



Press release: For immediate publication and to be placed in community reminders:

On August 19, 2010, the members and guests of the local Unit 21 of the Washington State School Retirees of Skagit-Island-San Juan Counties will gather at Riverfront Park in Sedro-Woolley to honor Bill Stendal and to have their annual barbeque and reunion.

Stendal, along with Ellen Wolf from Walla Walla, WA, was honored with the prestigious Stan McNaughton Outreach Award this year at the state convention in Yakima in June. Bill Stendal was unable to attend the convention this year and the award will be presented by the leaders of the local unit during a luncheon from 11:30-1:30 PM at the park which is located at 101 River Road in Sedro-Woolley.

The Stan McNaughton Outreach Award is presented to a member of WSSRA who volunteers his/her time beyond the goals of WSSRA to enhance the lives of community members and has improved the quality of life in his/her community and, in doing so, has improved the image of WSSRA.

From the time he enrolled in Unit 21, Bill Stendal has volunteered in a variety of ways in the Skagit County area. Through his efforts, many citizens of Skagit County have had their lives improved. Bill's service includes serving as PUD Commissioner, Mayor of Sedro Woolley, co-founder of Sedro-Woolley Community Thanksgiving dinner and long years of leadership, service on behalf of Cascade Jobs Corps, Skagit Valley College Foundation Board of Governors, County Historical Society and leadership roles in the Skagit County Pioneer Association, Presbyterian Church, Sedro-Woolley Masonic Lodge, Sedro-Woolley Shrine Club, County Boys and Girls Club, Helping Hands Food Bank, City Emergency Services, and the North Cascades Highway Association. He has brought to all of this a deep compassion and wonderful sense of humor.

Legislative candidates are also invited to be at this gathering to discuss issues related to the pension system for Washington State School Public Employees. The hamburger barbeque will be provided by Joy's Bakery and the cost is \$10.00. For more information check the Unit 21 WSSRA website [www.sisra21.org](http://www.sisra21.org) or call Kathy at 360 856-4676.