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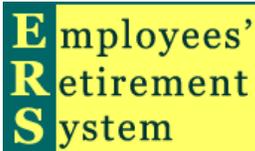
Please contact the Employees' Retirement System (ERS) at 414-278-4207 in Milwaukee or toll-free at 877-652-6377 outside of Milwaukee for all Pension questions, including Retirement calculations.

Life & Health Benefits

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

Newly Retired

*Cheryl Bailey
Wyvetta Davis-Dolphis
Shirley Dillon-Page
Richard Ertl
Steven Grabow
James Hill
Richard Hodge
Marilyn Keeley
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Karen Kirchhoff
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Keith Parris
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A Message from the ERS Manager

Seasons Greetings! It is that time of the year to think about all of the changes that have taken place throughout 2009. As you know, the Employees' Retirement System (ERS) implemented the new V3 System in January of this year. The new system provides faster and more accurate pension estimates with automated retirement processing, expedited Direct Deposit transfers and self-service availability for retirees. The system determines eligibility, produces benefit calculations and generates payments. We will continue to work on V3 system enhancements throughout 2010. These upgrades will allow for greater communication, retiree access to forms and special announcements.

The year is almost over. Here are a few reminders of ERS activities that may impact you

- December 2009 pension checks will be issued on December 31, 2009.
- 1099 Forms for 2009 will be issued to retirees by January 31, 2009.
- The annual meeting of the Pension Board will be held on Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at the Zoofari Conference Center, which is located at 9715 West Blue Mound Road. Doors will open at 8:00 a.m. A continental breakfast will be available at 8:30 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. All members of the Retirement System are welcome to attend this annual meeting. Hope to see you there!!!
- You can reach ERS by email at ERS@milwcnty.com.
- ERS can be reached by telephone at (414) 278-4207 or toll free (877) 652-6377.

Best wishes to you and yours for a happy holiday season. Your patience, assistance and support throughout the year are appreciated.

Gerald J. Schroeder
ERS Manager

Important Health & Life Insurance Year End Information

If you made changes (changed from one plan to the other, added or deleted dependents) you will be receiving new ID cards. If you made no changes, you will continue to use your current card.

Retirees and their covered dependents participating in Milwaukee County health plans are required to enroll in both Medicare A and B when first eligible (regardless of age) and must provide proof of enrollment to the Employee Benefits Division. Because the prescription drug coverage offered by Milwaukee County is considered "Creditable Coverage" you are not required to enroll in Medicare Part D.

Once enrolled, Medicare becomes your primary coverage, and Milwaukee County is secondary. When you visit your doctor, it is important that you show them both your Medicare card and your UnitedHealthCare card so your claims will be processed and paid correctly.

Most individuals with Medicare B will continue to pay a monthly premium of \$96.40. Individuals with incomes above a certain level (above \$85,000 (single) or \$170,000 (married couple) will be required to pay \$110.50 for 2010. New Part B enrollees will pay \$110.50 and individuals who do not currently have the Part B premium withheld from Social Security checks will pay \$110.50. Higher income individuals will pay \$110.50 plus an additional amount based on the income-related monthly adjustment amount.

Retirees with County-paid health coverage will be reimbursed for their monthly Medicare B premiums each month on their pension check.

Please be advised that if you are required to pay more than the standard Medicare Part B premium, and you are eligible for reimbursement of those premiums, it is your responsibility to notify us of the additional premium each year. At the end of December, we will reset all Medicare premium reimbursement amounts to the standard reimbursement (either \$96.40 or \$110.50).

In Memoriam

Please keep these recently deceased individuals in your thoughts:

*Edward Barlow
Fred Haubert
Hertha Loch (John)
Edith Robinson (Robert)
Charles Roessger
Christine Seabrooks*

*Edith Virsis
Mary Wambach
Mildred Wohlfard
Albert Ybanez
Arthur Zaremba*