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December 2014

President's Message

Hello,

As I write my final article as President of the Butler Chapter of PASR, there is a chill in the air but not in my heart. I have enjoyed the past two years and the opportunity to serve all of you as your president. At the beginning, it seemed like two years would be a very long time, but it has flown by. The job has been made easier by all of the great help that I have received from the committee chairs and from all of you.

We have had joyful times such as our 50th anniversary celebration in September. We have also had sad times, most recently the passing of Donna Reeder just after our last meeting. We will be remembering all of our members who have passed on over the last year at our December meeting.

We will also be installing our new officers at the December meeting. Peg Harding will be our new president. We are still in need of someone to step forward to be President-elect. You will have two years under Peg's guidance to learn the ropes, as well as all of the former presidents to help. Please give this prayerful consideration.

Celebrating our 50th year!

I thank all of you for making my term as your president an enjoyable two years!

Mary K. Davis
 President, Butler County Chapter

President-elect

The Butler Chapter of PASR is in need of a President-elect. You must be a state and local member. You should plan to attend the four board meetings and four chapter meetings each year. You will be welcome to attend the two region meetings each year. The term of office is two years. Please consider stepping forward to help our chapter and volunteer to become our President-elect.

2014-2015 Dates to Remember

Board Meetings	Host	Chapter Meetings
October 29	South B	December 17
February 4	Butler	March 25
April 8	Karns City	May 27
August 5		

Butler Chapter Officers

President Mary K. Davis
President-Elect Peg
Harding
Recording Secretary Fran Geisel
Corresponding Sec'y**open**
Region President Veronica Rozic
Treasurer James Huemme
Asst. Treasurer Joanne Nolsheim
State website www.pasr.org

Remember current location: Christ
Community Methodist Church at 205
North Duffy Road, in Butler Township
behind Target. See you **Dec. 17, 2014 at
Noon.**

Butler County Council PASR

Luncheon Meeting
September 24, 2014

Christ Community Methodist Church

Call to Order. Mary K. welcomed us.
Slippery Rock hosted.

May minutes were approved.

Mary K. gave information for the One
for a Million foundation.

Information was at the tables for the
PASR New and Improved benefits.

Veronica Rozic presented a Chapter
Appreciation award for 50 years.

Members Helen Ferguson, Lorraine
Kesterson, Joanne Nolsheim, Marsha
Semple, and Mary K. Davis shared
memories of service in PASR.

Committee Chairs

Legislative and L/PEC **open**
Retirement Planning Pam Patterson
RECREO M. Hoffman, J. Nolsheim
Social Services/Memorial Honor Fund
..... Marcia Semple
By-Laws Sue Campbell
Educational Support Diana Bowman
Community Service Peg Harding
Membership Mary K. Davis
Reservations Donna Vogel
Newsletter Editor Polly Shaw
..... Send newsletter info to
..... pollyshaw@zoominternet.net

MINUTES

Soni Laughhead won the Jack-OLantern
centerpiece.

Pat Halman won the Cat centerpiece.

Priscilla Beblo and Mary Lou
Waltman won the Raffle.

South Butler will host the December
17th meeting.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Frances A. Geisel
Recording Secretary



PASR Presidents, Butler Chapter

Mary K. Davis, Joanne Nolsheim, Helen Ferguson, and in front, Lorraine Kesterson.



**Margaret "Peg" Harding
PASR President, Butler Chapter 2014-2016**

Peg Harding will be serving as our new Butler Chapter President. All officers will be installed at the December

meeting by Veronica Rozic, Region 8 Director. Peg has been serving as president-elect and Community Service chair. Thank you, Peg!

With Peg vacating the president-elect chair, our chapter is in need of someone to step forward for that role. Is it you? Please contact her to find out more at harding.margaret@gmail.com

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP

The Butler Chapter of PASR has had ten new members join since July 1, 2014. Please welcome the following new members. Pattie Bajuszik and Ruth Scott form BC3, Linda Craig and Sharon Kline from Butler, Jody Harbison from Mars, LuAnn Bono, Valerie Brown, Joni Knoch, and Mary Mavero from South Butler, and Judith Aitken-Edwards.

I have been working to update our membership files. Please check the address label for the status of your dues as I have it. The date indicates when you are next due to pay for your membership. State membership due are the latest from the state office. If the date is not correct, please let me know so that I can work with you to get this straightened out. Your local dues are listed as they have been given to me by Jim Huemme. If I have incorrectly listed this date, please let me know. If there is no date for state and or local dues, you are at least two years in arrears. Please pay the current years dues and you will be

reenrolled and up to date with your dues.



Please greet our new members!

