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The SKSR Bulletin

A message from our president

Here we go again!

by Bob Jones, 425-787-2727-bobjones@premier1.net

don't need to tell you it's fall again, and school has started. We are all missing the meetings for "The Word of the Year," all the new programs with catchy phrases but doing almost the same old things as before, recess duty or hall duty, fund raising, finding the committee you have to be on that doesn't take a lot of your time and of course those wonderful faculty meetings. OH YEAH! GIVE ME A BREAK! Well anyway, if you want to do those things you can go back and teach up to 1,500 hours per fiscal year for retired members of TRS Plan 1, and PERS Plan 1 can work 1,500 hours per calendar year and not lose your retirement. That's after you have retired for one whole month. As I said last month, we do have meetings, committees, and activities for personal likes, except, they are for us and whatever we want to do. And for as much or little time as we wish to contribute. If we all do a little, much gets done. We need help in all areas in Sno-King to better the life of all. Later in this issue you should find something about the new membership three-prong approach.

Some of you know these articles are written the first of the month for the newsletter and are printed at the last of the month. As I sit and think about what to say after the horrific Tuesday in New York and Washington, I believe whatever I say it will have been said before you read what I believe. So I decided to leave the first paragraph as it is and try to make some comments. As I see it, the enemy thought it would bring our great nation to its knees. Well it did but not in the way it believed it would. We are on our knees praying to our God for His strength and guidance. How many times have we heard, said, or sung God Bless America; Oh, God, help them and me; or In God We Trust? That is where our power is, from above and uniting together as one. No longer do we hear "I and mine" but rather "us and we" We have a strong and great nation and we will keep it.

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Kenmore Park

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On a brighter note, we are working on an updated web site, which will be easy to maintain and keep current. No longer will we need someone who knows html language to be a webmaster. In just a few days now, maybe even as you read this, you can go to the site, read the latest newsletter, find out pending legislation and suggested action you might wish to take, board minutes, links to health and welfare and more. Jack Rogers and my son Jeff have been working by phone and e-mail to get this together. It will be something we can really use and be proud to show to others.

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October 11 March 14
November 8 April 11
February 14 May 9
June 13

The Sno-King School Retirees Board joins with all Americans



in reaching out to those touched by the devastating tragedy of September 11, 2001.



We especially acknowledge and thank all of those individuals who made the ultimate sacrifice to help those in need.

God bless America– our home, sweet home. Health tips for you

From tea to your heart

by Gordon Bowers, health chair, 425-778-9202

Have a cup of tea

The Mayo Clinic urges all of us to make tea a daily habit because studies have shown that among other benefits, tea drinkers tend to have lower rates of cardiovascular disease and cancer. Also, the more tea consumed, the lower your cholesterol level.

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Good news for older drivers

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety says, "Take a bow!" You have long been considered unsafe drivers, but the Insurance Institute used statistics from The National Personal Transportation Survey that showed people over 65 accounted for 17 percent of the population and 14 percent of licensed

drivers, but were involved in only 8 percent of police-reported accidents. Younger drivers age 16 to 24 had the highest accident rate, more than double the rate

of older drivers. It must be pointed out that older drivers drive fewer miles, stay off busy roads at rush hour whenever possible, and drive less at night.

Source: Washington Post/Associated Press, September 6, 2001

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Traveling with Terri

To travel or not to travel; that is the question (with apologies to William Shakespeare) by Terri Malinowski, travel chair, 425-483-8344—terrim@accessone.com

You've probably guessed that my husband and I are inveterate travelers. Mostly, we've planned our own trips and traveled solo or with friends. On a few occasions, we've joined tours when we've been uncertain about our abilities to maneuver in an undeveloped area or where language difficulties may present a barrier, as in Eastern Europe.

Only once in our 28 years of traveling have we had a sense of danger while on our own. That was when we were in Florence, Italy, during an April spring break with our daughter and her close friend, both 17. We awakened one morning to discover that the United States had bombed Libya and inflicted casualties. As we made our way along the streets to an art gallery (we wanted the girls to see Michelangelo's sculpture of "David"), noisy groups carrying signs were beginning to march along the narrow lanes.

By the time we emerged from the gallery, protesters carrying inflammatory banners had filled the piazza as they chanted the Italian equivalent of "Down with America!" and "America is evil!" The girls became frightened, and we nervously shepherded them back toward a quieter area. That evening, instead of continuing to Rome as planned with our rail passes, we turned toward Switzerland and finished our travels there.

