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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

By John Gilchrist



PENSION ENHANCEMENT PERS is moving forward with a proposal that would a) raise the base multiplier from 2.1% to 2.2% for the first thirty years of service—this would allow retirees under

Plan B and disability benefit recipients to refigure their retirement benefit. Stated differently, benefit amounts for current retirees and their beneficiaries, and disability benefit recipients will be recalculated using the new formulas. For law enforcement members, 2.5% of FAS for the first 25 years of service will be used in the retirement calculation; currently 2.5 percent is used for only the first 20 years and 2.1 percent of FAS is used for all years thereafter; b) provide an ad hoc increase that would raise all retirees base to bring them up the 85% of their original bases' purchasing power; c) provide a yearly 3% COLA for every retiree. Please note that a bill has not been introduced as yet; legislation must be introduced and enacted to achieve these benefits. PERI supports this proposal.

STRS and SERS have also announced that they will present legislation that would increase certain benefits paid to their retirees. State Teacher's proposal has already been introduced into the Ohio General Assembly as S.B. No. 190 (it has not been passed yet). In general, the bill a) changes the formula multiplier from 2.1 to 2.2—this will only apply to teachers who retire after passage of the bill; b) provides an incentive to encourage teachers to work 35 years by increasing the multiplier to 2.5% for the first 30 years; c) allows retirees to recalculate their retirement benefit using the current formula of 2.1 if they

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PERS NAMES PENSION FUND EXPERT AS SEVENTH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Laurie Fiori Hacking has been named executive director of the Public Employees Retirement System of Ohio, effective Jan. 31, 2000. She is only the seventh person to hold this position since the System was established in 1935.



Currently a retirement system specialist with Levi, Ray & Shoup, Inc. in Springfield, Illinois, Hacking brings more than 20 years of experience in governmental relations, pension and employee benefits, and pension fund management to PERS. She served six years as executive director of the Public Employees Retirement Association of Minnesota, which has nearly 200,000 members and over \$13 billion in assets, and was pension fund

manager for the City of Cincinnati Retirement System. Prior to working directly with public pension funds, she spent 12 years in Washington, DC working with the U.S. Congress as a policy analyst in the Social Security, pension, and health care benefits areas.

A graduate of Goucher College in Baltimore, she received a master's degree from The George Washington University in Washington, DC. Hacking also is a certified employee benefits specialist.

"The Board is pleased to have a person of this caliber to lead PERS," comments Sharon M. Downs, chairman of the PERS Retirement Board. "She will certainly continue our tradition of excellence among the public pension funds in the nation."

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QUESTIONS ABOUT MAILING

By Bill Winegarner, Administrator

Every year during our dues mailing time, three main questions usually arise: (1) Why did you send me two dues notices? (2) Why did I receive a dues notice when I am already a Life Time member? (3) Why is the name of my city different than the one I gave you?

The answer to all these questions is basically the same: automation.

Each year we purchase from PERS a list of all the current retirants. This list comes to us on a computer tape. On the tape each person's first name, middle name or initial, last name, surname title, and address are on one line (in computer language this line is

known as one string or field). When we receive the tape, we ask our computer to put each of the following in its own separate field: first name and middle initial, last name and surname title, street address, PO box address, city, state, and zip code. The only way computers can do this is by identifying the blank spaces in the original string.

Let us use the name, John Quincy Jones, for an example. This name may appear on PERS's list, or on our membership list, as John Quincy Jones, or John Q Jones, or J Quincy Jones or J Q Jones or even JQ Jones. If the name is typed exactly

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retired using a multiplier that was lower than 2.1—retirees will not recalculate if their multiplier was 2.1; stated differently, retirees will not recalculate using the 2.2 multiplier; d) provide an ad hoc increase to raise benefits of retirees to 85% of their original purchasing power; e) and establish an in-house alternative retirement plan for new employees.

The key provisions of the School Employees' proposal include a) an increase in the retirement formula factor from 2.1% to 2.5% for the first 30 years of service credit; b) providing a 3% cost of living adjustment per year regardless of the consumer price index; c) increasing the Medicare Part B reimbursement from \$31.80 to \$45.50 per month. Eligible members will receive a one-time lump-sum payment for the difference from 1993 to the effective date of the bill. This proposal has not been introduced into the legislature yet.

TOLEDO MUD HENS BASEBALL TEAM: Some of you may remember how highly offended the Board of PERI felt some 12 years ago when a provision was enacted into law that benefitted an individual who was employed by the Toledo Mud Hens Baseball team. The individual was an elected official and as such was paying into PERS. The enactment (Section 145.203) allowed this individual to contribute to PERS on the basis of his salary as an official of the Mud Hens. PERI was offended because it allowed an individual to capitalize on public retirement while working in a private enterprise.

H.B. No. 416, which has already passed the House and is being considered in the Senate, will repeal this provision. Although the bill repeals the provision, it specifies that eliminating the provision does not affect any contribution or service credit earned under the provision. That is, the individual for whom this original law was enacted will not be affected. PERI supports this bill.

