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Mission Statement:

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

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A Message from Your Chair

by Richard L. Ross



Marlene Bond, our 2nd Vice Chair, former Treasurer and District 9 Representative, died on September 30, 2022, after a long illness. Her contributions to this organization are countless, and her institutional memory was unsurpassed, and she will be missed. Jim Douglas, former District 3 representative, has been appointed to fill her position.

I have now concluded my first year as your chairman. It has been a pleasure to serve you and meet many of you from around our great state who share an active interest in preserving the defined benefit pension system for which we each labored. I look forward to meeting more of you in the remaining time that I am in office.

Since I last wrote, I have spoken to the Muskingum County chapter, and we have had the annual meeting. From the feedback of those who attended, it was a profitable meeting with the breakout sessions. The sessions included OPERS, the Attorney General’s Office, Growing Your Chapter, Elder Fraud and OSHIIP. The meeting is also a time for our members to meet others from around the state who share the same interest in preserving our pension system. Please mark your calendars to attend next year’s annual meeting in the fall of 2023.

The matter of greatest interest recently, and the matter for which I have received the most phone calls and emails from you, has been HR 82 in the United States House of Representatives. This bill would repeal the WEP/GPO which unjustly penalizes those of us who have worked in both the private and public sector by reducing our social security, unless we have obtained “thirty significant years” of social security employment. Your efforts, along with some of our colleagues in eleven other states across the county that are similarly affected, has pushed this repeal effort farther than it has ever been since it was first attempted in the mid 1980’s. Greg Bennett’s article in this newsletter goes into greater detail. We will continue to monitor this situation and, if unsuccessful in the remaining months of this Congress, will try again next year.

In the last week of September many of you received material from AMBA which was in error. Our former administrator, who ceased working for us in July, 2021, was listed on those mailings. This error has been brought to AMBA’s attention and they will correct this error.

As announced by Karen Carraher, Executive Director of OPERS, there are no plans to reduce or eliminate the COLA. This is good news for all of our retirees, as was the soundness of both the pension and health trust funds. With inflation far out-stripping the three per cent COLA, we on our fixed

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incomes are in a more vulnerable position to price rises than those who are still in the work force.

With the coming of the holidays at the end of the year, we have much to be thankful for in that we live in such a great country and that we have the pensions that we do. We will continue to do everything we can to keep our system strong and protect our membership as we enter into the new year.

Legislative Report

by Greg Bennett, *Byers, Minton & Associates*



I'd like to begin this column by sending a sincere congratulations to the entire PERI team and the board of trustees for hosting another successful annual state meeting. Thank you to those who attended from near and far, as well as our state officials who took time out of their schedules to join us for the day.

For those who couldn't join us for the legislative update, there is no shortage of issues for which PERI is monitoring and advocating on in both Columbus and Washington D.C., and we'll walk through those now.

Ohio General Assembly Activity

The Ohio Legislature will return to session following the November general election to finalize any remaining policy priorities before the end of the year. Discussions continue around Ohio House Bill 512 before the Ohio Retirement Study Council (ORSC). HB 512 would increase employer contribution rates for the Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund. A recent poll of 500 Ohioans by the Ohio Association of Professional Firefighters and the Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio showed 92% of poll respondents find it important for Ohio legislators and municipalities to adequately fund police and fire pensions, a fiscal note showed that once the legislation is fully phased-in, employers would be required to pay an additional \$117 million per year. Meanwhile, the employer community expressed concern with the cost of the proposal, especially given the financial stability challenges experience by local governments across the state.

The Council's purpose is to "provide legislative oversight as well as advise and inform the state legislature on all matters relating to the benefits, funding, investment, and administration of the five state retirement systems in Ohio." Following an ORSC staff recommendation against the passage of HB 512, ORSC Chairman Phil Plummer requested further review of the legislation and plans to discuss the proposal at the November Council meeting.

Model State Legislation on Government Investment Strategies

We will also be keeping an eye out for a recently released "model state policy" developed by national conservative think-tank, the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC).

