

BITS AND PIECES

TCRTA #28

Feb. 21, 1986

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain. . .
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years...
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING Feb. 7, 1986

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance in checking account 1/3/86	\$ 1169.10
Dues	117.00
Contribution	32.55
Interest	10.41
	<u>\$ 1329.06</u>
State dues sent to WSRTA	- 30.00
Other disbursements	- 28.79
Check. Acct. Balance	<u>\$ 1270.27</u>
1-year CD	1500.00
Total assets of TCRTA	\$ 2770.27
Jane Harbison, Treasurer	

PRE-RETIREMENT REPORT

Thurston County Retired Teachers and ESD #113 sponsored All-Day Pre-Retirement Seminar is planned for March 29, 1986 at the Tye Motel. Teachers and non-professionals who expect to retire in the next 5 years are invited to attend. Jim Click, Chair

ADDITIONAL TCRTA MEMBERS:

OLSEN, Winnifred L. 357-5873
133 N. Foote Oly. 98502

TWELVES, Marjorie Yule 943-5181
4805-52 Cushman Rd. NE Oly. 98506

MUNN, John N. 352-3386
3524 Henderson Blvd. Oly. 98501

Winnie Olsen, lifelong resident of Olympia, worked for the Tacoma Schools. Welcome to our unit, as well as to the Pierce County's. Winnie!

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

NICHEL, Irene 491-1033
45 Martin Way #67 Oly. 98506
Anne Ferguson, Directory Chair.

RETIRED TEACHERS LUNCHEONS:

Have you enjoyed our luncheon menus? Do you recognize that we are served a dinner menu including beverage, dessert, gratuity and the use of the dining room for a set price lower than most comparable local restaurants? Do you understand that the increase in costs determines the rise in price? Do you agree that we have delicious meals at a bargain price? Let's show our appreciation! Price \$6.00 starting in February.

NOMINATION FOR WSRTA COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD:

The TCRTA Board has presented Dennis Roley's name for the Washington State Retired Teachers Community Service Award. Some of Dennis' contributions are:
AARP Consultant for Health Insurance Benefits; Financial Consultant; AARP Income Tax Consultant. Active in his church and its choir. Chairman of WSRTA Rules and Regulations Committee as well as TCRTA Vice-President and program chairman.

LET'S GO SEE:

Ella Smith, Chair. 352-3277
Thurs., Feb 27: Woodland Park Zoo
Boeing Museum of Flight

Meet: 7:30 AM First Church of the Nazarene
220 E 22nd, corner of Wilson and 22nd

Departure: 7:45 AM Bring lunch money. Dress for the weather
Still room for more: See Ella or call - 352-3277

Thurs. March 6: Mike Websters Tree Nursery.

Wolfhaven Tour
Cars leave PANORAMA CITY at 9:00 AM
TUMWATER FALLS 9:15 AM

Indicate on the sign-up sheet which starting point you will use.

LUNCH: at Friday's Too
LEADER: Marvin Schafer, PH 438-5168
Call Marvin if you must cancel.

Sat., April 12: Nisqually River Raft Trip with Rainier River Runners.

(A different section of river... scenic, with wildlife visible.)
Visit Historical Indian Burial Ground with Historian Helen Danford.

Fee: \$36.00 (Minium 12 people, price includes lunch and historical lecture.)

Mail check to Rainier River Runner by 3/15/86

Leave 8:30 AM. See Ella for information sheet.

MATURE DRIVING:

The TCRTA Board voted to invite Jessie Schroder from AARP to talk to us at our luncheon meeting on 55 ALIVE mature Driving. A program for retirees who drive.

The program is eight hours of classroom instruction that refines existing skills and develops safe defensive driving techniques. AARP conducts these classes in two half day sessions. Why do drivers aged 55 and over have more accidents per mile driven than drivers 30-54?

EXECUTIVE BOARD DIRECTOR TO VISIT:

Wilma Ortli, WSRTA Executive Board Director for SW Region #4 will be our guest at the March meeting.

LEGISLATION: Jean Safstrom Chair.

HOTLINE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS! Help is needed on the following days:
Thursday, Feb. 27, 9-12:30; 12:30-4
Thur., March 13, 9-12:30; 12:30-4
Thurs., March 20, 9-12:30
Volunteers, please sign on the sign-up sheet.

LEGISLATION OF INTEREST TO RETIREES:

COLA for Teachers: HB 1823. This bill would give a small increase in retirement checks to those who retired before 1973. LOST in Ways and Means. A slight chance to be attached as an amendment to another bill. The Senior Citizens Lobby supported HB 1823.

HEALTH ISSUES:

The Lobby supports the following bills which are still alive.
HB 1462: Long-term Care Insurance Bill. Deals with the prohibiting of any hospital stay as a prerequisite for any benefit.

SB 4574: It treats all recipients of chore service equally in the event of cuts.

HB 1391: Exempts the tax on Hearing Aids.

SHB: 131: This bill would increase the college education requirement for nursing home administrators to 4 years. The Lobby supports that the degree include health and business courses.

HB 1332: a revision to the Generic Drug Law allows individuals to request brand name drugs if they wish.

SB 4896: Licensing of home helath agencies. This is a way to assure quality care.

SAVE MONEY: Thurston County voters call the Local Hotline 754-0207.

District 22:

Sen. Kriedler 786-7642
Rep. Belcher 786-7992
Rep. Unsoeld 786-7940

District 20:

Sen. Halsan 786-7638
Rep. Vander Stoep 786-7990
Rep. Dobbs 786-7896