DUES CHECK-OFF: About five years ago there was a bill in the legislature that would have allowed retirees to authorize deductions from their retirement allowances for the payment of dues and other membership fees to any association or organization comprised primarily of retirees. We opposed the proposal because the

PERI WEB SITE OFFERS DETAILS FOR MEMBERS

We are working on the PERI Web page as time allows. Visit us at WWW.OPERI.ORG. At press time we have our links to an explanation of who PERS and PERI are and how they interrelate, and to an explanation of the benefits of PERI membership. We also have the three most often used chapter forms that can be printed from the web site. (Chapter Officers, Chapter Finance Report, and the Chapter Meeting Report) You can also directly E-Mail us at the office from the Web site.

We will eventually have an explanation of the purpose of PERI and what we do, the latest legislative information, a historical record of all that PERI has done to effect changes in our benefit package, all of PERI's past Newsletters, information on district and chapter contacts, and many other features that are still in the planning stages.

We expect to dramatically improve our effectiveness in legislative endeavors by being able to quickly communicate the latest information via the world wide web.

administrative costs were to be assumed by the association or organization comprised primarily of retirees. We opposed the proposal because the administrative costs were to be assumed by the association whose members sought the dues check-off. These costs were estimated to be approximately \$50,000. We and others testified in opposition and the bill never passed.

This dues check-off provision recently reemerged in the legislature. However, we obtained an amendment that requires a board of trustees to adopt a resolution authorizing the dues check-off before the check-off program could be utilized by an association. That is, under the proposal and our amendment, persons receiving an allowance or pension from PERS or SERS can authorize the appropriate retirement system to make deductions from their benefits for the payment of dues and other membership fees if certain conditions are met. The respective system may make the deduction only if the association adopts a resolution approving

SHARON DOWNS NAMED CHAIRMAN OF PERS BOARD



Sharon M. Downs, a Circleville resident, was elected chairman of the Board of the Public Employees Retirement System of Ohio and will serve in that position through December

2000. Downs represents retirants on the Retirement Board.

She retired as a human resources manager from the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, where she managed the section responsible for overseeing the personnel activities and maintaining the classification and pay plans for all state and county agencies, as well as state supported colleges and universities. Downs also served as the department's designee on both the Retirement Board and the Deferred Compensation Board from 1991 through 1997. She began her employment at the Ohio Department of Health and also worked in personnel at the School Employees Retirement System.

The nine-member Board meets monthly to review and formulate policies concerning PERS. The Board also authorizes the investments made with the System's funds, which currently total approximately \$55 billion.

that method of payment (our amendment) and not fewer than 500 persons authorize the deduction for payment. Authorization must be in writing and signed by the person giving it. It remains in effect until revoked, and only those who authorize the dues check-off will be affected. Under the proposal, the system may charge an association an amount not to exceed the actual costs it incurs in making the deduction. Because of the PERS administrative costs that would have to be paid, the Board of PERI does not intend to pass any resolution authorizing the program for PERI. When our amendment was adopted, we took a neutral position on the bill. The bill has passed and the provision becomes effective as law on 3/17/2001.

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PERI's Ranks Growing Through Life Membership (New Life Members From 1-28-99 Through 1-10-2000)

Abram, George A./Oberlin Oh
Adams, Llada L./Crown City, Oh
Agostini, Norma/Hopedale, Oh
Alcorn, Carl J./Grove City, Oh
Alexander, Marion E./Youngstown, Oh

Allen, James E./Euclid, Oh
Allen, Margaret/Indianapolis, In
Almond, Susan L./Marietta, Oh
Althar, Avanelle/Palm Harbor, Fl
Altmayer, Helen L./Hamilton, Oh

Amos, Sally L./Portage, Oh
Anaple, Elsie M./Greenhills, Oh
Anderson, Dare D./Moundsville, WV
Anderson, Dorothy/Lewisville, Oh
Anderson, Mildred C./Columbus, Oh

Anderson, Polly/Wooster, Oh
Angersbach, Rolland F./Amherst, Oh
Angst, Richard E./Seven Mile, Oh
Anitas, John/Parma, Oh
Applegate, Gerna L./New Richmond, Oh

Arbogast, Willie J./Amherst, Oh
Armstrong, Thelma/Fremont, Oh
Arnold-Shaw, Geraldine/Shaker Hts, Oh
Arroyo, Harry J./N Jackson, Oh
Ash, Samuel N./Lady Lake, Fl

Austin, John H./Portsmouth, Oh
Baatz, Margaret F./Lakewood, Oh
Bahler, Ruth L./Napoleon, Oh
Bailey, Richard B./Monclova, Oh
Bailey, Virginia A./South Amherst, Oh

Baker, Barbara A./Marietta, Oh
Baker, Roberta/Marysville, Oh
Ballantyne, Jack L./Bucyrus, Oh
Balog, Rita J./Ashtabula, Oh
Banks, Carrie/Dayton, Oh

