need to increase this fund so that we can increase the amounts of the three scholarships we give. Another objective will be a continued push for membership. A larger membership enhances the leverage for seeking CGLAs.

See you at the annual picnic on July 20 at the Edmonds City Park. The 1989 retirees are our guests. Please come and join the fun.

John Hunter



### COMING EVENTS

- July 12 - 1:30 pm Board meeting with Morton, Smith, Westerhuis. 519 - 4th S #B  
Edmonds
- July 17 + 10 - noon. Special retirement planning workshop. Call Betty Odle for info.
- July 20 - 2 pm Picnic at Kitchen #1, Edmonds City Park. \$5 each person. Bring folding chair.
- August 2 Board meeting at John Hunter's - Driftwood Key.
- August 10 - 10 am - WSRTA Leadership Workshop at CWU in Ellensburg.

We extend our sincere sympathy to member Miriam Burton whose husband Charles passed away in late May. Their son Bob is one of our 1989 retirees.

Irma Bendock fell recently in her garden and broke some bones in her foot. She hopes to be out of that cast soon.

Betty Odle will be going to a family reunion in North Dakota the first week of July.

Alice and Bob Glasgow are planning a trip to Ashland, Oregon, for three weeks (August-September and then on to the Sacramento/Tahoe areas after that.

Virginia P. Johnson enjoys getting our news back in Greenville, Illinois at her new address, 510 E. College. She and her husband spend winters in Florida, Summers in North Michigan, and spring and fall in Illinois.

The Executive Board of WSRTA presented an honorary life membership in WSRTA to Virginia Faust upon her retirement from the State Department of Retirement. A well deserved honor!!





LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - GORDON BOWERS

The new WSRTA Legislative Chairman is NEAL NOGLER, from Centralia, replacing Cal Watness who is now president elect of WSRTA.

The following goals for 1990 were adopted by the Legislative Committee and approved by the WSRTA BOARD and DELEGATE ASSEMBLY on June 6, 1989:

1. To work with the Joint Committee on Pension Policy to support legislation providing a capped 3% COLA to begin at the same age as Plan II retirees.
2. To change the Plan II retirement system so that the age for full retirement benefits be age sixty.
3. To work closely with WSRTA's affiliates--AARP/NRTA--to effect some changes in Catastrophic Care including:
  - a. More control of health care coverage costs,
  - b. Broadening of the base of funding and,
  - c. Allocation of tax dollars from the federal budget to cover the costs of the program.
4. To consider contracting a part-time public relations person, a public relations firm and/or a university to assist in carrying out the WSRTA Legislative Goals and be responsible to the State Legislative Committee.
5. To seek a STATE FUNDED HEALTH CARE contribution for TRS retirees to be used for medical, long-term care and/or dental insurance.
6. To support tax and spending reform legislation to ensure an equitable broad tax base to provide funding for State programs.
7. To continue participation with retiree groups in the Coalition.

Also, the Delegate Assembly approved a resolution to NRTA/AARTP and Congress that the present session of Congress be urged to revise the funding provisions for Catastrophic Care.

No legal action will be considered on COLA problems for the time being. The Joint Committee on Pension Policy (Legislature) will continue to meet and study the COLA problem for the 55% who do not get the 3% COLA NOW IN EFFECT.



DUES ARE DUE JULY 1 IF YOU ARE NOT ON AUTOMATIC DUES DEDUCTION. USE THE FORM BELOW WHEN YOU SEND IN YOUR DUES.



SNO-KING RTA - WSRTA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION  
(Membership year is from July 1 to June 30)

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security No. \_\_\_\_\_ Ret. No. \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby authorize the Washington State Retirement System to deduct WSRTA dues at \$2.00 a month. I understand this authorization makes me a continuing member of the association and will be cancelled only by written notice from me. Cancellation is only effective at the end of the fiscal year - June 30.

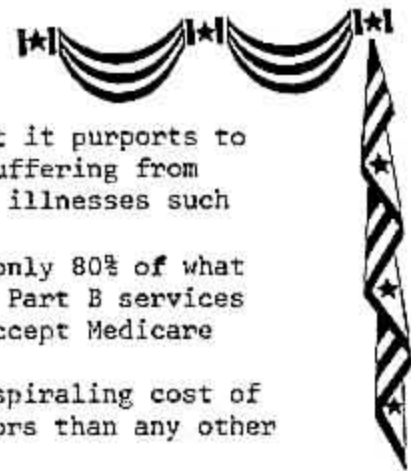
I also authorize the Washington State Retirement System to deduct the dues for membership in Sno-King RTA at \$06 a month.

