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INSIGHT FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

by William I. Winegarner



Good Intentions Should Not Supersede Common Sense

Even before 2009, the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) and Public Employee Retirees, Inc. (PERI) have been trying to get the Ohio General Assembly to pass needed legislation to preserve the long-range funding of our retirement system and to preserve a meaningful health care benefit for our members.

Finally, legislation was introduced in 2010, but basically nothing moved forward until May of 2012, when, after much prodding by PERI, Senator Keith Faber, Senate President Tom Niehaus, and Senate Minority leader Eric Kearney, finally saw the light and introduced legislation that passed through the committee and Senate within a 30 day period.

PERI thanks these men for their bold stand on this issue. We understand what it took politically, and we really appreciate them for seeing the seriousness of the situation and taking the appropriate action.

The challenge before us now is to get Speaker William Batchelder and Representative Lynn Wachtmann, sponsor of

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Legislative Report

by John Gilchrist



We are revisiting a topic that has been discussed a number of times in this column: defined benefits plans versus defined contribution plans.

PERI has consistently favored the defined benefit plan over the defined contribution plan and has consistently opposed any attempts at conversion. As you know, under a defined contribution plan the retiree's benefit is based upon what has actually been contributed to the participant's individual account, plus the earnings and appreciation on that individual account. Should the systems ever be required to convert to a defined contribution plan, we believe the primary entities that would benefit from such a conversion are financial and investment companies that would be managing and maintaining these individual accounts—there are over 705,000 active, contributing members in the five systems; OPERS alone has over 365,000 active, contributing members. These financial entities would benefit from the various fees that will be extracted from each member's account. Another beneficiary would be the various health insurance companies who would have thousands of new clients who may be required to purchase their own health insurance coverage prior to entering Medicare. For many, purchasing this health insurance would be a significant financial undertaking.

It should be noted that public employees do
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A Message From the Chairman by Beverly Sycks



In the second quarter newsletter I reminded everyone of the importance of being involved in your local PERI chapter and the legislative action team. PERI is on the job of protecting our interests. OPERS has been severely challenged as the proposed benefits two and one half years ago were not enacted. The lack of pension legislation created funding and health care problems.

To maintain our benefits as PERI members, we need to stay focused with full support. We are being advised by our administrator, William Winger, and our legislative counsel, John Gilchrist, as to what steps are necessary to be taken.

Thank you for your support; however, we cannot stop now. It is crucial that our voice remain strong. We need to keep our momentum moving forward throughout the summer and early fall. Our elected officials need to hear from us. We need to work diligently until the pension legislation is passed by the house and signed by the governor.

Chairman,
Beverly Sycks

not contribute to Social Security. Instead, public employees pay into one of the five retirement systems; all of which provide defined benefit plans. Social Security is a defined benefit plan and provides the same types of benefits that our retirement systems' defined benefits plans provide (disability, COLA, spousal benefits, survivor benefits).

Defined benefits plans are more economical and achieve higher investment returns than 401(k) or other defined contribution plans over the long term. On the other hand, defined contribution plans cost more, invest less, and realize lower returns in both the short and long term. OPERS states that a defined benefit pension can deliver the same retirement income at 46% lower costs than an individual defined contribution account. Also, defined benefit plans are ageless and therefore can perpetually maintain an optimally balanced investment portfolio rather than the typical individual strategy of down-shifting over time to lower risk/return asset allocation. They also achieve higher investment returns as compared to individual investor plans because of professional asset management and lower fees. Lastly, a defined benefit plan limits the risk of the retiree outliving his retirement savings. (Source: National Institute on Retirement Security analysis)

Approximately 72% of an individual's retirement benefit from OPERS comes from the retirement fund's investment returns. It is interesting to note that it only takes a few years in retirement before a retiree has received in benefits all that has been paid in by the retiree himself and his employer—the rest of his pension and benefits are paid from the investment returns of the system. The point of this is that those in a defined contribution plan will have to invest well if they are going to have a livable life style in retirement that is comparable to what they have under the system's defined benefit plan. It should be stressed that OPERS hires investment consultants to advise them on their investments and with establishing the appropriate asset allocations. Individual investors under a defined contribution plan will have to make

their own investment decisions or rely upon their account managers who may be more interested in selling investment products.

