

# \*\*\*\*\*Presidents Message...



This will be my 1st "President's Message" and I would like to thank all our members for their support at the Fred and JoDean Peters' event on June 12th. It was a good time for all and hope all our members will consider attending the other upcoming events we have planned this year for our NW Chapter. Your new Secretary/Events Chairman is Deb Stallman and she will be getting those notices to you so you can plan ahead. You can also visit our web-site at [www.scinwchapter](http://www.scinwchapter) and look at our Calendar of Events along with all the other great stuff you will find there! Your web-master is Mike Skinner and he is doing a great job on keeping everyone up to date on our events and activities as well as other things; please visit the website, you will be very proud of what you see!

As this is my first message I will tell you a little bit about myself. I am a native of the Great NW state of Washington. My wife and I have been married for 27 years and members of the NW Chapter for about 7 years; we also became Life Members of SCI National in January. I belong to several other chapters with the NW Chapter being my home chapter. My wife, Deb, and I are both proud members of Sables as well. When I got out of High School in 1966, I went right into the Military. After my 3 years were up I left the Military as an E-5 Buck Sergeant. After working several jobs, I got a job at Boeing in 1973. I put in 30 years there and retired in 2003 as a Facilities and Equipment Services Manager. I left there with degrees in Business, Economics and Management that I earned while attending night school.

I have my lovely wife, Deb, son, Robert, 35 and daughter Inge, 39... oh yes... and don't forget those grandsons Jake 5 and Jaden who is 7. Those of you that have grand kids know how much fun that is and those of you that don't have a lot to look forward to. Our kids and their kids are the future. My wife, Deb, retired at the end of this school year. She was the Band Director for the Orting School District for 20 years.

We both sit back and think about what all has happened in the last 7 years since joining SCI NW Chapter...the friends we have made and the memories we have to share for the rest of our lives. We wonder what our lives would have been like without SCI since we are fairly new members. Then we realize that this was what was supposed to happen and we look forward to all the new adventures and friends we will be making.

As your Vice-President for the past year, I was very lucky to have attended several training seminars and national board meetings in Tucson, Arizona, Washington D.C. and Reno. We have another chapter leadership training seminar and SCI/SCIF fall board meeting coming up on August 23rd-28th, 2010, in Jackson Hole, WY. I will be attending the board meetings and your new Vice-President, Chip Emmons, will be attending the leadership training. JoDean Peters, your Sables Rep./Treasurer/Membership Chair/Sables board of directors will also be attending. If you are interested in becoming a Sables member, please contact her... there are many perks going on right now. You can also check out our website for more information on that! Gary Tennison, your Region One Rep and long time chapter member, will also be in attendance.

In closing, I want to say that it is an honor to represent such a great organization and all the great people in it. One of my priorities is to get more of our members involved in our organization. Your board members work very very hard. Some with multiple areas of responsibilities. I am asking that we all help share some of that if at all possible. I know that we are all busy and it can be very difficult to make that time available.

We have our monthly board meetings at the Doubletree Inn in Seattle (where our annual banquet is held). If you would like to attend one of our meetings and see what goes on, please accept this invitation; it is the 2nd Wed. of every month. We do have limited space, so please contact me at [d-music@msn.com](mailto:d-music@msn.com) or [robertstallman48@gmail.com](mailto:robertstallman48@gmail.com). Call me at (253) 840-4980. Cell (253)227-2712 if interested.

Thanks again and I am looking forward to meeting each and every member over the next year. Attend the events, check out your Chapter Web-site and Happy Hunting!

- Robert Stallman

