

Butler County Chapter Newsletter
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March 2022



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President's Message



I have been studying the area glacial lakes as I prepare a program for ILR (Institute for Learning in Retirement in Slippery Rock.) This program idea was suggested to me and I have had great fun researching to create and illustrate a narrative about Lake Prouty, Lake Watts, and Lake Edwards, which were formed by the glaciers pooling the north flowing streams. Researching is a great treasure hunt! Perhaps my

greatest asset is that I personally know a retired state geologist, who clarifies some points for me so that I present the most accurate account that I can. I find answers in books, to be sure, but I check with several experts to be sure that I understand.

When I was teaching and would introduce myself to each year's class of parents, I characterized myself as a lifelong learner. Now in my 11th year of retirement, it's satisfying to realize that it is still true!

Yes, I have had to learn *way too much* this past week about the workings of our home's septic system; about appreciating my silver reflection; about the need for prisms in my eyeglass prescription so that things don't appear doubled above and below. All important to know, but not motivations to start my day.

What are you learning right now? What motivates your day? What do you rejoice to learn and share to keep mentally active? Your exploring may be more by media than by your feet, but keep discovering. Learn about weaving and spinning at our March program, presented by Karen Parsons.

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General Membership Meetings

March 30, *Slippery Rock*,
May 25, *South Butler*, Alameda Park
September 28, *Butler*
December 7, *BC3*
Exec: April 6, August 3, Oct. 19

Butler County Council PASR

General Membership
Luncheon Meeting
December 8, 2021
Christ Community Methodist Church

Polly welcomed us.
Luncheon was served.
Polly called the meeting to order.

Program- After viewing several patriotic videos, the American Legion Honor Guard explained and performed various services including flag folding, the MIA flag, the "missing man" table, gun salute, and taps.

The flag pledge began the business part of the meeting.

SSMHF- Ruth Scott led in a memorial service for those who passed in **2020**- Robert Shoemaker, Evelyn Stevenson, Helen Cypher, Barbara Wigton, Mary Lou Tooch, Nancy Hollifield, Joanne Grossman, Calvin Stevens, Alice DeSantis, Alice "Sue" Gombos, Raymond Knotick, Mary Ann Martsolf, Dorothy West, John Patten, Frances Cashdollar, Emily Maffi, Sylvia Enslin, Dominic Virgallito, Audrey Gerlach, Regis Schiebel- and in **2021**- Donald Busler, Diane Duryea, Joyce Cooper, Dorothy Bowser, Nancy Kimble, Val Jean Freehling, Lois Yeager-Sharpe, Thomas Morton, Janet Scott, Jean Costa, Virginia Thompson, Fred Minehart, Marjorie Kirk, Geraldine Look, James Gosnell, Esther Sassone. Our website contains lists of members who have passed, along with links to obituaries. Please remember our shut-ins with cards- ZoAnn Weckerly, Paul Costo, Floyd Wagner, H. Pauline Rodgers, Margaret Hoffman, Pamela Patterson, and Betty Butler.

Treasurer's report is in Journey.

Region 8- Mary K Davis has been elected to State Vice President beginning January 1, 2022. This presents the need for a new Region 8 director. Without a director we lose ability to vote in state matters. Criteria for the Woodson award now allows the award to be presented to an individual, group of people, or a district. Member benefits include BJ's (soon to open in Bridgeville), heating, gas, computer purchases, and travel.

President- Polly welcomed new members Debra Frazier and Pat Mitts. 2022 luncheon meeting dates are- March 23 (CHANGE: **30**), May 25, September 28, December 7. 2022 Executive Board meeting dates are- February 2, April 6, August 3 October 19. The September meeting minutes were approved. After discussion, a motion was made by Diane Bowman and seconded by Ruth Scott to hold the May 25 luncheon meeting at Alameda Park. Polly plans to reserve the shelter as soon as possible. Officers are needed for Region 8 Director and local President and President Elect. A vote may be needed to eliminate the clause limiting a President to one- two-year term allowing Polly to continue as President. Ideas are needed for fundraising. Some suggestions were raising dues, basket raffles via ZOOM, or a golf outing. Please inform family of PASR membership so we may be contacted upon passing. A Virtual Benefits Presentation will be conducted on March 23. Registration is required and due on March 9. Polly has been asked to serve on the State Public Relations Committee. We need to have a contact person for each district for planning purposes for hosting

meetings. Because of thinning the rolls, we no longer qualify for bulk mail rate. Please consider the email version.

