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# REPORT



## State Employees' Retirement System

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## WE NEED YOUR HELP

When we mailed the active Benefit Statement to our members in August, we printed "Return Service Requested" on the envelope in order to comply with new U. S. Postal requirements for first class discount mail.

The "Return Service Requested" instructs the Post Office to return the statements to us if the mailing address is incorrect, rather than forwarding it to the member.

This allows us to find all inaccurate mailing addresses on our data base. Unfortunately, there are thousands of SERS members without an up-to-date mailing address!

We get our mailing address information from the Office of the

Comptroller, using the member's last W-4 tax form. This same mailing address is also used on the member's pay stub or Direct Deposit slip.

We need your help in distributing the statements with inaccurate addresses. In early October, we will send the unopened, returned statements to all Retirement Coordinators.

Please distribute the statements to your employees and encourage them to fill out a new W-4 tax form with your agency's Payroll Clerk. This allows the Comptroller's office and SERS to maintain a current, up-to-date mailing list for any information we send to members in the future.

## REGIONAL RC MEETINGS WRAP-UP

The 1999 statewide Regional Retirement Coordinators meetings were well-attended, with 175 RC's at the eight meetings. All RC's and Designees who didn't attend a meeting were mailed the updated RC manual and workshop registration forms.

If you haven't received a packet, contact Vicki Haas at 217-785-6979.

At this year's meeting, we had a Social Security representative who

talked about Social Security issues affecting our members and the overall state of Social Security. If you were there, you know why we encourage all members to enroll in the Deferred Compensation program.

Over the last few years we have had a financial planner, an attorney, and a Deferred Compensation representative speak at the annual meeting. What other subjects would you like discussed at future RC meetings? Let's hear your ideas!

## IYF CHANGE

We have changed the name of the Introduction to Your Future workshop to "Investing in Your Future."

Along with the name change comes a new emphasis on current issues facing our younger members, rather than concentrating on retirement issues.

We have also added an additional section to the new IYF workbook entitled "Managing Debt." This section examines all aspects of consumer debt:

- Credit Cards
- Compound Interest
- Saving and Investing
- Finding a Financial Advisor
- Inflation
- Banking
- Saving for College
- Credit Reports

Please encourage your younger members to sign up for this informative workshop.

## A REMINDER

***If you haven't returned the Agency Update Sheet, please do so as soon as possible.***

The 2000 pre-retirement workshops are filling up quickly. Since enrollment began September 1, 1,139 members have signed up for one of our workshops.

There are only two workshops open in 1999:

- IYF on 9/28 in DeKalb.
- IYF on 11/2 in Chicago.

# 2000 Preretirement Workshops

## INTRODUCTION TO YOUR FUTURE

*For employees under age 45.*

Feb. 8	Chicago
Feb. 22	Alton
Feb. 29	Schaumburg
Mar. 7	Springfield
Mar. 14	Chicago
Mar. 28	Peoria
Apr. 18	Springfield
Apr. 25	Chicago
May 9	Collinsville
May 16	Champaign
May 23	Chicago
May 30	Springfield
Jun. 13	Carbondale
Jun. 15	Rockford
Jun. 20	Chicago
Jun. 27	Springfield
Jul. 11	Bloomington
Aug. 8	Springfield
Aug. 15	Charleston
Sep. 12	Joliet
Sep. 19	Mt. Vernon
Sep. 26	Matteson
Oct. 3	Springfield
Oct. 17	DeKalb
Oct. 24	Marion
Nov. 14	Springfield

## EDUCATION FOR TOMORROW'S CHOICES

*For employees 5-15 years from retirement.*

Jan. 11 & 12	Chicago & Springfield
Jan. 18 & 19	Springfield
Jan. 25 & 26	Glen Ellyn & Springfield
Feb. 1 & 2	Springfield
Feb. 8 & 9	Springfield
Feb. 15 & 16	Chicago
Feb. 29 & Mar. 1	Marion
Mar. 7 & 8	Chicago
Mar. 14 & 15	Collinsville
Mar. 21 & 22	Schaumburg & Springfield
Apr. 4 & 5	Peoria
Apr. 11 & 12	Champaign
Apr. 18 & 19	Joliet
May 2 & 3	Chicago
May 16 & 17	DeKalb
May 30 & 31	Mt. Vernon
Jun. 6 & 7	Springfield
Jun. 13 & 14	Rockford
Jul. 11 & 12	Springfield
Aug. 1 & 2	Carbondale
Aug. 22 & 23	Chicago
Sep. 12 & 13	Springfield
Sep. 19 & 20	Schaumburg
Sep. 26 & 27	Bloomington
Oct 3 & 4	Chicago
Oct 17 & 18	Springfield
Oct 24 & 25	Matteson
Oct. 31 & Nov. 1	Springfield
Nov. 14 & 15	Collinsville & Chicago

## COUNTDOWN TO RETIREMENT

*For employees 3 years from retirement.*

Jan. 20	Chicago
Feb. 17	Joliet
Mar. 2	Chicago
Mar. 16	Carbondale
Mar. 23	Rockford
Mar. 30	Springfield
Apr. 6	Collinsville
Apr. 20	Springfield
Apr. 27	Matteson
May 18	Schaumburg & Marion
Jun. 1	Springfield
Jun. 15	Effingham
Jul. 27	Springfield
Aug. 10	Champaign
Aug. 24	Springfield
Aug. 31	Collinsville
Sep. 14	Chicago
Sep. 28	Springfield
Oct. 5	Peoria
Oct. 12	Chicago
Oct. 26	Chicago
Nov. 2	Mt. Vernon
Nov. 16	Springfield & Chicago
Dec. 7	Springfield

You can register your co-workers for our pre-retirement workshops by contacting the SERS Field Services Division by e-mail at: [vhaas@ser084r1.state.il.us](mailto:vhaas@ser084r1.state.il.us), or fax us at 217-785-7019.