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STRS

As of May 30, the market values of STRS holdings were \$69,241,378,048. The top ten domestic equity holdings are Apple, Exxon Mobil, Microsoft, GE, Philip Morris, Google, IBM, Johnson & Johnson, Wells Fargo, and JP Morgan. The Board approved the Fiscal 2014 Investment Plan after reviewing Callan's and Cliffwater's review. The Board also approved the 2013-2014 operating and capital budgets. There were reports presented from the Member Benefits Department on Pension Benefits and Health Care.

According to the STRS e-news on August 9, STRS Ohio's total fund return was +13.7% for the year ending June 30, 2013. The market value of investment assets as of June 30 was \$68.0 billion. The strong return for fiscal 2013 well exceeded the fund's assumed actuarial return of 7.75%, but trailed the total fund benchmark return. This week, Bloomberg News reported that the median gain for public pension funds was +12.4% for the 12 months ending June 30.

All asset classes beat their benchmarks during fiscal year 2013 except for domestic equities. The S&P 500 Index reached record highs during the year, and STRS Ohio began to underweight the domestic equity portfolio to realize some of those gains and to guard against a market correction.

STRS Ohio's 2014 Investment Plan calls for only moderate growth in the capital markets in fiscal year 2014. Submitted by Bill Sears

SERS

Board Members Take Oath Barbra M. Phillips (employee-member) and Debra J. Basham (employee-member) took their oath of office at this month's Board meeting. Both terms run from July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2017. Phillips is a bus driver for Ashland City Schools, and Basham is a bus driver and cafeteria worker for the Bath Local School District in Lima.

Investments Update As of May 31, the value of the fund was \$11.49 billion, down slightly from April. For FY2013, investments were up 14.71%, and for the calendar year, investments were up 6.63%.

Executive Director's Update In May, SB 896 was introduced in the U.S. Senate to repeal the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) penalties. This bill is a companion to HR 1795 that was introduced in the House. Public employees in Ohio are hit hard by the GPO and WEP penalties, and SERS encourages all members and retirees to contact their federal legislators to urge them to sign on to these bills as sponsors and advocate for their passage. It's easy to contact your legislators using SERS' website. Just visit www.ohsers.org and click on the orange "Legislative

Action Alert" button. Then, click on the blue "Stop Social Security Offset and Windfall Penalties" link inside the "Take Action" box, and follow the instructions. You can use SERS' generic message or compose your own.

Supplemental Dental and Vision Coverage Now Available to All Health Care Eligible Retirees

SERS' Board gave staff the authority to file a new administrative rule with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR) concerning dental and vision coverage. All SERS retirees who were eligible for SERS' health care coverage at the time of retirement can now sign up for dental and vision coverage. Retirees do not have to be enrolled in SERS' health care coverage to sign up. Dental and vision coverage can be added or dropped by retirees during the open enrollment period, which runs from Sept. 1, 2013 to Oct. 31, 2013. Submitted by Adele Matias

CONTACT YOUR RETIREMENT SYSTEM

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SERS 1-800-878-5853 or www.ohsers.org

OPERS 1-800-222-7377 or www.opers.org

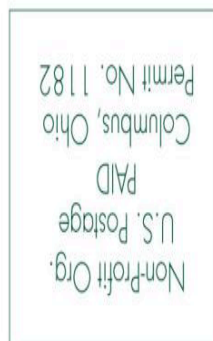
DISTRICT NEWS

NEOEA

THANK YOU to all the retired, actives and Kent State students who joined us for "Read Across America Dr. Seuss Style" the first two weeks of March 2013. We read in schools, libraries and events that gave us the title to "Oh, the Places We Go". We won the top prize for the video contest at OEA and appeared on YouTube. You can find us at "It takes the NEOEA community".

We will begin signing up seasoned and new recruits beginning in September at the NEOEA Office or online for March 2014. Let us know you are interested in joining us for fun and a very rewarding project. This is an invitation you should not pass up.

A reminder of the OEA-R statewide Fall Conference at the STRS Building in Columbus; set for September 11, 2013. We are proud to have the newly-elected President of OEA, Becky Higgins on the agenda. Becky is from NEOEA and hails from the Copley-Fairlawn School District. She will serve from 2013-2016. Additions to the usual program that day will be Nanci Dibianca, NEOEA and Christine McVicar, SEOEA who will enlighten the group on retirement interests: The Cuyahoga Valley National Volunteer Activities and Rowing and Paddling for Health Benefits. Submitted by Beryl Burkle



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OEA-R NEWSLINE

WEOA

WEOA- R meetings are scheduled for the third Wednesday of the month Sept. –Nov. 2013 and the 2nd Wednesday in Dec. Topics and places are chosen from suggestions submitted to the Vice-Chairman. The September 18 meeting at 11:00 a.m. is at El Rancho Grande off of I-75 on 7500 Poe Avenue in Vandalia 45377. The speaker will be from Artemis. The October 16 meeting: TBA. The November 20 meeting is at The Amber Rose in Dayton and the program is the Goodwill Industries. The December 11 meeting is at Coco's Bistro in Dayton. Contact Pat Eshbaugh with RSVP or questions: pat.eshbaugh@gmail.com

The WEOA-R Legislative Committee chaired by D. Wojcik has been collecting "Unity Stories". Your story about what your association/union meant to you while an active teacher would be welcome. The stories are printed and shared ...one example is a story, plus dates of Lobby Days and talking points when meeting your legislator. Email your story to Dawn at woea.retired@gmail.com or dawn.e.wo@gmail.com
Submitted by Jane Rahn

CAPITAL

The Columbus Education Retired members continue to enjoy various activities. Our annual meeting and election of officers was held on June 20 at The Boat House Restaurant. After the luncheon and business meeting, we enjoyed a wonderful presentation by Columbus teacher, Revonne Hammond. Her presentation was called, "A Visit with Elizabeth Keckley". If you have seen the movie, "Lincoln", Elizabeth was dressmaker and confidante to Mary Todd Lincoln. It was a wonderful presentation.

