

THE

MESSENGER

WAYNE COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

June 2013

Directors Report

I recently had the opportunity to meet John Boweyer who works for the Wayne County Airport Authority. I was very impressed with John, as we were walking though the airport he stopped several times to help travelers with directions, luggage or just a kind word; what a great public servant and a terrific ambassador for the airport. John has been working at the airport for 30+ years and has a wealth of information on the history of the airport. I remember as a youth going to the airport to watch the planes from the observation deck. If you would like to read some history on the airport check out the following website <http://www.metroairport.com/about/history.asp> John also sent me several pictures which I have included. (page 8, 9)

On May 6 the National Association of Securities Professionals recognized Lorenzo A. Moner, Chairman of the Wayne County Retirement Commission, as the 2013 "Unsung Hero" whose deeds for Humanity and Community towers over the others but often go un-heralded. Some of his commitments include public service with the City of Inkster, both as a City Councilman and a Police Department Auxiliary (Lt.) and to the Goodfellows. It was my honor to introduce Lorenzo at the event. Congratulations Lorenzo! (page 9, photo)

Inflation Equity Fund Litigation Update:

The Inflation Equity Fund (13th check) lawsuit oral arguments were at the State of Michigan Court of Appeals on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 before a panel of three Judges; Christopher M. Murray, Peter D. O'Connell, and Jane M. Beckering. A 42 page opinion was issued for publication on May 9, 2013.

http://publicdocs.courts.mi.gov:81/OPINIONS/FINAL/COA/20130509_C308096_90_308096.OPN.PDF

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Sign Up Today

Wayne County Retirement encourages the use of direct deposit to receive your monthly pension. It's Fast, it's Safe and it's Reliable. If you wish to sign-up please complete the form on www.wcers.org and submit it to our office. If you have questions please contact our office at 313-224-2354 with questions.

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Office Closure

The Wayne County Retirement Office will be closed on the following days:

May 27th—Memorial Day

June 3rd—Concession Day

June 14th —Concession 1/2 Day

June 21st —Concession 1/2 Day

July 4th—Independence Day

July 5th—Concession Day

August 5th—Concession Day

September 2nd—Labor Day

September 3rd—Concession Day

Check Dates

The following are the dates of your retirement checks for the 2013 year:

January Check 01/02/2013

February Check 02/01/2013

March Check 03/01/2013

April Check 04/01/2013

May Check 05/01/2013

June Check 05/31/2013

July Check 07/01/2013

August Check 08/01/2013

September Check 08/30/2013

October Check 09/30/2013

November Check 11/01/2013

December Check 11/29/2013

Health, Dental, Optical, and Life Insurance

Health, dental, optical and life insurance questions should be directed to Wayne County Benefits Administration department at:

313-224-2004 (local)

877-220-7721 (toll free)

Life Changes

It is very important that you notify our office of any life changes. These changes include:

- Marriage
- Divorce
- Death (including spouse)
- Change of Address
- Legal Issues regarding Power of Attorney, Guardianship, Conservatorship, and Letters of Authority.

Any one of the above mentioned items may have an impact on benefits or pension amount.

All notifications can be sent to our office in writing along with proper documentation.

Wayne County Employees' Retirees Club

The officers and the members of the Wayne County Employees Retirees Club invite Wayne County Retirees, who are not yet members, to join them. Meetings are held the third Thursday of the month, at 1:30 P.M., in the Kay Beard Building (Eloise), Westland, MI., during the months of January, February, March, April, and May, September, October, and December. The June and November meetings are luncheons held at a restaurant and there are no meetings held in July or August. The Club is dedicated to improving and protecting benefits for Retirees of Wayne County. If you no longer live in the Wayne County area or cannot attend meetings, the periodic newsletters will keep you informed.