Bantum, Joan E./Cuyahoga Falls, Oh
Barlow, Joan H./Huber Hgts, Oh
Barnes, Margaret K./Williamsport, Oh
Barnette, David W./Yellow Springs, Oh
Barnowski, Regina M./Tucson, Az

Bates, Jerry M./Duncan Falls, Oh
Battle, Lawrence H./Columbus, Oh
Bayes, Jack L./Lebanon, Oh
Beardsley, Betty L./Reno, Oh
Beasley, Cecil A./Oxford, Oh

Bechstein, Mae E./Cherokee Village, Ar
Beckett, John C./Hamilton, Oh
Bedingfield, Janet A./Cleveland, Oh
Beebe, Dorothy L./Massillon, Oh
Bell, Noyle G./Dayton, Oh

Bellman, Donna/Ottawa, Oh
Benesh, George J./Cleveland, Oh
Benshoff, Eleanor/Kent, Oh
Bensman, Marilyn M./Toledo, Oh
Bentley, Carolyn E./Oxford, Oh

Bergdorf, Robert D./Akron, Oh
Berger, George H./Reynoldsburg, Oh
Berke, Kathryn D./Euclid, Oh
Bertonaschi, Charles R./Parma, Oh
Betterman, Andy V./Willowick, Oh

Bicknell, Arthur L./Lima, Oh
Bingman, Elaine R./Akron, Oh
Binion, Elmer S./Dayton, Oh
Bishop, Larry D./Hamilton, Oh
Bishop, Richard A./Jensen Beach, Fl

Black, Barbara J./Spokane, Wa
Blackstone, David L./Zanesville, Oh
Bock, Levern/London, Oh

Boike, Roland V./Mason, Oh
Bolton, Z Belle/Van Wert, Oh
Bonzanto, Carolyn B./Rootstown, Oh
Borcher, Robert G./Westlake, Oh
Bores, Mary R./Bellevue, Oh

Bowers, Stanley/Columbus, Oh
Bowman, Bonnie/Marion, Oh
Brackin, Richard K./Athens, Oh
Bradley Sr., George M./Clearwater, Fl
Branch, Carol E./Cleveland, Oh

Branigan, Daniel L./Centerville, Oh
Branigan Sr., William P./Kettering, Oh
Brendel, Sophia L./Aurora, In
Brewton, Nettie M./Cincinnati, Oh
Brezina, Phyllis A./Carey, Oh

Brian, Edward M./Boardman, Oh
Brick, Mark G./East Liverpool, Oh
Brindle, David A./Springfield, Oh
Brink, Beverly K./Newton Falls, Oh
Brock, Paul D./Brookville, Oh

Brower, Clarence/Oregon, Oh
Brower, Dora L./Troy, Oh
Brown, Arthur L./Cincinnati, Oh
Brown, James R./Grafton, Oh
Brown, Mary C./Columbus, Oh

Brown Jr., Henry/Columbus, Oh
Browne, Joseph M./Clinton, Oh
Bruah Jr., Walter B./Newark, Oh
Bruner, Clarence E./Wauseon, Oh
Bruzzeze, Joseph J./Steubenville, Oh

Bryant, Geraldine M./Hamilton, Oh
Burg, James R./Dayton, Oh
Burke, Clarence E./Gahanna, Oh
Burns, Aretha/Akron, Oh
Burton, Lucille/Burkeville, Tx

Bush, Dovel F./Logan, Oh
Buxton, Pauline L./Galena, Oh
Byler, Mary L./Harrisonburg, Va
Cain, Jean/Columbus, Oh
Caldwell, Lizzetta M./Columbus, Oh

Cameron, Winifred C./Angola, In
Campbell, Lewis/Tiffin, Oh
Campbell, Louise B./Upper Arlington, Oh
Campbell, Norma J./Dayton, Oh
Canning, Amelia G./Richmond Heights, Oh

Caplea, Nicholas G./Louisville, Oh
Carper, Helen M./Kirkersville, Oh
Carr, Albert J./Wellsville, Oh
Casbeer, Elizabeth J./Cincinnati, Oh
Caudill, June R./Cincinnati, Oh

Cawthon, John H./Henderson, Tn
Chalmers, Stanley V./Broadview Hgts, Oh
Chandler, Loretta E./Dayton, Oh
Chang, Paul K./Lawrenceville, Ga
Chenevey, Russel H./Fredericksburg, Oh

Childers, Mary E./Cleveland, Oh
Choi, Byoung G./Independence, Oh
Choi, Kilssoon/Cincinnati, Oh
Clark, Eunice L./Findlay, Oh
Clark, Georgia M./Cleveland, Oh

Clark Sr., Alonzo/Gahanna, Oh
Clemmer, Daniel B./Cleveland, Oh
Clifford, William/Lodi, Oh
Cochran, Edna/Hamilton, Oh
Cochran, Theresa A./Winter Haven, Fl

