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Perspectives

Serving OPERS Members Since 1948

1st Quarter 2023

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



We have begun a new year. Many take the change in the calendar to make resolutions, most of which do not survive two weeks. Resolve: “to make a firm decision about”. Resolution: “the state or quality of being resolute; firm determination.”

We at PERI hereby resolve that we will do everything that we can to preserve the best public pension system in the United States. We resolve that we will strive to strengthen the benefits for which we all labored for many years. We resolve that we will work with all, regardless of party or position, who will join us in making our retirement years indeed the “golden years.”

Due to your support and action, we came closer than we ever have to repealing the WEP/GPO which unfairly reduces the Social Security benefits which many of us earned due to our dual careers in the public and private sectors. We will continue to explore the avenues of support to attempt to bring this to fruition.

With a new General Assembly in Columbus, it is a time for each chapter to be resolved to contact the representative(s) and senator(s) from their area to introduce to the freshmen and remind the veterans of what OPERS is and your concerns for its’ preservation. I have yet to meet someone who was running for the General Assembly that was doing so because the person wanted to do something to, for, or about OPERS. Almost all of these people know very little about the system and our dependance upon it. Use this as an opportunity to educate and establish connections with those at the Statehouse for when we need to contact them.

As of the writing of this column, the leadership in the Ohio House is undetermined. With the Republicans having such a large majority, the makeup of their leadership will have a strong, if not determining influence, on any legislation. We will keep a close eye on every piece of proposed legislation which will affect our pension in any manner.

We at PERI headquarters wish you a Happy New Year and safety and health in our joint pursuit of preserving our pensions and benefits.

PERI Announces Search for District 8 Representative

We are seeking a candidate to fill the position of District 8 Representative. Counties within this district can be found on page 12. To be a District Representative, one needs to live in the district and be willing to travel throughout the district and to Columbus for monthly board meetings. If you are interested and want more details, please call us at (800) 247-7374 or send us an email at laurie@operi.org.

Legislative Report

by Greg Bennett, *Byers, Minton & Associates*



Ohio Policy Year in Review and A Look Ahead

As the Ohio Legislature closed out the 134th General Assembly with a bevy of lame duck activity, we can now take a closer look at our advocacy efforts over the last year and what's ahead for Ohio politics and policy. Elected officials addressed several high-profile issues including pandemic recovery funding, state legislative and congressional redistricting, criminal justice reform, legalized sports betting, and election procedure changes. Given all the public policy changes over the last two years, Governor DeWine and Ohio lawmakers still have much left they would like to accomplish. Let's look at a few notable updates relevant to PERI members.

ESG & Fiduciary Responsibility

In response to the national effort to curb investment decisions through the lens of environmental, social, and governance policies, we saw the introduction of legislation to address public investments and fiduciary responsibility in relation to ESG. Ohio Senator Kirk Schuring proposed a bill to clarify existing law that retirement and investment boards can consider no strategy other than maximizing investment returns. Specifically, the legislation directs board members of the state's public pension systems, higher education institutions, and the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation, not to "make an investment decision with the primary purpose of influencing any social or environmental policy or attempting to influence the governance of any corporation."

While the legislation did not pass last year, we expect the bill to be reintroduced at some point this General Assembly. Following an in-depth review of Senator Schuring's proposal, PERI voted to support the bill as a responsible approach to clarifying fiduciary responsibilities for the benefit of public employees and retirees.

Employer Contribution Increase Proposal

Another bill PERI had closely monitored was the Police and Fire Pensions Fund effort to increase employer contribution rates by being phased-in over several years. Opponents of the legislation identified significant costs to local governments around \$117 million annually. This legislation received several hearings in both the Ohio Retirement Study Council and House Insurance Committee but failed to pass before the end of the General Assembly. We are waiting to see if the sponsors will reintroduce the bill in the same form, or whether a compromise can be identified between the proponents and opponents of the bill.

What's Ahead?

House Speakership Shake-Up

On January 3rd, the Ohio House and Senate gaveled in to the 135th General Assembly with the official swearing-in ceremonies and leadership votes.

