



Employees' Retirement System Communicator

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Contact Information

Employees' Retirement System

Please contact the Employees' Retirement System (ERS) Division at 414-278-4207 in Milwaukee or toll-free at 877-652-6377 outside of

Milwaukee for all Pension questions, including Retirement calculations.

Life Insurance

& Health Benefits

Please contact the Life & Health Division with Life and Health Benefits related questions at: 414-278-4198.

Newly Retired

Mahjabin Afsari
Therese Chambers
Kenneth Cummings
Pamela Dewitt
Carol Estherchild
Janet Fritz
Linda James
Karen Kasko
Annie Katherine
Daniel Kirkpatrick
Joan Labarr
Chris Lueke
Sue Malsack
Jeffrey Mayer
Romayne Reden
Ora Robinson
Willie Ross
Jacqueline Schroeder
Carole Simcakoski
Anthony Slaats
Margaret Tarrant
Gregory Troupe
Frank Wilson

Welcome to the July edition of the *ERS Communicator*. We have decided to do our part in "going green" by distributing the *Communicator* monthly on the flip side of your Direct Deposit notification. We hope you like the new format and increased frequency.

V-3 Updates

Year-To-Date Pension Check Totals

Some of you may have noticed incorrect year-to-date totals on your monthly pension checks. We are currently correcting this issue in V3 and anticipate resolution by the time we run the August pension checks.

Impact of Economic Stimulus Package on Pension Checks

In 2009, the IRS issued new Federal income tax withholding tables which were part of the economic stimulus package. As you may have noticed, there have been two separate Tax Table updates which may have impacted the deductions on your monthly pension check. These tables were developed to provide a tax credit through a reduction in tax withholdings during the calendar year. However, this tax credit is directed at

wages and not pension. It is imperative that you review your current Federal tax withholding and determine if your current withholdings are appropriate for you. This can prevent any unexpected tax liability when filing your year end taxes for 2009.

We apologize for any inconvenience caused by these updates. To request a new tax withholding form, please contact our office at 414-278-4207 or toll free at 877-652-6377.

V3 Self-Service

ERS anticipates that the self-service module of V3 will be released in late 2009. This release will give retirees the opportunity to download forms such as Direct Deposit and Federal income tax forms. Additional information will follow as we get closer to the release date.

Medicare Enrollment

Milwaukee County requires all retirees and spouses covered under our medical plan to enroll in Medicare B when first eligible. On the first of the month in which you (or your covered dependent) turn 65, Medicare will become your primary coverage unless you are covered under another employer's medical plan for active employees.

Once you (or your covered dependent) receive your Medicare card, please send us a copy. We will change our records to indicate your Medicare coverage, and will set you up to receive reimbursement for your Medicare premium on your monthly pension checks if eligible.

Based on fluctuations in your annual income, you may be charged an additional premium for Medicare. If eligible, we will also reimburse this amount. Please forward a copy of the letter you receive, and we will begin reimbursement.

If you have any questions regarding Medicare premium reimbursement, please call the General Benefits number at 414-278-4198.

Recently Deceased

Please keep these recently deceased retirees in your thoughts:

Robert Allen	Ralph Kovnesky
Mary Bailey	Sylvia Kuczowski
William Baker	Irene Lewis
Wencel Banaszak	Ardelia Mitchell
Esther Beck	Ervin Mudlitz
Beverly Bischoff	Michael Nelson
Gordon Bomey	Patricia Patten
Erwin Fluss	George Perrin
Norma Forrai	John Petersen
Linda Hughes	Lee Quantrell
Mary Iglar	Harvey Stielow
William Jaeger	Eugene Wendorf
Constance Jenkins	James Wenzel
Essie Jude	Virgil Williams

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