



Journey

Butler County Chapter Newsletter

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September 2018

President's Message

This may sound like a repeat of the Spring newsletter, but when Mary K Davis was awarded the 2017 John Dillon Award, we couldn't give it to her at the December 2017 luncheon, because she was not available to attend. Therefore, she was given the award at the spring 2018 meeting.

The 2018 John Dillon Award needs to be awarded before the end of 2018. I'll repeat the information that I wrote in the last issue of the *Journey*. "Once a year, PASR asks each chapter to honor one of our state members with the John Dillon Award. The John Dillon Service Award provides the opportunity for chapters to recognize individuals that have given service to the Association. Dr. John Dillon was a past president of the Association who was a consummate PASR volunteer. He held a record 38 positions in PASR, ranging from the local to the state level.

PASR wanted to develop a way to recognize the outstanding service provided to the association by individual volunteers at the local, region, and/or state level. Since Dr. Dillon was an ideal member, the PASR Board of Directors decided to name this recognition award in his honor." This 2018 John Dillon Award will be presented to one of our state members during the upcoming September luncheon, so be sure to attend, because it may be you!

The Butler Chapter of PASR will be awarding a \$500 scholarship to a current student majoring in education at the Butler County Community College. The awardee will be recognized at the BC3 Education Foundation, Inc. dinner on Saturday, October 13, 2018 on BC3's main campus. We will have more information concerning the recipient in the next *Journey*. We will be sending our President-elect, Polly Shaw, and

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our Ed. Support Chair, Diana Bowman, to represent us at the dinner.

The Loretta Woodson awards for a professional and support persons will be chosen by the Superintendent of the Seneca Valley School District for the 2018-2019 school year. Once we know who has been chosen, we will communicate that information in the next newsletter.

Our 80th PASR Day was celebrated on June 28, 2018. PASR is a Pennsylvania based association that represents former teachers, nurses, secretaries, aides, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, counselors, maintenance staff, and administrators. See page 4-5 for details about our Butler County observance.

I'm sorry to report that the upcoming RECREO trip to Harrisburg in September has been canceled. We didn't have enough interest from our members to sponsor this event.

The PASR Butler Chapter Retirement Fair for those new retirees and those who are planning to retire in the next several years will be held in the spring of 2019.

PASR Butler General Membership

Luncheon Meeting May 23, 2018
Christ Community Methodist Church

Peg welcomed us.
Slippery Rock led flag pledge.
Lunch was served.
Call to order by Peg.
President Report is in *Journey*.
Treasurer Report is in *Journey*.

Nancy Robertson is a new State member.

Community Service is in *Journey*. LPEG/LPEC- COLA is necessary. The video campaign did not pan out. An audio campaign is being organized. Hundinger is working with PSEA toward COLA.

RECREO- Trips are available. We are sponsoring a trip to the State Capital.

ED Support- BC3 Scholarship- check was sent to an Education Major.

SS/M/Honor Fund- Clara will be 103 on August 20. Helen is 106. Cards of cheer do not always indicate illness or injury.

Membership- Names of retirees need to be submitted to Sharon Kline.

Public Relations- PASR Day proclamations from both the state and county. WISR broadcasts: Brittany Buzzelli, June 3; Dave Malarky, June 21. Guest reader sign-up sheets available. A slide show was presented. Region VIII- need regional membership chair.

Birthday Party- discussions on PASR memories were shared.

Executive board meeting August 2, 2018. South Butler hosting luncheon on September 26, 2018.

Mary K Davis won the raffle.

Plants were won by Virginia Shirey and Jeanne Moser.

Respectfully Submitted, Frances Geisel
Recording Secretary

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

Two large boxes of manufacturers' coupons were sent to the Navy commissaries in Guam and Yokosuka, Japan. Military families really appreciate these discount coupons and the Boxtops for Education.

Nine large garbage bags of plastic bottle caps were sent to Maryland in

August to be recycled. The money generated from these caps is used to help defray costs of dialysis for people who have little or no insurance. Thank you so much for collecting these. Soon, my nephew in Maryland will need a larger car to transport them!



