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Perspectives

Serving OPERS Members Since 1948

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Mission Statement:

To protect and preserve OPERS pension and benefits programs and advocate for changes that are in the best interest of PERI members, while providing value through communications and education of the membership through our districts, local chapters and external partnerships.

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A Message from Your Chair

by Richard L. Ross



It has been a busy spring and summer for PERI. Many District annual meetings have taken place throughout the state. I spoke at the District 10 meeting in Wayne County and the District 9 meeting in New Philadelphia. I attended the Morgan County Chapter 48 meeting in McConnelsville and will speak on September 1, at the Muskingum County Chapter 47 meeting in Zanesville. Our excellent Administrator, Lezlie Garcia, and our fine legislative agent, Greg

Bennett, have been guest speakers at almost every District annual meeting, as have our OPERS Retiree Representatives, Steve Toth, and Tim Steitz.

At last count, there are 281 sponsors of H.B. 82, the “Social Security Fairness Act of 2021”, nine short of the number needed for a discharge vote on the United States House of Representatives floor. Greg Bennett drafted a statement of PERI’s position supporting this bill that would repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset (GPO) under current Social Security law. The WEP and GPO are federal laws, not state laws. This unfair law penalizes those who have worked in both the public and private sectors by severely reducing Social Security benefits to those who would otherwise qualify for both OPERS and Social Security. Please encourage your representative to support and vote for H.B. 82.

We continue to explore the possibility of increasing employers’ contribution to OPERS. There has been no increase in this rate since it was raised to 14 % in 2008 and very little increase since it was raised from 12 % to 13.71 % in 1977.

There are presently bills pending that would increase the employers’ contribution to Police and Fire, STRS, and SERS. We are closely monitoring those bills to determine the political possibility of adding OPERS to that list.

With the shutdown that came with COVID, people got out of the habit of coming to chapter meetings. This habit is nothing peculiar to PERI but also afflicts many volunteer groups (such as churches, Rotary, Kiwanis, volunteer fire departments, etc.). Some feel they receive sufficient information from our website, newsletter, and other news outlets. Please make every effort to attend your local chapter meetings to learn for yourself what is happening with PERI, OPERS, and the legislature. Encourage your former co-workers to join you in making a joint effort to maintain the benefits we all labored for so many years for. PERI members represent approximately one of every five OPERS beneficiaries. There is no reason why every beneficiary should not be interested in our mission and work.

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Legislative Report

by Greg Bennett, Byers, Minton & Associates



The Ohio Legislature is now in summer recess following a marathon session that finished just before midnight on June 1st. Session concluded after the House and Senate sent several pieces of legislation to Governor DeWine for his signature, including a \$3.5 billion capital budget.

I have enjoyed traveling around the state to participate in PERI district annual meetings, in addition to several chapter meetings. It has been a pleasure meeting many of you at the meetings, and I wanted to thank you for the warm welcome as your new legislative advocate at the Statehouse. In coordination with your PERI Board, we have been using the summer recess to strategize around and prepare PERI legislative priorities in advance of the coming lame duck session in November. Below, please find policy issues this organization has been closely monitoring and engaging on at the state and federal level.

Ohio Retirement Study Council

On June 9th, members of the Ohio Retirement Study Council (ORSC) deliberated a legislative recommendation from ORSC staff to disapprove Ohio House Bill 512. If passed, the legislation would increase employer contributions over a five-year period to 26.5% by 2027 for police and fire personnel. HB 512 has received two committee hearings in the House Insurance Committee and further consideration will only occur at the discretion of the committee chairman.

The official ORSC staff recommendation cites a significant change in precedent which would need to be applied to any future retirement-related analyses by the Council and could lead to unpredictable consequences to Ohio's retirement funding policies. Further, the staff recommendation states, "The General Assembly and the ORSC have consistently opposed an increase of employer rates," recommending instead that the Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund submit a 30-year amortization plan for review and comment by the ORSC.

Generally, Ohio pension reform efforts have been analyzed and considered by the ORSC, Ohio retirement systems, and system actuaries prior to deliberation in the legislative process. ORSC Chairman, Representative Phil Plummer, and the Committee chose not to act on the staff recommendation and directed staff and members to gather more information before making a formal decision on the matter.

Chairman Plummer deferred the issue until November at the latest and directed the Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund to begin developing a 30-year amortization plan required by state law. While

the July ORSC meeting has been cancelled, the Council plans to reconvene as scheduled on Thursday, August 11th at 10:00am for normal operations.

