



Hotlines

Benton/Franklin School Retirees
Tri-Cities, Washington

April, 2009

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Help us earn \$100!!!

Our unit has the opportunity to earn an extra \$100 if we enroll more than 25 new members by June 30, 2009. This is in addition to the \$10 our unit already receives for each new member. This money is used to provide mini-grants to classroom teachers.

We need less than ten more new members to meet the goal and receive the \$100. Enroll a friend or colleague. Dues are only \$5 a month. Pick up a form at the next meeting. Once it is filled out, return it to Marlys Mayer.

"Taking Charge in Tough Times"

Hollis Morris, Sam DeRosa, Elaine Banks, Leona Hassing, Jim and AJ Foster attended a seminar sponsored by AARP on Wednesday, April 8th, at the Convention Center from 9:30 to 2:00. Lunch was provided. was the title. about 200 attended.

The Master of Ceremonies was Doug Shadel, State Director, AARP.

Topics included Outsmarting Investment Fraud, Protecting Your Personal Information & the Computer, Identify Theft Protection, How to Cut Costs & Save Money. The seminar ended with a panel of all presenters, answering questions from the audience.

Sponsors included AARP, Microsoft, Federal Trade Commission (FTC), Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), Washington State: Office of the Attorney General (AGO), Dept. of Financial Institutions (DFI), Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC), and Washington State Crime Prevention Association (WSCP).

The seminar will be scheduled again next spring.

April 27, 2009

11:30 am

Kennewick Red Lion

\$12.50

London Broil

Please plan to pay cash for your lunch because the Red Lion will no longer take personal checks.

April Meeting

A special treat for the April meeting will be the Bell Chimes from Mark Twain Elementary School, Pasco. The teacher is Helen Bakshas and principal is Jody Hughes.

Scholarship recipients will be introduced by Shirley Frare. Grant winners will be announced by Clarence Alford. All have been invited to join us at lunch.

Election of Officers will also take place.

May Meeting

A memorial ceremony will be presented as well as the installation of new officers.

Note from Marlys

A reminder—The Red Lion charges us for every meal ordered, so if you make a lunch reservation and do not come, we have to pay for the meal from our treasury. If ten people do this, we have to pay \$125.00 to cover it. If you make a reservation and don't attend, please send \$12.50 to Marlys Mayer, 3033 Riverbend Drive, Richland, 99354, or call Don Parks at 547-0880 so your reservation can be cancelled.

Officers

Don Parks, President
 Joy Ledgerwood, Immediate Past President
 Leona Hassing, Vice President
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Scholarship News

BFSRA members Margaret Moore, Helen Bruggeman, and Shirley Frare met on March 3 to read 5 applications and to award the 2009 BFSRA Scholarships to those listed.

Daniel Hartley, a senior at Richland HS, plans to attend either the University of Oregon or Central Washington University. He will be a secondary music education major with a minor in conducting. His goal is to be a high school band teacher. He will receive a \$600 BFSRA Scholarship.

Marilyn I Castro will also receive a BSRA \$600 Scholarship. She plans to attend Eastern Washington University with an elementary education major and an endorsement in special education, bilingual education or psychology. As a Southridge HS student, she has been active in the Careers in Education and has an internship at Westgate Elementary this year.

The Marion Hankwitz Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to Pasco HS senior Angela Vargas. When she graduates in June, she will also receive her AA from CBC through her enrollment in the Running Start program. She plans to transfer to WSU/TC with an Elementary Education major and an endorsement in math. Her goal is teaching in a 3rd grade classroom.

These students have been invited to meet our membership at the April 27 luncheon meeting

Shirley Frare and Jeff Dong met in March with the Walla Walla committee to read and rank the E-8 applications submitted for WSSR scholarships.

Local recipients of WSSR/E-8 District scholarships will be announced at the April 27th meeting.



Grant News

GRANTS AWARDED

Azalia Norwood, (group of three)
 Jenny Tiegs,
 Rebecca Rodriguez 100.00 Stevens Middle School

Darci Coffman 100.00 Pasco High School

Cathy Stordeur 100.00 Hanford High School

Linda Herrington 100.00 Kiona-Benton City SD

Becky Thomas 100.00 Taptal Elementary

Ann Autrey 100.00 River's Edge High School

Jennifer Quesnell 100.00 Sunset View Elementary

Blanca Torres-Muse 100.00 Longfellow Elementary

TOTAL 800.00

See Clarence in the March/April Journal.

Recently Appointed

Joy Ledgerwood immediate Past President of BFSRA was recently appointed to the State Retirement Planning Committee. She is looking forward to meeting the committee members at the Yakima meeting on April 14 and joining them to expand and adjust previous goals and expectations during her term.



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Legislative Report

The access to mailings bill ESSB5238 has been signed into law by the governor. She has a budget bill from House and Senate with items which affect retirees, but as of this writing it has not been finalized yet. Everyone hang in there and let's hope we don't lose any benefits. Jim and AJ Foster

Monitor WSSRA's telephone Legislative Message Line (1-800-221-1264) and internet web site www.wssra.org for updates on WSSRA legislative activities. Update will be as

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Newsletters are mailed August, October, January, and April. All newsletters and bulletins can be found on our website. <http://www.bfsra.org>



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Return Requested

Healthy Living

During the March General Meeting Luncheon the participants in the "Governor's Health Bowl" walking program were awarded "Certificates of Participation".

They were: Nolita Smith-90 Mi., Bette Evans-131 Mi., Geneva Nevius-160 Mi., Robin Morris-154 Mi., A. J. Foster-165 Mi., Jim Foster-170 Mi., A. J. and Jim as a couple walked 335-Mi., Helen Bruggeman-226 Mi. and Hollis Morris-542 Miles. Thanks to ALL participants--GOOD GOI NG.

I would like to see more participating next Fall. Keep track of your miles walked during September 14 through October 31, 2009. For a "Daily Walking Record" form and a conversion chart for converting different exercise programs and work related activities into miles, contact Hollis Morris @ 783-4888.

Make Horseshoe Pitching part of your summer exercise program. Come to Kennewick's Eastgate Park each Tuesday evening at 6 P.M. for League Play. Handicapped Scoring is used during League Horseshoe Pitching. Pitch in a tournament on April 19 and or May 30, 2009. For more information call 783-4888.

