



GENERAL  
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# ACTIVE MEMBER NEWSLETTER

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## Leaving Jefferson County Employment?

If you separate employment from Jefferson County don't forget about your retirement. Members are entitled to either a refund of member contributions or a deferred retirement if vested. This is not automatic! Members are required to make an election. If an election is not made after repeated attempts to contact you, you will be written off. GRS will mail an election form to you once you receive your last paycheck after separation of employment. Please contact a member advisor at 205-784-4530 to discuss your options.

### *MemberDirect*

MemberDirect is a self-service website that is available to all members where individual retirement account information can be accessed securely online. Active members are able to view service, contribution, and beneficiary information as well as benefit statements.

Active members are also able to perform benefit estimates and obtain selected forms. Deferred & Early retirement estimates can be made viewable upon request. If you have not enrolled in MemberDirect please contact our office at (205)784-4530 and we will get you started.

### Questions about Retirement?

When am I eligible to retire? How do I apply for retirement benefits? What are my retirement options? These and any other questions you may have regarding retirement can be answered by the GRS staff. We are the best source for information regarding your pension. Please contact a GRS Member Advisor at (205)-784-4530 to answer any of your retirement questions.

### Contacting GRS

We are available Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Our number is (205)-784-4530. You can also email us at [grs@grsal.net](mailto:grs@grsal.net) or visit us on the web at [www.grsal.net](http://www.grsal.net).



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## Have You Visited Our Website Recently?

GRS's website located at [www.grsal.net](http://www.grsal.net) offers simple site navigation, organized content, and pertinent information regarding your pension.

Here's what you can find with a few clicks:

- ◆ Access to MemberDirect
- ◆ Member Handbook
- ◆ Beneficiary Form
- ◆ Retirement Checklist
- ◆ Current and Past Newsletters
- ◆ Frequently Asked Questions
- ◆ GRS Audit and Actuarial Reports

**We are trying to locate the following members. If you know one of the individuals below, please ask them to contact our office.**

Miachel Shane Allen	Nicholas Demarcus Reynolds
Enoch Jamal Brown	Tyavion Traveil Robinson
Adrian Sean Carpenter	Ginger Fletcher Simms
Chardone Laurice Croom	Shedrick Adrian South
Umamaheswara Garlapati	Dennis Chance Tidwell
Amy Lee Lloyd	Jonathan Edward Truitt
Kedrick Tyree Miller	Insharica Latrice Davidson
Anthony Demetrius Lewis	Dezmond Cortez Clopton
Christina Noel Lollar	Tristan Alexander Tyler
Korshontes Sonyal Butts	Kenneth J Boyer
Chace Malik Matthews	Arthur DeAndre Allen
Thomas F Wright	Marquez L Presley

## Updating Your Beneficiary Designation

Have you experienced a marriage, divorce, death of a loved one, or addition of a new family member? If so, you may wish to update your beneficiary designation. Members wishing to change, add, or delete beneficiaries must complete a new Beneficiary Designations Prior To Retirement form which is available on our website, [www.grsal.net](http://www.grsal.net), in our office, or we will be happy to mail or email a new form to you.

## Pension Board

**Robert Field, Chairman**  
**Robert Nolen, Member 2**  
**Connie Harris, Member 3**  
**Billy Morace, Member 4**  
**Travis Hulseley, Member 5**

## Almost Time to Retire?

If you are getting ready to retire, please contact our office to schedule a retirement appointment about 30 days before you plan to retire from Jefferson County. You can find a list of documents you will need at your retirement appointment in your Member Handbook or on our website, [www.grsal.net](http://www.grsal.net).

You will also need to contact Human Resources at (205) 325-5249 to make an appointment to discuss your health, dental, and vision insurance options.