

SNO KING RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION



DECEMBER 1985

BULLETIN

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We hope that our snow troubles are behind us and that we will have our usual rainy Northwest winter from now on. Sorry we had to cancel our November meeting, but roads were just too bad for our members to navigate - it isn't our driving that we worry about - it's the fellow in the next car!

Many of our members have already headed south for the winter and the rest of us wish we were with them - we will look forward to their return in the Spring.

This year has really flown - it seems like only yesterday I was struggling to remember to write 1985 and now soon it will be a new year and I will go through the same process with 1986. This has been a good year for us and hope that 1985 has been a rewarding one for all of you.

We are looking forward to our RTA activities in 1986 - especially the State Convention in June. We hope that we will see a good turnout at our monthly meetings as we approach that special time because we will need lots of help and support to make the convention successful.

Our December 19 meeting will feature a choral group from Woodway High School and we would like a large turnout to show our appreciation for their participation.

May you and your loved ones have a joyous holiday season.

Happy Holidays,

Betty Odle, President

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| December 11 | <u>Board Meeting</u> 1:30 p.m. Mary Lou Porter's 18824 Olympic View Drive, Edmonds |
| December 19 | <u>Christmas Meeting</u> 1:30 p.m., Board Room Entertainment - Woodway High Choral Group |
| January | <u>NO MEETING</u> |
| February 4 | <u>Coordinating Council Meeting</u> |
| February 12 | <u>Board Meeting</u> , 1:30 p.m. |
| February 20 | <u>Meeting</u> , 1:30 Board Room, Edmonds School District Headquarters |
| January 13 | <u>Convention Planning Meeting</u> , 9 a.m., Ken Angell's |

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

We have had five new members since our Rosters were printed - we welcome them to our Unit and hope that we will have an opportunity to introduce them to you at our December meeting.

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| Marion Fyall | 8727 184th SW | Edmonds | 98020 |
| Christine Lenker | 4911 NE 187 | Seattle | 98155 |
| George Saltman | 2364 Perkins Lane W. | Seattle | 98199 |
| James L. Steves | 518 - 6th S. | Edmonds | 98020 |
| Ruby Smith | 829 Laurel Way | Edmonds | 98020 |

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

William R. Elmer - new phone #: 483-6447
 Jay Lapp 19805 - 48th Ave. W. Lynnwood 98036 778-6706

NEWS ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Our deepest sympathy to one of our newer members, Carol Beasley who lost her husband November 5th. Both had attended the Scholarship Luncheon October 17, even though he was very weak, recovering from recent surgery. He returned to the hospital for additional surgery, but there were too many heart/circulation problems.

Our sympathy, too, to our member Jay Lapp in the loss of his son.

Kamilla Aarseth is recovering from eye surgery.

A note from Virginia Johnson - "We spend our winters at Lakeland, Florida and our summers in N. Michigan and live in Illinois fall and spring."

Our VP Marion Bellows apparently was unable to make her trip around the USA in two months because she doesn't seem to be back in town. Guess she is having a great time.

Pat and Al Svendsen are on a cruise through the Panama Canal. Pat reports that the Pre-Retirement Meetings will begin on February 24 and will continue on March 3, 10, and 17 at Edmonds High School.

MESSAGE FROM OUR TREASURER, GORDON ROBERTS

Expo '86 tickets will be received from the State WSRTA sometime in January and we will send them on to you. So don't worry if you do not receive them until early February.

We are again enclosing a form to sign up for automatic dues deduction - please feel free to use it! We'd be very happy to have everyone on automatic dues so you wouldn't have to remember if you had paid your dues and we wouldn't have to remind you that dues are due.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND AFGHAN DRAWING

The beautiful afghan, handknit by Winnifred Smith and Betty Morton, will be raffled off at the December meeting. If you haven't had a chance to get your tickets you can still do so at the meeting.

THANKS TO OUR PHONE COMMITTEE!

Many thanks to our phone committee who were called upon to notify our members about the cancellation of our November meeting - you are really appreciated!

*Hope to see you at the December meeting -
Dec. 19 - 1:30 P.M. - Edmonds School District Board
Room!*

LEGISLATIVE NEWS FROM GORDON BOWERS AND GENE OLNSTED

State Senator Mike McManus (21st District - Edmonds, Lynnwood areas), former Shoreline District teacher, surveyed 21st District citizens and received 3000 responses to the questionnaire with the following results:

EDUCATION



1.