Some proponents of defined contribution plans believe that if the systems convert to defined contribution plans the legislature will not have to bail out a retirement system should the system face financial problems. We believe the legislature would be more likely to be asked to bail out all the individual retirees with defined contribution plans should the economy drop and the value of individual investment portfolios plummet. If we had retirees living off defined contribution plans the past few years, these retirees would be asking the legislature for financial assistance. Depending upon their investments, these retirees would have suffered some 20, 30, 40, or even a 50% decline in their portfolio's value. On the other hand, OPERS, for example, saw its assets decline by 26.9% and there were no discussions about having the legislature bail out the system. Unlike a pension system, individuals living on their own investment portfolio generally cannot afford to ride out a financial downturn. Again, if we had retirees with their individual investment accounts, we probably would have seen them asking the legislature for temporary financial assistance, applying for Medicaid, or seeking relief through other governmental agencies.

It should be noted that OPERS currently provides defined contribution plans (a member directed plan and a combined plan) for those who choose to enroll in one. These plans became available through the passage of H.B. 628 (effective 9/21/00), and when this bill was working its way through the legislative process, the bill contained provisions that would have required the systems to convert from a defined benefit plan to a defined contribution plan. This provision was opposed by PERI and various Ohio entities and it is interesting to note that all but one witness testifying in support was from out of state; and these witnesses represented various mutual fund and financial planner type organizations.

Another consideration is the fact that the retirement systems, as holders of a large block of a company's stock, can often influ-

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1987 PERS REPORT

PERI is in the process of digitizing all of our hand, or type, written corporate documents from 1969 forward. We came across a presentation given at our 1987 Annual Meeting, by William Wilcox, the first retiree representative on the OPERS board of trustees. We thought you might enjoy reading some excerpts and the contrast between then and now.

I have some good news for you; but, before I talk about that I want to give you some background on the way decisions are made at the Retirement System, and the responsibilities of the Retirement Board and the staff.

There are nine members of the Retirement Board. Three are members because of the offices they hold in state: the Attorney General, the State Auditor, and the Director of Administrative Services. The other six members, including me, are elected by the groups of public employees and retirants we represent. Retirants make up the largest group at 97,000.

The staff of the System, headed by Mr. William S. McLaughlin, numbers about 200 employees. Mr. McLaughlin and the Assistant Directors for benefits, investments and the comptroller meet with the Board monthly to report on the activities of the month. The Board considers these reports and acts accordingly.

Official meetings of the Board take place on the third Tuesday and Wednesday of each month. In all activities, the staff and Board must adhere strictly to the law, and when decisions must be made the law must be followed - we have no discretionary powers, in changing or increasing pension amounts.

The Board and staff periodically review the supplemental health insurance and prescription service provided for retirants. We review all disability applications.

Money for the payments of pensions comes from the Annuity and Pension Fund and the Survivor Benefit Fund, made up of member savings, employer contributions and investment income. These two funds totaled

DEBONIS APPOINTED IN JUNE

At the regularly scheduled PERI Board meeting in Westerville, Ohio, John DeBonis was appointed to fill the vacant and unexpired District 9 Representative term of office.

Mr. DeBonis, President of PERI Chapter Number 79, Belmont County was elected by the membership in District 9 at their annual meeting for the full term which begins at the end of the state annual meeting in September. The Board appointment will allow Mr. DeBonis to assume the responsibilities immediately.

Ms. Beverly Sycks, Chairman of the PERI Board, administered the oath of office immediately following his appointment.

