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## President's Message

Gary L. Monto

Dear Members,

Summer has finally arrived. With it comes the sunny weather we love. Other times, the bad weather and tornados we don't. I know that we have some of our retirees living across the United States and I hope that they all have survived the storms.

### Playball News

By now everyone knows that we have a "Night at the Ball Park" held each year in Columbus. This year's Play Ball will be held on July 27. Please join us for a night of fun. If you cannot attend, you can make a child's night special by donating money for their ticket.

See page 3 for details.

### PFRO Scholarship News

We are presently in the process of awarding scholarships to our members' children and grandchildren. We had over thirty applications for scholarships this year. The scholarship winners will be announced at the July 28 quarterly meeting. I would like to take a moment to say "Thank You", to all of you that have supported our scholarship program the last several years. Also, I ask that all of our members consider helping support this wonderful program and in the process take a chance to win a thousand dollars or more.

We also have another fund raiser program, *Promotional Programs*, where we contact the general public for their support. Currently, we are making this contact in Cleveland and Cincinnati, OH areas. This year, in the Cleveland area, we are giving a pizza card to the donor when they make a donation to our organization. This last year we sent needy children and their families to the Cleveland Zoo and the Cincinnati Zoo; donated money to the USO (to cover the cost of shipping packages to the troops); and donations to K-9 police dogs (for

supplies). This year we gave donations to two K-9 dog units, Rocky River, Ohio and Oregon, Ohio. If you are aware of a K-9 unit in your area that needs help, send us a note and we'll contact them.

### OP&F News

By now everyone should have their new prescription cards. United Health Care has decided to handle our prescriptions, "in house". We have been told that this transition should be handled without any major problems. If you have not received your new card, contact United Health Care or OP&F Pension Fund (1-888-864-8362) immediately as your old cards will no longer be accepted.

### Membership News

In order to ensure continued progress for your organization, we need help. By joining our organization, each of you collectively create a voice that can and will be heard. If you have not as yet sent your dues in, please take a minute to send in your 2013 annual dues.

Your dues money as well as your continued support is important to us. This will allow us, as an organization, to work for you to protect your future. As a paid member, you will receive a membership card, a Quarterly newsletter, and the continued representation you deserve.

If you have recently sent your dues to the State Office, your dues card will be sent as soon as it is processed. (Please allow 6 weeks for processing) Also, if you belong to one of our 33 local chapters, please continue to pay your dues through them. Please check our website for any updates at [www.pfro.com](http://www.pfro.com).

I am extending an invitation to all of our members inviting you to our Quarterly Meetings. If you are interested please give our State Office a call or email at [pfro@pfro.com](mailto:pfro@pfro.com). See back page for dates.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone that made donations to our P.A.C. Fund. Every little bit helps with our ongoing concerns.

**Thank you, once again, for your continued support.**

Left: Ptl. Garth Selong, K-9 Officer and Rylo  
Right: Ptl. Matt Rodriguez and Diego  
Ptl. Selong and Ptl. Rodriguez, would like to thank all of the members for their support with the Rocky River Police Department K-9 unit.



Last year you paid your dues

Support your local K-9 unit.

### Fund Raiser for Madison Township K-9 Unit

Madison Township K-9 Unit

Saturday, July 20, 2013

From 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

F.O.E. #3261

1623 Brice Road

Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068



- VENDORS
- "DOOR PRIZE" DRAWINGS
- 50/50 DRAWINGS
- K-9 DEMONSTRATIONS

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### PFRO Quarterly Meetings

July 27, 2013

July 28, 2013

October 13, 2013

Playball, Columbus Clippers, Huntington Park  
Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Reynoldsburg, Ohio  
Columbus Police Academy, Columbus, Ohio

The Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund reached an all-time high in May 2013\*, rebounding more quickly than the other Ohio pension funds. This was not enough to satisfy some members of the Ohio legislature, especially Ohio Retirement Study Council Chairman Lynn Wachtmann. Because of the continuing pressure from the legislature, the trustees on OP&F's Board voted unanimously at their May meeting to further decrease the portion of the employers' contribution dedicated to the Health Care Stabilization Fund. This reduction, along with changes enacted last year, is projected to enable the Fund to reach the 30-Year Funding mandate set by the legislature. This was the quickest method to reach this goal according to the Fund's actuaries.

