



*Butler County  
Chapter  
Newsletter*

**September 2016**

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**Celebrating our 53rd year!**

***President's Message***

I hope you have had an enjoyable summer, either traveling, staying at home, visiting friends and family, or just reading, volunteering, or watching TV! I seem to watch quite a bit of TV, since I now get the Hallmark Channel! I loved the "Christmas in July" movies and all of the other nice "wholesome" movies that channel shows!

There have been some major changes in the state organization of PASR. You can read about them in this newsletter. They concern resignations and new appointments of the Executive Director, State treasurer, and other state PASR executive positions.

Since this year's elections center around the presidential election, we won't be inviting any candidates to come to our September luncheon. I'm sure neither of the presidential candidates would even consider talking with us, and many of us, probably, wouldn't want to talk with them, either!

Some of our Butler PASR members went with the Armstrong PASR group to Washington County in August and

enjoyed visiting the Trolley Museum, the David Bradford house in Washington, PA, Sarris Chocolate Company in Canonsburg, PA as well as other historic sites in the southwestern part of our state.

Our own Butler PASR local trip was canceled to PNC Park, the Andy Warhol Museum, and the Aviary, due to the lack of interest. If you know of other local destinations in our area for a one-day "field trip", please let Margaret Hoffman know. There's a flyer in this newsletter for our local organization members and anyone else for our PASR Butler Chapter winter trip, "Christmas City, USA" at the end of November.

Because PASR only has the state convention every two years, money generated from the convention's state gift auction which is designated to the SSMHF (Social Services/Memorial/ Honor Fund) would not be available this year. Therefore, your executive board voted to send \$50 to state headquarters to supplement that fund. All chapters across the state are asked to do the same.

The PASR State Leadership Conference will be held from October 16-18, 2016. We are allowed to send three local/state members to this conference. The three representatives haven't been appointed yet, but I'll know by the September luncheon.

The State PASR lottery raffle was held during the month of July. Did any of you who purchased those \$20 raffle tickets, win? Please let us know, so that we can congratulate you!

At our last luncheon in May, I mentioned that Marcia Semple's name was submitted to the AARP's "For Our Youth" award. Unfortunately, she wasn't recognized, because the AARP didn't participate in that program this year. I wasn't notified until after I had sent in our recommendation!

***Congratulations from your local PASR chapter, Marcia!*** We recognize your dedication to children in our community as well as children across the country and the world!

This year we will award the John Dillon Service Award to one of our local/state PASR members, just as we've done in the past. The award has been developed in an effort to recognize individuals that give tremendous service to the association and its members. Last year, Joanne Nolsheim received the award. Come to the luncheon on September 28th to join in recognizing this year's awardee. You have to wait until then to find out this his/her name!

Peg Harding  
President, Butler County Chapter

### ***Butler Chapter Officers***

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### ***Committee Chairs***

Legislative and L/PEC ..... **OPEN**  
Retirement Planning ... Pam Patterson  
RECREO .....M. Hoffman, J. Nolsheim  
Social Services/Memorial Honor Fund  
**OPEN**  
By-Laws .....Sue Campbell  
Educational Support ...Diana Bowman  
Community Service .....Peg Harding  
Member Benefits & Services .... **OPEN**  
Membership .....Mary K. Davis  
Nomination ..... **OPEN**  
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Resolutions ..... **OPEN**  
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### ***PASR School Entity Area Chairs***

Butler Area ..... Sharon Kline  
BC3 .....Ruth Scott, Pattie Bajuszik  
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 .....Virginia Shirey

**Meeting Location: Christ Community Methodist Church at 205 North Duffy Road, in Butler Township behind Target. See you September 28, 2016 at Noon.**

PASR Butler County Chapter  
General Membership; Luncheon  
May 26, 2016

Christ Community Methodist Church

Peg welcomed us. Sue Campbell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Nifty Nineties welcomed. Margaret Hoffman 91, Floyd Wagner 91, Clara Thompson 100, Marion Bell 97.

Lunch was served. Call to order by Peg. March 2016 minutes were approved.

Community Service- Collecting plastic baby dolls and doll blankets.

RECREO- trips to Pittsburgh, Bethlehem, and Norway, see flyers.

Membership- Spread information by word of mouth. Also need names of retirees.

Social Services/Memorial/Honor Fund- Need to add June Kumer, Barbara Frantz. Members Helen Cypher 103 and Mary Hoehn 105. Remember cards of cheer.