Mr. DeBonis holds a life time accreditation as senior Professional in human resources from the Personnel Accreditation Institute. He is retired from public service with over 13 years serving in county government as an administrator and labor Consultant. He presently owns and operates DeBonis Human Resources Management Consulting. He is also a retired Master Sergeant from the U.S. Air Force reserves, with 25 years of service.

John has extensive experience lobbying and testifying before State and Federal Senate and House Committees. DeBonis attended Ohio University and Wheeling Jesuit College and currently resides in St. Clairsville with his wife, Carol. They have three grown children, and attend the East Richland Evangelical Friends Church in St. Clairsville.



something over \$5 billion as of the close of 1986. The total is higher now.

It is vital that there is always enough money in these two funds to guarantee each retirant his or her pension for life. That's what we mean when we say our pensions are "fully funded". The task of keeping the staff and Board fully informed about the adequacy of these funds falls to the system's actuaries.

Once a year the actuaries complete an evaluation by using information on the ages, plans of payments, and benefit amounts of all receiving benefits. I find the report of the actuary extremely interesting. For example, it shows that those receiving benefits from PERS are almost equally divided between men and women. And, as you would expect, nearly twice as many women retirants take the Straight Life plan of payments as the

men, and so on.

This huge fund from which benefits are paid is constantly changing as retirants die and new retirants join the pension rolls. Also, when a retirant outlives his life expectancy, as determined when he first retired, more money must be transferred into the Annuity and Pension Reserve Fund. Our actuary is the authority as to when transfers should be made, and how much.

The board has an equal responsibility to the 350,000 individuals yet to retire; those who are counting on receiving their pensions when they retire. There's good news for them also.

The money to meet the System's responsibility to future retirants comes from three sources: Employee Contributions, currently

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Chapter Round-up



District 10 Chapter Presidents
 Front Row: (left to right) Diane Stahl, Chapter 60, Erie County; Joan Thesling, Chapter 38, Medina County; and Julia Jones, Chapter 65, Ashland County; Second Row: Noreen Tokar, Chapter 89, Cuyahoga County; Sue Steingass,

Chapter 70, Wayne County; Gerry Thurber, Chapter 91, Cuyahoga County; Carole Warren, Chapter 83, Lorain County; and Boyd Marsh, Chapter 21, Summit County.



District 5 held their annual meeting on April 26 at Bucyrus. OPERS and Humana representatives updated attendees on retirement and health care changes.



The District 8 Annual Meeting was held on June 5. Guest speakers were Mike Mussell, from OPERS, who explained the status of current legislation and the proposed changes to the health care benefit; and Bill Winegarner, PERI Administrator, who covered how to increase chapter membership and the importance of having a knowledgeable chapter Legislative officer.



153 members from District 2 gathered at their Annual Meeting to hear Kevin Bland, from OPERS present the latest information on the status of pension legislation and the proposed changes to preserve a health care benefit for current and future retirees. Also present were representatives from Humana, Medical Mutual and Express Scripts to answer members questions.



PERI Chapter 66 in Warren County had a very exciting and meeting this June. Much effort was put forth to inform retirees about PERI's purpose and need for support. They had record attendance with 35 new chapter members. OPERS representatives updated the retirees on the current legislation and the upcoming changes in health care.





PERI President Rosemary Dahmann of Chapter 2 in Hamilton County addresses the chapter members at their June meeting. Senator Eric Kearney was the featured speaker.



All chapters in District 4 were present at the District 4 Annual Meeting when the representative of the 28th Ohio House District, Connie Pillich, addressed the retirees. She encouraged them to contact their representatives to inform them about their concerns. OPERS representative, Jason Davis, explained the health care changes to the group.



On June 6, PERI Chapter 18, Mahoning County, hosted the District 11 Annual Meeting. There were 240 in attendance with representatives from all eight chapters in the district.



Pictured at left, Margie and John Haught. Pictured at right, in front row: Olga Krupa, Lillian Hodos, Ann Louise Babik, Mary Repasky. Back row: Arnie Fromel and Mary Lou Senchak.



