



# Journey

**Butler County Chapter Newsletter**

**<http://www.pasrbutler.wix.com/butler>**

**September 2019**

## ***President's Message***

Thomas Jefferson dictated the exact words for the marble slab to be placed at his gravesite: "Here was buried Thomas Jefferson, Author of the Declaration of American Independence, Of the Statute of Virginia for religious freedom, & Father of the University of Virginia." He chose not to include being President because he felt that he wanted to emphasize things he had contributed rather than honor given to him. From Monticello, he could actually use a telescope to monitor the progress of construction of the University. He valued education.

He wrote that a well-informed electorate is a prerequisite to democracy. Jefferson guides us to seek out information, to listen, and evaluate that information with critical thinking. It is our duty as citizens to be informed about issues and candidates, and to participate in elections. This is important as you make your voting decisions at the local level, as well as state and national levels.

PASR Butler Chapter can be helpful here in helping you to access voting information – not *who* to vote for, but actually *how* to accomplish your vote. There are changes this year.

Your best source of voting how-to information is the Bureau of Elections at <http://www.co.butler.pa.us/vote>

If you need to register to vote or want an absentee ballot, this site can help.

All of Butler County will use a new form of paper ballot that will be scanned. To help you feel more comfortable, let's take a closer look.

When you enter, check-in as usual. Receive a paper ballot.

**STEP ONE:** Take the ballot to a private voting booth. You **MUST** use the provided marking device to mark the ballot. Use it to fill in the oval. Do **NOT** draw a ring, make a checkmark, or write an X. Make no other marks.

**STEP TWO:** Review your selections. You should have a choice for each race with no more than allotted for each.

## **Butler Chapter Officers**

President ... 724-584-0371... Polly Shaw  
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President-elect ..... **OPEN**  
Recording Secretary..... Fran Geisel  
Corresponding Sec'y ..... **OPEN**  
Immediate Past Pres. .... Peg Harding  
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724-502-4065  
Region VIII Director..... Mary K Davis  
Treasurer ..... James Huemme  
Asst. Treasurer..... Joanne Nolsheim  
Website ..... pasrbutler.wix.com/butler  
State website ..... www.pasr.org  
Facebook group..... PASR Butler

## **Committee Chairs**

Legislative and L/PEC..... Peg Harding  
Retirement Planning..... **OPEN**  
RECREO ..... M. Hoffman, J. Nolsheim  
Social Services/Memorial Honor Fund  
..... Ruth Scott  
By-Laws ..... Joanne Meredith  
Educational Support.... Diana Bowman  
Community Service..... Peg Harding  
Member Benefits & Services .... **OPEN**

Nomination ..... **OPEN**  
Reservations ..... Donna Vogel  
Resolutions ..... **OPEN**  
Public Relations ..... Polly Shaw  
Luncheon..... Donna Vogel

## **PASR School Entity Area Chairs**

Butler Area ..... Sharon Kline  
BC3 ..... Ruth Scott  
Karns City .... Pat Hauman, Enid Wilson  
Mars ..... Priscilla Beblo  
Moniteau ..... Carol Ball  
Seneca Valley... Joanne Meredith, Ruth Kirk  
Slippery Rock..... Ellen McIntyre  
South Butler ..... Virginia Shirey,  
..... Doris Herceg

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## *Election Systems & Software DS200*

STEP THREE: Take your ballot to the DS200 scanner to cast your ballot. Insert the paper. It accepts ballots in any orientation, such as upside-down or backwards. The scanner will show a prompt if you skipped a category or made too many selections. It can return your paper so you can fix it. Press *return ballot* on the touchscreen. You could also ask for a fresh paper and do it again. If you left a blank category on purpose, you can tell it to “cast your ballot with mistakes”.

And that’s it! Your votes are automatically counted, plus there is a paper trail should a recount be needed.