Federal H.R. 82 – WEP and GPO Repeal

At the Federal level, we are also closely monitoring and recommending continued PERI member outreach to our Ohio congressional delegation advocating for support of H.R. 82, the "Social Security Fairness Act of 2021." H.R. 82 would eliminate the windfall elimination provision and government pension offset which could reduce Social Security benefits and survivors' benefits under a myriad of circumstances.

Ohio has over 1.7 million members in its individual public retirement systems and over 450,000 beneficiaries and recipients. Specifically, the WEP directly affects around 150,000 Ohioans. As of this writing, H.R. 82 has 281 congressional cosponsors, including 9 of Ohio's 16 congressional members. Under U.S. House rules, if the legislation retains 290 or more cosponsors for 25 consecutive days, the legislation will be sent directly to the House floor for a vote.

PERI has developed a statement requesting the 117th U.S. Congress immediately move to vote on H.R. 82, in addition to drafting letters requesting those Ohio congressional members who have yet to co-sponsor the bill to sign on to the legislation.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS FOR YOU TO HAVE ON HAND

- (800) 222-7377 OPERS
- (844) 287-9945 Medicare VIA Benefits*
- (833) 939-1215 Non-Medicare VIA Benefits*
- (866) 591-1913 Aetna Vision
- (888) 262-4874 Metlife Dental
- (800) 633-4227 Medicare
- (877) 556-4582 AMBA
- (800) 772-1213 Social Security
- (877) 644-6457 Deferred Comp
- (800) 686-1578 OSHIIP

*If you need information concerning your HRA account or insurance, call VIA Benefits. If you have questions concerning your pension, please call OPERS.

IMPORTANT

Please notify PERI when a member is deceased so that we don't continue mailing to them. Either call us at (800) 247-7374 or email us at laurie@operi.org

A Message from Your Administrator

by Lezlie Garcia



Greetings everyone,

You may have noticed the redesign in our Newsletter last quarter and we are hoping you are happy with the changes. Primarily, PERI is committed to being the best steward and advocate of our members, and with the change in this newsletter provided a cost savings to the

organization. As I have begun learning the business methods in the office, I have found several other ways to save PERI money, and streamline processes that will help myself, our Administrative Assistant, Laurie and Accounting Assistant, Diana each day.

I have genuinely enjoyed attending the Annual District Meetings. The work and dedication chapter officers show to their Chapters is impressive and does not go unrecognized. I look forward to our Annual Meeting coming up on Monday September 26, 2022, at the Columbus Crowne Plaza and to acknowledge chapter members efforts. The cost of the event this year is \$35.00, and we would be honored to have you in attendance with a day full of learning and information.

Membership is an important focus for the board. The distribution of new OPERS retiree letters introducing PERI and membership information will go out by mid-July for membership growth. PERI has a strong voice to make an impact with 40,000 members, and we

could be even stronger. PERI has an impressive percentage of OPERS retirees as members when compared to the typical public-sector retiree associations. It is more important than ever for retirees to become more engaged than simply being a member. Reach out to your local chapter and volunteer for a committee or officer position. They need support and help from our membership. Please help us grow our membership stronger by telling fellow retirees about us and directing them to the PERI website at www.operi.org to join our great association!

Our future success on the COLA issue and others may well depend on our advocacy and help from retirees now and PERI's connection with State legislators. PERI fully expects a threat to the COLA returning in 2023. We will once again be challenged to motivate members and likely ask for a call to action to engage with members of the General Assembly.

To give us the best opportunity to prevail, we need you to talk to your friends and neighbors who may not yet be members of PERI and urge them to join now. As you know, our organization is unique and we focus only on OPERS retiree recipients' pension and benefits by watching pending legislation, OPERS board actions and the Ohio Retirement Study Council to prepare for any response or legal action necessary.

Again, thank you for being a valued PERI member.



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Excluded from Medicare Coverage: Dental, Vision, and Long-Term Care

When Medicare benefits were created in 1965, they reflected the restrictions and limitations of most health insurance at that time. The federal law that created Medicare has specific provisions that exclude coverage for certain things, like dental care and routine vision services. Long-term care services are additionally excluded because they do not meet the definition of health care services in the law. Just because something is not covered by Medicare, though, does not mean that it isn't needed. As we discuss some types of care that Medicare doesn't cover, we will include information about other ways of accessing or paying for these services.