For information regarding membership, send your name and address to:

Ronald Yee, Treasurer
Wayne County Employees' Retirees Club
26067 Joy Road
Dearborn, MI 48177
(313) 318-6707

Wayne County Retiree Sub-Chapter 38

The many members of Sub-Chapter 38 invite **all** Wayne County retirees to join in our continuing efforts to protect the interests your interests. Membership in Sub-Chapter 38 does not require prior membership of an AFSCME bargaining unit. Monthly membership dues are only \$2.50 per month that may be deducted from pension payments or paid annually directly to the Sub-Chapter. We are proud of our accomplishments to date and ask that you join us in continuing that mission. Sub-Chapter 38 is the only retiree organization affiliated with a state or national organization that represents the interests Wayne County retirees.

Please gather with many of your fellow retirees at our monthly membership meetings held on the second Tuesday of each month at UAW Local 182, 35603 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150. Information concerning retiree matters on the Wayne County, local, state and national arenas is fully discussed and questions answered, in addition to the opportunity to socialize. For further information, contact:

Henry Lykes
600 West Lafayette Blvd.
Detroit, Michigan 48226
(313) 964-1711
hlykes@miafscme.org



Friends of Eloise

Friends of Eloise has a **Facebook** page. There are four other Eloise **Facebook** pages so make sure you find the **Friends of Eloise** page. Many photos and news articles concerning the history of the Eloise complex and even some of our holiday reunion are on the page. Feel free leave messages.

Over 4,100 of the 7,100 patients buried in the Eloise Cemetery are now on-line at **www.findagrave.com**. The burial records cover the years 1897-1948 with a gap for the years 1925-1935. We are still looking for the missing records! Any information on them would be appreciated.

Eloise Books and Note Cards

Two books (*Eloise* and *Detroit's Hospitals, Healers And Helpers*) containing photos of Eloise, both published by Arcadia, and both by Patricia Ibbotson are available in local bookstores, on-line at www.amazon.com and www.bn.com. The first book *Eloise: Poorhouse, Farm, Asylum and Hospital 1839-1984* is also being sold by Jo Johnson as a fundraiser for Friends of Eloise. The cost is \$22. It is available in the gift shop at the Westland Historic Village Park on Wayne Road in Westland or by calling Jo Johnson at 734-522-3918. The Eloise book is now in a 12th printing. The hospital book is in a 3rd printing.

WCGH 29th Holiday Reunion

The 28th annual holiday reunion **was held** at the Café Marquette in the William D. Ford Technical Center in Westland last year on Tuesday, December 11th. The event was changed to a luncheon at the request of a few retirees, but we had a small turnout of only 20 people. We plan to have a **29th** annual reunion in 2013 on December 10th at the new **Habachi Grill Supreme Buffet** at 6539 North Wayne Road in Westland from **5 p.m. to 8 p.m.** It is the same location as the Old Country Buffet where the first reunion was held. This restaurant has a large choice of food selections and a private dining room. Dinner prices are \$9.99 for adults. They have senior a discount. Contact Kay Shafi at 734-427-3437 or e-mail chknlit@wideopenwest.com, Dennis Abraham at 734-721-2917 or e-mail fightingirish316@global.net or Pat Ibbotson at 734-331-9291 or e-mail pibbotso@aol.com. If you have questions or need information.

Wayne County Road Employees Association

The Wayne County Road Employees Association is having their annual Retirement Banquet. We have had many requests to have it at lunch time rather than in the evening, so we are trying this year!

Date: Wednesday, May 8, 2013 —12:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Place: American Legion Post #32 Hall

9318 Newburg Road

Livonia, MI 48150

Cost: \$26.00

Please contact Jean Like at 586-268-4954 or Margaret Zimmerman (CMY) at 734-955-2363

Messenger Articles

If you have any information you would like to include in "The Messenger", it must be submitted in writing and received in our office no later than August 1, 2013 to be printed in the September 2013 issue.

Federal Taxes 2013

Retirees are encouraged to review their federal income tax withholding every year; individuals and couples with multiple incomes, people who are having children, getting married, getting divorced, and those who typically wind up with a balance due or large refund at the end of the year may want to consider submitting a new W-4P Form. IRS Publication 919, *How Do I Adjust My Tax Withholding?*, provides information on making changes to federal income tax withholding. We have provided a W-4P below to request any tax changes, please complete and return to our office.