Public Relations- Need photos from Retirement Fair for newsletter.

Region VIII – State treasurer, acting 2nd Vice president, and executive director resigned.

Retirement Fair- Attendance 34 persons, 8 vendors, 17 school districts invited. Positive feed-back from attendees.

PASR Butler Chapter Brochure- Polly distributed and explained brochure to membership. There are plenty brochures for future events.

Marcia Semple has been nominated for the AARP “With Our Youth” award.

Program- Concordia Lutheran Ministries- “Staying well with nutrition as we grow older”. Nutrition and aging flyers were discussed.

Executive Board meeting, August 3, 2016. Chapter Luncheon, September 28, 2016 with Slippery Rock as host.

Raffle winner- Pat Smith.  
Adjournment 1:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Frances Geisel, Recording Secretary

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Thank you so much for all of the volunteer service you do throughout the year!

After the May general membership meeting, we were able to supply Slippery Rock Elementary School with many summer activity items such as: jump ropes, coloring books and crayons, puzzles, playing cards, board games, juice drinks, and many more

creative things to keep the children busy throughout their summer recess and off the electronic devices!

We received a thank you for the military manufactures' coupons (see letter inside this newsletter) from the Navy Marine Corps in Rota, Spain and then we were able to send three large Post Office boxes to the Air Force commissaries in Okinawa, Japan, Yokota, Japan, and Lakenheath, United Kingdom. Postage is expensive, but thanks to our 50/50 raffles, we are able to cover those costs without going into our general treasury.

In the May newsletter, we posted the Community Service Tally Sheet. I hope you kept that paper and are counting your hours from January 1 - December 31, 2016. We will be collecting them at the December general membership meeting. Even though the hours continue through the end of December, you can estimate your volunteer hours for the last few weeks of December.

As you enter the Christ Community United Methodist Church for our quarterly luncheons, please look at the carts loaded with your "gifts" to our neighbors and friends "far and wide". Collections of pop can tabs, plastic bottle caps, Pringle cans, manufactures' coupons and Box Tops for the military, Bingo prizes for Butler Life, canned goods and paper products for the food bank, used ink cartridges, plastic bags for the "homeless mats", and a few more needed items.

This fall we will be collecting school supplies, again, for one of our

elementary schools in Butler County. We need tablets, pencils, pens, crayons, construction paper, Kleenex, magic markers, and any other items the children may need for the classroom.

While visiting Concordia Skilled Care facility to see my friend of some 40 years, I noticed many of the women with dementia and Alzheimer's had soft baby dolls and knitted blankets which they were holding. I asked the aide if more babies and blankets were needed for the patients and her answer was a definite "YES". If you crochet or knit, baby blankets would be appreciated and if you can buy or get any soft baby dolls from grandchildren or great grand-children that have "outgrown" them, please bring them to the September meeting. Thanks!

The "Walker/Wheelchair Tote Bag" project was completed a few months ago with three of our Butler PASR chapter ladies helping Shaley Parry, a 17 year old young lady, who wanted to attain the "Gold Star" award for Girl Scouts. A total of 113 Velcro equipped, fabric totes were distributed at the Southwestern Veterans Center in the Lincoln-Lemington section of Pittsburgh, PA. A special thank you to Kay Huemme, Joanne Van Deusen, and Peg Harding for working countless hours completing this project with Shaelyn.

Loom Exquisite Textiles in Pittsburgh's Strip District donated their discontinued samples of yard goods used for the tote bags. After talking with Shealyn recently, there is still

more fabric left. So, anyone who would like to continue making tote bags for our Butler County veterans, call me (Peg Harding) at 724-502-4065.

### **THANK YOU NOTES RECEIVED**

"We wanted to let you know that Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society here in Rota, Spain is very thankful for your support and coupons! Your coupons are being put to good use by our families and single soldiers and sailors here in Rota at our commissary; as well as getting our volunteers, volunteer hours for sorting the coupons."

From Sarah Sutton, Navy Marine Corps Relief Society. Rota, Spain Office

"Thank you for your generous gift-in-kind contributions of various toiletries, candy, and decorative bath items. Without your help and the help of other good friends, it would be impossible to serve elders so that they may experience a more *Abundant Life*."

Growing older can bring increased frailty and with that, the need for medical, spiritual and financial support. The staff of Lutheran Senior Life is committed to meeting those needs and with your gift you join us as our partner in mission."

