



Journey

Butler County Chapter Newsletter

Website: www.pasrbutler.org

Home Chapter of PASR
State President Mary K
Davis



President's Message

Sept. 25 will be a special meeting! PASR Butler is hosting a **Region 8** gathering at our September meeting. Our special guests will be Kristin Holjes, PASR Executive Director and Mark Krempa, PASR Assistant Executive Director. Of course, our own State President Mary K Davis will also participate.

Region 8 includes Beaver, Butler, Clarion, and Mercer Counties. We four Chapters all have some successes in our histories that we need to celebrate, but all are facing some challenges – even roadblocks that hinder us. Region 8 Chapter officers, committee chairs and other interested members are particularly invited to our meeting so we can all hear for themselves and participate in some discussion and

Sept. 2024

brainstorming. Example challenges are developing new leadership, ideas to raise money for our projects, and recruiting new members.

It is understood that no one has magic answers, but it is beneficial to mix it up and put new people together to generate some ideas. It is hoped that folks from all four Chapters will find some rejuvenating sparks!

Our state leadership will also give a CODA update and other state matters of importance to us all. You can ask questions of them.

Please make every effort to attend and hear for yourself. We will be set up by 11:15, so as host club, please consider arriving around 11:30 to help to greet our guests and make them welcome. We will begin at noon, as usual. If you have specific questions for the meeting, please email them at least two weeks ahead of time so that they can be passed along. pollyshaw3@gmail.com

Butler Chapter Officers

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Region 8 Director.....Polly Shaw
State website.....www.pasr.org
State President.....Mary K Davis

Standing Committee Chairs

Auditing.....**OPEN**
By-Laws.....**OPEN**
Community Service.....Peg Harding
Educational Support Diana Bowman
Legislative and L/PEC.....Peg Harding
Membership/Mem. Benefits & Services **OPEN**
Nominating Peg Harding
Program Diana Bowman
Public Relations.....Polly Shaw
RECRO**OPEN**
Retirement Planning **OPEN**
Soc.Ser/Memorial Honor Fund..Ruth Scott

Ad Hoc Committees

Reservations Donna Vogel
Adventure Group.....**OPEN**

PASR School Entity Area Chairs

Butler.....Kay and Jim Huemme
BC3.....Ruth Scott
Karns City.....Enid Wilson
Knoch.....Virginia Shirey, Doris Herceg
Mars.....Minette Thompson
Moniteau.....Carol Ball
Seneca Valley.....**OPEN**
Slippery RockEllen McIntyre

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In other news, in May, we voted to accept our updated Bylaws. They are posted on the website at pasrbutler.org. Links are on the front page as well as the Members Resource page. Thanks to all who helped with the update.

Many of you belong to other organizations. Pay attention to how they raise money. For some years, we had "Aladdan's magic box" – the wonderful trips organized by Margaret Hoffman in which we benefited from the profits. Sadly that ceased with covid. We've tried to revive the program but it wasn't successful for various reasons. So what next??? How to generate cash?

This is an even year so our chapter elections will be held in December. As Immediate Past-President, Peg Harding is chair of the nominations committee. Now is the time to contact her to discuss how you can serve, or to suggest members that you recommend that she contact about filling the vacancies.

President-elect: Presides in the absence of the President. Ex-officio committee member (except nominating committee). Performs such other duties as the President or Exec. Committee shall assign.

Membership Secretary: Enter and retrieve data on the state membership site, after training using the database.

OPEN COMMITTEE CHAIRS BELOW May have a few people on their committee to share the work. Chairs

"To serve others in need and help one another"
PASR Mission Statement

attend the 4 General Membership meetings plus 4 Executive Committee meetings during the year.

Auditing: Conduct an independent financial review of the Treasurer’s Reports and submit a report once a year.

Retirement Planning: Plan and conduct programs on various aspects of retirement planning, open to school employees and their spouses.

Bylaws: Study and recommend revisions to the Chapter Bylaws.

Membership/Member Benefits & Services: Identify and encourage retired school employees, their spouses and other interested individuals to enroll as active or associate members of both the chapter and state. Gather and disseminate information for well-being through state benefit programs.

ALSO:

School Entity Rep: Host duties are rotated among 3 meetings among the school districts in alphabetical order, and BC3 (not the May picnic meeting). The rep may be reimbursed up to \$50 for the plastic table cloths, centerpieces, favors (if any). The group needs to arrive early to cover the tables to be ready before most members arrive. They direct clean-up. There is an opening for Seneca Valley.

Reservations: Looking for a new contact. Talk to Donna Vogel.

ADVENTURE GROUP: Polly is looking for someone to head an ad hoc committee who can scout out some area fun things to do by a small group, such as a wine tasting, one-time wine and painting, glass art, pottery, ceramics, an art exhibit, meeting for breakfast, a book club, game afternoon

for board games or cards, etc. Other chapters do these things successfully but a person needs to organize them here – for us! Find a place, make arrangements, get the word out, and be there to host. Take reservations, if needed by the venue. Each member would pay if there is a fee. The idea is to get out with others to do some fun things! We would be under our PASR umbrella so give it a try and be ready to participate. Even if you think you don’t know others beforehand, you will afterwards! This is not a RECREO trip, just informal get togethers for fun! Provide own transportation or carpool. Somebody needs to be the leader!