The policy is being heralded as an effort to protect public investments for state government employee retirement by prohibiting "politically motivated investment strategies" related to social and environmental goals. Model policies are often introduced in states across the nation. While the model appears well-intended, the practical application of the legislation potentially reduces choice in investment strategies for fiduciaries of public pensions and other financial services provided to states.

Similar legislative efforts have been pursued in Texas, Kentucky, Oklahoma, and Indiana, igniting opposition from groups including state bankers' associations. Should the legislation be introduced in Ohio, we expect a broad coalition of opposition will develop to prevent any unintended consequences of the proposal.

Ohio Public Employee Retirement System (OPERS)

In mid-August, it was announced that the Ohio Treasurer of State, Robert Sprague, appointed Scott Richter as its investment expert on the 11-member OPERS Board of Trustees. Mr. Richter replaces Richard Hollington, who served on the Board from February 2021 until June 2022. Mr. Richter's background includes his position as a senior investment portfolio manager at Westfield Group, and his term runs through 2024.

Federal Update: Windfall Elimination Provision & Government Pension Offset

In late September, a significant step was taken on H.R. 82, the Social Security Fairness Act of 2021 with the U.S. House Ways & Means Committee moving to "report without recommendation" the legislation to the full House of Representatives.

While this action signifies the first vote on WEP and GPO reform in decades and further highlights the unresolved issues for those affected by these policies, House Ways & Means Committee Chairman Richard Neal (D-MA) and Representative Kevin Brady (R-TX) voiced concern over the full repeal of the WEP and GPO saying H.R. 82 exceeds equal treatment for those affected by the WEP creating unintended consequences for the broader Social Security system. A Congressional analysis shows that if H.R. 82 were to become law, the projected \$182 billion price tag would expedite the Social Security system's insolvency by one year, if not more. The current system's projected insolvency date of 2034 highlights the immediate need for Congress to reform the broader system.

Chairman Neal and Congressman Brady stated their commitment to finding a workable solution to the WEP and GPO, with both members having introduced their own reform bills. It is now expected that Neal and Brady, along with supporters of H.R. 82 will work to find compromise between the various proposals with the primary goal being a solution that does not negatively impact the solvency of the entire system.

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Our advocacy efforts will now focus on our Ohio Congressional delegation's influence on the negotiation process with the Ways & Means Committee, and we ask you to reach out to your member of Congress to request an agreement be made before the end of the year. **Thank you for all your efforts to date which have led to over 300 bipartisan co-sponsors of H.R. 82, including 10 of Ohio's 16 Congressional members.** This has sent a clear signal to Congressional leaders that a solution for the WEP and GPO must be identified and passed into law as soon as possible.

Federal Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)

On August 16, 2022, President Biden signed into law a \$740 billion climate and health care bill known as the Inflation Reduction Act. While the bill extends across myriad policy areas, it includes several provisions of interest to retirees. These provisions include caps on the Medicare monthly cost for Insulin at \$35 per month beginning in 2023, eliminating cost sharing for adult vaccines covered under Medicare Part D in 2024, and capping out of pocket costs for seniors at a maximum of \$2,000 per year while providing Medicare clearer authority to negotiate prices with drug makers in an effort to lower prescription drug costs.

Final Thought

As you can see, PERI has been involved in a number of legislative and regulatory issues affecting you as PERI members. We will continue to remain vigilant in our mission to protect your pension and benefits and look forward to working with our legislators through the end of the year and into the new, 135th Ohio General Assembly in January.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions, and thank you for remaining engaged as an integral part of our advocacy work.

