



Highway Patrol Retirement System

Newsletter

December 2013

80th Anniversary Celebration!

On November 16, 2013, the Ohio State Highway Patrol celebrated its 80th anniversary at the Aladdin Shrine Center in Columbus. Over 800 active members, retirees, and guests attended the event. This event was sponsored by the Patrol, OSHP Retirees Association, OSHP Auxiliary, and the SHP Federal Credit Union. See additional pictures on Page 3.



Reminders

- We are in the process of preparing 1099s for 2013 and plan to have them mailed by the middle of January 2014.
- In the September newsletter, the changes in health care premiums for 2014 were listed. All benefits, deductibles, and co-pays will remain the same as in 2013. For more information, visit our website at: www.ohprs.org/ohprs/healthBenefits.jsp.
- You may notice a difference in your 2014 pension checks due to the new federal tax tables that are being released in January.

2013 Retirees' Association Annual Meeting

The Retirees' Association Annual Meeting was held Saturday, November 16, 2013, just before the 80th Anniversary Celebration.

Association officers elected for 2014 include: President Butch Collins, 1st Vice President Lou Gliozzi, Secretary Kevin Titler, and Treasurer Brian Landis. We thank them and Past President Arnie Schropp for their service.



Upcoming Events!

2014 Pension Deposit Dates

January 21	July 21
February 20	August 20
March 20	September 22
April 21	October 20
May 20	November 20
June 20	December 22

2014 Snowbird Reunion

As a reminder, the 2014 Retirees' Association Snowbird Reunion will be held in Naples, FL, February 27 – March 2, 2014.

Information can be obtained by going onto the Retirees' Association website at OSHPRetiree.org and accessing the "Members Only" tab.



2013 Columbus Day OSHP Golf Challenge

On October 14, 2013, approximately 50 active and retired members participated in the annual Columbus Day golf outing at Phoenix Golf Links in Columbus. The format was somewhat different this year, but the West team won the challenge with 12 ½ points followed by the East with 10 points and the Retirees with 2 ½.



Retirees Team



West Team



East Team

Additional Benefits for Medical Mutual Members

Medical Mutual members should be aware that in addition to paying medical expenses, your HPRS plan provides you with additional health-related benefits, often at no cost.

Among the benefits of the plan are:



- **Health Risk Assessment** - A comprehensive, self-administered, online health questionnaire. Participants receive a Health Quotient summary upon completion of the questionnaire that measures overall health status.
- **Walking for Wellness** - MMO provides a walking program overview, helpful information and materials such as a personal walking logs and customizable packets.
- **Weight Watchers** - MMO offers members a special reimbursement for joining Weight Watchers. Members can join meetings at work or in their communities and receive up to \$150 back from their registration fees each calendar year.
- **Smoking Cessation Program** - Participants receive up to five telephone counseling sessions; up to 8 weeks of Nicotine Replacement Therapy (at no cost); printed educational materials; and the latest medication information to help the member quit smoking.
- **WebMD** - In-depth education and information about specific health conditions, quizzes, calculators, illustrated guides and slide shows.

HPRS Investment Returns

Date	Investment Portfolio Market Value	YTD Increase/(Decrease)
10/31/2013	\$789,903,000	15.1%
9/30/2013	\$775,129,000	
6/30/2013	\$745,829,000	
12/31/2012	\$717,036,000	
12/31/2011	\$679,404,000	



For more information, go to www.MedMutual.com or call (877)520-6729.



OSHP
80th Anniversary
Celebration





OSHP Retiree CCW Qualifications

In its second year, many retirees took advantage of the firearms concealed carry qualifications at the Patrol Academy range. Qualified retired officers can complete the requirements of The Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act (H.R. 218), enacted in 2004, to carry a concealed weapon under Federal authority. Under the provisions of this Federal resolution, Patrol Retirees who have separated from the division in good standing can qualify with their firearm, at their own expense, once every twelve months by completing a course of fire that meets the same standards as active duty Patrol officers. The Academy is offering this service again in 2014.

Training and qualification dates for 2014 have been scheduled from 1:00 pm through 4:00 pm on the following dates:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>HP-15C's into Academy Range by:</u>
Wednesday, February 5, 2014	January 22, 2014
Wednesday, May 7, 2014	April 23, 2014
Wednesday, August 13, 2014	July 30, 2014
Wednesday, November 5, 2014	October 29, 2014



Permits are valid for one calendar year from the date of previous qualification. Going forward, the qualification dates will be established to maximize the 12-month cycle.

OSHP retirees must complete a written request for approval (HP-15C). This approval application can be obtained from <http://statepatrol.ohio.gov/training.stm> or from our website. Applications received later than 14 days prior to the qualification date will be deferred to the next qualification date. Retirees must bring their ID card to the qualification and must supply their own weapon(s) and ammunition.

Additional information about this concealed carry program will be provided on the day of your qualification or by calling Lt. Steven Click, Division Armorer, at 614-752-7083. If this is your first time to qualify, it is recommended you contact Lt. Click in advance with any questions you may have.

