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Message from the Chair

Summer is finally here and we can all suffer from extreme heat rather than sub-zero temperatures. And yet, it's either too hot or too cold. Maybe tomorrow will be "just right." I think you will find Issue 3 of *The Retiree Guardian* "just right." There is a lot of good information here, so let's dig in.

You probably will recall a survey we sent out about our annual meeting plans. We were trying to decide the best way to proceed. Should we organize an annual in-person meeting or a virtual meeting via ZOOM, or skip it altogether? The majority of our responses indicated a preference for another ZOOM annual meeting. The team is now busy putting that meeting together. We are locating and scheduling guest speakers and gathering a list of your questions for those speakers. It is our hope that this meeting will help us to be better-informed advocates for Lumen's future plans. In addition, we are grateful that Marina Pearson has again agreed to participate in the program and address individual questions.

That brings me to the next item of news. You will recall from the last issue that we were awaiting word on the HRA for next year. We are very pleased and excited to tell you that the HRA benefit for 2023 has been confirmed and the accounts for each of us will remain in effect. This news is even sweeter when you realize that next year there

shouldn't be any data conversion issues!!!

The website for the Retiree Organization is growing fast and has become a major factor in how we communicate. More information about the planning for the Annual ZOOM meeting can be found there, as well as many other subjects of interest. Greg is doing a super job in making that tool easy to use and understand. If you have any questions or concerns about it, let us know how it can be improved.

We serve well over 2,000 retirees in this organization. The process of retiring requires information, reassurance, and careful planning. While it can be frightening as well as exciting, *The Retiree Guardian* is a vital tool available to insure retirement turns out to be all you dreamed it could be. There are a few key people that work very diligently to make this a reliable resource for you. Take the time to go to the back page and look over the list of contributors and volunteers who produce this document. They are proud of their work and filled with a spirit of service to you, an important member. I am humbled each time I open this document and see the treasure of information this team provides.

Gerold "Jerry" Weldon

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