



# RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

## BULLETIN

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Betty Odle

With the cold, rainy season coming into view we acknowledge, with some regret, that our beautiful summer has passed and those who do not join the "Snow Bird" flock will have to face the cool, wet Northwest winter. Our Health Care Chairman, Fran Peters would like to remind us that we must continue to get our exercise (walking 45 minutes to an hour at least four times a week is ideal). Local shopping malls are open early in the morning so you can get in your walk before the crowds arrive.

How wonderful it was to see so many members at the October Scholarship Luncheon. We hope all of you will be with us at the November 15th meeting. Our Vice-President, Betty Puckett will be presiding - I will be on the plane for Hawaii. Sonny about that!

There are still several committees that need your help. The Telephone Committee needs a big crew ready to help out on the Legislative HOT LINE - that will be active right after the first of the year. Call co-chairman, Winnifred Smith, 778-3979.

More reading volunteers are needed to read stories to elementary children at Echo Lake School. Call Fran Jackson, 364-2583.

Please call our Sunshine Chairman, Nancy Post, 774-4503, or our Health Care Chairman, Fran Peters, 367-6083 if you are ill, or if you know of any of our members who are ill or in the hospital. They will be happy to cheer you up if they know you need a lift.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 7 Wed. Board Meeting - June and Gordon Roberts 1:30 p.m.

November 15 Thursday Regular Meeting - 1:30 p.m. Edmonds School Dist. Board Room.

Dr. Terry Law, a Seattle internist, will be with us at this meeting. She will share some of the ways she feels Health Care Cost Containment is being promoted locally.

Our Sno-King delegates to the I. & P.S. Workshop in Sedro-Wooley will also give suggestions on Long Term Care/Nursing Home alternatives presented during the Workshop.

December 5 Board Meeting - Gene Omsted's, 1:30 p.m.

December 12 Thursday Regular Meeting - 1:30 p.m. Edmonds School Dist. Board Room.

Please notice the date - this is one week early because of Christmas vacation.

NOTE: ANY ARTICLES OR NEWS FOR THE NEWSLETTER FOR DECEMBER SHOULD BE SENT TO MARIAN BELLOWS BY NOVEMBER 20. Her address is 9700 24th Ave. N.W., Seattle 98117, phone 782-3046.

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Chairman, Ken Angell, reports that as of October 17, 1984 there are sixty (60) members who have not renewed their Sno-King RTA dues for 1984-85. There are fifteen (15) of these members who are members of the Washington State Retired Teachers Association on an automatic dues basis who have overlooked paying their Sno-King Retired Teachers Association dues.

We ask that you check with the Treasurer, Gordon Roberts - 546-4284, if you are not certain of your membership status.

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - Gordon Bowers

Though Sno-King RTA is non-partisan (does not support political parties), its efforts on legislation are far reaching. Through the channels of WSRTA, AARP and other affiliates as the Senior Citizens' Lobby, the Sno-King RTA Legislative Committee each year receives requests to support dozens of bills in the Washington Legislature and the U.S. Congress.

To support all proposed legislation of benefit to all retirees would reduce the legislative effectiveness of retired teachers. Therefore, Sno-King RTA efforts are coordinated with statewide goals for retired teachers under leadership of Dr. Stayner Brighton, the WSRTA Legislative Chairman.

The number one goal for the upcoming 49th legislative session in January is to support legislation that will provide adequate funding for the pension systems, and number two is to support legislation that would provide automatic cost of living adjustments for retirees.

Sno-King RTA relies on its telephone committee (Ruth Westerhuis and Winifred Smith, Co-Chrm.) to alert RTA members regarding immediate HOTLINE calls to legislators about pending bills. RTA members are urged to write or call their legislators on bills of concern to WSRTA and the SENIOR CITIZENS' LOBBY - composed of various groups of retired Washington State employees - judges, state patrol officers, etc. Together, retiree organizations are very effective in Olympia. Legislators listen!

More update will follow in the December issue of the RTA Bulletin.

## SCHOLARSHIP FUND REPORT - June Roberts

In March the Sno-King RTA Scholarship Fund was established by three members with \$200 in contributions and memorials. By mid summer the fund had reached \$700 and a goal of \$1000 by the end of the year seemed somewhat possible. Last month 71 members and friends met at a salad luncheon and put the fund "over the top" well ahead of years' end.

The scholarship fund account now stands at \$1104.43.

Between March and October many individuals added to the fund in large and small amounts, and it seems appropriate to recognize your contributions--perhaps a list in appreciation of you who sent \$25, \$50, or \$100 checks, or a special thanks to you who offered your church for our luncheons or your handwork for a raffle or made salads, baked cookies or bought supplies for our luncheons. But that would not acknowledge the many of you who have given \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$15, \$20 once, twice, sometimes every month, or the great number of you who refuse your dollar or two in change so often with the comment, "Give it to the scholarship fund."

It is not possible to single out special people to honor. The scholarship fund is all of you, working and giving together to help future teachers. You are all special and greatly appreciated. On behalf of the scholarship fund, thank you, every one.

(Our next luncheon will on February 21 and will be a hot-dish luncheon. We're looking for a chairman - is it you? Call June 546-4284.)

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