Community Service- Peg Harding recognized Mary K Davis for her election to State Vice President. Local Volunteer of the Year is Sue Wingfield. State Volunteer of the Year is Carol Ball.

A reminder- we are still collecting gift cards (\$10 from Target or Walmart) for Center Avenue School.

Carol Ball won the raffle.

Christmas Carols were sung. Carol Ball played the piano.

Meeting adjourned- 2:20.

Respectfully Submitted,
Frances Geisel
Recording Secretary

Community Service Report

Peg Harding

I'm not sure we will ever see spring, but the snow sure is pretty, even though it's so cold outside. Stay warm in your hibernation "headquarters" and enjoy watching TV, reading, napping, cooking, and all those other things retirees love to do everyday. I still listen for snow cancellations and two hour delays for my former school district (Mars) and for schools where I live and where my great nephew teaches (Steel Valley)! Jim and Kay Huemme wanted all of you to know that they are collecting "plastic bag" strips, again, to make the "Mats for the Homeless".

If you don't remember how to cut the plastic bags, follow these instructions:

1. Use any color plastic grocery bags.
2. Fold the bag lengthwise and cut off the seamed end and the handles.
3. Cut strips 2 1/2 - 3 inches. You should get 5 strips per bag.
4. If the plastic is thicker, cut smaller strips - about 2 inches.
5. If the bags is thinner, cut larger strips - about 3-4 inches.
6. You can cut multiple bags at a time
7. Rubber band as many strips of the plastic together for storage and bring them to our March luncheon.
8. The strips will then be connected and crocheted by another group.

Center Avenue Community School students have really appreciated the \$10 gift cards from Target and Walmart. These cards are used as incentives for students to "perform" better in their classroom activities. If you can't get to one of those two stores, Ruth Scott will, gladly, accept monetary donations and then get the gift cards.

"Life Butler County" is accepting donations for their Bingo program, again. Because of restrictions, they will accept the following: hand lotions, soaps, Dollar Store items such as night lights, flash lights, individual snacks and/or drinks, or anything that hasn't been previously used.

From the PASR Vice President

Mary K Davis

I hope that all of you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year! As I write This, the sun is shining and we are having a heat wave of 44° before that next on slot of winter.

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As you may already know, at the October House of Delegates meeting I was elected the state Vice President. As such, I am not eligible to be Region 8 Director. At this point in time we have no director for our region. I will keep you informed of any information from state, but without a director our region does not have a voice at state Board of Directors meetings. Please give heartfelt consideration to volunteering to fill this role. Many of the meetings are on ZOOM which makes it a lot easier to attend the meetings without the travel that has been involved in the past.

Throughout the past two years the state office staff has worked diligently to keep our organization functioning. They have done yeoman's duty by combining working from home and working at headquarters on a rotational basis. We have a great staff that does a lot for us.

Mark McKillop and the L/PEC committee are continuing to work with TRIAD, our lobbying group, to talk with legislators in regards to a COLA. This is a top priority for PASR.

On March 23 there will be a Members Benefits and Services event on ZOOM. Watch for more information about this event. It will be taped so that we may view it after our March meeting.

At the October House of Delegates, our own Polly Shaw presented her PA Turnpike program. She received a 5.00 rating out of 5. Her presentation was rated as the best of all of the sessions rated. WAY TO GO, POLLY!!

Thank you for all of your help during my time as your region director.

Pull up a chair and let's chat!



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First, let's offer grateful appreciation to Priscilla Beblo for 16 years service as PASR Mars Representative. She continues as a member and is passing the rep job to Minette Thompson. Thanks, Minette, for stepping up!



