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A message from President Cheryl Bauer



Ahh, the lazy, crazy, days of summer, and the livin is easy. I know I'm mixing my songs, but they both describe how I tend to think of this time of year. In keeping with that theme, I'm going to be brief and a little lazy in my message writing. It's been a busy year for Sno-King School Retirees and will culminate with our annual picnic at the Edmonds City Park on Wednesday, July 15. Even my reflecting has taken a vacation, and I seem to be out of writing ideas. With that thought in mind, I am

planning the theme of my articles for the coming year. Each President's message will have a reason why I chose to become involved with SKSR, and what the organization has meant to me.

For now, I hope you'll read the individual articles that are in this newsletter. Please give a big "thank you" to Dave Johnson and his assistant, Marlene, (also his wife) for the outstanding job they have done as editors of this bulletin. I bet they'll be breathing a sigh of relief after June 19.

See you in September – I know that's another song.

Editors Note: I have enjoyed editing the *SKSR Bulletin* for the past nine years, but the time is right for me to give it up. I would like to thank my wife, Marlene, who checks all the copy and keeps me going. Also thanks to the officers and executive boards present and past who have given me support, encouragement along with material. This help has made the job easier and truly more enjoyable.

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MARK YOUR DATEBOOK

Sno-King Picnic July 15

Planning Retreat August 20

SKSR ANNUAL PICNIC: An invitation to all

What is the first meeting many of us attended after joining SKSR? I don't know about you, but my first activity was the annual picnic. I had gotten an active teacher grant and shared a few words about how the grant was used. This year that event will be happening on Wednesday, July 15, starting at 11:30 at the Edmonds City Park. For newly retired members, the price is FREE. For the rest of us, we'll pay \$5.00 for meatballs, potato salad, fruit, chips, and dessert of some kind. No need to bring any food. It is all provided by the executive board.

We will meet some of the grant recipients, and hear what they've done with the money they were given. Officers for the following year will be installed. There are no surprises this year. President Cheryl Bauer, Vice-President Roberta Hawkins, Secretary Jan Phillips, and Treasurer Donna Murrish will continue on in their current positions. We will welcome our new bulletin editors, Jo and Bruce Caldwell. We hope you'll be able to join us. Just to give us an idea of our numbers, please let Donna Murrish (donnamurrish@comcast.net) (206 363-5753) or Cheryl Bauer (bauerc1@frontier) (425 244-1709) know by July 10. If you decide at the last minute to come, that is fine, too.

August Retreat 2015

On August 19, the executive board will be meeting at the Foundation House in Bothell for our annual retreat. At this time, we'll review what we learned at convention, briefly discuss the events of the past year, and make plans for the coming 2015-2016 year. In order to help Sno-King meet your needs, we need to know them. Please send me an email at bauerc1@frontier.com or call me at 425 244-1709 with your ideas or thoughts. Anyone is welcome to attend the retreat, but we do need to know in advance if you'd like to come. Please let me know at the above address or number. I'll have forms available at the July 15 picnic for you to write ideas on as well.

Rita Requa sent me this note:

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ONCE AGAIN, MANY THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS!

In memory of Rachel Lake: Byron & Pauline Anderson, Diane Baines, Cheryl Bauer, David & Carol Carlson, Ann Cumming, Helpmates of the Norwegian Male Chorus of Seattle, Bob & Oddny Johnston, Dwight & Catherine Johnson, Judith Kiriluk, James & Marianne Lockhart, Evie Nordeen, Alma Ohtomo, Rita Requa, Nancy Rust, Randy & Barbara Schnabel, Joan Sherwood, Jim & Andrea Siscel.

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In Memory of Wynne Estes: Cherrylyn Cline

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In Memory of Joe Leopold: Bob & Elinore Bisnett

In Memory of Corky Christensen, Andrea Coglon, George A. Nelson, Daniel Sullivan, Bob & Elinore Bisnett: Sno-King School Retirees.

In the Spotlight: Jan Phillips

Beginning her career in Big Piney, Wyoming, working in Seattle, and ending up teaching math at Meadowdale Middle in the Edmonds School District, Jan Phillips, is this month's spotlight person. Jan



is currently the newest member of the Sno-King Executive Board and has been secretary for the past two years agreeing to continue on in that position for the 2015-2016 year. When she wasn't teaching math, and raising her two children, Jan has another passion – soccer. For ten years, Jan was a JV soccer coach for the Edmonds School District. She has done administrative jobs at various levels for the past 28 years for Washington Youth Soccer. She is also active in WEA Retired and has been a presenter for retirement seminars for the past couple of years. Traveling, reading and boating are some of her many interests. Thank you, Jan, for always being there to help, for keeping our records accurate, and for giving your time to SKSR.