Bingo prizes for Butler Life Adult Daycare, pop can tabs, cut plastic bag strips for the homeless mats, Pringle cans, used ink cartridges, food bank items, children's books (new or slightly used), and Center Ave. children's supplies are still needed. Continue to help others in need by bringing more items to the September luncheon.

Since we celebrated our 80th PASR birthday at the May luncheon, we held our original guest speaker that was scheduled for that date. Therefore, the September luncheon speaker, Principal Keenan McGauchey, will talk about the Center Ave. Alternative School, which works with students from across Butler County.



We have been sending school supplies, clothing, snack treats, and gift cards to these students for awhile. Please continue to send these items. Many of these children and teenagers have little at home in regards to socks, hygiene materials, snacks, \$10 gift card from Walmart, juice drinks, school supplies, etc. and they need our help. Please consider bringing these items for the children to our luncheon so that we can send a nice supply back to the school with their principal

Remember to keep track of your volunteer hours! The tally form will be included in the next newsletter.

Region Director's Report

At the July Board of Directors meeting, we covered many topics. Van Johnson from Region 5 presented a beautiful wooden plaque to our association in honor of our 80th birthday. It will be displayed in the office lobby.



The office staff is still working on finalizing solutions with Wells Fargo and PISI/AMBA.

Jeff Hunsicker has reported that there is momentum building for the passing of a COLA. It will not happen this year, but progress is being made.

We also had a presentation by Al Campos from **National Retired Teachers' Association (NRTA)** spoke. He explained how NRTA is related to AARP. He also talked about how NRTA hopes to strengthen ties between PASR and NRTA so that collaboration can be increased in membership recruitment and legislative initiatives, particularly pension protection and Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs) issues.

NRTA was started by Dr. Ethel Andrus in 1947 after finding some school retirees living on the street. She wanted to do something to help these retirees, so she started NRTA which then grew into AARP to assist all retirees. PASR was ten years old when Dr. Andrus started NRTA and our association helped in the development on NRTA.



All you need to do is call AARP at 1-888-687-2277.

When you do so, **ask that NRTA be added to your card.** There is no additional membership fee when you add NRTA to your AARP membership. If you are already a member of AARP, call the number above and have NRTA added to your current card.

If you have any concerns that you want me, Mary K Davis, to share with the state office and board of directors, please let me know. My number is 724-285-3522 and my email is

auntfrog@zbzoom.net.



Flag flown over the US Capitol, presented to PASR.



COUNTY OF BUTLER
PROCLAMATION

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL RETIREES
JUNE 28, 2018

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees (PASR) was established on December 28, 1937, and is a pioneer of non-profit voluntary membership organizations nationally, having helped establish both the National Retired Teachers Association (NRTA) and then the American Association of Retired persons (AARP) in 1958; AND

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees is celebrating its 80th Anniversary of service to the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; AND

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Association for School Retirees is a diverse and inclusive organization, composed of Pennsylvania public school retirees: former teachers, nurses, secretaries, classroom building aides, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, counselors, maintenance staff, and administrators; AND

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees' members volunteer across this state and other states, dedicated to the well-being of children, the elderly, and all those in need; AND

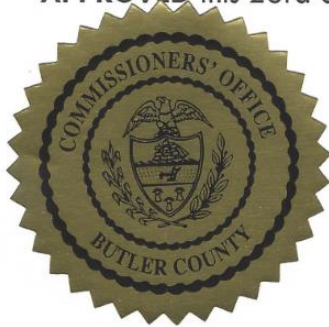
WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees members assist Pennsylvania's communities, donating to food banks, clothing banks, day and child care, and libraries; AND

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees recognizes the outstanding achievements of public school educators and employees through educational grants and awards students obtaining a higher education through scholarship donations; AND

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees strives to improve the well-being of senior Pennsylvanians; **AND NOW**

THEREFORE, WE, the BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS do hereby recognize the contributions of the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees for the past 80 years and do hereby proclaim June 28, 2018, as **PASR DAY**. We encourage all Pennsylvanians to join in and recognize this special observance.

