

# KEEPING YOU UP TO DATE

The Mission of the Chelan/Douglas School Retirees' Association is to secure and protect retirees' benefits and to provide educational and service opportunities for members.

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## YOUR NEXT MEETING

**TUESDAY**  
**FEBRUARY**  
**20**  
**AT 12 PM**

WENATCHEE VALLEY  
SENIOR CENTER  
1312 MAPLE ST. WENATCHEE  
JOIN US FOR LUNCH  
COST IS \$5  
MENU:BBQ CHICKEN

All are Welcome! Please RSVP to Kriss Crilly at [cril@earthlink.net](mailto:cril@earthlink.net) to **make your reservation before FEB. 16th**

## FEBRUARY PROGRAM

**AYDEN ITTERLY,**  
a student at  
Pinnacles Prep  
whose Passion Project  
was to raise money  
for Missing and  
Murdered Indigenous  
Women.



Join us to hear what  
he's learned and how  
the project is going,



Photos by Don Seabrook/Wenatchee World



Terry Sloan, E-6 Legislative Representative, has been participating in weekly Zoom meetings with the other state wide reps. Updates are provided each week on how our bills are moving through the legislative process. Currently, WSSRA is still supporting House Bill 1985, however, it was moving too slowly through committee. In response, the Senate is proposing a senate bill which provides a permanent COLA for Plan 1. WSSRA is also in support of Senate Bill 6094 which addresses some improvements to how PEBB works.

Our 7th District representatives, Joel Kretz and Jacquelin Maycumber, appear to be supportive of a permanent COLA as well as Senator Shelly Short. Our 12th District representatives, Mike Steele and Keith Goehner, are also in support of the COLA. Senator Brad Hawkins has not yet communicated his support. Plan 1 members in the 12th District please contact Senator Hawkins and encourage him to support the permanent 3% COLA for Plan 1 members. Terry will be traveling to Olympia on Feb 20 to visit our representatives in person. If you have input for Terry contact here at: [red2552@charter.net](mailto:red2552@charter.net).



**IMPORTANT WEBINAR FROM WSSRA/AARP!**  
**Information on fraud protection and artificial intelligence (AI)**  
**on Thursday, February 15 at 9:00 am.**  
See Webinars Tab on WSSRA Website to Register.

## This year's WSSRA Convention will be in Wenatchee!

This would be a perfect time to find out more about our state organization. If you would like to attend or be a delegate, please let Sue Kane know. (509-860-1439) We have plenty of room in our delegation and all expences are paid for by our unit.

### WHAT'S YOUR PASSION?

Members Sharon Salley and Nancy Valeson have a heart for our members who are now at assisted living facilities. They created and delivered "Goody Bags" for these retirees at Halloween & Christmas.

Do you have a passion that involves our members or students in the valley? Contact Sue Kane and ask about the CDSRA UP (Unlimited Projects) Program. Sue Kane 509-8601439

Sharon Salley delivering "Goody Bags"



### Dinosaurs at the PAC!

February 27th is the EKAP (Every Kid at the PAC) program that CDSRA sponsored. The show is Dinosaur World Live at the PAC at 7:30p. m. Tickets are on sale now. Students will have the opportunity to enjoy the Dinosaur World as a field trip during the school day. As sponsors, we can attend during the program at 1 p.m. on the 27th for free. Come and Join us - It will be Fun!

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### SAVE THE DATES:

- Feb. 20 –Board Meeting @ 10:00 AM
- Feb. 20 – General Meeting @Wenatchee Valley Senior Center @ noon (details inside)
- Feb. 27 Dinosaurs at the PAC



Please donate items for the Grace House. Currently they need size 5 diapers, toilet paper, hand sanitizer and cleaning supplies. Bring your donations to the meeting. We will deliver them for you.

### THINKING OF RETIRING?

Pre-Retirement Zoom Webinars:

Thursday, March 14, 2024 @ 4:30 PM

Department of Retirement Systems and Health Care Authority/PEBB

Tuesday, March 19, 2024 @ 4:30 PM

Social Security/Medicare and VEBA

**GO TO WSSRA.ORG TO REGISER**

**Click on the Webinar tab**

**E5/E6 Co-Council** Meets on Zoom on Feb. 28 @ 10:00  
A Zoom link will be sent to you if you have attended before.

Let's stay connected! Please contact Sue Kane at  
susan\_kane1@msn.com with any updates.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRANT WINNERS!

ENTIAT MEMBERS:  
**WENDY CRUTCHER**  
**MANDY SANFORD**

WENATCHEE MEMBER:  
**EDUARDO CORTES**  
**BETH HAMMERBERG**  
**DIANNA WILLIAMS**

EASTMONT MEMBERS:  
**MICHELLE HUGUENIN**  
**TERRI WYDNER**  
**REBECCA ALVAREZ**  
**DELICIE PARADES**  
**SHARON HOFFMAN**  
**SHANNON WELDY**  
**GABRIELLE SHEFFIELD\***  
**KRISTI MEADOWS**  
**ANGELA SCHMITTEN**  
**KARA LEE**  
**ROSIE WHITE\***  
**ANGIE VELAZQUEZ**

CASHMERE MEMBERS  
**LAURA MARTINEZ**  
**ANGEL ZANOL**  
**CHERI JOHNSON**  
**TRACY GRIFFITH**

Most grants were for \$250  
\* denotes a \$500 grant

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Senior Center @ noon

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## Thinking About Retirement?



If you are withing 1-5 years of retirement, you will want to attend these (no fee) virtual webinars to learn about your retirement plans (plan 2 or plan 3), medical/dental options, sick leave buyout (VEBA), Social Security options and Medicare.

These webinars will feature presentations from the following agencies:

- WA State Dept. of Retirement Systems (Plan 2 & Plan 3), *October 18*
- WA State Health Care Authority/PEBB (Medical/Dental/Vision options), *October 18*
- Social Securiry and Medicare, *October 19*
- VEBA (your sick leave buyout option), *October 19*

Please visit the WSSRA website [www.wssra.org](http://www.wssra.org) to register, or email [Tara@wssra.org](mailto:Tara@wssra.org) with questions.

### DO YOU HAVE UNIFORM (UMP) INSURANCE?

UMP 2024 Premiums are increasing significantly. Consider watching the recording of the PEBB 2024 Medicare "Rates & Coverage" Webinar for WSSRA Retirees on Sept. 26. You can find the recording at [WSSRA.org](http://WSSRA.org) under the "Webinar" tab.

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