



RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BULLETIN

Amidst our turbulent winter weather, the February general meeting took place on schedule. Many members were absent due to the virulent virus (THE CRUD) and the flu attacking many of us. I wish them all well, and a speedy recovery.

Dick Sachsteden's slides on Europe were great and enjoyed by all. The new ten minute video, "WHAT KIND OF RETIREMENT IS THIS?" was shown to those present. Anyone who would like to show the video to fraternal organizations, i.e. Kiwanis, Lions, etc. please call me at 486-6684.

March 15 is our next meeting, once again it is at the Edmonds Boardroom at 1:30 p.m. The meeting will be about earthquake preparedness.

During the meeting there will be a "Dutch Auction" for original hand paintings. During the next few meetings donated hand paintings will be auctioned. You may make a written minimum bid of \$2.00. All bids are paid to the Scholarship Fund whether you are the high bidder or not. It will be interesting and a lot of fun. Ties will be determined by a drawing. PLAN TO BE THERE!

John Hunter



COMING EVENTS

- March 14 Board Meeting, 1:30 p.m. at Esther Sellers, 7514 241st SW, Edmonds, 776-1509
- March 15 General Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Edmonds School District Boardroom. Program: Earthquake Preparedness
- April 3 Coordinating Council, Senior Center, Sedro Woolley
- April 11 Board Meeting, 1:30 p.m. at the Smith & Morton residence, 519 4th S, #B, Edmonds, 778-3979
- April 19 Scholarship Luncheon meeting, NOON, Edmonds Unitarian Church, 8109 224th SW, Edmonds

ARE YOU PREPARED IN CASE AN EARTHQUAKE HITS THIS AREA?

At the March 15 meeting Fran Peters will show portions of a video shown on Channel 9 dealing with how to "prepare" for an earthquake and will also share some of her plans for being prepared. After the two earthquakes in California recently and knowing that the Seattle area is also a potential earthquake area, it is important that we be aware of steps to take to increase the chance of our survival in the event of a severe quake.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - Gordon Bowers, Legislative Chairman

As you are probably aware, all of the COLA/Retirement bills - WEA's, PERS' and WSRTA's died without a hearing, despite our efforts to move the Legislature toward some type of action.

The JOINT COMMITTEE ON PENSION POLICY appears to hold our fate in its hands. The rest of the Legislature defers to this group any substantive action on pension policy. However, six of the fifteen members have signed on to at least one of our bills.

The hope for some State subsidy for health care died when they deleted K-12 retirees from the Bill. The left over money (according to the Health Care Authority amounting to \$6.88) will go to pay for school employees added benefits if the plan (PSHB 2230) becomes law.

The Braddock - Wohahn Bill (HB2252) would establish a comprehensive health service (acute and longterm care). Rep. Dennis Braddock needs to hear from us indicating that we are interested in getting health care coverage. The toll free HOT LINE numbers are: Senior Citizens Lobby, 1-800-562-6118 and LEGISLATIVE HOT LINE 1-800-562-6000. You will receive a reply.



SOCIAL NETWORK - Joan Brown, Member Services Chairman

FOR ACTIVE MEMBERS:

Cross country ski trip that includes equipment, trip and lessons for \$25. Phyllis Enger is involved with this and it is available through Northshore Senior Center, 487-2441, or call Phyllis at 486-1127.

Donna Palmer belongs to Lynnwood Hiking Club - call her for more information, 743-2557.

CARPPOOLING: We would like to go on several trips this Spring and we need to match those who prefer not to drive with those who are willing to drive. There will be a charge or cost to the rider. We don't want our drivers to feel "used" or they won't want to drive for very long. Of course we don't want this to be a money making proje for the driver, either. We want to be FAIR! The amounts will vary depending on the distance traveled and will be referred to as a donation in the future. Call Joan Brown if you would be willing to drive or if you need a ride.

Our first trip will be on Thursday, March 22 from 1 to 4 to both the Shoreline and Edmonds Museums with a stop for dessert and coffee between the two (no-host).

The next trip will be on April 26 to Snohomish to check out the antique shops and will include a stop at Mobaks in Woodinville.

Our third trip will be on Thursday, May 24 to the Museum of Flight.

NEWS ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Adah Miner is in University Hospital for a double heart by-pass after suffering a heart attack. She is not able to have flowers, visitors or phone calls. Send notes to her home address, 360 N 190th, #403A, Seattle 98133. Our hope for a speedy recovery.

Please be sure to call Gretchen Lay, 775-4190 or Esther Sellers, 776-1509 if you hear of any illness.

NEW MEMBER - WELCOME!

Cherrylyn Cline 17121-21st Ave. SE, Bothell 98012 481-7685. (Active teacher - Assoc. member)