A Message from Your Executive Director

by Lezlie Garcia



I want to thank everyone that attended the PERI Annual Meeting in Columbus on September 26, 2022. The Board of Trustees and staff did an excellent job planning and executing the day's events. We had the opportunity to hear from OPERS, Executive Director Karen Carraher, regarding the state of the Pension and to inform us that 2022-2023 will be a difficult time for investment portfolios and meeting the projected 6.9 percent rate of return. Unlike the end of 2021, when OPERS had a 15.3 percent investment return with a 14.3 percent on the health care fund return, outperforming the benchmark. The meeting also featured numerous breakout sessions with OPERS Healthcare, OSHIPP, ProSeniors, Ohio

Attorney General – Elder Fraud, and Grow You Chapter for PERI Chapter officers. We have reviewed the survey feedback and appreciate the many kind words regarding the event and educational sessions. We have identified areas to improve and provided input to the Crowne Plaza regarding the temperature of the meals and rooms.

When I joined PERI, the Board and I identified some excellent opportunities to cut down on expenditures and streamline processes to help in this high inflation economy we are facing now. As you have noticed, the newsletter has undergone significant changes to align with PERI's fiduciary responsibility to our members.

The Board of Trustees identified membership as a top priority in the association, including chapter growth, chapter leadership recruitment, sustainability, and member retention. As the Administrator, I aim to challenge myself and the board to develop, uncover and provide solutions to become more engaged from the chapter level to the state office to further our efforts on the legislative front to protect your pensions. The state office participated in a small health fair in our building. I had the pleasure of meeting over 12 members and provided a dozen retired and soon-to-be-retired people with PERI membership applications. PERI will also have a booth at the Old Worthington Market Day on October 7, 2023, that attracts approximately 15,000-20,000 people to spread the valuable work of PERI to gain membership and direct them to their closest chapter.

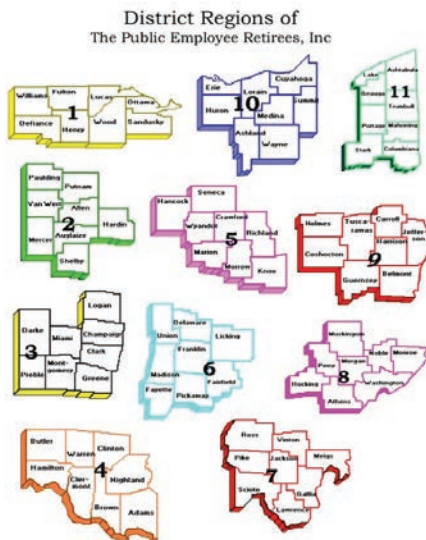
As a member of PERI, you have a unique opportunity to get involved locally in your county chapter. If you are unsure of chapter locations and information, please visit our website at www.operi.org under PERI Chapters, click on your county, and it will provide you with meeting location, time, and dates. You can also call our office at 1-800-247-7374; we are happy to assist. Many chapters have been struggling with attendance since Covid hit in 2020. I encourage everyone to safely get involved in their chapters to spread the word of the PERI mission, engage legislators, and actively recruit new members with valuable chapter meetings. Legislation and membership development will be a significant focus for us now and in the years ahead. Strength, advocacy, and voices make a difference.

Special thanks to Greg Bennett, our legislative representative, who has been traveling to district meetings and chapter events since coming aboard in February 2022. Greg has been keeping a close eye on the General Assembly, and he will be updating you in more detail on this and other issues that could have adversely impacted OPERS and your Pension, specifically the H.R. 82 revamping components, as we hear.

As always, the team here in Westerville is interested in hearing from members who may have questions about PERI's mission, and remember; we are here for you.

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 below. 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.



In Loving Memory

We fondly remember Marlene Bond, who faithfully served PERI for many years as District 9 Representative, Treasurer, 2nd V.P and Vice Chair.

SAVE THE DATE

PERI Annual Meeting
September 18, 2023
Crowne Plaza in Columbus

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

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Medicare Open Enrollment

It is that time again – Medicare Open enrollment! Which runs from October 15 – December 7. During this time, you have the chance to switch, drop or enroll into a Medicare Part D plan or a Medicare Advantage plan.

