



NEWSLETTER

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PERI OFFICER CANDIDATE DEADLINE JUNE 1

Requests to be considered for nomination to the offices of president; 1st, 2nd, and 3rd vice presidents; and treasurer for the year 1999 need to be submitted in writing to the Nominating Committee, in care of PERI, 659-F Park Meadow Road, Westerville, Ohio 43081 no later than June 1, 1999. It is a requirement for consideration, that each request be accompanied with the candidate's resume and a letter stating his or her willingness to serve if elected.

Qualifications for the office of president are: member of PERI and a local chapter and two years on the Board of Directors. Qualifications for the vice president positions are: member of PERI and a local chapter and one year on the Board of Directors. Qualifications for the office of treasurer are: member of PERI and a local chapter and the approval of two-thirds of the Board of Directors.

PERI ANNOUNCES CHAPTER CONTEST

"Working Together for Chapter Success" is the title of PERI's 1999 contest to increase chapter membership. Each of the 93 chapters is urged to enter the competition.

Rules of the contest will soon be sent to the chapters. In order to permit the smaller chapters to be competitive, several categories will be used. Among these are the chapter with the most members, chapter with the greatest percentage of new members, and chapter with the greatest percentage of growth during the period from January 1 to the annual meeting in September.

In addition to competition between chapters within each district, districts will also compete for the state titles.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



MANDATORY SOCIAL SECURITY WOULD CRIPPLE PERS FOR FUTURE RETIREES

With the President's State of the Union message on Jan. 19, we can see

the issue of Social Security reform will be foremost on the 1999 agenda.

Three separate groups or study commissions were active during the past year or so studying the inclusion of non-covered persons into the Social Security System. All three of these groups recommended that non-covered public employees, such as in the Public Employees Retirement System of Ohio (PERS), be included in the S.S. structure. Newly hired employees, referred to as "new hires", may be covered by:

- A) only S.S., thus diverting income from PERS.
- B) both state system and S.S., with employee and employer paying for each system.

C) state retirement system contributions reduced by the S.S. take.

Any of the above will impair or eliminate the system in Ohio as we now know it.

Approximately 80% of the benefits we receive as PERS beneficiaries are from investment earnings. Any reduction in income (employee, employer or investments) even a minimal amount will reduce the potential of future benefits for retirees and beneficiaries.

One of the first losses may be the cancellation of Medicare Part B payments.

Another loss may be the cancellation of prescription services.

Another, the removal of supplemental health coverage to Medicare.

Another, the complete lack of health coverage from early retirement until age 65.

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PERI TAKES PART IN NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON S.S. AND PENSIONS

PERI was represented at the Annual Joint Legislative Conference by Thomas Skipton. The conference was held in late January in Washington. Organizations involved included the National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems, the National Assoc. of State Retirement Administrators and the National Council on Teacher Retirement.

The program emphasized the retirement issues facing the next Congress, mainly mandatory Social Security and Portable Pensions.

Speakers covered such topics as "Mandatory S.S.", the 1999 Budget,

"Pension Portability", "Defined Benefit and Defined Contribution Plans", "Y2K Readiness", and "S.S. Reform". Among the featured speakers were Sen. George Voinovich (OH), Rep. Henry Hoyer (MD), Rep. Benjamin Cardin (MD), Rep. Mark Foley (FL), staff members for Rep. Ron Kind (WI), and Rep. Richard Gebhardt (MO).

Congressmen reported that although it was only the end of January, 77 bills (proposals) advocating pension changes had already been introduced into the Congressional agenda.

PERI has been a member of NCPERS for a number of years.

Public Employee Retirees, Inc.
659 Park Meadow Road
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December 4, 1998

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Public Employee Retirees, Incorporated is the non-profit association that has represented Ohio's Retired Public Employees since 1948. Approximately 113,000 Ohio public employees receive pensions and benefits during any given year with approximately 550,000 current workers contributing toward their future pensions and healthcare benefits from The Public Employees Retirement System of Ohio.

I am writing to express our members' concerns over the possibility that mandatory enrollment of Ohio's newly hired public employees into the Social Security System is being considered as a solution that will benefit the Social Security System.

