

THE MESSENGER



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Well, Michigan weather is certainly "Michigan" weather! It changes from week to week from teasingly warm to cold and rainy back to balmy and breezy. It also looks like May showers might be bringing June flowers, if it warms up enough! I guess you shouldn't live in Michigan if you can't stand constant change.

In my last issue I talked about the Red Wings and Pistons coasting along but usually running into speed bumps when they entered the playoffs. Well, it looks like both the Red Wings and Pistons are taking care of business this year. Let's hope they both go all the way! Now the Tigers are another story. I said that on paper, they looked like the team to beat and it looks like all the other teams took my statement to heart because they're all beating us!! We just can't generate any consist offense and our starting and relief pitching have just not been consistent. Fortunately for the Tigers, the rest of the teams in our division are struggling too, so in spite of all our losses, we're still within striking distance of first place. Now on to the business at hand....

Julie Goodman has returned home and has almost completed her rehabilitation program. Her neck brace has been removed and she is starting to get around a lot better. She was at our last Retirement Board meeting held on Monday, April 28, 2008. She looks good and is in good spirits. She wants to thank everyone who called, dropped her a card and/or stopped by to see her during her recuperation. It really helped lift her spirits to know so many people cared. Thanks to everyone for supporting Julie during her recovery.

In regards to the lawsuit filed by AFSCME on behalf of the retirees regarding the Supplemental Life Insurance premiums, the Court has narrowed down the list of covered members of the Class. The County has asked the Judge to also narrow the list of members covered by the Temporary Restraining Order. If the Judge narrows the group of covered individuals, the County will have to decide what it wants to do to those retirees who are no longer covered by the TRO. They have not given us any indication of what they what to do at this point and are waiting to see what the Judge does.

The County has additional active employee collective bargaining agreements ratified by the employees and it includes higher health insurance co-pays and a monthly premium. The County has still not taken a position on what changes, if any, it might try to pass on to the retirees. We have asked that if any increases are contemplated, that the County "grandfather in" older retirees who are least able to afford any additional reductions in their monthly pension benefits. We don't know what the County will do at this time but understand they are looking at all their options. We will keep you informed if we hear of any major changes from the status quo.

Office Directory

Due to changes within the office, if you have questions or need assistance in regard to: Optical Reimbursement, Reporting the Death of a Member, please dial (313) 224-5890 and your call will be directed to the appropriate person. For other matters, see the listing below for the appropriate contact number.

Beneficiary Changes	(313) 224-5572
Direct Deposit	(313) 224-7124
Health Insurance	(313) 224-7721
Life Insurance	(313) 224-5572
Lost Checks	(313) 224-2774
Messenger	(313) 224-2821
Payroll	(313) 224-2354 or (313) 224-2774
Other	(313) 224-5890

*****OUR TOLL FREE # IS: 1 – 888 – 600 – 6033**

***** NOTE: PLEASE DO NOT CALL REGARDING ADDRESS CHANGES. MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING ONLY !**

If you have any information you would like to include in “The Messenger”, it must be submitted in writing and received in the retirement office by FRIDAY, AUGUST 01, 2008 to:

**The Wayne County Messenger
28 W. Adams Suite #1900
Detroit, MI 48226**

**The next “Messenger” will be the
“September” issue.**

**The Wayne County Retirement
Office will be closed:**

**Monday, July 4th (Fourth of July)
Monday, Sept 1st (Labor Day)
Friday, Sept 12th (Training)**



Check Dates

The following are the dates of your retirement checks for the rest of the 2008 year:

JULY 1, 2008
AUGUST 1, 2008
AUGUST 29, 2008 (September Check)
SEPTEMBER 30, 2008 (October Check)
OCTOBER 31, 2008 (November Check)
DECEMBER 1, 2008

WCGH 24th HOLIDAY REUNION

Mark your calendars for the 24th WCGH Holiday Reunion on Tuesday, December 2, 2008! It will be held at the Golden Corral Buffet on Warren Ave. in Westland from 5 pm to 9 pm.

