



## **News From the 2005 White House Conference on Aging**

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### **Ohio Delegates to the 2005 White House Conference on Aging Announced**

The 2005 White House Conference on Aging (WHCoA) today announced the names of 26 delegates who will represent the state of Ohio at the conference to be held in Washington, DC from December 11 to 14, 2005. The delegation consists of 6 delegates named by Governor Bob Taft and 20 named by members of Ohio's Congressional delegation.\*

Twelve hundred delegates from throughout the country will participate in the 2005 WHCoA, the fifth such conference in our nation's history. Delegates will vote on resolutions and develop implementation strategies that will help the President and Congress shape aging policies for the next ten years and beyond. WHCoA Policy Committee Chairman Dorcas R. Hardy said, "Each of us has an incredible opportunity to take action that will benefit current and future generations of American seniors. I look forward to greeting all the delegates when they come to Washington, DC energized and ready to make history."

The theme for the 2005 WHCoA is "The Booming Dynamics of Aging: From Awareness to Action." The theme reflects the changing face of aging in America. The 2005 WHCoA is mandated by the Older Americans Act to focus on the interests and needs of current seniors as well as the 78 million baby boomers who will begin to turn 60 in 2006. Leading up to the WHCoA have been approximately 300 local, state and national events held across the nation involving more than 60,000 people with more anticipated. These events include WHCoA Listening Sessions, Solutions Forums, Mini-Conferences and Independent Aging Agenda Events.

The formula for state distribution of delegates was based on a total of 200 delegates divided among the states, U.S. Territories, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. Each state had the opportunity to select a minimum of two delegates. Additional state delegates were based upon each state's percentage of individuals age 55 and older compared to the nation's total population of persons aged 55 and older. Each U.S. Territory, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia had the opportunity to select one delegate. The National Congress of American Indians received an allocation of 19 delegates to ensure representation from the American Indian nations. Each member of the Congressional delegation has named one delegate to the WHCoA. In addition, a number of At-Large Delegates will be selected by the Policy Committee based on an open application process that ends on June 1, 2005. Information about the WHCoA venue will be available shortly. More information about the WHCoA may be found on the website [<http://www.whcoa.gov>].

\* A list of Ohio's delegates announced by the WHCoA follows. The list represents delegates named by the Governor and Members of Congress. At-Large Delegates, to be selected by the WHCoA Policy Committee, will be announced later by the WHCoA.

## OHIO

### Gubernatorial delegates:

Governor Robert Taft

Dr. Georgia Anetzberger                      South Euclid

Richard Browdie                                Cleveland

Dr. Merle Griff                                  Canton

Billie Johnson                                  Toledo

Hon. Merle Kearns                              Springfield

Belle Likover                                    Shaker Heights

### Congressional delegates:

Senator Mike DeWine                          Donelda McWilliams  
Defiance

Senator George Voinovich                    Judith Brachman  
Columbus

Rep. John Boehner                            Cynthia Stever  
Hamilton

Rep. Steve Chabot                            Alice Holder  
Cincinnati

Rep. Paul Gillmor                             Judith Sauers  
Mansfield

Rep. David Hobson                            Donna Frederick  
Springfield

Rep. Marcy Kaptur                            Samuel Burnett  
Toledo

Rep. Dennis Kucinich	Lynn Wieland Brooklyn
Rep. Steven LaTourette	Patty Mackey Painesville
Rep. Bob Ney	Phyllis Suhar Cambridge
Rep. Michael Oxley	Carol Ridenour Wapakoneta
Rep. Jean Schmidt	George Brown Batavia
Rep. Deborah Pryce	Marc Molea Columbus
Rep. Ralph Regula	Sandy Calvert Medina
Rep. Tim Ryan	Donald Medd Youngstown
Rep. Sherrod Brown	Helene Stone Lorain
Rep. Ted Strickland	Harry Meshel Youngstown
Rep. Patrick Tiberi	Virginia Ragan Westerville
Rep. Stephanie Tubbs Jones	Ronald Hill Twinsburg
Rep. Michael Turner	Marva Mitchell Dayton