



RETIREED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

NOVEMBER 1988

BULLETIN

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

November 8 is Election Day. I hope you vote in this important election. Call me if you need assistance to get to your polling place or if you would be willing to drive a Sno-King RTA member to the polls. My number is 363-7750.

Our Fall Scholarship Luncheon is set for November 10, 12 noon, at the Edmonds Unitarian Church. Your donation of \$4.00 will increase our fund so we can continue to offer a scholarship to graduating senior applicants planning to enter the field of education. Presently, we are funding three one-year scholarships: one each in Edmonds, Northshore, and Shoreline.

One of my goals for this year is to get our unit involved in community service projects helping others. Several of our members volunteer as tutors in Edmonds elementary schools. I would like to know of other volunteer projects you are engaged in or know of some needs we could address. I want to get this information so we can help match volunteers with projects.

Is anyone out there willing to start up a Sno-King RTA historical scrapbook? We have some pictures, newspaper clippings, and other memorabilia on hand to get you started.

Best wishes and see you November 10,

Jim Becker



COXING EVENTS

- November 9 1:30 p.m. Board Meeting at Kamilla Aarseth and Marvel Desordi's home
23730 - 111 Place West, Edmonds
- November 10 12 Noon Scholarship Luncheon, Edmonds Unitarian Church
8109 - 224 St. SW, Edmonds
- December 14 1:30 p.m. Board Meeting with Ruthanne Warren and Edie Kirkpatrick
1720 NE 179 St #301, Seattle
- December 15 1:30 p.m. Christmas program (probably at Shorecrest High School)

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Katherine Keys	12032 Palatine North, Seattle 98133.	367-6458
Patricia P. Lay	13726 - 22 Ave. NE, Seattle 98125	364-4613
Regina P. Norris	1019 Maple, Edmonds 98020	778-3802
Mary Ann Simons	9106 - 216 St. SW, Edmonds 98020	775-4004
D. Clare Wright	7309 - 45 Ave NE, Seattle 98115	525-8636

Add their names to your membership handbook and make the following corrections:

Change R.W. Elmer's phone to 483-6447.

Add an asterisk to name of Marilyn Grey and Alyce T. Wiggins--they are still associates.

Ernest P. Hoff is a full member--remove the asterisk.

Adah Miner has a new address: 350 North 190 #403A, Seattle 98133

LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS



Please save the yellow insert (Essential Points, COLAS) in your October WSRTA Journal. Newly appointed Rep. Jeannette Wood, 21st District, says it is the most useful and informative of all materials she has received as a new legislator.

All candidates for the legislature in the state have been mailed a questionnaire on their positions - COLAS, and whether they would sponsor WSRTA COLA bills. Results for each legislative district are expected to be available before November 8.

Regarding Medicare and Catastrophic Care, AARP HIGHLIGHTS, October 1988, has some updated Medicare premium costs, "In 1989, the minimum premium for Part A & B coverage for an individual will be \$31.10 per month. The highest premium possible will be \$31.10 per month plus an income tax liability of \$800, or \$1173.20. Couples with both individuals eligible for Medicare will pay double these amounts."

Medicare basic cost per person will rise to a monthly premium of \$42.60 in the next five years. Some Congress members are already at work to effect changes during the 1989 session. California Rep. Anthony C. Beilenson wrote in the July issue of RETIREMENT LIFE entitled NEGLECTING WHAT THE ELDERLY NEED MOST--WE SHOULD GO BACK TO SQUARE ONE ON CATASTROPHIC PROTECTION. He explained in his article, "Medicare beneficiaries are already unhappy about paying \$24.80 a month, as all lawmakers know from the huge amount of mail and number of phone calls we have received protesting this year's \$6.90 monthly increase. It is difficult to imagine Congress asking the elderly to pay the \$42.60 per month required five years from now under the bill; it is inconceivable that we will then ask them to pay even more than that, even for the most sought-after benefits."

Additionally, there has been much concern over the method of financing the catastrophic surcharge--targeting middle income senior only. In line with this problem for retirees, the WSRTA Coordinating Council NW-1, representatives from Snohomish, Skagit, Whatcom, and Island-San Juan counties voted at their October 6 meeting to request the WSRTA Executive Board contact AARP Executive Director Horace Deets to urge AARP TO PRESS CONGRESS FOR A RECONSIDERATION OF THIS EXCESSIVE TAX INCREASE. Individual letters are very effective, also, both to each Congressman and to AARP Executive Director, 1909 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20049. The USA is the only industrialized nation in the world that does not have a comprehensive medical care plan for its citizens. Your letters will help!



BULGAR SLAW

1 1/2 c. bulgar wheat 3/4 tsp. salt
3 c. water

Combine and cook 15 minutes or until water is absorbed, covered. *Cool.*

Combine:

1 1/2 c. mayonnaise 3/4 tsp. crushed dill weed
1/2 c. cider vinegar 3/4 tsp. mustard (dry)
5 to 6 T. sugar 1/2 to 3/4 c. green onions
3/4 tsp. Tabasco

Add mayonnaise mixture to wheat and chill, covered, several hours or overnight. One hour before serving add the following:
4 1/2 c. shredded cabbage, 1 1/2 cups finely chopped celery,
1 1/2 cups shredded carrots. Add tomato quarters for garnish.