APPROVED this 23rd day of May, 2018.



Scott Andrejchak, Chief Clerk/Director of Administration

Leslie A. Osche, Chairman

Kimberly D. Geyer, Vice Chairman

Kevin E. Boozel, M.S., Secretary

Butler County Observance of PASR's 80th Birthday

PASR was founded December 28, 1937. This is not a convenient celebration time so PASR instead chose the following half-birthday. June 28, 2018 was our "official" 80th birthday. Each state chapter was asked to observe it in some way.

During our May meeting, each member had an opportunity to share a chosen PASR memory with those at the table. Then each table selected one spokesperson to share that memory

Sonie Laughead arranged for some members to be guest readers at county libraries that have a summer storytime.



Guest Reader Miss Polly at the Zelienople Library storytime on July 5.

Brittany Buzzelli of the Butler Area Agency on Aging located at Sunnyview, hosts a radio program on WISR. Polly Shaw was her guest on the June 3 show to talk about PASR Butler.

Dave Mararky hosts a talk show on WISR. Peg Harding and Polly Shaw were guests on his June 21 program to share PASR with his listening audience.





"Guests on the Thursday June 21 'It's Your Turn' show include retired teachers Peg Harding and Polly Shaw, who will share information on the 80th anniversary of PASR—the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees....Host Dave Malarkey also talks with Karen Gross about "World Giraffe Day," and with Donna

Eden & David Feinstein about their book "Energies of Love."

Type in this link to hear the show:
<https://wizr680.com/its-your-turn-guests-thurs-6-21/>



PASR BUTLER COUNTY 2018 CALENDAR

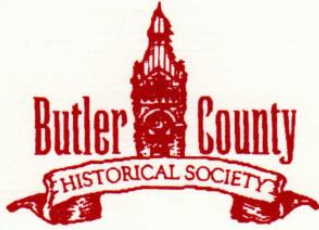
State Committee Meetings in Mechanicsburg	August 28-29, 2018
General Membership Luncheon(Host SB)	September 26, 2018
Region 8 Meeting in Grove City	October 10, 2018
Leadership Conference in State College, PA	October 15-16, 2018
Butler Chapter Executive Meeting	Thurs. Oct. 25, 2018
General Membership Luncheon(Host Butler)	December 12, 2018

Cards of Cheer Just say hello and brighten a day!

Priscilla Beblo
 415 Bull Creek Road
 Butler, PA 16002



Fran Geisel
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Dear Peg and Members of the PASR,

The mission of the Butler County Historical Society is to collect, preserve, and interpret the documents, artifacts, and historical sites of Butler County's rich heritage for the educational benefit of the public. One of the sites we preserve is the Little Red School House. This building, built and opened in 1838 as Butler's first Public School is still in use to educate all ages of the residents and visitors to Butler. For three days each spring, we host all the 5th grade students who now attend Butler's Middle School.

In order to continue preserving this building, we have had an unexpected expense to install a new furnace at a cost of \$2300.00.

In light of this need, the Society respectfully requests support in the amount of \$1,000.00 to help with this expense.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter as we move forward preserving and sharing Butler's great history.

Sincerely,

Patricia M. Collins
Executive Director

The Butler County Historical Society is a private, non-profit, 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to collect, preserve, and interpret Butler County's historical records and artifacts for the educational benefit of the public. All proceeds benefit the Society in preserving Butler County's rich history.

**Senator
Walter Lowrie House**
123 West Diamond St.
Butler, PA 16001

**Cooper Cabin
Pioneer Homestead**
199 Cooper Road
Cabot, PA 16023

**The Little Red
School House**
200 East Jefferson St.
Butler, PA 16001



MEMBER FOCUS



Romania is not foreign territory for **Marcia Semple.**

The retired Mars School District teacher has made 17 trips to the country since 1998. In July, Semple made it 18 as she lead a group of 11 parishioners from Glade Run Presbyterian Church, 1091 Pittsburgh Road, on a mission trip to the Eastern European country.

