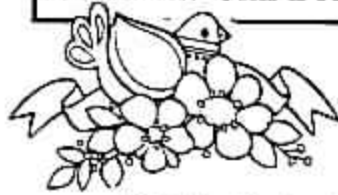


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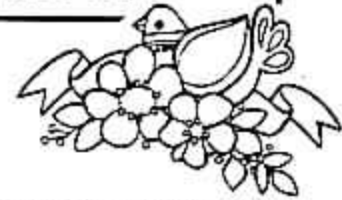
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## President's Message



### SPRING IS A TIME FOR RENEWING

My T.S. Eliot quote in the February newsletter generated comments from many of you. Most of them were poking fun at my high-toned literary references. Others said, "I know exactly what you meant!" Either way, thanks.

But, I'm not going to ply you with more poetry - at this time. Neither will I nag you to volunteer to participate in Unit activities.

Spring is a good time for each of us to renew our commitments to family, spouses and partners. Look about to find ways to express appreciation for good friends to good friends.

Moving about, getting out of the house to work in the yard and garden, spending time reading, resting, relaxing will do a body good.

Martha and I rescheduled our trip to Arizona which we had to cancel in February. This time, we added on New Mexico. Things are going fine for me now, I've managed to restore my energy and optimism. Thanks for your cards and well wishes.

Next month, the 1994 group of school employees will be retiring. I wish them well. I hope every one will enjoy an active retirement. Reach out to them; an outstretched hand both gives and receives. Give them your fellowship and "pull" them into participating with you in Sno-King RTA.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the lunch with Sno-Isle RTA on Thursday, May 19, at the Mill Creek Country Club. Reserve your space by Friday, May 13.

*Jim Becker, President*

### JOINT MAY LUNCHEON WITH SNO-ISLE RTA #22

#### TO FEATURE STUDENT PANEL

*Pearl Miller*, President of Sno-Isle RTA #22, has advised us that the program for the joint Unit Luncheon on Thursday, May 19 will feature a panel of high school students describing their community service projects.

Arrangements have been completed with the Mill Creek Country Club for the luncheon at 12 noon. Driving directions to the Country Club can be found on Page 3 of this Bulletin.

Cost is \$13 per person. Members and their guests are to make reservations by filling out the form on Page 3, and send with their check made out to Sno-King RTA, to Betty Odle, 2137 N 86th to be received by Friday, May 13. Call Betty, if you need additional information: 525-8276. Betty Odle, or Jim Becker at 284-8313.

Students from high schools in the Sno-Isle RTA #22 service area have been invited to discuss their community service and outreach projects. Retired persons can be both model/example and recipient of student volunteer services. Support and encouragement for these young people can be shown by your interested attendance.

It is always a special day - meeting with Sno-Isle and the luncheons at the Mill Creek Country Club are always outstanding. (A bit of history - the Sno-King area used to be part of Sno-Isle - so it is our "mother" unit!)

**THIS IS A VERY SPECIAL "AFFAIR" AND WE HOPE TO HAVE A BIG TURNOUT OF OUR MEMBERS!**

### COMING EVENTS:

May 12	1:30 PM	Board Meeting at Ed Osborn's, 2110 N 171st St, Seattle 364-3523. Note change of date from Wednesday to Thursday. <u>Board members, please bring your rosters with you to the meeting!</u>
May 19	NOON	Joint Luncheon - hosted by Sno-Isle - reservation slip and directions to Mill Creek Country Club on Page 3.
June 16	1:30 PM	Meeting Board Room - Edmonds School District Office - speaker Lee Ozmun - highlights of session this year and legislative goals for next session.
July 21	2 PM	Picnic honoring new retirees and all announced candidates for the legislature will be invited to attend.



**HEALTH & PROTECTIVE SERVICES**

**Gordon Bowers, Chairman, 778-9202**

The WASHINGTON STATE HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY is in the process of securing bids from health care suppliers that should be less costly, and be available January 1995. All retirees will be receiving info within the next few months.

At the Federal level, several health bills were combined into one called the "STARK" bill that came out of the HOUSE WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE. will be "marked up" (changed) in the HOUSE ENERGY & COMMERCE COMMITTEE, and then will go to the EDUCATION & LABOR COMMITTEE.

To complicate the health issue further, the SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE LABOR & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEES are planning various changes in any health bill that comes their way. However "marked up" some type of health bill should reach President Clinton in June or July.