Medicare Part D, the prescription drug benefit, is the part of Medicare that covers most outpatient prescription drugs. Part D is offered through private companies either as a stand-alone prescription drug plan for those enrolled in Original Medicare, or as a set of benefits included with your Medicare Advantage Plan.

In 2023, Ohio has 24 Part D plans available to all statewide and 212 Medicare Advantage plans.

Each year Part D plans and Medicare Advantage plans can change the monthly premium, the list of covered drugs, and what the plan covers and what these services costs.

It is important that Medicare beneficiaries review their plan information EVERY year.

To compare different plans available to you, use the Medicare's Plan Finder tool at www.medicare.gov/plan-compare. For assistance comparing plans, you can call OSHIIP at 1-800-686-1578. When choosing a Part D plan, make sure to ask the following questions:

1. Does this plan cover my drugs?
2. What are the costs associated with this plan?
3. Are my pharmacies preferred and in-network?

New in 2023 all Part D plans will cover vaccines with zero cost-sharing (i.e. shingles vaccine) and will cap monthly insulin cost-sharing at \$35 per one-month supply, due to the Inflation Reduction Act.

If you make a change in your Part D plan or Medicare Advantage Plan for 2023, it is effective January 1.

If you have a Medicare Advantage Plan, you can also make changes during the Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period, which is January 1 through March 31 each year. This period can be helpful for anyone who is not satisfied with the change they made during the fall.

If you are happy with your plan, you do not need to re-enroll. Your plan will renew each year. Also, if you have a Medicare Supplemental Insurance plan, you do not need to change this plan annually as the coverage does not change. As long as you pay your monthly premium, the plan continues.

You can also make a change to your Part D plan or Medicare Advantage Plan if you qualify for a Special Enrollment Period, or SEP. For example, those enrolled in Extra Help, the federal program that assists with drug costs, have SEPs each year to change their drug coverage. You also have an SEP if you move outside your plan's coverage area. Call OSHIIP at 1-800-686-178 see if you qualify for an SEP.



The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System is pleased to partner with Public Employee Retirees, Inc. to provide news and updates about OPERS within your PERI Newsletter. If you have questions or need further information, please contact OPERS at 1-800-222-7337.

OPERS announces COLA amount for 2023

Cost-of-living adjustments (COLA) for OPERS retirees in 2023 will be 3 percent for all those eligible to receive the annual increase.

OPERS is not currently pursuing legislation to alter how COLAs are awarded. Unlike other Ohio systems, OPERS does not have the authority to adjust annual COLAs. Therefore, as we have shared in the past, for OPERS to adjust the COLA we would need legislation. OPERS has **always** maintained open and transparent communication with our members and would keep members informed if we resume efforts to pursue legislation for COLA changes. Any information you receive from anyone other than OPERS regarding upcoming COLA activity is inaccurate.

2023 OPERS Health Care Program Open Enrollment

In October, OPERS mailed open enrollment materials for 2023 to all eligible benefit recipients. For those eligible for an HRA, the open enrollment statement provided the monthly HRA deposit you will receive in 2023. Your monthly HRA deposit will not change in 2023.

Important information for Medicare-eligible benefit recipients

- **Your medical plan for 2023** - Review the 2023 medical and prescription drug plan details provided by your plan administrator. Look for changes in premiums, plan design and prescription drug formulary. If you are unsure of any changes to your medical plan for 2023 or have questions, reach out to Via Benefits.
- **Enrolling, making changes or canceling coverage?** Contact Via Benefits between Oct. 15 and Dec. 7, 2022. You can call Via Benefits and schedule a phone appointment with a Benefits Advisor to discuss your 2023 medical plan, but an appointment is not required. Selecting a Medigap plan may require medical underwriting.

Remember, you must enroll or remain enrolled in a Medicare medical plan through Via Benefits to continue receiving HRA deposits.