ELOISE BOOKS AND NOTECARDS

Two books (*Eloise and Detroit's Hospitals, Healers And Helpers*) containing photos of Eloise, both Published by Arcadia, are available in local bookstores, on-line at www.amazon.com and www.bn.com and at the Eloise Museum. 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 Eloise book is now in a 7th printing. The hospital book is in a 2nd printing.

Assorted note cards with attractive old photos of Eloise are also available through Friends of Eloise. Many are in color and could make a nice gift. They are being sold for \$2 each or 3 for \$5. For more information on the books or note cards contact Jo or Ernie Johnson at (734) 522-3918 or by e-mail at ewjohnson7@aol.com.

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Most of you have handled the transition of the retiree health care benefits to Personnel in the best possible way. We still get a few calls to our office regarding health care coverage/benefits but for the most part, you are calling the right office. Just a reminder, the toll free number to the Benefits Division is (877) 220-7721 and the local number is (313) 224-7721. Their address is 600 Randolph Street, Suite 107, Detroit, MI 48226 and the Director is Ms. Livia Calderoni. Rashonda Brooks still works there and if you remember she worked for us when we handled the retiree benefits. There are still some kinks to be worked out especially with the voice mail system but please bear with them; they are trying their best to streamline the process.

Just a reminder that our web site is available to both active and retired employees. You can get forms, copies of our actuarial valuations, meeting minutes etc for download to your computer or to just print out. The address is www.wcers.org and you can contact us through the e-mail link associated with the site. If you would like to see additional services or information provided on the site, let us know and we will review your requests and ideas.

Now for a little humor. This is old but still rings a bell of truth:

MENTAL HOSPITAL PHONE MENU

Hello and thank you for calling The State Mental Hospital

Please select from the following menu options:

If you are obsessive-compulsive, press 1 repeatedly.

If you are co-dependent, please ask someone to press 2 for you.

If you have multiple personalities, press 3, 4, 5 and 6.

If you are paranoid, we know who you are and what you want, stay on the line so we can trace your call.

If you are delusional, press 7 and your call will be forwarded to the Mother Ship.

If you are schizophrenic, listen carefully and a little voice will tell you which number to press.

If you are manic-depressive, it doesn't matter which number you press, nothing will make you happy anyway.

If you are dyslexic, press 9696969696969696.

If you are bipolar, please leave a message after the beep or before the beep or after the beep. Please wait for the beep.

If you have short-term memory loss, press 9. If you have short-term memory loss, press 9. If you have short-term memory loss, press 9.

If you have low self-esteem, please hang up: our operators are too busy to talk to you.

If you are menopausal, put the gun down, hang up, turn on the fan, lie down and cry. You won't be crazy forever.

If you are blond, don't press any buttons, you'll just mess it up.

Hopefully I haven't offended anyone or everyone and if so please accept my apologies. May the summer soon roll in and bring long warm summer days with cool tropical breezes (a guy can wish can't he?). The staff and I wish you a great summer and hope that you create new memories that you can look back on and fondly remember!

Ronald Yee, Director

CONGRATULATIONS ! NEW RETIREES

Helene Thornton-Crowley	HCS	Robert Pierce	WCS
Larry L. Simmons	DOT	Eddie Thomas	WCS
Elonda L. Davis	DPS	Howard Johnson	WCS
Sharon D. Pickens	WCS	Bruce Christnagel	WCS
Eric K. Soule	DOE	Kim M. Brown	WCS
Victoria Solis	Cir. Ct.	William Armstrong	CFS
Virginia A. Taylor	CFS	Eugene P. Miller	DPS
Erick J. Giovannini	WCS	Gary L. Luoma	DOE
Ralph Nicolai, Jr.	DPS	Hattie Kirk	HHS
Maudine Halliburton	DPS	Richard W. Beier	DPS
Kim Brown	WCS	Karen L. Henry	HHS
Brenda Miller-Harris	M&B	Debra A. Berthet	DOE
Dennis R. Anders	DPS	Peggy Jo Ray	Cir. Ct.
Michael Padrock	WCS	Gerald B. Tokarz	WCS
David McClorey	Pros. Atty.	Jimmie L. Byrd	DOT
Barry Tinsley	DPS	Behrooz Tahmasbi	DOE
Barbara Quart	Co. Clerk	Mackey Howell	DOE
Susan L. Johnson	WCS	James D. Kidwell	Treasurers
		Sharon Bommarito	WCS

