



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The summer is almost over. Rats! It just started. Time is flying by for me, and I suspect for some of you too. LaNean and I have spent a good part of the summer either in Eastern Washington or traveling back and forth helping her father who had taken ill. Fortunately he is recovering nicely. Taking care of two households and two sets of gardens 400 miles

apart made the summer a virtual blur for us. Speaking of flying time, the next WRA meeting is only about two weeks away on September 19th. As you probably know, the Sons of Norway hall in Bremerton was unavailable at the usual time, so Lois and gang did the best they could.

Kudos to Barb Smith for being so patient with those of us who submit information to her for inclusion in the Vine. We sometimes need a prodding to get our "stuff" to her in time. Thanks Barb.

Its election time. We are assailed with political messages from every angle. Here is another: Membership in Western Rosealers Association has many benefits. I need not list them. You know what they are and you benefit from membership or you would not have joined. Whatever benefit you enjoy from your membership has a price and someone must pay that price or the benefit will not be there. Part of that price is the dues we pay, but another part is the organization itself. Please give serious consideration to volunteering to run for office. The organization will not run itself. Everyone must help. Don't leave it to someone else to do your part. There, that wasn't so bad, was it?

I hope to see you on the 19th.

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— Bill Keller (aka Mike)

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Bite off more than one can chew

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