On behalf of our present and future membership, I urge you to oppose mandatory Social Security coverage for Ohio's Public Employees.

We are thankful for your commitment to insure that Social Security is placed on solid footing and we are willing to work with you to bring to pass long range and permanent solutions.

Facts and figures clearly show that rolling public employees into the Social Security System will only provide a short range benefit. There is an abundance of documentation that will be presented to those studying Social Security reform that mandating public employee participation will only provide two years of positive benefit before it would turn and begin to cost the Social Security Administration more money than the new members' contributions would generate.

Public employees participation in state run retirement systems remove this long range burden from The Social Security Administration and consequently provide a better method of placing Social Security on solid footing.

Thank you for your attention to this matter of utmost importance.

Sincerely,



William I Winegarner
Administrator



"Partners in Retirement"

CODDING ELECTED DISTRICT 10 REP.



Leland J. Coddington is the new PERI Representative for District 10. He will represent Erie, Lorain, Huron, Ashland, Medina, Cuyahoga, Summit and Wayne counties.

Coddington was born in Sharon Township where his father was a carpenter. But because of the Depression, the family moved back to his grandfather's farm in Granger Township.

After graduating from Granger High School, he joined the U.S. Army's 11th Airborne as a paratrooper and

made 12 jumps. Following service he returned to the farm for a couple of years. Then he worked for Medina Radio and Television as an electronic technician. In 1955 he and two partners bought the business.

In 1959 he joined the Medina Fire Department and became third assistant chief in 1967. In 1987 he became volunteer chief after passing the fire chief's test. The following year he was appointed Medina's first full-time fire chief.

While he was fire chief the city built three new fire stations.

Coddington's three sons and daughter now work in the Medina Fire Department. He and Cathy, his wife of 44 years, have eight grandchildren, all of whom live in the city of Medina.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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that PERI contact "sister" groups in other states to alert them of the problem.

We all agree that if this proposal were to be enacted, it would have an adverse impact upon each system. Presently, the investment returns of PERS provides about 80% of the benefits that retirees receive. The employer and employee contributions together provide about 20%. If newly employed individuals are required to join Social Security, their contributions are lost and thus are not available for investment. Consequently, at some point in time there will be no one paying into the system.

We will continue to oppose this provision and will continue to participate in this coalition.

PERI's Ranks Growing Through Life Membership (New Life Members From 1-18-98 Through 1-27-99)

Abernathy, Dimple R./Wooster, Oh
Able, Elaine J./Warrensville Hts., Oh
Adam, Nancy J./Lakeland, Fl
Adams, Julia A./Frankfort, Oh
Addington, Lowell T./Hillsboro, Oh

Ahrns, Joseph A./Ft. Loramie, Oh
Ake, Myrtle M./Caldwell, Oh
Alexander, Nettie A./Columbus, Oh
Allen, Mary C./Jackson, Oh
Ameling, John F./Lakewood, Oh

Anderson, L. Marjorie/Toronto, Oh
Anderson, Lawrence G./Jefferson, Oh
Anderson, Maxine S./Cleveland, Oh
Andrews, Sandra L./Toledo, Oh
Andrix, Gloria J./London, Oh

Andrysko, Barbara A./Parma Hts., Oh
Apgear, D. Barry/Worthington, Oh
Apple, Shirley L./Canton, Oh
Augenstein, Nancy L./Marysville, Oh
Baab, Doren/Stonecreek, Oh

Bachus, John L./Akron, Oh
Backovsky, Rosemarie T./Mentor, Oh
Badenhop, Ralph P./Napoleon, Oh
Badgero, Patricia A./Columbus, Oh
Bagent, Kenneth L./Heath, Oh

Baird, Bertha M./Athens, Tx
Baker, Lowell K./Sidney, Oh
Baker, Nancy R./S. Bloomingville, Oh
Baldwin, Oca I./Manchester, Oh
Banfield, Helen C./Amelia, Oh

Barbor, Ralph E./Wellington, Oh
Barbour, Albert E./Rayland, Oh
Barbour, Elizabeth J./Columbus, Oh
Barbour, Margaret V./Rayland, Oh
Barkman, Barbara J./Hicksville, Oh

