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Hello again to all of our faithful members:
It is with great sadness that I have to inform you that one of our Founders and Past President Joseph S. Voss has passed away April 1, 2015 at the age of 97.

In early 1948, several of the local employee organizations of Police and Firefighters became aware of the problems that existed in some of these local pension funds. Therefore, five of the local retired organizations banded together. Cincinnati Firefighters, Cincinnati Police, Hamilton County Widows, Portsmouth Police, and Springfield Fire. This was the nucleus that eventually became the Police & Fire Retirees of Ohio, Inc. Joe Voss retired from Cincinnati Fire Department as a Lieutenant, after having served for 32 years. In 1974 he was recruited to take over the presidency of the State Retired Association, and for the next twelve years we saw our association grow under his tutelage from 1200 members and five chapters, to approximately 25,000 retirees today and thirty four chapters throughout Ohio and Florida.

On December 8, 1982 the Police & Fire Retirees of Ohio, Inc. successfully lobbied into law House Bill 739, which created the position of RETIREE- TRUSTEE on the Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund Board. In May of 1987 ballots went out to our members and elected Joseph S. Voss as our RETIREE-TRUSTEE on the OP&F Board.

Later the organization moved from the kitchen table of Joe & Rosaleen Voss and Dorothy Fritz out of Cincinnati, Ohio. Our state office moved to Columbus, Ohio in April 1984 with Joe's guidance and with the help of Catherine & John Phillips, Grace Maratta-Snyder, Caney Johnson Jr., and Tom McDonald. They felt the need to have a staffed office in Columbus to be closer to attend Legislative hearings (State House) and OP&F Pension Fund meetings. And to be able to serve the members better with a centralized location.

Joe has been our State Treasurer for many years, as well as our fill in President when it was needed. Joe and the rest of the members had always believed, as retirees, that there was strength in numbers. Words cannot express the time, energy, and

knowledge he has given to make this organization what it is today, as well as other members that have poured their time into this organization. We wouldn't be here without Joe or the others. (You and I know who you are!) We are going to miss you Joe!



Gary Monto, left; Mike Kappa, President of Cincinnati Retired Firefighters, center; and Joe Voss, Past President, right.

PFRO Scholarship News

We have received 21 applications for our scholarship and will be announcing our winner July 26th. If you would like to purchase tickets for this scholarship raffle, you can do so up until October 2015. See page 2 for details.

Playball News

Our Playball event is Saturday, **July 25, 2015** with the Columbus Clippers vs. Rochester Red Wings. Come join us at the Ballpark for an enjoyable evening. See page 4 for details.

Miscellaneous News

We are starting to use our Facebook page to reach out to our members. Please like us. If you have any information to add to our page contact us by email, pfro@pfro.com.

PAC News

I would like to take a moment to say "Thank You" to everyone who responded to our PAC request in the past. We are beginning a new year with new legislators. With each election our organization has to establish new "friends" in the legislature. We do this by making donations to those legislators that sit on committees that have anything to do with our pension fund. We need to have these friends to get anything accomplished in the legislature to either keep our benefits or improve our benefits. Please keep your PAC donations coming. See page 5.

Thank you to all members for your continued support. Remember there is "Strength in Numbers".

Gary L. Monto, President

Please allow 6-8 weeks for your dues card or merchandise. You can combine dues, merchandise and any other items in one check or credit card order.

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ATTENTION CHAPTER MEMBERS: If you pay your dues through your local chapter, please continue to pay through them. Your dues are paid through .

Check #	\$	Grand Total	Dues 2015
\$	Dues - \$25.00	Retiree/Widow/er	
\$	Dues - \$25.00	Spouse	
\$	PFRO Donation		
\$	PAC Fund		
\$	Decals \$1.00	(No Shipping fee)	
\$	Angel pins Police or Fire		\$5.95 each
\$	Pewter Police Badge		\$5.95 each
\$	Bronze Fire Hose		\$5.95 each
\$	Blue Crystal Police Angels		\$5.95 each
\$	Blue Crystal Fire Angels		\$5.95 each
\$	Shipping	\$2.50 for total Pin order	

\$	Polo	\$21.00	L XL / \$24.00	XXL
\$	Windshirt	\$40.00	L XL / \$45.00	XXL
		<input type="checkbox"/> Pullover	<input type="checkbox"/> Zip-up	(Navy only)
\$	Sweatshirt	\$25.00	L XL / \$30.00	XXL
		<input type="checkbox"/> Crew	<input type="checkbox"/> Hooded	(Navy only)
\$	Hat	\$15.00		
\$	Insulated Mugs (14 oz)	\$7.95	Red	Blue
\$	T-shirt	\$18.00	L XL / \$22.00	XXL
		Red Shirt	Navy Shirt	
\$	License plate frames #	\$18.00	each	
\$	Shipping	\$7.50 for Merchandise	(hats, mugs, windshirts, sweatshirts, shirts, license plate frames)	

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