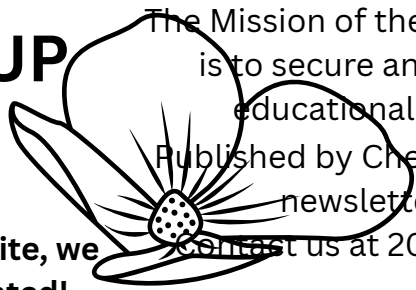


KEEPING YOU UP TO DATE

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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

We have good news to share! On March 11, the Washington State Legislature released its final negotiated budget. The budget maintains the current funding level for the PEBB Medicare benefit, which is received by all retirees who purchase Medicare supplemental insurance through the Public Employees Benefits Board. This is a major victory, as the budget that the Senate proposed last month would have reduced this benefit, substantially increasing health care costs for retirees.

The budget also incorporates Substitute Senate Bill 5862, which will provide a one-time 3% COLA to TRS 1 and PERS 1 retirees not to exceed \$110 per month. TRS 1 and PERS 1 retirees will see their monthly pension amounts increase at the end of July 2026. All other state-managed pension plans automatically receive COLAs every July. While SSB 5862 was funded in the Senate's proposed budget, it was not funded in the House's proposed budget, and getting it included in the final budget is another big win for retirees.

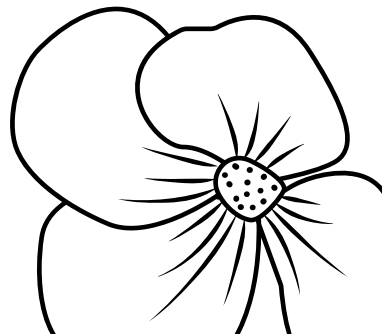
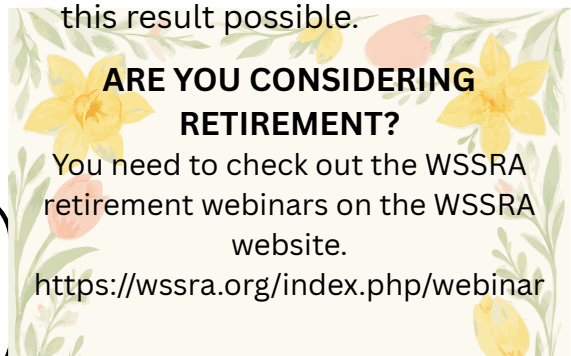
The budget and the COLA bill now go to the Governor, who has until April 4 to sign them.

Thank you for supporting WSSRA and participating in our advocacy. You helped make this result possible.

ARE YOU CONSIDERING RETIREMENT?

You need to check out the WSSRA retirement webinars on the WSSRA website.

<https://wssra.org/index.php/webinar>



YOUR NEXT MEETING April 21

When: at 10:45 a.m. April 21

Where: Foothills Community Center

1312 Maple Street - We meet in Suite B

Join us for Lunch - Sandwiches and Soup

All are welcome but you must RSVP at Foothills Community Center the Friday before the meeting to make your lunch reservation. Call 509- 662-7036 or go online at foothillscenter.com and tell them you are with CDSRA and your lunch will only be \$5.

APRIL PROGRAM

First - Come to Suite B at **10:45** to hear about the wonderful services that CAFE' is offering in our Valley.

Then - Come meet the 2026 Apple Blossom Royalty at 11:30 before lunch.



MAY PROGRAM

Pete Jelsing from Wenatchee ValleyTech Center



Princess Parker
Queen Brielle
Princess Kaylee
Pearsons

WV Tech is a regional hub for Career & Technical Education (CTE) programs housed in a unique learning environment. We equip students with personal, workplace, and technical skills that employers desire.



YOUR CDSRA OFFICERS FOR 2026-27:

- Executive Secretary – Sue Kane
- Past President – Kriss Crilly
- Vice President - Marie Buckner
- Secretary – Christie Dekraai
- Treasurer – Sue Kane



Artist, Terry Valdez, instructs CDSRA members on watercolor techniques

The officers and executive board continue to work for you. In the fall we work to meet active members and new members at opening day events and staff meetings. We offer grants of up to \$500 to active members and assist local school districts with students that are homeless by donating to their McKinney-Vento programs. We also have a committee that provides items to various shelters that are in need. Throughout the year we support special projects for children by donating to the Salmon Festival, STEM projects, the museums, EKAP, Aletheia Therapeutic Riding Center, the Mariachi Northwest Festival and Small Miracles (summer lunch program).

Our retired members are encouraged to come to our General Membership meetings throughout the year. We feature information on state projects, meeting local authors, and a variety of organizations in the valley. Our main focus is protecting retiree benefits at the Legislature. This year we were able to acquire a 3% COLA for our Plan 1 members. (Plans 2 & 3 have an automatic COLA) **AND** the health benefits have been saved!

We would love to see you at our upcoming meetings which are posted on our website, please go to our website:

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