The Marine Corps Color Guard commemorated D-Day. Chapter member, Harry Dampf, is 2nd from the right.



Members of PERI Chapter 18, Mahoning County.



Pictured on left (left to right) is District 11 Rep John Haught, Chapter 18 Vice President Arlene DeChellis and Chapter 18 President John Fromel.



Members of PERI Chapter 56, Trumbull County.

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\$2.3 Billion, Employer Contributions, currently \$5.3 Billion, and returns on investments, \$1.8 Billion in 1986.

Every day that a public employee works adds to the liability of the Retirement System. As is true of any large pension fund, whether in Ohio, New York, California, or wherever, there will never be a point in time when any system can say it is fully funded to pay all the future benefits of current workers.

Hence, even Ohio, with an Employers Accumulation Fund of \$5.3 billion dollars toward future retirement is still \$6.3 billion dollars short of having enough money right now to meet in full the earned pension credits or rights of all 350,000 public employees. But, have no fears, that huge unfunded accrued liability will be met in full over the years as members of the System retire in the future.

You may ask, how do you know that. Again, our actuary is our guide and assurance. Working with figures supplied by the staff of PERS, the actuary determines that the contribution rates now being charged workers and their employers are adequate to meet all future benefit claims when combined with the System's investment earnings. Also, a percentage of the current contribution rate is set aside to amortize the unfunded liability over a period of years.

So, as I've indicated, the Retirement System has but three sources of income, namely member contributions, employer contributions and investment income. Member and employer contributions increased, again this past year because the salaries paid to public employees generally went up. Pensions reflect Final Average Salaries. Hence, PERS did not gain any added funds from contribution increases. The money will go mostly to meet future higher pensions.

However, investment increases are something else. It is from this source that potential increases in current, as well as future pensions may be found. The two years preceding 1987 have seen record-breaking increases in investment income. Our invest-

ment officer was scheduled to give you the details, but unfortunately was called out of town unexpectedly; however, Mr. Richard Schumacher, comptroller of the System is here to fill you in on the details after I speak. If any one person is familiar with the financing of PERS, it is Dick Schumacher.

The Board and staff have been following these increases closely, and several months ago, asked the actuary to advise us if and how some of this added income could be turned into pension increases for those of us currently retired.

With the approval of the Board, the staff proposes to have a bill drafted, and introduced in the Ohio House of Representatives early in 1988. The proposal must yet be scrutinized by the Ohio Retirement Study Commission.

PERS is the only System with current finances to make such adjustments, as far as we know. The question of uniformity among the three large retirement systems in Ohio is bound to come up when this proposal reaches the Study Commission. And there may be other obstacles.

For example, our Actuary reported that health care costs went up 25% in 1986 to a total of about \$143 million. Two of the large retirement systems in Ohio have established ceilings on how much they will pay in health care costs. PERS hasn't had to limit health care payments, yet. But perhaps these added funds may be needed to keep it that way.

A further obstacle might be a demand from hard-pressed public employers to reduce contribution rates. If this were an audience of public employers I'm sure that would be their suggestion.

Even with these and other unforeseen obstacles, the PERS board is determined to forge ahead with the pension increase proposals.

As always, you should follow the guidance of PERI as to the best ways you can help push these proposals to enactment in the Legislature. So, hold your fire for the moment until we determine where to direct your aim.



PERI BOARD OF TRUSTEES CANDIDATES

Election Information

PERI is governed by a representative body called: The Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees is comprised of five (5) Officers and eleven (11) District Representatives. District Representatives are up for election in their districts every other year for terms of two years. All Officers, except for the Secretary/Treasurer, are up for election every year for 1 year terms. The Secretary/Treasurer is up for election every two years for terms of two years. Officers are elected by all members. All members of record as of July 31 shall have election information and ballots sent to them in the mail no later than August 15.

