



MARCH 1989

"GET INVOLVED" IS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At our February meeting, Betty Puckett, Community Service Chairman, reported on the types of activities our unit's members have been involved with during the past year. I was impressed that most of us could think of some one who was doing something in volunteer community service. However, when we compared notes, we were thinking of the same people and noted that a few people were doing lots of things and others were spending a lot of time on a limited number of things. Most number of tallies were on tutoring or work in schools.

I have asked our members to send me a note about what they are doing in the way of volunteer service in their communities. To date, I have received several but would like to hear from more of you.

In particular, I do not know how many of us are doing "sunshine" work--cards, visits, telephone calls, shopping, transporting, feeding the sick, injured, shut-in people. Gnetchen Lay and Esther Sellens (Sno-King RTA Sunshine Co-Chairmen) have asked to be notified when any of our members are ill, hospitalized or bereaved. Please call Gnetchen (775-4190) or Esther (776-1509) if you have this information.

In the December Bulletin I said that I would be starting a telephone survey about member's volunteer activities after the first of the year. I will be starting calls about March 1. I will be asking what you do, what your interests are and how much time you are giving or would be willing to give in volunteer service per week or per month if your interests and time available can be matched.

Elsewhere in this issue of the Bulletin is a news item about the City of Lynnwood Fire Department's VIPS program. This is one opportunity for involvement in volunteer community service.

Jim Becker, President



MARCH 16 MEETING FEATURES GOODWILL GAMES INFORMATION

We are looking forward to the meeting on March 16 when Libby Gates will be with us to present a program about the 1990 Goodwill Games which will be held in this area. We have heard bits and pieces about the games for a number of years and it will be interesting to hear the latest about this exciting event coming up in 1990. Be sure to come and bring a friend or two.



COMING EVENTS

- March 7            7:00 p.m.    Pre-Retirement Workshop - Social Security and Medical and Dental Conversions
- March 8            1:30 p.m.    Sno-King Board Meeting at Betty Odle's home, 2137 N. 86th
- March 14           7:00 p.m.    Pre-Retirement Workshop - Custodial Care - New Policies
- March 16           1:30 p.m.    Regular meeting in Edmonds School District Board Room  
Speaker - Libby Gates - "1990 Goodwill Games"
- March 21           7:00 p.m.    Pre-Retirement Workshop - Legal aspects of Retirement and Laughter and Health

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - Gordon Bowers, Legislative Chairman

Several of our Sno-King members attended a hearing on pension COLA bills February 23 in Olympia - a special thanks to John Hunter for taking a van load! The House Committee on Appropriations approved the HB 1322, which is one drawn up by the Legislative Joint Committee on Pension Policy. This bill would add \$1.00 per month to the base pension amount of \$13.82, raising the base to \$14.82 per month per year of service - \$14.82 x 30 years equals \$444.60). This would be the pension for those who retired before 1973, plus a 3% COLA beginning in 1990.

For those who retired after 1973, the beginning date for calculating the COLA would be age 65. After age 65, the monthly pension would need to lose 40% of its value (Seattle CPI) before a 3% COLA would apply.

It appears that WSRTA HB 1265 and SB 5261 calling for a 3% COLA for all who had been retired 5 years will not be acted on this session.

On the following math projection table for HB 1322, find the year you will be or were, 65 years of age. The middle column indicates the year your pension would have lost 40% purchasing power. Your age is in the last column.

THIS IS SURELY NOT THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION OF FAIR AND EQUAL TREATMENT FOR RETIRED TEACHERS. WSRTA IS REVIEWING ALL OPTIONS IN THIS CONTINUING HASSLE WITH THE LEGISLATURE!

<u>Year You</u> <u>Reach(ed) 65</u>	<u>Year You Start</u> <u>a 3% COLA</u>	<u>at the age of</u>	<u>Year You</u> <u>Reach(ed) 65</u>	<u>Year You Start</u> <u>a 3% COLA</u>	<u>at the age of</u>
1979	1989	75	1986	1999	78
1980	1991	76	1987	1999	77
1981	1994	78	1988	1999	76
1982	1996	79	1989	2000	76
1983	1998	80	1990	2001	76
1984	1998	79	1991	2002	76
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LYNNWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT ASKS FOR RETIRED TEACHER VOLUNTEERS

Information has been received from the City of Lynnwood Fire Department about its Volunteers in Public Service (VIPS) program.

Volunteers are being sought to assist in the fire department's new community program, aimed at making the city a safer, better place in which to live. The fire department hopes to tap the vast store of knowledge and experience of retired persons and use this expertise in a variety of activities such as office/clerical help, public education, inspection and information gathering.

In particular, help is needed to give safety presentations in elementary schools and in senior centers, to assist the Arson Squad in investigations, to do office work (e.g., input/retrieve data in fire prevention files, records management, answer telephones, etc.) and to conduct fire safety inspections.

