



We, the Board of Directors of Cincinnati Ohio Police Federal Credit Union, do hereby nominate Jerry(Gerald) Gramke as our candidate for the Ohio Credit Union League Volunteer of the Year. We certify that to the best of our recollection and individual knowledge, the following information and statements are true and accurate.

Name of Nominee: Jerry (Gerald) Gramke
 Home Address: 1815 Sylved Lane City: Cincinnati Zip: 45238
 E-Mail: _____ Telephone: 513-922-4207
 Spouse's Name: Betty Gramke
 Occupation: Retired How Long? 11 Years
 Employer: Cincinnati Police Department from 1957 to 1983(26yrs) & Provident Bank from 1983-1998(15yrs)
 Address: _____
 Contact: Tina M Wocher (Name of person the League should contact with questions.)

Nominations may be made only by a board of directors of a League-affiliated credit union or a board of directors of a chapter of credit unions in Ohio.

Credit Union Membership(s)	Length of Membership
<u>Cincinnati Ohio Police Federal Credit Union</u>	<u>44 Years</u>
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Past & present positions held in the credit union, chapter, state, and national credit union system:

Credit Union	Position	Dates
<u>Cincinnati Ohio Police Federal Credit Union</u>	Credit Committee Member	1972-1973
_____	Board Director	1974-1977
_____	Board Chairman	1978-Present

Number and name(s) of any credit unions the nominee helped organize or charter:

N/A

Narration can be provided or continued on a separate sheet of paper.

Please explain specific activities within the credit union movement that the nominee has been involved in (beyond committee chair/membership positions), including the time frames of the involvement. Examples: grassroots involvement, PAC/foundation/charitable fundraising, worked as teller, community service/public relations projects.

See attached document _____ Years _____

_____ Years _____

Please indicate specific accomplishments by the nominee to further the wealth and visibility of the credit union movement locally, statewide, and/or nationally (note examples below):

- Dollars raised
- Kids helped
- Numbers helped
- Changes in CU enacted
- Public enlightened
- Procedural changes

See attached document _____

Describe the nominee's other volunteer activities within his/her profession and/or community (outside the CU movement).

Fraternal Order of Police Retiree's _____
Elder High School Dad's Club _____

Signed Tim M. Wotner
President or Vice President

Signed [Signature]
Treasurer or Secretary

Date 01/22/2010

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The Cincinnati Ohio Police Federal Credit Union was founded in 1935 to serve Cincinnati Police Officers and their families located in Hamilton County, Ohio. In 1971, Jerry Gramke was elected to the Cincinnati Ohio Police Federal Credit Union's credit committee. At that time the credit union's assets were 2 million and served only 1,600 members. During 1974 Jerry was elected to the board. Jerry has served as Chairman of our Board since 1978. Currently the credit union's assets are over 80 million and serve over 8,500 members. Our membership has expanded to include all police, firefighters, educators and government employees located in eight counties. The credit union's success over the last 38 years is directly attributed to Jerry's steadfast leadership.

Jerry has always understood that the financial market is very dynamic and in order to compete we must be willing to change and adapt. Over the last 38 years the credit union has changed drastically and has adjusted successfully. An example of the credit union's need to find viable solutions to serve our members are the alliances we have created over the years to compete within the financial market. Due to the credit union's lack of facilities and service delivery systems (up until 2004), the credit union created a partnership with Provident Bank for financial services. Due to Jerry's background as Corporate Vice President Security Director for Provident Bank (employed for 15 years) and his good relationship with the bank, the credit union was able to offer No-Surcharge ATM services to our members, at no cost to the credit union. Also due to our inquiry for this service, which Jerry negotiated on the credit union's behalf, Provident Bank then offered this same service to other local credit unions within the Cincinnati area.

Because of the success of the alliance with Provident Bank, the credit union has constantly sought out partnerships with other financial institutions to fulfill our members' needs. In 2004, the credit union formed an alliance with Emery Federal Credit Union to build a store-front location together. The branch is still in operation with both Emery and Cincinnati Police employees sharing the facility. The credit union also joined the share branch network in 2007. This has been a very successful endeavor. As of today we are still seeking viable partnerships. Our board has allowed the credit union to expand our services to include business loans. In December we signed a contract to partner with Cooperative Business Services to offer business loans to our membership. In December, we also signed a contract with mycumortgage, a subsidiary of Wright-Patt Federal Credit Union, so the credit union can offer more solutions to our members who are seeking first mortgages.

During 2006 our credit union converted our charter to a Trade, Industry or Profession (TIP), which changed our membership to include all State and Local Government Employees. Jerry was very instrumental in convincing the board and staff that our current membership needed to expand in order to grow the credit union. In 2007, the credit union had an opportunity to merge in the Northwest Employees Federal Credit Union. If it was not for Jerry's foresight, to change our charter from a Single Occupation Common Bond, the credit union would not have been able to perform the merger with Northwest Employees Federal Credit Union. Since the merger our credit union has experienced double-digit growth year after year.

Jerry Gramke has always encouraged the credit union staff and board to be active in the community whether for charitable or political purposes. The credit union supports many events. Examples of our community Outreach are:

- The credit union co-ordinates with other local area credit unions in Cincinnati to donate school supplies to benefit Price Hill children for their Back to School Fair every August.
- The credit union employees participate in the Adopt-a-Class Program at Oyler Elementary School. Each year, the credit union purchases presents on students' wish lists and throws a party for their benefit.
- The credit union funds accounts for mentally disabled students each semester so the students learn to do transactions independently. The students are a part of Northwest Local Schools District's Student Assisted Independent Living Program.
- The credit union encourages staff and members to donate through our website and at the teller window for Marching Miles for Miracle Kids Network.
- The credit union collects canned goods each November for the Ohio Credit Unions Food Drive.
- The credit union donates time and money to Crime Stoppers association to get criminals off our streets.
- The credit union gives \$8,000.00 a year in scholarship funds to our membership. The credit union also donates funds to the Cincinnati Chapter of the Ohio Credit Union League for their scholarship program annually.
- The credit union supports many local police associations through donations or working at events i.e. Fraternal Order of Police Lodges, Police Memorial Week, and Hamilton County Police Association.
- The credit union introduced the National Endowment for Financial Education (NEFE) High School Financial Planning Program to Northwest Local School District which adopted the program into their curriculum last year.
- The credit union has scheduled visits with local congressmen to discuss Financial Regulation. Due to Jerry's involvement with Elder High School, U.S. House Representative Steve Driehaus initiated a conversation with our board regarding current and proposed Financial Regulations.
- Due to his background as Security Officer at Provident Bank for 15 years, Jerry developed Robbery Training materials for Cincinnati area credit unions and directed a seminar regarding robbery safety.

Because of Jerry's constant encouragement to discover ways to serve our members better, we have become a credit union immersed in technology. Currently we have three branches staffed by 21 dedicated employees. The credit union continues to grow by creating and adapting innovative products and services that enable our members to reach their financial goals

Jerry's contribution to the credit union is immeasurable. He is a very sincere and dedicated volunteer with many endearing qualities. He has been an inspiration to my staff and me. The credit union is very fortunate to have such an admirable person at its helm. This year our credit union is celebrating its 75th anniversary, which Jerry has been on the board for more than half of those years. We've come a long way since 1935, and our tradition of excellence continues. Jerry and Board Members like him are the foundation of our Credit Unions.