You can view a helpful video on the Bureau of Election website. In the left hand menu, choose “What to expect and how to vote at the polls.” Scroll down on the new page and click on the video to view “Voter Education Video Demo.” If you arrive at our September meeting a little early or stay afterwards, I will have a computer set up so that you can view the video there and ask questions.



## ELECTION CALENDAR

Last day to REGISTER before the November election: **October 7**

Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot: **October 29**

Last day for County Boards of Elections to receive voted civilian absentee ballots: **November 1**

MUNICIPAL ELECTION: **November 5**

### **PASR Butler General Membership**

Luncheon Meeting May 29, 2019  
Christ Community Methodist Church

Polly welcomed us.

Lunch was served.

BC3 Hosted Luncheon.

Meeting called to order- 12:45.

President- Information in *Journey*.

Treasurer- May day is Pay day. Report in *Journey*.

Region 8- Long term care insurance is available. Check benefits. Help is needed for House of Delegates, October 6-8, in Valley Forge. Butler has a basket donated but other baskets for the Chinese auction are welcome. Polly will be presenting a program on the development of the PA Turnpike.

Community Service- in *Journey*.

Legislative/LPEC- in *Journey*.

RECREO- 3 trips featured. Need more for October 3, sponsored trip.

Public Relations- in *Journey*.

BC3-new friends at luncheon.

Need to fill President Elect and chairpersons.

November 14 leadership meeting-training for new computer program.

Program- PA 2-1-1 Southwest, powered by United Way (John Furman). A presentation about services for area residents. A national call center for those who need basic assistance. Vince Williams recalled anecdotes from the Resource Referral Hot Line.

Next General Membership Meeting- September 25.

Soni won the raffle.  
Adjournment- 1:30.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Frances Geisel  
Recording Secretary

### **Community Service**

It's been a very long, hot summer for me and probably for many of you. School is starting and while we sleep in, go on vacation, enjoy coffee on the porch, many of our young people are beginning a new adventure through education.

Unfortunately, some of them will be bused to the Center Avenue Alternative School because of behavior problems and won't be able to attend their own "home" school district. We have been helping them adjust to this different environment for many years, now.

They need our help with school supplies, reading materials for classroom libraries, hygiene supplies, clothing, snacks, Walmart or Target gift cards, etc. These become incentives for them to cooperate in their classroom and get some reward for good decisions and the work they do in their classrooms.

The students range from K-12, boys and girls, alike from all over Butler County. Many come from dysfunctional home environments and these rewards may be the only thing they can show as an accomplishment for their time at Center Ave. Please give generously to these kids in our area.

Manufacturers' coupons were sent over the summer to Navy commissaries in Yokosuka, Japan and Rota, Spain as well as an Army commissary in Stuttgart, Germany! Remember, "Boxtops for Education" can be used as well!

Bingo prizes for "Butler Life", the adult day center appreciates the items you donate. They seem to like everything we send - jewelry, scarves, lotions, candy, flags, you name it!

Other items we distribute are: Pringle cans to ship homemade cookies to the

military at Christmas, cut plastic bags to make mats for the homeless, and pop can tabs are collected at the entrance of the church when you attend the September luncheon.

Thank you, again, for your generosity in helping our Butler County residents and our military.

### **PASR Butler County Dates**

Wed Sept 11 Region 8 Meeting

**Wed. Sept 25 General Membership**  
hosting: Karns City

**Oct. 6-8 PASR House of Delegates**  
We are part of sponsor regions!!!!

Oct. 24 Exec meeting

**Wed. Dec. 11 General Membership**  
hosting: Mars

### **Region Director's Report**

I hope that all of you have had a good summer and are ready for another year of retirement.

At the recent state Board of Directors' meeting held July 23 and 24, there was much discussion about PASR moving forward. During the meeting Mark McKillop, PASR Executive Director, and Jeff Hunsicker, PASR Lobbyist, shared that there have been discussions concerning a COLA. Even though nothing happened with the new state budget, they said that the discussions will continue.