Barnes, Forrest D./Columbus, Oh
Barnum, Elaine T./Columbus, Oh
Barr, Robert N./Vickery, Oh
Barron, Richard C./Parma, Oh
Bartunek, Joseph W./Beachwood, Oh

Bataka, Barbara E./Cleveland, Oh
Batson Jr., Carlton A./Cleveland, Oh
Bauders, Joel L./Massillon, Oh
Bauer, Ilene R./Columbus, Oh
Bauerle, William L./Wooster, Oh

Beasley, Lloyd R./Piqua, Oh
Beaton, Conchita Y./Worthington, Oh
Becker, Nancy B./Tiffin, Oh
Becker, Wayne/Genoa, Oh
Belknap, John C./Worthington, Oh
Bell, Walter/Cleveland, Oh
Belmont, Mary Alice/Mt. Vernon, Oh
Bennett, Charles I./Ft. Myers, Fl

Bequeath, Bruce/Vienna, Oh
Bernthold, Melvin H./W. Portsmouth,
Oh
Berson, Sister H./Cincinnati, Oh
Bestehorn, Ute/Cincinnati, Oh

Bey, Albert W./E. Cleveland, Oh
Bialik, Steve J./Youngstown, Oh
Block, Jean D./Columbus, Oh
Boggs Sr., Ross/Sebring, Fl
Bohm, Louis J./Tavares, Fl

Bombardier, Rose E./New Smyrna
Bch., Fl
Boone, Daniel R./Sidney, Oh
Boone, Sandra E./Reynoldsburg, Oh
Boscarello, Salvatore/Holiday, Fl

Bossert, Kathleen M./Marietta, Oh
Bouthillet, Jules W./Harrisville, Mi
Bowshier, Mary A./Mechanicsburg, Oh
Boyd, Carol J./Toledo, Oh
Boyd, Mary R./Wilmington, Oh

Brackney, George L./Centerville, Oh
Bradley, Ellen M./Worthington, Oh
Bregenzer, Bruce C./Hinckley, Oh
Brennan Sr., James H./Toledo, Oh
Brewer, Pauline S./Reedsville, Oh

Bright, Charles A./Elyria, Oh
Britt, Dolores J./Columbus, Oh
Britt, Gladys E./Cleveland Hts., Oh
Brodbeck, Marcella M./Defuniak
Spgs., Fl

Brown, Betty M./Logan, Oh
Brown, Howard T./New Port Richey,
Fl
Brown, Phillip R./Portsmouth, Oh
Brown, Ruth E./Fredericksburg, Oh
Brunner, Marguerite K./Mentor, Oh

Buechele, Dennis H./Dayton, Oh
Bukovec, Charles J./Amherst, Oh
Burgei, Lawrence/Cloverdale, Oh
Burke Jr., McKinley/Waterford, Oh
Burkhart, Robert L./Dover, Oh

Burns, Charles D./Toledo, Oh
Buser, Ben W./Sandusky, Oh
Butzer, William J./Marshallville, Oh
Cameli, Edith/Independence, Oh
Campbell, Pearl L./Logan, Oh

Capehart, Vivian/Cincinnati, Oh
Caponero, Norman/Richmond Hgts.,
Oh
Carlier, Lawrence W./Fayetteville, Oh
Carlisle, Paul L./McClure, Oh
Carnes, Carolyn S./The Plains, Oh
Carney, Harriet G./Euclid, Oh

Carney Jr., James M./Cleveland, Oh
Carr, Mack C./Cleveland, Oh
Carroll, Russell B./Mason, Oh
Carson, Minnie J./Proctorville, Oh
Case, MacPhilip/Upper Sandusky, Oh
Casey, Charles J./Kent, Oh

Cave, Charles E./North Port, Fl
Cepec, Betty J./North Olmsted, Oh
Cercone, Leonard M./Youngstown, Oh
Chamberlain, William H./Cincinnati,
Oh

Champion, Susan L.B./Swanton, Oh
Chapman, Cecelia/Canton, Oh
Chappell, Dorothy/Cleveland, Oh
Chatman, Thomas J./Columbus, Oh
Chidsey, Rita P./Ft. Myers, Fl

