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THE MESSENGER

WAYNE COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

June 2012

Spring means getting warmer, right? Not in 2012. Weather.com states "in records dating back to 1874, this was the first time in the history of Detroit, Michigan that April was cooler than March." While spring has sprung early in Metro Detroit, it's a signal that summer is fast approaching. We can only hope that the summer turns out to be warmer than the month of March!

The retirement office has been in full swing processing retirements and serving the needs of its retirees and active employees. We are continually looking at making changes to better suit the needs of the members we serve. Our website, www.wcers.org will be changed within the next year. Additions to the website will include retirement plan education, more online links and forms, and updated information about the activities of the retirement system itself. Is there something else you think we should add? If so, please email webmaster@wcers.org with your suggestions. We look forward to new and improved information and functionality provided by trusted staff member, Department Manager, Jim Magee. Jim has been with the retirement system for 16 years!

The Board attended a conference this year called the National Conference on Public Employees Retirement Systems. The goal of this organization is to provide "information, knowledge, education, and powerful advocacy to protect the financial security of the retirees who depend on you". Trustee Andrea Hutting and her team took first place in the investment challenge at this year's conference.

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Sign Up Today

Wayne County Retirement encourages the use of direct deposit to receive your monthly pension. It's Fast, it's Safe and it's Reliable. If you wish to sign-up please contact our office at 313-224-2354

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Office Closure

The Wayne County Retirement Office will be closed on the following days:

June 4th-Concession Day-Monday

July 2nd-Concession Day-Monday

July 4th - Independence Day

August 6th-Concession Day-Monday

September 3rd-Labor Day-Monday

September 4th-Concession Day-Tuesday

Reminder—Health Insurance

Health, dental, and optical insurance questions should be directed to Wayne County Benefits Administration department at

313-224-2004 (local)

877-220-7721 (toll free)

Messenger Articles

If you have any information you would like to include in “The Messenger”, it must be submitted in writing and received in our office no later than August 1, 2012 to be printed in the September issue.

Life Changes

It is very important that you notify our office of any life changes. These changes include:

- Marriage
- Divorce
- Death (including spouse)
- Change of Address
- Legal Issues regarding Power of Attorney, Guardianship, Conservatorship, and Letters of Authority.

Any one of the above mentioned items may have an impact on benefits or pension amount.

All notifications can be sent to our office in writing along with proper documentation.

Check Dates

The following are the dates of your retirement checks for the 2012 year:

January Check 01/03/2012

February Check 02/01/2012

March Check 03/01/2012

April Check 03/30/2012

May Check 05/01/2012

June Check 06/01/2012

July Check 06/29/2012

August Check 08/01/2012

September Check 08/31/2012

October Check 09/28/2012

November Check 11/01/2012

December Check 11/30/2012

Wayne County Employees' Retirees Club

The officers and the members of the Wayne County Employees Retirees Club invite Wayne County Retirees, who are not yet members, to join them. Meetings are held the third Thursday of the month, at 1:30 P.M., in the Kay Beard Building (Eloise), Westland, MI., during the months of January, February, March, April, May, September, October, and December. The June and November meetings are luncheons held at a restaurant and there are no meetings held in July or August. The Club is dedicated to improving and protecting benefits for Retirees of Wayne County. If you no longer live in the Wayne County area or cannot attend meetings, the periodic newsletters will keep you informed.

For information regarding membership, send your name and address to:

Kenneth Reimann, Membership Chairman
Wayne County Employees' Retirees Club
P.O. Box 851237
Westland, MI 48185-6337
(734) 722-9497

Wayne County Retiree Sub-Chapter 38

The over 1,500 members of Wayne County Retiree Sub-Chapter 38 AFSCME and Michigan Council 25 would like to invite all Wayne County Retirees to join and participate in Sub-Chapter activities. Every Wayne County retiree may join the Sub-Chapter for \$2.50 per month, prior membership in an AFSCME Local Union is not required. We are actively protecting the pensions and benefits of all Wayne County retirees. The membership meetings discuss any and all matters of concern to Wayne County retirees both local and national.