Recently, the Health Care Stabilization Fund had sufficient funds to remain viable out more than 40 years, well beyond the policy set in 2004 intended to maintain minimum 15 year viability. This latest reduction will put it at 18 years. Investment returns, health care cost reductions\*\* and premium increases have allowed the fund to increase to its present amount. The trustees have the ability to increase the contribution rate if needed to maintain proper funding. The new established rate will be 2.85%. Our concern is that the effect of the January 1<sup>st</sup> reduction to 4.69% and the upturn in investments hasn't had time to be analyzed. We wanted to wait until November 2013 for the adjustment to the contribution.

Last month, following a presentation by the Fund's actuary concerning the Health Care Stabilization Fund, the trustees

**OP&F Liaison Committee**  
**Gary Siniff, Chairman Paul Hillenbrand, Trustee**

voted by a 6-3 margin to adopt the premium increases suggested by the actuary. Beginning January 1, 2014, non-Medicare A&B eligible benefit recipient's medical premiums will increase 13.2% and all members' prescription premiums will increase 0.7%. Last year, medical premiums were increased by 6%, not 8.2% as recommended, and prescription premiums did not increase as recommended. The 2014 premiums for benefit recipients in the UHC/AARP supplemental plan will be set later this year by the individual states.

All of these changes were thoroughly discussed by the trustees before they were voted upon. All Board members expressed opinions, with the appointed members taking a more active role than in the past. Anyone attending the Ohio Retirement Study Council meetings witnessed firsthand the pressure exerted on the trustees to reach 30-year funding sooner rather than later. The trustees are working to have a better relationship with the legislature, but some legislators will not be satisfied. Also, all of the Ohio pension funds are under attack by the Columbus Dispatch and other newspapers throughout Ohio. They all want to end "Defined Benefit" pension plans.

*\*The fund was at \$13.4 Billion on May 28<sup>th</sup>, a \$1.2 Billion portion being DROP funds.*

*\*\* DROP has delayed retirements and members enter Medicare sooner because of higher retirement ages. Also, the emphasizing of wellness methods for our members has helped lower cost*

**PFR Corporation**

**Gary Monto, Managing Director**  
**Richard Reese, Assistant Director**

PFR Corporation's "**Scholarship Fund Raiser**" is off to a good start with their annual fundraiser.

Our first drawing for 2013 was held in **April**, at our Police & Fire Retirees quarterly meeting in Columbus, Ohio. The winners were: *Rose Scraga*, and seller *Ann Balcerzak*, *Donna Weilbacher*, and seller *Don Weilbacher*, *Margaret Starr*, and *Bruce Carota*. Congratulations to all of our winners.

At the July meeting another four winners will be drawn in the amount of **\$1,000.00** per winner and the seller of each winning ticket will receive **\$100.00**. Good Luck to all members who bought a ticket.

This scholarship process has begun. There were over 30 scholarship applications received in our office. At our July 28, 2013 meeting, we will announce our winners. These scholarship members will be contacted directly. Good Luck to all applicants.

**PLAYBALL**



**Police & Fire Retirees of Ohio Night**

with the Columbus Clippers  
**Saturday, July 27, 2013- 7:05 PM**  
 Clippers vs Durham Bulls



**Attend the Pre-game PFR Party in the Hall of Fame Bar and Grill from 4:30-6:00 PM.** You will receive a **wristband** with your ticket which will entitle you to receive special food and beverage pricing. You can also purchase a prepaid food and beverage voucher for **\$5.00**. This would get you 2 Hotdogs, 1 Popcorn, and 1 Soft Drink or Water. **Your tickets, food vouchers, and wristband will be mailed 2 weeks before the game.**

**Police & Fire Retirees of Ohio "PLAY BALL"**

Check# \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_  Visa  Mastercard  Discover  American Express  
 Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ V-code: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

I am unable to attend. Here is my donation check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Cost is \$5.00 per ticket to give to a child)

I will attend the game. I am sending \$7.00 for each reserved seating ticket. Here is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

I wish to make a donation to the organization of \$10.00 or \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

I wish to purchase Pre-paid Food and Beverage Voucher @ \$5.00 each.  
 Send \_\_\_\_\_ vouchers \$ \_\_\_\_\_. **(Good for 2 Hot Dogs, 1 Popcorn, and 1 regular Soft Drink or Water)**

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