



ACTIVE MEMBER NEWSLETTER

Produced for active members of The General Retirement System for Employees of Jefferson County Winter 2018

Becoming Eligible to Retire – Your 2nd Membership Milestone

The 2nd Membership Milestone is becoming eligible to retire. To retire and begin receiving your normal lifetime retirement benefit, you must meet one of the following service and / or age requirements:

- Thirty (30) years of paid service;
- Ten (10) or more years of paid service and age sixty (60)
- Thirty (30) years of service, twenty (20) years of which are paid service, and age fifty-five (55).

You should schedule a retirement appointment approximately thirty (30) days before you plan to retire. You may obtain a retirement appointment checklist in your member handbook or on our website, www.grsal.net.

Do you need to retire before you are eligible for a normal retirement? You may be eligible for an early or 25-year early retirement benefit. These benefits are reduced to reflect that benefit payments begin before you are eligible under a normal retirement.

Please contact a GRS member advisor at 325-5354 to discuss your retirement options or to schedule a retirement appointment.

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 OUR DECEASED RETIREES

Coleene Miller – August 18

Leslie C. Dickinson – September 11

Evelyn J. Williams – September 17

Annie Joyce Ballard – September 23

Jack R. Smith – September 25

Nora Williams – September 26

Jo Anne White – September 26

Donald B. Keith – September 27

Willie C. Lewis – September 29

Loretta A. O'Brien – October 9

Nell Hunter – October 13

Laura Fancher – October 14

Jean C. Mellard – October 16

Joy Clements – October 16

Carol S. Weems – October 24

Rosa Lee Harris – October 24

Henry P. Duke – October 26

Ernestine Stoves – October 29

Mavis R. Garner – November 3

Rebecca H. Connelly – November 14

Charles L. Allen – November 25

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.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

NEW RETIREES!

August

Roger Zucco

Cornelius Washington

William R. Yeager

September

Gregory Alan Lee

Barbara A. King

Margie D. James

Teresa K. Defnall

Phillip L. Drummond

Orville E. Ifill

October

Sandra Norl

William C. Johnson

Kim W. Jackson

Jerry Short

Linda S. Mixon

November

Teresa Brakefield

Michael Hendking

Carol Hawkins Hill

Jerome S. Holcomb

Pension Board

Billy Morace, Chairman Pro Tem

Betty Lavier, Member 2

Connie Harris, Member 3

Travis Hulsey, Member 5