Coggin, Frederick M./Dublin, Oh
Cohen, George/Athens, Oh
Cole, Grady/New Lebanon, Oh

Cole, Larry V./Hillsboro, Oh
Cole, Rose Marie/Napoleon, Oh
Cole Sr., Ernie S./Cardington, Oh
Colley, Earl/Chillicothe, Oh
Collier, Maxine A./Marysville, Oh

Collins, Margaret M./Troy, Oh
Collinsworth, Janice M./Yellow Springs, Oh
Comer, Edward A./Norwood, Oh
Conley, Charles L./Whitehall, Oh
Conrad, J Kenneth/Millersburg, Oh

Cook, Elizabeth E./Brookfield, Oh
Cook, Minerva/Toledo, Oh
Cooper, James L./Columbus, Oh
Corban, Marianne C./Apple Creek, Oh
Cordell, Gordon B./Wilmington, Oh

Cornelius, Jennie F./Cuyahoga Falls, Oh
Corso, Richard A./Scio, Oh
Coursey, George E./Cincinnati, Oh
Cox, Martha M./Canton, Oh
Crabtree, Charles A./Albany, Oh

Crabtree, Doris J./Fairview Park, Oh
Craft, Elizabethann/Canton, Oh
Cramblett, Leonora/Carrollton, Oh
Crawley Jr., Ira./Cincinnati, Oh
Cross, Calvin S./Lore City, Oh

Cross, Judith A./Medina, Oh
Curtice, Carol L./Springfield, Oh
Czarnecki, Pauline A./Perrysburg, Oh
Daiber, Richard F./Nevada, Oh
Davie, Peter R./Elyria, Oh

Davis, Charles T./Huber Hgts, Oh
Davis, Delores M./East Cleveland, Oh
Davis, Don L./Logan, Oh
Davis, Michael/Cleveland, Oh
Dawson, Barbara L./Orient, Oh

Dawson, Louretta A./Akron, Oh
Day Sr., Max E./London, Oh
Deal, Mary A./Amelia, Oh
Decessna, Donald A./Venice, Fl
Delk, Ivah S./Columbus, Oh

Dempsey, Ethel E./Whitehall, Oh
Deneler, Charles/Hamilton, Oh
Devro, Martha/Cleveland, Oh
Dewine, James M./Athens, Oh
Dey, Maria/North Canton, Oh

Dial, Eva J./Logan, Oh
Dick, Joseph T./Akron, Oh
Dickerson, Maybelle L./Zanesville, Oh
Diehl, Patricia A./Houston, Oh
Dilley, Joan R./Bucyrus, Oh

Dillion, Raymond H./Columbus, Oh
Dingey, Richard A./Martins Ferry, Oh
Disbro, Rosalyn/Lyndhurst, Oh
Dobkin, Joyce/Akron, Oh
Dobrzanski, Joseph F./Cleveland, Oh

Dodich, Evelyn M./Canton, Oh
Dolby, Rebecca A./Whitehall, Oh
Doll, Donald E./Cape Coral, Fl
Dolney, Eleanor M./Venice, Fl
Dolosich, Joseph A./Las Vegas, Nv

Dommer, Ernestine/Massillon, Oh
Doucette, David/Columbus, Oh
Douglas, Viola V./Apple Creek, Oh
Dovenbarger, Robert R./Dublin, Oh
Drum Jr., Brainard M./Marysville, Oh

Dudas, Louis J./Toledo, Oh
Duhe, Thelma L./St Louis, Mo
Duhigg, Don/Columbus, Oh

Dutton, Glenn/Fostoria, Oh
Dutton, Kenneth F./Rockford, Oh
Dwyer, Marjorie S./Bay Village, Oh
Dye, John V./Eaton, Oh
Dyer Jr., Stienbant/Columbus, Oh

East, Judith A./Marion, Oh
Eaton, David N./Whitehall, Oh
Eberts, Kenneth G./Chillicothe, Oh
Edwards, Wayne E./Washington Ch, Oh
Eland, Alfred C./Bedford, Oh

Elliott, Connie J./Dayton, Oh
Ellison, Lois C./Xenia, Oh
Emery, Robert G./Greenwood, In
Emigh, Martha A./Napoleon, Oh
Emmons, Robert M./Kettering, Oh

Engle, Murel C./Zanesville, Oh
Evans, Betty J./Madison, Oh
Evans, Daniel M./Vinton, Oh
Evans, Vicki S./Englewood, Fl
Eyster, Charlene/Mt Vernon, Oh

Farmer, Barbara A./Cortland, Oh
Farmer, Janet L./Cincinnati, Oh
Faul, Diana L./Sardinia, Oh
Feighan, William M./Washington, DC
Feldhouse, Catherine T./ Southington, Oh

