



RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

OCTOBER 1987

BULLETIN

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My goodness, we are still having summer weather as I write this message. Haven't we been fortunate! I wonder what the weatherman has in store for us once fall begins.

Seven of us, some officers and chairmen, attended the well-planned WSRTA-AARP Fall Leadership Conference at Yakima Community College on September 10. We were in classes on leadership, pre-retirement, legislation, legal services, health, travel, and program. We garnered some new ideas which should be helpful this coming year. It was nice to attend only one workshop instead of two as in the past.

Our September meeting at the EEA office was well attended considering the change of location because of the Edmonds District strike. Ms. Rachel Garson gave us a good run-down on the work of the Federal Trade Commission along with a fine presentation on "Shopping for your Final Service." She had many excellent handouts. Her office is in the Federal Building in Seattle. If you have any questions about mortuaries and their obligations to give you information and prices, please call her.

Our next meeting is the scholarship luncheon at the Family Savings in Mill Creek on October 22--that is the fourth Thursday in the month. We already have 28 paid reservations--the room limit is 60, so get your \$4 mailed in soon. More information and directions are elsewhere in this issue.

See you at the luncheon,

Marion Bellows

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- October 13 - 9 a.m. NW #1 Co-Ordinating Council - Sedro Woolley Senior Center
- October 14 - 1:30 p.m. Board meeting at Betty Odle's
- October 21 - deadline for news for November Bulletin - Betty Odle, 2137 N. 86 St. Seattle, WA 98103
- October 22 - 12:30 p.m. Scholarship luncheon at Family Savings, 16202 Bothell-Everett Hwy., Mill Creek, WA. \$4 pre-paid. A counselor from Edmonds School District will speak.
- November 11 - 1:30 p.m. Board meeting at Marion Bellows'
- November 18 - 1:30 p.m. Regular meeting in Board Room of Edmonds District (we hope) Speaker - Tony Angell - "Skagit Estuary Wildlife." Mr. Angell is an artist and former director of environmental education at SPI.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - JOHN LOGAN

The Yakima workshop for WSRTA and AARP was held September 10 in cloudless 90° heat. The classes ranged from "warm" to "hot," the latter designation being awarded to Laurie Jensen's legislation class. Her material was factual, timely, and very interestingly presented. Ralph Stevens ended the 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. class with a "request for action" from the class. The mandate was to petition the Legislature with a 3% COLA for all teachers who retired between 1973 and 1984. Hopefully, the bill will be drafted within three weeks.

Old news that needs repeating: WRITE OR CALL YOUR LEGISLATORS TO LET THEM KNOW YOUR FEELINGS ABOUT INITIATIVE 92 (mandatory rate for doctors who handle Medicare bills) and THE CATASTROPHIC INSURANCE BILL.

HEALTH TIP - EDIE KIRKPATRICK

EASES EYES When you have the strongest glasses you can get, what options do you have? Large print is becoming more available. The U of W BOOKSTORE carries the largest selection for purchase in Seattle. The Public Libraries offer Large Type Books in Print.

Where is the biggest collection of large print books? It is at the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, located on 8th and Lenora, Seattle. They circulate their books and cassettes postage free. Phone 464-6930 for an application and more information.

How do you qualify? You need to be unable to read normal print except with an aid in addition to your glasses, or unable to hold print material due to a physical impairment. For example, if you need a magnifier in addition to your reading glasses, you are print handicapped. You fill out an application stating your vision status and do not need a doctor's statement. This is an excellent service, so why be without it if you need it? Or pass the information on to someone you know who might benefit by these services.

PRE-RETIREMENT SEMINARS - PAT SVENDSEN

The dates for our 1988 pre-retirement seminars have been set. They will be Tuesday evenings starting on February 23, then March 1, 8, 15, and 22. Virginia Faust from the State Retirement Office will start off with her dynamic presentation. If you know anyone who is retiring next year, please alert them about these dates. We all know how important it is to attend these sessions, even 4 or 5 years before you retire.

SCHOLARSHIP

Our resident knitter, HELEN BEAVER, has presented us with another of her gorgeous creations, a heather tone, three-button, feminine-type sweater to be raffled off for our scholarship. Tickets are still 50¢ each or 3 for \$1.00. Come with some extra change at the Luncheon. We will probably hold the raffle at the December meeting.



TRAVELING NEWS

Our GORDONS are off again. Gordon and June Roberts left on September 17 for a month touring the countryside in England. Gordon and Edith Bowers left September 27 for same period of time but farther south--Greece, Yugoslavia, Hungary, and Austria.

Betty Odle spent five days late in September attending a family reunion in South Dakota.

Kamilla Aarseth and Marvel DeSordi will be spending some October days with family in North Dakota.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to these eight new members: Ken Elslip, Dean Hillhouse, Margaret Hyman, Margaret King, Anna Mae Kravick, Katherine Kreft, Donald K. Lyons and John E. Owens. Their addresses will be given later so you can update your roster.



SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON OCTOBER 22 12:30 p.m.

We believe Family Savings' saying, "Now there is such a thing as a free lunch." There is no cost to us, so the \$4 we are charging per person goes right into our scholarship fund. We are hoping to be able to give a scholarship to each of our 3 school districts in 1988. In line with the scholarship program, we will have a counselor from the Edmonds District speak to us.

DIRECTIONS From I-5 take Exit 183 which puts you on 164 SW. Go east past Martha Lake into Mill Creek area where the big shopping mall is on your left. Take the left-turn lake about 1/2 block before the light at the Bothell-Everett Highway. Go through the mall about 2 blocks--Family Savings is on the right with the name showing plainly. Our meeting room is on the far right of the building. Should you get onto the highway, the address is 16202 Bothell-Everett Highway.

RESERVATIONS We have sold almost half of our limit of 60, so get your reservation in soon. Mail your check by October 16 to Cheryl Bickford who will put your name on a ticket and give it to you at the luncheon. We must have firm reservations, so if something happens and you are unable to attend, call us by October 19 -- Cheryl Bickford at 363-2731 or Marion Bellows at 782-3046.

SNO-KING RTA SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON OCTOBER 22 12:30 p.m.

Please reserve _____ places at the luncheon at \$4 each.

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____. Signed _____

Make check payable to Sno-King RTA Include names covered by this reservation.

Mail to Cheryl Bickford
12355 - 11 Avenue NE
Seattle, WA 98125

Reservations close October 16

WASHINGTON STATE RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Local Unit No. 23, Sno-King RTA

NAME _____ PHONE _____
ADDRESS (Summer) _____
ADDRESS (Winter) _____
RETIREMENT NUMBER _____ SOCIAL SECURITY NO. _____ LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT _____

I authorize the Washington Teachers Retirement System to deduct the following dues from my monthly retirement allowance and to pay such deduction to the Washington State Retired Teachers Association.

I agree to keep this deduction in force for the full membership year (July 1 through June 30). Should I wish to cancel ensuing deductions I will send a written notification of cancellation to WSRTA prior to May 1 to be effective July 1.

DUES DEDUCTION PLAN: (check) State (84¢) _____ Local (50¢) _____ Total _____ per month

I prefer to pay yearly: (check) State Dues (\$10) _____ Local Dues (\$6) _____

ASSOCIATE DUES (For spouses and working educators) Local (\$2)

DATE _____ SIGNATURE _____

(Mail this form to Sno-King RTA, P. O. Box 5253, Lynnwood, WA 98046-5253)

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