State law prohibits school districts from raising more than 10 percent of their education costs through special levies on local property taxes. Should local district school levies:

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| Be limited to 10 percent? | 53% |
| Be limited to 15 percent? | 15% |
| Be unlimited? | 14% |
| Have no levy at all? | 18% |

2.

Currently, a community must have a 60 percent favorable vote to approve a local school levy. Do you favor lowering the requirement to 50 percent? In addition, school bonding passage requires a 60 percent voter turnout.

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| LEVY | |
| Yes | 39% |
| No | 59% |
| Undecided | 2% |
| BONDS | |
| Yes | 42% |
| No | 53% |
| Undecided | 5% |

3.

Should our state require passage of a uniform, minimum competency test before a student can be graduated from any public high school?

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| Yes | 89% |
| No | 11% |

4.

Do you believe there should be a single, statewide board of higher education governing all public colleges and universities, or should each school have its own board of trustees?

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| One statewide board of higher education | 42% |
| Individual boards of trustees | 58% |

Probably no surprises, but we are appreciative that some legislators try to find out how their constituents feel about issues. Your Sno-King Legislative committee tries to keep in contact with senators and representatives all year long. G.B.

The Washington State Legislative Committee for AARP has announced the principal legislative priorities for its membership, based on the survey of members of AARP chapters and RTA units last spring. These priorities for 1986 are:

1. Contain the rising cost of health care.
2. Legislate utility rate cost controls.
3. Legislate tax reform to insure an equitable broad base so that essential state programs can be adequately funded.
4. Ensure funding for the Senior Citizens Services Act.

According to a letter received from the AARP Legislative Committee "The committee agreed to support legislation making all retirement systems more equitable and to address the statewide problem of pension system unfunded liability."

We on the Sno-King Legislative Committee are looking forward to working with the local AARP legislative workers in attaining these objectives. G.O.



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27 THINGS TO HELP YOU SURVIVE AN EARTHQUAKE

4 BASICS TO DO DURING AN EARTHQUAKE

1. STAY CALM!
2. Inside: Stand in a doorway, or crouch under a desk or table, away from windows or glass dividers.
3. Outside: Stand away from buildings, trees, telephone and electric lines.
4. On the road: Drive away from underpasses; stop in a safe area; stay in vehicle.

6 BASICS TO DO AFTER AN EARTHQUAKE

1. Check for injuries - provide first aid.
2. Check for safety:
 - Check for gas, water, sewage breaks.
 - Check for downed electric lines and shorts.
 - Turn off appropriate utilities.
 - Check for building damage and potential safety problems during after shocks such as cracks around foundation and chimney.
3. Clean up dangerous spills.
4. Wear shoes.
5. Turn on radio and listen for instructions from public safety agencies.
6. Don't use the telephone except for emergencies.

14 SURVIVAL ITEMS TO KEEP ON HAND

1. Portable radio with batteries
2. Flashlight with extra batteries

3. First Aid Kit - including specific medicines needed for members of your household.

4. First Aid book
5. Fire extinguisher
6. Adjustable wrench for turning off gas and water
7. Smoke detector properly installed
8. Portable fire escape ladder for homes/apartments with multiple floors.
9. Bottled water - sufficient for the number of members in your household
10. Canned and dried foods sufficient for a week for each member of your household. Note: both water and food should be rotated into normal meals of household so as to keep freshness. Canned goods have a normal shelf-life of one year for maximum freshness.
11. Non-electric can opener
12. Portable stove such as butane or charcoal. Note: Use of such stoves should not take place until it is determined that there is no gas leak in the area. Charcoal should be burned only out of doors. Use of charcoal indoors will lead to carbon monoxide poisoning.
13. Matches
14. Telephone numbers of police, fire, and doctor

3 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

1. How to turn off gas, water and electricity
2. First Aid
3. Plan for reuniting your family

SNO-KING RTA is including this material through the courtesy of the Seattle-King County Chapter of the American Red Cross (Disaster Unit)
These items won't stop the next earthquake but it may help you survive in a better way.

The best survival is a prepared survival.

Note from Fran Peters, Health Care Chairman: The Red Cross continues to provide volunteers as well as financial aid in areas suffering from recent disasters. If you would like to donate money you can send contributions to: American Red Cross, P.O. Box 24285, Seattle, WA 98124. If you wish to specify the area for use of your contribution - i.e. Hurricane Juan/Mexican Relief/Columbian Relief/ or General Relief write this on the lower left and corner of the envelope.