



RETIREED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BULLETIN

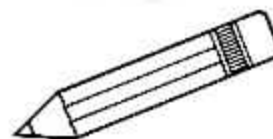
Looking forward to this year's activities we should all take a moment and wish a well being to our young men and women serving in Saudi Arabia and elsewhere over the globe.

The program for September is "Earthquake Preparedness" - always a timely subject in our area. It was originally scheduled for last spring but our business took up too much time for it. The September 20 meeting will be at the Edmonds School District Board Room at 1:30 PM. The program will start immediately.

Committee chairmen are seeking members for their committees - it's fun to be involved! Some of the committees seeking members are: Legislation, Community Service, Health and Protective Services, Member Services, Membership Expansion and Retirement Planning.

Looking forward to seeing you on September 20.

John Hunter



NEW ROSTERS TO BE OUT NEXT MONTH

We hope to have the new rosters ready for distribution next month. We would appreciate hearing from you if there are any corrections that should be made. We know that many of the Edmonds Zips are changed, if we did not catch them on this mailing please call Betty Odle, 525-8276. Those new retirees that have not had a chance to join our Unit please use the forms on the next page and send them in ASAP so we can add your names to our roster.

SNO-KING UNIT WELL REPRESENTED AT ELLENSBURG LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Sno-King Officers and almost all committee chairs were in attendance at the Leadership Conference in Ellensburg. The ten who attended managed to cover all of the sections involved and are now ready and eager to get started on this year's activities. They are looking forward to adding many of you as their committee members!



COMING EVENTS

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| September 12 | 1:30 p.m. | Board Meeting at Betty Johnson's home, 15858-35th NE (from I-5 take 145th exit, go east, turn left on 25th NE and go north to 35th NE, turn right and driveway to house is on immediate left. 363-0495. |
| September 20 | 1:30 p.m. | Regular meeting in Edmonds School District Board Room, 3800 196th St SW, Lynnwood. |
| October 2 | 9:30-2 p.m. | Coordinating Council Meeting - Bellingham |
| October 10 | 1:30 p.m. | Board Meeting at Betty Odle's home, 2137 N 86th, 525-8276 |
| October 18 | NOON | Scholarship Luncheon, Unitarian Church, Edmonds |





LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - GORDON BOWERS, Legislative Chairman

The WSRTA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE has been very active this summer - a two day meeting of all RTA local unit legislative chairpersons was held in OLYMPIA August 6 and 7. A 36 page "LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY HANDBOOK" - procedures and strategies for RTA unit members in dealing with legislators was distributed. It was authored by our WSRTA GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COORDINATOR, Norm Schut, assisted by WSRTA Legislative Committee Chairman Lee Osmun, WSRTA President, Cal Watness, plus assistance from several of the Washington State Legislative Staff.

A further meeting of the unit chairpersons was held at Ellensburg August 23. The purpose was to coordinate activities of the 34 WSRTA units to cover all legislative districts in the State. "Telephone Trees" like we have had in SNO-KING RTA for many years will be used extensively to "target" certain legislators. For example: Norm Schut or Lee Osmun will call the SNO-KING legislative chairman with the message that HOT LINE calls be made to Sen. Gary Nelson (21st Dist.), asking his support for a given bill that is before his committee. The TREE will be actuated, and all SNO-KING members who are in the 21st district will be called. A similar "target" may be made for the 44th, or the 1st district (or others), targeting a specific legislator. Of course, the WSRTA LEADERS may ask that every WSRTA MEMBER CONTACT his/her legislators.

Representatives of the "COALITION" - WEA, PERS, WSRTA AND A DOZEN OTHER RETIRED GROUPS WILL MEET WITH Gov. Gardner on September 7 to request that his budget include funds for COLA IMPROVEMENT FOR PLAN I RETIREES.

WSRTA also has on its agenda: State subsidy on health insurance for retirees, reduction of the retirement age for PLAN II retirees, and universal health care legislation.