Mary Maverro, LuAnn Bono, Joni Knoch, Sharon Kline, Ruth Scott, and Pattie Bajuszik (left to right)

By the time you read this, we will know who will be the Governor of Pennsylvania for the next four years. No matter who is Governor or who the legislators are, we need to be diligent in watching what they are considering doing with our pensions. Our state legislative committee is keeping an eye on these proceedings. Some of this information is available on the public portion of the PASR website. You can view this public site without state membership. If you want to be able to participate in any of the member benefits and services that the state organization makes available, you must be a state member. These benefits include hearing and vision insurance, discounts of computers, discounts at theme parks, and the newest benefit is pet insurance. Remember – you can take part in any

of these benefits by becoming and maintaining state membership for \$50 / year or \$600 for a life membership.

Please invite any of your former coworkers to attend a luncheon with you and to join our chapter

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Reminder: *children's mittens, gloves, socks; plastic bottle caps; ink cartridges; BINGO prizes; canned goods and paper products for food bank*

Our PASR Butler County Volunteer of the year will be announced at our December meeting. Please come to our luncheon/ meeting and congratulate our newest volunteer for 2014!

We are continuing to help our troops in as many ways as possible. Keep clipping those manufacture coupons and bring them to the December meeting. Remember, the expiration date requirement should not go back more than 2 months ago. Please make sure you separate the coupons into FOOD and NON-FOOD items and place them in separate baggies or envelopes.

There is a wonderful web site for you to help our military and their families. Go to **soldiersangels.org** and find out what you, as an individual, can do to help support our troops here and abroad.

Our chapter is still making helmet hats for the military, and collecting pop can tabs, used ink cartridges, plastic bottle caps, Pringle cans, and "Bingo" prizes. All of these items have been greatly

appreciated by those in need. These items can be turned in at the luncheon.

The state PSAR wants all chapters to continue working with our K-12 youth. So, when you are shopping for Christmas presents in the next few weeks, buy an extra pair of socks, gloves, mittens, ear muffs, pencils, paper, coloring books, etc. and we will give them to our needy children in Butler County. Bring them to the luncheon, and we'll distribute them.

The state PASR also wants to help the hungry in our communities, so nonperishable food items and paper products will be greatly appreciated, too.

If you can think of other ways we can help our youth throughout the year, please let me know. This will be an on-going project, so let's come up with some unique ideas.

Also, please let me know if you and some other PASR volunteers are working on special projects for our youth and/or community members. If you need other PASR volunteers, I'm sure we can find them for you!

SOCIAL SERVICE MEMORIAL HONOR FUND

We are currently in touch with the following members: Norval Dunn, Mary Hoehn, Lorraine Kesterson, Doretha Kummer, Mary Ann Martsof, Robert Niesslein, Marilyn Rider, Clare Thompson, Louise Kunkle, and Angeline Venditto.

For our Halloween visit, we brought their favorite gift---Chocolate! We will be doing the same for their Christmas gift.

At our December meeting, we will be honoring our members who have passed during this past year. Please be present as we remember our colleagues during our Memorial Service.

**Scenes from our September 24 meeting
School District PASR Area
Chairs**

Butler Area
open Karns City Mary Lou
Waltman,
Margie Walker
Mars Priscilla Beblo
Moniteau Carol Ball
Seneca Valley Sue Campbell,
..... Ruth Kirk
Slippery Rock Ellen McIntyre
South Butler Doris Herceg

*Card Shower of
Cheer*

Mary Hoehn

100 Burgess Drive, Apt. 239
Zelienople, PA 16063

Mary Ann Martsof

100 Sterling Village
Butler, PA 16001

Excerpt from a thank you letter received..

“Thank you so much for your contribution to the BC3 Retiree scholarship. With your help, I am able to attend BC3 this semester as a full time student. I am currently enrolled in my second year at BC3 as an elementary education major, and I plan on transferring to a four year college to finish my bachelor’s degree and receive my teaching certification. In the last year, I have been on the President’s list both semesters and have been admitted to the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, all while working 35 hours a week as an assistant preschool teacher. With this scholarship, I am able to work

less this semester and concentrate more fully on my studies.”

Warmest regards,
Katrina Miles





You received a mailing from **PASR Memorial Honor Fund**. Since there was no annual convention last year and no silent auction, the Memorial Fund is down, as well as losing value during the recession and increased demand for assistance. PASR members watch out and care for one another. Please consider your support.

Here is the document shared by Mary K. Davis at the September meeting during our 50th anniversary celebration.

PASR

Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees

In appreciation of 50 years of exceptional leadership, dedication to the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees, promoting the interests of public school retirees, and serving the needs our members, the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees presents this Certificate of Commemoration to:

Butler Chapter

*In honor of its golden anniversary
with PASR, 1964-2014*

May your example of selfless service and dedication to promoting the interests and serving the needs of our members inspire future generations of PASR volunteers.
On behalf of the association and all the members whose lives you have enriched, we extend our sincere gratitude.



