

OCSRA Welcomes Members

Edward Morgan and Benjamin Blaney, Tonasket; Heinrich Banka, Oroville; Lois Chavey, Twisp, and Pauline Kato, Leavenworth.

Community Service News

Four area soldiers serving in Afghanistan received care packages in December according to Community Service Chair, Sibyl Wehmeyer. In January, OCSRA will donate \$100 to Community Action to purchase food for area food banks.

WSSRA News

E-6 Representative, Rita Figlenski, reported the following WSSRA news:

- Peter M. Diedrick was hired as WSSRA Legislative Coordinator.
- Michele Hunter is WSSRA Membership Coordinator.
- Tara Teitzel was hired as WSSRA Office Assistant.
- AMBA (Associated Member Benefits Advisors) enrolled 81 new members and obtained 3 new computer benefits for WSSRA members- Wirefly, CU Wireless, and Presto Printing Mailbox. For more information: George Smith, 206-313-5558.
- 3 WSSRA Scholarships are available to high school seniors in the E-6 District. Information has been sent to area schools. Due date: March 1st.
- Mary Perkins, Chelan-Douglas, Unit 2, has been appointed E-6 Representative to the WSSRA Legislative Committee.

Congratulations, October Grant Winners!

Tonasket Schools: Faye Aitcheson for Accelerated Reader prizes and Rose Corso for external hard drives for Claymation project

Brewster Schools: Stacey Thoren for sight word stamp sets

Okanogan Schools: Kathleen Ferguson for diameter measuring tapes to study trees at the Odem Road Fire Site and Carol Payne for Art Docent supplies

Legislative Talking Points

WSSRA Executive Director, Ed Gonion, urges you to tell your legislators how their legislation impacts your daily life. Keep your message short. Include the following concerns:

- Make no further cuts in pensions.
- Restore Plan 1 COLA at the first opportunity
- Fund the state pension system obligations first.
- Restore the Medicare eligible subsidy for health care to \$182 per month.
- Protect our schools from further cuts.

Make your voice heard! Join WSSRA's Legislative Hotline by sending your e-mail address to ed@wssra.org. All addresses are kept confidential.

