

Welcome Message from Chapter President - 7/25/2016

The NRLN DuPont Retirees Chapter (DRC) has been formed on July 1, 2016. The purpose of the DRC is to support the NRLN, a national lobbying organization, whose mission is to advocate and strengthen broadly applicable retirement income rights and regulations, through Federal legislative action. In this way, our affiliation with NRLN gives us the opportunity to influence their legislative agenda and, in turn, benefit from their efforts to protect and improve the legislative framework, in which all retiree benefits, including ours from DuPont, operate.

I have sent a draft proposal to a group of 27 people to test the NRLN chapter concept; of the 20 who have replied to date, all are in support of the proposal – a gratifying response. These people form the initial starting group of our Chapter, which establishes the structure that other present and future DuPont retirees can join if they wish. With inputs from this initial group, the final proposal has been sent directly to about 1300 people in our direct e-mail retiree network; I will report on the level of support, after we get all responses. If you have not received the proposal directly, you can [review the proposal here](#). DuPont retirees receiving the proposal by forwarding from others, or Facebook, or this webpage, are invited to join – follow enrollment instructions at the bottom of the left column of this webpage.

Large e-mail distributions through various providers such as msn, gmail, Verizon, Comcast, etc., may be subject to limitations on a “per message”, and/or a “per day” basis; messages may also be mistakenly derailed by spam filters, depending on their design and your specific spam or junk-mail settings. These problems limit the reliability of direct e-mail delivery and we have had such problems with our correspondence. But as an NRLN chapter, we not only have a web-page on their website, we also have the use of their e-mail utility, designed for distribution to large groups, hopefully avoiding delivery reliability issues. NRLN DuPont Retirees Chapter members will be getting emails from the NRLN mail server on DuPont retiree benefit-related issues and activities, as well as some NRLN matters, such as Action Alerts, Surveys, annual solicitation for contributions, etc.

The email address list of members is confidential, and will not be shared with anyone, and you will not receive spam. The data base is secured against hacking, has not been compromised to date, but we are all aware of breaches of many corporate systems, so no absolute guarantees can be given.

With your help, I will try to serve the income security needs of the DuPont retiree community, and while I hope our Chapter will grow, every e-mail you receive from the NRLN e-mail server will have an “unsubscribe” option, to permit anyone to opt-out as a member of this group, anytime, for any reason. Your comments and feedback are always welcome. You can reach me on my email link below. As our needs become more clearly defined, we will identify other DRC officers.

It is my understanding that DuPont is planning to launch a company managed retiree information web site, which we all should visit for official DuPont information. DuPont does not sponsor or manage our NRLN DuPont Retirees Chapter but we have informed them of its formation.

In the last 4 months, many of you have received emails from Paul Kende, reporting on his communications with DuPont senior management, regarding our pension security concerns, and on DuPont’s response addressing them. This effort will continue; however, as indicated in the first paragraph, the purpose of the NRLN DuPont Retiree Chapter is to focus on the legislative infrastructure, affecting retiree income protection, which goes beyond our more specific DuPont pension security concerns. The NRLN conducts research on difficult benefits issues and lobbies Congressional Committees, the Departments of Labor, the Employee Benefits Security Administration, Treasury and the Pension Benefits Guarantee Corporation. While the NRLN does not represent us with DuPont, their knowledge, experience, and contacts in this arena can provide

some guidance. We also plan to use the NRLN email utility to give our members updates on communications with DuPont.

I am looking forward to serving our needs to protect our collective retirement income security, through our affiliation with the National Retiree Legislative Network.

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