----- Separate here and give Form W-4P to the payer of your pension or annuity. Keep the top part for your records. -----

Form W-4P Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service		Withholding Certificate for Pension or Annuity Payments ▶ For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see page 4.		OMB No. 1545-0074 2013
Your first name and middle initial		Last name		Your social security number
Home address (number and street or rural route)				Claim or identification number (if any) of your pension or annuity contract
City or town, state, and ZIP code				
Complete the following applicable lines.				
1 Check here if you do not want any federal income tax withheld from your pension or annuity. (Do not complete line 2 or 3.) ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>				
2 Total number of allowances and marital status you are claiming for withholding from each periodic pension or annuity payment. (You also may designate an additional dollar amount on line 3.) ▶				
Marital status: <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Married, but withhold at higher Single rate. (Enter number of allowances.)				
3 Additional amount, if any, you want withheld from each pension or annuity payment. (Note. For periodic payments, you cannot enter an amount here without entering the number (including zero) of allowances on line 2.) ▶ \$				
Your signature ▶		Date ▶		
Cat. No. 10225T		Form W-4P (2013)		

Going Green

With so many retirees choosing to have their direct deposit statements sent to them through email, it has really generated a significant cost savings. We have 2,400 retirees who currently have their statements emailed to them which is saving the Retirement System \$1080.00 per month in postage alone, not to mention paper, envelopes, and labor.

If you have direct deposit and a statement is mailed to your home please consider having the information emailed directly to you. Just complete the form below and return it to our office.



Email Authorization Form	
I _____, authorize Wayne County Employees Retirement System to send my monthly direct deposit statement to me via this email address _____@_____.	
I understand that I will not receive a statement through the US mail. I can cancel this request any-time	
Retirement Number: _____	

Directors Report *(continued from page 1)*

The Court of Appeals stuck down part of the 2010 ordinance (§§ 141-32 and 141-36) by the Wayne County Board of Commissioners. The Court ruled that Wayne County must return the \$32 Million they took from the Inflation Equity Fund. The Court also ruled that the new limitations placed on the Inflation Equity Fund of \$12 Million at any one time and a distribution of no more than \$5 Million in any year as legal. The Court of Appeals also agreed with the Circuit Court dismissing the County's fiduciary duty claims against the Retirement Commission.

Neither party was awarded legal fees.

The next step will be determined if the County decides to appeal further.

Wayne County 457 Deferred Compensation Program Updates:

In order to ensure that the Wayne County 457 Deferred Compensation Program remains compliant, the Retirement Commission conducted a thorough review of our program focusing on industry best-practices, including plan compliance, fiduciary oversight, plan and participant services, and plan investment offerings. The review concluded that in order to provide better plan services and greater fiduciary oversight, the assets held at providers terminated in 2010 (Great-West Retirement Services and Nationwide Retirement Solutions) should be transferred to active providers.

The Retirement Commission approved the transfer and it is scheduled to take place on May 31, 2013. All effected participants were notified in writing during the month April. In order to facilitate the transfer, the 457 deferred compensation plans began a blackout period at 4 pm EST on May 22, 2013, that ends on June 14, 2013. Reminder, during the blackout period, Great-West Retirement Services, Nationwide Retirement Solutions and Hartford participants will not be able to make financial transactions. You will, however, be able to view your accounts online. AXA, ING, Midland, and PenServ clients are unaffected by the blackout period*.

Additional transfer information is available on the WCERS website at www.wcers.org. You may also contact any of our providers to learn more about their offerings.

Active Providers	Telephone
AXA Advisors & PenServ	1-(800)-628-6673
Midland	1-(866)-561-1181
ING Life Insurance and Annuity Company	1-(248)-568-5331
The Hartford	1-(734)-421-2212

If you are not currently utilizing direct deposit, I would encourage you to give it a try it is safe, fast, and reliable. For your convenience we have include a form in the messenger.

Have a safe and happy summer.