Understand that most dental and vision care is excluded from Medicare coverage.

Medicare does not cover dental services that you need primarily for the health of your teeth, such as routine checkups, cleanings, fillings, most tooth extractions, and dentures. Medicare does, however, offer very limited coverage for some dental care needed to protect particular aspects of your general health, or for dental care needed for another Medicare-covered health service to be successful. For example, Medicare may cover an oral examination in the hospital before a kidney transplant, surgery to treat fractures of the jaw or face, or dental splints and wiring needed after jaw surgery.

Routine eye care services, such as regular eye exams, are also excluded from Medicare coverage. However, Medicare will cover an annual eye exam if you have diabetes or are at high risk for glaucoma. Medicare also covers certain eye care services if you have a chronic eye condition, such as cataracts or glaucoma. For example, Medicare covers cataract surgery, as well as eyeglasses or contacts after cataract surgery.

Know that you may have other options to receive dental or vision care.

First, learn what dental and vision services your state's Medicaid program covers. If you have limited income, you may be eligible for Medicaid coverage, which can cover services that Medicare does not. Second, you can compare private Medicare Advantage Plans. Some offer routine dental or vision care as a supplemental benefit beyond what traditional Medicare covers. There are also private stand-alone dental or vision plans you can purchase. If Medicaid or a private plan is not an option, you can also use a low-cost dental resource, such as free dental clinics, dental schools, Community Health Centers, or Federally Qualified Health Centers.

Know other resources or forms of insurance that can assist with your long-term care needs.

Long-term care, or LTC for short, refers to a range of services and support that help you perform everyday activities. LTC can be provided in a nursing home, assisted living facility, or other setting. LTC may include medical care, therapy, 24-hour care, personal care, and custodial care, also called homemaker services. Medicare usually does not cover non-medical LTC services. However, if you need care, there are other organizations and forms of insurance you can try.

First, if you have limited income, you can apply to Medicaid. Medicaid is the country's largest payer of long-term services and supports and will pay for nursing home care. Medicaid benefits also coordinate with Medicare. Second, you might look into long-term care insurance, which generally covers nursing care and custodial care. Note that these plans can be very expensive, and you can only purchase certain LTC policies if you are in good health. In addition to Medicaid and LTC policies, you might find local resources that can help with your long-term care needs. For example, your local Area Agency on Aging may have programs that deliver meals or provide transportation.

Protect yourself from potential marketing violations and enrollment fraud.

Some Medicare Advantage Plans may offer dental coverage, vision coverage, and other supplemental benefits beyond traditional Medicare. Be aware, though, that there are often rules and restrictions around these supplemental benefits. Sometimes, plan marketing materials can even make it seem that the plan offers additional services, when those services are actually covered by Medicare. If you are comparing Medicare Advantage Plans, practice being an informed consumer to avoid being enrolled in a plan that does not meet your needs or expectations. For example, ask plan representatives questions like:

- Is this benefit offered to everyone enrolled in the plan, or is it an optional benefit I sign up for?
- Is there an additional premium I must pay for this benefit?
- Are there limits to how much I can use this service?
- Are there restrictions on where and how I can access these services?
- Are there copays or coinsurance charges for these services?

Specifically, when asking about supplemental dental and vision coverage, make sure you know exactly which dental and vision services are covered, at what cost, and how often. You can also request this information in writing. If you sign up for a plan after being told that certain services were covered, but later receive a denial because those services are not covered, you may have experienced enrollment fraud.

If you have questions or concerns about your Medicare Advantage Dental and/or vision benefits, or your LTC insurance policy and/or needs, contact OSHIP at the Ohio Department of Insurance Monday-Friday 7:30am-5pm at 1-800-686-1578.



The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System is pleased to partner with Public Employee Retirees, Inc. to provide news and updates about OPERS within your PERI Newsletter. If you have questions or need further information, please contact OPERS at 1-800-222-7377.

To help OPERS retirees receive the help they need as efficiently as possible, we've prepared the chart below which advises retirees where to direct some typical health care questions.

I have a question about health care. Who should I call?

