



# Journey

## Butler County Chapter Newsletter

Website: [www.pasrbutler.org](http://www.pasrbutler.org)

**May 2023**

### President's Message



It is appropriate to update our local database from time to time. Thank you so much for returning my letter, either confirming the printed information or adding/correcting what I had typed. I was glad to be able to touch base with each of you, personally. Well worth the effort!

Yes, I made a few typos as I prepared each individual letter; sorry! I thank you for the corrections and for the handwritten kind comments. All feedback is greatly appreciated! If you haven't returned it yet, please do so. About half have been received so far. I need every single one!

May I also suggest that you make sure that your family knows that you are a PASR member. A few of the

responses were from family who reported the passing. Show them this issue of *Journey*, and that contact info is on page 2.

On April 26, I participated via Zoom in the state Board of Directors meeting, in my capacity as Region 8 Director. Of particular interest was the COLA report from Triad.

Todd Bryziak and Michael Manzo, our lobbyists from Triad Strategies, and Kristen Holjes, PASR Executive Director, and Mark Krempa, PASR Executive Officer, have been having in-person meetings with some legislators at the state Capitol, in both House and Senate. Note that PSEA and AFT are also pursuing this common COLA goal and there is cooperation.

There are now some strong advocates. There is understanding that legislators have yearly COLA but our members haven't had one in more than 20 years. It seems so simple to fix from our perspective, but the

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

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legislators see lots of challenges. The complexity of the system is so great. They see the astronomical price tag. However, our members should not have to bear the cost of “catch-up” resulting in the legislators’ failure that allowed this for over 20 years.

It is viewed that those who are “NO’s” will never change, so in addition to the supporters, the contacts focus on those who are “wishy-washy” and could be persuaded. A huge roadblock is the politics involved. Legislators see votes as interrelated. “If I vote for this bill sponsored by someone else, how could that impact voting on a bill that I sponsor?”

Login to pasr.org and enter the members only side. Enter COLA in the Search Box. That will take you to PASR's written testimony to the Democratic Joint Policy Committee. Two PASR members submitted written testimony and one testified in person.

The bottom line, at least today, is that the support is growing to pass a COLA. Triad Solutions emphasized the importance of personal contacts from constituents, as I shared with you in the March issue of *Journey*. Contact your legislators in both Houses, and express your concerns. Let’s increase the pressure and movement for a COLA!!!!

**2003 Butler Chapter Calendar**

EXEC BD	GEN. MEMBER.
April 12	<u>May 31</u> , Knoch, <b>at Alameda Park, Masonic Shelter</b>
Aug 2	<u>Sept 27</u> , Mars
Oct 25	<u>Dec 6</u> , Moniteau

Butler County Chapter PASR  
General Membership  
Luncheon Meeting  
March 29, 2023

Christ Community Methodist Church

Polly welcomed us.  
Grace by Karns City.  
Lunch was served.  
Meeting was called to order at 12:50.  
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.  
President's Report- Each member was given a Gift Baggie containing an Emergency Card, jar opener, magnet, and contact card with information to reach Polly. Next Executive Board meeting- April 12 @ 10:00. General Membership meeting is May 31 @ Alameda Park.

We need to elect a delegate for the House of Delegates at the Double Tree, October 15-17.  
Mary K Davis and Polly Shaw will attend in other capacities. Fran Geisel was nominated as delegate by Peg Harding and seconded by Jeanne Moser. Motion passed.

Polly will be presenting a program titled "Keystone Shortway: I-80" Anyone can attend House of Delegates but cannot vote. It's in Cranberry Twp this time.

Minutes from December 7, 2022, as printed in *Journey*, was approved. Diana Bowman made motion. Jo Ann Meredith seconded.

Treasurer's report- Bill Shaw moved to accept the Treasurer's report as found in *Journey*. Donna Vargo seconded. Motion Passed.

State Vice President- State has approved the new Director. All

members are on the membership committee. Please invite new members to the next meeting.

RECREO- A flyer was given describing an Ohio Amish Country Tour on June 27-28 organized by Margaret Hoffman and Farrah McKinney. (Margaret is 98). Peg Harding is coordinating with them.

Community Service- We are still collecting Bingo prizes. Peg attended the presentation for the Laurretta Woodson Award to Knoch math teacher- Janine Archer and support professional- Kimberly Reel. Ms. Archer sent a thank you.

Journey- Polly discussed the font and size of type for the Journey. Reduced from 12 to 8 pages. No bulk mail rate anymore due to reduced number sent.

SS/MHF- Ruth reported that 32 Gift Cards were presented to Center Avenue Community School. We are also collecting personal hygiene items. Center Avenue has been appreciative of our contributions. Donations to the Mark McKillop fund have been sent to the state.

Program- A book "Forgotten Faces of Bedford Springs Hotel", researched and written by Bill May was discussed.

Bill will be presenting his public program, June 22 at Alameda Park. Bill then presented his video program, "Lost Faces of the Titanic".

Helen Hindman won the raffle.

Adjournment- 2:16.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Frances Geisel, Recording Secretary

## Community Service Report

Because of spring cleaning, death in families, and general care for others, we were able to take three boxes of items to Butler Life for their Bingo prizes. They included: puzzle books, stationary, greeting cards, jewelry, 2023 calendars, calculators, pens and pencils, notebooks, etc.

We are still collecting plastic bags for the homeless mats, juice drinks, and other items for our senior citizens.

