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## POLICE UNION NEWS

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## CHARITY MEETS THE GREEN!

### 2024 LEORF Golf Classic Was A BIG Success!

The Law Enforcement Officers Relief Fund (LEORF) 2024 Golf Classic was a massive success this year! 132 golfers set out at 8:30 A.M. across the golf course at The Meadows Country Club where they had fun playing golf and raising money for law enforcement officers and their families.

The LEORF 2024 Golf Classic Reception at Stottlemeyer's Smokehouse was sponsored by The Bowline Group. The Bowline Group also was a Platinum Sponsor and the Major Sponsor for the Golf Classic this year!

Ullico was so generous as to sponsor this year as the Golf Ball Sponsor. Lunch sponsors included Blue Cross Blue Shield; Union Plus; I.U.P.A. Local Milwaukee Police Association, #21; Toledo Police Patrolman's Assn., #10; and Sarasota Health and Financial Services. Union Sportsmen's Alliance sponsored the Hot Dog Cart! Other generous sponsors are noted on the sponsors page of the website as well as in signage that was across the event.

The event concluded with a lunch of pulled pork, hot dogs, grilled chicken, and more at the clubhouse where the Silent Auction and Raffle winners were announced!



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# L.E.O.R.F. GOLF CLASSIC



THANK YOU!  
To all our Players  
& Sponsors who  
made the 2024 Golf  
Classic a success!



# LEGISLATIVE

## [The I.U.P.A. Strongly Supports the Passage of the Social Security Fairness Act](#)

The International Union of Police Associations (I.U.P.A.) has been a longtime supporter of the Social Security Fairness Act, which would repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision and the Government Pension Offset.

Law enforcement personnel, who dedicated their lives to public service, are prevented from receiving the full Social Security benefits they earned due to two laws from the 1970s and 1980s. The Windfall Elimination Provision, enacted in 1983, reduces the Social Security benefits of workers who receive pensions from a federal, state, or local government for employment not covered by Social Security. The Government Pension Offset, enacted in 1977, reduces Social Security spousal benefits for spouses, widows, and widowers whose spouses receive pensions from a federal, state, or local government.

The Social Security Fairness Act would repeal both of these laws, ensuring law enforcement, firefighters, teachers, park rangers, and other public sector workers and their families receive

the full Social Security benefits they earn. These are not entitlements, but earned and paid for benefits that they have been denied. Also, it should be noted that the government pensions they received outside of Social Security were also paid for by these men and women. Many held second jobs during their careers so that they could properly support their families. They also worked following their retirements.

There are enough co-sponsors of this critical legislation to make its passage a reality, if given the chance. The I.U.P.A. has sent

letters of support in previous years as well as the current year. Most recently, President Cabral sent a letter to Senator Sherrod Brown, Chairman of the Senate Finance Subcommittee Committee, asking him to bring the Social Security Fairness Act to a vote in committee and send it to the Senate floor. His staff have responded upon receipt of the letter and indicated that it is his intention to do so in the near future.



## *Union Plus Savings for I.U.P.A. Members!*

Union Plus offers a variety of savings on education, travel, health, entertainment, and even pet insurance!

Contact the I.U.P.A. Union Plus Liaison, Amanda Hergenreder, at [amanda@iupa.org](mailto:amanda@iupa.org) or visit <https://www.unionplus.org/> to learn more. Below are a few savings that Union Plus is currently offering.

### **Unlock savings on smiles, sights, sounds, and scripts!**

👉 Looking for ways to save extra cash for holiday spending AND offset the high cost of healthcare?

💡 Check out the Union Plus Health Savings programs and see how much you can save:

👉 \$300 off vision care and eyewear with VSP® Individual Vision Plans

👉 Save 5%-60% on most dental procedures, including annual exams, root canals, crowns, X-rays and bridges

💡 Save up to 66% on trusted hearing brands

👉 Download the FREE Rx card and save up to 80% on prescriptions!

Click [here](#) to learn more!

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### **Elevate your career with new graduate degrees**

Exciting news! The Union Plus College Program now includes graduate degree programs. Whether you're looking to advance your career or explore a new field, we've got you covered.

Take advantage of affordable tuition and flexible online learning to achieve your educational goals.

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# GENERAL

## Did You Know That The I.U.P.A. Can Complete SurveyMonkey Surveys?

You might have heard that the I.U.P.A. Research and Marketing Department can complete wage surveys, research reports, and any other research on any topic that a local president or the International requests. You might not have heard, however, about how they can provide locals with SurveyMonkey surveys.

SurveyMonkey is an online survey tool that the I.U.P.A. Research and Marketing Department can use to create surveys for locals for the following purposes:

- To assist a local in conducting votes for their elections.
- To assist a local in conducting votes on contracts or portions of contracts.
- To assist a local in collecting member interests for negotiations.
- To assist a local in collecting information from members on any topic of the local president's choosing.
- To collect information about policies that other departments have.
- To collect information from LEOs on any topic of interest.

Local presidents can request a SurveyMonkey survey, a wage survey, a research report, or any other research project by emailing the I.U.P.A. Research and Marketing Director Alina Johns at [alinaj@iupa.org](mailto:alinaj@iupa.org).

## Does Your Local Have Stories to Share?

Do you have a story you would like to share about:

- What local members have done in the community?
- An event your local has hosted or sponsored?
- How your local is supporting your department or local community?
- Heroes within your local who have received a noteworthy award?
- Heroes within your local who saved someone's life or solved a crime that averted a great harm?

If you have photos and details for a story about any of the above or other stories about your local members, contact the I.U.P.A. Research and Marketing Director Alina Johns at [alinaj@iupa.org](mailto:alinaj@iupa.org) to submit them to be included in the I.U.P.A.'s blogs and newsletters.

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