



ACTIVE MEMBER NEWSLETTER

Produced for active members of The General Retirement System for Employees of Jefferson County Summer 2017

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 within five years of separation from employment. If an election is not made you will forever forfeit all money you have paid or would otherwise be entitled to. GRS will mail an election form to you once you separate employment or you can find the election form on our website www.grsal.net. Please contact a member advisor at 325-5354 to discuss your options or obtain an election form.

ELECTION OF PENSION BOARD MEMBER NUMBER FOUR

The Election Board sought nominations for the election of Pension Board Member Number Four. Two nominees have been accepted and ballots will be mailed to all members of GRS on July 14, 2017. Ballots must be returned via the postage paid envelope mailed with the ballot and must be postmarked by August 14, 2017 in order to be counted. The Election Board will count the votes and certify the result no later than August 31, 2017.

Have You Visited Our Website Recently?

GRS's website located at 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:

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

Keep Your Beneficiary Designation Up To Date

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.

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 325-5354 to answer any of your retirement questions.



GENERAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

IN MEMORIAM

CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF

Frankie M. Maddox —January 17

William M. Brush—February 20

John D. Paulovich—March 1

James W. Howell—March 13

James Allman—March 19

Eva Mae Nuby—March 20

Edwin A. Henson—March 20

James Earl Smith—March 23

Mary H. Thies— March 27

Naomi J. Brown—March 29

Mable Cooper—March 30

Elizabeth J. Bailey—April 7

Carolyn W. Smith—April 14

Robert M. Hubbard—April 26

Robert F. Brooks—April 26

Linda H. Voigt—April 30

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.

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

Pension Board

Frank Jones, Chairman

Betty Lavier, Member 2

Connie Harris, Member 3

Billy Morace, Member 4

Travis Hulsey, Member 5

CONGRATULATIONS NEW RETIREES!

FEBRUARY

Eleanor B. Thornell

March

Deborah G. Sanders

Elton Lee Graham, Jr.

Marc Alan Murphy

Voncile Patterson

APRIL

Annie R. Ward

Richard M. Callahan

Robert L. Burgett

Robert Stephen Akers

John M. Roberts, Jr.

Phyllis D. Brazel

Sharon E. Gardner

Susie E. Drake

James Bruce Burns

Contacting GRS

We are available Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Our number is (205) 325-5354. You can also email us at questions@grsal.net or visit us on the web at www.grsal.net.