



SRSRA NEWSLETTER

For SRS Retiree Association Members

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SRS Retiree Association Notice of 2019 Annual Membership Meeting
TUESDAY, APRIL 16, USC-AIKEN ETHERREDGE CENTER
Registration 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Meeting 1:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.

NEW this year is that spouses of SRSRA members are invited.
If an SRSRA member has a personal caregiver, they are also welcome to attend.

About this newsletter

The SRSRA Newsletter is published four times a year – January, April, July, and October. The Newsletter is sent to all dues paying SRSRA members. If we have your email address on file, you receive it first since the email version is much quicker to send than the printed version. If you are getting the printed version and would like to get the email version instead, please send us a note through the www.srsretirees.org web page with your current email address and we will update our records. Also, receiving it by email reduces our costs of printing and distributing this newsletter. If you are receiving the printed version, please consider contacting us and switching to an email subscription.

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Letter from Dave Fauth, SRSRA Chair

Fellow retirees:

I hope you have already circled April 16 on your calendar and plan to attend our annual meeting. This meeting gives everyone a great opportunity to catch up with friends and co-workers and to also hear the latest news about our benefits. DOE and site contractors will be there to give short overviews of their operational plans and talk to you. Other organizations that administer our benefits will also be there. We expect most of our Congressional delegates to be represented also.

It has been a good year for the Association. Our membership numbers are up. A number of you have used our Pay Pal option to pay membership dues with credit card. Contributions to the Resource Center and SRS Heritage Foundation have increased. Donations directed to the United Way are at an all-time high. Resource Center achievements include:

- Over 10,000 Client contacts for almost 2500 clients
- Filing WageWorks claims that reimbursed our folks \$2.2 million
- Over \$1.3 million savings for those that changed their prescription drug plans with our help
- Over 900 retirees/spouses have attended our Medicare Age-In Training sessions

We need more volunteers to staff our Resource Center. More retirees need assistance making their insurance enrollments, filing claims and making the right decision on their prescription plans. We need volunteers with a variety of skills/talents whether it be seeing clients, filing, responding to phone and email messages, providing computer support or helping with recordkeeping. Please contact the Resource Center if you can help.

Georgia Retirees and Spouses. We would like to take the Association to your side of the River through a town hall/"greet and eat" meeting. We are in need of a good location where we could meet (200-300 person capacity). We have researched several of the public venues but found that they were too expensive or not "senior" accessibility-friendly. If you have any suggestions, please contact us (803)508-7065 or use the "Contact Us" option at the bottom of our website, www.srsretirees.org.

I look forward to seeing you at our annual meeting at the USC-Aiken Etherredge Center. Be aware that spouses and also your caregivers are welcome to attend. You can contact with old friends and visit booths of folks that provide our retirement services.

Sincerely, Dave Fauth, SRSRA Chair

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United Way Check Presentation



Left to right: Aiken County United Way President Sharon Rodgers President (left) and Aiken County United Way Director of Resource Development Ellen Luton (right) accept a check from the SRSRA United Way Chairman Bob Malstrom (second from left) and SRSRA President Dave Fauth, on behalf of the SRSRA. The total collected from the SRSRA United Way campaign was \$24,929.

Thanks to all who participated in the SRSRA United Way Campaign.

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Benefits Protection Committee

John Veldman

SRS Retirees Association continues to advocate for a modest pension adjustment in 2020. We recently made two proposals that have been financially evaluated by the pension plan actuary at the request of DOE-SR. These proposals are based on the flat dollar concept that assures the oldest retirees, and those retirees with the smallest pensions, get the largest percentage increase. The option we selected includes retirees who retired before 1/1/2015. As in the past, deferred vested retirees are not included in the adjustment. A formal request for the pension adjustment has been submitted to SRNS, the pension fund manager.

Of the total 10,102 pension plan participants, 7,001 would be eligible participants in the proposed pension adjustment. The average monthly benefit for eligible retirees before the increase is \$1434/month. The average increase in pension benefits is \$76/month, or 5.3%. The maximum increase for eligible participants would be \$186.34/month. The total increase in Target Funding Liability for the SRS pension fund would be \$69M (present value). Amortizing this increased liability over seven years at 5.37%, results in a \$12.1M/year increase in annual pension fund payments. This modest pension adjustment proposal balances the cost to the SRS pension fund versus the needs of our retirees.

We are currently working with our elected representatives to advocate for approval of this pension adjustment.

