

Retiree Outlook

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New Tax Tables Announced by I.R.S.

How They Affect You

Was your net benefit payment for March and April a little larger than normal? The change is a result of new tax withholding tables and not due to a change in your System benefit.

On Feb 21, the Internal Revenue Service released new withholding tables that will result in more take-home pay this spring for millions of American workers and retirees. The

new tables incorporate the new *Making Work Pay* credit, one of the key tax provisions included in the *American Recovery and*

*See "New Tax Tables..."
on page 2*

Police Memorial Ceremony



The Annual Dallas Police Memorial will be held at the Dallas Police Memorial in front of City Hall at the corner of Young and S. Akard Streets, Wednesday, May 13 at 12 noon.

Fire Awards Banquet



The Annual Dallas Fire-Rescue Awards Banquet will be held this year on May 30. For more information, see "From the Retired Firefighter Association" on page 6.

New Tax Tables from I.R.S.

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Reinvestment Act of 2009 that became law earlier.

Eligible workers and retirees will see this change in take home pay without any action on their part and you do not need to fill out a new W-4P withholding form.

How Does this Affect Retirees?

You will obtain a permanent tax benefit **only** if you are able to claim the tax credit on your 2009 tax return filed in 2010. Unfortunately, the *Making Work Pay* tax credit is available **only to persons who have earned income such as wages, tips and salaries. The credit is not available for pensions and annuities such as the benefits you get from the Dallas Police and Fire Pension System.** If you, or your tax advisor, believe that the increased take home benefit payments will cause you to owe taxes for 2009, you may want to submit a revised Form W-4P to ensure that enough tax is withheld to cover the tax you will owe.

Publication 919, available

from the Internal Revenue Service (www.irs.gov), provides additional guidance on income tax withholding. You can get the form W-4P at our Website or on the IRS Website.

If you or your spouse is still working, you may find the following information helpful:

Available for tax years 2009 and 2010, the Making Work Pay credit is 6.2 percent of a taxpayer's earned income with a maximum credit of \$800 for a married couple filing a joint return and \$400 for other taxpayers, but it is phased out for higher income taxpayers. Most taxpayers will qualify for the maximum credit. Because the credit is refundable (people can get it even if they owe no tax), most low-income workers will also qualify for the full credit.

Though all eligible taxpayers will need to claim the credit when they file their 2009 income tax return next year, lower withholding will generally spread the benefits out over the

paychecks they receive beginning this spring and continue until the end of the year. Individuals and couples with multiple jobs may want to submit revised Form W-4 forms to ensure enough withholding is held to cover the tax for the combined income.

Many higher-income taxpayers will see little or no change in their take-home pay. That's because the *Making Work Pay* credit is phased out for a married couple filing a joint return whose modified adjusted gross income (AGI) is between \$150,000 and \$190,000 and other taxpayers whose modified AGI is between \$75,000 and \$95,000.

Taxpayers will not get a separate, special check mailed to them from the IRS like last year's economic stimulus payment.

For more information,
visit the IRS Website
at:

www.irs.gov

CONGRATULATIONS NEW RETIREES!

FIRE

James F. Anderson
Larry Bassett
Charles S. Bell
Bernardo Croitoru
James C. Jackson

POLICE

Patrick Genovese
Grover S. Howell
William R. Langston
Stephen W. Ledbetter
Elmer V. Reedy
Joseph P. Richtsmeier
Peter A. Serrano
William J. Skinner
Teresa A. Turko
James A. Wallace

“Young at Heart” to Welcome Gale Paul in May

The “Young at Heart” widows and widowers support group will welcome Gale Paul as their special guest speaker on Wednesday, May 27, at the Highland Park Cafeteria, at Buckner Boulevard and Garland Road in Dallas.

Gale was the Pensioner Advocate for the Pension System for several years before retiring last year.

Gale will be sharing about heart health, including her own story of going through medical issues and working toward recovery.