Now we face a similar decision of a different sort. As I write this column in September, it has been four days since the September 11 attack on America. The deaths from that horrific day are still being tallied, and emotions are running high. Americans are uniting as they have not done for years. But there is a sense of danger yet, and of possible repercussions here and abroad. Friends of ours are stranded in Europe, unable to return from a vacation to, ironically, Florence and Rome.

A school retiree friend and his wife had planned

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to leave September 23 for a long-desired cruise of the Mediterranean and tour of the Middle East. They have never traveled beyond the U.S. borders and were understandably skittish anyway. When I talked to them this week to find out their plans, they told me they had cancelled the trip. "Wouldn't you?" they queried nervously. "Of course," I assured them.

And, indeed, we had considered doing that very thing. We are in the beginning stages of planning a month's stay next June in the Alsace area of eastern France, across the Rhine River from the Swiss and German borders. Our daughters and their families will rotate through in one- and two-week intervals as their vacation periods allow. This is the area where my ancestors lived until the 1600s before emigrating to America. This is where my husband's ancestors lived until their departure in the mid-1800s. Our family has longed to walk the roads and see the land of our roots. So it was that, scant days before, I placed a deposit on a three-bedroom cottage in the small French village of Beblenheim, midway between the Alsatian towns of Strasbourg and Colmar.

These weeks of early October then were set aside to consider and perhaps schedule our air travel, French train passes and car rental while 2001 prices prevail. But the events of September 11 brought us to a halt. Do we cease preparations? Do we cancel the long-planned journey? For several

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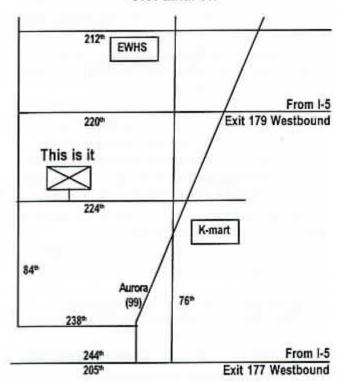
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If you are not able to attend the luncheon but would like to support the scholarship fund you can make a donation to the Sno-King School Retirees' Scholarship Fund. Simply send in the form below, along with your check.

The program for the luncheon, Songs and Legends of Alaska by Joel Mattson, promises to be a fast-paced entertaining program of song, poems, sayings and legends. Bring your friends-this is a good time to invite one of your newly retired coworkers.

Where?

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Memory is the thing you forget with

Success comes in cans. Failure comes in can'ts. Hope Health Letter, September 9, 2001.

A family record

Knowing and recording your family health history may help to alert you to your own risk and take measures to prevent the same type of health problem. In my family, medical records were hard to find, and accuracy about cause of death was usually old age, normal causes, heart attack, etc. Though plain guesses, and not very helpful for tracking gene mutations, such information is still important to your primary care physician and to your children, grand-children and on. From the Mayo Clinic Health Letter, September 2001, pp 4, 5.

Gene therapy

A gene has been found that could help a million adult Americans and 100,000 children who suffer from Crohn's disease and ulcerated colitis. These two diseases/disorders are known as inflammatory bowel disease (IBD). Scientists say this inherited gene becomes mutated, triggered by some digestive tract microbe and for some unknown reason allows the body's immune system to attack the intestinal lining, causing severe inflammation. The result is often a painful, irritating series of trips to the bathroom. General health can deteriorate, malnutrition sets in, and one's lifestyle is totally changed.

There is no cure, but medications can clear up the problem. The same condition, however, occurs perhaps months later. In extreme cases, surgery to remove the entire colon calls for an abdominal opening and a bag to catch waste from the small intestine. Though not usually fatal, the disease can be distressing to all the family as well as all offspring who may have inherited that gene.

Scientists hope this discovery of the guilty gene will lead to a vaccine, cure or other solution. Count your lucky stars. Information from an article by Judith Blake, Seattle Times, August 14, 2001, P. E-3.

Bright idea

Vertebroplasty, developed in France in 1984, and has been used in the US about ten years. The procedure uses cement injected between the vertebra to repair broken segments and reinforce cracked bones. The cement sets up in about 10 minutes, so repair can be done on two vertebrae in one hour and the patient goes home in two hours. From an article by Mary Beth Faller, The Stamford Advocate/
Seattle Times, September 2, 2001, P. J-3 and New England Journal of Medicine.