Actions taken by the Board of Directors were to approve the additional Member Benefits of Dollywood Amusement

Park, ADT Security System, discounts for several minor league baseball and hockey games, and the CVS prescription discount program. More information about these benefits should be available on the state website.

The By-laws changes approved by the Board of Directors were –

1. Combining the L/PEC and Legislative committees. This action was taken because of a request from these two committees that they be permitted to combine
2. Combining the Policy and Citations committees
3. Eliminate the Resolutions Committee. If a chapter wants to propose a resolution, it should be sent to their region and then on to the Board of Directors for consideration to be presented at the House of Delegates.
4. Expansion of who may be appointed as a region Public Relations chair

All of these changes are at the state level. Each chapter may decide what to do concerning any of these committees.

The Nominating Committee submitted the following list of candidates to be voted on at the House of Delegates.

- President-elect – William Nuegebauer
- Vice President – Russ Diesinger
- Treasurer – Stephan Vak
- Assistant Treasurer – John Warner

At the Region level, we will be holding our Region 8 meeting on September 11 at 10:00 a.m. We will be meeting at Hoss's in Grove City. All members are welcome to attend region meetings.

I would like to thank Glenda Kemm for her many years of service to our region on many committees, most recently SSMHF, and Pat Jones for her many years of service also. These two dedicated members have stepped down from their committee chair responsibilities. Their services will be greatly missed. I would like to wish them well as they move forward.

Because of these two resignations, our region is in need of members to step forward and take on the responsibilities of SSMHF and Community Service as well as Membership and L/PEC Legislative. We also need to decide what to do at the region level concerning Citations, Policy, and Resolutions.

Mary K Davis  
Region 8 Director



PASR's mission:  
**To serve others in  
need and help one  
another enjoy  
retirement.**



PASR Butler Chapter meets for a luncheon meeting four times a year. The social aspect of our chapter is vital to our chapter health and encourages members to attend. Collectively, we are more than a lunch club since our mission focuses on the need to serve others. PASR has a structure to provide a way to fulfil that mission. Both in the *Journey* and at the meetings, you hear committee reports. It would be helpful to build your PASR background to better understand the the committee work. Our local chapter committees are based on the state committees although we can alter to suit our local needs.

### **PASR State Committees**

- **Community Service Committee:** The Community Service Committee plans activities to meet the need for improving and extending benefits for retirees and to encourage further services by retirees for the benefit of the community.
- **Educational Support Committee:** The Educational Support Committee shall establish relations with governmental entities, school employee unions, administrator groups, and other organizations involved in public education; evaluate proposals and programs intended to improve or provide support to public education in the Commonwealth; identify or develop programs providing support to public education in which PASR members may be encouraged to participate; and promote and administer the PASR educational support grants.
- **Leadership Development Committee:** The Leadership Development Committee shall conduct annual orientation programs for PASR's incoming region directors and chapter presidents, review requests from PASR's state committees for special projects and/or meetings, and issue recommendations to the Board concerning appropriations from PASR's Leadership Development Fund.
- **Legislative Committee:** The Legislative Committee shall concern itself with the enactment of legislation at both the state and national levels which affects the welfare of retired personnel and recommend special procedures for

securing action on pending legislation in accordance with the general policies for legislative activity established by the PASR Board of Directors.

