



# RETIREED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

SEPTEMBER 1987

# BULLETIN

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our beautiful summer is drawing to a close, and hopefully we will have a good fall as we get back into the swing of our activities.

Our picnic was a success with about 40 people attending--we liked the 4 p.m. starting time. The skies cleared at noon, so we were able to eat outdoors and enjoy the pleasant surroundings at the Svendsens. Three 1987 retirees were welcomed: Joanne Swanson of Shoreline, Ellie Duckworth and John Logan of Edmonds. They also joined our state and local units.

We also welcome another new member, Leona F. Kindley. All of these people will be included in our new roster which we hope will be mailed with this Bulletin.

Our September 17 meeting will have Rachel Garson of the Federal Trade Commission evaluating pre-paid funeral plans. After hearing how some people have had problems in this area, it will be worthwhile to learn how to choose the best plan. Please join us on September 17.

Your officers and chairmen are looking forward to another outstanding year. Please come and be a part of our Unit.

Marion Bellows

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| September | 9 - 1:30 p.m.      | Board Meeting at Gordon and Edith Bowers'  |
|           | 10 - 8:30 - 3 p.m. | WSRTA-AARP workshop in Yakima for officers and some chairmen   |
|           | 17 - 1:30 p.m.     | Regular meeting in Board Room of Edmonds School District, 3800 - 196 St. SW, Lynnwood. Rachel Garson of the FTC. |
| October   | 14 - 1:30 p.m.     | Board meeting at Betty Odle's  |
|           | 22 - 12:30 p.m.    | Scholarship Luncheon at Family Savings, 16202 Bothell-Everett Hwy., Mill Creek, WA                               |

## OCTOBER 22 SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

Our fall luncheon will have a new location at the Mill Creek Family Savings Bank. We thought we would try something new. The Bank provides the meal, so we won't have to cook that day. We will need your firm reservation - be first in line with your \$4 at our September meeting. There will be more information in the October Bulletin. Notice that this is the 4th Thursday!

There is an upper limit of 60 - let's try to reach that limit so we can have a hefty donation to our Scholarship Fund!



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ENCLOSED IN/Sno-King RTA MEMBER'S BULLETIN IS THE NEW ROSTER.  
I'VE TRIED TO DOUBLE CHECK EVERYTHING BUT MISTAKES SOMETIMES SNEAK IN.  
PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF THERE ARE ERRORS SO WE CAN PRINT CORRECTIONS. BETTY O

*Be sure to put the Sept. 17 meeting on your calendar!*

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - Gordon Bowers

CATASTROPHIC HEALTH CARE The U. S. Senate will vote on S.1127 in September. This bill provides for expanding Medicare Part B to an unlimited number of Medicare-covered hospital days and provides for many other desirable benefits. The extra cost to each single recipient would be \$42 per year if gross income was below \$20,000 Approx. or \$580 per year if income is more than \$20,000. A couple would pay double or \$1160 if in the higher income bracket. (I have asked our two Senators to question this distribution of cost, which places an undue burden on the middle class income retirees - G.B.)

MANY AARP MEMBERS HAVE ASKED ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION'S POSITION ON THE FINANCING OF CATASTROPHIC CARE. AARP CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT THE CATASTROPHIC PACKAGE SHOULD BE FINANCED THROUGH A COMBINATION OF PREMIUMS, INCLUSION OF ALL STATE AND LOCAL WORKERS IN MEDICARE AND FOR MEDICAID IMPROVEMENTS, AN INCREASE IN THE TOBACCO TAX.

THE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY IS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO MEDICARE COVERAGE OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND IS NOW LOBBYING YOUR SENATORS, AS WELL AS THE GENERAL PUBLIC, TO PERSUADE THEM TO OPPOSE THIS IMPORTANT NEW BENEFIT. THIS IS A CRUCIAL TIME. DURING THE AUGUST RECESS, YOUR SENATORS ARE BACK IN YOUR STATE. USE THIS TIME, AUGUST 7 - SEPTEMBER 9, TO CALL AND VISIT YOUR SENATOR'S LOCAL OFFICE AND EXPRESS YOUR SUPPORT FOR A MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT AS PART OF THE CATASTROPHIC HEALTH CARE PACKAGE. MEMBERS OF THE SENATE MUST KNOW THAT THE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY DOES NOT REPRESENT THE VIEWS OF OLDER AMERICANS.

