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Client Portal Coming Soon



Here at OTRS, we are always looking for better ways to serve you, our clients. The OTRS staff is doing the final testing on a new and exciting tool to enhance our service to you. This new tool is a "Client Portal" that will give you the ability to access your OTRS account information online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The Client Portal is named "MyOTRS", and is the culmination of a four-year computer software and technology project focused on simplifying and modernizing

how we do business. The Client Portal is projected to go live this fall and will allow you to access your OTRS account information online via our secure website.

MyOTRS will enable all clients to view information such as your account balance, service credit, and salary history. Retired clients will have access to their retirement payment history as well as their 1099 tax forms. In addition, active clients will be able to view their yearly client statement, estimated retirement eligibility information, and generate hypothetical retirement benefit estimates.

Be on the lookout for information from us later this year which will detail how you can access the new Client Portal, and have your OTRS account information at your fingertips.

[See Inside Special Report:](#)

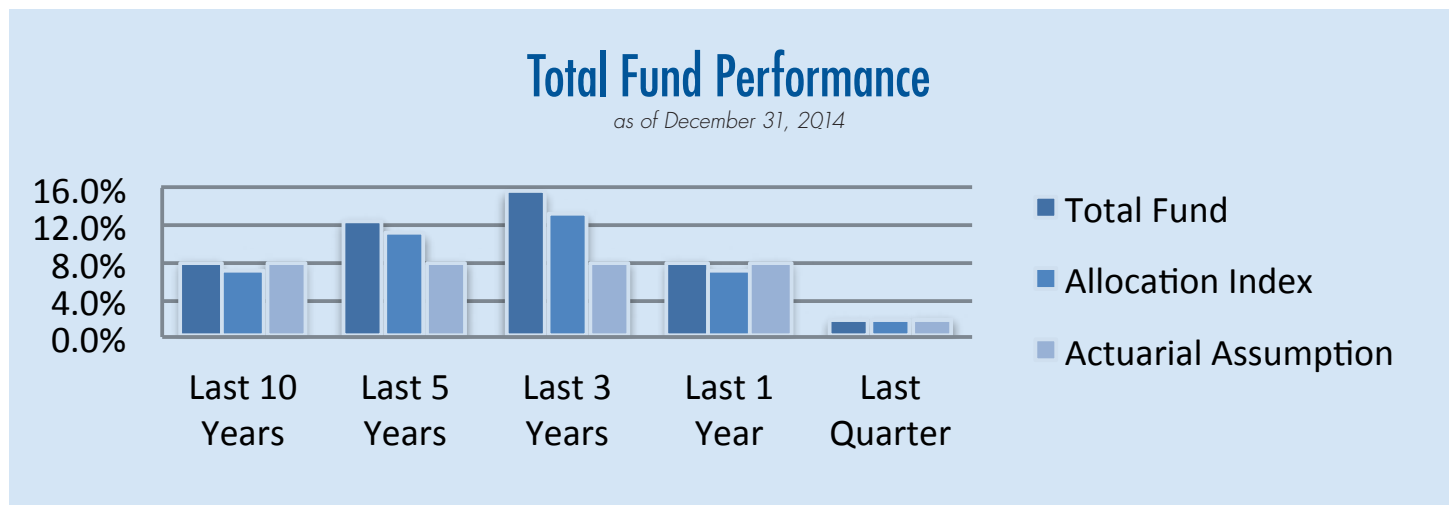
"Popular" Annual Financial Report

(for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014)

2nd Quarter Investment Recap

The second quarter of fiscal year 2015 and the end of calendar year 2014 was full of surprises for investors and economists alike. The early part of the quarter was dominated by geopolitical tension in the Ukraine and Ebola concerns at home. During the quarter, oil prices fell by half causing a ripple effect throughout numerous market sectors. On a more positive note, the unemployment rate improved to 5.6% from 5.9% and U.S. household net worth reached an all-time high.

The Fund ended the quarter with a return of 1.9% putting our trailing year to date return at a healthy 8.1%. Our return annualized over the past 5 years is 12.5%, which is well in excess of our actuarial assumption of 8%. As of December 31, 2014, Fund assets had a market value of \$13.96 billion.



OTRS Board of Trustees Names Secretary



Judie Harris

The Oklahoma Teachers Retirement System is pleased to announce **Judie Harris** was elected as Board Secretary at the March 25th board meeting. Currently, Ms. Harris serves as the Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Assistant Treasurer for Francis Tuttle Technology Center. She will complete 28 years of service in October 2015.

