

Louisiana State Police Retirement System

From The Director's Chair...

The regular legislative session for 2017 and our fiscal year will come to an end shortly. It has been a relatively quiet legislative session for our system, and the fiscal year which will end on June 30, 2017 has been a very good year thru the end of May.

The only bill that the system sponsored this session was Senate Bill 7 authored by Senator Peacock and Senator Morrish. This bill will provide a special benefit, 100% of the current salary, to the surviving spouse and family of a trooper killed in the line of duty by an intentional act of violence. We are praying that this bill will never have to be used, but because of the unthinkable acts of violence that have occurred across this country, we wanted to be prepared. The bill has passed the Senate and House, and it is awaiting the Governor's signature.

The fiscal year investment performance through May has been outstanding. How the next three weeks progress will determine if we have a great year or just a good year. Through the end of May, our assets are up to \$760,000,000 and our investment performance has been up 12%. If the markets hold up in June, it should put our system in a good position as far as cost of living adjustments and DROP interest are concerned. We are awaiting the auditor's report and the actuarial report to confirm this information. Hopefully, these reports will be completed by the end of September, and we will be able to confirm this for you in our next newsletter.

It continues to be my honor to serve each of you, and I appreciate your input in helping to improve your retirement system. Please continue to let us hear from you.

*Best Wishes,
Irwin L. Felps, Jr.*

Surviving Spouse Election Update

As of the printing of the last newsletter, LSPRS was in the midst of a surviving spouse election. It is our pleasure to welcome Ms. Doris Prudhomme as the surviving spouse representative on our Board of Trustees.

Ms. Prudhomme has met the educational requirements to become a voting member and has already attended her first meeting. Welcome Ms. Prudhomme!

Moving? Don't forget your checklist, and don't forget to notify us!!



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Other Election News

Due to the resignation of the current Retiree/Active representative, LSPRS held a special election to fill that seat after the printing of our last newsletter.

It is our great honor to welcome Sgt. Hackley Willis to our Board of Trustees as the Retiree/Active representative. Sgt. Willis will attend his first Board meeting in June and is currently obtaining the credits needed to become a voting member. Welcome Sgt. Willis!

Benefit Payment Update and Information

This is a reminder that benefit payments are made on the last business day of each month, for that month. Electronic payments are available the morning of the last business day. Of course the few remaining checks that are mailed are subject to the pace of the United States Post Office. We have no control over the date of delivery of those checks once they are placed in the mail.

You have noticed by now a new look to your direct deposit receipts and checks. We are constantly adjusting the information on the receipts and hope to have all of the programming issues worked out and the information you have requested on the receipts and checks. As always, if you have any issues we would appreciate a phone call since this is the only way we know what is important to you. For instance many of you reached out over the fact that the new receipts did not contain the honor fund names. We worked with our programmers and now we are happy to report that the receipts will contain those names going forward. We also heard you when you asked for year to date information on the receipts. That request has been completed and you now have those totals on your receipts.

Remember, we are here for you. Reach out if you have a suggestion!

Helpful Contact Information

Insurance Changes:
Neisha Bates (225)-925-3853

Group Benefits and MedImpact:
(800)272-8451,
www.groupbenefits.org

Blue Cross:
(800)392-4089,
www.bcbsla.com

Vantage:
(888)823-1910, www.vhpla.com

Peoples Health: (866)912-8304

AFLAC:
(800)992-3522, www.aflac.com

American Public:
(800)256-8606,
www.ampublic.com

Colonial:
(800)325-4368,
www.coloniallife.com

LSTA: (225)928-2000,
(800)782-5782

Social Security Office:
(800)772-1213,
www.socialsecurity.gov

In Memory Of...

Virginia H. Pixley, DOD 02/19/17

Lee O. Boudoin, DOD 03/03/17

Joseph F.A. Rozas, DOD 03/04/17

George Myers, Jr., DOD 03/21/17

Andrea Kershaw, DOD 04/03/17

Mavis Steen, DOD 05/14/17

Reminder: Monthly benefit payments are made on the last business day of each month. Please contact the office prior to the 20th of the month if changes are needed to your banking information.