Enrolling into a Medical and/or Prescription Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available Insurance Carriers / Plans • Enrollment Process • Address Change • Issues with my Insurance Carriers / Plans 	<p>Via Benefits Serves as the OPERS Connector and administers the OPERS HRA</p> <p>Medicare / HRA: 1-844-287-9945 Pre-Medicare: 1-833-939-1215</p> <p>Medicare: my.viabenefits.com/opers Pre-Medicare: marketplace.viabenefits.com/opers</p>
Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Premium Tax Credit (PTC) vs. HRA • Opting in or out of the HRA • Using the HRA • Eligible Expenses • Reimbursement Process • Claims - Status/Denials • Dollar Amount of monthly HRA Deposit • Timing of HRA Deposit • Forfeiture Process 	
OPERS Dental Coverage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available Providers • ID Cards • Covered Services • High vs. Low Option 	<p>MetLife Administers the OPERS Dental Plan 1-888-262-4874 www.metlife.com/mybenefits</p>
OPERS Vision Coverage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available Providers • ID Cards • Covered Services • High vs. Low Option 	<p>Aetna Administers the OPERS Vision Plan 1-866-591-1913 www.aetnavision.com</p>
Retiree Medical Account (RMA) <i>For participants receiving disbursements</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using the RMA • Eligible Expenses • Reimbursement Process • Claims - Status / Denials • Forfeiture Process • Address Change 	<p>PayFlex Administers the OPERS RMA 1-888-672-9136 www.payflex.com</p>
Retiree Medical Account (RMA) <i>For participants making contributions</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vesting policy • Interest • Impact on HRA • Re-Employed Accumulated HRA 	<p>OPERS 1-800-222-7377 www.opers.org</p>
Re-employment <i>Benefit recipients employed in an OPERS-covered position</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact on HRA • Re-Employed Accumulated HRA 	
OPERS Dental and Vision Coverage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrollment Process • Opt In / Opt Out Process 	
Miscellaneous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligibility to Receive HRA Allowance • HRA Allowance Calculation • Medicare Part A Premiums - Reimbursement Process 	

Chapter News

District 4



Warren County Chapter at the District 4 annual meeting



District 4 annual meeting (L to R) Steve Toth, OPERS Retiree Rep., Carl Marquette, Hamilton County chapter president, Rosemary Dahmann, District 4 Rep., Lezlie Garcia, PERI Administrator, Greg Bennett, PERI Legislative Counsel, and Tim Steitz, OPERS Retiree Rep.



Rosemary Dahmann, District 4 Rep. opening her District annual meeting.



Rep. Adam Bird, guest speaker at the District 4 annual meeting



(L to R) Clinton County Chapter President Shirley Webb, Treasurer, Nancy Knapp, V.P. Priscilla Vaughan and Secretary, Sara Hummelgard



Steve Toth & Tim Steitz at District 4 annual meeting



Ken Horne, former Hamilton County Treasurer and Bruce Sherwood, Hamilton County Treasurer handle registration at annual meeting

District 5



District 5 Wyandot County getting updates from the local hospital



District 5 annual meeting Barbecue Luncheon



Guest speaker State Rep. Marilyn John at the Richland County Chapter meeting



Greg Bennett, PERI Legislative Counsel, at District 5 annual meeting



John Franciscan from OPERS at District 5 annual meeting



Registration Ladies (L-R) Sharon Cole, Secretary, Brenda Harden V.P. and Betty Grooms, chapter member from Morrow County



Richland County Chapter 84 meeting

District 5 Cont.



Officers from every chapter in District 5 attended an Officer's meeting April 28th at the Golden Corral in Ontario.



Kay Wisenauer, Wyandot secretary won a "Blue Line" flag donated by PERI treasurer John DiPietro.



John Fark, Marion president shared some of the Marion chapter's best practices and discussed concerns with PERI Treasurer John DiPietro and PERI Office Administrator Lezlie Garcia.



Knox County Commissioner, guest speaker at Knox County chapter meeting

District 6



District 6 annual meeting attendees (L to R) Judy Baldwin, Union Co. VP, and from Fayette Co. Chapter Sharon Irons, Secretary & Suzanne Turner, Chapter President



Franklin County Chapter LO, Joe Wing and District 6 Rep. Bonnie Mitchell



District 6 annual meeting members (L to R) Dave Benson, Fairfield President, Nelson Embrey, Pickaway President, Mary Smith, Fairfield Treasurer, and Joe Duda, Fairfield L.O. with Steve Toth



District 6 Representative, Bonnie Mitchell, at podium



District 6 annual meeting, OPERS Retiree Representatives, Steve Toth, Tim Steitz and Bonnie Mitchell, District 6 Rep.



