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HEALTH INSURANCE OPEN ENROLLMENT - PLAN YEAR 2013

PSRSSTL is pleased to continue to offer comprehensive health insurance benefits to Retirees and Surviving Dependents. The open enrollment period for calendar year 2013 began October 18th and ends at 4:00 p.m. on December 7, 2012. All enrollments and plan changes made during this time will take effect on January 1, 2013. Retirees and survivors enrolled in one of the medical or dental plans sponsored by the retirement system should review the Member Monthly Premium Sheet, Health Insurance Plan Options for 2013, and Benefit Summaries for plan changes and detailed information mailed in October.

Open enrollment is an annual opportunity when retirees or survivors who continued PSRSSTL sponsored coverage after the death of a retiree may change their medical plan and/or dental option, or when retirees or surviving

dependents, who are receiving a survivor pension benefit and became entitled to Medicare part A (you must also have Medicare Part B) during calendar year 2012, may enroll in one of the PSRSSTL medical insurance plans.

Retirees or survivors enrolled in the following health plans: SLPS United HealthCare Choice Plus Base or Choice Plus Buy Up POS Medical Plans, GHP Advantra or Gold Advantage Medicare Advantage Medical Plans, United HealthCare Low Option PPO Dental or United HealthCare High Option PPO Dental, who do not wish to change medical or dental insurance plans for 2013, do not need to submit any new enrollment paperwork.

If you are a retired member or survivor considering a change in health insurance plans or need to enroll based on Medicare eligibility, please make note of the December 7th deadline and submit your completed paperwork as soon as possible.

Next Regular Board Meeting Scheduled For December 17th

Regular Board meetings are usually held on the 3rd Monday every other month.

The 2013 meeting schedule should be posted in December.

Meetings are open to the public in the 2nd floor boardroom at 3641 Olive St., St. Louis, MO.

2013 RETIREMENT APPLICATION DEADLINE SCHEDULE

Retirement applications must be filed 15 or more days prior to retirement. Here are the 2013 deadlines.

<u>Application Deadline</u>	<u>Retirement Date</u>	<u>Application Deadline</u>	<u>Retirement Date</u>
December 17, 2012	January 1, 2013	June 17, 2013	July 1, 2013
January 17, 2013	February 1, 2013	July 17, 2013	August 1, 2013
February 14, 2013	March 1, 2013	August 16, 2013	September 1, 2013
March 18, 2013	April 1, 2013	September 16, 2013	October 1, 2013
April 16, 2013	May 1, 2013	October 17, 2013	November 1, 2013
May 17, 2013	June 1, 2013	November 18, 2013	December 1, 2013

MEMORIALS

PSRSSTL extends sympathy to families & friends of recently deceased members:

Wesbury Bascom, Sandra Blair, Kathleen M. Boren, Rita S. Brunson, Willette J. Carter, Julia Chranowski, Wanda Cooke, Sally DeMello, Margaret Domian, Marian J. Echols, Pearl M. Eimer, Lucille C. Fairbanks, Carmelita Gilliam, Clarence Hall, Dorothy Hatfield, John J. Heitzman, Millie D. Hopkins, Melvin Hudson, Dorothy M. Joiner, Roy A. Lindsay, Sterling Love, Dianne Mardis, Pearline Mastin, Irene M. Mayer, Neven McLain, Jane E. Meyer, Rosemarie H. Miskell, Charlotte K. Mitchell, Margaret L. Payne, Artheckler Phillips, Dolores Pizzini, Roma G. Poole, Harold Sievert, Yvonne E. Smith, Sadie B. Spann, Ernest Spearman, Suzann Stephens, Norma J. Walker, Stephen B. Walsh Jr., Lois H. Waninger, Denia Washington, Elbert J. Williams, and Mary E. Witherow



Mission Statement

The Mission of the Public School Retirement System of the City of St. Louis is to enhance the well-being and financial security of its members, retirees, and beneficiaries through benefit programs and services which are soundly financed and prudently administered in an effective and efficient manner.

PSRSSTL STAFF CONTACTS

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PSRSSTL INVESTMENT BRIEF*"Investing your money for lifetime security"*

The Retirement System's investment portfolio experienced a gain of 5.1% during the Third Quarter of 2012, and ranked in the top 29% of similar public funds. During the one-year period that ended on September 30, 2012, the Retirement System experienced a positive return on investments of 16.9%, a net increase of 7.6% in market value, and ranked in the top 58% of similar public funds. The summaries of the market value, rankings, investment returns and asset allocation of funds held in trust on behalf of the membership on September 30, 2012 follow.