Chilcote, Ralph E./Davenport, Fl
Chinn, Willard L./Hillsboro, Oh
Churchya, Jane M./Ashtabula, Oh
Ciconte, Mary R./Akron, Oh
Cisar, George L./Olmsted Falls, Oh

Clark, Cornelia O./Columbus, Oh
Clark, Wanda F./Toledo, Oh
Clarke, Robert H./Maple Hts., Oh
Clem, Vernon D./Cincinnati, Oh
Cleveland, Frank P./Cincinnati, Oh

Clift, Dorothy I./Lower Salem, Oh
Cline, Raymond S./New Carlisle, Oh
Cline, Roa Y./Paulding, Oh
Clodfelter, Martha/Cleveland, Oh
Cody, Sarah I./Babson Park, Fl

Colahan, Philip M./Monroeville, Oh
Colbert Jr., George J./Columbus, Oh
Combs, Douglas V./Hamilton, Mt
Conney, Rosemary A./Norwalk, Oh
Connolly, James P./Galion, Oh

Connor, Geneva B./Columbus, Oh
Conover, Mary E./Dayton, Oh
Conrad, Richard L./Bowling Green, Oh
Cook, Clifford J./Lake City, Fl
Cook, Robert/North Olmsted, Oh

Cooper, Jack/Tallmadge, Oh
Cooper, Netty L./Whitehall, Oh
Craig, Gloria E./Columbus, Oh
Crawford, Betty J./Bay Village, Oh
Crawford, Caroline C./Lisbon, Oh

Crouch, Raymond C./Coldwater, Oh
Crowder, Villa/Cincinnati, Oh
Crowell, Bertha M./Columbus, Ga
Cunningham, James J./Shelby, Oh
Cupp, Charles S./Thornville, Oh
Curl, Howard J./Lima, Oh
Cutts, Mary E./Campbell, Oh

Dalton, Edna E./Springfield, Oh
Davenport, Elvin/Columbus, Oh
Davis, Geraldine/Fairfield, Oh
Davis, James N./W. Union, Oh
Davis, Pauline/Carrollton, Oh

Davis, Thomas A./Cincinnati, Oh
De Groff, Roma J./Bryan, Oh
Derickson, Robert E./Hamilton, Oh
Diefenbacher, Virginia M./Land O
Lakes, Fl

Dillard, Olga D./Lakewood, Oh
Dodez, Samuel R./Apple Creek, Oh
Dominiak, Pauline/Twinsburg, Oh
Donaldson, Ann E./Ft. Mill, Sc
Donovan, Joseph E./Columbus, Oh

Dowling, Thomas P./Toledo, Oh
Downs, Sharon M./Ashville, Oh
Drobeck, Lucille M./Yorkville, Oh
Duclaux, Shirley F./Cincinnati, Oh
Dunlap, Benjamin L./Lorain, Oh

Dykes, Zola M./Centerville, Oh
Eastman, Richard F./New London, Oh
Ebel, Dorothy D./Columbus, Oh
Eblen, Mary A./Bloomdale, Oh
Eckard, Joyce A./Kinsman, Oh

Edgar, Edna I./Logan, Oh
Edmondson, Benny E./Columbus, Oh
Egbert, Dale W./Botkins, Oh
Eggleston, Alfretta/Columbus, Oh
Ekblad, Ruth S./Lawrenceville, Ga

Ellenberger, Stanley K./Hiram, Oh
Elliott, George H./Middletown, Oh
Ellis, Elizabeth C./Youngstown, Oh
Ellis, Jack G./Athens, Oh
Elson, Larry R./Delaware, Oh

Emley, Nancy E./New Lebanon, Oh
Emling, Janette C./Cleveland, Oh
Enders, Eugene/Harrison, Oh
Eppley, Kathryn S./Pataskala, Oh
Eschbach, Robert M./Harrisburg, Pa

Etzensperger, Hope/Wooster, Oh
Everhart, Mabel E./Marion, Oh
Evert, Lillian B./Brecksville, Oh
Eyerman, Pierce D./Columbus, Oh
Eysser, Dieter W./Worthington, Oh