From Jennifer McIntire and Jane E. Bittcher, Lutheran Senior Life Foundation.

### **NEW PROJECT**

Center Avenue Community School has been designated by the executive board as recipient of donations from our members for the 2016 - 2017 school year. Their population is both boys and girls ages 8 - 18, with most of them students in 7th - 12th grades

who are dealing with behavioral and emotional issues. Many come to school without breakfast. Some have not had the opportunity to bath. Clothing and personal hygiene items would be given to the school nurse to distribute as she sees a need. The Tornado 200 is an incentive program where all students can earn good behavior points to cash in for rewards. Here are some suggested items:

- Shoes
- General clothing: shirts, pants, sweatshirts, etc.
- Underwear and socks mostly for male students: maybe kids size 6-adult XL
- Deodorant
- Hair combs/brushes
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, mouthwash
- Snacks for Tornado 200 (i.e. individual bags of chips, cans of pop/juice boxes, etc.)
- \$5-\$10 gift cards for Tornado 200 incentives (Dunkin Donuts, Walmart, iTunes, McDonald's, Burger King)
- Grand Prizes for Tornado 200 (mid-year and end of year for Alt. Ed. and ES)-last year the school gave away an iPad and Xbox
- Classroom incentives (candy, gum, mints, snacks)
- Age and content appropriate DVDs for in-classroom use
- Gift cards to local retailers to purchase shoes/clothes/etc. for students

### **SSMHF**

We had our shut-in list updated --- so here are the following members we are currently in touch with: Helen Cypher, Norval Dunn, Mary Hoehn, Lorraine Kesterson, Jane Kummer, Mary Ann Marsolf, Robert Niesslein, and Clare Thompson. Please remember, that you, our members, are very important to this service.

At the end of this year, I will be "moving on" from being the Chairperson of SSMHF. Personally, I need to "let go" of some of my responsibilities in my life. So this means **we need a member or members to step forward to be the Chairperson or Co-Chairpersons of this committee.** I will continue to be on the committee and will continue to visit our shut-ins in my area (Southern Butler County). **Please consider this opportunity to serve our organization in a special way.** I will make sure you know what is expected of you in our Butler Chapter, as well as Region 8.

**MEMBERSHIP**

It is time to welcome new retirees to our organization. If you know of anybody who has just retired from any position in our county schools, please invite them to join you in attending the September luncheon meeting.

We have an interesting possibility for new state members this year. Professional Insurance Services, Inc. (PISI) has provided a grant for \$6000.00. The Membership Committee recommended and the State Board of Directors approved a plan that will

place the names of all new members who join between July 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016 will be placed in a drawing. The first 100 members whose names drawn will have their second year of state membership paid. (No matter how long you have been a local member, if you have never been a state member, you may also take advantage of this option.)

PISI provides our members the opportunity to purchase insurance in many areas at very reasonable rates. They have health, eye, dental, and even pet insurance. You must be a state member to take advantage of these member benefits. Please check the state web page to see what other member benefits are available to state members. Many of these benefits offset the \$60 cost of your state dues.

Another savings for state membership is the opportunity to pay for three years of membership all at once. If you choose this option, it will cost you \$150. That will save you \$30 for the three years.

Please pass the enrollment form below to any potential members.

**PASR BUTLER COUNTY 2016-17 CALENDAR**

Executive Meeting	October 26, 2016
<b>General Membership Meeting/Luncheon</b>	<b>December 14, 2016</b>
Executive Meeting	February 1, 2017
<b>General Membership Meeting/Luncheon</b>	<b>March 22, 2017</b>
Executive Meeting	April 5, 2017
<b>General Membership Meeting/Luncheon</b>	<b>May 24, 2017</b>
Executive Meeting	August 2, 2017
<b>General Membership Meeting/Luncheon</b>	<b>September 27, 2017</b>
Executive Meeting	October 25, 2017
<b>General Membership Meeting/Luncheon</b>	<b>December 13, 2017</b>



# ***“Christmas City, USA”***

## **Bethlehem , PA**

November 30-December 3, 2016

Trip includes: the towns of Lititz and Ephrata in Lancaster County and “Winter Wonderland” at the American Music Theatre

Over the past two decades, **Christkindlmarkt Bethlehem** has delighted millions of guests from near and far with its mix of unique gift ideas, old-world charm and holiday cheer. The dynamic festival celebrates the magic of the holidays with a five-week run that features more than 125 vendors each week. Many of the vendors come from Europe where the Christkindlmarkt originated. In addition to visiting the markets there will be a “Bethlehem by Night Bus Tour” and other opportunities to become familiar with Moravian traditions and hopefully including special Moravian Music at the Central Moravian Church. There will be an opportunity to enjoy foods at the numerous vendors in the market.

