



Bits & Pieces

THURSTON COUNTY SCHOOL RETIREES' ASSOCIATION
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MAY 2010



REFLECTIONS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Another month has gone, and looking back, this year of service and friendship seems both long and yet quite short. From a personal point of view, it has been a year of loss, of gaining new friends, of seeing many changes, and of looking forward to continued work as well as to great enjoyment with each other.

How wonderful it has been to serve as president to such an energetic and committed group of retired (or retreaded?) school employees. Your willingness to take on the tasks needed to keep our unit on such a high level of involvement in both state and local programs has been an inspiration to all. Our active members look forward to their days of retirement and support our efforts with their memberships.

The slate of officers for the coming year was presented at the April luncheon and was passed by unanimous vote. Many thanks to the nominating committee. A proposed budget for next year was also presented and will be voted on at the May luncheon meeting. If you wish to see a copy of the proposal, please contact a member of the finance committee: Mary Ann Wright, Gary Bloomfield, Keith Crosbie, or Joyce Gillie.

We end the year with **Mary Ann Wright** assuming the responsibility of mailing the *Bits & Pieces*. We thank **Joanne Webber**, who has spent hours every month for *ten years* preparing the newsletters for mailing, and also **Jane Harbison** and **Anne Ferguson**, who have helped by transporting them from the printer to Joanne and then to the bulk mailing center in Tumwater. Mary Ann will convene a committee each month to do this work. Please call her at 456-1281 if you'd like to help.

Sixteen delegates will represent you at WSSRA's annual convention in Yakima from June 7-9. We will vote on issues concerning the governance of WSSRA. On Wednesday, break-out training sessions will be held for chairs and officers. All of us will be working hard, trying our best for you.

Each of you is important to us. It is because of your membership and dedication that we are such an outstanding group. Have a safe and pleasant summer!

Helena Wilson, Your Unit President

WSSRA PRESIDENT-ELECT TO SPEAK



After graduating from Central Washington University in 1962, **Louie Osmonovich** taught in Moxee, WA, and then in Ronald. In 1966, the Ronald, Roslyn, and South Cle Elum districts consolidated as the Cle Elum-

Roslyn School District, where he worked for the next 26 years. He taught every grade from third through eighth and also did some basketball coaching. During his career, Louie held offices in the local unit of WEA and was on his district's negotiating team for several years.

Since his retirement, Louie has been vice president, president, and membership chair of Kittitas County SRA. Recently he served as a WSSRA board member representing the E-5 district. While on the board, he was the liaison for the newly formed WSSRA Outreach Committee and chaired the E-5 Scholarship Committee.

At our May 21st luncheon, Louie will share his goals for 2010-2011 as president of WSSRA. He will also install our unit officers for next year. You won't want to miss his visit. See you there!

Joyce Gillie, Program Chair



Friday, May 21, 2010
LUNCHEON MEETING
PANORAMA RESTAURANT

Punchbowl at 11:30 AM
Luncheon at 12 noon

Menu: Chef salad with clam chowder and rolls

Dessert: Key lime pie

(\$13 includes tax and gratuity)