



UNIT 21

Skagit-Island-San Juan

School Retirees' Association



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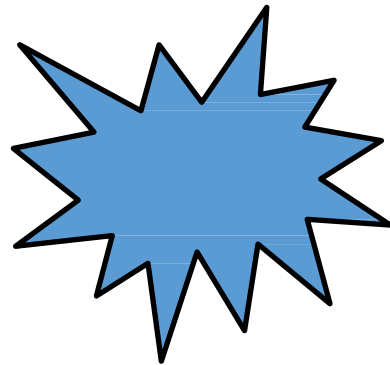
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We Remember our Friends:

Nancy Bates, David Mc Neely and Harriet (Eldridge)Davis

Legislative Notes: Bruce Boyer Legislative Chair

This spring, from reading the WSSRA The Journal, I learned that our WSSRA organization can't make political donations due to our 503(c)4 status. That means that if you want to contribute to a political office seeker you need to do it yourself or through the WSSRA-Pac. Last year, 193 WSSRA members in the state made a PAC contribution, which our Political Action Committee (PAC) then gave to legislative candidates running for office that appeared to best reflect our views for helping fellow retired school employees. If we want to have some influence in how our legislators view retired school employees needs, we need to get more people involved with this process. This could be in the form of contributing to our PAC, by talking with legislative candidates when you see them out in the community or attending meetings attended by these candidates.

After listening to Peter Diedrick speak at our local District meeting in April, it became very clear that the last legislative session was a difficult one, and went into extra session and still was not able to really deal with how to deal with the court mandated financing of education in our state. This coming session promises to be a very difficult one and where the legislature tries to make cuts to reallocate to the K-12 system is anybody's guess. (Think no COLA, marginal payments to our pension fund, or reducing our \$150 per month PEBB Medical Benefit....)

So, what can you do to help? You could support our WSSR-PAC by sending a check to the WSSR-PAC Treasurer, 1928 Circle Loop, Lacey, WA. 98503. You could also attend the picnic with legislative candidates that we have scheduled for Aug XX at XX. And lastly, you could go to www.wssra.org and click on the "Join Our Mailing List" where you can leave your e-mail address so our WSSRA's Legislative Coordinator can contact us quickly if he needs to have quick mass e-mail and/or messages sent to key legislators.

Do you remember how you supported your local association and its active members working on your behalf? WSSRA is your organization that is among other things, working to maintain your retirement benefits. Our current legislative chairs, Jeanne Chadwick, Tim Knopf and Rita Requa traveled twice to Olympia during the past legislative session to share with legislators views from a retired school employee perspective. What will you do these next few months to help them promote our goals and concerns?

Official SISJ Calendar "Refrigerator"

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- ♦ **August 9**—"Celebrate Summer" **Meet the Candidates** of the 10th, 39th, and 40th Legislative Districts. Lunch by Gere a deli 11:00 to 1: 00 Skyline Cabana 5919 Cabana Lane, Anacortes.
- ♦ **September 12**—S I SJ Board Meeting 10 a.m. *Lonnie Keown's Home 716 Orth Way, Sedro Woolley.* Barbara Robinson host.
- ♦ **September 26**—Candidate Forum with Candidates from the 10th, 39th and 40th districts speaking/answering questions-PUD Building, Mount Vernon.
- ♦ **October 3**—NW 1 Coordinating Council meeting at Royal Star, Mount Vernon 9:30 a.m. All member invited to attend. SnoIsle, Whatcom, SnoKing and Skagit Island San Juan units meet and have lunch. (your lunch is provided)
- ♦ **November 14**—S I SJ Board Meeting at Burlington Haggens 10 a.m. Diane Visten host.
- ♦ **December 7**—Holiday Lunch at Skagit Golf and Country Club, Burlington, WA. (this is a tentative date till we book with the country club)
- ♦ **January 9**— NW 1 Coordinating Council Royal Star, Mount Vernon 9:30 a.m.
- ♦ **February 13**—S I SJ Board Meeting at Creekside Continuing Care Community 400 Gilkey Rd, Burlington WA. 10 a.m. Eloise Stendal and Barbara Landrock Hosts

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

LOCAL SPECIAL EVENT COMING IN August

#DELICIOUS FOOD

#Candidates from the 10th, 39th and 40th Legislative Districts

Casual Conversations



August 9, 2016 **Meet the Candidates** at the Skyline Cabana 5919 Anacortes at 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Sandwich, Salad, Cookie and Beverage are provided by Gere a Deli.
RSVP to Bruce Boyer bnboyer@msn.com or Diane Visten 360-387-1348 by August 5th.

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