The meetings are at 1:00 PM, the second Tuesday of the month, to be held at UAW Local 182, 35603 Plymouth Road, Livonia MI 48150. For further information , contact:

Henry Lykes, President
600 West Lafayette Blvd.
Detroit, MI 48226
(313) 964-1711

hlykes@miafscme.org



Something you should know!

Retirees who apply for Social Security benefits on or after May 1, 2011, will no longer have the option of receiving a paper check in the mail. Seniors can have their entitlement payments directly deposited into a bank or credit union account or loaded onto a prepaid Direct Express Debit MasterCard. "This important change will provide significant savings to American taxpayers who will no longer incur the annual \$120 million price tag associated with paper checks and will save Social Security \$1 billion over the next 10 years," says Richard Gregg, Treasury Fiscal Assistant Secretary. Retirees already receiving paper checks will need to switch to direct deposit or the prepaid debit card by March 1, 2013.

Courtesy of Emily Brandon of usanews.com

New Retirees

<u>First Name</u>	<u>MI</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Dept.</u>	<u>Date of Retirement</u>
Russell	S.	Adams	WCAA	2/1/2012
Henry		Adams	JDF	1/1/2012
Stephen	N.	Albright	WCAA	2/1/2012
Denine	M.	Alfaro	WCAA	3/1/2012
Genelle	M.	Allen	WCAA	3/1/2012
Sanford	M.	Altschul	WCAA	3/1/2012
Roger	D.	Anderson	WCAA	2/1/2012
Lori	M.	Ballard	WCAA	2/1/2012
Carrie	M.	Billington	CIR. CT.	1/1/2012
Douglas	A.	Bogert	WCAA	2/1/2012
Rosemary		Boruta	HHS	1/1/2012
Randall	S.	Boyer	WCAA	1/1/2012
Barbara	K.	Bryant	DPS	1/1/2012
Karen	A.	Cassetta	WCS	1/1/2012
James	T.	Coats	WCAA	1/1/2012
Cora		Coleman	HHS	2/1/2012
Donna	M.	Colley-Andrews	WCAA	3/1/2012
Andrea	L.	Cox	WCAA	3/1/2012
Alvin		Currie	DPS	8/1/2011
Paul	H.	Daccache	WCAA	1/1/2012
Lamine		Dia	WCAA	2/1/2012
Adrian	D.	Dixon	WCAA	3/1/2012
Robert	M.	Eliason	WCAA	2/1/2012
Robert		Evans	DOE	1/1/2012
Nader	M.	Fakhouri	DOT	4/1/2012
David	J.	Fellows	WCAA	2/1/2012
James	A.	Gentner	WCAA	1/1/2012
Samuel		George	WCS	1/1/2012
Steven	D.	Goodrow	WCAA	2/1/2012
Howard	G.	Green	DPS	2/1/2012
David	M.	Green	WCAA	1/1/2012
Anthony	J.	Gusumano	WCAA	2/1/2012
Gary	W.	Guyton	DPS	1/1/2012
M.	Jacquiline	Head	HHS	1/1/2012
Blake	A.	Hershey	WCAA	2/1/2012
Barbara	J.	Highfield	WCAA	2/1/2012
Richard		Hitch	WCAA	2/1/2012
Linda	L.	King	HHS	2/1/2012
Joan	E.	Lajnesse	DPS	1/1/2012
C.	Victoria	Landis	WCAA	1/1/2012
Grant	R.	Laskaska	WCS	2/1/2012
David	A.	Lloyd	WCAA	2/1/2012