In order for a ballot to count, it must be received at the Corporation's main office *prior to 5 P.M. September 17.*

Enclosed with this newsletter, you will find a ballot and a return envelope. Please make your selections, place the ballots in the supplied ballot envelope, affix postage, and mail. Please...Use the ballot envelope to send ballots only... DO NOT include your annual meeting reservation, or any other information in the ballot envelope.





PERI BOARD OF TRUSTEES CANDIDATES



FOR THE OFFICE OF CHAIRPERSON



Beverly Sycks

Beverly Sycks spent her 30 years of public service with the Veterans Service Commission from which she retired as its Administrative Secretary.

Upon retirement, Beverly joined PERI and the Coshocton County Chapter, where she served as Secretary, Treasurer, and President. The members of PERI District 9 elected her to serve as their representative on the PERI Board in 1999-2004. Ms. Sycks was subsequently elected as PERI's 2nd VP in 2005 and 2006, 1st Vice-Chair in 2007, Vice-Chair in 2008, 2009 and 2010, and Chairman of the Board in 2011 and 2012.

Ms. Sycks has been a member of the Finance and Program Committees and has been a member of and chaired the Legislative, Chapter Growth and Education, Chapter Bylaw, Education, Constitution, and Audit Committees.

FOR THE OFFICE OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON



Beverly (Bev) Calvert

Bev Calvert began her public employment, as a secretary to the ODOT Design Engineer and retired as the Equal Employment Coordinator for the Department of Transportation.

Upon retirement, she became a Lifetime member of PERI, and a member of the Washington County chapter. The members of District 8 elected her to represent them on the PERI board in 2002 and 2004.

She has since been elected as 2nd Vice-Chair (2006 and 2007), 1st Vice-Chair (2008-2010, and Vice-Chair (2011 and 2012).

Ms. Calvert has been a member of the Chapter-Growth and Education Committees; and the Chairman and member of the Legislative, Audit, and Constitution Committees.

FOR THE OFFICE OF 1ST VICE-CHAIR



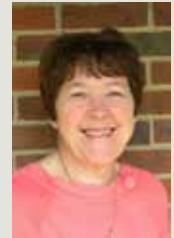
Phil Roberts

Philip Roberts graduated from Ohio U with a degree in civil engineering. He retired with 40 years of service credit from the Meigs County Engineer's office and the Ohio Department of Transportation.

Upon his retirement, Philip joined PERI and his local chapter in Gallia County. He first was appointed to the PERI Board of Trustees in 2007 to fill an unexpired term, and was elected in 2008, 2009, and 2010 by the members of District 7 to represent them on the PERI board. Mr. Roberts was elected 1st Vice-Chair in 2011.

Mr. Roberts is the current chair of the Legislative Committee and has been a member of the Chapter Growth and Education, Constitution and Bylaws, Finance, Continuing Education, and Audit Committees.

FOR THE OFFICE OF 2ND VICE-CHAIR



Dot Silver

Dot Silver, upon retiring, became a member of PERI and her local Chapter in Auglaize County. She served as its Vice-President and President over a six year period.

Ms. Silver is a graduate of St. Rita's School of Nursing and holds a Certificate in Management from Wright State University.

Dot was elected in 2008-2010, by the members of District 2, to represent them on the PERI Board of Trustees. In 2011 the state membership elected her to the position of 2nd Vice-Chair.

Ms. Silver has served as Chair of the Continuing Education Committee, Vice Chair of the Finance Committee, and as a member of the Legislative, Audit, and Nominating Committees.



