

Hello MEA Member!

You can never be too early or too late when it comes time to planning for a secure retirement. There are many factors to consider when making that monumental decision and one of them is Social Security. We know that navigating a government program can be overwhelming, intimidating, and daunting. However, you will be amazed at how easy it is to work with Social Security, to navigate their planning resources, get your questions answered and utilize the online tools to ensure you make the right decision.

This webinar will provide details not only on the Social Security's retirement program, but will also cover the not so common filing strategy options when it comes to spouses and divorced spouses' benefits, key factors to consider when determining the right time to file, how you can work and collect benefits at the same time and how and when to file the application. In addition, find out how your decision on when to file for retirement benefits can affect widow(er)s benefits and learn about Medicare - when you must have it and when you don't need it.

The presenter is Vonda VanTil, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist in Grand Rapids MI. Vonda has been with the agency for 31 years and has vast experience in conducting public outreach education and training. She will be joined by MEA's Field Service Consultant for MPSERS Retirement, Paul Helder. Take the first step in planning for your future by taking advantage of this interactive free webinar.

Due to the need to limit the number of participants in each seminar, the popularity of this webinar, and the fact that several members were unable to attend these seminars in years past due to all the session slots being filled, we have realized that we must take action to prevent registration abuses. Therefore, we need to state specifically that:

- This webinar is being put forward **as a member benefit**. Non-members may not attend the webinars held on these dates.
- You may register **ONLY** for yourself. Registration of/for other members is strictly prohibited.
- You may register for **ONE** of the four dates that this webinar is offered. Registration for more than one date is also prohibited.

The registration link for each of the four webinars appear below. Please register for one date only. Registration will close automatically once the 200-member threshold is reached. Once you register, you will immediately receive the link for the date you have chosen. This second link is the one you will use to enter the meeting on the date in question. This second link is unique to your registration, which will not only help end "link forwarding" issues, but perhaps more importantly, will allow you to skip the "waiting room" line up that so many detest. This means that you can join the meeting 5 minutes before the start time and still get in on time.

Social Security Training Registration Links

May 9, 2022 - from 6:00-8:00 pm

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAkce-hpjoigdx1qHcM6ETfk4Fi05cjiz1j>

May 18, 2022 - from 6:00-8:00 pm

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUtc-GvpjwrE9dezjZ68Cc1bRx0jI0KgTIO>

May 19, 2022 - from 6:00-8:00 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMsfuCtrz8pEtVb4uNShpI4P3fjbiuR02N->

May 23, 2022 - from 6:00-8:00 pm

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