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Louisiana State Police Retirement System

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From The Director's Chair...

As we prepare this newsletter there are so many events that have made this particular time an especially stressful period. The summer has been filled with difficulties brought on by the police shooting in July, historical flooding in August and just this past Sunday the death of a dedicated trustee, Bobby Smith. These events have certainly made the job of our staff here at LSPRS much more challenging. Thankfully we have been able to manage your system very effectively, and I am so grateful for many of you who have reached out to offer your prayers and aid during these times.

From a system standpoint, we are still awaiting the completion of our audit report and our actuarial report. Our audit is being performed this year by the Legislative Auditor's staff, and because of the floods in our area, the audit deadline has been extended to October 15th. Although, we have only seen a preliminary draft of the audit, meetings with the Legislative Auditor's staff have been very positive and encouraging. Our actuarial report relies on much of the information from the audit, and thus we have not received any information relative to our DROP rate, the funding percentage of the system or the employer contribution rate. We will communicate these critical numbers to you as soon as we receive them.

Please continue to let us hear from you as we strive to make your retirement the best that it can be.

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

Keeping Up With Your System

There are many ways that you can remain current on events and happenings here at LSPRS. This newsletter is a great way to keep up with what is going on at the system along with checking out the LSPRS website at www.lsprs.org. You can also check us out on Facebook by liking our Louisiana State Police Retirement System official page. And, as always, you can give us a call at 225-295-8400 or 900-256-5210. We look forward to hearing from you as always!



OGB Open Enrollment
from October 1st through
November 15th!

Moving? Be sure to keep LSPRS updated on your current contact information. You can call, fax, or email with an address change.



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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

A Tribute to a Life Well Lived

There are only a few people that you meet and immediately you know that you have a special bond with them. For me, Bobby Smith was that guy. From the moment I spoke to Bobby about helping our retirement system with a catastrophic disability bill in 2006, I felt a compelling feeling that Bobby and I were being put together for a reason.

About two years later, I realized why Bobby and I had become friends. There was an opening on our Board, and I believed that Bobby would be a good candidate for that position. When I called to tell Bobby about the opening on the Board, he immediately told me that he did not know anything about retirement or about investments. I responded that I did not want him for his retirement or investment knowledge, but I wanted him for his character and integrity. I told Bobby that I wanted him because I knew that he would hold me accountable to do the right thing for our retirement system. When I told Bobby that, he quickly responded that he could certainly keep me in line.

Fast forward 8 years until October 2, 2016 and Bobby has been able to keep his word and keep me in line. For a man who had no sight, it was amazing the things that he could see. He was incredible at listening to what was said and knowing the person's motive and intent. He often impressed me with his comments about what he had heard a person say and what he meant. His heart was always in the right place and I will dearly miss my friend and his keen insight. As Bobby would say, I will miss you "my brother".

In Memory Of...

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| <i>Donald J. Baudoin Sr., DOD 7/25/16</i> | <i>Patrick Landry, DOD 9/11/16</i> |
| <i>Dudley Bertrand, DOD 9/23/16</i> | <i>Mona Maddox, DOD 9/12/16</i> |
| <i>Frank Blackburn, DOD 9/28/16</i> | <i>Joseph Pennino Sr., DOD 8/16/16</i> |
| <i>Raul Esquivel, DOD 6/23/16</i> | <i>Bobby Smith, DOD 10/2/16</i> |
| <i>Charles Jones, DOD 9/20/16</i> | <i>Nan Watson, DOD 9/20/16</i> |

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.