Betty Puckett
Sno-King Aug '88 Board Pres

NEWS ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Ken Angell is visiting his brother in California.

Frank Bolerjack will be in Kauai, Hawaii, Thanksgiving week, to attend the marriage of a daughter.

Gretchen and Lee Lay have just sold their house in the University area and will be moving in December to Lynnwood, not far from our Edmonds meetings. All depends on an FHA appraisal; but if all goes well, it will be a big change after 30 years in one home.

The Jack Allens celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary early in October and then flew south for the winter.

Donna Palmer toured England, Germany and Austria in September and visited relatives in the Army in Nuremberg, Germany, where she taught in American Dependent Schools 35 years ago.

Phyllis Fiege had a trip to China in October, and Betty and Bob Odle cruised the Caribbean for a week in October.

Dorothy Hunter had triple bypass surgery at Overlake Hospital on October 6. She is home in Hansville and doing well. No wonder John missed the Coordinating Council that day!

At our October 20 meeting we learned that Ralph Wigington, a former English teacher in the Edmonds District, passed away October 17. He had had surgery but seemed to be doing well. He was attending a family reunion in Tennessee (I think) when he died.

Judy and Harry Liden will be in Reno November 7 - 9.

Migsie Holland Coit had a 35-day trip to South America and used all modes of transportation to see the whole continent. Weather was good but hot--only one rainy day. There were 29 on the tour, and Migsie was the only one who stayed healthy. She is back "subbing."

A member of the Snohomish County Canine Corps will be introduced by an officer in the sheriff's department at our SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON on November 10 at the Edmonds Unitarian Church. Training of the corps members and their use in police work will be explained by the officer handling the dog.

If you have not already signed up, please call for RESERVATIONS with one of the following: Winnie Smith 778-3979, Gordon Roberts 546-4284, Betty Puckett 522-8921, Cheryl Bickford 363-2731, or Frances Bolerjack 778-5515.

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. _____ Retirement 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 \$0.00 a month.

- I prefer to pay my dues by check. (If known)
\$24.00 for WSRTA
\$6.00 for Sno-King RTA
- Enclosed is my check for \$ _____
- \$2.00 for Sno-King Assoc. \$ _____
- I'd like further information about the NRTA Division of AARP

(Signature) _____ (Date) _____
(Mail to Sno-King RTA, P.O. Box 5253, Lynnwood, WA 98046-5253)

"The Member Who Never Came Back"

By Mrs. Buell Baclesse

It amuses me now to think that our organization spends so much time looking for new members when I was there all the time. Do you remember me? I'm the one who was asked to join. I paid my dues and then I was asked to be a loyal and faithful member.

I'm the one who came to every meeting, but nobody paid any attention to me. I tried several times to be friendly, but everyone seemed to have their own friends with whom to talk and sit. I sat among some unfriendly faces several times, but they didn't pay much attention to me.

I hoped somebody would ask me to join one of the committees or to somehow participate and contribute, but no one did.

Finally, because of illness, I missed a meeting. The next month no one asked me where I had been. I guess it didn't matter much whether I was there or not. On the next meeting date, I decided

to stay home and watch a good TV program. When I attended the next meeting, no one asked where I was the month before.

You might say I'm a good gal, a good family person, that I hold a responsible job and love my community.

You know who else I am? I'm the member who never came back.

But then another group to which I belong has given me a job to do and does seem concerned about me. I guess I'll go to their meeting this week; the RTA won't miss me.

The above is sad, but it can and does happen in the warmest and closest of groups. Let's all try harder and greet each member, old and new, and encourage their participation. Each has something to give—time, talents, or enthusiasm—and each wants an opportunity to make this contribution to our organization. To deprive him/her of that opportunity or not encourage the mem-

ber's participation is unfair to both the member and to the organization.

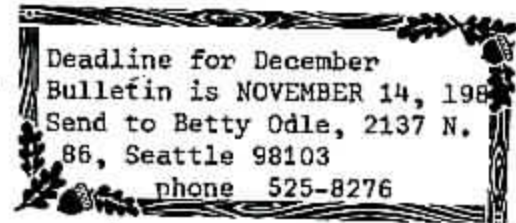
Now get on the telephone or go see a member who hasn't renewed membership for this year or who is absent today—let this person know that he/she is being missed.



P. O. Box 2025
Columbia, Missouri 65205

Retired Teachers

Association of Missouri



Happy Thanksgiving

Sno-King Retired
Teachers' Assn.
P.O. Box 5253
Lynnwood, WA
98046 5253

BULK MAIL
U. S. POSTAGE
PAID
Lynnwood, WA
PERMIT #277