With a vote of 54-43, Representative Jason Stephens (R-Kitts Hill) was elected speaker of the House for the 135th General Assembly including support from Democrats. Stephens defeated Representative Derek Merrin (R-Monclova), who prevailed in an unofficial closed-door caucus vote several weeks prior. Representative Scott Oelslager, a long-time Ohio lawmaker and finance committee chairman in both the House and Senate, was elected to serve as Speaker Pro Tempore.

Ohio Main Operating Budget

In mid-February, Governor Mike DeWine will submit to the legislature his Executive Budget for consideration in the House and Senate. Ohio's operating budget is the single-largest public policy vehicle and presents both potential opportunities and challenges for PERI and members across the state. Given the magnitude of the budget, we will remain vigilant about policy proposals being amended into the legislation to prevent any unintended policy consequences for Ohio retirees.

Federal WEP/GPO Reform

On the Federal front, Congress will continue to review the broader Social Security system and proposals to modify the Windfall Elimination Provision and Government Pension Offset. There was hope that Congress would find a solution to the WEP/GPO issue as lawmakers negotiated a year-end omnibus spending package, but the complexity of the issue and the impact on the broader system has forced these efforts to continue into the new year.

However, there are a few silver linings here. After more than 40 years of advocacy efforts to change this law, Congress reached a high-water mark of more than 300 cosponsors on the WEP/GPO repeal bill. Congressional leaders also committed to identifying a compromise solution, and we will continue our outreach to Ohio's congressional delegation to ensure this comes to fruition.

Meanwhile, Ohio Representative and Chairman of the Ohio Retirement Study Council Phil Plummer introduced Ohio H.C.R. 52, a concurrent resolution urging Congress to repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision to give those that pay into Social Security their full benefits upon retirement.

PERI continues the important work of ensuring a fair, secure retirement for its members, and a major goal at the federal level is reforming the Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision. As your elected officials debate the issue in Congress this coming year, hearing your side of the story can influence how they vote.

A Message from Your Executive Director

by Lezlie Garcia



2023 is upon us, and PERI is hard at work processing new and renewed memberships. I wish everyone a Happy 2023 and thank each member for their membership and the many donations to help PERI's mission. Your Membership cards should be in the mail by mid-January for all renewals processed through January 3, 2023. Our reminder mailing will go out at the end of January for anyone who may still need to renew. You can visit our updated website at www.operi.org to renew your membership or call our office to process credit card payments.

PERI will diligently watch the new General Assembly for future legislative actions that may impact your pension and benefits. Ohio has elected a speaker and assigned committee chairs, and now we are waiting for the federal side for committee assignments. We will pay close attention to committee assignments like the House Ways and Means, which will be working on a compromised revision of the Windfall Elimination Provision and Government Pension Offset. Most of the legislators coming in need to be made aware of the details concerning the WEP/GPO, and our initiative will be to educate them. Once we get the information, we will share sample letters and contact information to allow you to tell your specific story about the financial impact the provisions have on you.

I have been privileged to visit Clark County, Noble County, and Cuyahoga County (Parma) Chapter meetings. I enjoy meeting our chapter leaders and members and look forward to many more opportunities as the District Representatives start planning their annual meetings for 2023.

Many of you have noticed that we have changed our website. We have utilized our AMBA partnership to offer an attractive and versatile program. PERI was paying monthly for the maintenance of the old website and more extensive fees if we wanted certain things changed, plus it needed to be more user-friendly for the staff. The website management will be Laurie Frithiof and me, and not AMBA, as we have been in training classes for several weeks and identifying some items that need enhancement. Additional changes will be coming to the website, like an interactive district map where you can click on the county and immediately go to chapter information. This portion will take some time to create on the back end, but we will let you know when that is up and ready. Please direct any website questions to me at lgarcia@operi.org, and I am happy to assist.

Please save the date for our 2023 Annual Meeting for Monday, September 18, at the Crowne Plaza. We adjusted the date by a week to avoid interfering with the special holidays of our members and look forward to having a great program in store for you all. Never hesitate to contact our office with any questions, concerns, or suggestions.

