



RETIREES' NEWSLETTER

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The Retirement Ceremony

(Article Submitted by Sue Kane, St. Louis County Benefits Manager)

The first ceremony was held on April 11, 2002. Twenty-five retirees and their guests, along with representatives from the retirees' former departments attended. A second ceremony was held later that year on September 12, 2002. The ceremony was held semi-annually through 2004. Since 2005, it has become an annual event.

The County did not design the retirees' pin. We compared pins that were available from different vendors and selected one that we thought looked nice and was within our budget. We were able to add the County logo to the pin.

The basic format has remained the same. Kirk McCarley, the Personnel Director and Retirement Plans Administrator, has served as the MC providing some background information on each retiree in attendance. The County Executive has attended to offer his congratulations, thanks for the retirees' years of service, and assisted in handing out pins and certificates to each retiree present. After the ceremony, the retirees and their guests enjoy refreshments and conversation outside the County Council Chambers in Clayton. The 2012 ceremony will be held this fall.



Photo Gallery



St. Louis County Police Retirees' Annual Family Picnic
May 19, 2012 at Brookdale Farm in Eureka, MO



Samuel K. Buchanon Educational Assistance Fund
June 12, 2012 Scholarship Award Ceremony
Back: Sarah Johnson, Otis C. Howell, Jr.,
George Holmes
Front: Beatriz Parks, Tara Langan



St. Louis County Civilian Retirees' Association Annual Picnic
June 4, 2012 Vago Park, Maryland Heights, MO

St. Louis County Civilian Retirees' Association Program July 9, 2012
"County Parks History" by Esley Hamilton, County Historian



Esley Hamilton and
Bob Shoults



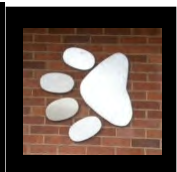
Esley Hamilton and
Joan Koester



Priscilla Stiles by Lobby
Dog House



Dr Stephanie Nelson, DVM, and father, Jim Nelson ,
during St. Louis County Civilian Retirees'
Association Tour August 6, 2012 of County's
New DOH Animal Control and Care Facility
in Olivette, MO



*Celebrating Life
After Work*

STLCCRA
ST LOUIS COUNTY
CIVILIAN RETIREES
ASSOCIATION

(A non-profit organization
incorporated 1/30/2006
Charter #N00713612)

MISSION: "To promote the well being,
enhance the quality of life & encourage the full
potential of St. Louis County retirees by
promoting socialization while supplying
helpful information on issues & matters
important to civilian retirees

2012 PROGRAMS, TOURS, & MEETINGS

Monday, September 10 at 10:00 a.m.*

TOUR: Wings of Hope

Spirit St Louis Airport

18370 Wings of Hope Blvd., Chesterfield 63005
(Phone for Directions 636.537.1302)

Friday, September 28, 9:00-11:00 a.m.*

All Members' Planning Meeting for 2013

East Room, HQ County Library

1640 S Lindbergh, 63131

Monday, October 1*

TOUR: Hermann, MO Winery

Chartered Bus ****Just a few seats left.****

Call 314.741.4071 by 9/1/12 to get a seat

\$5 Members/\$10 Non Members

Monday, November 5 at 9:30 a.m.*

Thornhill St. Louis County Branch

12863 Willowyck Dr, 63146

Q&A Session with Kirk McCarley,
Director of Personnel, St. Louis County
Meeting & Election of Officers to follow

Monday, December 3 at High Noon

Annual Holiday Party

Ameristar Casino Buffet Party Room

St. Charles, MO

Food, Fun, Fellowship, Gift Exchange

*Dutch-treat lunch in nearby restaurant

Your Guests Always Welcome

****For details &/or RSVPs.....

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Civilian Retirees' Association News



2012 Board

**Janet Beasley, V.P.; Angelian Washington,
Treas.; Marian McCreary, Pres.; Sue
Hendricks, Sec.; Rosemary Wilson,
Marketing Committee**

STLCCRA Tagline (Branding Statement)

Celebrating Life After Work

Visit www.stlccra.com for event updates.

**We continue to attend the Employee Benefits
Advisory Committee and Retirement Board
at their respective meetings throughout the
year.**

Police Retirees' Association News



2012 Board

**Eugene Westermeyer, V.P.; Jerry Hawkins,
Sec.; Debbie Arington, Treas.; John Denny
Robertson, Pres.**

Pictorial Directory Volunteers Still Needed



**St. Louis County Police Retirees
Association Incorporated
(A non-profit organization
incorporated 5/9/1996
Charter #N00054375)**

"Strength thru Unity"

MISSION:

*"To review & promote the improvement of
existing retiree benefits including but not
limited to financial remuneration, health and
welfare, death benefits, along with surviving
spouse or guardian benefits*

*"To promote & strengthen the mutual
comradeship & friendship established by
many years of service together in the St.
Louis County Department of Police*

*"To visit sick members & to aid & assist
members*

*"To offer condolences to the family of a
deceased member*

*"To offer & provide any assistance possible
to the St. Louis County Department of
Police that is within our capabilities*

*"To provide guidance and assistance to the
widows/family members of our deceased"*

2012 PROGRAMS & MEETINGS

Saturday, September 15 at Noon

FALL PICNIC:

Stovall's Grove-Rockhorse Saloon
18720 Stovall Lane, Wildwood 63069

Free to members & their families

RSVP needed by Sept 8 636.391.8423

Thursday, October 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Police HQ Board Room, Clayton
Business Meeting

Thursday, December 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Police HQ Board Room, Clayton
Business Meeting

****For details &/or RSVP.....

Association Information:

c/o President, John D. Robertson

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"In Their Own Words: Let me tell you about my trip..."

