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## Join Our New Webinar Series!

Association Member Benefits Advisors (AMBA) is proud to announce the upcoming series of educational seminars for Police & Fire retirees. PFRO partnered with AMBA as the endorsed benefits advisors for members. These short webinars provide valuable resources and information about important topics like Long Term Care, Medicare, Medical Transportation and more. The talks are educational and informative: retirees often tell us they are thankful for the overview and knowledge they gain. Gary Monto will also be giving a brief PFRO update. To register, type the link in your browser.

**June 18 - 11 a.m.**
**Dental**
PFRO Dental and Vision plans through AMBA are the most popular benefits for PFRO members. Join us to find out how these plans work for you to give you excellent care and savings. We'll also compare to the other national plans.
*https://ambabenefits.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6QeXa_U3S7iLqmC-KOElAQ#/registration*

**July 16 - 11 a.m.**
**Long Term Care**
Explore the myths and realities of what is covered when it comes to Long Term Care. Does Medicare cover anything? What about my major medical plan? Are there any options? Do I even need it? Join us to find out all the answers as we break down what Long Term Care is and how it impacts generations of your family. We'll look at many options you might not have considered.
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**August 20- 11 a.m.**
**Protecting your Nest Egg**
You've worked hard all of your career and now you have a pension and a nest egg to protect. In this webinar, we'll explore what a nest egg is, what the top 5 threats are to your retirement nest egg, and some possible solutions to keep you resting easy when it comes to your financial future. *https://ambabenefits.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7UiFpXlkSs-szbAdMdJ-ig#/registration*

**September 17- 11 a.m.**
**Life 101**
Have an old life insurance policy laying around and wonder if you still need it or how it works? We'll explore the 3 main types of life insurance and what living benefits some of them may offer.
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**October 15- 11 a.m.**
**The Basics of Medicare**
How do I make sense of this Medicare Alphabet Soup? What does A&B have to do with F, D, H, G, and N? When do I sign up and what is covered? You might be surprised at what's not covered with Medicare. Join us to get a good, basic overview of Medicare so that you can make the informed decisions whether you are already on Medicare or soon will be.
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**November 19- 11 a.m.**
**All About Long Term Care**
Explore the myths and realities of what is covered when it comes to Long Term Care. Does Medicare cover anything? What about my major medical plan? Are there any options? Do I even need it? Join us to find out all the answers as we break down what Long Term Care is and how it impacts generations of your family. We'll look at many options you might not have considered.
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**December 10 - 11 a.m.**
**Holiday Discounts**
The Holidays are here and whether you're shopping, dining out, or planning travel to a warm weather location, PFRO has a way for you to save money. Join us for the latest discounts that are free as part of your PFRO membership. *https://ambabenefits.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_eP56pKJYS6iHOUgn5Nk1yg#/registration*

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## President's Message

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Hello Members,

Summer is here! We hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful weather. Just a reminder, we are now located at **7510 Slate Ridge Blvd. Reynoldsburg, OH 43068.** You can still mail correspondence to our P.O. Box 627, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068.

Our PFRO Quarterly Meeting will be held at our State Office on July 15th, 2024. We will be discussing our upcoming budget, scholarship winners, and pending legislation.

***PFRO Corporation News***

Congratulations to all of our scholarship raffle winners: Thomas Cunningham (seller), Hildegard Tomblin (seller), Jeff Koskoris (seller) and Robert Bowers (seller).On July 15th, we will be drawing the names for our May, June, July, and August scholarship raffles.The winners will be contacted by phone that week. Also, you can check our website the week of July 20th for the names of the winners.

***Playball News***

It's finally here! Come join us Saturday, **July 27th** for a night at the ball field with the Columbus Clippers. The Columbus Clippers will be handling the Playball ticket orders this year. See page 3 for more detailed information. We look forward to seeing everyone this year!

***OP&F Pension News***

OP&F's investment portfolio value: Value as of April 24, 2024 *is $17.77 billion.*

Mark Drum, our retired Police Trustee, and John Deal, active Fire Trustee, have run uncontested and will begin their new four-year term June 3. There will be no ballots sent out. Two active Police candidates, Tanya Czack (Parma Heights Police) and Clay Cozart (Akron Police) will vie for the open Board of Trustee position for an active police officer position. Results for this election will be announced by May 29. This Trustee position is a four year term that will begin June 3.