- **L/PEC Committee:** The Legislative/Political Education Committee (L-PEC) shall solicit voluntary contributions from PASR members, administer the Legislative/Political Education Fund in support of PASR's legislative objectives and programs, provide the PASR membership with information about the political candidates and the positions of interest to PASR, and encourage PASR members to become actively involved in supporting the candidates of their choice.
- **MB&S Committee:** The Member Benefits and Services (MB&S) Committee shall promote the well-being of retired school employees by helping them obtain the services and information they need to solve or avoid financial and personal problems and review and recommend the endorsement of member benefits and services that may be provided by commercial or other non-profit entities to PASR members statewide or regionally.
- **Membership Committee:** The Membership Committee shall initiate the planning and presentation of programs on various aspects of membership recruitment for public and private school employees who are close to retirement or already retired; and those interested in public education.
- **Nominating Committee:** The Nominating Committee shall recommend to the PASR Board of Directors a slate of nominees for the offices of president-elect, vice president, treasurer and assistant treasurer and advise the Board on matters pertaining to the election of the officers.
- **Public Relations Committee:** The purpose of the Public Relations Committee is two-fold: to provide information to the members at state and local levels concerning programs and activities of the association and to inform the public of these programs and activities via the news media.
- **Recreo Committee:** The Recreo Committee will develop, coordinate, and promote programs providing educational and/or recreational opportunities for PASR members.
- **Resolutions Committee:** The Resolutions Committee shall propose resolutions for adoption to the PASR House of Delegates and communicate the resolutions adopted by the delegates to PASR members.
- **Retirement Planning Committee:** The Retirement Planning Committee will initiate the planning and presentation of programs on various aspects of retirement planning for public school employees and their spouses close to retirement or earlier as needed.
- **SSMHF Committee:** The Social Services Memorial Honor Fund (SSMHF) Committee will promote growth and the proper utilization of the PASR Memorial Honor Fund; assist members who are in need of moral support and financial aid; and encourage the work of the local chapters in activities related to services for unfortunate retirees who, due to illness or old age, are confined to their homes, hospitals or nursing homes.

## **Chapter Vacancy**

In addition to the work of the committees, we have officers to provide leadership at the local, region, and state levels. This vital to our ability to fulfill the mission.

PASR Butler needs someone to step up as President-elect. It's natural to think about a lack of PASR experience as a reason to not step forward. Perhaps you had leadership roles in your career and wanted a "break" but now you are thinking about accepting some fresh responsibility. This may be your time to move on but first you want to know more.

Well, here it is!! Free, excellent training is at hand and is close by, at the MIU4 office in Grove City on **November 14, 2019**. PASR offers the conference in three places across the state. They do a sort of "traveling road show" so that local leaders don't have to travel so far to attend.

We need to fill our chapter vacancy. It can happen from the floor at the September meeting or on the agenda at the December meeting.

Please read through the Leadership Conference description below. If interested, please contact Polly Shaw.

## **Details from PASR about the Leadership Conference:**

The November 14 event will begin at 9:00 a.m. with registration, and will end around 3:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided, and registration is free. The only cost to you is travel expenses, which your chapter may choose to reimburse.

Topics to be covered:

1. In the morning (approximately 9:30-11:30)
  - a. Review of the newly redesigned state website ([www.pasr.org](http://www.pasr.org)): new resources are available; new uses for the website including: posting of meeting materials, discussion boards, and the ability to post and retrieve resources from your colleagues.
  - b. Digital fraud awareness
2. Lunch 11:30-12:30
3. In the afternoon - approximately 12:30-3:30:
  - a. Newly incoming presidents (only) will attend a training session designed to familiarize presidents with their new responsibilities and resources available to them.
  - b. Those who are not incoming presidents will attend a different session that focuses upon:
    - Bylaws changes: review those (if any) that are made at the House of Delegates in October and to explore future possible changes
    - Membership recruitment: methods and tactics to pursue new members, creating a chapter email and time to construct a recruitment email, as well as utilizing retirement events to recruit and ideas for how to lower the burden of holding such events.



## **House of Delegates**

Based on our membership, PASR Butler Chapter qualifies for only one delegate, who will be Polly Shaw, Butler President. Just a few more members and we would have qualified for two delegates. Let's try for that in two years! We should have two delegates because the training benefits our local leadership.

Mary K Davis will attend as Region Director. Peg Harding, Ruth Scott, and Fran Geisel are attending as convention workers since Region 8 is a co-sponsor.