AARP is concerned that the STARK bill that President Clinton says he would sign, does not provide any type of long term coverage. AARP has not endorsed any plan, but has long insisted that some form of long term care and prescription drug coverage is very important to retirees. AARP is concerned that 58 million Americans are without insurance at some point during the year, and two million Americans a month lose their insurance. What American families pay for health insurance has risen 55% in just three years.

Letters and phone calls to Congress members are needed and effective. Urge their support for home and community based long term care, which is critical to the survival of the American family. Prescription drugs and universal health care coverage is essential in any plan. Your CONGRESS MEMBERS ARE: SENATORS PATTY MURRAY, U.S. SENATE, WASHINGTON D.C. 20510; Seattle phone: 553-5545...SLADE GORTON, SAME DC ADDRESS, Seattle phone 553-0350. REP. MARIA CANTWELL, U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WASH. D.C. 20515, Seattle phone: 640-0233.

Medical strides - good news from the University of Pittsburg Cancer institute - researchers report they have developed a vaccine against the MELANOMA deadly form of skin cancer. Doctors used the patient's own cancer cells which were inactivated so they would not multiply and make new tumors, then treated with a substance called DNP, that when reinjected into the patient tricked the patient's white blood cells to destroy the remaining cancer cells! A REAL BREAKTHROUGH!

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**55-ALIVE-MATURE DRIVING CLASSES**  
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Betty Puckett, COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE CHAIR, announces the schedule for Spring and Summer Classes in 55-ALIVE. They are scheduled for May 11-12, June 8-9, and July 13-14. Classes will be held at Edmonds Park and Recreation Center, 700 Main, Edmonds. Phone 771-0230 to register.

Classes meet from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. each day for the two successive days. Bring a snack if you wish. Material fee is \$8.00, payable to AARP. You must register in advance through Edmonds Recreation. Class is limited to 20. Call Betty Puckett, 522-8921 if you have any questions.  
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**"LET US" FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS**

- 1. Let us listen to the young people and try to see through their eyes.
- 2. Let us guide them away from the mistakes that we made.
- 3. Let us restrain them when they are headed for disaster.
- 4. Let us have faith that the world will be a better place because of them.



H. Beeler

**SHARE YOUR SPECIAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE STORIES**

We continue to receive several more stories each month - but we need more to make it worthwhile to put together in a little book. Remember when we print the stories they will be sold to benefit our Scholarship Fund. Everyone must have some interesting, or amusing stories to share - they could be about you, or your students. Most of the stories so far are about younger children - surely some interesting things happened at the Junior High or High School level.

*Please share at least one of your experiences with us - everyone must have a tale to tell!*

**WE WILL GO TO PRESS THIS SUMMER - WE HOPE YOUR STORIES WILL BE PART OF THE BOOK!**

**Send your stories to Betty Odle, 2137 N 86th ST, Seattle, WA 98103. Thanks!!!**





**LEGISLATIVE NEWS - Joanne Dunn, Chair 363-7843**

**THE LEGISLATIVE SEASON IS OVER!  
THE LEGISLATIVE SEASON IS BEGINNING!**



Congratulations! We did a good job during the last legislative session. Thank you for all of your good work. It would not have been done without you.

Now, we have the challenge of the next session. Some creative thinking is going on with Lee Ozmun, our lobbyist in Olympia, other members of the Retirement Coalition and legislators. The Joint Committee on Pension Policy had its first meeting of the interim, and COLA improvement is on the agenda this year!

The creative process includes finding ways to achieve a true COLA while reducing the costs! But - most important to our success right now is preparing to send people to Olympia who are knowledgeable and supportive of our issues. With term limitations looming, many legislators are running for positions outside the legislature. That means that the next session could have almost as many newcomers in the legislature as we had in 1992. That means that we have a job to do, now.

As a first step in organizing *our* campaign for the legislature, please put on your calendar the June Sno-King meeting. In addition to installation of officers for the coming year, the meeting will be devoted to preparing us to have a bigger-than-ever effect on the fall legislative campaigns. Lee Ozmun will speak on the results of the last session and the outlook for the coming session. The rest of the meeting will be devoted to explaining how each of us can be of help to legislative candidates.

Educators are probably the most valuable assets any campaign can have. We have the skills a campaign needs. We also have the willingness and the determination. We can be important contributors without having to spend a great deal of time. Legislators know that everyone's time is valuable, and they appreciate whatever we are willing to give.

The second step is the July picnic. All of the announced candidates for the legislature will be invited to attend so that you can hear what they have to say, meet them and decide which ones you would like to help.