IN MEMORIAM

Christensen, W. "Corky" T, 5/24/2015, Shoreline SD Member since 1990

Coglon, Andrea, 6/6/15, Shoreline SD Member since 2001

Nelson, George A, 5/17/15, Edmonds SD Member

Sullivan, Daniel E, 4/28/2015, Northshore SD

Vanderhyde-Jarratt, Anne I, 4/22/2015, Northshore SD-Member since 1995

Convention

On June 8, ten delegates found their way to the heat of Wenatchee for the Washington State School Retirees' Association 68th Annual Convention and Delegate Assembly. They were Jim Siscel, Erma Snook, Donna Murrish, Virg Rayton, Roberta and Tom Hawkins, Bob Van Nuys, Barb Berg, Rita Requa, and Cheryl Bauer. There were sessions on how to use face book and Skype. Awards were given to fellow state members, and scholarships (25 in all) were given to high school seniors. We were entertained by the Mariachi Band of Wenatchee High School, and of course, had a meetings and presentations by the WSSRA Legislative Committee Members. We also said good by to Ed Gonion and his wife after 12 years as Executive Director of the state association.

The main speaker spoke to the need of organizations, if they hope to survive, working harder to meet the needs of their constituents. We hope you'll talk with any of the delegates at the next function (which would be the picnic) giving us an idea of how we can meet your needs within our group.



Delegates Seated L to R: Donna Murrish, Cheryl Bauer, Roberta &, Tom Hawkins, Virge Rayton

Standing L to R Jim Siscel, Erma & Gill Snook, Barb ? Rita Requa Not pictured Bob Van Ness

On Wednesday, we attended sessions relative to our job in SKSR. I went to a president's session looking for new ideas for meetings and programs. Just wait until you see what we hope to offer this year. As you can see from the pictures, we had a fun as well as a serious side. Next year's convention will be in Yakima, and we encourage any of you who are interested to become delegates.

Convention Dues Increase Vote

For the past two years, there has been a transfer of funds from the WSSRA reserves to the operating budget in order to achieve a balance budget. The last WSSRA dues increase was 12 years ago. The WSSRA Executive Board proposed that the state association dues be increased by \$1.00 per month. The motion was presented to the convention delegates and passed with less than 10 no votes.

Many local units requested that dues be increased for them since there has not been a local unit dues increase in nineteen years. The Executive Board proposed a \$1.00 per month increase in local unit dues. The motion was presented to the convention delegates and passed with less than 20 no votes.

The SKSR Executive Board at the August retreat will be discussing how to use this increase to benefit both our retired and active members. If you have any suggestions please pass them to Cheryl Bauer or Roberta Hawkins.

Sno-Isle - Sno-King Joint May Luncheon



Debbie Demitri as Rachel Carson

Each May the two units of Sno-King School Retirees and Sno-Isle Retirees meet together up at LeBristo at the Sno-Isle Tech Center in south Everett. This year we were responsible for the speaker and were entertained with a presentation done by Debbie Demitre as Rachel Carson. Debbie takes on her persona and for about 45 minutes, we felt we were listening to Rachel describe her childhood, her college and work years, and of course, how she came to write *Silent Spring*. Interestingly enough, the ideas in her book are still very timely today.

Great food served by the students of Chef Becky, conversations with friends, meeting new people, and learning new things. It was a win-win situation all the way around.

Welcome New Members:

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Jenkins, Christy, 275 Cornet Bay, Oak Harbor, WA 98277-9756

Legislative Article June 2015 The story goes on....

As this is written the Legislature has been in session(?) for 150+ days in what was supposed to be 105 day session. The Senate and House cannot agree on the state budget. The overwhelming budget needs include, but not limited to, funding the McCleary decision, the class size initiative, the social needs, transportation. The threat of a state shutdown looms. Hopefully by the time you read this article, all will be well.

As it stands now our PEBB health benefit is safe. However, until a budget is agreed upon and signed by

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425-775-1127

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Snowbirds!

Snowbirds! It's that time of the year again! Before you return north, please send Erma Snook a notice about your address change and when it is effective. Thanks to those of you who already have! Contact her at 425-776-2067 or at egsnook@comcast.net. Even if SKSR sends you an email newsletter, WSSRA sends a snail mail Journal, so an accurate address saves return postage bills. Thank you!