Remember, we can provide items for Robin's Home, too. This organization has been set up to provide a full continuum of care for homeless, unstably housed or low-income women veterans and their children. They are located in Butler, PA and serve veterans in 7 counties: Allegheny, Armstrong, Butler, Clarion, Erie, Lawrence, and Mercer. Call (724) 453-4644 or email [mary@robinshome.us](mailto:mary@robinshome.us) with questions. We were impressed by the presentation of the organization at a past luncheon, so please check out their website at [robinshome.us](http://robinshome.us) to donate.

### CARDS of CHEER

#### Priscilla Beblo

415 Bull Creek Road  
Butler, PA 16002



**Mary K Davis**, who was State Vice-President, has been advanced to **President-elect**, due to an unexpected resignation of the man who was holding that position. She will be on the ballot for PASR State President at the Oct. House of Delegates, for 2024-2026.

#### Mary K Davis

505 Kenlee Drive  
Renfrew, PA 16053

## My Scamming Experience

By Peg Harding

Usually, I pay attention to what I do and don't do on my computer. Unfortunately, I was scammed in June 2022 and I thought that I had done a correct thing.

While using my computer and trying to print something, a message came on from the Canon printer. I thought the message came from Canon, so I called the number on my screen and was told that I had been hacked and that I needed to let the person I was talking to view my screen, which I did. To make a long story short, I paid \$800.00 via a photo of one of my checks to this Compsquad LLC, which had my bank's account number on it. I thought this transaction was good for one year's security on my Apple computer.

A few weeks ago, I was writing my Community Service report for the PASR newsletter and when I went to name the file, a message came on, again, saying I needed to call this number on the screen, which I did. After I "let" the man on the phone, (thinking he was from Apple Computer), have access to my computer, he told me there were viruses on my computer, including pornography sites, etc. In order to clean up the viruses, it would cost another \$800.00!

In the meantime, my daughter called and told me to call the police! Thank goodness, I listened to her. The police came, saw what was happening on my screen, and told me to shut down the computer. The "tech guy" called me and the policeman talked to him! The end of this story is - shut your computer down right away when a message like this comes on your screen!





**BUTLER COUNTY CHAPTER**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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TELEPHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DUES:            \_\_\_\_\_ Local - \$10.00            \_\_\_\_\_ State - \$60.00

                  \_\_\_\_\_ Local Life - \$150.00            \_\_\_\_\_ State Life - \$700.00

(State Life can be paid in two years at \$350.00 per year)

Please make check payable to Butler County PASR and mail to: Jim Huemme  
119 Shanor Heights      Butler, PA 16001

You each received a **tour flyer** in the April mailing, enclosed with the membership update letter. The flyer is also posted on the website at PASRbutler.org. This is the destination that you requested last year and is our main fundraiser.

This super tour is organized by **Margaret Hoffman** and her granddaughter, **Farrah McKinney**, so we know it will be a great experience for all!

The overnight trip will be **Tuesday, June 27 and Wednesday, June 28, 2023** to Ohio Amish county, including the Amish and Mennonite Heritage Center; bus tour of Holmes County with a step-on guide; Amish shops; family-style dinner; overnight at Carlisle Inn; Village of Sugarcreek; Ohio Star Theater for the show, "Dear Soldier Boy"; and then a stop at a Winery and Cheesehouse. See flyers for full details! Get your reservation in now.

Questions: Call Farrah at 724-664-1770 or [mckinneyfarrah1999@gmail.com](mailto:mckinneyfarrah1999@gmail.com)



PASR TREASURER'S REPORT  
January - March 31, 2023

RECEIPTS:

Local Dues	\$	200.00
State Dues		120.00
Raffle		45.00
Luncheon		563.00
Extra Food		44.50
		972.50

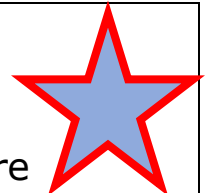
EXPENSES:

Minuteman Press	\$	139.00
Postage		120.00
Woodsen Awards		200.00
Hall Rental		125.00
Speaker		50.00
Decorations		50.00
PASR Dues (2)		120.00
Masonic Park Rent		90.00
		894.10

Previous Balance	\$	2,347.45
Receipts	+	972.50
		3,320.45
Expenses	-	894.10
Checkbook Balance		2,426.35
Savings	+	7,895.85
		10,322.20

**LOCAL DUES    \$10**  
**STATE DUES    \$60**

**MAY DAYS ARE PAYDAYS!**



If you pay annually, it's time. If you are a life member, you are covered!

Not sure? Check with Treasurer, Jim Huemme at 724-287-0454.

# 12:00 Noon, Wednesday, May 31, 2023

Catered by Monroe Hotel

HOST: Knoch



We will meet in Butler Township at Alameda Park. Shelter #8, **Masonic Shelter**, is adjacent to the playground and the waterpark. Enter from New Castle Road, PA 356, at the traffic signal near Jiffy Lube. That is Alameda Park Road. Then turn right to Pool Drive. Pass the playground. The Masonic Shelter #8 is on the right, with adjacent parking. Restrooms on site.

Turkey OR Ham Wrap boxed lunch *alternative*  
Cole Slaw chef salad  
Potato Salad Dessert  
Fruit cup  
dessert

decaf coffee, raspberry iced tea, water

**Reservation Form Due May 20, 2023**

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

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

Number of reservations: wrap @ \$14.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Chef salad \$14.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Circle wrap choice: turkey OR ham

First time retirees and nifty nineties are free total due: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to BUTLER COUNTY PASR. Mail to:**

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

May program: Master Gardeners



Information presented by Penn State Master Gardeners is consistent with Penn State recommendations and research-based information on best practices in consumer horticulture and environmental stewardship.