George & Carolyn Renton
60 years & loving it...
October 18, 2007
Celebrating their Diamond Anniversary

Jack and Marilyn
Galante
45 Wonderful years!
September 14, 2008

Duane & Jean Burgess
Silver Anniversary
25 years
April 15, 1983
Sheriff Department

Lewis L. & Norma J. Solo
60 years & stronger every day...
July 1, 2008
Diamond Anniversary Celebration



HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO ALL WHO ARE CELEBRATING ONE !!!



Geraldine G. Jaworski
75 years
July 4, 2008
Wayne County Road Commission

Margaret Sue Mason
82 years
June 29, 2008
Wayne County General Hospital

Mildred (Luster) Stewart
82 years
June 6, 2008
Wayne County General Hospital

Chuck Kish
May 15
The big 6-0!
Happy Birthday, Chuck!!

Jean Tillman-Cylkowski
April 19, 2008
Wayne County General Hospital
Wayne County Health Department
Wayne County Treasurer

Yuvonne Hogan
60 years
April 1, 2008
Wayne County Clerk Office

WAYNE COUNTY SHERIFF RETIREES

The Wayne County Sheriff Retirees Club will be holding their annual dinner on Thursday, May 22, 2008 at 6:00 PM. The location will be the Hometown Buffet, 7838 Telegraph Road, Taylor (just south of Ecorse Road).

The dinner is free for member and a guest. If you are not a member and wish to join, contact wcsretirees@sbcglobal.net or call Local 502 Union Hall at (734) 421-5897. Membership is open to any retiree who has previously been a member of the Sheriff Department.

Donald L. Smith, President

NEW MEETING PLACE AND TIME FOR FRIENDS OF ELOISE

The Friends of Eloise meet monthly (except July, August and December) on the third Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Westland Historic Village on Wayne Road between Cherry Hill and Marquette. While doing your spring cleaning, if you run across any Eloise memorabilia, keep the Friends of Eloise in mind. We are especially looking for old patient and cemetery records.

WAYNE COUNTY ROAD EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

The Wayne County Road Employees Association is having their annual Retirement Banquet

Date: Wednesday, October 1, 2008
6:30 PM

Place: Robert H. Jones Knights of Columbus Hall
25160 W. Outer Drive
Lincoln Park, Michigan
Cost: Tickets \$25.00
Contact:

Jean Like 586-268-4954
Mike Krywy 586-772-2590
Margaret Zimmerman 734-955-2363 (CMY)
Sandy Bose 734-414-9716

WAYNE COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREES CLUB

P.O. Box 851237
Westland, MI 48185-6337

The officers and the members of the Wayne County Employees Retirees Club invite Wayne County Retirees, who are not yet members, to join them.

In June there will be a luncheon; no meetings in July and August. September and October meetings, the third Thursday at Kay Beard Building; and November luncheon and December meeting dates to be set.

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:

John Hubert, Membership Chairman
Wayne County Employees Retirees Club
P.O. Box 851237
Westland, MI 48185-6337
(734) 455-5317

WAYNE COUNTY RETIREE
SUB-CHAPTER 38

AFSCME Council 25 would like to invite all Wayne County Retirees to join the Retirement Sub-Chapter #38.

We are dedicated to carrying out the objective of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees' Retiree Organization.

The meetings are at 1:00 PM, the second Tuesday of the month to be held at the Wayne County Sheriff's Hall (SEIU #502 Hall), 34900 Plymouth, Livonia, MI 48130 (west of Wayne Road).

For further information contact:

Henry Lykes
600 W. Lafayette
Detroit, MI 48226
313-964-1711 xt 279

In Memory of... Roger Albert Olver

November 21, 1929 – September 9, 2007

In meeting Roger, you just knew you had met a nice guy! There was no pretense or airs, he was just himself. He believed in living a simple and good life. No looking back but lived each day as it came. Do your best, enjoy and don't complain. He believed if you can't say something nice, then don't say anything at all!