Another bright idea

Heart repair of several types—new valves, pipesare common. But until now heart specialists had assumed that the heart could not form new cells to heal itself; that any damage was irreversible. Now, researchers have discovered that damaged hearts can heal themselves by growing new muscle cells.

This discovery opens new kinds of therapy. Dr. Eduardo Marban of John Hopkins University and Chairman of the American Heart Association Council on basic cardiovascular sciences said, "In a few years, heart attack patients might routinely be given injections of their own laboratory stem cells to stimulate growth of new heart muscle." Information from Johns Hopkins Health Letter and an article by Stephanie Nano, Seattle Times, June 7, 2001.

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days, the answer was "yes." By the time you read this, these questions could be academic. We don't know what is ahead.

But, at this point, we are filled with the same resolve that has galvanized many Americans. These terrorists will not paralyze us with fear and anxiety. We may delay further planning at this time, but we are still committed to being in rural eastern France by late June. What do you think? Have you similarly delayed or cancelled your travel plans? Or are you on your way?

Especially for Actives

Sno-King School Retirees Grant Program-Grants Now Being Accepted

Each year, grants of up to \$200 are available to active members (not retired) for the purpose of providing funds for materials, programs, etc. not funded by the school. In the past, grants have been used to purchase special tee shirts, caps, books, materials for special projects (e.g., clocks for chess, rocket engines), consulting from working artists, science materials and field trip expenses.

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Remembering . . .

Alma Buxton, long time Edmonds School District teacher, passed away on August 11. She would have been 91 on September 16. She was born in Winetoon, Nebraska.

After graduating from high school, Alma attended the universities of Nebraska and Washington. She taught all grades in a one-room schoolhouse in rural Nebraska and continued with her formal education after she came to our state.

She and her husband, Erwin, provided foster care and day care for over 100 children. The "core family" was always about 10 boys and one girl besides their own son, David.

She taught at the elementary level in the Edmonds School District until her retirement. Alma was one of the first recipients of the district's Living Legends award in 1985. She had also received the PTA Golden Acorn Award.

After retirement, Alma continued helping children learn as a tutor in her home. Whe was an avid homemaker, gardener, needleworker and pinochle player. In her later years, she became a devoted Mariner fan.

Cicely Cirqui, retired curriculum consultant and techer from Shoreline, passed away August 15 after a long struggle with brain cancer.

She taught at Lake Forest Park and left teaching to raise her children, where she was active in PTA and served as president of the Echo Lake PTA.

When her children were raised, Cecily returned to the Shoreline District as an ESL teacher, eventually heading that program and became a curriculum supervisor before she retired a few years ago.

Cecily was an avid University of Washington Husky fan. Barbara Martin, Meadowdale Middle School retiree, was killed in the tragic airplane accident that claimed the lives of 16 Husky fans and the crew of three. She had been on the Husky cruise which was to end with the UW-Miami game before the terrorist attack postponed the game.

Barbara was the wife of retired Meadowdale teacher and current Meadowdale coach, Ron Martin, who had foregone the trip to Miami because of his coaching commitments.

She had taught her entire career at Medowdale Middle School, occupying only two classrooms during that time. "Students just adored her," said Candi Reeves, a friend and also a coach at Medowdale. "She expected a lot from students in her English and social studies classes, and they loved her for it."

"She was a real taskmaster," Ron said of her. "She really liked the kids."

Though the Martins had no children of their own, in reality they had thousands.

Fred Matteucci, a 2001 retiree from Shorecrest High School in the Shoreline School District, was killed in a horrible accident August 15. He was working under his van when the jack collapsed and Fred was crushed to death under the weight of his vehicle.

Just a month earlier Fred had been one of the honorees at the annual SKSR picnic at Kenmore Park. At that Sno-King picnic, Fred told of his anticipation of many fishing trips with his grandsons.

During his teaching career, Fred was active in the Shoreline Education Association, serving as bargainer and president. He was also involved in the state professional geography organization.

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Our membership chair speaks

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by Don Denton, 425-787-7881

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submitted by Barbara Berg, Member Service Chair

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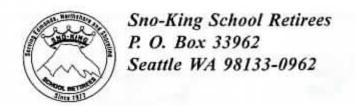
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