Karen Carragher, OPERS Executive Director, at PERI Board Meeting



District 6 Licking County Chapter Picnic

District 7

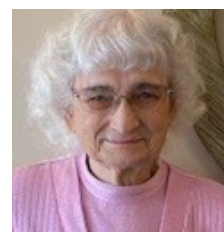


PERI District 7's annual meeting was held in Jackson on June 17. (L to R) OPERS Retiree Representatives Steve Toth and Tim Steitz, PERI Administrator Lezlie Garcia, Legislative Counsel Greg Bennett, and District 7 Representative Greg Ervin.

District 8



Greg Bennett, Legislative Counsel & Lin Avendaño Dist. 8 Rep were guest speakers at Hocking County chapter 35th Anniversary Luncheon



Shelva McKinley, Secretary gave a brief history of PERI state & local organization which she has been a member & attending for 29 years

Chapter News (Cont).

District 9



District 9's annual meeting was held May 17 at the New Philadelphia First Christian Church. Pictured are seven-chapter presidents from District 9 (L to R), Betty Kellar (Harrison County), Margaret Lowe (Coshocton County), Lynn Johnson (Holmes County), PERI Chair Rich Ross, Jerry Garvey (Tuscarawas County), Judy Jenewein (Belmont County), Bob Lahmers (Guernsey County), and Judy Krenzle (Jefferson County).



District 9 Tuscarawas County chapter meeting. Chapter President Jerry Garvey swore in new officers Secretary Ronna Harding (left), and VP Helen Leeper.

District 11



District 7 Stark Co Chapter Officers
Back row: (L to R) Richard Ross, PERI Chair, Jim Griffin, 2nd VP, Quentin Potter, VP
Front row: (L to R) Reggi Witsaman, secretary, Rose Bresson, membership chair, Linda Letcavits, treasurer, Cheryl Long, LO, and Connie Rubin, President



Mahoning County Chapter President Walter Duzzny (left) with Judge John M. Durkin at the June 7th luncheon. Chapter 18 welcomed the Judge to present his successful program with the Mahoning County Felony Drug Court that he established in 1997.



Are you a PERI Chapter Member?

If not, you should be.

Being a member of a PERI chapter in your community brings extra value to your PERI membership experience. You will have the opportunity to hear from your elected officials including your state senator and state representative and to discuss important issues. Every meeting brings new opportunities to hear the latest on elder issues including changes to your OPERS pension and healthcare benefits, Medicare, senior scams and senior community resources. You will also learn about other products and services of interest to seniors from our trusted partner, AMBA, and much more.

With more than 90 chapters in nearly every county in Ohio, there is one close to you. Depending on location, chapters typically meet monthly or bi-monthly in frequency. Chapters are often looking for PERI members to volunteer their time to help with chapter activities. Consider becoming a chapter officer. This is a wonderful way to "pay forward" while meeting your fellow OPERS retirees and PERI members.

Take a moment to visit the PERI website at www.operi.org to learn more about a chapter in your area today!

IMPORTANT

If you have a seasonal address, please call or email us when you move. Our mail is sent out bulk rate, therefore the post office does not forward it.

Constitutional Changes

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 4: Regular membership shall be granted to and held by those who have paid the required dues. ~~Regular membership shall be on a calendar year basis (January 1 through December 31, or any part thereof).~~

ARTICLE IV: GOVERNMENT

Section 1: The Corporation shall be governed by the majority of its voting members in good standing. Voting on any issues or candidates will occur prior to an annual meeting to be held in September or October each year.

Prior to August 15, all members of record as of July 31 shall be notified in writing of all items requiring a vote. An official ballot or ballots shall be included with the notification. Notification shall be considered satisfied by placement of the required material in the hands of the U.S. Postal Service.

The official ballots received at the Corporation's main office prior to 3 p.m. September 15 shall constitute the voting membership. Should September 15 fall on a Saturday or Sunday, the date will be extended to the ensuing Monday.

An annual meeting may be canceled, or postponed, due to unforeseen circumstances (i.e., natural disaster, pandemic, etc.). The cancellation, or postponement of an annual meeting shall be made by the Board of Trustees pursuant to Article V, Section 1 below.