On July 2, retirees attended a presentation and lunch at the Clintonville Woman's Club with Joe Blundo as the guest speaker. Joe is a very popular columnist in the Columbus Dispatch. He muses about all things Columbus. We had 144 people in attendance, which shows how popular his column is. That was also a record number for one of our activities!

Current and retired members of the Capital District have been busy this summer tutoring Somali refugees on the west side of Columbus. Bill Otten from OEA contacted Marilyn Allen and Jeff Corbin to find volunteer teachers for the program. At present, we have enough volunteers to cover Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. We would like to fill all five days. Subjects being covered include arithmetic, reading, writing, and citizenship. When school begins, some of the volunteers will be returning to their own classrooms. We definitely need more volunteers. I would encourage members of Central OEA/NEA to consider joining us, as we are only a stone's throw away from Southwestern Schools. Please contact Jeff Corbin at: jcorbin50corbin@aol.com or

Marilyn Allen, mrsecond@yahoo.com .for more details. These adults are so very eager to become citizens of the United States..
Submitted by Jeff Corbin and Marilyn Allen

SEOEA

The transition to an e-mailed SEOEA-R Newsletter has been made. A final hardcopy newsletter was mailed the last week of June and it is hoped that all members received their copy. If you did not receive the newsletter, please update your contact information with your District Representative, Christine McVicar, at 260 Morris Dr., Cutler OH 45724, or by calling 740-551-2133 or by email at retired.SEOEA@gmail.com and/or by calling OEA at 1-800-282-1500 and asking for membership. A hearty thank you is extended to all members who returned the postcard enclosed in the final mailing. It is not too late to return that postcard if you have not already done so.

Submitted by Christine McVicar

ECOEA

The next social will be the "Not Back to School Luncheon" with details in the Summer Newsletter.

The *Holiday Happenin'* date change, due to scheduling conflict: December 3, 2013 with same times and location. RSVP by noon on Tuesday, November 26, 2013 to Kathleen Purdy, District Representative ecoearetired@yahoo.com.
Submitted by Kathleen Purdy ECOEA-R Representative

FCPE INFORMATION

Now is the time to make your donation to the Fund for Children and Public Education. It's quick and easy to donate electronically. Go to www.ohea.org. On the left, scroll down to "Quick Links" and then to "Donate to FCPE." VISA and MasterCard are accepted. Let's help raise money to elect pro-union, pro-education candidates in 2014.

ELECTION NOTICE

The OEA-Retired is entitled to an allocation of delegates to the 2013-2014 OEA Representative Assemblies. Declaration of Candidacy Forms are available by contacting Carol Price at OEA toll-free, 800-282-1500 or locally at 614-227-3169 or email: pricec@ohea.org and **must be filed by September 20, 2013.**



2013-2014 OEA-R Officers and Advisory Council

John Hoyes, President; Carol Kinsey, Vice President; Marti Huss, Secretary; David Bowen, Past President; Bill Sears, OEA Board of Directors; Jeff Corbin, Capital; Sue Christian, Central; Kathleen Purdy, ECOEA; Jack Boyd, EOE; Joyce Radojka, NCOEA; Beryl Burkle, NEOEA; Michael Jordan, NWOEA; Christine McVicar, SEOEA; Bob Beers, SWOEA; Jane Rahn, WOE; Chris Swank, At-Large; Adele Matias, ESP; Bonita Harris, Higher Ed; Hank Haynes, FCPE Representative; Debbie Bernauer, Legislative Representative; Bill Otten, Staff Liaison



OEA-R Members at NEA-R Annual Meeting in Atlanta

Front Row: Marilyn Allen, Beryl Burkle, Carol Kinsey, Jane Rahn Back Row: Bill Dorsey, John Hoyes, Homer Adams, Chris Swank, Peg Ham, Don Traxler. Not Shown: Bill Sears

OEA-R STATEWIDE FALL CONFERENCE

September 11, 2013

STRS Building, 7th Floor
275 East Broad Street
Columbus OH 43215

Speakers include the OEA Officers, OEA Executive Director Larry Wicks, and OEA-R Staff Liaison Bill Otten.

STRS and SERS Health Care Personnel will be invited to speak on health care issues/changes for 2014 followed by questions and answers. Other interesting and informational sessions are being planned including a Right to Work update for the afternoon.

Note: Parking is provided at the STRS building.

REGISTRATION:	9:30 a.m.
PROGRAM:	10:00 a.m.
LUNCH:	12:15 p.m.
CONCLUSION:	3:00 p.m.

Complete and return the registration form (below) with your \$15.00 registration fee by September 1st in order to be eligible for door prizes. You will be notified by email once your payment is received.

Mail form and payment to: OHIO EDUCATION ASSOCIATION STATEWIDE FALL CONFERENCE
P.O. Box 2136 Columbus, Ohio 43216-2136 ATTN: BILL OTTEN

Registration Form for OEA Fall Conference
NAME _____

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OEA DISTRICT _____