

retiree

wrapup



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President's Message

What to do when a member dies

Please see the following steps that should be taken. For a Spanish language version, please call the office at 212.815.1781.

1. Notify the Social Security Administration (SSA).¹
2. Notify the appropriate pension system.²
 - a. NYC Employees Retirement System (NYCERS)
 - b. Teachers Retirement System (TRS)
 - c. Board of Education Retirement System (BERS)
 - d. NYS and Local Retirement System (NYSLRS)
3. Notify the NYC Office of Labor Relations (OLR) Health Benefits Unit.³
4. Notify DC 37 Health & Security Unit.⁴
5. Notify the DC 37 Death Benefit Unit.⁵
6. Notify the DC 37 Retirees Association (RETASSN).⁶
7. Notify other associations, if necessary.
 - a. NYC Managerial Employees Association (MEA)
 - b. Organization of Staff Analysts (OSA)⁷
8. Apply for COBRA health benefits for existing spouse/domestic partner (if applicable).⁸
9. Other Agencies
 - a. Health care providers (doctors, dentists, therapists, etc.)
 - b. Internal Revenue Service (IRS)⁹
 - c. If a veteran, notify the Veterans Administration (VA) and note any special arrangements¹⁰
 - d. World Trade Center Health Program (WTC)¹¹

Retirees Association New York Meetings

Housing Committee	Wed., April 1	11:00 a.m.
Hispanic Committee	Tues., April 7	10:30 a.m.
Black History Committee	Tues., April 14	9:00 a.m.
General Membership	Tues., April 14	10:00 a.m.
Health/CBTU Committee	Tues., April 14	Noon
Meet & Greet Committee	Tues., April 14	1:00 p.m.
Political Action Committee	Tues., April 21	10:30 a.m.
Asian Committee	Wed., April 22	1:00 p.m.
Executive Board	Tues., April 28	11:00 a.m.
Housing Committee	Wed., May 6	11:00 a.m.
Jewish Heritage Committee	Mon., May 11	11:00 a.m.
Black History Committee	Tues., May 12	9:00 a.m.
General Membership	Tues., May 12	10:00 a.m.
Health/CBTU Committee	Tues., May 12	Noon
Meet & Greet Committee	Tues., May 12	1:00 p.m.
Political Action Committee	Tues., May 19	10:30 a.m.
Executive Board	Tues., May 26	11:00 a.m.
Black History Committee	Tues., June 9	9:00 a.m.
General Membership	Tues., June 9	10:00 a.m.
Political Action Committee	Tues., June 16	10:30 a.m.
Executive Board	Tues., June 23	11:00 a.m.
Asian Committee	Wed., June 24	1:00 p.m.

For more updated information, please visit the PEP Talk Retiree link on the DC 37 website at www.dc37.net, send an email to retassn@dc37.net, or call 212.815.1781.

All General Membership and Committee meetings will be conducted at 420 West 45th St., First Floor (between 9th and 10th avenues), until renovations are complete at 125 Barclay St.; DC 37 Retiree Association Executive Board meetings will be conducted at 75 Maiden Lane.

1) Your monthly social security check is based on living through the entire month. For example, if you die on May 31, you are not entitled to the check for the following June. However, if you pass away on June 1, then you are entitled to the check for that month. The Social Security Administration has a death benefit of \$255. This benefit is paid only if there is a surviving spouse or child.

2) Pension checks are pro-rated to the date of death.

3) NYC Health Coverage for surviving spouses/domestic partners stops immediately after the death of the retired member. However, COBRA benefits may be requested through the NYC Office of Labor Relations.

4) Please notify the DC 37 Health and Security Unit at 212.815.1234 and the DC 37 Death Benefit Unit at 212.815.1373/4. You have a maximum of one year to file. DC 37 benefits (optical, dental, prescription drugs) continue for the survivor for one year from the date of the member's death. Additional years (up to, but not exceeding, two years) of this coverage may be purchased by contacting the DC 37 Health & Security Unit.

5) After notifying the Death Benefit Unit, please call the DC 37 Retirees Association because they have a supplemental death benefit if the deceased was a member in good standing for seven years or more. You have three months to file after you received the DC 37 benefit.

6) Please contact Ed Hysyk, President, for further questions, comments, or suggestions at 212.815.1793.

7) Notify other associations such as the Organization of Staff Analysts (OSA) and/or the NYC Managerial Employees Association (NYCMEA) because the deceased may be entitled to benefits from these organizations if they do not receive benefits from DC 37. They can be a member of the DC 37 Retirees Association but may get their benefits from a different organization.

8) The COBRA benefit for surviving spouses/domestic partners is expensive, but it may be cheaper than obtaining health coverage from other sources such as insurance companies, AARP, etc. Please note that COBRA can also be purchased for DC 37 benefits such as Optical, Dental, Prescription Drugs, etc. The Prescription Drug Benefit can be purchased separately as well as Dental and Optical.

9) Even after death, taxes do not go away.

10) If the deceased was a military veteran, they may be entitled to additional benefits and special funeral arrangements.

11) Notify the World Trade Center Registry and Health Program Center.