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Preserving OPERS retiree health care coverage

Funding challenges and proposed plan changes

Challenges ahead

OPERS faces many challenges to offering the current level of retiree health care coverage including:

- **Pension legislation containing changes proposed by the OPERS Board two-and-a-half years ago has not yet been enacted.** Lack of pension legislation creates a challenge for funding health care coverage.
- **OPERS is required by law to fund and provide pension benefits, but not to provide health care coverage.** Only after we have met our pension obligations are we permitted to use some of the employer's contributions to fund health care coverage. We cannot use the employee's contribution to fund health care.
- **Baby Boomers retiring** - a 40 percent increase in retirees, from 162,000 in 2012 to 225,000 in 2022, is expected.
- **Retirees are living longer** - the average OPERS member retires at age 57; using a 78.3 year average life expectancy, they would have our health care coverage for more than 21 years. This is far more than anticipated when we began providing health care coverage.
- **The current value of the OPERS health care fund is \$11.5 billion.** At the current level of health care coverage, the fund will run out of money in 2020. Even if the pension legislation is passed, the fund will still

be depleted in 2026 without changes to the health care plan.

- **Investment returns for the health care fund have been volatile in recent years,** including a loss of more than 25 percent in 2008, gains of 13.5 and 24.8 percent in 2010 and 2009 respectively, and flat returns in 2011.

These challenges are too far-reaching to allow OPERS to maintain the current coverage level. While no final decisions have been made, OPERS has spent a great deal of time exploring a variety of options and has defined a proposed set of changes to the program. A final decision by the OPERS Board will be made this fall, with implementation in the next couple of years.

Without Pension legislation in 2012 If pension legislation is not passed in 2012, OPERS will be forced to implement far reaching health care changes which will affect both current and future retirees.

OPERS is required by law to meet pension obligations and the plan changes recently passed by the Ohio Senate will allow that to happen. OPERS is not required by law to provide retiree health care coverage. Without this legislation, employer contributions to the health care fund will become zero percent in 2014. Health care spending will need to be reduced from \$1.6 billion dollars per year to approximately \$500 million - cutting the health care program by nearly 70 percent.

Without pension legislation, OPERS will stop providing health care for 220,000 retirees and dependents with two minor exceptions. The two programs that will continue are reimbursement of Medicare Part B premiums and Medicare Part A (hospitalization coverage) for those hired before 1986 and therefore not covered by Medicare Part A, approximately 7,000 people. Absent pension legislation, OPERS must continue to provide these.

OPERS needs legislative action in 2012, and would like you to remind your elected officials why this issue is so important to you and your retirement system. Please visit www.opers.org and click on the Take Action Now button to learn how you can show your support for this critical legislation.

With pension legislation in 2012 Passage of legislation this year will allow OPERS to continue providing retiree health care coverage at some level. However, we still need to make substantial changes to the current plan in order to preserve the health care program for as long as possible.

If pension legislation is passed, OPERS plans to restore health care funding to 4 percent of employer contributions. Unfortunately, this is only about half the amount of funding needed to continue providing the current level of coverage.

The objective is to develop a health care program that can be funded and sustained with 4 percent of employer contributions. OPERS' focus is to preserve access to health care coverage for career employees upon retirement.

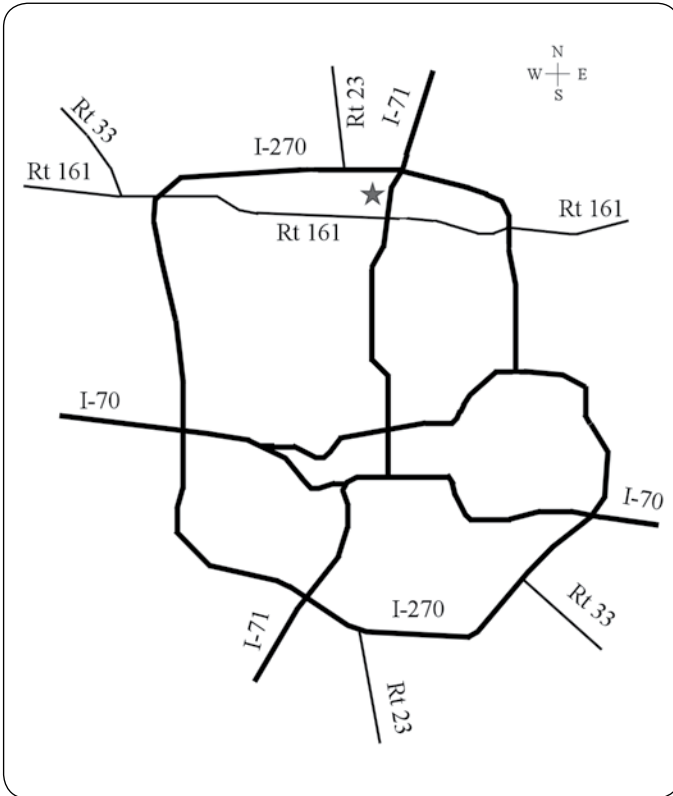
Although these changes are not yet finalized, the new health care plan will likely:

