



# Bits & Pieces

THURSTON COUNTY SCHOOL RETIREES' ASSOCIATION  
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### REFLECTIONS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Here we are at the beginning of a new year. How did it get to the second month so quickly? Is it because I'm moving more slowly that everything else seems to be going faster? I don't know about you, but it seems like just when I figure out the new things going on, they get changed to the "new, faster, improved way" to do things.

What a great time to be here! Let's all look forward to change and keep on moving along. I am so honored to be part of such a dynamic group of retired (or is it retreaded) persons, always looking upward and traveling forward, accomplishing good things.

This year looks like another one of compromise and struggle to maintain and enhance retirement benefits. We will all need to support our legislative committees. Please let our legislative members know how we stand on the issues as they emerge. **Leslie Main** gave a report at the January luncheon on what is happening and what may be coming along. It was full of information. Thank you, Leslie, for a job well done.

Please remember the LEGISLATIVE HOT LINE number which is available during the session only. This number is 1-800-562-6000; use it and let our legislators know upfront where we stand. Information is also available online at <http://www.wssra.org>. Together we can make a difference!

The TCSRA Bylaws Committee has studied our present bylaws and proposed a few changes. **Gene Forrester**, chair of the committee, has written an article for this *Bits & Pieces* newsletter. Please read it over as we will be acting on the proposals at the February luncheon. Please attend if at all possible. We need each of you to help us keep our Unit 28 a growing and going part of WSSRA.

Many things will be coming to us this legislative year. Cuts in budgets for programs we cherish will need to be addressed. Let's remember that voices joined together can make miracles happen!

*Helena Wilson, Your Unit President*

### IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE!

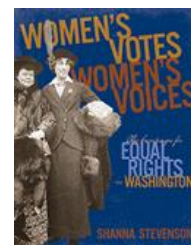


Stevenson

What's the special occasion? Women in Washington State got the right to vote in 1910! It was 100 years ago this year that the Washington Legislature made women's voting possible. Who helped to get the law passed? Who voted for the issue in the all male legislature?

**Shanna Stevenson**, Coordinator of the Washington Women's History Consortium project, will tell the fascinating story at our February 19<sup>th</sup> luncheon.

Stevenson's new book, *Women's Votes, Women's Voices*, gives more insights into the women's suffrage movement in Washington State. Copies will be available for purchase at our luncheon. (Cost is \$27.07 including tax by check or credit card.) Be sure to save the date to participate in this centennial celebration!



*Joyce Gillie, Program Chair*

### NEWS FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE



The Nominating Committee now has a complete slate of officers to recommend to the membership for election for the 2010-2011 year. Elections will be held at the April luncheon meeting. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor at that time.

#### 2010-2011 Candidates for TCSRA Offices

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| <b>President</b>            | <b>Helena Wilson</b>   |
| <b>Vice President</b>       | <b>Ron Crawford</b>    |
| <b>Co-Secretary</b>         | <b>Barbara Abegg</b>   |
|                             | <b>Ruth Kindt</b>      |
| <b>Fiscal Treasurer</b>     | <b>Gary Bloomfield</b> |
| <b>Membership Treasurer</b> | <b>ZiNita Carrell</b>  |
| <b>Nominating Committee</b> | <b>Keith Crosbie</b>   |

Biographies of the candidates will be printed in the March and April 2010 issues of *Bits & Pieces*.

*Nominating Committee: Judy Hollar, Chair, Bruce Reeves, and Jay Wood*