

# 22 REASONS TO JOIN



**ORTA'S MISSION:** *“To monitor, advocate for, and protect the pensions and benefits of its members. The Association shall encourage individuals to improve the social and economic changes and issues relevant to their retirement.”*

- Promotes quality healthcare coverage through leadership with the Health Care and Pension Advocates (HPA)
- Represents Ohio retired educators at STRS committees and meetings
- Represents retired educators in Washington D.C.
- Supports the repeal of the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and Windfall Elimination Preservation (WEP)
- Opposes mandatory Social Security for Ohio Educators
- Participates in the National Retired Teachers Association (NRTA)
- Represents retired educators at Ohio's General Assembly
- Testifies at state legislation hearing committees
- Monitors and tracks all legislation affecting retired educators
- Maintains a staffed state office to coordinate statewide activities and support chapters and regions
- ORTA is committed informing its members of benefits news and developments from STRS
- Assist with leadership training at regional and local chapter levels
- Keeps an up-to-date website with current ORTA news and information; [www.orta.org](http://www.orta.org)
- Publishes a monthly newsletter with ORTA state news and local chapter coverage that is emailed to thousands of members
- Developed a social media presence including a Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to promote the retired educators voice
- Encourages chapter and local development by providing resources for local volunteer and job opportunities
- Represents ALL educators including collegiate instructors
- Provides membership options for educator spouses' (who receive STRS benefits)
- Serving Ohio's retired educators for over 70 years

## ORTA'S 5 REGIONS



- Has partnered with one of the largest association benefits providers (AMBA) to offer exclusive supplemental dental, vision, health coverage plus numerous other advantages to ORTA members.
- Developed a relationship with Education First Credit Union to create new banking opportunities with retired educators including competitive loan rates, CDs and credit card options.