An application is required with a reference and background check conducted. Training will be provided by the fire department. Initially, supervision will be by the department Fire Marshal and eventually by a Volunteer Coordinator.

The minimum participation will be four hours, one day a week. Hours must be flexible to meet needs, including some evenings and weekends.

Qualifications: be willing and able to learn about fire prevention; possess good communication skills; have working knowledge of computer operation and filing systems. In more specialized areas such as arson investigation, a background in police work is desirable.

Anyone interested in learning more about the program before submitting an application is asked to call Jim Becker (363-7750). Those who wish to apply are to call the City of Lynnwood Fire Department (David Alvar, 775-1971.)



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS

Date March 1989

Dear Exo-King RITA Member,

I have been informed of your interest in 55 ALIVE/MATURE DRIVING.

The course is given in two separate sessions over a two-day period. Each class day lasts approximately 4 hours. You must attend both days to be awarded a certificate of completion. The classes are taught by trained volunteer instructors. Here are the details of my next 55 ALIVE/MATURE DRIVING Course:

Dates April 12-13 or April 26-27 Time 9:00-2:30 *Breakfast Lunch, Break at Noon*  
Place Edmonds Park/Rec. Centers - 200 Main - Edmonds

The course fee is \$ 7.00 for each participant. Please enclose with the enrollment application below a check or money order made payable to "AARP". Do not send cash.

Enrollment in 55 ALIVE/MATURE DRIVING is limited, so please send your enrollment application immediately to the address below.

Registration for this course closes on April 5, 1989.

I look forward to meeting you at 55 ALIVE/MATURE DRIVING.

Sincerely,

AARP Trained Volunteer, Instructor

Mail your enrollment application below to:

Patty Pickett (Exo-King RITA, Community Service Club)  
823rd Ashworth Ave N.  
Seattle, WA 98103  
Ph. 5.22-8921

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Please enroll  me/  us in the 55 ALIVE/MATURE DRIVING Course on dates \_\_\_\_\_ . Enclosed is a check/money order in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ which I understand is not refundable.

Mr.  Mrs.  Miss  Ms.

This enrollment covers:

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

Self @ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 and Spouse @ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
For TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) - \_\_\_\_\_



NEWS ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Marvel DeSordi and Kamilla Aarseth spent Christmas in North Dakota with their brother and his family. They also made the acquaintance of their grand niece, Lindsay Marie, who was born October 27. They went on to Minnesota and Wisconsin where they visited relatives and friends. They enjoyed experiencing a North Dakota and Minnesota winter. The temperature ranged from 40° above to 24° below zero.

In January Harry and Judy Liden spent three weeks in Florida and Georgia. Two of those weeks were spent attending Elderhostels sponsored by South Georgia State College - one on Jekyll Island and one on campus at Douglas, Georgia. Judy Liden leaves March 13 for Alanya, Turkey, a resort area on the Mediterranean.

A note from Dee Ferguson tells that he just returned from an excellent tour of Egypt - from Alexandria to the Sudan border.

ELDERHOSTEL INFORMATION

A new Washington Elderhostel 89 Brochure is available by writing to: Elderhostel, Conferences and Institutes, 208 Van Doren, Washington State University, Pullman, WA 99164-5222. It is full of interesting sessions all over the state. This is a good way to try out the Elderhostel program without traveling a great distance. Then you can join with some of our other members who have enjoyed Elderhostels in Europe and in all areas of the United States.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Eleanor J. Monroe	105 NW 178th	Seattle	98177	542-4639	
John P. Tracy	13623 116th Pl. NE	Kirkland	98034	821-4229	
*Lois Grasnick	14550 6th NE	Seattle	98155	364-9254	
*Evelyn Heimdahl	6108 Cady Rd	Everett	98203	353-3125	
*Alice Marzullo	2023 164th SW	Alderwood Manor	98037	743-2742	
*Laura Rime	9630 Laurel Lane	Edmonds	98020	776-3277	*Associate member
*Noreen Thomas	12525 Maplewood	Edmonds	98020	743-6027	
*Tim Yerger	3703 NE 162nd	Seattle	98155	365-5249	



SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

April 20, at 12 noon, we will be holding our Spring Scholarship Luncheon at Edmonds Unitarian Church. More details will be in the next Bulletin. It has been suggested that we put out a Recipe Book to benefit the Scholarship Fund. The book would contain recipes of the wonderful salads, hot dishes and cookies our members have furnished at our luncheons and meetings. Let us know if you think its a good idea. We understand that Helen Beaver has just completed another beautiful sweater to be auctioned off for the Scholarship Fund. Thanks, Helen!

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Deadline for  
the April Bulletin  
is March 20. Send to  
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