Faillace, Richard F./Cincinnati, Oh
Fairbee, Arlie G./Akron, Oh
Farish, Marilyn A./Columbus, Oh
Farris, Hobert J./Olive Hill, Ky
Fast, Ruby A./Laureville, Oh
Feltman, Icyle M./Mt. Vernon, Oh
Ferguson, Velma M./Cleveland, Oh
Fikes, O'Neil/Akron, Oh

Fillinger, Edna M./Newcomerstown,
Oh
Fink, David L./Broadview Hgts., Oh
Finley, Meredith A./Troy, Oh
Fisher, Melva/Winfield, Wv

Fleck, Norma I./Paulding, Oh
Flenniken, Evelyn/Alliance, Oh
Flesher, Norma J./Upper Arlington, Oh
Fletcher, Velma L./Tampa, Fl
Flood, Marie A./Worthington, Oh

Foldessy, Russell D./Streetsboro, Oh
Foley, Lois B./Concord Township, Oh
Forgacs, Dorothy D./Ravenna, Oh
Foy, Barbara A./Washington Ch., Oh
Freimark, Kenneth W./Elmore, Oh

Frew, Martha Gale/Columbus, Oh
Frommeyer, L. Ronald/Cincinnati, Oh
Fry, Pauline G./Findlay, Oh
Fullen, Billie C./Xenia, Oh
Funderburg, Harold L./Columbus, Ga

Gaffney, Helen/Cleveland, Oh
Gahagan, Betty J./Canfield, Oh
Galindo, Maria/Fairview Park, Oh
Galloway, Bill/Girard, Oh
Gardner, Johnny S./Dayton, Oh

Gardner, Martha/Washington Ch., Oh
Gaspere, Frances A./Bedford, Oh
Gatling, Mary T./Sagamore Hills, Oh
Gebbie, Florence A./Lakewood, Oh
George, William L./Columbus, Oh

Gerkin, Sharon G./Columbus, Oh
Germann, Berniece L./Celina, Oh
Gerstner, Marie C./Wapakoneta, Oh
Gibson, Marian L./Mesa, Az
Giffin, Laverna P./Painesville, Oh

Gillespie, Doyle E./Lyons, Ph
Giovanni, Yolande C./Christiansburg,
Va
Gittinger, Randall A./Tiffin, Oh
Glancy, Carol/Cortland, Oh

Glick, Anna J./Logan, Oh
Goforth, Betreca D./Milford, Oh
Good, Vivian B./Upper Arlington, Oh
Goode, Eleanor/Cincinnati, Oh
Gooldin, Bettilu/Crown City, Oh

Gore, Rose E./S. Euclid, Oh
Gorisek, Joan P./Tarpon Springs, Fl
Gosden, Velma L./Bradner, Oh
Gottschling, Edward M./Richmond
Hgts., Oh
Gould, Norma J./Springfield, Oh
Granger, Jane H./Toledo, Oh
Grassi, Wanda A./Parma Hts., Oh

Graziani, Elizabeth/Howard, Oh
Green, Betty Lou/Columbus, Oh
Green, Beverly/Lauderdale Lakes, Fl
Green, Clyde R./Obetz, Oh
Green, Ina/Steubenville, Oh

Green, Jean/W. Liberty, Oh
Green Sr., Walter E./Middleport, Oh
Green-Schmidt, Carol L./N. Royalton,
Oh
Greer, Edward B./Elyria, Oh

Grewell, Blanche M./Urbana, Oh
Griffis, William F./Wellston, Oh
Gromelski, Regina/Independence, Oh
Grooms, Milton D./Peebles, Oh
Guthrie, Rollie C./Green Valley, Az

Hagan, Nancy P./Hillsboro, Oh
Hairston, Charlotte/Columbus, Oh
Hairston, Elaine H./Pataskala, Oh
Halpin, Thomas J./Reynoldsburg, Oh
Hamman, Jeri L./Frankfort, Oh

Hancock, James R./Hilliard, Oh
Hanle, Clifford E./Steubenville, Oh
Harding, Alfred P./Bridgeport, Oh
Harper, Charlotte H./Boca Raton, Fl
Harper Jr., Eugene/Westerville, Oh

Harris, Mary E./Wilmington, Oh
Harris, Theron D./Delaware, Oh
Hart, Rose A./Dayton, Oh
Hasberry, Clarence/Cleveland, Oh
Haynes, John W./Toledo, Oh