Thinking about going in two years? Here is what happens at House of Delegates:

### **House of Delegates Tentative Schedule Highlights**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2019** – Convention and hotel registration; Silent Auction  
DINNER ON YOUR OWN

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. 1st PLENARY SESSION

8:00 p.m. Wine Tasting

### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2019**

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. PASR CONVENTION REGISTRATION

7:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. SSMHF AUCTION

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. CHAPTER PRESIDENTS' MEETING

Admission is for State Officers, Board of Directors, State Committee Chairmen, Chapter Presidents, Incoming Chapter Presidents, and Directors- Elect from odd numbered Regions. Tickets for this meeting will be mailed in advance.

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. 2ND PLENARY SESSION

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

2:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Attend two SEMINARS among eight choices:

1. By-Laws; 2. Finance; 3. Legal Issues of Your Mind; 4. From Vanderbilt's Folly to America's Highway: The PA Turnpike (presented by Polly Shaw);
5. PSERS (Health Options); 6. PACE: All Inclusive Care for the Elderly; 7. Yoga After 60; 8. SSMHF

5:30 p.m. CASH BAR

6:30 p.m. BANQUET

### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2019**

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. REGION CAUCUSES

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. FINAL GENERAL SESSION

Butler County PASR Treasurer's Report  
 April 1 - June 30, 2019  
 James A. Huemme, Treasurer

RECEIPTS:

Trip	\$ 1,700.00
Luncheon	624.00
5-/50	36.00
Military Mail	50.00
Local Dues	330.00
State Dues	840.00

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\$ 3,580.00

EXPENSES:

PASR Dues	\$ 840.00
Luncheon	695.00
Campbell Bus	955.00
BC3 Scholarship	500.00
Minuteman Express	243.19
Website Fee	84.00
Postmaster	76.72
Military Mail	62.25
SSMHF	50.00

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\$ 3,506.16

March 31 Balance	\$ 2228.12
Receipts	3580.00

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5,808.12

Expenses	-	3,506.16
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Checkbook Balance	2,301.96	
Savings	+	9,220.48

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Total Funds 11,522.44

Christ Community United Methodist Church  
205 North Duffy Road  
Butler, PA 16001

**Bear right around building to rear entrance: Fellowship Hall glass doors.**

host: Karns City

*Kindly remember that it is important to make a reservation so that we order enough food from the caterer. We should never run out before all are served.*

Regular Meal

pot roast  
potatoes  
carrots  
coleslaw

Alternate Meal

Chef Salad

BOTH: dessert, coffee, ice tea, water

**Program: Michael Schnelle**, SRU's digital design director, will present a program about how he uses drones for aerial photography of SRU sports and other events. Following his inside program, weather permitting, we will move outside so he demonstrate flying the drone.

Mike's late grandmother, Sarah Woessner, was a PASR member and a retired Slippery Rock School District teacher.

Reservation Form Deadline **September 14, 2019**  
**12:00 Noon at Christ Community Methodist Church**

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Reservation: (name) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of reservations:

pot roast @\$13.00 \_\_\_\_\_ chef salad @ \$13.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Total due:** \_\_\_\_\_ (indicate if **free**)     **all Nifty Nineties now free!!!**

**A retiree attending for the first time receives a complimentary meal.**

You may include the guest's payment in your envelope or send it separately. Make checks payable to *BUTLER COUNTY PASR* Reservations should be mailed to:

**Donna Vogel**  
**148 Spithaler School Road**  
**Evans City, PA 16033**

*PASR, Butler Chapter*  
*Mary K. Davis*  
*114 Freeport Road, Apt. 2*  
*Butler, PA 16002*

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## **September 2019**

The PASR website has been redesigned. Now it's easier to navigate and has more resources. Look there for benefits, discounts, managing your account and other important information. You could start by printing out your personal membership card.

**[www.pasr.org](http://www.pasr.org)**



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