Robert Grden

Someone's sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago. ~ Warren Buffett

Article of Interest Regarding Airport History— Submitted by John Boweyer

Location of the new Wayne County Airport to be announced in June



Actually the location was already announced **83 years ago!** As commercial aviation continued to “take off” in the late 1920’s, Wayne County government saw the need to establish an airport accessible for all residents. During a Wayne County Board of Supervisors meeting in 1928, a resolution was adopted that established an Aviation Committee. The committee consisted of local political and business leaders including the Chairman, C. Howard Murphy and members William H. Maybury, Fred W. Castator, Clarence L. Parker, Captain John Stevenson and Detroit Councilman Phillip A. Callahan. This committee was charged with researching and recommending a site on which to develop an airport for Wayne County.

The St. Louis, Missouri airport engineering firm of B. Russell Shaw was contracted to review over 100 potential sites for the new Wayne County Airport. You might think this was a difficult and time consuming task but remember this work was to determine the site of an **Airport**. So what better way to accomplish the task than to look at the sites from the air? Horace E. Dodge of the Dodge brother’s auto company was kind enough to loan the committee his private airplane to do just that. Soon Shaw had the number of sites whittled down to his top 15. He used several criteria to reach his recommendation including the cost, proximity to rail service and the requirement that the airport site be no further than 15 miles from downtown Detroit.

The committee discussed Shaw’s list, especially two of the sites. The first site was near the intersection of Pennsylvania and Allen Roads with a price tag of \$1,700,000. Another site of interest to the Committee was near the intersection of Ford and Inkster Roads at a cost of \$2,000,000. However the Committee decided to go outside the list developed by Shaw for their number one site and selected the southwest corner of Middlebelt and Wick Roads. Shaw knew of the Middlebelt Road site but had disqualified it since it exceeded the 15 mile criteria. So at the bargain price of \$1,300 per acre, 1 square mile of Romulus Township farmland was available for just under \$900,000.

The committee made their recommendation to the Wayne County Board of Supervisors and the rest is as the saying goes history. For the last 83 years the Middlebelt and Wick Roads site has been built, expanded, renovated, painted, mowed, lighted, paved and developed into what is now known as Metro Airport.

A book was recently published titled “Images in Aviation: Detroit Metro Airport” by Daniel Mason, Wayne County Airport Authority Historian. Daniel can be contacted at historian@wcaa.us or 734-925-2498.



Can you identify any of the Airport employees from this photo? If so please contact us and let us know. We will include an update in the next issue of the Newsletter



Congratulations Unsung Hero Lorenzo Moner



Vernell Moner (wife), Lorenzo, Novella Nelson (Mother in Law) and Lorenzo Moner III

New Retirees

First Name	MI	Last Name	Department	Retirement Date
Jimmie	L.	Allen	WCS	12/1/2012
Romeo	P.	Arcilla	Co. Clk.	12/1/2012
Eric	O.	Berg	WCS	2/1/2013
Reginald		Black	Co. Clk	4/1/2013
Margaret		Brown	HHS	1/1/2013
Darnell	J.	Browning	Treas.	12/1/2012
Tommie	J.	Bryant	WCS	2/1/2013
James		Buford	Homeland Sec.	2/1/2013
Ronald	C.	Cadez	WCS	2/1/2013
Clara	L.	Carter-Steele	WCS	1/1/2013
Christopher	C.	Ceane	WCS	12/1/2012
Aaron	M.	Cohen	WCS	1/1/2013
William	D.	Cooper	DPS	12/1/2012
Evelyn	K.	Cooper	Rec. Ct.	2/1/2013
Shirley		Dale	Sheriff	2/1/2013
David	A.	Davis	JDF	3/1/2013
Lavada	J.	Dean	HHS	1/1/2013
Kathy	L.	Duerson-Love	WCS	12/1/2012
Douglas	P.	Dwyer	Pros Atty.	1/1/2013
Joann	K.	Dyas	DPS	1/1/2013
Joseph	S.	Eaton	DPS	3/1/2013
Prentis		Edwards	Cir. Ct.	1/1/2013
Constance	L.	Fox	DPS	1/1/2013
Christopher		George	WCS	3/1/2013
Ronald	J.	Henderson	WCS	2/1/2013
Joseph	D.	Howard	Vet. Afrs.	3/1/2013
Timothy	S.	Howell	WCS	2/1/2013
Pamela	L.	Hyde	HHS	1/1/2013
Thomas	E.	Jackson	Cir. Ct.	1/1/2013
Nadine		Jasper	WCS	3/1/2013
Patricia	A.	Johnson	HHS	1/1/2013
Leslie		Johnson	Sheriff	2/1/2013
Ara	C.	Kachadoorian	DPS	1/1/2013
Randolph	C.	Knell	WCS	12/1/2012
Christopher	J.	Kochan	WCS	12/1/2012
Robert	J.	Kochan	DPS	12/1/2012
Michael	A.	Lambly	DOE	1/1/2013
William	J.	Liczbinski	WCS	1/1/2013
Jackie	B.	Loving	WCS	2/1/2013
Alana		Mack	Sheriff	2/1/2013
James	M.	Mantay	DPS	3/1/2013
Olympia	S.	Montgomery	HHS	1/1/2013
Brenda	Y.	Moore	Co. Clk.	1/1/2013