PSRSSTL Market Value 09/30/2012		
	One Quarter	One Year
Beginning Market Value	\$852,071	\$807,987
Net External Growth ¹	(25,746)	(71,053)
Return on Investment	43,060	132,451
Ending Market Value	\$869,385	\$869,385
¹ Withdrawals to pay pension benefits not a loss of funds.	(Dollars in \$000's)	

Period Ending 09/30/2012	PSRSSTL Ranking in Public Funds Universe	PSRSSTL Investment Return
One Quarter	29	5.2%
One Year	58	16.9%
Three Years	53	9.5%
Five Years	55	2.9%

PSRSSTL Asset Allocation Summary 09/30/2012		
Asset Class	Market Value	Percent of Portfolio
Domestic Stocks	\$278,993,975	32.1%
Domestic Bonds	118,550,953	13.6%
International Stocks	115,560,584	13.3%
International Bonds	50,588,024	5.8%
Credit Opportunities	18,459,931	2.1%
Tactical Asset Allocation (GTAA)	110,442,491	12.7%
Hedge Fund (market neutral)	34,299,130	3.9%
Hedge Funds (multi-strategy)	41,559,086	4.8%
Real Assets	23,422,835	2.7%
Real Estate	50,088,545	5.8%
Alternatives	25,803,112	3.0%
Cash	1,616,677	0.2%
Total	\$869,385,343	100%

FINANCIAL MARKETS COMMENTARY

Global stock markets rallied in September as central banks increased monetary stimulus in response to lower economic data and the European debt crisis. The European Central Bank announced a government bond buying program including a proposed rescue plan for troubled banks. The Federal Reserve launched more quantitative easing (QE3), committing to purchase \$40 billion of securities from lenders each month and to keep short term rates low into 2015. China's central bank funneled \$60 billion into their economy. Experience shows that central banks can influence markets, at least initially, because riskier assets tend to increase in value. U.S. stocks rose, gaining more than 16% for the year while non-U.S. stocks reached similar percentages. Credit sectors improved with high yield and emerging markets debt leading the way. Returns in the commodities sector were mixed as oil prices fell due to higher inventory levels and technical factors while gold prices rose due to increased money printing by the central banks. Yields for U.S. Treasury bonds rose in September as investors reacted to the Fed's loose monetary policy after briefly subsiding following the initial announcement of QE3. Ten-year Treasuries ended the month yielding 1.63%, up from 1.55% in August, while yields on 30-year issues rose to 2.82% or the same level as in early 2012.

As for the 4th quarter, the global stimulus initially helped markets by providing cover for sluggish economies trying to recover. Market volatility was low by the end of October even as risky assets slid modestly in the wake of Hurricane Sandy. It appears investors awaited election results they felt might effect the looming "fiscal cliff" because recently they have cashed in on riskier bets. Despite this, housing and consumer confidence continue to strengthen even as stocks have sold off and unemployment remains high. U.S. large cap stocks have sold off less than small caps, value stocks have held up better than shares of higher-growth companies, and overseas markets have modestly outperformed stocks at home. Treasury yields remain range-

bound so credit markets are posting good results, particularly in emerging markets, but commodities such as oil have shrunk due to weaker growth forecasts. *(The Investment Consultant contributed to this commentary)*

PSRSSTL INFORMATION & NEWS FLASH

- ◆ Please note: pension payments are made on the 1st of the month so when the 1st falls on a weekend, direct deposits must be scheduled for the next banking day. This occurs periodically so please plan accordingly as most banks hold funds until the 1st banking day in these months. The next date for this occurrence is Saturday, December 1st.
- ◆ Parking for all visitors of the retirement system is validated free-of-charge for the Scottish Rite Parking Garage across Olive Street from PSRSSTL. Please provide a parking voucher to staff during your visit to the retirement office.
- ◆ Active members will be electing an active teacher trustee for a four-year term beginning January 1, 2013. A ballot should be mailed to each active member the 1st week of December.
- ◆ The retirement system has a new website at www.psrstl.org. It's easy to navigate and downloading documents is fast.
- ◆ 2012 IRS 1099-R's will be mailed to retirees no later than January 31, 2013.
- ◆ The waiting period to replace a lost pension check is 10 calendar days and in most cases a check will not be replaced until the 11th day of the month.

**THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM WISHES
YOU A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!!!**