ARTICLE V: BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Section 4: A position on the Board shall be considered vacant when the member holding that position has died, resigned, or been removed for incapacity or unapproved absenteeism (absent from 25% of the three consecutive board meetings within a calendar year without approved absence by the Board). A board member may be removed for conduct considered unprofessional and/or injurious to PERI and/or the Board. Such removal shall require a two-thirds majority vote of Board members (excluding the affected board member) in attendance at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS

Section 1: The officers of the Corporation shall be a Chair of the Board, a Vice-Chair, a 2nd Vice-Chair, a 3rd Vice-Chair, and a Treasurer. These officers shall constitute the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have supervision of the affairs of the Corporation between regularly scheduled Board meetings.

ARTICLE XII: INVESTMENT POLICY

~~Life Membership fees shall be deposited in separate savings accounts referred to as: The Life Trust:~~

~~Section 1: Principal funds in the Life Trust may be used for expenses by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the Board:~~

Section 1: The Investment Policy shall be set by the Board of Trustees.

Section 2: Life Membership fees shall be deposited in separate savings accounts referred to as: The Life Trust. Only up to 10% of Life dues should be spent in a given year.

Section 3: Money deposited into the money market account from regular dues, associate dues, allied dues and AMBA in a given year may be withdrawn during that same year for budgeted expenses. Money deposited from the same dues and AMBA in a given year over and above what is needed for that same year may be withdrawn for budgeted expenses in the immediately following year.

All transfers both in and out of the money market for expenses should be clearly reported on the Profit and Loss Report or in a separate report. If additional funds are needed for expenses from the money market, these must be approved by the Board.

The purpose of the funds being held in reserve is to address potential issues which would impact members' pensions and benefits. With prior Board approval, funds could also be used to address unforeseen expenses.

ARTICLE XIV: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the Corporation in all cases that are not inconsistent with this Constitution, its By-laws, or any special rules of order the Corporation may adopt.

Enclosed with this newsletter, you will find a ballot for this year's election. After you review and mark your ballot, please insert it into the enclosed envelope, stamp, and mail. In order for your ballot to count, it must be received at the PERI office prior to 5:00 P.M. on September 8, 2022.

PERI State Annual Meeting

Monday, September 26, 2022

Crowne Plaza Hotel • 6500 Doubletree Avenue • Columbus, Ohio 43229

Registration will be from 9:00 – 9:30 a.m.

You are invited to join us for the PERI State Annual Meeting which will again be held at The Crowne Plaza Hotel in Northeast Columbus. On Monday, September 26th. The hotel is conveniently located just minutes off Interstate 71 and State Route 161. Features include free parking, a covered drop off area outside the lobby, sleeping rooms if needed and dinner available.

Registration will be from 9:00 a. m. to 9:30 a.m. Coffee, tea and pastry will be available during that time.

This year's meeting will be more exciting than ever. PERI is offering attendees the opportunity to learn from a variety of experts who will make presentations in two 45-minute breakout sessions on topics of interest to retirees.

These experts will talk about:

OPERS

OPERS staff will discuss the pension system and topics important to retirees.

OSHIIP

OSHIIP Community liaison David Painter & OSHIIP staff will present the Medicare 101 Program with the most up to date information on Medicare, supplemental insurance plans and options.

Growing Your Chapter

A special session for chapter officers and members interested in revitalizing your chapter. Presenters will be Greg Bennett of Byers Minton & Associates, Connie Dailey, District 5 Representative and Doug Smith, District 3 Representative.

Elder Fraud & Exploitation

Protect yourself from those who want to rob you of your savings. Hear the latest from Katie Harper of the office of the Ohio Attorney General* on what you can do to avoid being duped by these criminals.

Pro Seniors

Lisa Dalga from Pro Seniors Inc. will explain how to prevent Medicare fraud, protecting identity and avoiding scams.

** - This event is not sponsored by the Ohio Attorney General's office. The Ohio Attorney General's office does not specifically endorse or recommend Public Employee Retirees, Inc. or any products or services affiliated with Public Employee Retirees Inc.*

Although we cannot guarantee your choices will be available, each breakout session will be repeated to allow you the best opportunity to attend the sessions of your choice.

The business meeting will start promptly at 9:30 a.m. You will meet in the main ballroom for an opening keynote address by OPERS Executive Director, Karen Carraher and then move to your first 45-minute breakout session. After a 15-minute break, you will move to a 2nd 45-minute breakout session of your choice.

