



# RETIREED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

## BULLETIN

APRIL, 1984

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: FORCES THAT ALTER OUR DIRECTION

By Bob Bisnett

Let's see, now. I'll lay aside the "dry rot" work order and the "earnest money" concerns, and get to typing as quickly as possible in the hope I can beat an incoming phone call from our bulletin editor reminding me I'm two days late with my monthly article.

I had other names for these writings but none seemed to fit exactly. The pull of my concerns reminds me of the vector diagrams we did in physics. I guess "forces that alter our direction" is what I want to talk about if there is a central theme at all.

Right now I am trying to prepare for a trip to Greece, Spain, Morocco, and Portugal. I'll keep the ball rolling in business and the RTA until I drop it all on Betty Odle. My apologies for leaving, but I've discovered these "once-in-a-lifetime invitations can be just that. I made notes on a 3 x 5 card as I played Piano Concerto #2, Baby Face, Just a Closer Walk with Thee, and I Want a Girl, on the organ this morning. Where we have been, What we are doing now, and Where e are going thoughts were there. But that's almost too broad.

These thoughts came from reading the state WSRTA Journal during some wakeful minutes during the night. Harry Warne's words about Gordon (Pop) Hannaford were so well chosen! This led to thoughts of Why are we here? With me, one of my soundest reasons took seed when I delivered two sacks of groceries to a retired teacher who was assuredly on the poverty level. My Lions Club had donated through the Senior Citizens' Center, and three of us made the deliveries. Those teachers who retired without Social Security and on the lower pension formula fit this description for the most part. I don't think the people of this state want that. It is up to us to do something about it. Use your influence to correct this inequity.... A little pressure in your own way will bring about a needed change. Our numbers are strong enough to bring gradual change and improve the future.

The future was another item on my list. It made me check front and rear, to analyze and assess. After 30 years of full time work and two part time jobs, I have trimmed to one job. Now there is time for reading, music, the arts, and travel, as well as the yard and garden. I appreciate the intellectual climate in which I was able to spend my teaching years. You did your work, and you did it well. They are all better for it. Enjoy these days...these hours...these minutes...this moment.

OUR NEXT MEETING  
1:30 P. M.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19  
EDMONDS BOARD ROOM



TREASURER'S REPORT:

Members of Sno-King R.T.A. now have a variety of options in paying their unit and state dues, according to recent actions of both the unit and the state organization.

The options are as follows:

1. Pay unit dues annually to the unit treasurer.
  - a. Pay state dues at the same time to the unit treasurer who will forward them to the state.
2. Authorize the state to automatically deduct both state and unit dues monthly from your pension check.
3. You may authorize the state to deduct your state dues only from your retirement check, but you may not have your unit dues only deducted from your state check. Your treasurer will collect the unit dues in this case.

Because of a state requirement that unit and state dues be divisible by 12 for computer purposes, Sno-King unit has voted to increase the unit dues to \$6, beginning in July. Thus, the state will deduct 50 cents from your retirement check, plus 84 cents for state dues, which adds up to \$1.34 a month. Fifty cents of the dues increase will go into the unit scholarship fund.

The authorization for both unit and state dues deduction must be in Olympia by May 1 for 1984-85 dues. Once this authorization is made, the dues deduction must remain in force from July 1 through June 30 of the following year. Your 1984-85 dues will be deducted beginning July 1, 1984, and continue through June 30, 1985.

Should you wish to cancel dues deductions for the following year, 1985-86, you must send a written cancellation to WSRTA prior to May 1, 1985, to become effective July 1.

Your officers and board members urge you to give serious consideration to the new automatic dues deduction program for both state and unit dues.

Forms are being included in this news letter so that you can make your choice and return the authorization. When you return the signed forms, please mail the top two forms to your unit treasurer, and keep the one labeled Memorandum to Be Retained by Member.

Should you have any questions or problems connected with filling out the forms, time will be given at the March and April unit meeting to resolve them.

LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS:

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a coupon to make reservations for our annual GET-TOGETHER WITH SNO-ISLE RTA on May 15 at the Mill Creek Country Club. As the Everett unit is host, the luncheon is on the third Tuesday, the regular meeting date. The time is 12 noon, and the price is \$8.00.

Reservations must be made with your unit treasurer by May 8, accompanied by a check. Cancellations also must be received prior to that date. No refunds will be made after that date, in accordance with club requirements. A map and directions for reaching the Mill Creek Club are included here for your convenience.



*Driving Directions: From either north or south, take the 164th Street Southwest exit (# 183) from Interstate 5 and drive two miles east to the Mill Creek Entrance. Then proceed approximately one block, turn left onto Country Club Drive, turn right into the Mill Creek Country Club parking lot.*



**DUES ARE DUE!**

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**

STATE-----	\$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Check appropriate box)
LOCAL-----	5.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Total	\$15.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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HAVE YOU EVER HAD ONE OF THOSE DAYS?

Just a line to say I'm living,  
That I'm not among the dead,  
Tho I'm getting more forgetful  
And more mixed up in the head.  
For sometimes I can't remember  
When I stand at foot of stair,  
If I must go up for something  
Or, I've just come down from there.  
And, before the fridge so often,  
My poor mind is filled with doubt  
Have I just put the food away or  
Have I come to take it out?  
Then there is times when dark  
And with nightcap on my head  
I don't know if I am retiring  
Or just getting out of bed.  
So if it is my turn to write you,  
There is no need to get sore...  
I may think that I have written  
And don't want to be a bore.  
So remember I love you  
And wish you were here,  
And now it's time to say "Goodbye, M'Dear"  
There I stood beside the mailbox  
With a face so very red--  
Instead of mailing you my letter  
I had opened it instead!

DON'T MISS THE MAY 15th LUNCHEON!

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