



OCTOBER, 1983

BULLETIN

NEXT MEETING

Wed. Oct 20 Lunch at
Edmonds Senior Citizens'
Center \$ 1.65



President Bob Bisnett
telling it as it is.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I want to say hello to those members who live a long way off and invite membership from people who are out of the area and are planning to leave... (A membership form is reprinted elsewhere in this issue) ... We know you are out there. Bless your hearts for sticking with us. I assure you we are working here at home for you. We are trying to make this bulletin a strong link to you by going to ten bulletins per year. Glancing at my membership list, I see: Mary Beth Gulley in Brighton, Michigan; Virginia Johnson in Greenville, Illinois; and Ellen Maitland in Little Lake, Michigan.

For those here in Sno-King and living 'way out there, I want you to know our unit is thinking on a national level issue. The board and your unit passed a resolution that would provide the accumulation of the retirement funds contributed by teachers who move from state to state. That money would go into a federal fund that would preserve the highest possible retirement benefits for them. Women teachers, who have followed their husbands' careers, have been suffering in the absence of such a structure. The coordinating council of units in this area will consider the measure next."

Looking ahead, the board will meet at Mary Lou Porter's on Wednesday, October 12. We are enjoying seeing the homes of volunteers such as Betty Odle and Gordy and June Roberts. Your president is not accustomed to working with such enthusiastic people. It is merely a reflection of the motivation your students received all those fine years.

All the big spenders in the RTA are meeting at noon at the Senior Citizens' Center on the Edmonds waterfront for a \$1.65 lunch on October 20. Elthea Lewis, the AARP coordinator, will speak to us. She gave me an idea for potluck meetings I'll bring up at the next board meeting.

Mr. Mendez spoke on Social Security at our last meeting. A series of stimulating programs are tapping the talents of the RTA members and their areas of concern.

In our effort to reach out and touch others, I will bring up a possible scholarship fund for the board's consideration at the next meeting at the Porter's residence.

RESOLUTION #1: ITINERANT TEACHER RETIREMENT FUND

WHEREAS, PRESENTLY TEACHERS GIVING FULL SERVICE FAIL TO OBTAIN PROPER RETIREMENT PAY;

WHEREAS, REINVESTMENT PERIODS IN THE INDIVIDUAL STATES OFTEN FAIL TO COINCIDE WITH THE EMPLOYMENT PERIODS;

WHEREAS, TEACHERS ARE OFTEN REQUIRED TO DEPART THE STATE DUE TO THE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES OF THE OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS, IN PARTICULAR CIVIL OR MILITARY SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY; AND

WHEREAS, THE DOWN TIME FROM PREGNANCIES AND ILLNESSES OFTEN EXCLUDE THE TEACHER FROM BUYING INTO RETIREMENT SYSTEMS:

BE IT RESOLVED TEACHERS MOVING FROM ONE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION TO ANOTHER SHOULD BE ABLE TO OPTION THE PLACEMENT OF THOSE FUNDS IN A FEDERALLY CONTROLLED RETIREMENT FRAMEWORK, SAID FUNDS TO BE COLLECTED, GATHER INTEREST AND BE DISBURSED TO THE DONOR ACCORDING TO AN EQUITABLE PLAN.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

OCTOBER 20 We hope that many of our members will join us at the South County Senior Center, 220 Railroad Avenue, by the waterfront in Edmonds at 11:45 A. M. At that time we will be joined by Elthea Lewis, AARP-NRTA State Coordinator, who will help us understand our role as part of AARP. If you have not made your luncheon reservation, please call Paul Weaver, 778-3933, to see if he can add you to the list.

NOVEMBER 17 Bill Holm, U of W Professor of Art History, and Anthropology, and curator of Northwest Coast Indian Art at the Burke Museum, will tell us about two Northwest Indian shows now open in Seattle. Professor Holm is curator for these two shows, "Smokytop: The Art and Times of Willie Seaweed," a show of the work of Kwakiutl Chief Willie Seaweed at the Pacific Science Center; and "The Box of Daylight: Northwest Coast Indian Art," at the Seattle Art Museum in Volunteer Park..



Betty Odle, Program Chairperson, has brought together a fine series of programs.



Treasurer Paul Weaver is always ready to accept \$\$.
Betty Morton, Name Tag Chairperson, reminds us to leave our tags at the meeting!

