

Membership is the backbone of our organization. Our members make the difference in reaching all of our goals. This past two legislative sessions we made small gains in enhancing and protecting our pension benefits, our most important goal. It was because of our membership reaching out to the legislators. We have almost 200 members that receive online information. Those online members answered the call and wrote, called or emailed our legislators when they received the online alerts. Those online members made the legislators notice us! You can be one of those online members by sending your email address to my email address [babsann09@comcast.net](mailto:babsann09@comcast.net) or to Bruce Boyer at [bnboyer@msn.com](mailto:bnboyer@msn.com)

Our unit is now making huge efforts to enlist new active school employees. Active meaning members who are now working in the schools. Our goals now include being sure that they need to know who “we” are. Our numbers of actives are growing as we visit the schools. This is important as we spend more time protecting and improving Plan 2 and 3 retirement benefit that group.

Membership makes a difference. Members write the letters, the newspaper letters to the editors, call the legislators, and email with their concerns. Members stand up for all school employees pension benefits. When they do that we have a voice. When our membership numbers grow our voice is heard.

What can YOU do? Make sure all your friends, retired or active know that WSSRA works for each person in the schools and that their membership in our group means that their retirement years will be better because of it.

WE also need a working board in Skagit, Island, San Juan Unit 21. Our numbers of members active on our board is getting smaller so that the work is being done by a very few. We have put out the call for a few good men and women to come to our board meetings to help with some of this work. Interested members can call Bruce Boyer or myself. We invite you to come have coffee to talk about how you can help. Or just call....there are many small jobs and a few larger ones that might just fit in your schedule.