



RETIREED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

MAY 1989

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BULLETIN

LOOK TO THE FUTURE - We are fortunate to have so many willing workers in our unit. Time and space do not permit listing of all of you who make Sno-King go! But, you and I know who you are. THANKS.

But, of particular note are the officers we have elected for next year. John Hunter will take the president's gavel; David Eddy will serve as program chairman as president-elect; Ed Osborn will take charge of our money as treasurer; and Edie Kirkpatrick will continue service as secretary. These officers merit your support. Please say "YES" when they call on you to be on committees and help with projects.

Our membership has been increasing and we have reached the highest number of members in our unit's history. One way we can maintain members is to make the annual dues payment easier. The local dues are \$6 and the state dues are \$24.

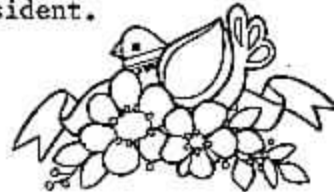
When you prepare to pay next year's dues (July 1), think about going on Automatic Dues Deduction (ADD). By signing the form you can obtain from the treasurer or membership chair, or in this Bulletin, your \$30 annual dues will be deducted proportionately from your retirement pension check. This method is easy, assures your continuing membership, and relieves you from having to write a big check in one month.

Be sure to make your reservation for the luncheon with the Sno-Isle #22 unit. We would like to have a good showing of numbers of our members to meet with the Sno-Isle people and hear from WSRTA President, Eloise Stendal, how the state association also is looking to the future.

Jim Becker, President

COMING EVENTS

- May 10 1:30 p.m. Board Meeting - Gretchen Lay's home, 4020-192 Place SW, Lynnwood
- May 18 Noon - Joint luncheon meeting with Sno-Isle at Mill Creek Country Club (Directions elsewhere in Bulletin) Speaker--Eloise Stendal, WSRTA President.
Please use reservation form below.
- June 5-7 State Convention in Bellingham
- June 14 1:30 p.m. Board meeting at June and Gordon Roberts' home.
- June 15 1:30 p.m. Installation of new officers in Board Room.



SNO-KING - SNO-ISLE RTA LUNCHEON MAY 18 AT MILL CREEK COUNTRY CLUB
(Reservations close May 12)

Please reserve (_____) places at the luncheon at \$9.00 each.

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____

Signed _____
(Include all names covered by this reservation)

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

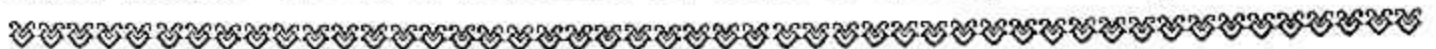
LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - Gordon Bowers, Legislative Chairman

Pension bill (SHB 1322) passed both houses almost unanimously and was delivered to the Governor on April 18. The only retirees affected by this bill were those who retired before 1973 or were 65 years old by approximately 1978. Each case is different--some will receive as high as \$57 per month beginning July 1, 1989. Each retiree will receive a notice from the Retirement Office in Olympia. While the bill benefitted a few of our members, for others, the long wait after base age 65 before becoming eligible for a COLA presents a hopeless situation for many who have already lost more than 40% before reaching age 65, then have to wait for another 40% inflationary loss in purchasing power before getting a 3% COLA.

In response to my letter asking their future plans, Mr. Gus Schwartz, Lobbyist-Administrator of RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES stated that this long wait is not acceptable, and they will be back to hassle with legislators in 1990 and would not rule out legal action. Also, active teachers have become more alert to the problems they face under SHB 1322. Sno-King and Sno-Isle RTA reps have attended and spoken at teachers' rallies in both Northshore and Everett. More support will come from WEA.

