

Writing Your Retirement Paycheck

How can I be sure my retirement funds will last my lifetime? This important question will be addressed in an Iowa State University Extension and Outreach workshop on Tuesdays April 16 & 23, 6:30-8:30 pm in Ames. This workshop received enthusiastic feedback from ISU employees when it was offered two years ago.

“Writing Your Retirement Paycheck” is designed to provide information and resources needed by those approaching retirement within the next ten years. According to Barb Wollan, Human Sciences Specialist and workshop leader, topics include inflation, health costs, Social Security, required minimum distributions, income tax, and more. “Clear and non-commercial information is a necessary ingredient for effective retirement decision-making” says Wollan.

Wollan points out that even those who work with a trusted financial professional must ultimately make the decisions themselves. A financial professional can suggest or recommend products and strategies, but it is the consumer who decides and then lives with the results of the decisions.

“Two years ago, we offered the workshop free, thanks to funding from FINRA, and we sold out two sessions. That funding is no longer available, but participants almost universally agreed that it is well worth a fee,” according to Wollan. Workshop evaluation has consistently indicated that participants are better-equipped for retirement-related decision-making, she reports.

The workshop is available to ISU employees at a registration fee of \$25/person or per couple; the fee helps to offset direct expenses and supports the Human Sciences County Extension Program. The workshop will be held in 1020 Extension 4-H Building, on the north edge of campus on the corner of 13th and Stange. Parking in the adjacent lot is free after 5:30 p.m.

Register by April 14 online at <https://go.iastate.edu/EA4QVL>. Space is limited. Contact Barb Wollan (bwollan@iastate.edu or 515-832-9597) with any questions.