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First Name	MI	Last Name	Department	Retirement Date
Denise		Murphy	HHS	12/1/2012
Carol	A.	Noeyack	WCS	2/1/2013
James	A.	Oubeck	DPS	12/1/2012
Bernard	F.	Parker	WC Comm	1/1/2013
William	E.	Pinkerton	DPS	12/1/2012
Rodney		Plant	DPS	3/1/2013
Ronald	E.	Plesco	HHS	1/1/2013
Earskin	T.	Presley	WCS	12/1/2012
Cameron		Priebe	DPS	8/1/2012
Gerald	G.	Roberts	WCS	12/1/2012
Rommel	N.	Saleh	WCS	2/1/2013
Michael	F.	Sapala	Cir. Ct.	1/1/2013
Ryszarda	H.	Schafer	DPS	1/1/2013
Mary	E.	Smith	Treas.	12/1/2012
Gary	D.	Stone	DPS	12/1/2012
Nicholas	B.	Tocco	WCS	12/1/2012
Larry	G.	Vandenberg	WCS	1/1/2013
Elizabeth	J.	Walker	Pros. Atty.	12/1/2012
Gale		Ward	Treas.	2/1/2013
Jeanette		Williams	WCS	3/1/2013
Drucilla	C.	Wilson	JDF	1/1/2013
Terry	D.	Yackley	WCS	12/1/2012
Todd	P.	Ye	WCS	12/1/2012
Lewis	L.	Yokom	WCS	12/1/2012
Carole		Youngblood	Cir. Ct.	1/1/2013
Gerard	L.	Zecman	DPS	12/1/2012
Mark	G.	Zuke	WCS	2/1/2013

Birthday and Anniversary Announcements

Tom and Peggy Komray
43rd Anniversary
August 8th, 1970

George and Sharen Lee Uram
50th Anniversary
June 1st, 2013
Wyandotte Wastewater Treatment
Plant & Roads