Regarding CATASTROPHIC CARE SURCHARGE - after nationwide protests, AARP has changed position on the Surcharge and now states: "We remain open to new proposals for funding the Catastrophic program and will evaluate them in light of their equity and potential for support." Prior to this statement, AARP's spokesmen, Horace Deets and John Rother, have adamantly opposed any reconsideration of the Surtax, and Congressmen have aped the AARP spokesmen, saying that nothing would be done by Congress, because the bill as written was what AARP wanted. The AARP Board met in March to reconsider. We hope AARP now assumes a more active, informed and alert role in dealing with Congress on matters of extreme importance to his members.

According to the Seattle Times (April 18), Congress is responding to the thousands of letters per week against the Surcharge, and the House voted April 17 (408 to 0) for a resolution to clear the way for hearings on changing the law. House WAYS & MEANS Committee Chairman, US Rep. Dan Rostenkowski (Ill.) has refused to allow his panel to consider changes. Letters to congressmen are needed to encourage necessary action! !



Our SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON on April 20 was well attended with 70 members and guests present. We were happy to meet our three scholarship winners and their parents. From Inglemoor Wendy Smith will attend Western Washington to train to become a first-grade teacher. Jessica Cysewski from Shorecrest will first attend Shoreline CC and then Western Washington to pursue a degree as a special education teacher at the elementary level. Robert Lawler from Mountlake Terrace will attend Rocky Mountain College in Billings, Montana, with his eye on becoming a mathematics teacher at the high school level. We wish these three outstanding young people the very best in working toward their goals.

Brook Stanford's presentation about his PEOPLE HELPER on KOMO-TV was most interesting. It was a joy to see the good works that Brook and his helpers have done these past two years via a video; they have raised over \$300,000 in money, goods, and services for people who are in need. The response from the public to this program has been tremendous. Perhaps YOU will be able to help sometime.

Many thanks to those who attended the luncheon, those who brought all the good food, and those who helped with the set-up and the clean-up.



DIRECTIONS TO MILL CREEK COUNTRY CLUB

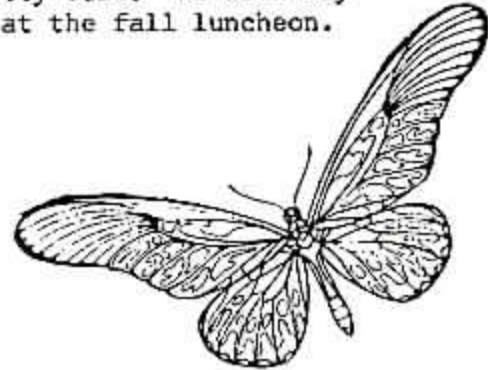
From I-5 take exit #183 which puts you on 164 SW. Go east on 164 approximately 2 1/4 miles (along Mill Creek Shopping area and on up the hill angling to the left) to VILLAGE GREEN DRIVE where you will turn left onto Village Green Drive. Take the third left onto COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE. The Country Club is the first turn in on the right.

Reservations must be made with the Treasurer by May 12, accompanied by a check. Reservation form is on Page 1. Cancellations also must be received prior to that date.

SNO-KING RTA SCHOLARSHIP COOKBOOK

So far we have received only one recipe for our cookbook! We know that there are many wonderful salad, hot dish, and cookie recipes out there that have been used at our luncheons and meetings. Please give or send those recipes to Betty Odle. We will try to have the book ready for sale to benefit our scholarship fund at the fall luncheon. Betty's address is 2137 North 86, Seattle, WA 98103.

Keep those recipes coming!!



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 50¢ 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)

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

NEWS ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Lucille Jones and husband Earl have returned to their home after several months in Mexico.

Jo and Elmer Stitzlein are back in Seattle after 4½ years in Santa Barbara, California.

Myra Sorensen's husband, Sid, is on crutches again after a bit of corrective surgery on that hip he broke a while back.

If you hear of any illness, be sure to notify one of our Sunshine ladies: Gretchen Lay, 775-4190, or Esther Sellers, 776-1509.

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Call Betty at 525-8276 or Marion at 782-3046 if you have any news items for the Bulletin.

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DEADLINE for the JUNE BULLETIN is MAY 20, 1989. Send to Betty Odle 525-8276  
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