



Employees' Retirement System Communicator

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Contact Information

Employees' Retirement System

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

Sharon Allen
Diana Chrzanowski
Ozell Flanigan
John Hartman
Linda Johnson
Carolyn Lee
William Nicloy
Francis Pierce
Esther Welch

In Memoriam

Please keep these recently deceased individuals in

Kathleen Achterhof
(Marvin)
William Bergstrom
Erna Byrne
James Dederich
Elizabeth Erickson
Marie Greer
William Haske
Joseph Kendrick
Rosalie Klein
Gertrude Miller
Katherine Onderak (Alert)
Charles Peck
Lorraine Phyles
Alice Polomos
Florence Warnka
Ervin Weber

A Message from the ERS Manager

Look for changes in the composition of the Pension Board in 2010 as the result of an Employee Election and a Retiree Election. The three-year term of our current Board Chairman, Dean Roepke, is expiring. This March we will welcome a new employee to fill this vacant seat. The Board will then elect a new Chairperson.

The Employee Election held on February 5 – 8 determined the person who will serve the next three-year term. David Sikorski was selected by employee voters and will represent active Milwaukee County employees.

A Retiree Election will take place in October to determine which retiree will fill the seat left vacant due to the expiration of the three-year term of Marilyn Mayr. This newly elected retiree will join the Board in November.

This is an exciting time, with many opportunities to participate on the Pension Board.

There are many challenges facing the Employees' Retirement System (ERS) this year. Your participation, whether voting or serving on the Board, will determine the stability of our Investment portfolio and the direction of ERS.

We should all remember that the Pension Board has fiduciary responsibility for our \$1.8 billion fund.

Other responsibilities include:

- Directing how pension funds are invested
- Establishing Board Rules that protect pension rights
- Administration of the Plan
- Creating operational procedures

ERS looks forward to your active participation in our 2010 pension system.

V-3 Update – Member Self-Service

In the fall of 2009, ERS released the Member Self-Service (MSS) module in V3. MSS was taken off line at the end of the year for updates. The newly released version gives members the ability to:

- View and update address information
- View dependents and beneficiaries
- View history of letters and documents forwarded to the member
- View service history
- View and print forms such as direct deposit, address changes, etc
- View payment and deduction history
- View tax withholding information
- Contact ERS via e-mail (ERS@milwcnty.com)
- Access broadcast messages posted directly on MSS
- Access informational updates through "Frequently Asked Questions"

Life & Health Updates

Now, more than ever, consumers are being asked to take on more responsibility and actively manage their health care costs. UnitedHealthCare's website, myuhc.com contains a wealth of information that can help you make more informed health care decisions. It's easy to register!

- 1 Visit www.myuhc.com
- 2 Select "Register Now"
- 3 Type in the requested information
- 4 Get started!

Find a Doctor — Search for a doctor or hospital in your area; See which doctors meet stringent quality standards; Evaluate hospitals on cost, quality and patient safety; Get driving directions and print a map.

Organize Your Claims — See the status of your current claims; Check past claims history; View your monthly statements; Print copies for your records.

Get the Facts — Learn more about your coverage; Check your current eligibility; Look up your deductible or out-of-pocket limits.

Improve Your Health — Take a free online Health Assessment, with recommendations for change; Read the most up-to-date, trustworthy healthy lifestyle advice; Use tools, quizzes and calculators on everything from aging well to world travel.

Get Help with Decisions — Learn more about health conditions or procedures; Connect with a nurse through live, one-to-one online Nurse Chats; Read up on common symptoms and what they might mean.

You can also reach UnitedHealthCare by calling 1-800-603-3941.

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