



FALL, 2014



“WINE” NOT JUST SAY IT.....

The August 9 Wine Tasting was a huge success! Over 35 Unit 21 members—active and retired, plus educators who had received grants, and some new faces from as far away as La Conner and Oak Harbor, spent a lovely late summer’s eve under a harvest Supermoon tasting the local vintages of the Tulip Valley Vineyard and Winery. The smooth and beautiful harmonies of Kelly and Jeff wafted over the grapevines, even enticing the normally reticent Kathy and Robert Reim to dance in the supermoonlight on the deck. The complimentary hors d’oeuvres kept everyone’s palate piqued and mouths watering. Even a birthday surprise was held for little old moi and I have NO idea how they found out!!!! Alice Fitzgerald was scintillating as the candy distributing fundraiser for PAC donations! Thanks to everyone who donated to that worthy cause! SOME people even got prizes! A LOVELY evening—thanks to all who helped to create this event!



The Annotated Calendar

***SEPTEMBER 2014**

15th Board Meeting—Barbara Landrock's home 430 Alissa Ln. Burlington, WA Potluck Lunch.

***OCTOBER 2014**

4th Candidate Forum-ALL MEMBERS COME AND BRING FRIENDS

Burlington Public Library- 820 E. Washington Avenue 1-3 PM

All candidates running for office in Districts 1,2,10,39, and 40 have been invited. **THEY NEED TO HEAR OUR CONCERNS:**

***KEEP HEALTH SUBSIDY OR RESTORE TO FULL \$183 AMOUNT**

***MAINTAIN PERS/TRS DEFINED BENEFIT RETIREMENT PLAN FOR ALL CURRENT AND FUTURE SCHOOL EMPLOYEES**

***RESTORE EARLY RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR PLANS 2 & 3**

(SEE POLITICAL INFO p.3)

6th NW Coordinating Council Meeting—

Royal Star in MV—GUEST-State President of WSSRA—Edie Moersch

ALL MEMBERS INVITED TO HEAR HER SPEAK TO CHALLENGES WE ARE FACING THIS COMING YEAR

***NOVEMBER 2014**

3rd Board Meeting—Royal Star MV 2300 Freeway Dr. 10 am Lunch provided

*** DECEMBER 2014**

3rd Annual Holiday Brunch Skagit Golf and Country Club 11:00 a.m.

Always a great way to kick off your holiday season—dust off your holiday duds, enjoy fun, holiday entertainment, great food and friends, and a NEW fun grab-bag fundraiser to fund our grants! **Put it on your calendar now!**

Reminders:

★ **KEEP SAVING SCHOOL BOX TOPS** from cereal and all sorts of other products for us to donate to a school/s—bring to meetings & events

★ **KEEP BRINGING FOOD BANK ITEMS** to meetings and events, too. The need just keeps getting greater and greater.

We honor the memories of:

Eugene Johnson

Ruth Lochbrunner

David Tennyson

Legislative News: YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

Editor's Note

THIS PAGE IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION NOW AND IN THE FUTURE. WITH THE IMPORTANCE OF PERSONAL CONTACT WITH LEGISLATORS AND OTHERS IN GOVERNMENTAL SERVICE, BECOMING MORE AND MORE VITAL AND THE RISE OF APATHY AMONG SO MANY OF OUR CITIZENS, WE MUST NOT RELY ON **"SOMEONE ELSE"** TO SPEAK AND ACT FOR US ANY MORE. PUT THESE IDEAS ON YOUR REFRIGERATOR OR IN YOUR HEAD, OR ON YOUR LAPTOP AND GET READY TO USE THEM AT OUR

CANDIDATES FORUM (OCT. 4, Burlington Library 1-3.) BE THERE AND OTHER PLACES WHERE POLITICAL ACTION IS HAPPENING--NOW AND IN THE FUTURE. REMEMBER WE HAVE WISDOM & EXPERIENCE GOING FOR US! (P.V., Editorializing)



REMEMBER OUR THREE GOALS ALREADY MENTIONED ON THE CALENDAR PAGE. Read up on them in WEA information. Keep them in mind.

WHEN YOU MEET CANDIDATES:

Introduce yourself while making eye contact.

"I am a retired school _____" (Teacher, Custodian, Principal, etc.)

"I started teaching (working in schools, whatever) in 19____. I chose that career because I believe that our future is in our children. Though the pay was never as much as private enterprise, I was assured that in retirement I would be treated fairly.

"I want you to know how important it is to me that you help me by funding and managing the retirement I was assured of when first starting work in a school district.

"I want to give you my support but need to know you will support me.

Keep in mind these are only suggestions and may be modified or eliminated. The main thing is they need to know who you are and your story. If you are satisfied with your choice of candidate, volunteer to help by:

Putting a sign in your yard.

Or in your friends/neighbor's yards.

Offer to help by introducing candidate to neighbors, doorbelling or distributing pamphlets

Make a small contribution (Check for a few dollars but definitely less than \$20)

The more of us that legislators/candidates know the more they will think of us when issues come up which affect us—and they will think of you when contacted during the legislative session concerning legislation important to you.

Jim Davison Legislative Committee WWCSRA



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