Gas Card Winners

The gas card winners for this issue are Robert A. Delcastillo, Brent A. Daugherty, and William H. Baxter. These lucky SRSRA members have each won a \$50 gas card courtesy of the SRSEA and SRSRA. Call Bob Hottel at 803-648-7721 within 30 days to claim your gas card! Please verify your home address when you contact Bob.

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Retiree Resource Center Report

Laureen Riley Feinman, Manager

When you pay your dues please keep in mind you are supporting an operation that has been invaluable to many of you and your fellow retirees. Navigating the logistics of the Medicare system and being able to take full advantage of your retiree benefits is definitely not easy, and we are there for you and for others to help you at no cost. You are encouraged to use our services, and to check with fellow retirees to see if they need some assistance with their SRS retiree medical plan matters.

Whether you are a retiree, a retiree spouse, or a surviving spouse of a retiree, our services are available to you and your family.

Here is some information about us:

Retiree Resource Center Metrics

Services Since Inception

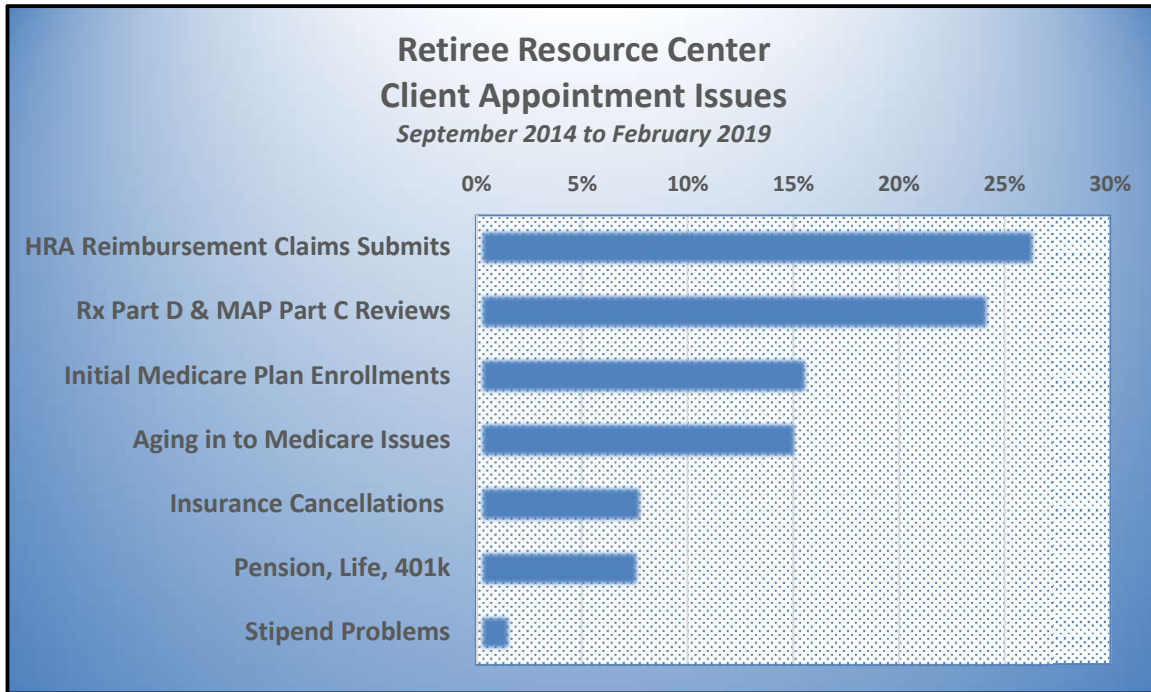
September 2014 to February 2019

2,413	Clients Served
3,760	Office Visits at Retiree Center
67	Home Visits
6,114	Phone Contacts
50	Number of Monthly Aging In to Medicare Meetings
923	Number of Clients who attended Aging in Meetings
\$2,233,621	Third Party Reimbursement Claims transmitted from RRC

