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2017 ANNUAL ST CROIX RIVER BOAT CRUISE

STILLWATER MINNESOTA



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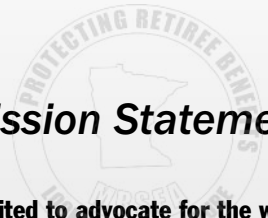
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Mission Statement

United to advocate for the well being of state retirees by:

***monitoring the deliberations of the legislature and the Minnesota State Retirement System Board of Directors; and responding as appropriate to promote, protect and enhance retiree interests.**

***providing educational information on state and national issues affecting retirees**

***maintaining working relationships with other retiree organizations**

***promoting social activities through local sub chapters and statewide meetings**

***advocating for the affordability of state retiree health and long term care benefits**

Editors Note:

Articles are contributed by MRSEA Committees comprised of board members, who are assigned to specific committees on an annual basis.



MRSEA'S 2017 ST CROIX RIVER BOAT CRUISE BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! PLEASE JOIN US!

LOCATION: STILLWATER, MINNESOTA

DATE: SEPTEMBER 27, 2017; DEPARTS 11:30a.m. RETURNS Approximately 1:30 p.m.

We hope you are able to join us for our MRSEA Fall get together! We will again be cruising the St. Croix on a River Boat. The date? September 27, 2017, rain or shine. Please send in your registration early, as space is limited. We look forward to a great turn out, especially from the recent retirees. It's your chance to become more involved with the association, and enjoy the co-workers you may not have seen in a while. You also will be enjoying live Jazz music, and a great lunch including burgers and brats. Mark your calendars now.

Our last Cruise was in 2016, and, due to popular demand, we again will be enjoying the beautiful scenery as we slowly cruise along the St. Croix River. St. Croix Boat & Packet Company proudly operates five historic 1800's era river boats.

Entertainment: This year as we dine and cruise we will be entertained by local band DELPHI. Delphi is led by board member Edward Burek and covers a wide variety of music.

DRESS ATTIRE

Dress for the current weather conditions during your cruise time. As a general rule, we recommend casual attire, such as casual shorts or pants, and golf shirts.

HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE

All St. Croix Boat and Packet vessels are "Handicap Accessible," as required by state law.

WHERE TO BOARD THE RIVERBOAT

525 Main Street South Stillwater, MN 55082-5814

From the Twin Cities, follow MN Highway 36 straight east to Stillwater. Turn right just before entering downtown Stillwater. See sign on right for St Croix Boat and Packet Co. parking. The free parking is adjacent to the boarding area. Follow the "Boat Parking" signs.

Boat will start loading at 11:00 a.m. and will depart at 11:30 a.m. Be on time because the boat will be!

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ST CROIX RIVERBOAT REGISTRATION

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO MRSEA. REGISTRATION FEE IS \$26.00 PER PERSON.

MAIL TO: MRSEA, PO BOX 416, EXCELSIOR, MN 55331

ATTENTION: REGISTRATIONS

Registrations must be received by September 21, 2017 • NO REFUNDS AFTER SEPTEMBER 21, 2017

I/We plan to attend the River Boat Cruise September 27, 2017

Member Name: _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Guest Name: _____

Guest Name: _____

TOTAL Number _____ @ \$26.00 _____



PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

I am excited to introduce to you two new board members. Jack Hirschfeld and John Manahan. Each will be serving a three year term on the MRSEA Board of Directors. Howard Bicker, Richard Krueger and Fred Maurer were also relected to a three year term to the board. Beth Arntson and Jeanne Cornish were appointed to a two year term at the June board meeting. You may read the new directors bios below.

Ruth M. Husom

Sincerely,

MRSEA President



**MRSEA
BOARD OFFICERS**

**Ruth M. Husom
President**

**Ernest Palmsten
First Vice President**

**Beth Arntson
Second Vice President**

**Peter Obermeyer
Secretary-Treasurer**

**John Griebenow
Assistant Treasurer**

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Jack Hirschfeld-

Jack was a CPA initially employed by the MN Dept. of Agriculture as an accounting officer overseeing the financial activities of the Grain Division. Subsequent to this position Jack was employed by the Minnesota Office of the Legislative Auditor for 26 years. During this period he supervised the audit of the State Board of Investment for several years, gaining knowledge of the investment of state pension funds and the responsibilities of the individual state pension funds.