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John	T.	Lynem	WCAA	3/1/2012
Beverly	J.	Marshall	WCAA	2/1/2012
Dennis	F.	Martini	WCAA	3/1/2012
Maureen	A.	Mcalinden	WCAA	3/1/2012
Joni	M.	Mehall	WCAA	3/1/2012
Myrna	A.	Mendez	WCAA	3/1/2012
Patti	M.	Moore-Higgins	WCAA	3/1/2012
Cynthia	M.	Mulenga	HHS	2/1/2012
Nancy	L.	Newall	-	1/1/2012
Allen		Osandusky	WCS	1/1/2012
Kathleen		Ott	HCS	1/1/2012
Donald	A.	Papp	PROS ATTY	1/1/2012
Karenjo		Pandone	WCAA	3/1/2012
Nathan	M.	Pardi	PROS. ATTY.	3/1/2012
Mark	S.	Pokol	WCAA	2/1/2012
Marylou	K.	Posa	WCAA	3/1/2012
Lawrence	J.	Rinna	WCAA	2/1/2012
Brenda	J.	Roberson	M&B	1/1/2012
Richard	W.	Robertson	WCAA	2/1/2012
Pamela		Rutkowski	HHS	1/1/2012
Patrick	F.	Santangelo	WCAA	1/1/2012
Matthew		Schenk	CEO	4/1/2012
Glen	H.	Schmidt	WCS	1/1/2012
Gerald	B.	Schwartz	-	1/1/2012
Michael	E.	Seibert	WCAA	1/1/2012
Cynthia	J.	Singer	WCAA	3/1/2012
John	R.	Smathers	WCAA	1/1/2012
Bruce	M.	Smith	WCAA	3/1/2012
Andrew	P.	Soves	DPS	1/1/2012
Fannie	P.	Spears	PROS. ATTY.	2/1/2012
Kenneth	P.	Szymanski	WCAA	3/1/2012
Gary	D.	Takenaga	-	3/1/2012
Donna	J.	Teifer	WCAA	1/1/2012
John		Teschke	WCAA	2/1/2012
Christel	J.	Valoczki	DOE	1/1/2012
Nora	A.	Walton	TREAS	2/1/2012
Diane	J.	Weckerle	HHS	2/1/2012
Beth	A.	Zajac	WCAA	3/1/2012
David	J.	Zube	WCAA	2/1/2012

Congratulations

Obituaries

First Name	MI	Last Name	Department	Date of Death
William		Bentson	W.C.H.D.	1/26/2012
Mildred	C.	Brown	3Rd Circuit Court- F.O.C.	1/28/2012
Helen		Bryant	W.C. Sheriff	1/9/2012
Pharfeania	F.	Butler	W.C.H.D.	3/29/2012
James	W.	Carter	W.C. Sheriff	2/21/2012
Howard	P.	Chevalier	Airport	4/12/2012
James		Clark	Probate Court	3/10/2012
Noble	C.	Clark, Jr.	Human Resources	1/18/2012
Clifford		Cleland	W.C.R.C.	3/25/2012
Jessie		Connelly	D.P.W.	2/16/2012
Gerald		Crawley	D.P.S.	2/9/2012
Sarah		Curtis	D.P.S.	3/14/2012
William		Czaja	D.P.S.	11/19/2011
Olive	M.	Daniels	W.C.H.D.	2/23/2012
Anthony		Darga	D.P.W	3/6/2012
William		Devos	Reg. Of Deeds	2/14/2012
Alma	S.	Dipple	Reg. Of Deeds	1/20/2012
Irene	T.	Dushane	W.C. Treasurer	2/12/2012
William		Eskew	W.C.R.C.	3/3/2012
Kathleen		Evanski	Cir. Court	2/12/2012
Phyllis	E.	Fair	W.C.G.H.	3/8/2012
Andrew		Fisher	W.C. Training	2/7/2012
Thomas		Freeman li	Management And Budget Dps	1/22/2012
William	J.	Gallaway	W.C.R.C.	1/19/2012
Maxine		Garavaglia	W.C. R.C.	2/18/2012
Viola		Gist	Payroll	2/27/2012
Bernice		Glover	W.C. Sheriff	2/12/2012
Margaret	A.	Goodell	W.C.R.C	3/3/2012
Ruth		Gregor	W.C.G.H.	3/17/2012
Virginia		Gurzick	W.C.R.C.	3/31/2012
Lanny		Hall	Comm. Office	2/15/2012
James		Hardy, Jr.	W.C.R.C.	2/2/2012
Joseph		Heim	W.C.R.C.	3/17/2012
Garrie		Houston	Management And Budget	1/28/2012
Charles	R.	Ingram	Sheriff'S Dept.	3/20/2012
Alfred		James	Airport	3/16/2012
Evelyn		Kaier	W.C.G.H.	2/21/2012
Kazumasa		Kaya	W.C.G.H.	4/10/2012
Peter		Kim	W.C.H.D.	4/7/2012
George		King, Sr.	W.C Sheriff	12/19/2011
Albert		Kirk	Recorders Court	1/28/2012
Arden		Klopshinske	W.C.R.C.	2/25/2012
Mary	F.	Knight	W.C.R.C.	12/29/2011