**Budgeting your HRA:** OP&F urges members to track their expenses and be aware of what will be available to them later in the year. You can set up an auto-reimbursement program to only reimburse a portion of a plan's premium so that the stipend can last for the entire year. Also, be aware that if any stipend money remains in the Health Reimbursement Arrangement at the end of the year, it will not roll over to the next year and will be returned to the Heath Care Stabilization Fund.

For more information from the fund read their upcoming Summer 2024 Member's report.

***Membership News***

It's time to pay your **2024 membership dues**. We have attached a dues/merchandise slip for your convenience. If you would like to pay your dues online, visit our website at **pfro.com** and click on our "**Membership tab**." There you can click on *"Join Online,"* then fill out *"Annual Membership"* or a *"Recurring Annual Membership."* You also have an option to renew or sign up for your spouse at the same time. If you need additional help, please give our state office a call. Please keep in mind that if you select a recurring annual membership, you will be charged on the renewal date, which is the date you sign up. Since this is new to our organization, please be patient with us if you receive a newsletter that states you haven't paid your dues. We will have a system put in place to correct this in the future.

With your continued membership, you can sign up for the *AMBA* (Associated Members Benefits Advisors) Dental and Vision plans. You can go to, **https://www.myambabenefits.info/association/pfro,** to check out the other benefits to joining. We also have two representatives that can help you navigate your health care questions or issues. We are working with AMBA to schedule webinars each month, to bring our members informational classes, ie: Medicare, Long term health care, and Annuity options. We will be notifying members via email if they would like to attend.

As a member, you will receive our PFRO Quarterly Newsletter, a membership card, plus you will be represented at the Statehouse by our lobbying group, and receive support from our PFRO State Office.

***Thank you*** to all of our members for supporting the organization. Without you, we wouldn't be as strong as we are. By supporting the organization it will help us to continue to protect your benefits and give us a voice at the state legislature.

***Once again, thank you to all members for your continued support.***

*Gary L. Monto, President*

## Legislative Update

The PFRO is in the process of retaining another lobbying group that has been recommended to us. We learned earlier this year that our previous lobbying group, Byers, Minton & Associates, had to dissociate from the PFRO due to a conflict of interest. We have been very pleased with their representation, but we are strong advocates of House Bill 292 to increase the employers' contribution to the Fund for police officers. The lobbying group has other clients who are in opposition to that increase and representation presents a clear conflict for the group.

**House Resolution 82** dealing with the repeal of the *WEP/GPO* recently had another hearing in April before the House Subcommittee on Social Security. This matter continues to gain more sponsors both in the House and Senate. Continue to show support for this resolution by contacting your respective representatives.

*Please allow **6-8 weeks** for your dues or merchandise. You can combine merchandise and any other items in one check or credit card order.*
***Please* mail and make checks payable to: *Police & Fire Retirees of Ohio, Inc., PO Box 627, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068***

TOTAL_____ Check #_____

## 2024 Merchandise Slip

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| $_____ | License plate frames #_____ | | **$18.00 each** |
| $_____ | Hat | | **$18.00 each** |
| $_____ | Black Stainless Steel Mugs (20 oz) | | **$16.00 each** |
| $_____ | Crew Sweatshirt | **M L XL** | **$25.00 each** |
| $_____ | Crew Sweatshirt | **XXL** | **$30.00 each** |
| $_____ | Hooded Sweatshirt | **M L XL** | **$25.00 each** |
| $_____ | Hooded Sweatshirt | **XXL** | **$30.00 each** |
| $_____ | **"PFRO"** Polo | **M L XL** | **$23.00 each** |
| $_____ | **"PFRO"** Polo | **XXL** | **$26.00 each** |
| $_____ | **"Logo"** Polo | **M L XL** | **$23.00 each** |
| $_____ | **"Logo"** Polo | **XXL** | **$26.00 each** |
| $_____ | T-shirt **Short** Sleeve ____Red _____Blue | **M L XL** | **$18.00 each** |
| $_____ | T-shirt **Short** Sleeve ____Red _____Blue | **XXL** | **$22.00 each** |
| $_____ | T-shirt **Long** Sleeve "Navy only" | **M L XL** | **$18.00 each** |
| $_____ | T-shirt **Long** Sleeve "Navy only" | **XXL** | **$22.00 each** |
| $_____ | Pullover Wind-jacket | **M L XL** | **$42.00 each** |
| $_____ | Pullover Wind-jacket | **XXL** | **$47.00 each** |
| $_____ | Zip-up w/hood Wind-jacket | **M L XL** | **$42.00 each** |
| $_____ | Zip-up w/hood Wind-jacket | **XXL** | **$47.00 each** |
| $_____ | Fall/Spring Jacket | **M L XL** | **$42.00 each** |
| $_____ | Fall/Spring Jacket | **XXL** | **$47.00 each** |

