



SNO-KING SCHOOL RETIREES

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May 20, 2011

On May 20th the SnoKing Unit and the SnoIsle Unit met for a joint luncheon at the Sno Isle Skills Technical Center Culinary restaurant, Le Bistro. The facility is outstanding and a very appreciative, Chef Becky told about her program and the 15 participating school districts. We had a delightful menu of Chicken Cordon Bleu and Cod Provencal. Our starter was a Greek salad and dessert was Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese. We were offered tours of the facility after the luncheon.

There were 64 people in attendance and we had a great sunny day. Erma Snook, SnoKing and Brenda Leider, SnoIsle greeted the group. Dick Anderson, NW-1 Regional Rep. and candidate for President - Elect for WSSRA, addressed our gathering.

The oral and PowerPoint program presented by Rob Walker and Karen Holm, Betty Odle's niece, was a fantastic accounting of their trek to the Arctic Circle. They are not new to expeditionary adventures. It was after their month, 7000 mile Mountain Bike expedition from Seattle to La Paz, Bolivia that they decided to open their own business, Mountain Minded on Lopez Island. On their trek they sewed much of their own panniers (bike storage packs) and from 1988-1994 they marketed their own designs of expedition quality gear. In 2000, they had a 121-day kayaking adventure from Glacier Bay, AK, 1200 nautical miles and finally clearing customs at Friday Harbor in the San Juan Islands. In 2004 they travelled 1850 miles kayaking around the tip of South America in Chilean Patagonia. And then in 2007 Karen and Rob began a 3-month 1450 mile trek from Skagway, AK to Kaktovik on Beaufort Sound in the Arctic Ocean. This trek took two tries to complete and was finally achieved in 2010. It was a wild, difficult, beautiful and hazardous trip. The mosquitoes, alone, had us all aghast! We were delighted to be the first to view their expedition at this worldwide premier showing!

SnoKing elected their 2011-2012 slate of officers: Jim Siscel, President, Roberta Hawkins, Vice President, Cheryl Bauer, Secretary and Donna Murrish, Treasurer. It was moved by Virg Rayton and seconded to cast a unanimous ballot for the new officers. Motion carried.

Authorized signers on our bank accounts are designated as follows:

Donna Murrish, Treasurer; Cheryl Bauer, Secretary; James Siscel, President

Erma Snook, Co-President (2010-2011)

Erma Snook