

## Legislative News Jim Davison, Legislative Committee



I met with 8 of 9 legislators representing E8, (9th & 16 Legislative Districts) on March 27 & 28.

As of 4/7/19 the house budget includes a one-time 3% Plan I COLA. That makes it Necessary to Implement the Budget (NTIB). It was introduced as an amendment in the Senate and Sen. Walsh spoke for it during floor debate, but it was voted down. (Be sure to thank her!) We may not know for sure until final negotiations are done and the final gavel falls. Continue making calls and sending emails to members of the Senate Budget Committee.

Medicare Benefit was included in the House Budget at 2011 lever of \$183, but should be over \$200 due to rate increases.

**HB 1414 & SB 5335** to pay surviving spouse the fullmonthly benefit for the month of a death are also eligible for NTIB.

**HB 1308 & SB 5360** (Making Plan 2 the default) both passed their house of origin, now in the other chamber. (Thank you all three 16th District legislators.)

**HB 1139** ( TRS/SERS Plans 2 & 3 Retire-Rehire improvements) has passed the house and is currently in the Senate. April 9 was the cutoff for all fiscal bills. (Jenkin and Rude supported, encourage Walsh.) April 17 is the opposite house cutoff for all bills, and the scheduled final day is April 28.

Thanks to all who participated in local Legislative Town Hall meetings to share your concerns, allowing legislators to associate individuals with concerns. You can still contact them with your thanks, or concerns. The best email format is *Firstname,Lastname@leg.wa.gov* or *TOLL-FREE HOTLINE: 1-800-562-6000*.

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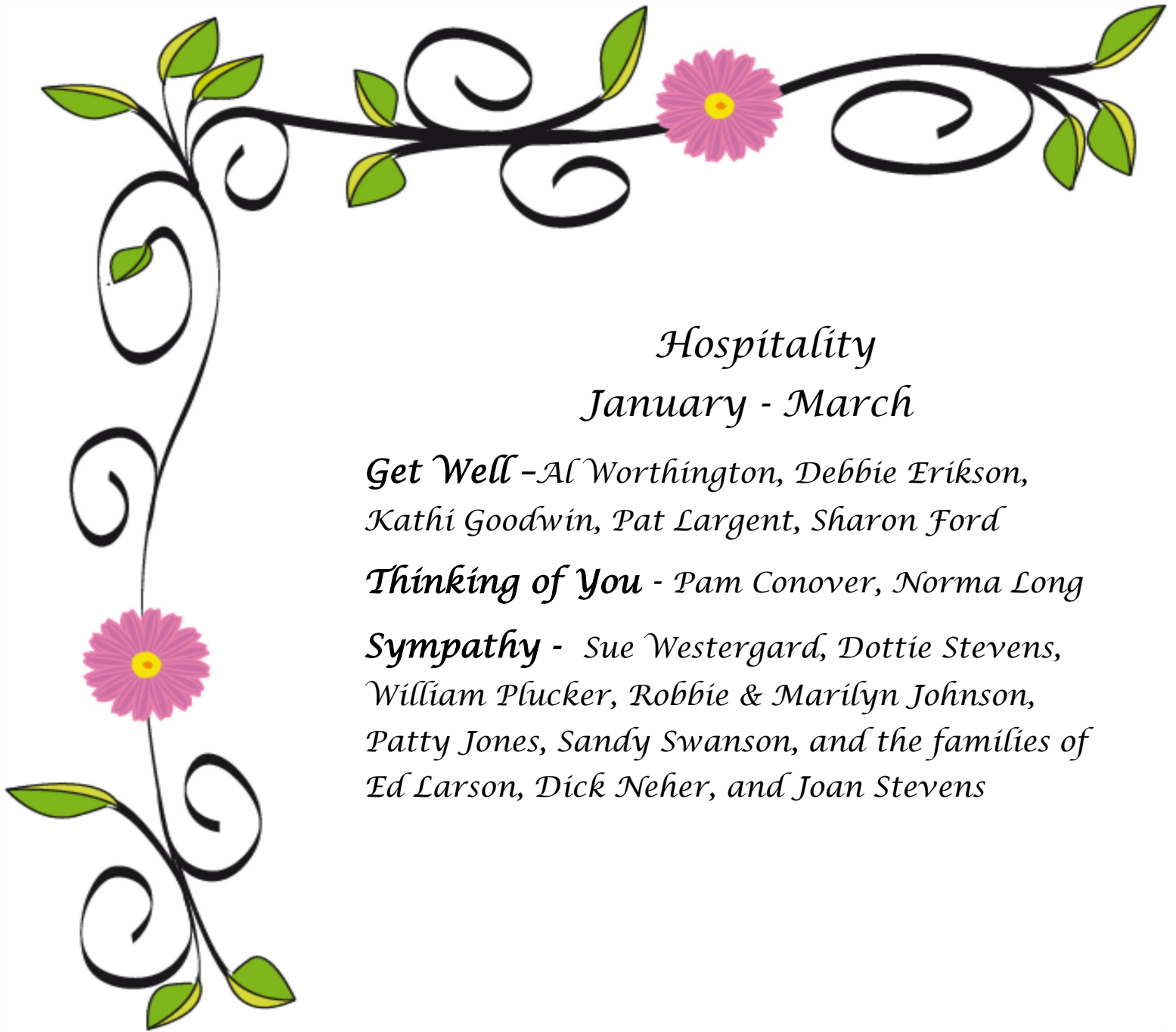
Walla Walla-Columbia County School Retirees Association has a new website with lots of informative articles and information. Log on to:

<https://wssra.org/wallawalla-columbia/>



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*Hospitality*  
*January - March*

*Get Well - Al Worthington, Debbie Erikson,  
Kathi Goodwin, Pat Largent, Sharon Ford*

*Thinking of You - Pam Conover, Norma Long*

*Sympathy - Sue Westergard, Dottie Stevens,  
William Plucker, Robbie & Marilyn Johnson,  
Patty Jones, Sandy Swanson, and the families of  
Ed Larson, Dick Neher, and Joan Stevens*

Judy needs a couple of additional callers for luncheons. If you can spare 1/2 hour each month and have a phone, we need you! Call Judy to offer your time.

We also need accurate addresses and phone numbers to be able to contact you and get your newsletters to you. Please contact Kathi with changes if you move or get new phone service.

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