



RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

BULLETIN

SEPTEMBER 1989

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The annual picnic for all members and new retirees was held at the Edmonds City Park. We had a good turnout, however, we would have enjoyed seeing and meeting many more of you. The weather was so-so, but the day was very pleasant. I wish to thank all the members who pitched in and did the yeoman's duty with the preparation, planning, and serving food.

Our first board meeting of the 1989-90 year was held on Wednesday, August 2nd, at our home at Driftwood Keys in Hansville. Planning for the September board meeting and general meeting was accomplished.

August 9th and 10th saw committee members and officers trekking to Ellensburg for State Committee Meetings and the annual Leadership Conference. Our unit needs a person to assume the responsibility of chairing the Health and Protective Services Committee. Please call me at 486-6684 if you are interested.

One of our goals for the year is to actively solicit funds for the Scholarship Fund. If any member has experience designing graphics for letters and brochures call me, or contact Jim Becker or Ed Osborn.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the September 21st general meeting in the Edmonds District Board Room.

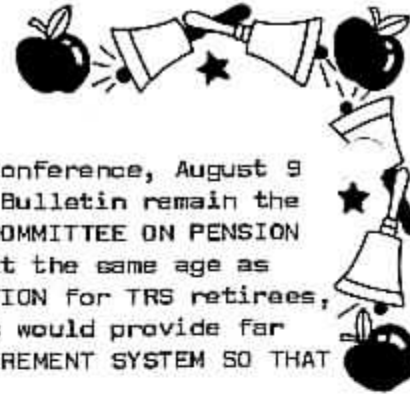
John Hunter, President



COMING EVENTS

- September 13 1:30 p.m. Board Meeting at Betty Johnson's home, 15858-35th NE (from I-5 take 145th exit go east, turn left and go north to NE 160th. Turn right and go to 35th NE, turn right and driveway to house is on immediate left. 363-0495.
- September 21 1:30 p.m. Regular meeting in Edmonds School District Board Room, 3800 196th St SW, Lynnwood.
- October 3 Coordinating Council Meeting at Sno Isle Skill Center.
- October 11 1:30 p.m. Board Meeting at Jim Becker's, 16420 38th NE, 363-7750.
- October 25-26 9-2:30 55 Alive Driving Course, Anderson Center, 700 Main, Edmonds
- November 8-9 9-2:30 55 Alive Driving Course, Anderson Center, 700 Main, Edmonds





LEGISLATIVE UPDATE- Gordon Bowers, Legislative Chairman

SNO-KING RTA was well represented at the Ellensburg Leadership Conference, August 9 and 10. Legislative goals for 1990, listed in the July Sno-King RTA Bulletin remain the same with priorities changed slightly - #1 - TO WORK WITH THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON PENSION POLICY TO SUPPORT LEGISLATION PROVIDING A CAPPED COLA (3%) to begin at the same age as Plan II retirees. #2 - TO SEEK STATE FUNDING - HEALTH CARE CONTRIBUTION for TRS retirees, to be used for medical, long term care and/or dental insurance. This would provide far more benefits to retirees than any COLA. #3 - TO CHANGE PLAN II RETIREMENT SYSTEM SO THAT THE AGE FOR FULL RETIREMENT BE AGE 60. (WEA supports 100%).

Ruth Scarborough, AARP Legislative Chairperson for Washington State, reported that AARP was doing what it could to change the Catastrophic care surcharge. MEMBERS ARE URGED TO WRITE OR CALL THEIR CONGRESSMEN! For most retirees the Surcharge is the largest single tax increase ever imposed in their lifetimes. See the SNO-KING RTA JULY BULLETIN FOR ADDRESSES OF CONGRESSMEN - or call Gordon Bowers for ASSISTANCE, 778-9202.

Regarding COLA PENSION INCREASES on August checks - For those who were age 65 in 1978, or before, there would have been a 3% COLA. For those who were age 65 in 1979, if there was no increase, write to DIRECTOR GEORGE E. NORTHCROFT, WASHINGTON STATE DEPT. OF RETIREMENT, 1025 E. UNION, CAPITOL PLAZA BLDG., OLYMPIA, WA 98504. Ask why you did not receive an increase - you were age 65 in 1979 and there was a total inflation of 55.8% from 1979 through 1988 (Seattle CPI INDEX). HB 1322 was supposed to provide a COLA when the retiree reached age 65, and then suffered a 40% loss in purchasing power due to inflation. Ask for clarification.