2024 Butler Chapter Calendar

EXEC BD	GEN. MEMBER, host
August 7	Sept. 25, Butler
October 23	Dec 11, BC3

CARDS of CHEER



Margaret Hoffman is 100 this year on November 10. She lives with her granddaughter.

Margaret Hoffman

Ion Lane
Cowansville, PA 16128

Loraine Fedovich

121 Ralston Ave,
Lyndora, PA 16045



Marcia Semple

141 Old Route 8 South
Valencia, PA 16059

Butler County PASR
General Membership
Luncheon Meeting
May 29, 2024
Alameda Park, Butler Township

Polly welcomed us.
Grace, Pledge by Slippery Rock.
Picnic lunch was served.

Secretary- Minutes from *Journey* approved- Ruth Scott moved and Diana Bowman seconded to approve.

TREASURER- \$1,000 from savings for Scholarship approved. Report in *Journey* approved.

COMMUNITY SERVICE- Volunteer hours sheet to be submitted to Peg Harding.

BYLAWS- Changes to Bylaws as approved by Executive Board were approved by membership.

MEMBERSHIP DUES- B. Lifetime members exempt from dues regulations. If more than 2 years, membership becomes dropped. Membership reinstated upon payment of back dues; however, if more than 1 year has elapsed, a person may rejoin without payment of back dues.

OFFICERS AND DUTIES- F. Treasurer shall receive all dues and contributions; render an accounting of all monies at the regular meetings of the Chapter and such other times as the President or the Executive Committee direct, and pay all bills of the Chapter which have been approved by the Executive Committee. The treasurer shall be audited yearly.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS- D. All Officers may succeed themselves.

STANDING COMMITTEES- A. Standing Committees of the Chapter shall include Auditing, Community Service, Educational Support, Membership/Member Benefits and Services, L-PEC, Membership Program, Public Relations, Social Service/Memorial Honor Fund, and RECRO.

C. AUDITING COMMITTEE shall consist of a chairman, and 2 additional members appointed by the President. The purpose of the committee shall be to do an independent financial review of the reports of the treasurer each year and submit a report of the committee's findings to the Executive Committee and to the members in attendance at the Fall General Membership meeting. N. The purpose of the PUBLIC RELATIONS Committee shall be to communicate the activities of the Chapter to its members and the general public by: establishing contact with and providing information to the local news media; establishing regular contacts with members via publication of a newsletter or other forms of written communication P. The RESOLUTIONS Committee section is entirely deleted.

Funds- C. In the event of the Chapter's disbanding, any and all Funds remaining in the Chapter's accounts shall be delegated to the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees and held in escrow by the state.

September Meeting- Several Chapters (Clarion, Mercer, Beaver) in Region 8 are having difficulties maintaining

officers and members. Polly is inviting Chapters in Region 8 to attend our September meeting. We will be hosting Kristen Holjes, PASR Executive Director and Mark Krempa PASR Assistant Executive Director.

Old Business- Kay and Jim Huemme agreed to become Butler School Representatives. Other positions still open are President-elect, By-Laws Chair, Membership Chair, Seneca Valley School Representative. We will also need a representative for Reservations for the luncheons.

Program- The Butler Dog Training Association program was cancelled due to thunderstorms. Plan to reschedule.

Loraine Fedokovich won the raffle.

Adjourned 1:15.

Respectfully Submitted,
Frances Geisel
Recording Secretary

PASR COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT



It's that time, again! We need your volunteer service hours in order to determine how many hours our Butler County Chapter of PASR has contributed in helping others in our community. You will find the Volunteer Service Survey on the back page of this newsletter, so fill it out and bring it with you to the September lunch or mail it to me at: Peg Harding 116 Rana Lane, Gibsonia, PA 15044 The award will be presented at the Dec. mtg.

Also, right now, we are dispensing with the collection of plastic bags used in making mats for the homeless. There

are enough right now, so thanks for your past contributions.

We are still collecting items for the Butler Life Bingo, which are greatly appreciated by the participants. Food and drink items such as individual pretzel and potato chips bags, juice drinks, individually wrapped candies as well as notes cards, jewelry, word puzzles, etc. are great items used as prizes.



CENTER AVENUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Just a reminder that Ruth Scott will collect throughout the year for Center Avenue Community School.

At this time, she will only collect for gift cards from Walmart or Target. The amount per card is \$10. You can bring **cards or cash** to our next meeting in Sept. when we have our luncheon.

For those of you out of town you can mail gift cards from either store to her home address. We hope to collect at least 100 cards through December this year. These cards are used in many ways to help out the students. Thank you for your kindness.