Important information for Pre-Medicare benefit recipients

- **Your medical plan for 2023** - Review the 2023 medical and prescription drug plan details provided by your plan administrator. Depending on the administrator, you may receive this information in the mail. If not, visit the plan administrator's website. Look for changes in premiums, plan design and prescription drug formulary. If you are unsure of any changes to your medical plan for 2023 or have questions, reach out to Via Benefits. Or, if you are enrolled in a plan outside of Via Benefits, contact your plan administrator.

- **Enrolled in a plan through Via Benefits and have questions about your coverage in 2023?** Contact Via Benefits between Nov. 1 and Dec. 15, 2022. You can opt to schedule a phone appointment with a Benefits Advisor to review your medical plan details for 2023 during this time, but an appointment is not required.

OPERS Vision and Dental Plans

Open enrollment is your opportunity to enroll in, cancel or change OPERS vision and/or dental coverage for yourself and any eligible dependents for 2023.

Effective Jan. 1, 2023, the OPERS Vision Plan will be administered by MetLife, the same provider that currently administers the OPERS Dental Plan. With just a single provider for both the OPERS Vision and Dental plans, you'll get a single, dedicated phone number and access to your coverage information within a single website and online account.

Enrolling, making changes or canceling vision or dental coverage? Fill out the form provided in your open enrollment packet. You can also call OPERS between Oct. 15 and Dec. 15, 2022 to change your plan level or cancel coverage.

- If you are enrolled in a vision and/or dental plan with both OPERS and Via Benefits (or another third-party provider), take some time to review your coverage needs to determine if both plans are needed. Enrollment in the OPERS plan(s) is for the entire calendar year and cannot be changed until next year's open enrollment.
- If you have specific questions about how much the plans pay for certain services, please visit [metlife.com/opers](https://www.metlife.com/opers) or call 1-888-262-4874.
- To check if your current vision provider(s) is within the MetLife Superior Vision Network, please visit [metlife.com/opers](https://www.metlife.com/opers) or call 1-888-262-4874.
- No changes to your OPERS vision and dental coverage? No problem. Your enrollment will automatically continue in 2023.

Automatic Reimbursement from your HRA for OPERS Vision and/or Dental Premium(s)

For your convenience, OPERS sends a notice of your paid premiums for all those enrolled in the dental and/or vision plan(s) to the OPERS Connector for automatic reimbursement from your HRA. To view and/or update your automatic reimbursement preference, log into your account at marketplace.viabenefits.com/opers and select "View Accounts" under the Funds & Reimbursement section or contact Via Benefits at 1-844-287-9945.

For answers to some common questions about the OPERS Vision and Dental Plans in 2023, please visit opers.org.



PERI 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes

John DiPietro, PERI Treasurer, introduced the Honor Guard from the Franklin County Sheriff's Department who performed the flag ceremony.



*John DiPietro,
PERI Treasurer*



Honor Guard performing Flag Ceremony

Richard Ross, PERI Chairman, led the National Anthem and called the meeting to order.



*PERI Chair
Richard Ross*



Honor Guard

Jim Range, District 9 Representative, led the assembly in prayer.

John DiPietro gave opening remarks and introduced OPERS Executive Director, Karen Carraher.

Ms. Carraher covered three basic areas in her speech: pension funding, healthcare and investment history with 2022 preliminary results and current legislation.

OPERS' overall goals are to provide a stable pension for all OPERS retirees, to provide a meaningful retiree health care program, to minimize drastic plan design changes, to be financially positioned to react to market volatility and to maintain intergenerational equality.

Ms. Carraher explained how pension and health care is funded. The pension is funded from member contributions and employer contributions where health care is funded by investment income. The ultimate goal is the employer contributions would also fund health care. She discussed pension amortization and health care solvency projections as well.

Ms. Carraher reviewed OPERS' investment return history and preliminary 2022 results which are showing a negative return of -13.75. The pension fund needs to earn a 6.9% return in order to meet pension obligations. Since OPERS is a long-term investor, they are mindful of the effects that year-to-year fluctuations can have, and they don't make changes based on one good or bad year.

Ms. Carraher discussed potential legislation, especially anything that would restrict which investments that OPERS can invest in.