He was born in Garden City, Michigan and after graduating from the Dearborn High School he entered the Detroit Police Academy and thereafter became a Wayne County Deputy Sheriff. He raised his three children in a neighborhood of friends giving them good values to live by in the game of life. He raised a son who was blinded at birth and later cared for his wife dying of lung cancer. As always, he faced each day as it came and never asked, "Why me?"

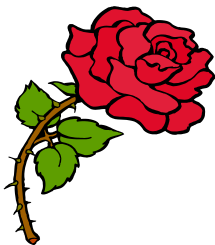
Retiring to Oscoda, Michigan, he met and married Vera E. Kennedy. After several years enjoying the wonderful outdoor life of woods and nature that he so loved, they left the cold Northland to live in The Villages of sunny Florida. It was there that lung cancer found him at the age of seventy-seven and within eight weeks, he sadly left us. In keeping with his wishes, there was no memorial service with internment in Michigan. He is survived by his wife, two children, two step-children, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A dear friend from their neighborhood described Roger in a very beautiful way; "I was sad and angry to hear you've been diagnosed with the big "C". You are one of the good guys, the ones who wear the white hats and nothing bad is supposed to happen to you. You're a good man; a 'Solid as a Rock' kind of man and a good friend. I have respected and admired you for your quiet strength, honesty, patience, loyalty, intelligence and your wonderful outlook on life."

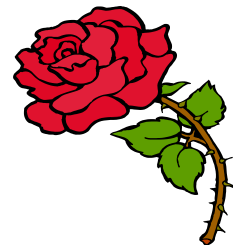
It has been said that you never really die, for you will always live on in the hearts of those who truly love you. Yes, Roger, you were a good husband, a good father and truly 'a white hat kind of guy'. You will be missed forever.

*Your loving wife,
Vera Olver*





IN MEMORY OF . . .
We, the staff of the Wayne County Employees'
Retirement System express our
Deepest sympathy to The Families of the following deceased members:



ERICKSON, PAUL
MORTKA, GENEVIEVE
MACRAE, EDWIN
WILLIAM, CATHLEEN
SMITH, HIRAM
ELDRED, GERALDINE
SMITH, RONALD K
MILLS, DOROTHY M
MCBRIEN, RALPH
RIDDLE, NATHANIEL * MAGGIE
BURTON, EVERETT
BIRCH, ELIZABETH
JACKSON, JULIUS * MAMIE
SHAW, MARION
GIBBS, MACK
VONKOSS, RUBY
HERRIN, RUTH
STOCKFISH , DONALD
SIVITER , ARTHUR
POLLINGER , ZELDA *** SOL
RILEY, JOSEPH
GORDON, DONALD
McCLANAHAN, SUSAN * PATRICK
FLETCHER, WILLIAM
DEISCH, ETOLA
MONTES, EUGENIA
PHILIPS, HENRY S *** AGNES
COLBERT, ARTHUR
PEPPIATT, GEORGE
MEYERS, DAVID H
STANIBLE, EVELYN
BALLARD, OLLIE
STEPHENS, DUDLEY
SOROKA-PARKHURST, GLADY
HEIDISCH, EUGENIA
CUTLER, ELI
NOBLE, MARIE M *** JAMES
KOWERDA, JOSEPHINE
WARD, KATHLEEN
PITRE, RUTH *** JOSEPH
COON, ROBERT

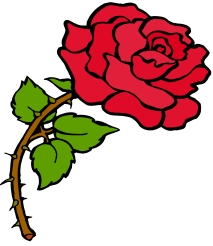
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CIR.CT FRIEND OF COURT
AUDITORS BLDG.
WCGH
WCGH
SHERIFF'S DEPT.
WCGH
ROADS
CIRCUIT CT.
WCGH
WCGH
PURCHASING
HEALTH DEPT.
DEFERRED
WCGH
WCGH
COMMON PLEAS COURT
ROADS
AUDITORS BLDG.
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DPS
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Bonnie Junk