**$_____Shipping *$9.00 for all Merchandise* (hats, mugs, wind-shirts, sweatshirts, shirts, license plate frames)**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| $_____ | Angel pins Police___ or Fire___ | ***$5.95 each*** |
| $_____ | Blue Crystal Police Angels | ***$5.95 each*** |
| $_____ | Blue Crystal Fire Angels | ***$5.95 each*** |
| $_____ | Charm bracelets Police____ or Fire___ | ***$14.95 each*** |

$_____ **Shipping *$4.50 for total* Pin order**
*****Limited stock*****

## 2024 Dues Slip

$_____ Dues - **$30.00** Member
$_____ Dues - **$25.00** Spouse
$_____ PFRO Donation
$_____ PAC Fund
$_____ Decals $1.00 (No Shipping fee)

**Total Dues/Merchandise_____**
**Check#_____**

***Credit Card #:*** _____ **Exp. Date:_____** **V-code____** **$1.00 credit card**

Name: _____ Date of Birth_____ Member Id:_____

Spouse:_____ Date of Birth:_____ Member Id:_____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Email:_____ Telephone:_____

## *"PLAY BALL Child/ Donation Order"*

**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 ***$6.00*** per ticket to give to a **CHILD**.)
I wish to make a **donation** to the organization of **$10.00** or $_____.
I wish to purchase Pre-paid **Food** and **Beverage** Voucher for a **CHILD@ $8.50** each. Send ____ vouchers totaling $_____.
*(Good for 2 Hot Dogs, 1 Popcorn, and 1 regular Soft Drink or Water)* ***(Canned Beer - $4.50 ea.)***






**Police and Fire Retirees of Ohio Night** with the Columbus Clippers
**Saturday, July 27, 2024 - Game time 7:05 p.m.**
Memphis Redbirds vs. Columbus Clippers

Join us for a Pre-game Party from **5:30 p.m to 6:30 p.m.** at the **Hall of Fame Bar & Grill**. Enter the stadium via the **left field gate**. The gates will be open at **5:30 p.m.**

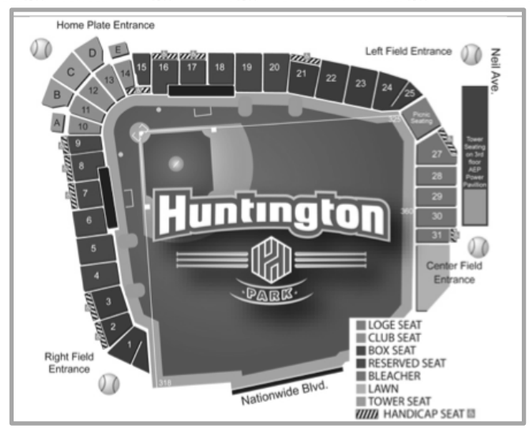
**Admission Tickets:** *Adult Reserved Tickets* **$8.00 each**; *Senior/Youth Reserved Tickets* **$6.00 each**. *Seats this year will be in **Section 1** along the **Right-field** line on the first base side.*

You can purchase prepaid food and beverage vouchers for **$8.50/voucher**, which includes: *Two Hot Dogs, Water or Soft drink and one bag of Potato Chips. You can also purchase food separately at the bar at regular prices.*

*We will also have "live" entertainment. Here's the link to the page on our website that provides the name of Randy Goins as the entertainment from 5:30 PM to 6:45 PM, Saturday, July 27. Stage where he performs in right behind Section 1.*

***https://www.milb.com/columbus/ballpark/party-at-the-park*** *(Party-at-the-Park | Clippers (milb.com))*

- **If you want a Paper Ticket and a Food Voucher**, please call the Columbus Clippers at **614-462-5250** and ask for **Spencer Harrison or email sharrison@clippersbaseball.com.**
- You should place your order **by July 1** so the Clippers can take your tickets, vouchers and wristbands to WILL CALL.
- Pick up tickets, vouchers and wristbands at WILL CALL?
  **Answer: Yes**
- Do we need Wristbands? **Answer: Yes**, while attending the Pre-Game Party will need to wear wristbands, so we know you are with PFRO.
- To order **DIGITAL TICKETS,** please call the same number at **614-462-5250** and ask for **Spencer Harrison** Police and Fire Retirees Night on July 27. Unfortunately, Food & Beverage Voucher cannot be sent to you digitally.




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