The photo to the right is a leadership forum hosted by AMBA that includes me, AMBA Regional VP Joe Maddalon, AMBA District Manager Bonnie Norris, Ohio Retired Teachers Association (ORTA) Executive Director, Dr. Robin Rayfield; School Employee Retirement Organization (SERO) Executive Director Valerie Rodgers, SERO Board President Tauwanta Corns, SERO Office Manager Nicole Shrestha, Police and Fire Retirees of Ohio President Gary Monto and Secretary Anna Romito.

We look forward to working with Ohio pension plan leaders and our members. We had the excellent opportunity to share best practices and ideas regarding membership growth to help us all. We will meet every quarter to continue collaborating and working on shared issues and concerns regarding our pension systems.



IMPORTANT:

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



Medicare coverage and costs change every year, so it is important to understand and review all benefits every year. But 2023 also brings new changes to enrollment periods, and lowers the cost of insulin and important vaccines. Here is an overview of what's new in 2023.

Medicare Part A covers inpatient hospital services, skilled nursing facility services, home health care, and hospice. When admitted to the hospital as an inpatient, the deductible is \$1,600 in 2023. If you have multiple hospitalizations, you may owe the deductible more than once. After you meet your deductible, your first 60 days in the hospital and your first 20 days in a skilled nursing facility cost \$0 per day. After that, you owe an out-of-pocket cost for each day of your continued stay. Most Medicare Supplemental policies cover these costs so check your policy.

Medicare Part B covers outpatient costs, such as doctor visits and lab tests. In 2023, the standard Part B premium is \$164.90, a decrease from the 2022 premium. If your income is above \$97,000 as a single person or \$194,000 as a married couple, you may pay a higher premium. If you have a Medicare Advantage Plan, you may also pay an additional monthly premium. If you have Original Medicare, the Part B annual deductible is \$226 in 2023. After you meet this amount, you owe a 20% coinsurance for most services covered by Part B. Most Medicare Supplement policies cover these costs so check your policy. Starting in July of 2023, you will pay no more than a \$35 copay for each Part B-covered insulin product. Insulin products that may be covered by Part B include a pump and the insulin that is used with the pump. Again, a Medicare Supplemental policy will pay all or most of this cost.

Medicare Part D covers outpatient prescription drugs. In 2023, the national average premium for a Part D prescription drug plan is around \$30 per month. Your premium and drug costs vary based on your plan and your prescription drug needs. If your Part D plan has an annual deductible, it can be no higher than \$505 in 2023. New in 2023, all Part D-covered vaccines, including the shingles vaccine, will be \$0. Additionally, copays for each Part D-covered insulin product will be limited to \$35. Insulin products that may be covered by Part D include insulin that is not used with a pump, along with medical supplies used to inject insulin, like syringes, gauzes, and alcohol swabs

If you have a Medicare Advantage Plan, the amount you owe varies by plan. Contact your plan for more information about your Medicare costs. If your income is limited, you may qualify for help with your Medicare costs. Contact OSHIIP at 1-800-686-1578 to see if you are eligible.

The Initial Enrollment Period, also called the IEP, is the seven-month period including the three months before, the month of, and the three months following your 65th birthday month. In the past, if you enrolled later in your IEP, you would have to wait longer for your Medicare to start.

Beginning in 2023, your Medicare will start the month after you enroll. However, it cannot start earlier than the first day of your 65th birthday month.

The General Enrollment Period, also called the GEP, runs from January 1 through March 31 of each year. In the past, if you enrolled in Medicare during the GEP, your Medicare would not start until July. Beginning in 2023, when you use the GEP your Medicare will begin the first of the month after you enroll. For example, if you enrolled in January, February or March in past years, you would have to wait until July 1 for your Medicare to start. With these changes, if you enroll using the GEP, your coverage will now start the first of the next month.

Special Enrollment Periods, also called SEPs, are periods of time outside normal enrollment periods when you can enroll in Medicare or change your coverage. SEPs are sometimes triggered by specific life circumstances. Beginning in 2023, new SEPs have been created for people who:

- Lose Medicaid
- Are in an area with a disaster or emergency
- Are released from incarceration
- Make an enrollment mistake based on misinformation from their employer
- Experience other exceptional circumstances

These additional SEPs create more enrollment opportunities, reduce gaps in coverage, and prevent late enrollment penalties. If you missed an enrollment period and think you may qualify for one of these Special Enrollment Periods, contact OSHIIP at 1-800-686-1578 to learn more.