Ruth Scott,

Chair, SSMHF

Mail to: 221 E. Muntz Avenue, Butler PA 16001

Center Avenue Community School accepts students from multiple Butler County School Districts, who benefit from specialized support that are better offered in this setting, K-12, Students may come without typical home advantages, so the gift cards help to supplement their basic needs.

12:00 Noon, Wednesday, September 25, 2024

Catered by Monroe Hotel Host: Butler

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall of Christ Community Methodist Church on Duffy Road, Butler, PA. At the road entrance, bear right and up the rise to the parking lot and rear entrance with glass doors.

Luncheon Main Meal

Chicken Parmesan

Broccoli alfredo pasta

Tossed Salad

delicious dessert (caterer's choice)

coffee, tea, raspberry ice tea, water

Alternative

Chef Salad

delicious dessert

coffee, tea, raspberry ice tea, water

Reservation due Wed. September 11, 2024

Member Name: _____

Butler 1st time retirees and nifty nineties are free!

Butler Guest Name: _____

Region 8 PASR Name: _____

Circle: Beaver, Clarion, Mercer Position: _____

Number of reservations: main meal at \$15 _____ Chef salad at \$15 _____

Total due: _____

Make checks payable to Butler County PASR. Mail to:

Donna Vogel, 148 Spithaler School Road

Evans City, PA 16033

PASR TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Dates set for **11/13 and 14, 2024** via Zoom, and they will be recorded. You must register ahead of time to receive the Zoom sign-in info.

11/13/24: 10:00 a.m.: Presidents' Handbook

1:00 p.m.: Finance Training for Region and chapter treasurers including practices, 401c4, 990, and audit. **NOTE** to Jim Huemme, Joanne Van Deusen,

and Peg Harding: ALL Chapter and Region Treasurers across the state are requested to attend.

11/14/24: 10:00 a.m.: Committee Operations and procedures; Forms, timelines, who to send things to, etc.: ALL chapter committee chairs should consider attending.

1:00 p.m.: Leadership Qualities and PASR lifelines including staff. Very helpful for officers and others who want to take a more active role.



CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Donna and Alvin Vogel were recognized as the winners of the 2004 Butler Farm Show's Founders Award. Photography by Holly Mead/Special to the Eagle/ Sept. 11, 2024

When you see Donna at the meeting check-in table, be sure to give her a special greeting!

TREASURER'S REPORT

October 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

RECEIPTS:

Luncheon	\$ 655.00
Local Dues	40.00
State Dues	120.00
PASR (Conference)	75.00
Ed. Support	187.50
Raffle	44.00
Donations	50.00

1,171.50

EXPENSES:

Office Expense	\$ 112.19
Minuteman Press	135.68
PASR	120.00
Credit Union	5.00
Monroe (May and Dec)	1,008.00
Hall Rental	125.00
Decorations & Program	86.35

1,652.22

Beginning Balance	\$2,211.96
Receipts	1,171.50

2,282.46

Expenses	-	1,652.22
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Checkbook Balance	\$1,731.24
Savings	7,930.43

\$9,661.67

COMMUNITY SERVICE SURVEY – YEARLY TALLY SHEET

July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

TO ALL PASR MEMBERS: *Thank you for being a volunteer in our community!*
 PASR CHAPTERS are interested in documenting the hours of service that volunteer retirees contribute to their local communities. In doing this, our volunteers show to the community at large a positive picture of the activities of public school retirees. Please take a few minutes to complete the chart below, filling in the appropriate number of hours PER YEAR which you volunteer. A summary of this information will be shared with AARP, NRTA and the state PASR.

 *Name:* _____ *Telephone:* _____

EDUCATIONAL hours this year

Historical Association _____

Library _____

School Board _____

Other _____

Total _____

POLITICAL hours this year

Advocacy _____ Elections _____

Government _____

Other _____

Total _____

SOCIAL SERVICES hours this year

Boards/Committees _____

Cancer Society _____

Drug/Alcohol _____

Fire Ambulance _____

Fraternal Groups _____

Hospital/Nursing Home _____

Meals on Wheels _____

Office of the Aging _____

Red Cross _____

Salvation Army _____

Service Organization _____

Soup Kitchen/Food Bank _____

Visitation _____

Other _____

Total _____

RELIGIOUS hours this year

Adult Instruction _____

Youth Instruction _____

Organization _____

Visitation _____

Other _____

Total _____

SERVICES TO YOUTH hours this year

Alliance with Youth _____

Classroom Volunteer _____

Head Start _____

Latch-Key Program _____

Literacy _____

Scholarships _____

School Volunteer _____

Scouting _____

Tutoring _____

YM/YWCA _____

Other _____

Total _____

I have served in special leadership roles as follows: _____

TOTAL HOURS THIS YEAR IN ALL CATEGORIES: _____ hours Region 8

Mail by Sept. 11 to: Ms. Margaret E. Harding, 116 Rana Lane, Gibsonia, PA 15044
 OR give to her in person at the September 29 meeting.