



UNIT 21

Skagit-Island-San Juan

School Retirees' Association

October, 2013

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Glenda Hobbs and Diane Visten

Open positions available: Legislative Chair,
Publicity Chair to write letters for the newspaper,
Website Chair to work on the web page for us,
and someone to train as Treasurer for next year.

***If you are interested or can help, please contact Barbara Robinson or Diane Visten.**

Barb Robinson 360-708-9046 babsann09@comcast.net
or Diane Visten 360-387-1348 dvisten@wavecable.com

Save the date:

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

Holiday Brunch

at the
Skagit Golf and Country Club
Specific Details Later

Food Bank Donations

for December
will go to the Mount Vernon
Food Bank

* Start collecting non-perishable
food supplies and travel-size
toiletries now and
bring with you to the Brunch.

WE REMEMBER

Doris Campbell Bruce Gillett
Robert K Lindh Don Minahan
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Wine Social

Were you at **Hellam's Wine Shop** on August 15? If not, you missed a fun time with fine wine, good conversation, a beautiful setting, and wonderful entertainment. Twenty-five members, friends, and family members enjoyed themselves while listening to music provided by Jeff Bradley and Kelly Bohon. The evening was balmy and sitting outside on the channel was a perfect place to be. Hopefully, when we do this again, we will have many more people who can have a nice evening to remember.

Diane Visten, Co-President

PEBB Changes

In October the final 2014 premiums will be published in the "For Your Benefit" newsletter. Non-Medicare retirees' premiums are estimated to increase around \$5 for the retiree and \$4 to \$14 more for dependents per month.

Medicare retirees receive a state contribution of \$150 per month toward premiums. The estimated premiums will have slight increases. The Medicare supplement plans, Plan F disabled, and Plan F retired may have a decrease in premiums. These plans do not have a drug benefit. You must have a separate plan for drug coverage.

Watch for your letter in late October that will explain plan options and final premiums. Check for benefit fairs in your area. Usually there is one in Bellingham and one in Mount Vernon. You can ask questions directly to representatives of the medical and dental plans.

Remember, if you wish to change plans, you must do so by November 30th, 2013.

If you're on PEBB, it is not necessary to change plans—PEBB is one of the best plans!

The PEBB website has information on dates and plans at www.hca.wa.pebb.

Joyce Scoll, Health Chair

Retiring Soon or Know Someone who is?

On the morning of March 1, 2014, SISJ is offering a two-hour retirement seminar presented by Jim Mendosa of the Department of Retirement Systems. Mark your calendar if you want to know more about pensions and health benefits. We will begin taking reservations on **2-1-2014** for this free seminar.

In the meantime, check out your retirement account by going to www.drs.wa.gov. Sign up for a user ID and password.

Lonnie Keown, Retirement Chair

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Official Grant Application
Open from September 27th to October 28th, 2013.

Now is the time to apply for Unit 21 grants. Each grant is \$100. Grants will be given on a first come first serve basis. Preference will be given to Unit 21 members. A non-member may apply only once. If you wish to receive future grants we ask that you join Unit 21 by completing an Automatic Direct Deposit form and returning it to the name and address listed at the bottom of this form.

Please fill out the form completely and return to Treasurer by **October 28th, 2013.**

Your information:

Name: _____

Grade level/school assignment and number of students involved _____

Home address and phone number _____

Home email address _____

School Information:

School District _____

School name and address _____

School phone and email address _____

Please provide a brief description of your grant need, speaking to how the grant monies will be used.

Send application to Barbara Landrock 1407 State Rt. 9, Sedro Woolley, WA 98284. You will be notified if selected and will be presented with a check in the first/second week of November. We ask that you cash your check as soon as possible. If you have questions, please contact Barbara Robinson 360-708-9046, or babsann09@comcast.net Diane Visten 360-387-1348 or dvisten@wavecable.com Barbara Landrock 360-856-2190 or bland3@hotmail.com

Thank you for your application and interest in our organization.

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