OPERS 2023 Payment Schedule

Pension benefit payments will be issued on the first business day of the month. If that day falls on a weekend or holiday, payments will be issued on the last business day of the previous month. The exception to this rule is in January when, for tax purposes, the payment must be issued on the first business day of the month.

January.....	Jan. 3
February.....	Feb. 1
March.....	Mar. 1
April.....	Mar. 31
May.....	May 1
June.....	June 1
July.....	June 30
August.....	July 30
September.....	Sept. 1
October.....	Oct. 1
November.....	Nov. 1
December.....	Dec. 1

Proposed Constitution Changes

Following a periodic review of the PERI Constitution and due to a number of recent events, the PERI Board of Trustees has recommended that changes be made to the Constitution. The recommended changes are below. Language to be deleted is struck through, while language to be added is boldfaced and italicized. Explanatory notes are included at the end of the recommended changes. Minor revisions have also been made to comply with the major changes (e.g., five (5) officers, 3rd Vice-Chair, etc.)

CONSTITUTION

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREES, INC.

Adopted 1972

(Amended 9/24/75, 9/28/77, 9/27/78, 9/26/79, 9/16/81, 9/13/83, 9/11/84, 9/10/85, 9/17/87, 9/14/89, 9/18/90)

Restructured and Adopted September 23, 1995

(Amended 9/23/99, 9/25/01, 9/4/03, 9/26/06, 9/28/09, 9/23/13, 10/09/17)

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this Corporation shall be: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREES, INC.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

No Change

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: ~~Persons who are members of OPERS may be eligible to be members of PERI.~~

Membership of the Corporation shall be limited to those persons who are receiving retirement pensions and/or survivor or disability benefits from the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System and their spouses, and those persons who are actively employed in work which pays into the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System. Membership categories and voting rights for those categories shall be determined by the Board of Trustees.

This change would allow both spouses of PERI members and persons still working in OPERS employment to be members of PERI.

Section 2: No Change

Section 3: No Change

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).~~

The current membership database accommodates non-calendar year membership.

Section 5: No Change

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.

This language clarifies the voting procedures by the membership.

An annual meeting may be cancelled, 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.

In 2020, due to the Covid pandemic, the annual meeting had to be cancelled. This language allows the board of trustees to cancel any future annual meeting due to unforeseen circumstances.

Section 2: No Change

Section 3: The representative body shall be called: The Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees shall be comprised of ~~four (4)~~ **five (5)** Officers and eleven (11) District Representatives.

Section 4: No Change

ARTICLE V. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Section 1: No Change Section 2: The Board shall schedule regular meetings. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the Chair ~~and or~~ shall be called by the Chair upon the written request of four (4) members of the Board.

Section 3: Trustees (Officers and Representatives) are required to attend all Board meetings unless given an approved absence by the **Board**.

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.**

This language describes when a vacancy on the board of trustees occurs.

Section 5: No Change

Section 6: No Change

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.

Section 2: No Change

Section 3: The Vice-Chair, ~~the~~ 2nd Vice-Chair **and the 3rd Vice-Chair** shall chair at least one of the standing committees.

Section 4: No Change

Section 5: The Chair may receive a salary. All other Trustees may receive a stipend for each meeting attended.

Section 6: ~~A The~~ Vice-Chair, **2nd Vice-Chair, or 3rd Vice-Chair**, in order of sequence, shall preside and take over the duties of the Chair in his or her **approved** absence. ~~and the 2nd Vice-Chair shall become the Vice-Chair.~~

This change would give the Executive Committee an uneven number of members for voting purposes.

ARTICLE VII: TERMS, QUALIFICATIONS, NOMINATIONS, ELECTION, AND APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

Section 1: The term for all officers shall be two (2) years.

All terms commence at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting at which an election is held and run through the next election.