Shirley McDonald
Happy Birthday
Age 95
Retired 1980 from Friend of the Court



Obituaries

First Name	Last Name	Department	Date of Death
Jamey	Abney	W.C. Sheriff	1/2/2013
Mary	Anderson	Prosecutors Office	1/11/2013
Thelma	Andras	D.P.S.	1/1/2013
Chester	Bartoszek	W.C. Roads	1/28/2013
Richard	Behler	Civil Service	12/8/2012
Edward	Betke	W.C.R.C.	2/16/2013
Hazel	Bland	Juvenile Court	3/5/2013
Norman	Blohm	Risk Management	12/6/2012
James	Bommarito	W.C. Sheriff	12/13/2012
Leola	Burton	W.C.G.H.	1/30/2013
Jessie	Calhoun	Drain Commissioner	1/13/2013
Juanita	Carew	Treasurer's Office	1/21/2013
Arthur	Carter, III	Children & Family Services	2/1/2013
Mary	Charette	W.C.G.H.	1/3/2013
Gloria	Cook	Buildings Department	2/13/2013
Phyllis	Craig	W.C. Library	10/22/2012
Juliette	Crawford	W.C. Sheriff	12/15/2012
Kay	Daley	W.C. Sheriff	12/6/2012
James	Doletzky	W.C. Roads	1/25/2013
Laura	Dolorenzo	Circuit Court	1/11/2013
Ruben	Donald	W.C.G.H.	2/20/2013
Richard	Dumontier	W.C. Roads	1/11/2013
Lenora	Eberhardt	W.C.G.H.	1/11/2013
Andrew	Gojkov	DPS-Roads	12/15/2012
Louis	Gutter	Prosecutor's Office	2/12/2013
Ellen	Hamblen	Clerk's Office	2/19/2013
Herman	Hawkins	Prosecutor's Office	1/25/2013
John	Heenan	W.C. Auditors	11/30/2012
Robert	Howell	W.C. Roads	1/5/2013
Margaret	Hunter	Common Pleas Court	2/1/2013
Raymond	Jackson	W.C.R.C.	2/28/2013
Helen	Jenuwine	W.C. Auditors	1/6/2013
Gwendolyn	Johnson	Probate Court	12/19/2012
Sylvia	Kay	Common Pleas Court	1/24/2013
Thelma	Kelley	Treasurer's Office	1/15/2013
E. Patricia	Kice	W.C.G.H.	2/9/2013
Robert	Knipp	W.C.G.H.	2/19/2013
Lorayne	Koran	Treasurer's Office	1/2/2013
William	Kreger	W.C. Roads	1/4/2013
Edna	Kreger	W.C. Roads	1/5/2013
Robert	Kring	Personnel	1/19/2013
Edward	Kukla	Common Pleas Court	3/2/2013
Edgar	Lilly	W.C.G.H.	12/9/2012

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First Name	Last Name	Department	Date of Death
Gerald	Lunden	W. C. Sheriff	1/30/2013
Hussein	Makled	W.C.R.C.	3/6/2013
Mary Ann	Mastoras	D.O.E.	12/19/2012
John	McDuffie	Airport Authority	12/7/2012
William	McGrath	W.C. Roads	12/19/2012
Edward	McGrath	D.P.S.	1/3/2013
James	Mears	W.C.G.H.	12/23/2012
Frieda	Mickels	W.C. Sheriff	3/10/2013
Jeanette	Nicol	W.C. Auditors	12/23/2012
Darlene	O'Brien	Circuit Court	11/17/2012
Sylvia	Overstreet	W.C.H.D.	2/3/2013
Tyrone	Patterson	Airport Authority	2/8/2013
Harriet	Pesek	W.C. Library	2/7/2013
Walter	Poliski	Common Pleas Court	2/7/2013
Joyce	Sage	Pros. Attorney	1/20/2013
Leila	Sanderson	W.C.G.H.	1/18/2013
Agnes	Saylor	Register of Deeds	2/23/2013
Richard	Schultz	W.C.G.H.	1/17/2013
Michael	Sheldon	W.C. Sheriff/Executive	2/15/2013
Thomas	Shoens	W.C.R.C.	2/17/2013
Charles	Simpson	W.C.R.C.	2/22/2013
Mildred	Stewart	W.C.G.H.	12/6/2012
Michael	Varga	D.P.S.	1/11/2013
Janina	Warthman	W.C. Health Dpt.	1/25/2013
Ronald	Wilhelm	D.P.S.	12/31/2012
Ruth	Will	Mental Health	1/10/2013
Lois	Wood	Budget & Finance	12/30/2012
Lawrence	Wyka	W.C. Treasurer	1/8/2013
Mae	Zannetti	W.C.G.H.	1/29/2013
Eugene	Ziomek	DPS-Roads	12/5/2012

In memory of Fernando Daniels Jr.

Passed away May 01,2012

Spouse of Lois J Daniels

WCGH/WCS



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