HPRS Facts & Figures

	Number	Average Benefit	Average Age
Service Retirees	1,096	\$43,046	66.1
Surviving Spouses/Children	248/21	\$16,510/\$2,284	75.2/22.2
Disability Retirees	124	\$33,630	52.9
Total	1,489	\$37,278	65.9

Data as of 12/1/2013

Medical Mutual of Ohio: My Health Plan

To make the right decisions for your health care needs, it's important to have the right information. It is all at your fingertips 24/7 with My Health Plan, Medical Mutual of Ohio's safe and secure member website. If you aren't registered for My Health Plan, we encourage you to sign up today. Simply visit www.MedMutual.com, and click on *Register Now* on the right side of the page to get started.

My Health Plan gives you easy access to your Explanation of Benefits (EOB) statements. These statements show you how much the plan paid and what you will pay for treatments or procedures. You can also search for doctors, hospitals and other medical facilities to make sure your plan covers them.

Register for My Health Plan to:

- **See your recent claims (for two years)**
- **Review deductibles and coinsurance amounts**
- **Access health and wellness resources**

With My Health Plan, you have the information you need to make good decisions about your health and take full advantage of your benefits.

If you have any questions, please call the MMO Customer Care Center at the number on your member ID card.

Medical ID Cards

The only individuals who will receive medical identification cards for 2014 are new enrollees in Medical Mutual of Ohio.

There will not be new cards issued for Aetna Medicare Advantage, Express Scripts, or Aetna Vision.

Delta Dental does not issue cards. For the dental group number, please visit www.ohprs.org.

Keeping Connected: Informal Gatherings Across the State

Want to connect? There are various informal retiree gatherings going on around the state! See below for locations and contact information if you'd like to attend.



Huber Heights - Last Friday of each month - 7 am
Bob Evans, IS 70 and 201, Huber Heights, Ohio
Contact: Russ Johnson, 937-677-7650

Wooster - 1st Saturday of every month (unless holiday) - 9 am
Ryan's, 3743 Burbank Road, Wooster, Ohio
Contact: JP Allen

Lancaster - Every Saturday - 8 am
Tim Horton's, 823 N. Memorial, Lancaster, Ohio
Contact: Bob Markowski

New Philadelphia - 2nd Tuesday of every month
Buehler's Food Market, 417 S. Broadway - 9:30 am
Contact: Lt. Mark Glennon, Post 79

Zanesville - January 27, 2014 at 11:30 am - future dates TBD.
Golden Corral, 3761 North Point Dr., Zanesville, Ohio
Contact: Lt. Matt Boyd, 740-453-4972

Logan - 1st Wednesday of every month - 8 am
Jack's Steakhouse, 35770 Hocking Dr., Logan, Ohio
Contact: Steve Belyus, 740-698-0306

Walter Liddle Memorial Luncheon - 1 PM (March date TBD)
Willow Brook at Delaware Run, 100 Delaware Crossing West, Delaware, Ohio
Contact: Howard Shearer or Darryl Anderson

If anyone knows of additional retiree gatherings, please let HPRS know so we can inform others.

Please Note:

Our office will be closed on —

Wednesday, December 25 (Christmas)

Wednesday, January 1 (New Year's Day)

Monday, January 20 (MLK Day)

Monday, February 17 (President's Day)



From the Director

It's always nice to present good news, and that is what we have had with our investments over the last two years. Please refer to Page 2 of this newsletter to see our most recent investment returns. After a strong performance in 2012 (up 12%), our total portfolio returns exceed 15% through October of this year. At the same time, we have been able to reduce our investment managers' fees by \$600,000.

While this is good news, we must remember that our expenses for pension and health care benefits far exceed the contributions we receive. Investment income makes up that difference. If you are interested in the actual numbers, you can view our annual

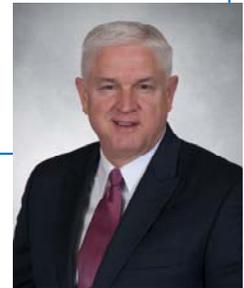
reports on our website. Changes the Board has made over the last year have positively affected our investment portfolio.

This is not to say we are out of the woods yet. Although our investment returns have been very good and the changes resulting from SB 345 have improved our system's funding greatly (and brought us back into compliance with state law), health care continues to remain a concern. Continuing to provide high quality benefits at a reasonable cost is of the utmost importance to the Board. The concern for our members is in the definition of "reasonable". This has changed over time but especially in the last several years. One only has

to look at other pension systems or the private sector to realize what a quality benefit we have, and at a small fraction of the cost to our members.

In order to sustain health care benefits as we know them, please expect changes in the future. The Board continually struggles with this dilemma, and works diligently to minimize the impact to our members. If you would like to discuss how health care will impact you in the future, Darryl Anderson and I are always available. Please call us.

—Mark Atkeson



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