Jake Manahan-

retired in 2003. Having a broad background in the private practice of law, in public service, and in the political process, John's work history includes: General practice of law from 1973-1987, and from 2003 to the present; Deputy State Treasurer from 1987-2003; served as the State Treasurer's representative on the Investment Advisory Council of the SBI for 16 years; served as the chair of the Information Policy Council for state government from 1993-2003.



DIRECTORS

HOWARD BICKER

EDWARD BUREK

JEANNE CORNISH

JOHN HIRSCHFELD

GERALD KNICKERBOCKER

RICHARD KRUEGER

JAKE MANAHAN

FRED V. MAURER

RICHARD PERKINS

ST. CROIX RIVERBOAT CRUISE ENTERTAINMENT

Delphi has been playing together for over 17 years, playing for river boat cruises, conventions, and various other events including benefit concerts throughout the Twin Cities. Band members include Kate Burek providing lush vocals, Ed Burek on alto saxophone, and Bruce Van Bronkhorst on keyboards. The group covers a wide range of music from sizzling to cool; including ballads, blues, and jazz from Gershwin, Harold Arlen and many other contributors to the Great American Songbook; Broadway tunes, both recent and from the golden years; spicy Latins and cool Bossa Novas.



Kate Burek is an alcohol/chemical abuse counselor by day and a ballad, blues, jazz singer by night. Ed Burek, a recently retired legislative employee, has played classical and jazz saxophone for over fifty years, and also plays clarinet and flute. The keyboard player, Bruce Van Bronkhorst, who retired after many years of teaching music in Wisconsin and Minnesota public schools, still provides private lessons on a wide range of instruments including voice, piano, saxophone, clarinet, flute, and cello.



2017 SCHEDULED SUBCHAPTER MEETING DATES

Please visit our website www.mrsea.org for further details as they are confirmed.

BRainerD

Pizza Ranch
14643 Edgewood Drive-Baxter
SEPTEMBER 21
DECEMBER 14

DULUTH

OCTOBER 25 Evergreen Sr. Center

MANKATO

Morson-Ario VFW Post #9713
1900 North Riverfront Dr. Mankato
SEPTEMBER 11
DECEMBER 4

NORTHWOODS

Tianna Country Club
OCTOBER 12

ROCHESTER

Centerstone Plaza Hotel, Soldiers Field
Alpine Room
401 6th Street S.W., Rochester, MN, 55902
OCTOBER 27

FERGUS FALLS

Eagles Ship
120 S. Peck Street, Fergus Falls
FIRST TUESDAY EVERY MONTH
EXCEPT JULY

MARSHALL

Prairies Edge Casino Granite Falls
SEPTEMBER 28

2018 INSURANCE OPEN ENROLLMENT

2018 Open Enrollment is set for the end of October to mid November 2017.

MRSEA will again partner with MMB (Minnesota Management & Budget) and the insurance carriers to bring you "Open Enrollment Insurance Meetings for Retirees" as we have in the last few years. Meetings will be held in the Metro Area, as well as Greater Minnesota. The exact locations and times will be posted on the MRSEA, MMB, and MSRS websites at a later date.

Confirmed Dates:

Tuesday October 24 in Edina
Thursday October 26 in Duluth
Friday October 27 in Brainerd
Monday and Tuesday
October 30 and 31
at the MSRS building in St Paul
Wednesday November 1
in Mankato

Frequently Asked Open Enrollment Questions:

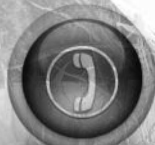
1) I have recently moved; how can I ensure that I will get my open enrollment information in the mail? If you have moved, you must contact your insurance plan and update your address as soon as possible.

2) How can I learn more about specific changes that are taking place in my plan? You will be receiving a booklet by late October from MMB. Read the section entitled "What's New." You may also attend one of the scheduled Open Enrollment Insurance Meetings for Retirees.

3) I only want coverage for myself and my spouse; why do I have to pay for family coverage? If you and your spouse are under age 65,

you are in the same Advantage Health Plan as active employees. The current single/family structure for health coverage and all dental coverage is negotiated between the State and the Unions. An employee plus one plan option is looked at on a regular basis by the State and Unions. To date, it has been more cost effective to keep the dependents mixed with children and spouses. At the age of 65, different health plans that include Medicare are available to retirees and these plans have traditionally been issued on an individual basis. Since they are issued in this manner, these can be enrolled in and charged as two individual policies.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CALL OR EMAIL:



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