For more information, call Ann Matthews at 214.638.3863.

IN MEMORIAM

Michael D. Addison
Police - Retired

James J. Bassi
Fire - Retired

Dannie G. Bridges
Police - Retired

Troy L. Cox
Police - Retired

Kenneth H. Cunningham
Fire - Retired

Billy H. Johnson
Fire - Retired

Joyce F. Mitchell
Spouse of Joe E. Mitchell
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Anna C. Rowe
Widow of Buford B. Rowe
Fire - Retired

Paula Splawn
Spouse of E. A. Splawn
Fire - Retired

George E. Spurgin
Police - Retired

Roxie M. Townsend
Spouse of Hubert Townsend
Fire - Retired

Jack M. Wilson
Police - Retired

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Currently at our Website, you can find:

- *Answers to the most frequently asked questions*
- *The latest news from your Pension System*
- *Agendas of all Board meetings (posted 72 hours in advance of each meeting)*
- *Minutes of previous Board meetings*
- *Web Member Services — Allows you to securely sign-in and review your Pension information*
- *Pension System forms*
- *Active and Pensioner Newsletters*
- *... And More!!!*



Bobby and Glenda Dillard



Charlie Boyd



Elmer Boyd



Bill Ford



Bill Croom

May 2009

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

If you are organizing a Retiree meeting or event, and would like your event on the calendar, please send us the details by the 5th of the month before the event. Send by e-mail to: Kevin... Submitted items will be printed as space permits, and may be edited. Thanks.

3 Meeting of the Retired Police and Firefighters Association	4	5	6
10 Mother' Day	11	12 Quarterly Board Meeting Retired Firefighter Lunch	13 Dallas Police Memorial Ceremony (see page 1)
<i>National Police</i>			
17	18	19	20
24 /	25	26	27 "Young at Heart" Lunch Guest speaker: Gale Paul
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3 Dallas Retired Police & Fire Fighter Association Lunch
Sunday, May 3, 1 P.M. at the Salesmanship Club (J. Erik Jonsson School), Tenth and Beckley (Oak Cliff), Dallas

12 Quarterly Board Meeting
Tuesday, May. 12,
8:30 a.m.
4100 N. Harry Hines Blvd, Dallas
(Park in upper lot, which is the upper Throckmorton entrance)

12 Retired Firefighter Lunch
Tuesday, May. 12,
11:00 a.m.
909 Tripp Road (at Galloway)
Mesquite



Jackie and Pat Johnson



John Allen

Judy Katz

Karen Gatlin



Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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14 Regular Board Meeting	15 Peace Officers Memorial Day	16
Week		
21	22	23
28 Retired and Active Police Breakfast	29 Traphagan Retired FF Picnic (See page 6)	30 Fire Awards Banquet (See pages 1 and 6)



Sandy and Bill Young



Larry Adamson

Al D'Alessandro

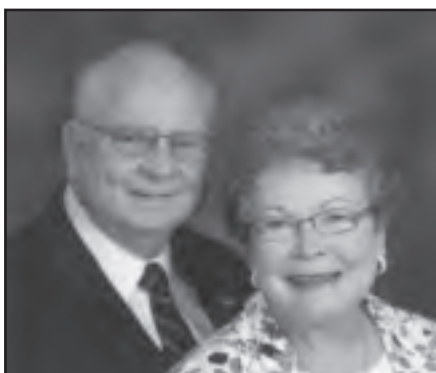
14 Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, May. 14,
8:30 a.m.
4100 N. Harry Hines Blvd, Dallas
(Park in upper lot, which is the
upper Throckmorton entrance)

27 "Young at Heart" Lunch for
Police and Fire Widows and
Widowers
Wednesday, May 27,
11 a.m.
Highland Park Cafeteria
Buckner and Garland Road, Dallas

28 Retired and Active Police
Breakfast
Thursday, Apr. 30,
9:00 a.m.
Circle Grill
I-30 and Buckner Road
Dallas

Good News From Your Fellow Pensioners

We Wish You a Happy Anniversary!