Barry N Kelly
BARRY N. KELLY, PASR PRESIDENT

Richard C Rowland
RICHARD C. ROWLAND, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees (PASR) was founded in 1937 and is the largest group of its kind in Pennsylvania, and third largest school retiree organization in the nation. Strictly a volunteer membership organization, PASR consists of, is governed by, and works exclusively to promote the interests and serve the needs of ALL persons who retired from the PA public schools.

Do you have fond childhood memories of spelling bees? Ed Support Chair, Diane Bowman, is looking for someone to run the spelling bee, which was dropped by the local radio station. Talk

with your friends. Work together and get this organized!

★ Member Benefits ★

Using the strength of its large membership, PASR has negotiated attractive group rates on a number of products and services, as a value added benefit to its members and does not receive financial compensation for our endorsement of any product or service.



Dental Insurance

Offered since 1991, the dental services plan administered by



United Concordia is one of the most popular programs provided by PASR. The price of a single service without insurance makes this plan easily pay for itself. Call 1-800-382-1352 if you have additional questions. For your convenience, a printable dental services application is available online to PASR members, along with an authorization for monthly withdrawal form to help facilitate payments

Emergency Response System Provider

Medical Alarm Concepts is a personal emergency



response system provider. What makes this system unique is that this medical alert system allows you to speak and listen directly through the wearable pendant transmitter, called a MediPendant™. When the large button on the pendant is pressed, a telephone call is made to an EMT-certified emergency operator. The operator will immediately dispatch medical personnel or a loved one to your location. They will also contact anyone that you have listed on your custom call list. PASR members are offered a special discount off the monthly cost of the MediPendant™ PERS, which equates to less than \$1 a day to provide you or a loved one with peace of mind. Getting started is easy because there is no service contract required and no cost for the equipment. As an added bonus, Medical Alarm Concepts will provide participating PASR members with a door emergency lockbox free-of-charge. This convenient device allows you to safely and securely store a key to your residence so that emergency personnel can gain access without breaking in and causing unnecessary damage to your home. For more information or to request a free detailed brochure, call Medical Alarm Concepts at 1-800-262-4239.

Hearing Aid Services

The Hear In America hearing plan provides PASR members and



their spouses with a free hearing screening through a monitored provider network. Substantial discounts off manufacturers' list prices are offered, as well as lifetime cleanings and checkup services, discounts on batteries, and additional warranties. This plan is offered through PASR without any fees to participate. For more information, call Hear in America at 1-800-286-61



The December program will be presented by Junior Achievement. JA impacted over 4.5 million U.S. students in more than 197,000 classrooms during 2013-2014.

Winter Storm Safety Reminders

- Winterize your vehicle and keep the gas tank full. A full tank will keep the fuel line from freezing.
- Running water, even a trickle, helps prevent pipes from freezing.
- All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside and kept clear.
- Prepare for a storm with at least a 3day supply of water and nonperishable, easy to prepare food.
- Be sure to have on hand coats, gloves or mittens, hats, boots and extra blankets and warm clothing for all household members.
- Protect yourself from frostbite and hypothermia by wearing warm, loose-fitting clothing in several layers. Stay indoors, if possible.
- Listen to NOAA weather or local weather for critical information.



Biltmore – America’s Largest Home

Asheville, in the Springtime Butler County PASR Trip April 20-23, 2015

Springtime comes to Western North Carolina between March 20 and May 23. This trip is planned to be in what may be the prime time to view an abundance of spring flora, including daffodils, dogwood, azalea, tulips and many more. The popular Biltmore Blooms that features over 130,000 blooms is always scheduled at this time. Trusting the weather and seasons live up to its expectations.

Monday morning, April 20, the trip begins with a day of travel. Lunch on-your-own at Tamarack Center, Buckley, WV then to Pigeon Forge, TN where we are scheduled to have supper and to see the famous **Dixie Stampede**. Enjoy seeing the 32 magnificent horses and a cast of top-notch riders as they thrill you with daring feats of trick and friendly competition. This all comes together with a patriotic salute of Red, White, and Blue featuring *Color Me America* written and recorded by Dolly

Parton herself. As the action begins you will be served a four-course feast, with no utensils, but not really hard to eat without them. We will spend the evening in Pigeon Forge. D

Tuesday morning, we drive through a part of the Great Smokey Mountains, making a rest stop at the Indian village of Cherokee with time for some shopping for native Indian crafts. We arrive in Asheville in time for lunch at the Biltmore Estate. The afternoon will be spent visiting the mansion and the estate grounds. The day closes with a short drive to Hendersenville, NC for dinner and stay for the evening. B, L, D