Ferro, David J./Seven Hills, Oh
Fetherolf, Ruby I./S Bloomingville, Oh
Filzer, Betty J./Oviedo, Fl
Fink, Samuel W./Findlay, Oh
Finnerty, Thomas E./Cincinnati, Oh

Fisher, Donald E./Powell, Oh
Flaim, Robert J./Avon Lake, Oh
Fogle, Ralph M./W Lafayette, Oh
Foody, Thomas J./Columbus, Oh
Foote, Ronald T./Gahanna, Oh

Forby, Mary O./Springfield, Oh
Forney, Ivaleen F./Akron, Oh
Foster, Geraldine B./Akron, Oh
Foster, Robert H./Columbus, Oh
Fowler, Ralph W./Cleveland, Oh

Fowler Jr., Clarence/Columbus, Oh
Freitag, Jerome A./Harrison, Oh
French, Duane C./London, Oh
French, Gladys M./Bowling Green, Oh
Friend, Donald/Wellington, Oh

Frimel, Richard D./Lakewood, Oh
Frost, Waneeta C./Springfield, Oh
Fuerst, Alfred R./Seven Hills, Oh
Fugate, Samuel A./Logan, Oh
Fultz, Bernard/Pomeroy, Oh

Futhey, Marilyn J./Rocky River, Oh
Gaietto, Mary F./Tiffin, Oh
Gallagher, Paul R./Worthington, Oh
Galloway, William E./Cleveland, Oh
Gannon, Rosemary A./Seven Hills, Oh

Garcia, Caridad C./West New York, NJ
Garman, Walter E./Hillsboro, Oh
Gatto, Helen/Cleveland, Oh
Gebhart, R. Anson/Brookville, Oh
Gehle, Tamarra Elliott/Tiffin, Oh

Gelfer, Karl J./Columbus, Oh
Gerez, Margaret/Shreve, Oh
Giglio Jr., Peter/Mayfield Hts, Oh
Gilchrist, Robert E./N Olmsted, Oh
Gilcrest, Carolyn M./Carroll, Oh

Gildow, Elizabeth J./Zanesville, Oh
Gillespie, Lokie H./McAlester, Ok
Gillig, Dorothy A./Toledo, Oh
Gilmore, Laura M./Celina, Oh
Glover, Nancy N./Toledo, Oh

Goist, Lenore W./Kent, Oh
Goldberg, Joseph P./Champaign, Il
Goodenough, Bruce L./Largo, Fl
Gordon, Charles/Cleveland, Oh
Gotschall, Martha/Carrollton, Oh

Gow, Margaret/Zephyrhills, Fl
Gowdy, Ruth L./Ravenna, Oh
Gray, Barbara A./Greenville, Oh
Grayson, Andrew/Cincinnati, Oh
Greco Jr., Dominic J./Gilbert, Az

Greene, Martha L./Adamsville, Oh
Greer, Allan F./Troy, Oh
Groat Sr., Kenneth R./Akron, Oh
Gross, Ralph E./Hamilton, Oh
Grote, Robert F./Kalida, Oh

Grotz, Robert/West Linn, Or
Guidera, Rose J./Elida, Oh
Guido, Cecilia R./Beverly Hills, Fl
Gurney, Donald R./Milan, Oh
Gyde, William H./Oak Harbor, Oh

Haase, Darlene J./Napoleon, Oh
Hackett, John J./Marietta, Oh
Hackett Jr., Arthur/Silverton, Oh
Hake, Alan L./Montpelier, Oh
Hale, Phyllis L./Lake Milton, Oh

Hales, Charles W./Cleveland, Oh
Halle, Johanna M./Powell, Oh
Halter, William W./Youngstown, Oh
Hand, Greta I./Columbus, Oh
Hand, Vicky G./Chillicothe, Oh

Haney, Michael L./Akron, Oh
Hanna, Eileen E./Akron, Oh
Hannaford, Irma E./Centerville, Oh
Hansen, Barbara E./Marion, Oh
Harelson, H. Irene/Lima, Oh

Harig, Vivian M./Akron, Oh
Harris, Listene/Fort Worth, Tx
Hart, Verdelle/Shaker Heights, Oh
Harter, Cynthia T./Springfield, Oh
Harter Jr., John F./Springfield, Oh

Hartlieb, Mary E./Glendale, Oh
Hartline, Ruth H./Whipple, Oh
Hartville, James R./Moraine, Oh
Hatfield, Hobert/Worthington, Oh
Hauer, Miriam W./North Olmsted, Oh

Hecht, Martin L./Clearwater, Fl
Heil, Steven T./Vandalia, Oh
Heimlich, Marsha L./Worthington, Oh
Hein, David A./Cleveland, Oh
Heineking, Ronald./Kent, Oh

Helm, Christopher R./Toledo, Oh
Helms, Wade F./Cleveland, Oh
Henning, Ora J./Rocky River, Oh
Hepfer Sr., Billy C./Tipp City, Oh
Herbert, Baker W./Westfield Center, Oh