Judie is an active member of the Oklahoma Women's Coalition, Executive Women's International serving as chair of the Adult Students in Scholastic Transition scholarship program. She is a charter member and treasurer for SpeakUp Toastmasters and a member of the Oklahoma Association of Career & Technology Education. She was named one of Journal Record's Oklahoma's Top Executive Assistants in 2011.

Judie was raised to believe that one can learn something from every person they meet so listen closely, work hard and welcome each day with an open heart. Working at Francis Tuttle and assisting charitable organizations provides her the opportunity to practice this philosophy daily. Judie has one son and her first grandchild is due July.

Other Trustees Announced



Myron L. Pope

Myron L. Pope, Ph.D., is the Vice President for Student Affairs at the University of Central Oklahoma. Myron attended the University of Alabama where he received a bachelor's degree in History and English and a master's degree and Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration.

He has conducted a variety of research on higher education issues and has been published in scholarly journals and books. In addition, Pope has presented regionally, nationally and internationally on these topics.

He is a member of the Leadership Edmond Steering Committee, a volunteer coach with the YMCA, a volunteer with the Watch D.O.G.S. program at his children's school, and is a board member for the Edmond Chamber of Commerce, the YMCA, the Edmond Public Schools' Foundation Board, and the HOPE Center of Edmond. Myron resides in Edmond with his wife, Shanna, and their three children, Michael, Allison and Isaiah. His favorite past time is spending time with family.



Kevin Moore

Kevin Moore works for i2E, Inc in Oklahoma City as a Venture Advisor and Manager of the SeedStep Angels. Kevin has also worked for the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, as a Bank Examiner and has investment advisory experience spanning six years with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney and Northwestern Mutual.

Kevin received a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Oklahoma State University and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Central Oklahoma. He is married with two children and resides in Oklahoma City.



Elaine Dodd

Elaine Dodd joined the OTRS Board in January 2015 as the nonvoting member appointed by a retired education association. Ms. Dodd is a native Tulsan. She is a graduate of Memorial High School and the University of Tulsa. She taught in the public schools for 28 years and retired in 2001.

Ms. Dodd is the immediate past President of the Oklahoma Retired Educators Association and is also on the OREA's Board of Directors. She has been married to Doug, an attorney, for 45 years. They are the proud parents of two adult children and two perfect grandsons.

Retiree Immunization

Clinics Available

OTRS is partnering with **OKHealth's State Employee Immunization Program** to provide immunization clinics in 6 locations across Oklahoma during the months of July and August of 2015.

Immunizations are a great way to improve the quality of health by preventing painful and sometimes life threatening conditions like shingles, pneumonia, and pertussis.

Locations include Ada, McAlester, Moore/Norman, Lawton, Oklahoma City, Woodward. Call Passport Health Oklahoma to schedule an appointment at least 48 hours before the clinic you would like to attend.

Depending on your specific insurance plan, there may be a cost for certain immunizations. If you are 65 and have Medicare, the cost of some vaccines can vary greatly based on your Part D coverage.

For clinic details please visit our website and facebook for more specific dates and locations.

www.ok.gov/TRS or
[facebook.com/okTRS](https://www.facebook.com/okTRS)

Passport Health Oklahoma:

1-405-563-8961 (Option 2)
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Message from the Director

Just Happy to Be Here

By Tom Spencer, Executive Director

There is just something about being the “new guy” which is exciting and frightening at the same time. Remember being the new kid in school? That was terrifying until a few nice kids came up and made you their new best friend. So it is with being the new Executive Director of TRS, but after several months on the job I finally don't feel like I'm the new guy anymore.

We have already let you know that I was hired at TRS after being the OPERS Executive Director for 11 years. But you may not know that I'm married to a retired public school teacher. My mother-in-law is a retired public school teacher. My late mother was a retired public school teacher in California as was her sister (my aunt) and my uncle. So to say that I'm a

product of public education is an understatement. My children attended public schools and both graduated from one of our comprehensive universities.

I'm one of those old-fashioned people who believes in the importance of our public schools. I also believe in the importance of the TRS mission which is to provide retirement income security for public educators and staff. My number one priority each and every day is to do everything possible to help TRS provide the best level of service to our clients. We have a great staff that shares that priority. So to all of you active and retired TRS clients, I am very happy to be here to help you on the road to retirement security.