HELP! HELP! HELP! Your treasurer needs more 1983-84 dues! Quite a number of you have forgotten that your dues for this year now are due. Please use the coupon in this issue of your newsletter and send \$5 for unit and \$10 for state dues now. Remember, unit dues plus state dues determine the number of delegates to the state convention. Your treasurer would like to see all members pay both unit and state dues. Your state dues help to support state programs and our people in Olympia who are there looking after our interests with the state legislature and the state retirement system.

You will find another coupon in this issue for your use in making reservations and paying for a luncheon on October 20 at the Senior Center in Edmonds. Reservations close on October 7, so please send in your checks by then. The luncheon is \$1.65 a person, and the time is 11:45 A. M.

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+ CONGRATULATIONS to member Nick Garcia. +
+ Nick recently was honored as Vocational +
+ Teacher of the Year by the Washington +
+ Vocational Association. In 1979, his +
+ Edmonds High students placed second in +
+ architectural drafting and third in +
+ mechanical drafting in the national +
+ finals. For nine years Nick's students +
+ placed first in state competition. He +
+ retired from full time teaching last +
+ year and promptly joined Sno-King RTA +
+ along with his wife, Inez, who is an +
+ associate member. +
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A MEMBER OF THE ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE FROM 1834 TO 1842, LINCOLN ONCE CAMPAIGNED ON SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS. GIVEN A TWO-HUNDRED-DOLLAR PURSE FOR EXPENSES, HE RETURNED \$199.25: "I MADE THE CANVASS ON MY OWN HORSE; MY ENTERTAINMENT, BEING AT THE HOUSES OF FRIENDS, COST ME NOTHING; AND MY ONLY OUTLAY WAS SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS FOR A BARREL OF CIDER, WHICH SOME FARM HANDS INSISTED I SHOULD TREAT THEM TO." SUCH VIRTUE WAS REWARDED--IF ELECTION TO CONGRESS CAN BE CALLED A REWARD: HE WENT TO THE HOUSE IN 1846. . . .From "Homespun America," W. Brockway and B. Winer, Eds.

SNO-KING ASSOCIATION WELCOMES THE 1983 RETIREES. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON AT A MEETING.

Sylvia Adler
Nancy Anderson
Catherine C. Bennett
Harriet E. Berg
John W. Burbank
Charles E. Cooke
Leota R. Kopstead
James R. Curley
George R. Davenport

William H. Gould
William R. Gourley
Mildred T. Grimsrud
Edyth W. Henderson
James M. King
Raymond G. Lincoln
Edward L. McKnight
Ada L. Morrison
Katherine M. Morrison

George A. Nelson
Regina P. Norris
Margaret L. Olsen
William V. Phillips
Gerald C. Pinkerton
Alva D. Read
Donald Reat
Charles G. Robbins
Anne C. Schafer
Henrietta Swanson



ALL YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

Frank Mendez of the Everett office made a very fine presentation on many aspects of this very complex program.

Any of your questions can be answered by calling 1-800-562-6350, or Mr. Mendez's office in Everett at 258-4232. As he is the Field Representative, it is best to call him between 8:00 and 9:00 A. M.

The following quotes may be of some benefit to those who have not started to collect Social Security:

- If one takes Social Security before the age of 65, 5/9 of one per cent is deducted for each month short of 65 years of age. However, no more than 20% will be deducted.
- "Notch Babies" were not hurt by the system. Actually, that group had their Social Security computed in the normal way and then again in a special way and were paid the higher of the two amounts.
- The earnings from the year 1951 until retirement will be used to compute Social Security benefits. The earnings from the lowest 5 years will be thrown out.
- File for Medicare 3 months before reaching age 65.

From Social Security Strengthened: 1983 Social Security Amendments, April, 1983, published by the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, we quote the following:

Benefits taxed for higher-income people Beginning in 1984, a portion of a person's Social Security benefit will be included in his or her taxable income if the person's adjusted gross income, plus non-taxable interest income and half of his or her Social Security benefits, is more than a base amount. The base amount for an individual is \$25,000; for a couple filing jointly it is \$32,000; for a couple filing separately it is zero. The amount of benefits to be included in taxable income will be the lesser of:

- One-half of the benefits for the year, or
- One-half of the excess of the person's combined income--adjusted gross income plus one-half of benefits--over the base amount.

People who receive Social Security benefits should keep a record of benefits received in 1984 to make figuring 1984 taxes easier.

Fran Peters (367-6083) will co-chair the Sunshine Committee with Nancy Post (774-4503). Offer your help if you will do visitations at retirement homes.