The assembly broke up into two 45-minute breakout



*Karen Carraher,
OPERS Executive
Director*

sessions. Each participant had the option to sign up for 2 out of 4 different presentations.

The presenters were John Franciscan from OPERS, Lisa Dalga from ProSeniors, David Painter from OSHIIP, Connie Dailey on growing your chapter and Katie Harper from the Attorney General's office, on Elder Fraud.



Connie Dailey on Growing Your Chapter

The attendees reassembled in the Ballroom for lunch. During lunch, the Education Committee raffled off baskets filled with goods from many counties within the eleven PERI districts in Ohio.



Katie Harper from Attorney General's Office



Registration Ladies



ProSeniors Lisa Dalga



Jim and Peggy Range helped organize the basket raffle tables



Gift Basket Winner



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Chairman Ross presented his report to the assembly.

Mr. Ross shared that he has had the opportunity to visit several chapters as guest speaker, which he really enjoyed.

In 2022, the Board hired Greg Bennett, with Byers, Minton Associates as our Legislative Counsel and Lezlie Garcia as PERI Administrator. Both Greg and Lezlie have enthusiastically tackled their responsibilities, giving value to the members in keeping track of important legislation and saving money for PERI.

Mr. Ross also shared about our involvement in tracking the progress of H.R. 82 and asking members to write letters to legislators encouraging them to support the repeal of the WEP & GPO.



OPERS staff available to help members

TREASURER'S REPORT

December 31, 2021 Balance Sheet

INCOME

Total Income from Annual Meeting Attendees	\$6,980.00
Vendor Payments	\$300.00
TOTAL	\$7,280.00

EXPENSES

Crowne Plaza	\$9,949.69
Paper, Labels, Ink, Pens, Envelopes, Name tags	\$876.39
TOTAL	\$10,826.08

DIFFERENCE	\$3,546.08
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Lezlie Garcia,
PERI Administrator



Greg Bennett, PERI
Legislative Counsel

Mr. Bennet has been following H.R. 82, the Social Security Fairness Act of 2021, encouraging members to get their congressmen to co-sponsor the bill. While the bill was moved by the U.S. House Ways & Means Committee to “report without recommendation” the legislation to the full House of Representatives.

Chairman of the committee, Richard Neal and Rep. Kevin Brady have voiced concern over the full repeal of the WEP & GPO but have stated their commitment to finding a workable solution. We have asked members to reach out to their congressmen to request an agreement be made before the end of the year.

Lastly, Mr. Bennett reported that the Inflation Reduction Act made some positive changes to Medicare policy, specifically the cost of insulin and capping out of pocket costs for seniors plus penalizing drug companies for imposing price increases beyond inflation.

Treasurer DiPietro presented the 2021 Financial Report.

Mr. DiPietro introduced Lezlie Garcia, PERI Administrator, to speak to the gathering.

Ms. Garcia shared her background in banking and how she has used her expertise to cut expenses and to streamline some of our processes. She has enjoyed attending chapter meetings and she is focusing on helping chapter growth and member retention.

Mr. DiPietro introduced Greg Bennett, PERI Legislative Counsel.

Mr. Bennett shared that Ohio is in a busy campaign year with voters casting ballots for a U.S. Senate seat, all statewide executive offices, 3 Ohio Supreme Court positions, all Ohio House seats, and half of the Ohio Senate seats. After the November election, the Ohio General Assembly will be in a lame duck session with a new 135th General Assembly convening in January 2023.

Mr. Bennett reported on H.B. 512 which aims to incrementally increase over a 5-year period the employer contribution amounts of full-time firefighters and municipal police officers. Ohio Retirement Study Council chairman Phil Plummer cited the need for further study before making recommendations.

Mr. Bennett has been monitoring any COLA legislation that may have been introduced as well as any ESG investment legislation.



Andrea Bussert and Bonnie Norris representatives from AMBA.