Heinz, William/Columbus, Oh
Henderson, Hazel L./Kettering, Oh
Hendrickson, Frederick A./Columbus,
Oh
Herman, John R./Akron, Oh

Herringshaw, Thelma G./Bowling
Green, Oh
Herrman, Robert/Brook Park, Oh
Hickman, Dorothy M./Grove City, Oh
Hicks, Jimmie E./New Philadelphia, Oh

Higgins, James R./Youngstown, Oh
Higginbotham, Madge E./Albany, Oh
High, Glenn A./Lexington, Oh
Hill, Frederick L./Fletcher, Oh
Himmell, Vivienne M./Kettering, Oh

Hines, Nora G./Graysville, Oh
Hinkle, Mary E./Ashville, Oh
Hoctor, Victoria E./Cincinnati, Oh
Hodge, Marion L./Wooster, Oh
Hoehne, Francis L./Ft. Loramie, Oh
Hogue, William E./Medina, Oh
Holcomb, Bertha M./London, Oh
Holcomb, Kenneth L./Texarkana, Tx

Holdcroft, Cleo E./Glouster, Oh
Hollenbach, Mary J./Ravenna, Oh
Holley, James/Cleveland, Oh
Holloway, Edith L./Akron, Oh
Holloway, Martha J./Alliance, Oh

Holmes, Fayeetta/Dayton, Oh
Hood, Rose M./Mansfield, Oh
Horine, Mary K./Eaton, Oh
Hornsby, Edward L./The Plains, Oh
Huffer Jr., Roy H./Circleville, Oh

Hulbert, Edwin D./Bryan, Oh
Hulsey, Jane A./Uniontown, Oh
Humphrey, Anna M./Bidwell, Oh
Humphrey, Winlea A./Akron, Oh
Hunter, Ada M./Columbus, Oh

Hurd, Opal P./Upper Arlington, Oh
Hutcherson, Mary/Cincinnati, Oh
Iery, Chester N./Circleville, Oh
Ingraham, Roger R./Medina, Oh
Irwin, Annalyce/Euclid, Oh

Jackson, Anna C./Mt. Vernon, Oh
Jackson, Willie/Cleveland, Oh
Jacobs, Becky/Wapakoneta, Oh
Janes, Robert A./McConnelsville, Oh
Jardin, Severino H./Palmdale, Ca

Jeffers, Mary A./The Plains, Oh
Jeffrey, John M./Gallipolis, Oh
Jende, Maris/Powell, Oh
Jenkins, John J./Columbus, Oh
Johnson, Ann M./Beachwood, Oh

Johnson, Carol Ann/Columbus, Oh
Johnson, Gailya A./Youngstown, Oh
Johnson, Helene L./Salem, Oh
Johnson, Lynn D./Big Prairie, Oh
Johnson, Nils P./Palm Harbor, Fl

Johnson, Patricia C./Euclid, Oh
Jones, Aquilla B./Dayton, Oh
Jones, Charles G./Zanesville, Oh
Jones, Ralph J./Cincinnati, Oh
Jones, Robert S./Amlin, Oh

Jury, Charles E./Bucyrus, Oh
Justice, Judy A./Grove City, Oh
Kadle, Pauline R./Cincinnati, Oh
Kalman, Julius J./Solon, Oh
Kanmacher, Louise P./Columbus, Oh

Karnehm, Charles E./Piqua, Oh
Kassay-Farkas, Paul I./Bellevue, Ne
Katai, Dolores M./Parma, Oh
Kauble, Juddean C./Delaware, Oh
Kaufman, Sophia/Mason, Oh
Keifer, Rose A./Warren, Oh
Keirns, Barbara J./Kenmore, Oh

Kellenbarger, Elfreda M./Upper
Arlington, Oh
Kellis, Harold I./Miamisburg, Oh
Kelly, Rita G./Chagrin Falls, Oh
Kemper, Joan T./Bay Village, Oh

Kenerson, Margery J./Willowick, Oh
Kent, Ludie/Cleveland, Oh
Ketron, Mary L./Beavercreek, Oh
Kidd, Hubert J./Cleveland, Oh
Kiesewetter, Blanche/W. Monroe, La

