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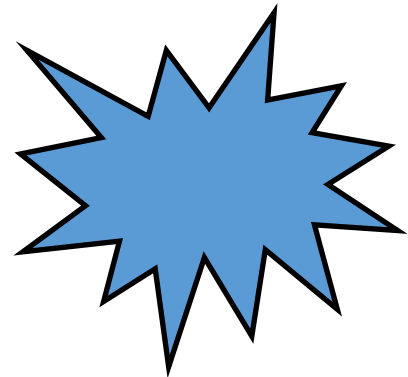
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LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION

2016 Legislative Session began Jan.4

Of special interest to WSSRA this session are any bills which affect our pensions. Due to the budget shortfall, legislators will be scrambling to fill the holes in all areas of the budget.

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH LEGISLATORS:

Let them know we appreciate their work.

Let them know what our issues are.

Read your Journal Magazine—especially Peter Diedrick article

FOR TIMELY UPDATES:

Send your email address to debanks22223@msn.com and/or Peter@wssra.org.

Or contact your legislator by looking under legislative info on the WSSRA website.

Mini Money Memo Update

The benefit of all our Unit 21 efforts to raise money to assist our fellow educators still actively working with students is now a REALITY!!!!

In the following school districts and classrooms in our local area students benefit every day from the money we gave them:

Sedro Woolley—3 classrooms

Mt Vernon-3 classrooms

Anacortes—2 classrooms

Concrete-3 classrooms

LaConner—2 classrooms

Burlington—2 classrooms

Official SISJ Calendar “Refrigerator Poster” *

- ♦ **January 24**—“Calendar Girls” Play-Anacortes Trip-Members and Friends-***Sold out***
- ♦ **March 11**—Retirement Seminar 5:30-8:30 ***Register by March 5***
- ♦ **March 14**—SISJ Unit 21 Lunch and Meeting Special Event-Max Dale’s 11:30 a.m. ***See article page 3***
- ♦ **March 14-20**—School Retirees’ Appreciation Week
- ♦ **March 21**—Scholarship readers meet Royal Star Restaurant to determine high school scholarship winners 9:30 a.m.
- ♦ **April 18**—NW Coordinating Council Meeting 9:30 a.m. Royal Star. All members welcome. Lunch provided.



****YES! Cut out this REMINDER BOX and magnet it to your refrigerator***

Nostalgia Corner:

**What is a Mimeograph Machine
By Diane Visten**

As Barbara Robinson and I looked at the teenagers from Sedro Woolley High School who had come to our "teaching session" on Career Day last week, I was struck with a feeling of nostalgia for my teaching days. These possible future-teachers will never use carbon paper, mimeographs or any other of the outdated staples of that era. They may have new technology, but they will cope with ever-increasing, ever changing regulations which seem to stifle creativity. Oh wait! So did we! My motto was "it is easier to ask for forgiveness than for permission" which served me well. I only got in trouble once in awhile. Hopefully they will experience the joy of seeing a kid's expression when he/she "gets it" and the camaraderie of working with other teachers on an exciting project. Maybe things haven't changed that much after all! Lets hope that some of the things that made teaching such a great profession can still be found. We would love to hear from you about some of your favorite memories. Share them with us by sending an e-mail to dvisten@wavecable.com. Perhaps others would enjoy them too!
Diane Visten, co-president Unit 21

**LOCAL SPECIAL EVENT COMING IN
MARCH**

#DELICIOUS FOOD



#ENTERTAINMENT

#SILENT AUCTION

Governor Jay Enslee has proclaimed March 14-20 of this year as School Retirees' Appreciation Week !

In celebration of this special week, our Local SISJ Local Unit 21 will be having a very exciting event at Max Dale's restaurant on March 14.

Get your reservations in early for a chance to meet one of our members who has written a book called, Pauline: A New Beginning on Whidbey Island. Faced with the hardships of the 1930's, Pauline and her husband arrive in Whidbey Island in 1934 as the construction of the Deception Pass Bridge begins. Avis will be with us at a no-host lunch and will share her experience with us.

Also planned is one of our favorites! A SILENT AUCTION! Please bring a gently-used treasure for the silent auction to be held during lunch. Time to clean out those closets and find those treasures! ALL of the proceeds will go to the Sedro Woolley Community Thanksgiving Dinner Fund which feeds hundreds of people annually during the holidays. This years fund is several hundred dollars short due to the problems with getting turkeys and they have asked for help to recover this money so they can continue this valuable community service.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE IN BY MARCH 11
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Keep calm and be crazy,
laugh, love and live it
up because this is the
oldest you've been and
the youngest you'll ever
be again.

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