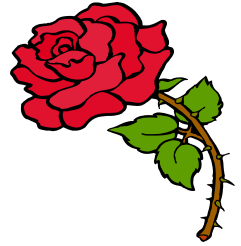
1/4/1923 – 3/30/2008

Bonnie Junk passed away on March 30, 2008 at the age of 85. Bonnie lived in Livonia, Michigan for over 50 years where she was employed by the Wayne County Health Department for ten years and the Livonia Observer for three years. She was preceded in death by grandson Ryan Bowers, Bonnie is survived by her husband of 65 years, Ray Junk; sons, David Junk, Gary (Darlene) Junk and Dale Junk; daughters, Karen (Dave) Rogge, Debbie (Steve) Ball and Pam (Rob) Bowers; 9 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. To honor Bonnie, memorial services were held in Tennessee and will be held later in the spring in Livonia. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718.

(*) Denotes Spouse of
(***) Also Deceased



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COTTEN, CHARLES F * RUTH	36TH DISTRICT COURT
PITRONE, JEAN * ANTHONY	WCGH
SPENCER, JANICE	COMMUNITY JUSTICE
JUNK, BONNIE	PRESCAD
EBLING, GEORGE	CHILD DEVELOPMENT
MCLEAN, MARY	COUNTY CLERK OFFICE
WALTER, ROBERT * SHIRLEY	INFO PROCESSING
KOST, LINDA	OPS
GEAR, MARY	CDC
WADE, ALBERT	FRIEND OF THE COURT
KARAPETIAN, HAIK	AIRPORT
BELHASSEN, ANN	WCGH
BOYLE, TERRANCE	CIRCUIT CT.
HOLT, VIORENE	HEALTH DEPT.
BIELAWSKI, MARGARET *** LEONARD	AUDITORS/PURCHASING
CHEPEKA, NICHOLAS	WCGH
HASTINGS, IRENE	WCGH
SULLIVAN, ANN	COMMON PLEAS COURT
MCLIN, WILLIAM	HEALTH DEPT.
MELVIN, CLINTON *** MARJORIE	HCS. LIBRARY
BURCON, WALTER	ROADS
SCHIMELFENING, HELEN *** CLEMENT	CIRCUIT CT.
ANDERSON, GLADY	FRIEND OF THE COURT
HOTVEDT, OLAF	WCGH
MATEVICH, PATRICIA	AIRPORT
GLEIBERMAN, ELI	DEFERRED
MILLER, HAROLD	ROADS
BRITTAIN, BETTY * BILLY	WCGH
WATSON, DANUTA * WALTER	SHERIFF'S DEPT.
JAWORSKI, WANDA	LIBRARY
BECKLEY, ROBERT	ROADS
MURRAY, GRACE	HEALTH DEPT.
MORAN, CHARLES	ROADS
SKORINA, GEORGE *** ELIZABETH	HEALTH DEPT.
HILL, ARTHUR	DPW
JAMROZ, LILLIAN *** HENRY	DEFERRED
CHAFFEE, ROBERT	OPS BLDG DIV.
BREMENOUR, FRANK	SHERIFF'S DEPT.
MOORE, MALLIE ***	ROADS
ZUHORSKI, IMELDA * ROBERT	COUNTY CLERK OFFICE
SAWKA, ADELA *** MICHAEL	ROADS

Theresa Washington

5/18/1921 – 1/15/2008

Theresa Washington passed away on January 15, 2008 at the age of 86 ½. She is survived by her loving husband Willie, her daughter and two grandsons. In addition to Theresa's work at WCGH-Eloise, she was very involved with helping her community and its citizens and served as President of the Romulus Housing Commission and Treasurer of the Wayne County Tax Increment Authority and the Economic Development Committee. To honor her contributions, the Mayor of Romulus and the City Council designated January 26, 2008 as Theresa Washington Day in the City of Romulus.

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HONOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY,
AND THOSE VETS WHO CAME BEFORE THEM !***

