

From the Editor:

The year is winding to a close and that means the last issue of *SEA Now*. It has truly been a pleasure serving as the editor of the SEA newsletter and I will continue in this position during the 2010-2011 school year. I have heard so many positive comments about the newsletter and am also thankful for the constructive suggestions I have received. With your input I know we can continue to improve and get out the information that our members need.

With all of the struggles and challenges we have faced, we can look back on 2009-2010 and discover the positive outcomes of the year. With budget woes looming, with SEA's help, the District managed to layoff only 18 certificated staff, and now it appears all 18 are being recalled. Let's also be thankful to the state Legislature for coming through with funding for our schools. With continued work by SEA and its members, we will strive to ensure that Legislative support continues.

Looking forward, let's not forget that we must stay focused and energized. Let's use the victories of this year as a springboard for next year and continue to fight for our schools. Thanks, and see you soon!

- *Mandy Manning*, Editor