For some years, our main method of fundraising was profit from trips. Margaret Hoffman has been a master of this and has served us well, but it is time to pass the baton. Grateful thanks to Margaret, too!

PASR Butler has a confirmed reservation for the Masonic Shelter at Alameda Park for our May 25 meeting. We tried that last year and it was very successful! It's a wonderful facility, with restrooms at one end.

Exec Board is seeking your opinions about a fall day trip (not overnight) but would include a meal. We do have some solid leads on experienced planners. What are your thoughts? Be ready to speak up at our **March 30 meeting, or email Polly.** Some proposed ideas include:

Phipps Conservatory for the fall flower show; Ohio Amish Country; Flight 93 Memorial; Fallingwater. What destination would entice you to participate????



We are cutting back on newsletter expenses. (I can sincerely say that this shortened *Journey* is due to a week's worth of septic problems at my house!!!) The intention is to have more people sign up for the electronic version via email. After time, the mailer will be only a "Reader's Digest" version, sent first class but with the full version sent via email and posted on the website. With paring down our membership list, we no longer qualify for bulk mailing. At this point, the 2022 permit is paid, so we have to pay additional for the number sent that is less than 200. By December we will send out the short version in a first class envelope to those who don't do email. **If you are willing to eliminate the mailed version, please send your request with your preferred email address to pollyshaw@zoominternet.net.**

I do appreciate that some members are wary of being indoors. Please note that at our December meeting, we did spread out the tables and only sat six per table, not eight. You are welcome to wear a mask, if you choose. We have had our shots and booster and hope that you have, too. My husband, Bill Shaw, will be joining us in the foreseeable future since the church facility does not have a custodian at present. We have to set up our tables and clean up when finished. Bill is overseeing that need.



THINKING OF YOU

Please consider sending a cheerful card to say "thinking of you."

Pamela Patterson
Concordia Lutheran Ministries
Lunn bldg., Room 2407
134 Marwood Rd
Cabot PA 16023



Betty Butler
210 North Bluff St
Butler PA 16001

PASR TREASURER'S REPORT October 1, 2021-December 31, 2021 James A. Huemme

RECEIPTS:

Local Dues	\$	100.00
State Dues		300.00
Ed. Support		200.00
SSMHF		110.09
Del Support		75.00
Luncheon		540.00

1,375.09

EXPENSES:

PASR Dues	\$	240.00
Luncheon (2)		919.50
Minuteman Press		141.22
Postmaster		60.49
Conf. Basket		50.00
Program/Decorations		73.32

1,484.53

Balance Sept. 31, 2021	\$	1,636.67
Receipts	+	1,375.09
Total		3,011.76

Expenses	\$ -	1,484.53
Checkbook Balance		1,527.23
Savings	+	8,359.21

Total Funds Available \$ 9,886.44

Remember the date change!!!



PASR Luncheon Meeting
12:00 Noon, Wednesday, March 30 2022

Christ Community Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 205 N. Duffy Road, Butler, PA

Catered by Monroe Hotel

HOST: Slippery Rock

Chicken Marsala
Scalloped Potatoes
Tossed Salad
\$15

alternative
chef salad
\$15

dessert Iced tea, bottled water, coffee



Our program will be by **Karen Parsons**, from *Weavers and Spinners Guild*. This is the long awaited program that we had to miss when our meetings were cancelled, so we're thrilled to have her at our **March 30** meeting to present: *It takes a year and a Day*" creating clothing in Colonial Pennsylvania.

While emphasis is placed on spinning and weaving, members of the Guild also knit, crochet, felt, and raise their own fiber-supplying animals, including sheep, alpacas, rabbits, and goats. No fiber related art is off limits to try! The 50-some members' expertise vary from beginning spinners and weavers to nationally and internationally known experts!

Reservation Form Deadline **March 18, 2022**

Christ Community Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 205 N. Duffy Road, Butler, PA

Member Name: _____

Guest Reservation: (name) _____

Number of reservations: chicken marsala @\$15.00 _____

Chef salad @ 15.00 _____

First time retiree and nifty nineties are free total due: _____

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 505 Kenlee Dr.
Renfrew, PA 16053

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