Kilgour, Eleanor M./Chapel Hill, Nc
Kindred, Marian L./Fremont, Oh
King, John C./Cincinnati, Oh
King, Merlin G./Shelby, Oh
King Sr., Robert J./Beachwood, Oh

Klemens, Eva L./Canton, Oh
Kline, Donna L./N. Madison, Oh
Kline, Henry M./N. Canton, Oh
Knitz, Patricia A./Erie, Mi
Koch, Gloria/Lima, Oh

Koehler, Thomas L./Findlay, Oh
Koska, Barbara A./Oregon, Oh
Kotsaris, Russell G./Bellefontaine, Oh
Kozma, Stephanie R./Warren, Oh
Kraft-Cook, Janet L./Tiffin, Oh

Kurtz, Sara E./Ravenna, Oh
Laborie, Ronald C./Portage, Oh
Laskey, Lucille I./Toledo, Oh
Lawhorn, Doris J./Columbus, Oh
Lawhorn, Geneva L./Princeton, Wv

Lawrence, Wendell B./Toledo, Oh
Lawson, George W./Dayton, Oh
Ledwell, Latricia/Maple Hts., Oh
Lewallen, Sandra S./Cygnet, Oh
Lewis, Kendal F./New Albany, Oh

Lewis, Rosetta A./Parma Hgts., Oh
Lewis, Ursel W./Columbus, Oh
Lilley, Robert W./Santa Barbara, Ca
Linger, Hazel M./Kent, Oh
Lingl, Friedrich A./Chagrin Falls, Oh

Little, Moses E./Cleveland, Oh
Logan, Charles M./Harrod, Oh
Lorentz, Robert G./Bryan, Oh
Lorimer, James J./Worthington, Oh
Lorubio, Phyllis J./New Marshfield, Oh

Love, Betty J./Seminole, Fl
Lovell, Sara J./Tampa, Fl
Lowers, Edward L./Akron, Oh
Lowther, Dean L./Columbus, Oh
Lucas, George A./Toledo, Oh
Lucas, Mona L./Wapakoneta, Oh
Lynn, Ramona B./Cridersville, Oh
Madey, Mary L./Kent, Oh

Maharg, Edward L./St. Louisville, Oh
Mahon, Maureen T./Rocky River, Oh
Maidlow, Gerald R./Ottawa, Oh
Majni, John E./Centerville, Oh
Malik Jr., John J./St. Clairsville, Oh

Manwell, Mary M./Southington, Oh
Marks, Franklin E./Toledo, Oh
Martin, Connie J./Union, Oh
Martin, Eldon D./Cumberland, Oh
Martin, Larry D./Shreve, Oh

Martin, Willard L./Palm Coast, Fl
Martin, Wynetta A./Bath, In
Mattes, Carolyn A./Wooster, Oh
Maxwell, James W./Cincinnati, Oh
Mayer, Dorothy M./Delaware, Oh

Mayrer, Terence L./Dayton, Oh
McAllister, Sarah F./Cleveland, Oh
McCrosky, Janet E./Springfield, Oh
McDaniel, Helen T./Cincinnati, Oh
McGee, Donald C./Mansfield, Oh

McHugh, Marjorie H./Union, Oh
McKarns, Mary A./Ft. Myers, Fl
McKlusky, Joseph M./Youngstown, Oh
McMichael, Paul V./Dayton, Oh
McWane, Pearson D./Columbus, Oh

Meranda, James R./Hamersville, Oh
Merritt, George W./Columbus, Oh
Metcalf, Carolyn N./Gambier, Oh
Metz, Roy G./Anna, Oh
Metz, Terrence R./Alexandria, Ky

Meyer, Patricia M./Columbus, Oh
Michaelis, Raymond H./Bowling
Green, Oh
Miller, Alta V./Mims, Fl
Miller, Betty Marlow/Elmore, Oh

Miller, Lucille H./Dublin, Oh
Miller, Mary J./W. Jefferson, Oh
Miller, Patricia A./Toledo, Oh
Miller, Russell/Ney, Oh
Mills, Steven R./Dublin, Oh

