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Oklahoma Teachers Retirement System Holds Regional Retirement Planning Seminars

Dixie Moody, Marilyn Kesler & Dr. Wilbanks

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While it may be true that many Oklahoma Teachers Retirement System clients dream of their retirement years before they are eligible, a large majority may not know all of the financial planning options available that can help reach that dream. That's why the OTRS is here to help you plan so you can reach that dream - right on schedule.

Over the course of the Fall 2010 semester, OTRS will host a series of five regional seminars. The first seminar was Saturday, September 25th in Lawton, followed by Tulsa on October 2nd. Subsequent seminars will be in Oklahoma City, Woodward and McAlester.

In addition to Teacher Retirement information, the half-day seminars will provide information about social security services and other voluntary investment opportunities. No matter your age, it is vitally important that you get a big-picture view of all financial services available to help you retire comfortably.

At each seminar, door prizes are awarded throughout the morning culminating with the drawing to win an Amazon Kindle. Congratulations to our first two winners, Marilyn Kesler of Lawton, and Sylvia Frazier of Tulsa

Subsequent meetings will be October 23rd in Oklahoma City at Metro Tech, November 6th in Woodward at High Plains Technology Center and November 20th in McAlester at Kiamichi Technology Center. Each seminar will take place from 8 a.m. to noon. Registration is open to all OTRS clients on a first-come, first-serve basis. To register, visit www.ok.gov/TRS. For more information, call (405) 521-2387 or (877) 738-6365.

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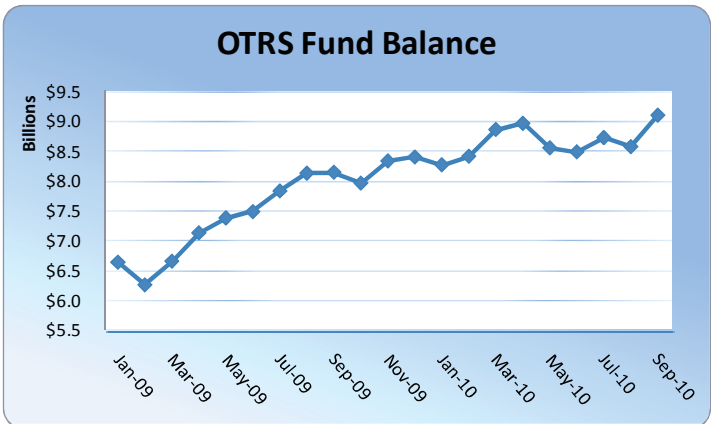
Quarterly Investment Review

In the third quarter of 2010 the U.S. and Global equity markets saw plenty of rejuvenated optimism. Alleviated fears that countries around the globe could possibly default on their debt, contributed to a greater than 11% increase in the S&P 500 and a nearly 5% increase in the corporate bond index.

For the quarter, the Fund realized an increase in value of approximately 6.1%. Through the use of active investment management the Fund was able to outperform its policy benchmark by approximately 2%.



With the positive returns realized in the third quarter, the Fund has now realized a greater than 12.91% for the last 12 months.

Although, the financial markets have seen improvement, and the economic outlook is generally moderately positive, OTRS staff is actively considering ways to protect and grow the fund.

Defined Contribution Savings Plans - A Good Idea

Increase your sources of retirement income beyond your Oklahoma Teachers Retirement pension and Social Security by contributing to a defined contribution plan, such as a 403(b) Tax Sheltered Annuity.

Not only can the sponsors of such plans help you save for the future, they may also be able to provide you with tax and estate planning tools.

In the spring of 2009, OTRS hired ING to be the service provider for our 403(b) TSA Plan. ING has many resources to assist you with the overall retirement planning process.

A representative from ING will meet with you to assist with your investment decisions and discuss your retirement goals and needs. This service is free of charge to all OTRS clients.

For more information, please call ING's OTRS dedicated support line at 866.795.4746 or visit www.OTRS403b.com.

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Any OTRS client who registers a valid e-mail address by December 10, 2010 will be entered into a drawing to win one (1) of five (5)$100 Staples® Gift Cards. The Oklahoma Teachers Retirement System would like to thank ING Financial Advisers, LLC for generously donating the Staples® Gift Cards.

To make the switch, please send your name, e-mail address, along with your mailing address, to gogreen@trs.ok.gov. E-mail addresses will be kept confidential and will not be distributed in any way.

Moody named Director of Client Services

Dixie Moody is the new Director of Client Services for the Oklahoma Teachers Retirement System. She succeeds Sharron Coffman who retired in July.

Dixie Moody

Under Ms. Moody's leadership, the department will be placing more emphasis on educating our clients about the retirement planning process. The first step in this direction is the Regional Retirement Planning Seminars that are being held throughout the state this fall. Five additional seminars are scheduled for the spring of 2011.

Another goal of the department is to inform our clients of the importance of preparing for retirement as soon as you join the System. It is critical that you are made aware of what tools and services are available to assist you in planning for a well deserved and comfortable retirement.

Ms. Moody and the staff of the Client Services Division are dedicated to providing our clients with outstanding customer service from the beginning of your career, until you obtain your retirement objective.

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The Final Word:

Providing Excellent Communication and Education - Our Commitment to You

By James R. Wilbanks, Ph.D.
Executive Secretary
Oklahoma Teachers Retirement System

The Oklahoma Teachers Retirement System is committed to providing the highest level of service to our Clients. The first part of our Mission Action Plan is to provide excellent communication and education to our clients.

As part of working to address the communication goal, we are continuing our efforts to collect email addresses through our "Going Green" campaign. This will allow us to disseminate information to you quickly and efficiently.

A major project at OTRS focusing on education is sending Retirement Projection Statements to all of our vested active clients. These statements are scheduled to arrive around the same time as your annual Social Security statement. The OTRS Statement provides critical information such as when you are eligible to retire, and how much you are entitled to receive.

We are committed to providing retirement services, including communication and education, that exceed your expectations.