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# Anchorage

## Police & Fire Retirement System



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### BENEFIT NEWS "FLASH" April--2013

#### Changes in the Retirement System Staff

**To: All Retirement System Members**

**From: Chuck Laird**

Where did all the time go? It seems that I just started working here. But it was 1997.

Working for you in this job, "Retirement" has always been on my mind. Now it is my time to go. After nearly 16 years, I will be retiring from the Director position effective May 1, 2013. This is, without a doubt, the best job I have ever had and I have been working somewhere since I was 11 years old. I am looking forward to doing a lot more fishing, traveling to visit family in the lower 48 and getting back to one of my favorite pastimes—wood-working. I wish you all well in your retirements.

That's my good news. The even better news is that the Board has hired a new Director. His name is **Edward Jarvis**. He comes to the Retirement System from Atlanta, Georgia where he has been working for a large trust company, Reliance Trust, for 12 years. Before that he also worked for Fidelity for 9 years. Ed started working here March 11 and his family will be joining him shortly. Please feel free to come by the office or call. I am sure Ed would like to meet as many of you as he can.

Additionally, **Donna Johnston** left the Retirement System at the end of December in 2012. She had worked as our primary office associate—also for nearly 16 years. With a change in our focus—from providing services to "Working Members" to providing services for "Retired Members", a decision was made not to fill Donna's position.

Another long-time and valued employee on the staff has also decided to retire. **Rachel Hughes** will also be retiring effective May 1, 2013. She and her husband will be moving south to warmer "climes" where, I understand, you can swim and play golf all year round. Rachel came to the Retirement System 12 years ago. She worked for Fleet Services at the Municipality and at Parks and Recreation before that. She is currently helping to familiarize Ed with the particulars of her job and is also working with her replacement in the transition.

Rachel's replacement is a very talented and skilled pension specialist, **Ana Wood**, who joins the Retirement Staff from the Municipal ER Department, Benefits Section. She has also worked for the Alaska Railroad and for the State of Alaska Division of Retirement and Benefits. Ana has an extensive background in providing retirement services for Pension, Savings and 457 Deferred Compensation Plans. I am sure you will be pleased to work with her on any of your Retirement System needs.

Finally, **Fonda Deans** remains with the Staff and will be an invaluable asset to Ed and Ana as they transition into their new positions. It has always been our goal to never let a call go to “Voice Mail”. We believe that we have effectively achieved that goal. We also know that your new Anchorage Police & Fire Retirement System staff team will keep the same high standards of service and accuracy.

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That’s it for this “**Flash**” report. If you have any questions, please give us a call at one of the numbers listed below.

**Retirement System Phone Numbers:**

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