



JUNE 1987

# BULLETIN

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A total of 108 people attended our luncheon with Sno-Isle on Thursday, May 21. A sunny day, beautiful setting, and good friends added to the enjoyment. Pres. Orville Widman spoke to us about the accomplishments of WSRTA this year, and those accomplishments are many. The Neo-Phonics from Woodway High School took us on a delightful musical tour down Broadway.

At the State Convention June 8-10 in Pasco, our Unit will present a motion on the state dues increase. A copy of our Board's action is included in this issue.

Our June 18 meeting will include a travel talk by Gordon and June Roberts about their fantastic 100-day cruise around the world on the USS Universe, the installation of new officers by Past President Betty Odle, and a free blood pressure check by Edie Kirkpatrick, Fran Peters, and Walt Barnum.

The July 16 picnic will be at the Svendsens' Martha Lake home. We are planning to serve at 4 p.m., so adjust your calendar. You may come early to enjoy the scenery or perhaps do a bit of rowing on the lake in their new boat. There will be more information on the picnic in the July Bulletin.

Come join us at these last two meeting of the year.

Marion Bellows

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 8 - 10 WSRTA Convention in Pasco
- June 11 - 1:30 p.m. Board meeting at Marion Bellows'
- June 18 - 1:30 p.m. Roberts' travel talk and installation in Board Room
- July 8 - 1:30 p.m. Board meeting at Cheryl Bickford's
- July 16 - 4 p.m. Picnic at Svendsens' - come earlier

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Community Service Chairman Betty Puckett wishes to thank all those members who participated in the "55 Alive" sessions in April. Almost 50 people took advantage of these classes. Betty plans to have another session late in September, so put this on your calendar if you missed out on April. More information later.

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On May 19 Betty Odle took a tumble and broke both bones in her right wrist. She is now sporting a beautiful cast decorated by her artist niece. And the next day Marie Ross, president of Sno-Isle, severely sprained an ankle. Take it easy out there!

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Walt Barnum is now a docent at the Museum of History and Industry working with the third and fourth graders who come there on field trips.

The following motion was made, seconded and passed by the Sno-King RTA Executive Board at its meeting of May 13, 1987.

RE: PROPOSED WSRTA DUES INCREASE

The WSRTA Executive Board's 1987-88 proposed budget will require a minimum annual dues increase to \$13.00 to support anticipated expenditures. Also, a resolution on dues increase will be proposed at the WSRTA Convention in Pasco to increase dues \$4.00 per membership month or a increase to \$48 on an annual 12-month basis. This is a 380% increase on the current \$10.

Also noted in the Board's proposed budget is the withdrawal of \$30,000 from the reserve fund to balance the budget.

The Executive Board of the Sno-King RTA chapter opposes both these proposals and has requested its delegates to vote "NO" on both proposals when they come to the floor of the WSRTA Convention.

The Sno-King RTA desires budgets to reflect long-term planning and to be more carefully crafted prior to adoption. Balancing the budget by continuing to deplete cash reserves of WSRTA is not a satisfactory long-term solution. Any dues increase which is not related to future goals and activities should not be proposed by the WSRTA Executive Board.

WSRTA should continue to support special and critical projects by means of voluntary contributions, some on a "one-time only" basis. The T.R.I.P system of funding is recommended instead of including "estimated" or "anticipated" costs in dues-based contingency items.

Sno-King RTA recommends that the WSRTA Executive Board limit any dues increase to take effect in 1987-88 to an annual amount of \$15 or a \$5 increase. Further, it is recommended that \$2 of this increase, per dues-paying member, be used to repay previous years' withdrawals from cash reserves.

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Gordon and Edith Bowers are looking forward to September and October when they will travel in Denmark, Greece, Yugoslavia, Hungary, and Austria.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE Pensions -- Senate Bill 5380 - The Governor has signed this bill into law. It will raise the current \$13 minimum to \$13.50 on July 1, 1987. Additionally, a maximum three percent cost of living adjustment based on the Seattle Consumer Price Index is provided to the minimum benefit only. SB 5380 affects 6700 retired teachers and 15,2000 PERS retirees. The estimated cost is \$9.8million for the biennium.

Note This is the first time retired teachers have ever received an automatic Cost-of-Living adjustment; and though this small increase to \$13.50 amounts to only \$15 a month (30 years x 50¢), the COLA provision may set a pattern for other TRS COLA legislation. Toward that goal, the Sno-King RTA delegation to the WSRTA Convention (Pasco, June 8-10) will present a resolution stating, "BE IT RESOLVED that the WSRTA Board initiate legal action by employing a firm of attorneys qualified to investigate the feasibility of a suit against the State of Washington to bring TRS into equitable status with other Washington retirement systems with automatic COLAS."

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There may still be an ELDERHOSTEL week for you this summer right here in Washington state. Here are a few examples:

EWC - Cheney - June 28-July 4  
The Good Life: An Interdisciplinary  
Look at yourHealth.

Seattle Pacific U on Blakely Is. 8/30-9/5  
Puget Sound Marine Studies  
Literature for the Young at Heart  
Terrestrial Plant Communities

Lower Columbia College-Toledo - August  
The Pacific Century 16-22  
Mt. St. Helens: An Experience w/ Volcano  
Enjoying our Natural Environment

Seattle University = August 9 - 15  
The Miracle of Learning  
The Soviet Union: Myth and Reality  
Life in the Universe

Pierce College - Tacoma - July 26-Aug.1  
Northwest Coast Indians  
Thoreau in His Woods; and Ours  
Writers of the Northwest

I have a brochure--call me if you are  
interested and I'll send you the needed  
information. M. Bellows 782-3046.

WASHINGTON STATE RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Local Unit No. 23, Sno-King RTA

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS (Summer) \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS (Winter) \_\_\_\_\_  
RETIREMENT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ SOCIAL SECURITY NO. \_\_\_\_\_ LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

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.

DUES DEDUCTION PLAN: (check) State (84¢) \_\_\_\_\_ Local (50¢) \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_ per month

I prefer to pay yearly: (check) State Dues (\$10) \_\_\_\_\_ Local Dues (\$6) \_\_\_\_\_

ASSOCIATE DUES (For spouses and working educators ) Local (\$2)

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

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

When I am an old woman I shall wear purple  
with a red hat which doesn't go and doesn't suit me.  
And I shall spend my pension on brandy and summer gloves  
and satin sandals, and say we have no money for butter.  
And I shall sit down on the pavement when I'm tired  
And gobble up samples in shops and press alarm bells  
And run my stick along the public railings  
And make up for the sobriety of my youth.  
I shall go out in my slippers in the rain  
And pick the flowers in other people's gardens  
and learn to spit.

You can wear terrible shirts and grow fat  
And eat three pounds of sausages at a go  
Or only bread and pickles for a week  
And hoard pens & pencils & beer mats & things in boxes.

But meanwhile we must stay respectable  
And must not shame the children; they mind more,  
Even than we do, being noticeable.  
We will keep dry with sensible clothes and spend  
according to good value, and do what's best  
To bring the best for us and for our children.

But maybe I ought to practice a little now?  
So people who know me are not too shocked and surprised  
When suddenly I am old, and start to wear purple.

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