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Anna		Kubek	W.C.G.H.	1/18/2012
Helen		Lemke	W.C.R.C	2/15/2012
Fern		Lynch	W.C.H.D.	4/17/2012
Marguerite		Marshall	W.C. Training School/Farming	1/17/2012
Frances		Melfi	W.C. R.C	2/21/2012
John		Myers	W.C.R.C.	3/20/2012
Delvance		Nelson	Prosc. Office	3/15/2012
Geraldine		Nichols	W.C.R.C.	2/16/2012
Henry		O'Keefe	M&B	2/22/2012
Frank		Padzieski	Member Board Of Canvassers	1/3/2012
Donald		Papp	Prosc. Office	4/7/2012
John		Patke	W.C.R.C.	2/8/2012
Lovie		Pinkston	Juvenile Court	12/8/2011
Angeline		Poteat	Port Authority	3/17/2012
Elmer		Race	W.C.R.C.	1/19/2012
Robert		Renew	W.C.R.C.	4/11/2012
Hallie		Robertson	Sheriff'S Dept.	3/16/2012
Elvira	A.	Selon	Airport	3/11/2012
Margie		Stewart	Reg. Of Deeds	2/18/2012
Jane		Stromme	Retirement	2/13/2012
Jeanne		Takenaga	Probate Court	2/7/2012
Morton		Tatken	Pros. Attorney	2/14/2012
John		Thursby	D.P.S.	1/17/2012
Charles		Tober	Office Of Public Service/Airport	2/22/2012
Lallie	M.	Tribble	W.C.G.H	2/12/2012
Lillian		Van Diver	W.C Mental Health	1/13/2012
Peter		Wancha	Med. Examiner	3/29/2012
Ray		Weaver, Jr.	W.C.R.C.	4/14/2012
Helen		Wecera	Probate Court	2/7/2012
Gwendolyn		Williams	Probate Court	2/23/2012
Tracy		Williams	H.H.S./H.D.	2/17/2012
Corine		Willis	W.C.G.H.	12/24/2011
Forest		Youngblood	Reg. Of Deeds	3/7/2012

Warnesterre Calhoun, wife of retiree Alfred Calhoun
passed away October 31, 2011



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Status Update Regarding the 13th Check Litigation:

The WCERS filed an appeal to the Michigan Court of Appeals on January 6, 2012. The County filed a cross appeal of the second order. There are no additional developments. We will keep you advised of any developments in the Court of Appeals in the next newsletter.

I hope your summer has been wonderful so far and that you get to spend time with friends and family creating memories that last a life time.

Robert Grden
Executive Director

"A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken." ~Unknown

Eloise Books and Note Cards

Two books (*Eloise and Detroit's Hospitals, Healers And Helpers*) containing photos of Eloise, both published by Arcadia, are available in local bookstores, on-line at www.amazon.com and www.bn.com and at the Eloise Museum. The first book *Eloise: Poorhouse, Farm, Asylum and Hospital 1839-1984* is also being sold by Jo Johnson as a fundraiser for Friends of Eloise. The Eloise book is now in a 7th printing. The hospital book is in a 2nd printing.

Assorted note cards with attractive old photos of Eloise are also available through Friends of Eloise. Many are in color and would make a nice gift. They are being sold for \$2 each or 3 for \$5. For more information on the books or note cards contact Jo Johnson at (734) 522-3918 or by e-mail at ewjohnson7@aol.com

Happy Anniversary

Norman & Sharon Sanders
60 Years
7/26/1952—7/26/2012



Left to right—Trustee Hugh Macdonald, Trustee Patrick Melton (Chairperson), Trustee Lorenzo Moner, Trustee Andrea Hutting, Director Robert Grden.



Trustee Andrea Hutting (second from the left) and her team took first place in the investment challenge at this year's conference

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