

# **RETIREE'S TALK**

## **Jefferson Parish Retired Public Employees Association**

### **“A Newsletter About Us, To Us, For Us”**

A new Cooperative Endeavor Agreement was enacted between Jefferson Parish and The Jefferson Parish Retired Public Employees Association. The parish increased our stipend to allow us to communicate with all retirees from Jefferson Parish and not just the dues paying members of the organization. One newsletter a year will go out to all retirees, and at least one flyer in the summer and one newsletter in December will go out to dues paying members.

The current board consists of :

Officers:

Carolyn Capdeville, President

Ned Pitre, Vice-President

Elizabeth Russell, Secretary

Peggy Guccione, Treasurer & Newsletter Editor

Board Members:

Joy Armstrong, John Comfort, Georgia Cloy, Rodney de la Gardelle, D.David Duplantis, Cynthia Hebert, David Macaluso and Jacqueline Marsh.

The organization charges \$10.00 a year in dues every June and grants new retirees a one year free membership.

The Annual Meeting is held each year in December. The luncheon last year was held at the Hilton Airport and this year will be held at the Four Columns. In the summer, we hold a seafood boil and this year, we are sponsoring a Fall Barbecue. The locations of the events go back and forth between the East Bank and the West Bank of Jefferson Parish to allow its members easy access.

The purpose of the organization is to disseminate information that is informative and relevant to retirees and to provide an atmosphere that is congenial and social. At each function, we have presentations that are of interest to retirees. We have had representatives from Sheriff Newell Normand's office and from West Jefferson Hospital at our functions. If you are not a member, send us your \$10.00 dues and come join us at our functions. We'd love to see you.

**FROM THE DESK OF PEGGY THOMASSIE**  
**RETIREMENT MANAGER**  
**JEFFERSON PARISH RETIREMENT OFFICE**

Retirees:

In order to contact you we must have a current address on file. Please keep your mailing address current so that you will receive correspondence from our office in a timely manner. When you notify the Jefferson Parish Retirement Office of an address change, that change is forwarded to the Parochial Retirement System for you. However, it is your responsibility to change your address with your health insurance company. Address changes or bank account changes must be received by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month in order for the change to take place for the 1<sup>st</sup> of the following month.

The Jefferson Parish Retirement Office would like to encourage any retiree in need of retirement information to contact our office at 504-364-2668. Depending on the complexity of the situation, we may recommend that you contact Parochial Retirement System directly at 1-225-928-1361.

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**PAROCHIAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF LA**

Checks issued by the office are not able to be forwarded by the Post Office. If you change your address with the Post Office, but fail to do so with our office, your check will be returned to Parochial where it will be held until you provide written notification of your address change. A separate notice of an address change must be submitted to the retirement system before we can update your records.

A correct address is also required to assure the timely delivery of the annual Retiree Newsletter and Federal Form 1099-R. This form is needed by you to file your income tax.

Parochial Retirement System's address is 7905 Wrenwood Blvd, Baton Rouge, La 70809

The telephone number is (225) 928-1361. The Fax number is (225) 923-0933. Visit the system's web site at [www.persla.org](http://www.persla.org). There is a lot of good information about your retirement system on the web site.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES BENEFIT SCHEDULE**

Retiree benefits meetings will be held again this year for those who are enrolled in Coventry, Humana and Peoples Health. The meetings will be held on:

October 30, 2012	Belle Terre Playground Gym Belle Terre Road in Marrero 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM
November 1, 2012	Johnny Bright Playground Gym Cleary in Metairie 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM

Members will have the opportunity to listen to presentations from representatives from each carrier, speak directly with them, and enroll in a different plan if they choose. Employees from the Human Resources Benefit Department and the Retirement Department will also be available at the meetings.

This is a great opportunity to stay current on the retiree medical benefits and to visit with other retirees.

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### **LESSONS OF LIFE**

Celebrate what you have, when you have it. Love as if you will never love again. Share each moment with a friend. Never take your life for granted or your health. Wring from each day all the laughter that's in it, all the adventures you can stomach, all the emotions your heart can hold. It's not easy living in the moment, but.....IT'S WORTH IT. It takes courage to live each day to the fullest. And as we all know it, Don't underestimate Seniors-----We are brave, courageous, wise and have lived through a lot of troubles.