Herdman, Ralph O./Morrow, Oh
Hermiller, William R./Ottawa, Oh
Hesson, Gladys M./Marysville, Oh
Higginbotham, Coy D./Albany, Oh
Higgins, Kathleen A./Oberlin, Oh

Hildreth, Sylvia S./Washington Ch, Oh
Hill, Betty J./Mansfield, Oh
Hill, Homer./Columbus, Oh
Hill, Jessie L./Cuyahoga Falls, Oh
Hines, Paul E./Pleasant Hill, Oh

Hite, Cary/Wauseon, Oh
Hodge, Larry P./East Canton, Oh
Hoffman, Sandra R./Apple Creek, Oh
Hohman, Thomas H./Upper Arlington, Oh
Holland, Dorothy J./Knoxville, Tn

Hollinger, Larry L./Massillon, Oh
Holmes, Charles E./Lebanon, Oh
Holmes, Edna W./Burlington, NC
Holt, Willie O./Dayton, Oh
Holthaus, William J./Cincinnati, Oh

Holzbach, John G./Canfield, Oh
Hopper, Hester D./Cincinnati, Oh
Houillion, Carol A./Loveland, Oh
Howard, Fred/Camden, Oh
Howell, Virginia M./Eaton, Oh

Hoy, John R./Logan, Oh
Hoyer, Marilyn J./Cleveland, Oh
Huber, Edith L./Harvard, Ma
Huber, Mary/Blanchester, Oh
Hungate, Lois A./Dublin, Oh

Hunter, John G./Upper Sandusky, Oh
Hunter, Martha A./Marietta, Oh
Hunter, Zera/Youngstown, Oh
Huston, Creola M./Columbus, Oh
Jackson, Corrine B./Strongsville, Oh

Jacobs, Mark A./Ravenna, Oh
Jacoby, Herbert J./Amherst, Oh
Jagoditz, Rita C./Norwood, Oh
James, Donald E./Zanesville, Oh
Jamieson-Hall, Jo Ann K./Riverside, Oh

Jamison, Boyce H./Powell, Oh
Jansen, Dana Y./Cincinnati, Oh
Jeffers, Barbara J./Woodsville, Oh
Jenkins, Donald R./Cincinnati, Oh
Jenkins, Margaret R./Ravenna, Oh

Jetter, Helen E./Milford, Oh
Johnson, Antonio M./Dayton, Oh
Johnson, Vaughn K./Nashville, Tn
Johnston, Lamont/Reynoldsburg, Oh
Jones, Avonne E./Beachwood, Oh

Jones, Gilbert/Toledo, Oh
Jones, Marvin O./Liberty Center, Oh
Jones, Tea S./Cleveland, Oh
Jones Sr., William D./Ravenna, Oh
Joos, Virginia L./Lancaster, Oh

Kachelek, David/Toledo, Oh
Kearns, Robert V./Ft Walton Beach, Fl
Keeler, Arthur L./Lebanon, Oh
Keen, Mazie M./Grove City, Oh
Kelch, Jayne/Dayton, Oh

Keller, Helen L./Brook Park, Oh
Kelly, Daniel R./Duncan Falls, Oh
Kendall, Dale E./Orrville, Oh
Kennedy, Lawrence J./Columbus, Oh
Kerns, Osia P./Columbus, Oh

Kerrigan, Doris I./Phoenix, Az
Kesling, Ralph R./Oregon, Oh
Kibbey, Michael J./Columbus, Oh
Kiernan, Elizabeth/Dayton, Oh
King, James R./Logan, Oh

King Jr., Calvin/Greenfield, Oh
Kinkopf, Anton J./Cleveland, Oh
Kinnell, Artys B./Columbus, Oh
Kirkbride, Howard R./Zanesville, Oh
Kline, Phyllis Joan K./Wooster, Oh

Knavel Jr., George L./Fountain Hills, Az
Knight, Jacqueline/Columbus, Oh
Kolasinski, Mary M./Toledo, Oh
Kolts, Jeannette F./Brook Park, Oh
Konicki, Lena/Toledo, Oh

Kovach, Angela/Kettering, Oh
Kovach, Kevin/Parma, Oh
Krech, Anna P./Columbus, Oh
Krul, Nancy J./Bedford, Oh
Kucsma, J. Harry/Painesville, Oh

Kunzi, Lillie May/Columbus, Oh
Lakowski, Constance A./Bay Village, Oh
Lambert, Loren H./Lancaster, Oh
Lane, Marilyn A./Nashport, Oh
Lange, Ilene V./St Henry, Oh

Larger, Dorothy E./Columbus, Oh
Laughrey, Norma J./Brinkhaven, Oh
Laurenti, Elizabeth J./Brecksville, Oh
Laviano, Ethel M./Brooklyn, Oh
Laws, Frank D./Springfield, Oh

Lea, John W./Oxford, Oh
Leber, Richard R./Monroeville, Oh
Lee, Herman/Camden, Oh
Legg, Emerson L./Peebles, Oh
Lemmon, Mary S./Youngstown, Oh

