



New SERS Field Representative



Please join us in welcoming Tina Sibert as the new Field Services representative! Tina is going to conduct the Myths & Realities of Retirement workshop, while Marlys Vala is moving over to working with the Retirement Coordinators and our active employees.

Tina began working for SERS while she was still in high school and was hired full-time in 1977. She has worked in several divisions since then. Tina is looking forward to working with the SERS retirees!

If you change your address, notify us as soon as possible. Failure to do so could result in not receiving important information from SERS.

Attention Survivors

Effective July 19, 2007, a survivor is not eligible to add newly acquired dependents to their State of Illinois group insurance coverage unless the survivor's dependent is the natural or adopted child of the deceased member.

For example, if a survivor remarries, the spouse and stepchildren are not eligible as dependents in the group insurance program.

Dependents who meet the above criteria for ineligibility but are already enrolled in the group insurance program will remain covered. If the dependent's coverage is terminated at any time, for any reason in the future, they will not be able to re-enroll at a later date.

The Benefit Statements for SERS annuitants will be mailed in late March

Fall Insurance Re-Certification

The Fall recertification process for annuitants with dependents enrolled as full-time college students will begin in October. You should receive a Dependent Coverage Certification Statement (CMS 138) by the end of September or first week in October.

Some dependent students enrollment will be verified through the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC). In these cases, the CMS 138 must be signed and mailed to SERS.

For those not verified through this method, proof of full-time college enrollment is required and must be attached to the CMS 138 that you mail to us.

Examples of documentation include: letter from the Office of the School Registrar, tuition bill marked "paid," copy of enrollment from the university's website, abbreviated transcript, copy of grant award or tuition waiver, itemized statement of account.

CMS Form 138 and any required documentation MUST be sent to SERS by the end of October or the coverage for the dependent named on the CMS 138 will terminate on November 1, 2007.

SERS annuitants with dependents in the 'Handicapped' or 'Other' category will also be sent a CMS 138.

Calling All Retirees!

We still have a number of the Myths & Realities of Retirement (MRR) workshops available during the remainder of 2007. Please call 217-786-6979 to register for this free, one-day workshop.

Sept. 20	Moline	Nov. 7	Joliet
Sept. 26	Whittington	Nov. 28	Chicago
Oct. 18	Lisle	Dec. 4	Springfield

A complete listing of the 2008 MRRs is on the back page.



Circle the 2008 MRR Workshop That You Would Like to Attend

Please disregard the numbers in parentheses. They are for internal office use.

SERS offers the Myths and Realities of Retirement (MRR) workshop to retirees, survivors, disability benefit recipients and their guests. Registration for the MRR begins September 1, 2007.

The MRR is a free, one-day workshop examining financial scams, the effects of inflation, estate planning, group insurance, and health & leisure. Participants will find this workshop worthwhile and informative.

If you would like to attend an MRR workshop, complete and return the application to us. You can also call our office to register. After you are registered, we will confirm your enrollment by letting you know the exact workshop location.

Jan. 15	Springfield (01)	Jun. 24	Chicago (02)
Jan. 31	Bloomington (89)	Jul. 8	Tinley Park (95)
Feb. 5	S. Jacksonville (39)	Jul. 15	Champaign (37)
Feb. 19	Rock Falls (66)	Jul. 29	Utica (43)
Feb. 26	Chicago (02)	Aug. 5	Springfield (01)
Mar. 4	Bourbonnais (25)	Aug. 19	Fairview Heights (18)
Mar. 11	Rockford (90)	Aug. 26	Effingham (67)
Mar. 18	Chicago (02)	Sep. 9	Utica (43)
Mar. 25	Carbondale (50)	Sep. 16	Rockford (90)
Apr. 1	Springfield (01)	Sep. 23	Moline (46)
Apr. 8	Mt. Vernon (32)	Sep. 30	Mt. Vernon (32)
Apr. 15	Fairview Heights (18)	Oct. 7	Springfield (01)
Apr. 22	Quincy (36)	Oct. 14	Marion (07)
Apr. 29	East Peoria (82)	Oct. 22	Chicago (02)
May 1	Tinley Park (95)	Oct. 28	Schaumburg (77)
May 20	Aurora (05)	Nov. 4	Joliet (47)
Jun. 3	Carbondale (50)	Nov. 18	Bourbonnais (25)
Jun. 10	Decatur (78)	Nov. 25	Chicago (02)
Jun. 17	Springfield (01)	Dec. 9	Springfield (01)

Name _____

Social Security Number _____

Are You Bringing a Guest? _____

Return This Form To:

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