RTA MEMBERS ARE URGED TO ATTEND political meetings, become acquainted with legislators. The 21st & 1st Districts will meet September 13, 7 PM Edmonds Methodist Church, 828 Casper Street. Hopefully all legislators will attend.

SOCIAL NETWORK, JOAN BROWN, Member Services Chairman

The newest game in town is "Zoo walking"! To become a Senior Zoo Walker you need to be 55 years or older, and you need to pay \$5 on September 20 at the Woodland Park Zoo for the privilege of walking every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 AM through Dec. 18. There are guided 1/2, 1, and 2 mile walks. Membership allows you to have access to the Zoo from 9 to 11 on walking days and you are also given a parking permit.

The program is sponsored by Group Health and the Zoo, but you do not have to be a member of either group. For more info call 448-6448, Mon-Fri, 9-4 (Group Health Senior Information Line) or Joan Brown (774-5006).

Another Fun place to walk is in the Arboretum. There are guided walks with a ranger. For info call 543-8800. If you do not want to walk then drive through the park. It is a beautiful place.

Other September Events

- Seafoodfest-Bergen Pl. Park-Ballard
- Gem & Mineral Show-Seattle Center
- Western WA St. Fair-Puyallup
- Seattle Symphony season begins-Opera House
- Seattle Dahlia Show-Seattle Center
- SeaFair Salmon Derby-Puget Sound
- State Ceramic Show-Seattle Center
- Call Seattle/King County Convention and Visitors Bureau for more information (447-7273).





NEWS ABOUT OUR MEMBERS



Kamilla Aarseth and Marvel DeSordi had a cousin and her daughter from Norway visit them the first part of July. Then they took them along to North Dakota where they visited Marvel and Kamilla's brother and family at Carpio and Minot. Marvel and Kamilla also attended an all-school reunion at Carpio.

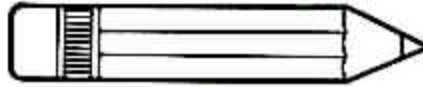
We are glad to report that Paul Weaver is improving after eye surgery. After having surgery earlier in the summer Paul fell and reinjured his eye on July 10. Frances and Paul have their house up for sale and expect to be leaving soon for their new "aboda" in El Paso Texas. We will miss them very much.

Eileen Langford leaves the middle of September for Singapore. She will be there for a year helping to set up a school for K-6 for children of missionaries in YWAM. We understand that Amanda and Leonard Goehner's son is also working in YWAM.

Some of our members are taking a tour to the famous Edmonton Mall November 10-12. There are still a few places left - if you interested call Betty Odle - 525-8276.

June and Gordon Roberts are off on another trip - we think it may be to England - they travel so many places its hard to keep track!

School is back in session and a group of us from Sno-King celebrated that beginning day of school with a luncheon at Scotts - our ninth annual!



DUES WERE DUE JULY 1 IF YOU ARE NOT ON AUTOMATIC DUES DEDUCTION. You can use the forms below for either CASH or ADD. Use form A for CASH and BOTH FORMS FOR ADD. Send forms to our Treasurer, Ed Osborn, Sno-King RTA, P.O. Box 5253, Lynnwood, WA 98046-5253.

Cash

THIS FORM TO BE RETAINED BY UNIT TREASURER

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 Unit _____

MEMBERSHIP PLAN: Signature _____

I am on the Dues Deduction Plan (check) State & Local _____ State Only _____
I pay yearly; (check) State Dues () \$24 Local Dues () \$6
Assoc. Dues(Spouse) () \$2 Assoc. Dues(Active Teacher) () \$3.00

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DUES DEDUCTION AUTHORIZATION FORM

Return this portion to:

WASHINGTON STATE RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

1501 South Capital Way, Suite 103, Olympia, WA 98501

Local Unit No. 23

Name (print or type) _____
Address: _____
Retirement Number _____ Social Security Number _____
Legislative District _____ Name of Local Unit _____

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 () \$24 Local () \$6 Total _____ per month

Date _____ Signature _____