Leopold, Richard L./Marina Del Rey, Ca
Levernier, Lloyd E./Washington Ch, Oh
Lewis, Edythe M./Dayton, Oh
Liming, Frances E./Georgetown, Oh
Linard, Donald L./New Philadelphia, Oh

Lisak, Thomas M./Columbus, Oh
Long, James R./London, Oh
Long, Lucille P./Hamilton, Oh
Lovett, Coy M./Cincinnati, Oh
Lowe, Larry L./Columbus, Oh

Lowery, Catherine E./Pomeroy, Oh
Ludwick, Daniel D./Hillsboro, Oh
Luers Jr., Bernard H./Marion, Oh
Luken, Rebecca S./Hamilton, Oh
Lunde, Sarah J./Bowling Green, Oh

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Martin, Albert/Cleveland, Oh
Martin, Thomas E./Williamsfield, Oh
Mason, Darlene P./Pt Orange, Fl

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Mattox, William G./Boise, Id
Mauger, Charles E./Worthington, Oh
Maurer, Joyce C./Cincinnati, Oh
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Maxwell, Janet A./Waco, Ky
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Miller, Wilma E./Oregon, Oh

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Montgomery, Ellen M./Kenmore, Oh

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Moore, Eddie/Cleveland, Oh
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Morris, Loretta G./Dayton, Oh
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Morris, Ruth A./North Fort Myers, Fl
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Mortensen, Don M./West Jordan, Ut,
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Mshabbek, Sally A./Westlake, Oh

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Newell, Geraldine L./Zoar, Oh
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Otterbacher, Michael K./Medina, Oh

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Persinger, Mable M./New Bloomington, Oh
Perteet, Sandra L./Beachwood, Oh
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Phillips, Thomas L./Mt Vernon, Oh

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Place, Larry D./Leipsic, Oh

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Priest, Laurence E./Circleville, Oh
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Ross, Woodward T./Columbus, Oh

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Shimp, Myrtle J./Versailles, Oh
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Tuskan, Maria K./Cincinnati, Oh

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Vangorder, Henry E./Northwood, Oh
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Vaughn, Jimmie W./Columbus, Oh
Venere, Ross J./S. Euclid, Oh
Vining, Shirley L./Delaware, Oh
Vogt, Genevieve G./Coldwater, Oh
Vogt, Neil E./Attica, Oh

Volin, Anne M./Largo, Fl
Wagner, Eugene B./Greenville, Oh
Waits, William G./Butler, Oh
Walborn, Richard G./West Liberty, Oh
Waldeck, Jerry L./Carroll, Oh

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Walker, Jack A./New Lexington, Oh
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Walker, Maxine T./Warrens Hts, Oh
Walker, Charles P./W. Salem, Oh

Walker, Mary Ann/Columbus, Oh
Wanner, Mary L./London, Oh
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Wardrope, Anita L./Cleveland, Oh
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Watercutter, Constance L./Anna, Oh
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White, Carl L./Fort Pierce, Fl
White, Sharon/Lima, Oh

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Wieditz, Ruth M./Bath, Oh
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Wilkinson, Christine/S. Euclid, Oh

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Williamson, Gale/Perrysburg, Oh
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With \$55 billion in assets, PERS is one of the 20 largest pension systems in the nation. More than 375 employees work for PERS. Benefits are sent to almost 125,000 recipients, and more than 371,000 public employees make retirement contributions to PERS.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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MERGER OF PERS AND SERS. In an attempt to address a concern with health care costs in SERS, two legislators have asked about the feasibility of merging the two systems. SERS members and retirees are demanding that SERS have parity with the other systems in regard to health care. The Ohio Retirement Study Council and members of the Attorney General's office have been asked to investigate the legality of merging the two systems. We await their report.

S.B. NO. 144 (Sen. Johnson) would provide an alternative payout for members who, upon termination of employment, request refund of their accumulated contributions. More specifically, the bill would permit a member who ends public employment and requests a lump sum distribution to receive a larger payout. Under the legislative proposal, those with less than five years would receive their

WYMER TO REPRESENT PERI DISTRICT 1



Earnest "Jack" Wymer has been named representative for District 1 on the PERI Board. His district includes the following counties: Williams, Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Lucas, Wood, Ottawa and

Sandusky.

Mr. Wymer was born in Fremont, Ohio. After graduation from Fremont High School he entered the U.S. Air Force in 1958. He stayed with the Air Force for over 23 years. He was stationed in Japan for five years, Vietnam for one year and England for three years. He was also stationed in several states.

He later became a trainer for the Ohio Mental Health System in Toledo. During his 11 years there, he earned a degree in administrative services from the University of Toledo. In 1994 he was placed on disability retirement. He has served as president and secretary for the Lucas County PERI Chapter.