R.C. and Betty Wagner celebrated their golden wedding anniversary of 50 years on April 2.

Mr. Wagner retired from the DPD in August of 1985 after over 27 years of service.



Roger and Gloria Murphy are planning to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on May 7.

Mr. Murphy retired from the DFD in 1985 after more than 30 years of service, the last 15 at Station 36 on C shift.



Jim and Marga Lyde are planning to celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on May 28.

Mr. Lyde retired from DFD in 1969 after more than 23 years of service.

From the Retired Firefighter Association

(Submitted by Patricia Warnock, Secretary-Treasurer)

The **East Texas retirees of the Dallas Fire Fighters** met at El Rancho Café in Canton on the 2nd of April. The group meets on the 1st Thursday on the even months of the year. The food and fellowship was excellent and there were forty in attendance. **The next meeting will be in June.**

Please remember the **meeting of Fire retirees at Ryan's Family Buffet** in Mesquite on the 2nd Tuesday of the odd months (including May) at 11:00 a.m.

Please come and enjoy time with other retirees and their wives.

The Annual Traphagan Picnic is scheduled for May 29 at the Dodd Fire Training Center, 5000 Dolphin Road in Dallas from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The Fire Awards Banquet is scheduled for 6 p.m. on May 30 at the Trade Mart Courtyard, 2100 N. Stemmons in Dallas. The DFFA is sponsoring the attending retirees.

Please send **Good News** items by e-mail to:

info@dpfp.org

or to:

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Dallas Retired Police and Fire Fighters Association

Greetings! April was my first meeting as president. It looked a lot easier when President Barbara Ballard was in charge!

We had sixty-three people at the meeting. Kathy and Virgil Kulwicky brought Bobby and Judy Culpepper. Also visiting were Royce and Bobby Chapman. The Leavelles brought their daughter and son-in-law, Tanya and Ira Evers. Al Castleman joined the association.

Kevin Killingsworth reported the new Police and Fire Pension building was available for our monthly meetings. William Marshall made a motion to accept the invitation to move our meeting to the Police and Fire building

4100 Harry Hines, and the motion was seconded. Following a discussion, Herb Steele amended the motion to vote on the motion at the May meeting.

After the meeting Kevin Killingsworth opened up the Police and Fire Pension building so members could look over the facilities. Seven couples came by. They liked the meeting room and kitchen.

If the vote is for moving the meeting, William Marshall requested that we send a letter of thanks to the Salesmanship Club thanking them for their gracious hospitality letting the association use the school for many years to hold our meetings.

As usual we had a delicious lunch and great fellowship with our fellow retirees. Leslie Warnock won the grand prize.

You're invited to our next meeting at 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 3. I will be out of town on Pension business, so William Marshall will be in charge of the meeting.

We meet at the Erik Jonsson Community School (sponsored by the Dallas Salesman's Club) at Tenth and Beckley in Oak Cliff.

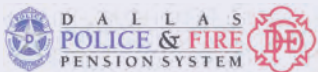


*John Mays
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From the Administrator

By **Richard L. Tettamant**, Pension System Administrator



In this issue of the *Retiree Outlook*, we have several important issues and events to bring to your attention. On page 1, we let you know about the new I.R.S. tax tables. Because of this change, some have decided to change their withholding by completing a new W-4P Tax Withholding Form.

This month, there are two events in which we honor our public servants. The annual Police Memorial ceremony, scheduled for May 13, recognizes those officers who died in the line of duty. The Dallas Fire-Rescue Awards Banquet is on May 30, and honors excellence in the Department (see page 1)

Finally, we welcome Rick Salinas as our newest Trustee on the Board, and we say good-bye to Fire Trustee Gary Edge. We will honor Gary at our next monthly Board meeting on May 14.

Call us if you have any questions or concerns.

Richard L. Tettamant
Pension System Administrator

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