



**State Employees' Retirement System**

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## RC REGIONAL MEETINGS

The annual retirement coordinator meetings have tentatively been scheduled for the following dates:

- December 8** Starved Rock, Utica
- December 8** SRS, Springfield
- December 9** Bilandic Building  
N505, Chicago
- December 9** SRS, Springfield
- December 10** IDOT #8, Collinsville
- December 11** Ramada South, Joliet
- December 11** SRS, Springfield
- December 12** Seasons on the Green  
Rend Lake

These messages will run from 9 a.m. until noon. We plan to send out registration information in mid-November.

We have asked some of our more experienced RCs who have several years on the job to share their knowledge and insight with the relatively new RCs. If you are interested in participating in a panel discussions at the regional meeting in your area, please contact Vickie Haas at 217-785-6979.

If you have a topic you would like discussed at the Regional Meetings, contact Vickie at the phone number above or email her at [vhaas@srs.state.il.us](mailto:vhaas@srs.state.il.us).

## WE NEED YOUR HELP

When we mailed the Benefit Statement to our active members in August, "Return Service Requested" was printed on the envelope in order to comply with U.S. Postal requirements. This instructs the Post Office to return the statements to us if the mailing address is incorrect, rather than forwarding it to the member.

This allows us to find all inaccurate mailing addresses on our database. Last year we had about 4,000 SERS members with an inaccurate mailing address!

We get our mailing address information from the Office of the Comptroller, using the member's most recent W-4 tax form. This same mailing address is also used on the member's pay stub or Direct Deposit slip.

We are asking for your help in distributing the Benefit Statements with inaccurate addresses. In mid-October, we will send the unopened, returned statements to our RCs. Please distribute the statements and encourage your employees to fill out a new W-4 tax form with your agency's Payroll Clerk.

This allows the Comptroller's office and SERS to maintain a current, up-to-date mailing list for any information we send to members in the future.

## WORKSHOP INFO

There are only a few 2003 workshops with openings left. The 2004 schedule only has a few workshops closed.

RCs, please encourage newer employees to attend a Benefit Seminar and the Investing in Your Future workshop.

Also remind them that they can buy their six-month qualifying time interest-free in the six months after they complete the qualifying period.

*The fall legislative veto session will be November 18-20. If any legislation passes that affects SERS, we will report on it in a December Field Report.*