

## Bev Wilson, Benefit Audit Specialist

I joined the retirement system in May 2003 as an account technician in payroll. With the knowledge I have gained over the years, my job has developed into a mix of payroll, benefits, and special projects. Some of my main responsibilities are:

- Audit and finalize all benefit claims for accuracy in the calculation of eligibility, service credit, and benefit amounts.
- Assist members or survivors regarding the benefits we administer.
- Annually compile and verify data required for employee benefit statements, the actuarial valuation, the external financial audit, and the comprehensive annual financial report.
- Supervise the payroll account technicians and administrative assistant as well as any temporary help we may have for special projects.
- Query data to supply information needed for various reasons such as to track benefit trends, assist in determining the effects of proposed legislation, discover discrepancies or inaccuracies in data, identify deceased members/beneficiaries no longer eligible for a benefit, etc.

Although the retirement system staff strives for accuracy in service and benefit calculations, the employee needs to be diligent in reviewing their information on their annual benefit statements they receive and on their account on Secure Member Access. If you have a question regarding your records, do not hesitate to ask, we are here to assist you.