Also, the "one Percenters" who retired before 1973 should have received \$1.00 increase per month for each year of service, then 3% of that amount added for COLA. Example - 30 years x \$14.82 is \$444.60, plus \$13.39 COLA for a total gross August check of \$457.99 (less deductions).



DUES FOR 1989-90 WERE DUE JULY 1 IF YOU ARE NOT ON AUTOMATIC DUES DEDUCTION. PLEASE USE THE FORM BELOW WHEN YOU SEND IN YOUR DUES OR IF YOU WISH TO HAVE AUTOMATIC DUES DEDUCTION.

SNO-KING RTA - WSRTA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
(Membership year is from July 1 to June 30)

Name (please print) _____
Last First Middle
Address _____ Apt. _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone No. _____ Social Security No. _____ Ret. No. _____

- I hereby authorize the Washington State Retirement System to deduct WSRTA dues at \$2.00 a month. I understand this authorization makes me a continuing member of the association and will be cancelled only by written notice from me. Cancellation is only effective at the end of the fiscal year - June 30.
- I prefer to pay my dues by check.
\$24.00 for WSRTA
\$6.00 for Sno-King RTA
Enclosed is my check for \$ _____
Assoc. dues for Spouse: \$2.00 \$ _____

I also authorize the Washington State Retirement System to deduct the dues for membership in Sno-King RTA at \$6.00 a month.



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS

Date September 1989

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 October 25-26, 1989 November 8-9, 1989 Time 9:00 - 2:30 Lunch Brown Bag
Place Anderson Center - 700 Main, Edmonds

The course fee is \$ _____ 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 Oct 20 / Nov. 1 1989.

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

Sincerely,

AARP Trained Volunteer, Instructor

Mail your enrollment application below to: Betty Puckett (Community Service Chmn)
8235 Ashworth Ave. N.
Seattle, Wa. 98107

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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:

Self @ \$ _____

and Spouse @ \$ _____

For TOTAL \$ _____

Street _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

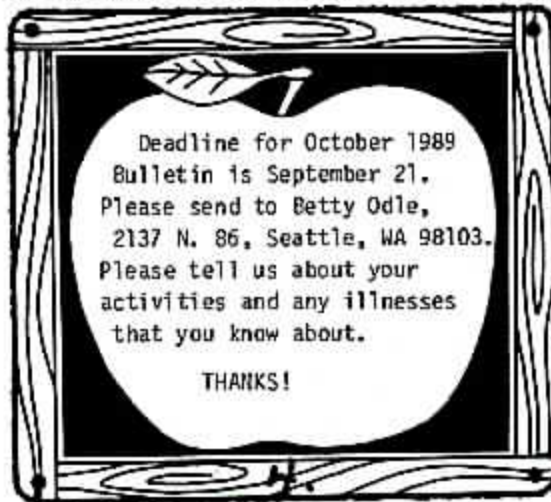
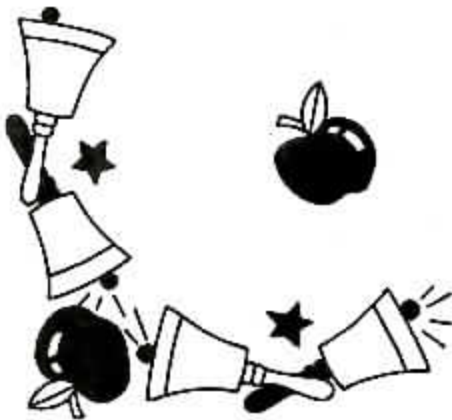
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NEWS ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

The problem with summer months is that we don't have communication with one another and so this column is empty - please help us out next month and send us some news.

SNO-KING HOLDS PRACTICE "THINK OF YOUR FUTURE" RETIREMENT PLANNING SEMINAR.

During the last two weeks of July Jim Becker and Betty Odle presented a "mini" retirement planning seminar using AARP's "Think of Your Future" workbooks. Several Shoreline and several Seattle retired teachers took part in the seminar. This is the first of about 7 practice sessions that will be held around the state this year in preparation for using them in the schools. If you would like to assist in giving the seminars in NW 1 region, please let Jim Becker, 363-7750 or Betty Odle, 525-8275 know.



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