Janet Beasley (Highways & Traffic):

"A GIRLS' TRIP TO BRANSON

"Five of us went to Silver Dollar City, MO, for a fun day on a hot day. One ride we decided on was a water ride where you shot at targets with a high powered water gun. Little did we realize that we were going to be the targets as well as everyone else on the boats in the ride. Also, people on shore had water hoses which they also shot at us. Needless to say, we got soaked. We laughed and laughed and just had a great time as the warm sun dried us. Actually, having a great time like this is what makes for great memories. It only goes to reinforce my belief that as we age we should never lose the little girl or little boy in each of us because being able to stay in touch with our inner child allows us to experience the joy of having an unexpected good time and making a memory we can treasure forever." (Ferguson Recreation Department offers a variety of area and out-of-town escorted tours like this one for Ferguson Residents as well as Non-Residents (at a slightly higher fee rate). Registration is accepted on first-come, first-serve basis. Call 314 521 4661 during business hours for "The Ferguson Traveler" brochure of upcoming tours.)

Tom Buescher (Highways & Traffic):

"My wife, Eileen, and I flew to Italy in April. We had 4 days in Rome, 3 in Florence, 1 in Venice, 1 in Assisi, and 1 in Naples. Rome was AWESOME! SO MUCH HISTORY! Besides seeing the Pope during his weekly public address we rubbed elbows with a ton of tourists. Traffic in Rome was hectic and fast. We had great hotels and good food."

Jane Dippel (Justice Services):

"Route 66 has been a passion of mine since my first trip on it in 1991. Our 2010 family trip was to tour Illinois on Route 66. There was a great group of Route 66 first timers... We were to meet at the Allenton Hotel in Chicago August 10 and then go to the Navy Pier. Always lagging on Route 66, I didn't make the pier....The next day we were up early and visited places like the Field Museum, Art institute, and Shedd Aquarium....The next day everyone had instructions for navigating Route 66 out of Chicago to the White Fence Farm....From there we hit the road for Joliet and the Route 66 Welcome Center...The exhibits were interesting and informative....Lunch time found us at the Launching Pad Drive-In at Wilmington...food was good and we took many pictures of the Gemini Giant...Dessert was next...at the Polk-a-Dot Drive-in in Braidwood. The young folks got sugar overload, so we put them in the two-call jail in Gardner to calm them down....(More stops along the way to St Louis--Ask Jane about them.) We all enjoyed the trip very much and learned a lot about Route 66 in Illinois...enjoyed all of the stops and were treated royally by those we met. We all got our kicks on Route 66!"

Mary Dolan (Administration)

"Okinawa, Japan isn't on my bucket list. Barcelona, Spain isn't on my bucket list. Since I retired from St. Louis County in 2003, I've been chasing my children around the world. In 2004 my son-in-law was assigned to the U.S. Marine base in Okinawa. In the spring of 2005, my granddaughter Katherine was born in a military hospital on the island. I flew 7,324 miles to meet her.... For several years, two daughters lived and worked in Barcelona, Spain.... In 2008, my daughter Sara was flush with frequent flier miles from business travel. She invited me to meet her in Paris. She didn't have to ask twice. I fell in love with Paris as we walked the city and spent several days at the Louvre. In the spring of 2013, I will be visiting my daughter and her husband stationed in T'bilisi, Georgia (country south of Russia)."

Lynn Feltmann (Health):

"We have traveled with U.S. Bank for years. Their program is called "Silver Elite". It requires a deposit in any account in the bank. They travel locally on day trips, in the USA on multi-day or week trips. They also have cruises every winter. So you must be a bank customer to join. The brochure is in the bank lobby.

(U.S. Bank Silver Elite offers first-class and deluxe overnight tours that include transportation, hotel, sightseeing, many meals, tour insurance, baggage handling, tour guide and more. Call 636 349 9800 or 1 800 468 9246 during business hours to request "The Messenger" brochure listing upcoming tours.)

We also have traveled with Mid-American Coaches. It is a Washington, MO company. Open to anyone. Free brochures. Call 1-866-944-8687.

"Both of the above offer very good pricing and excellent tour guides. All tips and admissions included up front. Most cover 2 meals a day. Once you get to the pick up point they handle the luggage. It is delivered to your room at the hotels and picked up from there when time to check out. The hotels have been very good."