No person shall hold the same Chair position for more than two (2) consecutive terms, and the Treasurer position for more than three (3) terms.

No person shall hold more than one position on the Board at the same time.

Due to the change in elected offices, if adopted by the membership, the changes will become effective after the ~~2018~~ **2023** annual meeting.

Section 2: Minimum qualifications for Officer positions:

- A. Only a Regular or Life member of PERI is eligible to hold office.
- B. Additional requirements for the office of:
 1. The Chair and Vice Chair must have **two (2)** years on the board.
 2. The **2nd Vice Chair and the 3rd Vice-Chair** must have one year on the board.

Section 3: No Change

Section 4: Names to be placed in nomination, in years in which an election is held, shall be submitted in writing, addressed to the Nominating Committee, in care of the Corporation's Main Office no later than June 1, and shall be accompanied with the candidate's resume and a letter stating his or her willingness to serve if elected.

The Nominating Committee shall select no more than two candidates from the pool of nominees for each office and submit their names and resumes, no later than July 1, to the Board.

Treasurer: Nomination must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Board, before being placed on the ballot.

The Ballot(s) shall then be distributed to the membership in the manner set forth in ~~the By-laws~~ **Article IV, Section 1 above**.

ARTICLE VIII: DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

No Change

ARTICLE IX: TERMS, QUALIFICATIONS, NOMINATION, ELECTION, AND APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES:

No Change

ARTICLE X: DISTRICTS

No Change

ARTICLE XI: CHAPTERS

No Change

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.

These changes give more direction in PERI's investment policy.

ARTICLE XIII: AMENDMENTS

No Change

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.

This Article was deleted in the previous revision to the Constitution.

BALLOT ON PAGE 11

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*
- (888) 262-4874 Metlife Dental & Vision
- (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.

The new Medicare rates for 2023 are here!

What is this Medicare Alphabet Soup?
It doesn't have to be confusing.

Join us February 21st at 4:00 p.m. for an educational webinar on the Basics of Medicare and how you can make sense of it all.

This webinar is for both those who are on Medicare and for those who will be eligible soon. Be sure to join us on the Zoom session. Register with the QR code.



District Annual Meetings

District 1:

CONTACT: Christopher Thompson at 419-729-3653
DATE: Monday, June 26th, 9:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Fraternal Order of Eagles #2562, 2301
Detroit Ave, Maumee

District 3:

CONTACT: Doug Smith at 937-360-5381
DATE: Thursday, May 11th
LOCATION: Young's Jersey Dairy, 6880 Springfield
Xenia Rd, Yellow Springs

District 4:

CONTACT: Rosemary Dahmann at 513-922-3459
DATE: Thursday, June 8th
LOCATION: Warren County Educational Service Center
- Conference Center, 1879 Deerfield Road, Lebanon

District 5:

CONTACT: Connie Dailey at 740-814-3957
DATE: Thursday, June 8th
LOCATION: High School in Mount Gilead, 338 Park
Avenue, Mount Gilead

District 7:

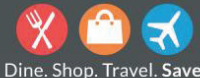
CONTACT: Greg Ervin at 740-286-8218
DATE: Thursday, June 15th, 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church, 255 Church St,
Jackson

District 8:

CONTACT: Richard Ross at 740-962-5737
DATE: Tuesday, June 20th, 9:00 a.m.
LOCATION: TBD

District 9:

CONTACT: Jim Range at 330-827-7591
DATE: Tuesday, May 2nd
LOCATION: Mr. Lee's Restaurant, Banquet Room,
2000 E. Wheeling Ave, Cambridge