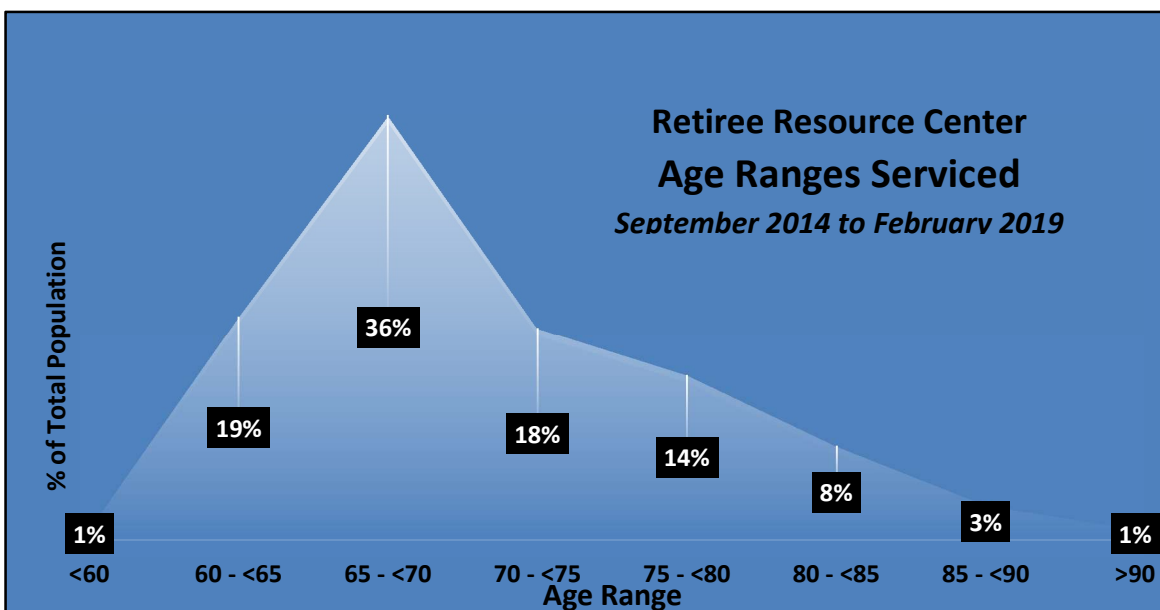
Prescription Drug and Medicare Advantage Plan Reviews 2015 - 2018

1,453	Number of Plan Reviews conducted at RRC
\$1,363,739	Projected Savings from Reviews and Plan Changes using the Medicare.gov model with Client Specific Meds, Pharmacies, and Plans
\$2,233,621	Wage Works Claims Submitted

What issues are discussed at client office meetings?



What are the age ranges served by the Retiree Resource Center?



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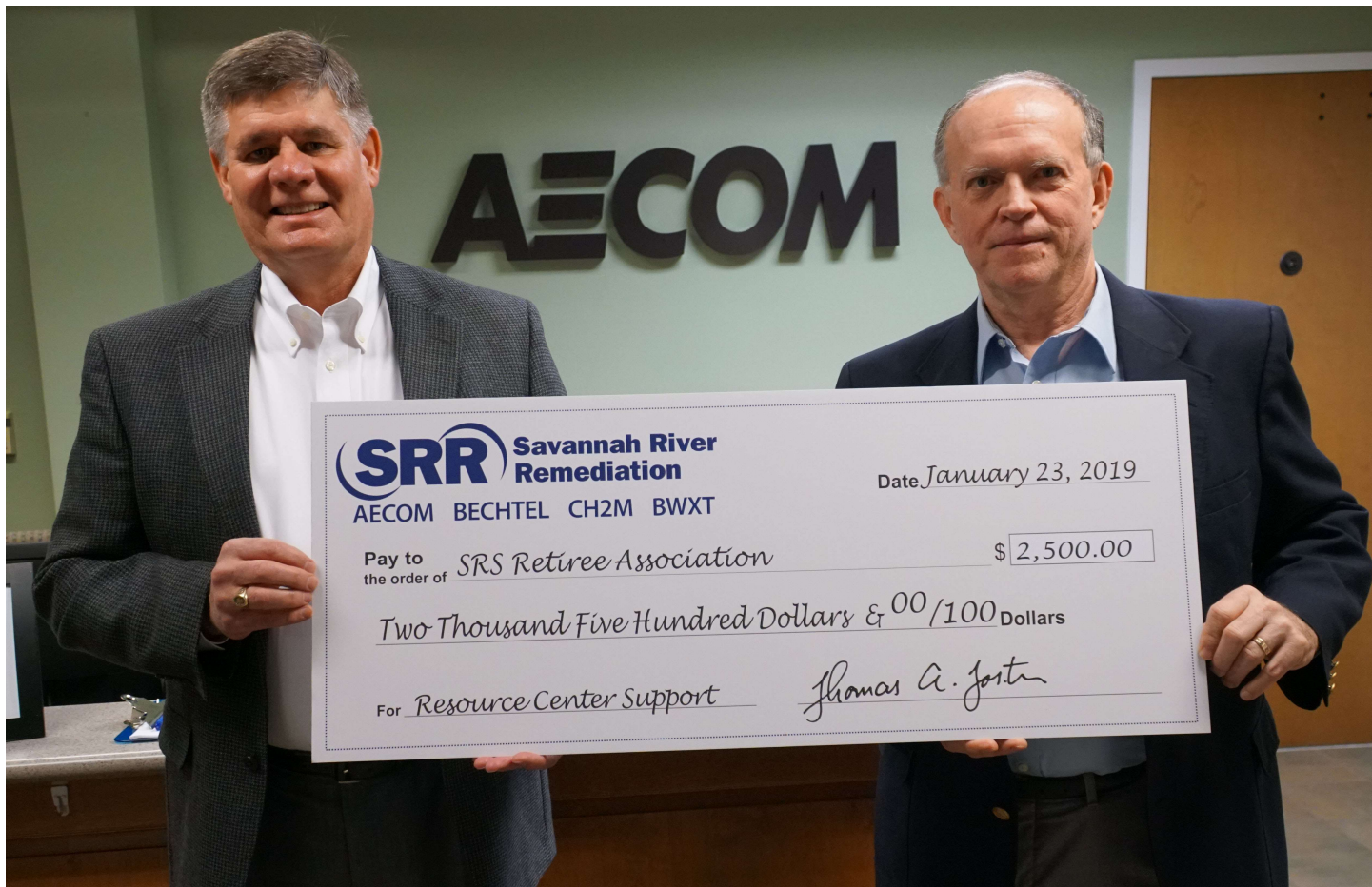
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Savannah River Catastrophic Drug Plan Benefit Payout for 2018

