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YOUR NEXT MEETING

MARCH 18

When: MARCH 18 at 11:00 a.m.

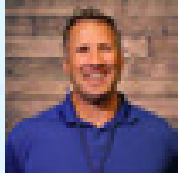
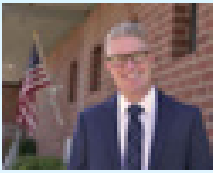
Wenatchee Valley Sr. Center 1312 Maple Street

We meet in Conference Room B

Join us for Lunch -Sandwiches and Soup

All are welcome but you must RSVP the Sr. Center the Friday before the meeting to make your lunch reservation. Call 509- 662-7036 or go online at wenatcheeseniorcenter.com and tell them you are with the CDSRA group.

MARCH PROGRAM



Our Speakers will be

Wenatchee Superintendent Kory Kalahar

Director Pete Jelsing Valley Tech Center

“Good Things Happening in the Wenatchee Valley”

April Program -Apple Blossom Royalty

APRIL 15



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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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Despite a state budget deficit of around \$12 billion over the next four years, the 2025 Legislative Session is off to an incredible start for WSSRA. As legislators explore creative solutions to close the budget gap, Democratic leaders in the Senate have identified a way to restore an ongoing COLA to TRS 1 and PERS 1 retirees. Substitute Senate Bill 5085 would merge TRS 1 and PERS 1, which are both underfunded, with Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters (LEOFF) Plan 1, which is overfunded by \$2.9 billion. The LEOFF 1 surplus would be used to fully fund TRS 1 and PERS 1 and provide retirees in those plans with an ongoing COLA, all while saving the state \$600 million over the next four years.

While passage of the bill would be a huge win for both retirees and the state, it faces opposition from police officers and firefighters, who want to see the surplus used to increase their benefits. LEOFF 1 and 2 members already get COLAs every year and received an additional retirement bonus in 2023. Please contact your legislators to support this.

12th District Representatives:

Senator Keith Goehner

Reps: Mike Steele & Brian Burnett

7th District Representatives:

Senator Shelly Short

Reps: Andrew Engell & Hunter Abell

If you have questions or comments, please contact our CDSRA Legislative Representative, Terry Sloan

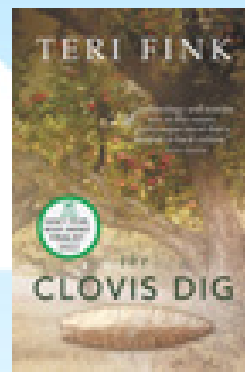
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RETURN SERVICE
REQUESTED



CDSRA Grants at Work

CDSRA Member, Jan Ottosen, enjoyed handing out new books to students at Lee School



**TIME TO PREPARE
FOR OUR MAY
MEETING!**

Our guest speaker will be author, Teri Fink.

You will really enjoy the discussion more if you have read her book.

So check it out on line or at our library!

CDSRA Elections are Coming!

Are you interested in getting more involved in our CDSRA unit?

We will be nominating candidates for our upcoming elections at our next meeting.

We will also be selecting delegates to the WSSRA Convention in June.

Certificated and Classified Employees:

If you are within 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.

APRIL 22, 2025 5:00 PM DEPARTMENT OF RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY/PEBB

APRIL 23, 2025 5:00 PM SOCIAL SECURITY / MEDICARE & VEBA WSSRA
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Please find the registration form on our website www.wssra.org under the webinars tab.