After the two breakout sessions, attendees will return to the main ballroom for lunch. After lunch, there will be a PERI business meeting where you will hear brief remarks from PERI Chairman Richard Ross, PERI Administrator Lezlie Garcia, PERI Treasurer John DiPietro and a legislative report from PERI Legislative Counsel, Greg Bennett. The meeting will conclude with special door prize drawings.

Come with great expectations for a rewarding time of learning and sharing with your fellow PERI retirees. **Register as soon as possible as this event will sell out fast!**

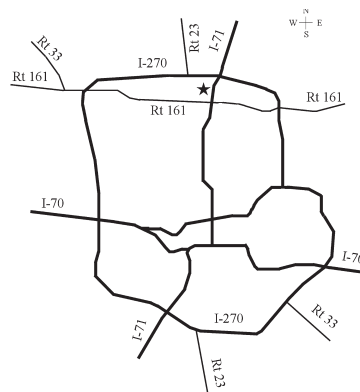
Meal choices this year are:

Thanksgiving Dinner
Roasted Turkey with Stuffing

Meatloaf
Chef's own Selection of Quality Meats Baked to Perfection Served with Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes and a Forrest Mushroom Brown Gravy

Vegetarian Lasagna
Lasagna noodles with vegetables & tomato sauce, no meat

All Plated Lunches are Served with Chef's Choice Selection of Potato or Rice, Seasonal Fresh Vegetables, Fresh Rolls & Butter, Freshly Brewed Regular and Decaffeinated Coffee, Iced Tea & Hot Tea

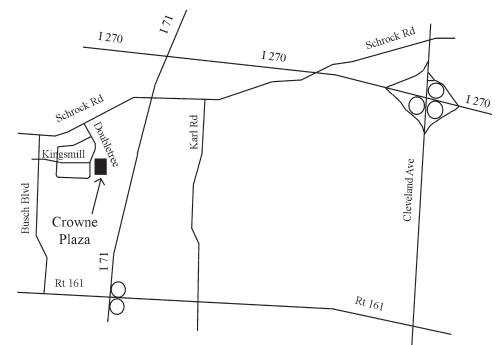


From I-71:

Exit onto Route 161 and head west.
Turn right onto Busch Blvd.
Turn right at third traffic light onto Kingsmill Pkwy which will dead-end at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

From I-270:

Exit onto Cleveland Ave North.
Go to the first intersection and turn left (west) onto Schrock Rd.
Follow Schrock Road for 2-1/4 miles to Busch Blvd.
Turn left onto Busch Blvd.
Turn left at first traffic light onto Kingsmill Pkwy which will deadend at Crowne Plaza Hotel.



2022 Registration Form
PERI State Annual Meeting • Monday, September 26, 2022

Registration: \$35 per person
Registration deadline: Mon, Sept. 12, 2022.
We highly encourage registration on our PERI website (www.OPERI.ORG) with options to pay via credit card.
If you do not have computer access, please use the attached registration form, make checks payable to PERI and mail to PERI:
659 Park Meadow Rd, STE F
Westerville, OH 43081

Each registrant, including spouses or guests, must fill out our registration form below. There are two forms on this sheet, and it may be copied. There must be a phone number included with the registration. If special seating is needed due to a wheelchair or walker note your request on the "Seating Request" line.

Reminder to Chapters: Group forms submitted by chapters will no longer be accepted. Chapters can send one check for all their attendees, however, an individual registration form for each attendee must be filled out with their meal choice and breakout session choices listed. Thank you!

FIRST NAME: _____ M.I.: _____ LAST NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER **(Required)**: _____ YOUR COUNTY: _____

MEAL CHOICE (Circle one): Thanksgiving Dinner Vegetarian Lasagna Meatloaf

BREAK OUT SECTION CHOICES
Please insert a 1, 2 or 3 to designate your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices on the line to the left of each session you would like to attend. Due to seating limitations from room to room, some sessions will fill quickly. Mail in your registration as soon as possible to ensure the best opportunity to obtain your preferred selections. For a description of sessions, check page 10.

____ Pro-Seniors ____ Elder Fraud and Exploitation
____ OSHIIP ____ OPERS ____ Grow Your Chapter

Check # _____ Check Amount \$ _____ If you would like to be seated with another attendee, please note who on the line below, and we will do our best to accommodate your request. Thank you!

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- Please make sure you have completed the following steps:**
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| 1. Fill in your personal information (including phone number) | 3. Choose 2 breakout sessions |
| 2. Selected a meal | 4. Included your check |



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