**PLEASE ATTEND THESE TWO MEETINGS. WE PROMISE THEY WILL BE FUN, INFORMATIVE AND SHORT!  
MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW FOR JUNE 16 AND JULY 21. BRING A FRIEND!**

**DIRECTIONS TO MILL CREEK COUNTRY CLUB:** From I-5 take exit #183 which puts you on 164th SW. Go east on 164th 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. Take the third left onto COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE. The Country Club is the first turn in on the right.

There is limited handicapped parking space. However, the Country Club has provided valet parking service at the door at no cost. You may tip the valets, however - that would be nice. Most parking space will be in the Swim Club area, across Country Club Drive from the Clubhouse. It is a short walk. If rain, we suggest using the valet service.

**MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR SNO-KING - SNO-ISLE JOINT LUNCHEON, MAY 19  
MILL CREEK COUNTRY CLUB**

(Reservations close May 13)

Please reserve ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) places at the luncheon at \$13.00 each.

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ made out to Sno-King Retired Teachers Assoc.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

(Include all names covered by this reservation.)

Mail to: Betty Odle, 2137 N 86th Street, Seattle, WA 98103



**NEWS ABOUT OUR MEMBERS**

Our member *Migsie Holland* had a terrifying experience in March. She is a volunteer at the gift shop at Stevens Hospital. One day she was approached by a man with a gun who ordered her to give her all the money in the till and then took her hostage and walked her down the street about 7 blocks when the police, who had been alerted by others at the hospital, captured the gunman. He has had a number of convictions and will be charged on the three-count law. Fortunately, Migsie was not hurt physically, but she is suffering from the trauma. The death of her mother several weeks after her ordeal has not helped.

We are sorry to report the death of *Ruth Wilcox* on April 13. She was Curriculum Director and Director of Personnel during the greatest growth of the Edmonds School District, retiring in June 1975. In 1986 she received "The Living Legend Award". Our deepest sympathy to her family and friends.

I can't believe that we neglected to inform you that our member and NW-1 representative on the WSRTA Executive Board, *Eleanor Robinson Wallis*, suffered a stroke several months ago. She has been home for some time and is getting better every day and expects to be at the Convention in June. We have missed you, Eleanor, and hope you will be out with us soon!

*Phyllis Fiege* will be in Washington D.C. May 14 to May 21 for a Senior Citizen Internship with the Close-up Foundation. Seniors will be coming from all over the country to learn and see how our government works. Phyllis also will be stopping in Ohio before and after the DC trip to visit son, sister, other relatives and friends.

*Ann Thompson* along with sisters *Fran Mackie* and *Helen Ames* (from PA) will be traveling to the land of their birth, Korea, on May 12. They will be attending a Founders' Day Celebration at Keimyung University i. Toegu. Their father, a missionary to Korea for 45 years, founded this school - designing the buildings, leveling the soccer field, building the privy, writing the school song, and was the first president. This is Ann's first trip back to Korea since leaving in 1940.

*Debra Cooley* leaves in June for Chautauqua, New York. One granddaughter drives East with her and another will drive west with her in September.

Snowbirds *Marge and Harold Wittala* back from the South. Claim that they brought the sun back with them. Thanks!

We are happy to report that three more of our members have been given "Living Legend" Awards. They are *Marion Fyall*, *Larry Squire* and *Al Christensen*. CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Our sympathy to *Jim Lockhart* in the loss of his father this past month.

Our best wishes to *Edith Bowers* for a fast recovery from additional knee surgery.

We are sorry to report the death of our member *Graham Perry* on April 8 after three years of suffering from Lou Gehrig disease. Memorials may be made to the Graham Perry Band Director's Scholarship Fund for Kenmore Jr. High, c/o Graham's wife, *Joy Perry*, 16820-45th NE, Seattle, WA 98155. Our deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

**SHORELINE PEOPLE:** The Shoreline Historical Museum on 175th and Linden would be pleased to have photos and memorabilia you are discarding. The museum is working on Shoreline history - school district and area. Volunteers are also welcome. For more information call June McMasters: 542-4356.

News deadline for June Bulletin is May 21. Send to Betty Odle, 2137 N 86th, Seattle 98103.

Phone: 525-8276. Please send us news about other members as well as about your activities. If you know of any illness, please contact our Sunshine Chair, Barbara Berg - 483-2671 or President Jim Becker - 284-8313, or Editor Betty Odle - 525-8276.

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