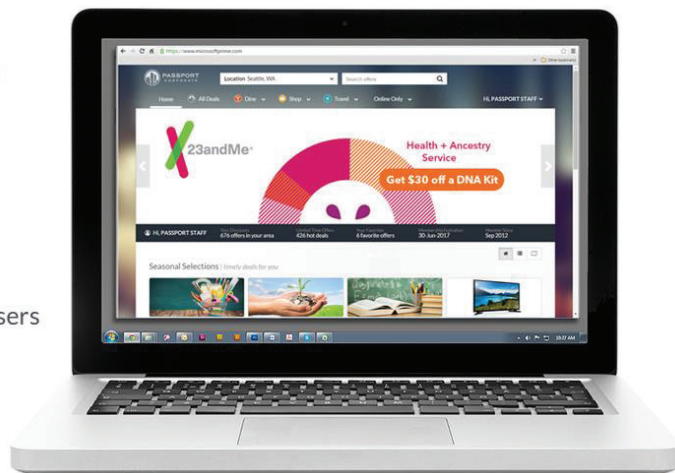


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- Enter code "ambasavers" as your activation code
- Complete your profile and start saving!



Chapter News

District 3



Montgomery County Chapter meeting

District 4



District 4's 2022 Officers Meeting at the Golden Corral in Eastgate, Cincinnati

District 5



Richland County Chapter hosts Brenda Starr-Jude from the Mid Ohio Guardianship Services, Inc.



Marion County President John Fark introduced Marion County Sheriff Deputy Kevin Davidson to present a program on the latest creative scams.



Seneca County Chapter Meeting Dennis Eberly, Attorney at law, speaking to the Seneca chapter members about the importance of estate planning, Wills and various types of Power of Attorney agreements.



Wyandot County Members learning about Christian Food Center



Marion County Chapter meeting: Swearing in President John Fark and Secretary Barb Mead.

Chapter News

District 8



Lin Avendaño Swears in new Chapter Officers for 2023 (L to R), treasurer Susan Wagner, president Joyce Carmichael, Legislative officer Don Moyer and secretary Carol Maddox.



OPERS Retiree Representatives Tim Steitz, Steve Toth & Joyce Carmichael Muskingum County chapter president



President Karen Cottrill, Secretary Shelva McKinley honored Jane McAdow outgoing V.P. for her years of service to the Hocking County Chapter 45.



Noble County Chapter Meeting



Installation of Officers – Hocking County chapter #45, (L to R) Karen Cottrill, President, Shirley Andy, Vice President, Shelva McKinley, Secretary, & Narcie Stahr, Treasurer

District 9



Coshocton County Chapter 77 meeting on December 7, 2022, at the Coshocton Senior Center. In the background to the right of the flag and facing the camera is President Margaret Lowe.

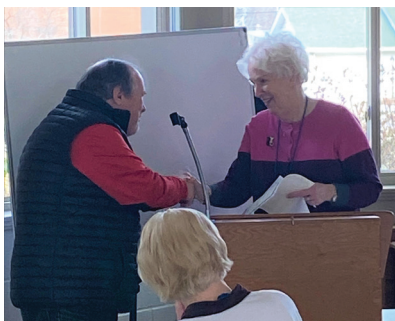
District 10



Cuyahoga Chapter 89 meeting



Outgoing Cuyahoga Chapter 89 President Karen Schmohl



District 10 Representative Rick Lawrence presenting award to outgoing President Karen Schmohl.

Chapter News

District 11



Honorable Judge Robert Rusu swore in the PERI Officers for Chapter 18 Mahoning County: (L to R) Secretary, Lorraine Childers, Treasurer, Tom Sweder, Vice President, Marilyn Abramski with President Walter Duzzny.



(L to R): President Walter Duzzny, Judge Robert Rusu, Honoree Ann Louise Babik and Vice President Marilyn Abramski. The Ambassador Award was also presented to long time PERI member Ann Louise Babik, who dedicated many years maintaining the membership records for Chapter 18.



CONGRATULATIONS

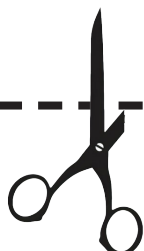
to Greg Bennett on the birth of his son, Rowan Joseph Bennett; Born on December 19th, 2022.

CONSTITUTIONAL UPDATES

The Governance Committee reviewed the Constitution and due to a number of recent events the Board of Trustees has recommended that changes be made to the Constitution. We need your approval to implement these changes. (Please review the constitutional updates in this newsletter. The Board recommends approval of the updates.) Please mark the ballot and mail it to the PERI office by **March 15th, 2023.**

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