Mr. Wymer has three grown sons and four grandchildren. His wife of 14 years, Marilyn, is District 1 Legislative Chairman. He enjoys fishing, camping, travel and study of medieval culture in Europe and Japan.

PERI OFFICERS ELECTED AT ANNUAL MEETING:

Front row: (L to R) Lucille Critchfield, Pres.; Lois Downour, 3rd V.P.; Back row, E. Ivor Jones, 1st V.P.; William J. Kuhner, Jr., 2nd V.P.; and William Covert, past president. Marjorie Belville, Treas. was not present.



paid in contribution plus interest. Those with 5 years of service, but less than 10 years would receive their contribution plus interest and 33% of their employer's contribution. Those with 10 or more years would receive their contributions with interest and 67% of their employer's contributions. The bill has passed the Senate and is being heard in the House. A recent newsletter from PERS advises members that in light of this legislation and the effect it may have on refunds, they may wish to defer or delay their PERS refund application until the legislation is effective. PERI has taken a neutral position on this bill.

MEDICARE PART B: The Health Care Financing Administration has announced that, in 2000, the Medicare Part B premium would remain at the 1999 rate of \$45.50 per month. The Part B premium covers physician services, hospital outpatient care, durable medical equipment, and other non-hospital services. The Government recalculates this premium each year to reflect changes in health care costs or changes in Medicare law.

MAILING

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the same on both lists, we have no problem. If the name is typed differently, we have a problem. To a computer any variation in the typing or spacing of a name is taken as a different name and thus a different person. The same is true on the address lines. If one list has "Street" and the other has the abbreviation "ST", it will look like two different addresses or two

different people so each would receive a dues notice.

This explanation is of course a very simple one. We do run four different types of computer comparison checks that will compensate for many of the variations. Eventually, however, we get to the point where it is less costly to send out a hundred or so duplicates, than it is to pay for the computer time and labor to make certain there are absolutely no duplicates. You can help us clear these up by simply writing "Duplicate" on one of the forms and sending them both back to us when you send in your check.

(2) Why did I receive a dues notice when I am already a Life Time member? Life members can come under the explanation above, but we usually find that, in the case of Life Time members, they have moved and did not notify us.

(3) Why is the name of my city different than the one I gave you? All of our major mailings are done by large printing and mail-house companies. We send them a computerized list of names and addresses. They run a comparison of our list with the US Post Office's list of official addresses. In cases where our list is different than the Post Office's list, the Post Office list prevails and our address and/ or city names are changed. Even though the Post Office's list may be incorrect, we reduce the cost of our postage to ten cents per letter (\$11,300 for a 113,000 person mailing) by using their list.

Finally, and I know that you are going to find this very hard to believe, but some times errors occur just because we don't do things right.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



Here we are at the beginning of another new year. The economy has been good and the investment team at PERS has been doing well. In the latter part of 1999, PERS sent a proposal to the Ohio

General Assembly for an improvement package to our pensions. This request must first go to the Legislative Service Commission to be drafted into bill form. When the draft is completed and a sponsor located the new Bill can begin its journey through the legislative process.

PERI has been preparing for the successful passage of this piece of legislation. We are continuing to build our membership base. We have had several meetings with our Board of Directors and Legislative Committee. We have been working on bringing our District and Chapter Legislative Committee Chairs up to date. We are organized to carry out our phone calling and letter writing campaign, as needed.

If you still live in Ohio and would like to help further, let me suggest that you consider joining a local PERI Chapter. Our chapters are a very important life line for PERI. It is in the chapter that you can receive the most current information on the progress of pending legislation. It is in the chapter that you can be most effective in bringing up issues that are important to you and all retirees. It is in the chapter that you best learn when, and to whom, you should write in order to express how you feel about a piece of

legislation.

We will be working on many issues other than the potential pension increases. For example, in the early part of January, Leland Coddling, our Legislative Chairman, Bill Winegarner, our Administrator, and I met with representatives of the Ohio Retired Teachers Association (ORTA), Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees (OCHER), and The OSU Retirees Association (OSURA) in order to determine if we had any areas of common concern. Among the many topics discussed, we all discovered that each group had been studying the feasibility of requesting a second retiree Board member on our respective retirement systems.

MEMBERS URGED TO RETURN MERCK-MEDCO AUTHORIZATION FORM

In January Merck-Medco sent a form to those who are enrolled in the PERS/Merck-Medco mail-in prescription program. We would like to urge you to fill out the form and send it in. This program will save the PERS healthcare fund money. When PERS saves money, we save money through better healthcare benefits.

If you want a more detailed explanation of this cost saving program, you can find it in the January 2000 PERS "Update for Retirants" pamphlet.

Our thinking behind this is the fact that retirees make up approximately 25% of the PERS membership but we only have 17% of the representation. It is also interesting to note that it was a PERI initiative that brought about the first retiree representative on the PERS board.

Well, enough of business for now! Have a great year and stay tuned for even better days ahead.

Lucille Critchfield

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