The trip is a multigenerational one. The youngest traveler is Mia Ola, at 14, and Semple is the oldest parishioner, at 74.

Others taking the trip include Pastor Greg Wiest, Claire Wiest, Gloria Dillner, Reid Marburger, Samantha Bartley, Sarah Bartley, Erin Neff, Judy Kurtzrock and Melissa Ola.

Semple first became interested in traveling to Romania through John Gunden, a praise leader from Michigan. The two met in 1996 on a mission trip to Mexico. Gunden had mentioned his previous mission work in Romania.

"He said he was going to take a team over there in 1998," Semple said. "I said, 'Give me a call and I'll see what God wants me to do.' In 1998, I felt a call to go over to Romania."

The Farm of Hope is for young boys who were abandoned or on the streets. The farm provides stability and a homelike atmosphere. Semple explained there are still grown men that reside on the farm, for fear of moving back to a city.

"It's a beautiful working farm," Semple said. "If Pastor Tenil hears the situation of a young man, he'll bring them in. They have chores to do, animals to take care of, and he's their spiritual father as well. He makes sure they know there is another eternal life we look forward to."

Last year, Semple raised enough money to give each person on the farm \$250, which they used on "simple things of life," including shampoo, soap, food, a new pair of shoes or rent money for when they enter back into society. Semple called the monetary donations "gifts of love."

Pictures and excerpts from The Butler Eagle online by Rachael McKrigger, July 19, 2018

At our September meeting, we will talk and decide together about any donation directly from the club for **The Little Red School House**; see letter on page 8. Would you please consider making a personal donation. Bring it to the club and we will see that it is delivered, either cash or check to the Butler County Historical Society.

BUTLER COUNTY PASR
TREASURER'S REPORT
April 1, 2018-June 30, 2018

RECEIPTS:

Local Dues	\$ 460.00
State Dues	1,170.00
Luncheon	594.00
Postage	99.00
	\$ 2,323.00

EXPENSES:

Luncheon	\$ 671.64
Minuteman Press	307.47
Postmaster	80.02
BC3 Education Foundation	500.00
PASR Dues	1,050.00
Military Mail	87.00
	\$ 2,696.13

Checkbook Balance March 31, 2018	3,822.22
Receipts	+ 2,323.00
Total	6,145.22
Expenses	- 2,696.13
Checkbook Balance June 30, 2018	3,449.09
Savings	+ 9,179.07

TOTAL FUNDS \$12,628.16



Profits from RECREO trips that **we** sponsor are a main source of income for our club. Please consider destinations that would be of interest to you. The Harrisburg trip sounded great but was cancelled due to lack of interest. Do you prefer day trips or overnight? Please consider carefully and be ready to share an idea!! These trip profits finance our club, so we need to improve our offerings to attract participants. Just the thought of no driving, no parking search, a great day with fellow travelers and a no-worry trip are great benefits. Where do you want to go????

**PASR Luncheon Meeting
12:00 Noon, Wednesday, September 26, 2018**

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

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

Regular

Parmesan crusted chicken breast
Rice pilaf
Steamed vegetables
Fresh fruit cup
Cookie
Decaf coffee, raspberry iced tea
Water

\$12.00

Alternate

Chef salad
Fresh fruit cup
Cookie
Decaf coffee, raspberry iced tea
Water

alternate meal \$12.00



Program: Principal Keenan McGauchey will speak about the Center Avenue Alternative School which we support. Learn about this important work and why they need our help.

Reservation Form Deadline **September 14, 2018**
12:00 Noon at Christ Community Methodist Church

Member Name: _____

Guest Reservation: (name) _____

Number of reservations:

chicken @\$12.00 _____ chef salad @ \$12.00 _____

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
Butler, PA 16001*

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Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees



**Please remember to help by
donating to others and to
strengthen our group voice. Check
in on a friend and say hello!
See inside for specific requests on
pages 3, 4, 7, 8, and 10.**

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