

NEWSLETTER

Produced for active and retired members of The General Retirement
System for Employees of Jefferson County

Winter 2017

RETIRED MEMBERS

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How to Read Your 1099-R

As a GRS retiree or beneficiary, you may receive a 1099-R form mailed no later than January 31st. The 1099-R issued by GRS is used to report distributions from GRS.

Box 1: This is the gross benefit you received from GRS.

Box 2a: This is the taxable portion of your GRS benefit as calculated by GRS. GRS uses the Simplified General Rule to calculate the taxable amount.

Box 4: This is the federal income tax withheld by GRS in 2016.

Box 7: This is the type of benefit you are receiving.

You may wish to consult a professional tax advisor or obtain additional information from the IRS by visiting a local IRS office, on the web at www.irs.gov, or by calling 1-800-829-1040.

ACTIVE MEMBERS

Are Your Beneficiary Designations Current?

When was the last time you checked your beneficiary designations? You may designate a beneficiary(s) and contingent beneficiary(s). If you name more than one beneficiary and one contingent beneficiary, you will need to indicate the specific percentage to be paid to each. A contingent beneficiary will receive your death benefit only if all the beneficiaries die before you. You can change your beneficiary designations at any time before retirement. We will be happy to provide you a copy of your current beneficiary form on file with GRS. Marriage, divorce, birth of a child, or death of a loved one are common reasons why you may need to revise your beneficiary form. 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, in our office, or we will be happy to mail a new form to you. Please note that the form must be witnessed by an unrelated person. Also, if you are vested and married, your spouse is the automatic beneficiary. You will need to complete a form and have your spouse's consent to name someone other than your spouse as the beneficiary. At the time of your retirement, you will be given the opportunity to designate a beneficiary for your pension benefit.

Please contact the GRS office at (205) 325-5354 if you have any questions regarding your selection of a beneficiary.

ATTENTION RETIREES

If you make any changes to the account for your monthly Direct Deposit, including closing your account or changing banks, please notify GRS immediately. You can get a Direct Deposit form on our website, www.grsal.net or we will send you a new Direct Deposit form to complete and return to our office. You only need to contact us if you have made a change. Don't have your check Direct Deposited? Give us a call or visit our office and we'll help get you started.

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!

IN MEMORIAM

CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF OUR DECEASED RETIREES

David F. Moses - August 1

Drew W. Miller-August 2

Mary Virginia Smith—August 12

Lillie D. Holmes-August 13

Kathleen M. Dort—August 23

Doris Tate—August 24

Lanoma Walker—September 1

George W. Kidd—September 23

Marcella Franks—September 26

Barbara Harmon Johnson—October 2

Shirley A. Harris—October 10

Eldridge F. Cheatwood—October 12

Berma P. Wesley—October 16

William P. Chaffin—October 17

Arvin C. Drake—October 19

Joe E. Jackson—October 19

Shirley Ann Sorenson—October 25

Jo Ann Norton—November 4

John D. Rattigan-November 13

Georgia Beal—November 13

John C. Ragland, Jr.—November 15

Billy J. Watkins—December 1

Ralph Burroughs—December 3

Sheridean Waits—December 3

Jerry W. Davis—December 5

Malcolm Farr—December 5

William E. Fields—December 5

2017 Direct Deposit Payment Schedule

Tuesday, January 24th
Friday, February 24th
Friday, March 24th
Monday, April 24th
Wednesday, May 24th
Friday, June 23rd
Monday, July 24th
Thursday, August 24th
Friday, September 22nd
Tuesday, October 24th
Friday, November 24th
Friday, December 22nd

Pension Board

Frank Jones, Chairman Betty Lavier, Member 2 Connie Harris, Member 3 Billy Morace, Member 4 Travis Hulsey, Member 5

AUGUST

Debria Page

Thomas W. Northcutt

Bobby G. Bulloch

Mary W. Freeman

Carol J. Wheele

Carl A. Tonitis

Ivory W. Rollins

Tammy Pike

Michael J. Lasker

Steven L. Wood

SEPTEMBER

Connie O. Hitt

Rodney Monteabaro

Mariann Schmitz

Linda L. Yarbrough

Wanda Mitchell

Bernice B. Ashford

John W. Wuska

Gregory D. James

OCTOBER

Belinda R. Williams

Janice Griggs

Russell V. Christie

Yvonne D. Herbert

Lynn G. Baswell

Pamela Brodie

NOVEMBER

Johnnie Harris

William J. Baughn

Margaret Ann Payne

Sandra R. Moran

Brenda H. Watkins