



Special Notice from GARS

2014 Annual Benefit Statement

The Solon newsletter and the Annual Benefit Statement that are typically mailed to all active GARS members in August will be mailed in October this year. The Annual Benefit Statement has been completely redesigned to provide more concise information that is easier to understand. The redesigned statement for active members will include personal benefit information, such as credited service, contributions, retirement, disability and death benefits as of June 30, 2014. If you have questions about the new Benefit Statement, you can email us at gars@srs.illinois.gov

Retiree Insurance Premiums Decrease Effective September 1st

At the direction of the Department of Central Management Services (CMS), health insurance premiums will decrease to 1% of the annuity for retirees and survivors covered by Medicare and 2% of the annuity for retirees and survivors not covered by Medicare. This premium reduction will be effective with the September 19, 2014 benefit payments. GARS will continue to deduct premiums at the 1% and 2% rates pending the outcome of the Kanerva litigation.

Remaining 2014 One-on-One Counseling Sessions

The remaining one-on-one counseling sessions are listed below. If you would like to schedule an appointment with Jayne Waldeck during a visit to your city, contact the Court Administrator at that specific location or contact GARS at 217-782-8500.

September 26

Vermilion County Courthouse
Danville in the morning

Coles County Courthouse
Charleston in the afternoon

October 9

LaSalle County Courthouse
Ottawa in the morning

Will County Courthouse
Joliet in the afternoon

October 10

Kankakee County Courthouse
Kankakee in the morning

October 30

Cook County Courthouse
Maywood in the morning

Cook County Courthouse
Rolling Meadows in the morning

Cook County Courthouse
Skokie in the afternoon