Minor, Cindera/Euclid, Oh
Mizak, David A./Las Vegas, Nv
Mobley, Alandriia/Cleveland, Oh
Mock, Doris J./Sandusky, Oh
Mock Jr., Denver E./Englewood, Fl

Modd, Sandra L./Kenton, Oh
Monnin, Jack E./Independence, Oh
Montgomery, Kent F./Murphy, Nc
Moore, Evelyn M./Chillicothe, Oh
Moore, Janith S./Galena, Oh
Moran, Anna L./Cincinnati, Oh
Morgret, Paul/Kalamazoo, Mi
Morris, Dan B./Arcanum, Oh

Morrison, Evelyn E./Garfield Heights, Oh
Morrison, Viola N./Fostoria, Oh
Moser, H. Michael/Lakeland, Fl
Mowry, Samuel/Bonita Springs, Fl

Moyer, Glenn E./Miamisburg, Oh
Moyer, James R./Kodak, Tn
Mullen, William A./Akron, Oh
Mullens, Tommy J./Clevess, Oh
Murdock, Norman A./Cincinnati, Oh

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Oh
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Oh
Zvolensky, Joseph/Bedford, Oh

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Another, no retirement until age 65 (or older).

Another, the lowering of health care services level.

Some arguments for coverage:

Be fair to all by including all will be phased in over a long period. This will apply to new hires only. (A new hire may be someone changing departments, receiving a promotion or demotion, changing line of work, moving to a higher or lesser level of state or county employment, moving to a new location, etc., etc. The definition of new hire hasn't been spelled out.

Increase the numbers in Social Security System. This would bring more income into S.S.

Regardless of the reasons given, our task as PERI members is to kill the recommendation and stop any movement to include our people in S.S.

Enjoy the rest of the winter — we will have it until mid-March you know!

William Covert

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

By John Gilchrist



With the beginning of the new year we have a new federal Congress and a new Ohio General Assembly. All legislation that did not pass by the end of December, 1998 died in committee and must be reintroduced. As we look to the future, there are at least two big issues we anticipate will be of concern or interest to PERI. One issue is on the federal level—this deals with Social Security—and the other is on the state level; this deals with an actuarial report that we briefly discussed in the last newsletter. The Social Security issue is of deep concern and the actuarial report will be followed with interest.

The Actuarial Report dealing with the five retirement systems: Ohio legislators and the Ohio Retirement Study Council will continue their review of the actuarial report prepared by the actuarial firm of Milliman & Robertson. As you may recall from our last newsletter, the report deals with the funded status and contribution rates of the five state retirement systems. You may further recall that the report indicated that PERS is in great financial shape. That is, the report stated that PERS is more than adequately funded for both pension and health care.

The report went on to recommend that consideration be given to reducing the contribution rates for certain employer groups. It also suggests that PERS is rather conservative in its

investment strategies and that if PERS were a bit more aggressive, it could earn more. At a hearing in December, representatives from PERS testified stating that they did not agree with the underlying assumptions in the actuarial report and further stating that they believed it to be unwise to change the contributions rates or the investment strategy at this time.

We will continue to monitor the activities related to this actuarial report.

SOCIAL SECURITY: Various reports and studies have indicated that unless something is done soon, the Social Security System may be headed for a financial crisis. There have been various proposals to address the issue. The President in his State of the Union Address recommended that 60% of the projected federal surplus be used to "fix" the system. Others have suggested a variety of proposed remedies and we anticipate that these various proposals will again be before Congress. One of the proposals that is of concern to us is the one that recommends that all newly-hired state and local government employees be required to join the Social Security System. In fact, last session, there were 15 House Bills and 6 Senate Bills in the U.S. Congress that attempted to change the Social Security System—all apparently contained a provision that would have required state and local government employees (new hires after the year 2001) to join Social Security.

This provision has met with opposition from the five systems and from our Ohio state legislative leaders. In

addition, we are told that the entire Ohio congressional delegation opposes this provision. During the hearings last year, at least three of our state retirement systems executive directors testified in Washington to express their opposition. In addition, a number of our state legislators have also expressed their opposition. We are now participating in a coalition with the five state retirement executive directors, other associations of retirees, the various unions representing public employees, and other interested groups to fight this proposal when it reappears. The coalition has asked

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