



Bits & Pieces

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Unit 28 of the Washington State School Retirees' Association

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Save the date! Our next TCSRA luncheon meeting will be on Friday, February 16, 2018. Our speaker will be Scott Gadman, manager of the Barnes & Noble bookstore in Olympia. After the program we will have a short business meeting to discuss and vote on the proposed changes to the TCSRA Bylaws.

The Bylaws Committee has been working diligently since last fall to update our bylaws to reflect our current operating procedures and to recommend changes to improve efficiency. The proposed changes were introduced at the January meeting, and members on the luncheon email list received copies via an "email blast." If you do not use email, Pat Slosson, 360-866-0518, will be happy to send a copy to you via US mail.

Finally, our TCSRA members and state association (WSSRA) leaders are working every day during the 2018 legislative session to protect and enhance the retirement pensions and medical benefits of our members.

Important legislative committee hearings are scheduled at the Capital on short notice. The committee hearings are the places where most proposed legislative bills go to die. Our members must attend these hearings when our critical issues are on the agenda.

If legislators see that our members are not present when our bills are on their committee's agenda, they will believe that we don't care. If our members don't care, then why in the world would the legislators spend their political capital and state dollars on our issues? Answer: *They will not.* So please answer our call or email to attend a legislative hearing—even if it comes on short notice.

Ed Gonion, TCSRA President

READ A GOOD BOOK LATELY?

February can be cold, with long nights and short days. It's too early for gardening, and for most of us, skiing is no longer an option. It is, however, a fabulous time to sit with a good book (or two...) to read by a crackling fire, or gas fire, or heater vent.



With that in mind, **Scott Gadman** from Barnes & Noble will be visiting our meeting with a truckload of books to present to us and sell right on the spot.

Bring your checkbooks, cash, or credit cards and be ready to stock up your bookshelves. Santa has already made his scene, and if you didn't get that special book in your stocking, now might be your chance to rectify that omission.

See you on February 16!

Miki Moench, Vice President & Program Chair

[Bring a friend—bring a non-member, but please reserve seats for your total number of luncheon guests. Call Sharon Dennis, 360-438-5351, for reservation information.

Remember, the *Each One Bring One* membership campaign is ongoing this year, so bring a friend, a new member, or a potential member, and your name will go into the drawing for a nice gift card.]

Friday, February 16, 2018 – 12 Noon

Seventeen51 Restaurant & Bistro
(Panorama's Main Dining Room)

Menu: Green salad with Ranch dressing
& whole wheat rolls

Sole Almandine, roasted Yukon gold
potatoes, & vegetable medley

Dessert: Cherry Pie

(\$15 includes tax and gratuity)