Andy Minardi (County Counselor):

"No sailing trips. In April, we went to Sanibel, Island, the Everglades, Key West and Port St. Joe in Florida before heading home. In June, we went to Denver to see my son. We went to Estes Park, the top of Rocky Mountain National Park, and the Garden of the Gods in Colorado Springs only weeks before the horrible fires. (POSTSCRIPT: "It was really amazing to see Colorado Springs on fire on TV just weeks after we had been there visiting the Garden of the Gods.") From Denver we went to Taos and Albuquerque, NM. We don't have our next trip planned but I am sure my wife, Jan, is thinking."

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RETIREES' DEATHS (May, June, July)

Carolyn DeClue	5/1/2012	Health Department
Gaetano Miano	5/5/2012	Highways & Traffic
Stuart Critz	5/10/2012	Revenue
John Neubauer	5/10/2012	Highways & Traffic
Virginia Killoren	5/10/2012	Prosecuting Attorney
Joe Cole	5/13/2012	Public Works
John Griffin	5/20/2012	Public Works
Victoria Bear	5/20/2012	Health Department
Norma M. Schoenbeck	5/22/2012	Revenue
Edward T. Dupuis	5/22/2012	Police
Edward M. Moreland	5/27/2012	Justice
Sara Fleener	6/1/2012	Health Department
Dolores Alvino	6/9/2012	Health Department
Joseph P. Stempel	6/26/2012	Parks & Recreation
Howard Harman	6/29/2012	Justice Services
Marie Treiber	7/8/2012	Highways & Traffic
Mary F. Reel	7/11/2012	Health Department
Odis Dixson	7/24/2012	Highways & Traffic
Marian L. Pacino	7/24/2012	Human Services
Dorothy Miller	7/28/2012	Human Services
Emmett Frisbee	7/30/2012	Parks & Recreation

Extra Help" with Drug Costs

Submitted by Delores Clayton (Retiree-Parks)
& Certified Volunteer MO CLAIM Counselor

Many people with limited income and resources will be eligible for "extra help" paying for prescription drugs. Extra help is sometimes referred to as "low-income subsidy." People with the lowest income and resources will not pay premiums or deductibles and have small or no co-payments. Those with slightly higher incomes will have reduced deductible and pay a little more out of pocket.

There is no coverage gap for people who qualify for the extra help.

To determine if you are eligible for "extra help" with your drug costs contact one of the following:

www.socialsecurity.gov

Call 1-800-772-1213 and ask for "Application for Help"

With Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs
Call us (CLAIM) at 1-800-390-3330

Quotes



"The two most important days in your life: the day your were born and the day you find out why."

Mark Twain

"I may be changed by what happens to me but I refuse to be reduced by it." Maya Angelou

Death Notice Correction

Barbara Johnson 4/2/12

Retired from Family Court

(originally listed May, 2012 newsletter as Human Services)

Health Savings Account for Retirees
Not on Medicare

County retirees who are not on Medicare may open a Health Savings Account if they are enrolled in the County's Health Savings Plan.

Information on this option was included in the Retiree Benefits Guide last year and will be included again in the County's Retiree Benefits Guide that will be sent out in August, 2012.

Ask the
next County
retiree you see if they
are reading this quarterly
newsletter.

If the answer is no, have them call
Reporter Rosemary for a
copy of the latest edition.
Ph: 314.997.3474



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COUNTY RETIREES

MAY 2012 RETIREES

Boyer, Kenneth V.	Sheriff's Office	17 years 2 months
Conlon, William L., Jr.	Highways & Traffic	18 years 1 month
Dickey, Donald L.	Public Works	31 years 6 months
Gerber, Robert G.	Public Works	14 years 3 months
Leahy, Gary M.	Highways & Traffic	16 years 11 months
Monteleone, Marion R.	Police Department	37 years 5 months
Mraz, Roy E.	Highways & Traffic	34 years 0 months
Pirtle, Lawrence E.	Highways & Traffic	33 years 4 months
Swanick, Lindsey L.	Parks & Recreation	32 years 2 months
Tabek, Jerry	Justice Services	35 years 9 months

JUNE 2012 RETIREES

Harris, Patric J.	Public Works	12 years 4 months
Mudd II, George R.	Public Works	32 years 1 month
Nibberich, Janet L.	Police Department	14 years 6 months
Rollins, Ruth A.	Administration	31 years 11 months
Tayloe, Charles	Highways & Traffic	40 years 0 months
Weber, Mary B.	Revenue	31 years 3 months
Woodland, Dennis E.	Police Department	37 years 8 months

JULY 2012 RETIREES

Bailey, Michael	Parks & Recreation	34 years 8 months
Bieg, Sr., Anthony S.	Public Works	7 years 1 month
Coleman, Eugene	Administration	11 years 6 months
Dobbins, Annie M.	Public Works	25 years 11 months
Lee, Betty A.	Health Department	52 years 5 months
Sciuto, Donna M.	Health Department	15 years 1 month

IMPORTANT MEDICARE CARD SAFETY TIP !

Safer alternative re identify theft to always carrying Medicare card in your wallet:
Make a photocopy of your Medicare card and then black out or cut out the last four digits of your social security number on the copy before putting it in your wallet. Put the original Medicare card in a home safe or safety deposit box till actually needed.