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RIPEA Group Health Plan
1-866-649-2041

AMBA
Dental/Vision/Long Term Care/Cancer/Whole Life/
Medical Air Service Association
1-800-258-7041

HEAR in America
Hearing Plan
1-800-286-6149

INPRS/PERF
Retirement Checks & Benefits
1-844-464-6777

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A Message from the Executive Director

Welcome to the February issue of the *Communicator*.

In November, fellow member Philip Conklin issued a personal request to consider sharing some of your financial assets with the RIPEA Foundation, either with a small cash donation or as part of your estate plan. This fund benefits members who face an unexpected financial crisis. The RIPEA Foundation Board would like to take this time to thank everyone who was so generous in donating to the Foundation. Your donations will go a long way in helping many of our retirees.

The Foundation wouldn't be what it is today, however, without the guidance of Board Member Fred Armstrong. In the mid-1990s, Fred envisioned a program like this and worked tirelessly with the Indiana Legislature until it became a reality. You can learn more about Fred and fellow Board Member Harold Woodruff in our new, lighthearted feature "Getting to Know..."

If you are a member of RIPEA, we thank you for your support and ask for your suggestions to make RIPEA the most effective association it can be. As always, please let us know if you have any questions!

Sincerely,



Bill Murphy, Executive Director



Getting to Know...

Board Member Fred Armstrong

Former Occupation? 9 years as deputy auditor of Marion County; 20 years as city controller of Indianapolis, and 28 years as controller of IndyGo Public Transportation (*17 years of these positions concurrently*)

Time on Board? Since 1994. I also started the RIPEA Foundation

Hoosier-born? Yep, Indy, 1927

One event that changed your life? WWII. I was in the Navy, stationed in the Pacific. I worked as a lithographer

If you could eat only one food...? Soup, any kind

Apple or Android? Apple

ESPN or History Channel? Neither, really. I prefer Let's Make a Deal and Wheel of Fortune



What was your first job? Lane Bryant store in Indianapolis. I ran errands, stocked shelves, anything they needed me to do.

Favorite thing about Indiana? The counties—they are all so different

What is the one thing people should know about RIPEA? How we help people, our members. Everything we do is for the membership. How easy it is to belong.

A Dog's Love

A dog's love is unconditional. Anyone who's ever owned a dog can agree. If you're thinking about a new canine companion, now is the time to think about what breed will suit your lifestyle over the next 10 years or so. Here are a few to consider, chosen for their easy maintenance and (relatively) low energy by our friends at K9ofmine.com.



- **Maltese:** 4 to 7 pounds; 15 to 18-year lifespan; affectionate; trainable; hypoallergenic
- **Pug:** 14 to 18 pounds; 13 to 15-year lifespan; gentle and playful; moderately active; prone to breathing difficulties
- **Beagle:** 24 pounds, 14-year lifespan; intelligent; independent; social; high energy
- **Chihuahua:** 3 to 6 pounds; 18-year lifespan; lively; loyal; healthy; prone to barking and nervousness
- **Boston Terrier:** 10 to 25 pounds; 12-year lifespan; smart; affectionate; prone to breathing difficulties
- **Otterhound:** 50 pounds; 12-year lifespan; friendly; moderately active water dog
- **Cavalier King Charles Spaniel:** 13 to 18 pounds; 9 to 14-year lifespan; good watchdog; gentle; fairly active
- **Cocker Spaniel:** 20 to 30 pounds; 12 to 15-year lifespan; loyal; moderately active; likes to be by your side
- **Pembroke Welsh Corgi:** 30 pounds; 11 to 13-year lifespan; very smart; herders; friendly; moderately active

Your Legislative Corner – The 2019 Agenda

HB 1139, introduced by Representative Woody Burton, provides for a 13th check in 2019 and 2020. The bill—as introduced—provides for a 13th check in the same amounts as recent years. Your RIPEA Board of Directors of course supports the bill, but believes each category should be increased \$50, as we put forth in our November 2018 Communicator. When the bill is heard in committee, RIPEA will propose an amendment to increase each category \$50.

Years of Service	Current	2019 RIPEA Proposal
5-10 (Disability)	\$150	\$200
10-20	\$275	\$325
20-30	\$375	\$425
30+	\$450	\$500

As of the date the newsletter went to print the bill was passed by the House and sent to the Senate. RIPEA will try to add the \$50 in the Senate.

Getting to Know...

Board Member Harold Woodruff



Former Occupation? Mayor of Frankfort for 8 years

Time on Board? 19 years

Hoosier-born? Clinton County, Frankfort

If you could eat only one food...? Lobster

Ever have a nickname? Woody

ESPN or History Channel? History Channel

Ever live away from Indiana? Yes, 4 years in the Navy

As a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up? A policeman

Favorite thing about Indiana? The people

What is the one thing people should know about RIPEA? The pension protection it gives



Your guide to 'everything'

John Galloway, a RIPEA Board Member, has been busy compiling an extensive list of internet sites and books related to topics of interest to our RIPEA members. You can find them on our RIPEA website—RIPEA.org—under the 'Member Benefits' tab, found in Resources and Links.

We encourage you to review the topics and any websites or books that look interesting to you. Many of these websites and books contain valuable information that will be useful not only to you but also to your spouse, caregivers and/or close relatives now and as they assist you in the coming years.

Spouses Welcome

Did you know that spouses of RIPEA members are eligible to participate in any insurance plan that you can join as a RIPEA member?

The only requirement is the spouse must become a RIPEA Associate Member.

The cost of an Associate Membership is \$10 per year.

In Case You Missed It...the Convention is Now Online!

Each year our annual convention focuses on topics that are beneficial to our members. The 2018 convention included discussions on PERF, legal matters, financial advice, the Indiana legislature, Medicare & Medicaid supplement plans, and more.

If you were not able to attend, we have exciting news. For the first time, every presentation from our annual convention is now available for you to watch on our website. We want all our members to know what it is like to attend our annual convention. To find the video presentation and other convention materials, visit RIPEA.org and click on the Annual Convention tab.

You'll also find information about our 2019 convention in September, including the free bus transportation available from several Indiana cities, and a link to the 2019 registration form. We hope to see you there on Monday, September 9, 2019!

What Car Thieves Want

Learn which makes, models and colors car thieves favor. Our friends at The Hartford have put together a list of the top 10 makes and models for car thieves.

▼ ▼ ▼ Is your car one of them? ▼ ▼ ▼

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| 1. 1998 Honda Civic (since 2007) | 6. 2016 Nissan Altima |
| 2. 1997 Honda Accord (since 2007) | 7. 2016 Toyota Corolla |
| 3. 2006 Ford Pickup | 8. 2001 Dodge Pickup |
| 4. 2004 Chevrolet Pickup | 9. 2017 GMC Pickup |
| 5. 2017 Toyota Camry | 10. 2008 Chevrolet Impala |

The top five colors of stolen cars are:

-  SILVER
-  WHITE
-  BLACK
-  GOLD
-  DARK GREEN

