



# RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

SEPTEMBER 1986

## BULLETIN

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our August summer has been delightful, and we hope it extends for a few more weeks. The school bells will be ringing soon. Won't it be fun to ignore them again!

About 40 people came to the picnic. The weather was not as cooperative as in past years, so we picnicked in the house. Thank goodness, Pat and Al have two big living rooms, so there was seating for all. The only 1986 retiree was Evie Christensen of the Edmonds District whom we welcomed along with her husband Al and Al and Helen Meinert who had not attended last year's picnic. We held the drawing for the "scholarship" sweater, and the winner was Dick Hawk. Winners of the berets were Bob Stackhouse, Al Christensen, Edith Bowers, and Gretchen Lay. The final "go-for-it" T-shirt went to Betty Puckett.

Welcome to a number of retirees who joined our Unit recently: Mary L. Burke, Christine E. Case, Dale E. Hoggins, Maxine McCallum, and Janet R. Robertson. We hope to see you at many of our meetings.

Our Board believes that many more of you would come to meetings if you had a way of getting there. So check elsewhere in this Bulletin for information on transportation and a tear-off sheet to let us know your wishes.

Our September 18 meeting will be an exciting one with energetic Ron Catton giving us some INVESTMENT IDEAS FOR RETIREES. He will be first on the program, so get there early. Come with questions to ask--the investment world keeps changing. Bring a friend and come enjoy the first meeting of the new season.

Marion Bellows

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- September 9 AARP-WSRTA Leadership Workshop at Holiday Inn.  
10 1:30 p.m. Board meeting at Gordon and June Roberts' - 19543 - 27 N.W.  
16 Leadership Conference in Ellensburg  
18 1:30 p.m. Regular meeting in the Board Room of the Edmonds School  
District Headquarters - 3800 - 196 Street SW, Lynnwood  
October 8 1:30 p.m. Board meeting at Paul Weaver's - 1560 Ninth North, Edmonds  
16 Noon Scholarship Fall Luncheon - Edmonds Unitarian Church

Please fill out and return to President, Marion Bellows: 9700 - 24th Ave. NW, Seattle 98117

\_\_\_\_\_ I think having a carpool for our meetings is a good idea.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would be willing to pick up riders on my way to the meetings.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would come to the meetings if I had a ride.

\_\_\_\_\_ I think a donation for gas would be appropriate.

Other comments \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Sno-King RTA membership voted at the regular meeting June 19, to request that the WSRTA Board investigate the possibility of bringing a lawsuit against the State of Washington for failure of the Washington State Legislature to provide retired teachers with cost-of-living increases equal to those provided to retirees in the five other Washington State retirement systems.

Legislators were provided with copies of THE CASE FOR COLAS - RETIREMENT INCOME PROTECTION FOR WASHINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS (WSRTA TRIP PROJECT), 1986. Additionally, local legislators have been sent letters of appeal for action on COST-OF-LIVING adjustments for retired teachers. The following response from Rep. Katie Allen (21st Dist.) was one of the best:

Dear Mr. Bowers,

Thank you for all the information on teachers' retirement pensions and colas - or, actually, lack thereof. You're right - something needs to be done. There are various ideas floating around now, but will make sure something positive is in the works for the next session.

Sincerely,

Katie Allen

RTA members are urged to write to legislators reminding them of the need for equity in the retirement systems. You might even find another Katie Allen who will help sponsor a "Comparable Worth Campaign" in the Washinton Legislature to correct the TRS COLA inequity!

Gordon Bowers, Legislative Chairman

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## NEWS ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Our deepest sympathy to our member Florence Izett in the loss of her husband this past month.

Frances Denniston writes that in the ~~past~~ year she has been to California three times, to Hawaii, to South America (visiting friends - 2½ weeks in Paraguay)- Brazil, Peru, Panama, Costa Rica; to Cleveland, and to Kansas City, MO, help in Christian school, plus other activities. Husband has big garden. She says to say "Hello" to her ex-Shoreline colleagues.

Lucille and Earl Jones had a wonderful three week trip to the Scandinavian Countries.

Dick Sacksteder has returned from seven weeks in Japan with over 2000 slides. He will share some of his trip with us in the next newsletter.

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## SCHOLARSHIP

Just a little advance reminder about the Scholarship Luncheon at noon on Thursday, October 16 at the Edmonds Unitarian Church. Complete information will be in the October Bulletin.

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## OCTOBER BULLETIN

News for the October Bulletin should be in the hands of Betty Odle by September 22 - 2137 N 86, Seattle 98103, Phone 525-8276. We hope to have a membership booklet ready to send with the October Bulletin which will include the program for the year, membership list and the list of the officers and committee chairmen.





**MEMBERSHIP FORM**  
**WASHINGTON STATE RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION**

Local Unit No. 23

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Summer) \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Winter) \_\_\_\_\_

Retirement Number \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Legislative District \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Local Association Sno-King RTA

**MEMBERSHIP PLAN:**  
 I am on the Dues Deduction Plan (check) State & Local  State Only

I pay yearly; (check) State Dues (\$10) \_\_\_\_\_ Local Dues (6) \_\_\_\_\_

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**DUES DEDUCTION AUTHORIZATION FORM**

**WASHINGTON STATE RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION**

Local Unit No. 23

Name (print or type) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Retirement Number \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Legislative District \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Local Association Sno-King RTA

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.

(Please check) State (84c) \_\_\_\_\_ Local (6) \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_ per month

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature (X) \_\_\_\_\_

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**MEMORANDUM TO BE RETAINED BY MEMBER**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

On this date I have authorized the Washington Teachers Retirement System to deduct the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ per month from my monthly retirement allowance and to pay such deduction to the Washington State Retired Teachers Association.

I further agreed 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.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Use this form for ADD  
 (Automatic Dues Deduction)  
 and mail to Gordon Roberts  
 P.O. Box 5253, Lynnwood, WA  
 8046-5253

IF YOU HAVE NOT HAD A CHANCE TO PAY YOUR 1986-87 DUES, PLEASE TEAR OFF THIS SECTION AND MAIL WITH YOUR CHECK TO:  
 SNO-KING RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION, P. O. Box 5253, Lynnwood, WA 98046-5253

**MEMBER DUES** (Check appropriate box)

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00

LOCAL \_\_\_\_\_ 6.00

Total \$16.00

**ASSOCIATE DUES**  
 (For spouses and working educators)

LOCAL \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 2.00

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ State Legislative Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

If you like to write checks and do not wish ADD at the present time, use this smaller form and mail it to our Lynnwood P.O. Address.

WELCOME TO NEW RETIREES

In order to further acquaint you with the activities of our Sno-King Retired Teachers Association we are including you on our Fall mailing list for our Bulletins. Our members who attend our meetings really enjoy the fellowship of seeing old friends and meeting new ones. As you can see from the report of our Legislative Chairman, Gordon Bowers, it is necessary for Retired Teachers to get active and see that something is done about securing a COLA for our retirement system. The best way to achieve that is by securing the support of all retired educators. We invite you to take part by attending our meetings and joining our Unit and the WSRTA.

Mary Lou Porter, Membership Chairman

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We'll be looking forward to seeing  
you at our September 18 meeting!