Medical Mutual helping members



Chair Richard Ross swearing in of Bonnie Mitchell and Sharon Drerup as District 6 and District 2 representatives

Chair Ross called on all newly elected District Representatives to come to the front of the room for the swearing in ceremony. Mr. Ross presented the oath of office and swore in Sharon Drerup, District 2 Representative and Bonnie Mitchell, District 6 Representative. Rick Lawrence, District 10 Representative and Rosemary Dahmann, District 4 Representative were not present. Lin Avendaño, District 8 Representative, will be holding an election in his district.



Greg Ervin, Sue Thompson and Diana Daniels working the 50/50 raffle



PERI Chair Richard Ross with 50-50 Winner

The Education Committee presented the 50/50 winnings to 3 lucky winners.



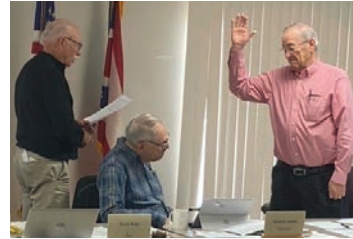
AMBA Door Prize Winner

AMBA presented a raffle award winner a grill with accessories.

Closing prayer was offered by Laurie Frithiof, PERI Administrative Secretary.

Richard Ross led the assembly in singing God Bless America and adjourned the meeting.

PERI BOARD MEETING



Chair Richard Ross swearing in newly appointed 2nd Vice Chair, Jim Douglass



Chair Richard Ross swearing in District 10 Representative, Rick Lawrence and District 4 Representative, Rosemary Dahmann.



Executive Director Lezlie Garcia and District 6 Representative, Bonnie Mitchell set up a PERI booth at Worthington's Market Day.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS FOR YOU TO HAVE ON HAND

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

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

Chapter News

District 3



PERI Chapter 16 Logan County chapter meeting at the American Legion Post 173 in Bellefontaine.

District 5



Dawn Schnabel, Crawford County member, set up a table at their First Friday event.



PERI Chapter 84 Richland County had Stephanie Foster from OSHIP as guest speaker.



PERI Chapter 85 Crawford County welcomes ProSeniors as a guest speaker.



Richland County members gather for meeting and lunch.



Wyandot County hosts ProSeniors at their chapter meeting.



PERI Chapter 88 Wyandot County President Ruth Reier.



PERI Chapter 73 Morrow County had David Painter from OSHIP as guest speaker.

Chapter News

District 8



Monroe County Chapter Meeting



PERI Chapter 43 Monroe County has PERI Legislative Counsel, Greg Bennett as guest speaker.

District 9



PERI Chapter 5 Jefferson County Past President Judy Krenznel passing the gavel to newly elected President Thomas Graham.

District 11



PERI Chapter 18 Mahoning County President, Walter Duzzny, welcomed Mahoning County Auditor, Ralph T. Meacham, at their August membership meeting.



PERI Chapter 18 welcomed guest speaker Mike Ziegler, Retiree from Ohio Edison/First Energy at the October meeting. Pictured is Chapter President Walter Duzzny with Mr. Zeigler and Board member, John Tomaino.



Lake County Bill Boyd celebrating his 102nd birthday



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Champaign, Clark, Darke, Greene, Logan, Miami, Montgomery, Preble

District 4 Counties:
Adams, Brown, Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton, Highland, Warren

District 5 Counties:
Crawford, Hancock, Knox, Marion, Morrow, Richland, Seneca, Wyandot

District 6 Counties:
Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Licking, Madison, Pickaway, Union

District 7 Counties:
Gallia, Jackson, Lawrence, Meigs, Pike, Ross, Scioto, Vinton

District 8 Counties:
Athens, Hocking, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Washington

District 9 Counties:
Belmont, Carroll, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson, Tuscarawas

District 10 Counties:
Ashland, Cuyahoga, Erie, Huron, Lorain, Medina, Summit, Wayne

District 11 Counties:
Ashtabula, Columbiana, Geauga, Lake, Mahoning, Portage, Stark, Trumbull