- require a minimum age of 60 for members to become eligible for health care coverage (for those retiring after the implementation date).
- increase minimum years of service for health care eligibility to 20 years (for those retiring after the implementation date).
- provide health care for those with 30 years of service at any age.

**MONDAY
SEPT. 24**

PERI ANNUAL 2012 MEETING MAP

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Turn left onto Busch Blvd.

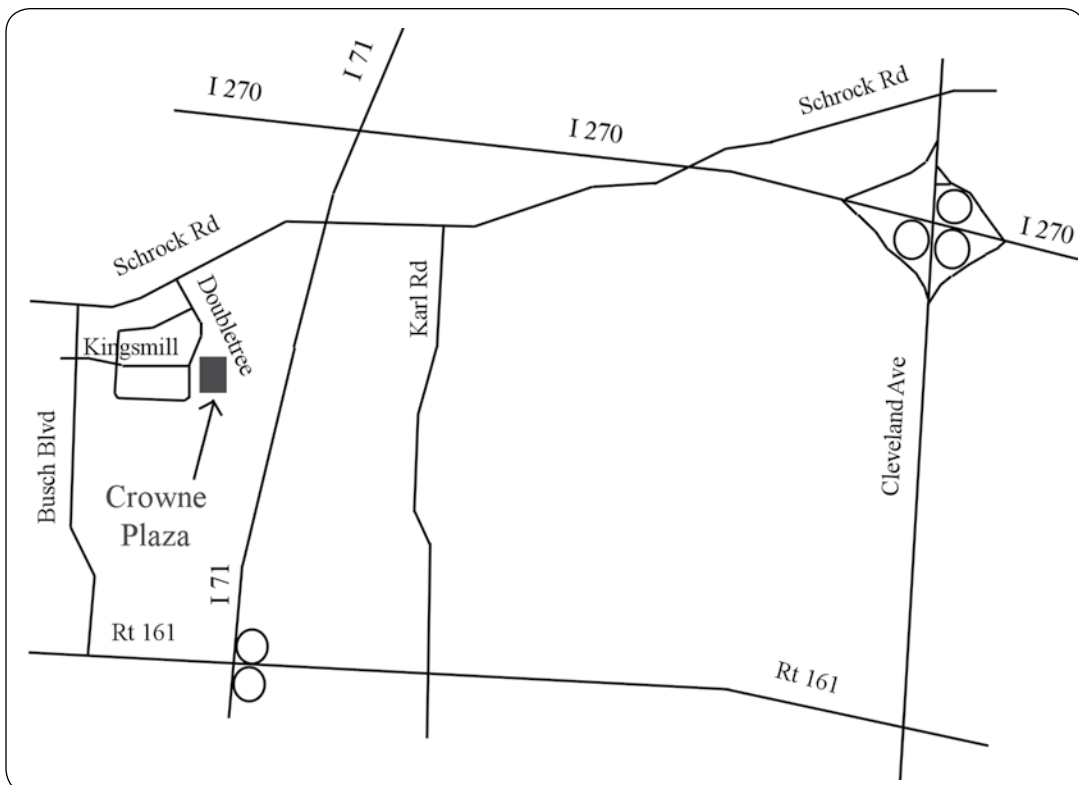
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From I-71:

Exit onto Route 161 and head west.

Turn right onto Busch Blvd.

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