I prefer to pay my dues by check.  
\$24.00 for WSRTA  
\$6.00 for Sno-King RTA

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Assoc. dues for Spouse: \$2.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Assoc. Dues (Active Teacher): \$3.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Mail this form to Sno-King RTA, P.O. Box 5253, Lynnwood, WA 98046-5253)



1. WHEREAS, the Catastrophic Medicare Act of 1988 does not do what it purports to do, in that it does not provide maintenance care for persons suffering from such disabling catastrophes as stroke, accidents, and numerous illnesses such as Alzheimer's or Parkinson's; and,
2. WHEREAS, the Act provides that Medicare coverage will include only 80% of what it determines to be the reasonable charge for doctor and other Part B services and basically disregards the fact that most doctors will not accept Medicare assignments on the basis of the "reasonable charge"; and,
3. WHEREAS, nothing in the Act advocates any measure to halt the spiraling cost of health maintenance, an inflationary factor far greater to seniors than any other single factor; and,
4. WHEREAS, the method of financing the limited coverage provided for in the Act, in attempting to solve a problem that concerns the general welfare of all, is discriminatory, regressive, and sets a dangerous precedent by placing a tax burden on a specific group of people based on age--most of whom can ill afford the additional taxation; and,
5. WHEREAS, it has been determined that less than ten percent of those who will pay this senior citizen tax will ever receive benefits from it:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WSRTA URGE NRTA/AARP LEADERSHIP AND THE PRESENT SESSION OF CONGRESS TO REVISE THE FUNDING PROVISIONS FOR CATASTROPHIC CARE IN LIGHT OF PARAGRAPHS 4 and 5, TO PROVIDE A PROGRAM BASED ON A METHOD OF FINANCING THAT WILL BE EQUITABLE TO ALL.

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LETTERS to AARP/NRTA should be addressed to Horace B. Deets, Executive Director, AARP, 1909 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20049. **AARP NEEDS TO ACT ON THIS!**

LETTERS TO Congressmen are very effective. The House voted 408 to 0 on May 4 for a resolution to clear the way for hearings on changing the law. You may contact 1st and 2nd District legislators at the addresses below:

Brock Adams  
 513 Hart Senate Office Bldg.  
 Washington, DC 20510 (1-202-224-2621)  
 or 2988 Jackson Federal Office Bldg.  
 915 Second Ave.  
 Seattle, WA 98174 (442-5545)

John Miller, 1st District  
 1224 Longworth House Office Bldg.  
 Washington, DC 20510 (1-202-224-6311)  
 or Suite 201, 145 South Third Avenue  
 Edmonds, WA 98020 (672-4224)

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 324 Hart Senate Office Bldg.  
 Washington, DC 20510 (1-202-224-3441)  
 or 3206 Jackson Federal Office Bldg.  
 915 Second Ave.  
 Seattle, WA 98174 (442-0350)

Al Swift, 2nd District  
 1502 Longworth House Office Bldg.  
 Washington, DC 20515 (1-202-225-2605)  
 or 201 Federal Bldg.  
 3002 Colby Avenue  
 Everett, WA 98201 (252-3188)



SNO-KING RTA CENTENNIAL SCHOLARSHIP COOKBOOK

It was suggested at the June meeting that we include a chapter in our cookbook of our mothers' or grandmothers' recipes to help us celebrate the Centennial.

We are beginning to receive some of your special recipes of casseroles, salads and desserts, but we need lots more! Everyone must have a special recipe that we can put in our Scholarship Cookbook. Please share it with us! Don't forget that we are also looking for some real old-time recipes for our Centennial chapter.

Send your recipes to Betty Odle, 2137 N. 86th, Seattle, WA 98103.

PICNIC RESERVATION FORM  
SNO-KING RTA PICNIC, 2 pm, July 20, at Edmonds City Park  
Reservations close July 14, 1989

Please reserve ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) places at the picnic at \$5 each.

My check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed. Signed \_\_\_\_\_

(Mail reservations to: Sno-King RTA, P.O. Box 5253, Lynnwood, WA 98046-5253)

ANNUAL PICNIC, Thursday, July 20, 2 p.m.  
(eating time). New Place--Edmonds City  
Park. Please bring a folding chair for  
each member of your party. We will have  
the drawing for our beautiful raffle  
sweater. If you decide after July 14 that  
you can come, please call Pat Svendsen at  
743-3482 for a reservation. DIRECTIONS to  
Kitchen #1 at Howell Park (Edmonds City  
Park). TAKE SR 104 (Edmonds Way to  
Edmonds off Aurora Avenue North (do not  
take arterial off-ramp to Edmonds-Kingston  
Ferry) and follow 5th Avenue South (toward  
downtown Edmonds) to Pine Street. Turn  
left on to Pine Street to 3d Avenue.  
Turn right and follow 3d Ave to park  
entrance (on left). Proceed through park  
to Kitchen #1. Area will be signed.



News for the September Bulletin must reach  
Betty Odle by August 18. Mail to her at  
2137 North 86 St., Seattle, WA 98103.

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