



Retirement Connection

Special Newsletter for DCREA Members July 2015

“It is our mission to provide retirement benefits and superior service to advance the financial security of our members.”

Tips for Managing Your Affairs in Retirement

Estate Plan – Making a will or an estate plan is a task often put off for later. Like many people, you probably spent more time planning your retirement than your estate. It’s more fun deciding what you’ll do when you stop working than figuring out what will happen to your assets when you die. To make estate planning a little simpler break it down into these three considerations; your property and financial assets, your children, and medical decisions.

- If you have property and assets, use an estate-planning lawyer to help you. It’s especially important if you were married more than once.
- Periodically verify the beneficiaries you have named to receive life insurance and retirement benefits to ensure that they are in line with your wishes.
- Discuss your plan with family members so they understand it.
- Name a proxy who can handle your health and financial affairs if you are not able to.

Address Changes – When you move there are so many things to remember; you must turn on the electricity, phone, water, cable and more. There is one other important thing to remember, let the Employees’ Retirement Fund know you’ve moved as well. ERF needs a written and signed change of address form from you. You can use the form available on the ERF website at www.dallaserf.org/OnlineForms.html. If you prefer, ERF can accept a written note stating your previous address, your new address and don’t forget to sign the address change request before mailing it to ERF.

Changing Banks – It probably goes without saying that if you decide to change the bank where your pension check is deposited you need to let ERF know. If you let us know prior to the 15th of the month, we can make sure your pension is deposited into your new account. If you let us know after the 15th of the month, we will issue you a check and deposit the next pension check into your new account.

Change in Marital Status - If you get married or your spouse dies after you retire please let the ERF office know.

This is an exciting often busy time in your life just remember there is still business you have to take care of periodically. If there are any changes in your life that may effect your pension, call ERF at 214-580-7700 or write us at 600 North Pearl Street, Suite 2450, Dallas TX 75201.



Fund Facts

Oldest retiree is 103. Oldest survivors are 105 & 107.

Oldest employee was born in 1928.

Youngest employee was born in 1996.

Retiree with the most years of civilian service, Melesio Perez with 54 years.

Supreme Court Rules Marriage Rights for Same-Sex Couples

On June 26, 2015, the US Supreme Court ruled in a 5-4 vote that the Constitution guarantees the right to same-sex marriage. Prior to the court's decision the ERF Board of Trustees passed a resolution to provide survivor benefits to same-sex spouses at the February 10, 2015, meeting. The Fund now provides joint and survivor benefits to same-sex spouses through a re-application process.

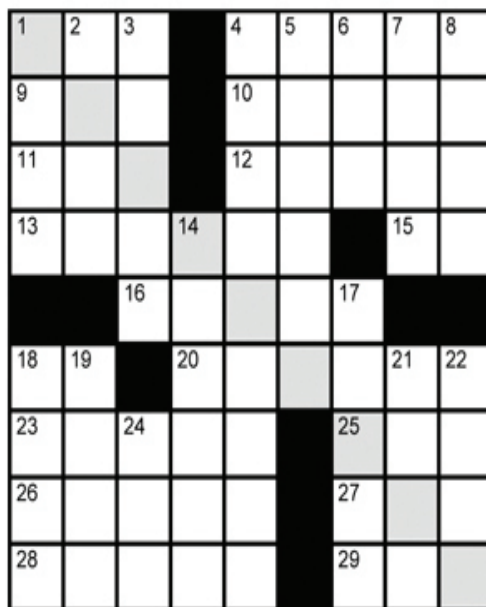
If you were married at the time of your retirement and you feel this Supreme Court ruling applies to you, please contact the ERF office at 214-580-7700.



Media newsies

Across

1. Pi follower
4. Threadbare
9. Always, in verse
10. Football's ___ Bowl
11. Downturn
12. Construction piece
13. Brooks Robinson, e.g.
15. Exists
16. Persian waterwheel
18. "___ thee I sing"
20. Pipe residue
23. Eater of eucalyptus leaves
25. Ball in a socket
26. Went ballistic
27. Dot-com's address
28. Accumulate
29. Dance step



7. Asian tongue
8. Thanksgiving dish
14. Lots
17. Depleted
18. Creole vegetable
19. Froth
21. Vega's constellation
22. Congers
24. ___ Khan

The title is a clue to the word in the shaded diagonal.



Down

1. Change the decor
2. Successor
3. One of the stonecrops
4. Monopoly quartet
5. Even though
6. Bunion's place



Check out Baskin Robbins, Carvel or your local ice cream shops for specials on this refreshing summer treat.

