



# 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

Joseph, Adamczyk  
Bonita Bosch  
James Criss  
Suzan Dybul  
Beverly Ebert  
Mary Glomski  
Lois Green  
Susan Henry  
Joanne Ihling  
Deborah Jones  
Michael Kfipstein  
Eva Lange  
Lee Markwardt  
Charles Mcdowell  
Judith Moehr  
Bobby Oby  
Susan Peck  
Elizabeth Ratke  
Michael Schiessl  
Chris Sobczak  
Albert Townsend

## A Message from the Director of Employee Benefits



With the coming holiday, we are reminded of all we have to be thankful for. As the County's Director of Employee Benefits, I am thankful for the opportunity to serve the County as well as having the strong support of the Pension Board and a great ERS staff that enables us, in turn, to serve you - our retirees - day in and day out.

I am also particularly grateful for your support and patience, as we introduced our new pension system to you over this last year. While we had some of the normal start up issues that occur with large system conversions, you have been very understanding as we went about the "debugging" process, so, thank you.

Now that we are up and running, the rewards of having a highly automated, state-of-the-art system will be apparent to everyone, as we look forward to serving you better and more efficiently in the coming year.

## V-3 Pension System Transition Accomplishments

As the Employees' Retirement System (ERS) prepares for year-end processing, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience during the 2009 transition to the new V-3 pension system. During this transition ERS has:

- Converted approximately 7,300 retirees to V-3. The system is designed to accurately determine eligibility, benefit calculations and monthly pension payment based on retirement plan rules, IRS Regulations and Ordinances.
- Direct Deposit Notices – Member clock numbers no longer appear on Direct Deposit Notices.
- State and Federal Tax Withholding – Both State and Federal withholding tax tables were updated in accordance with IRS regulations. Retiree members that had a fixed amount deducted from their pension checks did not have any major differences in their tax withholding as a result of the tax table changes.
- Member Self Service – Released in the third quarter of 2009, V-3 Self-Service allows member access to their personal demographic information with the ability to contact ERS staff members via email.
- 1099-R Statements – This will be the last V-3 transitional phase for 2009. V-3 has been programmed and is currently being tested and data validated for accuracy.

In February 2010, ERS will be holding an election to fill one vacant employee seat on the Pension Board. The nomination process will begin shortly, with nominees completing the necessary documents to appear as a candidate on the ballot. Look for additional information on the voting process in the next ERS Communicator.

ERS remains committed to service enhancement through continued V-3 upgraded features and regular retiree communication.

Wishing you all a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday celebration!

## In Memoriam

*Please keep these recently deceased individuals in your thoughts:*

Audrey Ashley	Angelin Knaack
Ruth Bailey	Stanley Kwiatkowski
Constance Birk	Lillian Lipski
Dorothy Bollhagen (Gilbert)	Ivar Lohman
Ilma Braatz	Nina Masse
Marie Buchholtz (Bernard)	Verna McCormack
Anthony Busateri	Gladys Nowicki
Anne Kulka	Pearl Przepiora
Jane Gordon	John Reed
William Hempel	Carol Rogers
Viola Jones	Clarence Wenger
Anthony Jurisic	