Wednesday morning, it is a drive to Charlotte, NC to visit the **Billy Graham Library** that opened May 31, 2007. The Library is arranged around the themes of "The Man," "The Ministry," "The Message," "and "The Mission" with the message being pre-eminent: the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Library building is styled after a dairy barn, reminiscent of Billy Graham's upbringing on a dairy farm. His boyhood home has been restored and us a short walk from the main Library building. Lunch will be on-your-own in the attached "Graham Brothers' Dairy Bar." After lunch, we will travel to Wytheville for dinner which may include a show. Staying tonight in Wytheville. B. D

Thursday morning in the way back to Butler, the first stop will be at New River Gorge Canyon Rim Visitors Center of a grand view of the gorge and information about the formation of the gorge. Next stop will be for lunch in Clarksburg, WV. Then, it will be another 100 some miles for an early arrival in Butler, after four full days of traveling. B,L

Cost: \$600.00 per person dbl; \$720 single; \$570.00 per/person triple; \$550.00 per/person quad.

INCLUDES: 3 nights lodging; 8 meals including taxes & tips; admissions as required; deluxe motor coach transportation.

DEPOSIT: \$100.00 with reservation; balance due by March 20, 2015

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **Butler County PASR**

MAIL CHECKS TO: **Margaret Hoffman, 140 Whipoorwill Rd, Butler, PA 16001**

PHONE for info: Margaret Hoffman 724-282-4454 e-mail
MHoff80037@zoominternet.net

Joanne Nolsheim 724-287-8148

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here.....

NAME _____ PHONE _____

STREET _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

TRAVELING
COMPANION _____

SPECIAL
REQUESTS _____

PASR TREASURER'S REPORT
July 1 - September 30, 2014 James
Huemme, Treasurer

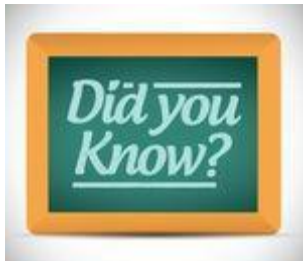
RECEIPTS:	
Local dues	\$350.00
State dues	500.00
Luncheon	777.00
Postage	75.00
Wisconsin trip	872.48

	\$ 2,574.48
EXPENSES:	
Memorial Book	\$ 30.00
SSMHF + Pin	22.98
Military mail	30.90
Luncheon	832.96
PASR	550.00
Newsletter	260.23
Postmaster	107.05
Savings (Credit Union)	500.00
Wisconsin trip	899.29
Trip Refunds	2,000.00

	\$ 5,233.41
Balance June 30, 2014	\$10,031.02
Receipts (above)	+ 2,574.48

	\$ 12,605.50
Expenses (above)	- 5,233.41

Checkbook balance September 30, 2014	7,372.09
Savings	+ 7,449.46
TOTAL FUNDS	\$ 14,821.55



Retired teachers doing substitute teaching are restricted in numbers of days worked. Retired teachers who work as subs for a supply service such as Kelly Educational Staffing have no such limit because they are paid by Kelly, not the district. The pay rate is set by the district. There are currently about 20 area districts with more pending, including Pine-Richland, Freedom, South Butler, Ellwood City, and Laurel in the counties of Allegheny, Butler, Beaver and Lawrence. See Polly Shaw for more information.

PASR Luncheon Meeting 12:00 Noon, Wednesday, December 17, 2014

Christ Community United Methodist Church
 205 N Duffy Rd
 Butler, PA 16001

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

RESERVATION DEADLINE: December 5, 2014

MENU

Turkey with stuffing
 mashed potatoes
 vegetable
 tossed salad
 cranberry sauce
 pumpkin bundt cake with
 cream cheese vanilla sauce beverage
 Price: \$11.50

ALTERNATE

Chef Salad pumpkin
 bundt cake with
 cream cheese vanilla sauce
 beverage
 Price: \$9.50

Reservation Form Deadline December 5, 2014
 PASR Luncheon, December 17, 2014

12:00 Noon at Christ Community Methodist Church

Member Name: _____

Guest Reservation: (name) _____

Number of reservations:

turkey @\$11.50 _____ Chef Salad @ \$9.50 _____

Total due: _____

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: (724-538-8413)

Donna Vogel

148 Spithaler School Road Evans City, PA 16033

PASR

Mary K. Davis

114 Freeport Road

Butler, PA 16001

<p>Pre sort STD Postage Pd. Per #510 Butler, PA 16001</p>
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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

DATED MATERIAL

THANK YOU

A stylized graphic consisting of two blue wavy lines that curve from the left side of the 'THANK YOU' text down and to the right, ending in a small swirl.

*Thank you, Mary
K. Davis for four
years of faithful
service as
President-elect
and then
as President of the PASR,
Butler Chapter. We
appreciate your leadership and
dedicated work.*