

SNO-KING RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

BULLETIN



NOVEMBER 1989

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Those members and guests who attended our fall Scholarship Luncheon were well entertained by Helen Thayer who presented slides and a fascinating narrative describing her trek to the magnetic North Pole in March 1988. She was accompanied only by her dog Charlie, who also came to the luncheon. Friendly Charlie, a Husky/Newfoundland mix just did not seem mean enough to scare off polar bears, which was his job on the trek. Mrs. Thayer is also speaking to high school students who are inspired by her courage to set positive goals in their lives.

The Sno-King Scholarship drive is continuing. Our target date for the sample mailing is November 8. Joan Brown, our new Members Services committee person, has compiled a number of day trips and other activities. Those of you who desire a copy please contact her at 774-5006. Please keep in mind our next general meeting on November 16 at the Edmonds Board Room when we will hear about Fire Safety by a member of the Shoreline Fire Department.

John Hunter, President



COMING EVENTS

- November 8 1:30 p.m. Board meeting at Betty Odle's, 2137 N. 86 St. Those who can come at 10 a.m. w/lunch to stuff envelopes for scholarship sample mailing. (We won't put lunch into envelopes!)
- November 16 1:30 p.m. General meeting - Edmonds Board Room. Speaker on FIRE SAFETY from Shoreline Fire Department.
- December 6 1:30 p.m. Board meeting at Gordon Bower's, 18827 Soundview Pl. Edmonds.
- December 14 1:30 p.m. Holiday music program. Place to be announced.

DUES FOR 1989-90 WERE DUE JULY 1 IF YOU ARE NOT ON AUTOMATIC DUES DEDUCTION. PLEASE USE THE FORM BELOW WHEN YOU SEND IN YOUR DUES OR IF YOU WISH TO START A.D.D.

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 prefer to pay my dues by check.
 \$24.00 for WSRTA
 \$6.00 for Sno-King RTA
 Enclosed is my check for \$ _____



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE -- GORDON BOWERS, LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN

CATASTROPHIC CARE - (CAT) It seems likely that the compromise between the Senate and House will produce a new bill that keeps some of the catastrophic features without the Surtax. Some comments of interest on the "CAT": From Congress - "We made a mistake passing the CAT," said Harris Fawell, R-Ill.; "Catastrophic health care is a lemon," said Barbara Kennelly, D-Conn.; "We laid an egg and instead of a beautiful swan, behold, we had a turkey." said Clay Shaw, R-Fla.

Time Magazine staff, p. 33, 8/16/89 -

Is selfishness to blame? In truth, the 1988 legislation was badly flawed, albeit well-intentioned. Reflecting the read-my-lips era, Congress mistakenly insisted that catastrophic insurance had to be self-financing, with none of the subsidy coming from general tax revenues. Small wonder that the most prosperous Medicare recipients, largely protected by private health insurance, rebelled against being singled out to aid the less fortunate. That responsibility should rest with all taxpayers. Despite the phony fixation on fiscal gimmicks, broad-based taxation remains the fairest way to fund federal programs. It is a principle that Congress and the White House ignore at their peril.

WSRTA VCR - The Legislative Committee is producing a new VCR tape that will update information on teachers' and Public Employees' retirement pension problems from 1989 on. Copies of the tape will be available for use by all RTA units throughout the State within 60 days.

The WSRTA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE will meet with legislators on November 15 at the Capitol to plan for possible future legislative changes in the retirement base age (now 65 - goal is to reduce to 60). Any Sno-King RTA member who has a comment or concern on legislation for the committee call Gordon Bowers at 778-9202. A follow-up report of the meeting will be in the Sno-King December Newsletter.

Fran Peters, our new Health and Protective Services chair, is not letting any grass grow under her feet. She and a few of our members will be attending an EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS class presented by the Red Cross on the evening of November 8. They will share the information they get with us at a later meeting. The Red Cross has scheduled two other classes in the area, on November 17 in Auburn and on November 21 in Bellevue. If you wish to attend, call the Red Cross at 323-2345. The October 23 P.I. section C, had other helpful information. Perhaps your local library has a copy you may read.



WHERE ARE THOSE RECIPES? ? ? Our editor doesn't have enough as yet to fill a good Unit recipe book (profits to go to our Scholarship Fund.) There were so many delicious salads and hot dishes at our Scholarship Luncheon--we would like to have those recipes in our book. So get busy and send your favorite recipes--and your mother's--to Betty Odle, 2137 North 85 Street, Seattle 98103

On November 11 and 12, the Edmonds Unitarian Church is holding its 16th annual Northwest Artists Show. All kinds of art, crafts, etc. will be available, as well as refreshments. Put those dates on your calendar.

At the luncheon some of you expressed an interest in the bus tour that Marion Bellows had taken. If you like, call her at 782-3046 and she will put you in touch with the Boresons.

We were pleased to see so many new 1989 retirees at our Scholarship Luncheon. Welcome! You will be receiving our new calendar and roster soon. Keep those dates in mind and come join us at all of our meetings.



NEWS ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Barbara Berg and Georgianna Young spent a month this fall "chasing" the colored leaves throughout the Northeastern states. It was an interesting adventure that began in Boston with the renting of a car.

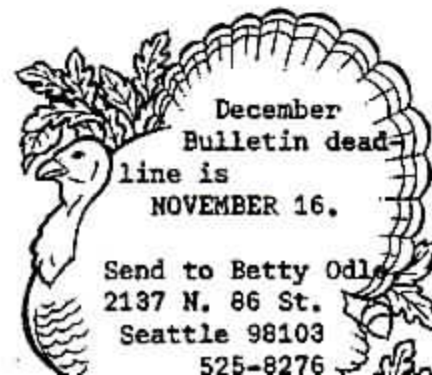
Liz Sears taught biology in a girls' secondary school in West Pokot District, Kenya, this last summer.

Be sure to call one of our Sunshine committee, Gretchen Lay at 775-4190, or Esther Sellers at 776-1509, if you know of one of our members who needs a bit of cheering up.

Should you think of a bit of news any time during the month, please call Betty Odle or Marion Bellows or Paul Weaver and tell the story. We definitely need more information about our members.

Ed Osborn, treasurer, reported that we cleared about \$260 on our luncheon, almost the amount of one of our scholarships. Thanks to all of you who came out.

NO MATTER WHERE YOU GO, THERE YOU ARE!



December
Bulletin dead-
line is
NOVEMBER 16.

Send to Betty Odle
2137 N. 86 St.
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525-8276

SOCIAL NETWORK JOAN BROWN, MEMBER SERVICES. phone 774-5006

Many of you filled out the social activities surveys at the September meeting. From them Joan has compiled a number of activities for us. She passed out a two-page list at the October luncheon. You may call her at the above number if you wish to have a copy.

Some of the activities Joan has investigated are:

The Museum of Flight - a new Apollo exhibit to be shown next spring.

Aurora Village Free Movie - last Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m.
That's Halloween this month.

The Museum of History and Industry - Nov. 13 and Dec. 11 tour and an English tea at 10:30 a.m. \$6.00 each. Call Joan for a reservation. (Museum is free on Tuesday 10 - 5.

Senior Day at Seattle Art Museum - first Friday of each month in auditorium in Volunteer Park at 11 a.m. Bring your lunch.

"A Christmas Carol" at Edmonds Driftwood Players - Dec. 17 at 2 p.m. Call Joan by October 26 for reservations.

Walkers Anonymous - Alderwood Mall Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 a.m.
Enter Mall on north side between Lamont's and Penney's

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