SEATTLE ADDRESSES OF SENATORS ARE: Brock Adams 2988 Jackson Federal Office Bldg, 915 2nd Ave, 98174  
Dan Evans 3206 Jackson Federal Office Bldg, 915 2nd Ave, 98174

(Thought you might be interested in the letter to Helen Beaver from Ken Jacobsen and Marlin Appelwick, State Reps. from the 46 District.)

"The bill to improve minimum teacher retirement benefits has been signed into law. But you will have a hard time noticing the difference in your pension check when the raise takes effect July 1, 1987.

Senate Bill 5380 increases the minimum benefit from \$13.00 to \$13.50 per month per year of service. We were not happy with this small increase - garbage and utility rate increases alone will eat up most of the raise. Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful in our attempt to increase the minimum to \$15.00 per month per year of service.

On a more positive note, the bill also provides that minimum benefits be automatically adjusted annually based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index. Increases are limited to 3 percent a year so legislative intervention will be necessary should we experience the high rate of inflation experienced during the 1970s.

Approximately 40 retired teachers who receive no social security benefits also will realize an increase in their special benefit from \$7.00 to \$10.00 per month per year of service.

We don't think it's right to talk about improving the quality and morale of our teaching corps without taking proper care of those teachers who have already admirably served our state. We have met with many long-time retired teachers and we are shocked at the low amount they receive from their pension. The level of state support is a disgrace and we are embarrassed to report back to you of this slight improvement.

We will continue working on your behalf and please continue your active participation in this issue."

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)



AMERICAN  
ASSOCIATION  
OF RETIRED  
PERSONS

Date August 1987

Dear Sno-King RTA Member,

I have been informed of your interest in 55 ALIVE/MATURE DRIVING.

The course is given in two separate sessions over a two-day period. Each class day lasts approximately 4 hours. You must attend both days to be awarded a certificate of completion. The classes are taught by trained volunteer instructors. Here are the details of my next 55 ALIVE/MATURE DRIVING Course:

Dates Sept. 29 and Sept 30 <sup>1987</sup> Time 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 pm <sup>Brown Bag Lunch</sup>  
Place Edmonds Park & Recreation - Anderson Center  
700 main, Edmonds.

The course fee is \$ 700 for each participant. Please enclose with the enrollment application below a check or money order made payable to "AARP". Do not send cash.

Enrollment in 55 ALIVE/MATURE DRIVING is limited, so please send your enrollment application immediately to the address below.

Registration for this course closes on Sept 20, 1987.

I look forward to meeting you at 55 ALIVE/MATURE DRIVING.

Sincerely,

AARP Trainer, Instructor

Mail your enrollment application below to: Betty Fickett <sup>Sno-King RTA Community Service Chm</sup>  
8235 Ashworth Ave N  
Seattle 98103 <sup>Ph. 522-8921</sup>

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Please enroll  me/  us in the 55 ALIVE/MATURE DRIVING Course on dates \_\_\_\_\_ . Enclosed is a check/money order in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ which I understand is not refundable.

Mr.  Mrs.  Miss  Ms.

This enrollment covers:

Street \_\_\_\_\_  Self @ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  and Spouse @ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ For TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone ( ) - \_\_\_\_\_

NEWS ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Our Unit received a thank-you note from Eloise Stendal for the support we gave her at Convention. It was our pleasure to help such a capable lady, and we know she will make a fine president-elect and president of WSRTA.

Our new vice-president, Jim Becker, will be serving on the Long Term Goals-Budget Committee as set up by WSRTA President Jessie Schroeder. Other members are Kermit Franks, Ernest Newland, Irene Gleason, and Chairman, Eloise Stendal.

We are happy to announce that our member Bob Bisnett has been appointed as a commissioner to the King County Housing Authority. He will have a trip to New Orleans in October to attend the National Housing Conference. Congratulations, Bob!

Our sympathy to our member, Fran Peters, in the death of her brother Frank and to Frances Weaver in the loss of her mother. Our prayers and thoughts are with these members.

Judy and Harry Liden are traveling to Tanzania and Kenya September 4-20 to view animal migrations.

Helen Beaver and Lucille Jones are leaving for an opera tour of Europe this fall, and Lucille and Earl will be visiting the Galapagos Islands later this year.

Betty Odle and husband Bob had a great cruise of SE Alaska in July and Betty will be in North Dakota the end of September for a family reunion.

Beth and Gilman Ronald celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this summer. Hope we see them at one of our meetings soon and we can sing to them!



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