

SNO-KING RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

BULLETIN

JULY 1990

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The newly installed officers are looking forward to the 1990-91 year. We anticipate that our Unit will continue to build the scholarship fund. It would be great if we could increase the monetary value of our scholarships. Membership should also continue to grow. If each member enrolled one new member we would double in size. It is only with numbers and determination that we will achieve a real COLA.

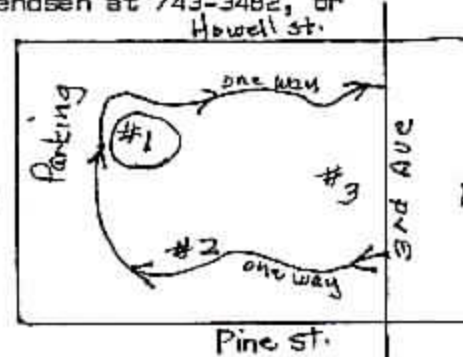
Our next event is the annual picnic, July 19 at the Edmonds City Park. Please plan to attend. Bring that new retiree that was your neighbor across the hall for all those years.

John Hunter

NEW RETIREES FROM EDMONDS, NORTHSORE AND SHORELINE INVITED TO PICNIC

We hope that all the new retirees from Edmonds, Northshore and Shoreline will be able to join us for our annual picnic July 19 at Edmonds City Park. In order to plan the food order we need to have reservations by noon, Monday, July 16. The cost of the picnic is \$5 per member (new retirees are our guests). Please bring a folding chair for each member of your party if you prefer not to sit on a bench. Call Pat Svendsen at 743-3482, or Betty Odle at 525-8276 for reservations.

DIRECTIONS to Kitchen #1 at Howell Park (Edmonds City Park). Take SR 104 (Edmonds Way to Edmonds [DO NOT take arterial off-ramp to Edmonds-Kingston Ferry] and follow 5th Ave S (toward downtown Edmonds) to Pine St. Turn left on Pine to 3rd Ave., turn right to park entrance on left. Proceed through park to Kitchen #1. We have space reserved all day. Will eat at 2. THINK SUNSHINE! HOPE TO SEE LOTS OF YOU THERE!



COMING EVENTS

July 19 2 pm Picnic at Kitchen #1, Edmonds City Park. Call Betty Odle, 525-8276 or Pat Svendsen 743-3482 by Noon July 16 for reservations

Aug 8 Board meeting at John Hunter's - Driftwood Key

Aug 14-16 Our Unit hosts WSRTA Retirement Planning Training at Shoreline - we need our members to host participants the nights of Aug 14 & 15 and breakfasts on the 15th & 16th. If you have space please call Jim Becker 363-7750.

August 23 10 am - WSRTA Leadership Workshop at CWU in Ellensburg

DUES WERE DUE JULY 1 IF YOU ARE NOT ON AUTOMATIC DUES DEDUCTION. USE 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 \$ _____

Date _____

(Signature)



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - GORDON BOWERS, Legislative Chairman

There have been some changes in the WSRTA Legislative Committee - the new Chairman is Leonard Ozmun from Puyallup, replacing Neal Hogler. Working closely with the Legislative Committee will be newly appointed WSRTA Liaison for Government Affairs, Norm Schutt from Olympia. He was Chairman of the Senior Citizens' Lobby for many years, has previously been a lobbyist for state employees.

The Washington State Legislature's "Joint Committee on Pension Policy"(JCPP) will meet July 16, Sept. 17, Oct. 19 and Dec. 17 on various agenda items pertaining to all of the retirement systems - PERS, TRS, LEOFF, STATE PATROL, etc. The JCPP will consider only those legislative requests that come with the approval of the "Senior Citizens' Coalition", made up of 23 organizations including WSRTA. Reaching an accord for any specific legislation will be difficult. However, WSRTA has three bills ready for the 1991 Legislature - COLA improvement for Plan I retirees, State supplement for Health Care Costs, and reduction of the retirement age for Plan II (active teachers).



SOCIAL SECURITY ALERT - The NRTA Bulletin for June/ July has an article warning retirees that certain members of Congress are pushing to cut Social Security payments to help balance the budget due to the skyrocketing cost of the Savings & Loan bailout. Also, the media is appealing for letters to congressmen urging action to recover dollars from those benefitting from this fraud. John Hinterberger, Seattle Times Columnist (6/24/90) Pleads for citizens' awakening to this rip-off: "Cost will be at least \$5000 for every household in the nation - this is the greatest Rip-Off of the ordinary taxpayer in the entire history of the United States."

On the method for COLA computation - the DRS BULLETIN, June 1990 gives an explanation of how to compute COLAS under HB 1322. Good Luck!

NEWS ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Gwen & Roberta McKee visited Gwen's granddaughter and husband and four year old twins in Lubbock, Texas. They also visited former Laotian refugees they sponsored who now live in San Angelo. They took them to the Sonora Caverns - a thrilling experience.

Betty Puckett announces that our unit will again sponsor "55 Alive" at Anderson Center this Fall. More details and registration form will be in September newsletter. Please answer promptly.

Marion Bellows leaves this month for a UW Alum Tour of the Scandinavian countries and Irma Bendock is traveling to Europe with a group from the Univ. Pres. Church choir who will give concerts in Zurich, Innsbruck, Salzburg and Vienna. They will also go to see Passion Play.



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