SRNS has advised us that their review of the latest Catastrophic Drug submissions from our retirees whose Part D Rx out-of-pocket expenses reached the Medicare catastrophic level in 2018 has been completed. Allocations will be made to each eligible participant's WageWorks account by April 5th.

Participants can then file a claim for the amount, save the allocation for future use, or if they have unpaid approved claims, those claims will be automatically paid up to the amount of the allocation.

Savannah River Remediation Donation to SRSRA



SRR President and CEO Tom Foster presents a \$2500 donation to the Dave Fauth, SRSRA Chair for the SRSRA Resource Center.

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Benefits Contacts

- **SRS Benefits Service Center at the site(service for most HR and payroll questions):**
 - **803-725-7772 (local area SC and GA)**
 - **800-368-7333 (toll free)**
 - **service-center@srs.gov**
- **SRSRA Retiree Resource Center:**
 - **(803) 508-7065**
 - **(866) 845-1550 (toll free)**
 - **srsra@lscog.org**
- **Westinghouse Corp. Pension** **800-581-4222**
- **RightOpt/My Medicare Advocate** **877-591-8904; www.rightoptretiree.com/srs**
- **WageWorks** **877-924-3967; www.wageworks.com**
- **Medicare Helpline** **800-633-4227; www.medicare.gov**
- **Prudential Life Insurance** **844-494-4778 (Contributory and non-contributory life insurance)**
- **Blue Cross/Blue Shield of SC** **800-325-6596;**
 - **<http://www.southcarolinablues.com>**
 - **Option 1 for Medical**
 - **Option 2 for Dental**
 - **Option 3 for Pre-Cert/Med Authorization**
- **DuPont Retirees life insurance: 800.775.5955**
- **DuPont Retiree Medical with Via: <https://my.viabenefits.com/> 855-535-7140**
- **DuPont Retirees Contact Information for other benefits:**
<http://www.retiree.dupont.com/our-company/retirees/contact-us.html>

In Memoriam

Robert Franklin Anderson	Aiken
Royce Borden	Aiken
William B Campbell, Jr	North Augusta
Johnny R Coons	Aiken
James H Crawford	Aiken
Gail Patrick Crowder	Aiken
James Paul DePalma	Aiken
George W Fowler	Warrenville
Hans M Geiger	Aiken
James Monroe Griffith	Williston
Broadus Ronald Hawkins	North Augusta
McCoy Hendrix, Jr	Ridge Spring
Mary Holmes	New Ellenton
Gary Huttleston	Aiken
Fred Jennings	North Augusta
Larry Liles	Jackson
John E Martin	Jackson
Jasper Morris	Aiken
Joe C. Pendleton	Aiken
Arlie Myles Presnell	North Augusta
Grover Rhodus, Jr (March 2018)	Williston
Myrna Boone Shuford	Afton, TN
James (Randy) Whittle	Aiken