Before arriving in Bethlehem, we will visit historic **Lititz**, “America’s *Coolest* Small Town” with stops at **Sturgis’s Pretzel Bakery** and **Wilbur Chocolate Company** and the **Candy Americana Museum**. The next stop will be **Ephrata** where you will have a walking tour of the **Ephrata Cloister**. This is one of the earliest religious communities that was founded in 1732 by German settlers seeking spiritual goals rather than earthly rewards. Gathered in unique European style buildings, the community consisted of celibate Brothers and Sisters, and a married congregation of families.

On the way home, we will stop in Lancaster for the 10:30 AM musical “Winter Wonderland” at the beautiful American Music Theatre. One of the eight meals included will be a lunch at the **Shady Maple Smorgasbord**. Lodging will be at Comfort Inn Lancaster North, Denver, and Comfort Inn Suites, Allentown.

This promises to be a trip full of Eastern Pennsylvania history about the Moravians when they came to Penna. This trip is sponsored by the Butler County School Retirees, Peg Harding, President, Jim Huemme, Treasurer.

**COST: \$470.00** per person/double; **\$440.00** per person/triple; **\$600.00** single

**DEPART: 7:00 AM Butler Moraine Pointe Plaza** via Campbell Motorcoach

**FOR INFORMATION: Contact Margaret Hoffman, 724-282-4454 or Sharon Reed, 724-822-5848**

**SEND RESERVATION DEPOSIT \$150.00 to Margaret Hoffman, 140 Whippoorwill Rd., Butler, 16001**

Balance due by November 15, 2016.

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Butler County PASR**, mail to Margaret Hoffman

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PASR Christmas Trip      November 30-December 3, 2016

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TRAVELING COMPANION \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ SPECIAL REQUESTS \_\_\_\_\_



## **Card Shower of Cheer/Thinking of You**

Marian Bell  
608 East Pearl Street  
Butler, PA 16001

Lorraine Kesterson  
148 Marwood Road, Apt 1200  
Cabot, PA 16023

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## **State PASR Report to All Chapters**

### **On May 24-25, 2016, the PASR Board of Directors approved the following resignations and appointments:**

Treasurer Barbara Kelly has resigned, effective May 24, 2016. Her replacement, as per PASR By-Laws, will be **Barbara Mitcho**, former Assistant Treasurer.

According to the PASR By-Laws, the PASR President must appoint a replacement. The PASR President, with Board approval, has appointed **Stephen M. Vak**, as Assistant Treasurer.

Vice President Charles G. Forsythe has resigned, effective May 24, 2016. According to the PASR By-Laws, the PASR President must appoint a replacement. The PASR President, with Board approval, has appointed **Linda C. Bortz**, as Vice President.

After much consideration of the expectations of the duties and responsibilities associated with the position of PASR Executive Director, Lynn B. Herman and the PASR Board of Directors mutually agreed to part ways, effective May 24, 2016. On that same date, the Board has approved **Stephen M. Vak** as Interim Executive Director until a permanent director has been selected.

The Personnel Committee, chaired by Barry N. Kelly, has been charged with the arduous task of finding a new Executive Director.

**The PASR Board and staff would like to assure you that with our new leadership we will continue to be dedicated to our membership and the Association and that we will continue to advance the interests of the PASR membership.**

Sincerely,  
Diana L. Armstrong, PASR President

PASR TREASURER REPORT  
April 1, 2016 - June 30, 2016

James A. Huemme, Treas.

RECEIPTS:

Local Dues	\$ 590.00
State Dues	2,460.00
Luncheon	727.50
Postage	131.00
PNC Trip	665.00
Christmas Trip	250.00
Trip Donation	100.00
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	\$ 4,923.50

EXPENSES:

Luncheon	\$ 905.44
SSMHF	37.93
Minuteman Press	619.46
PASR	2,090.00
Postmaster	87.78
Military Mail	97.20
Office	279.31
PNC Trip Refunds	1,045.00
Scholarship	500.00
Nifty Nineties	47.20
Memorial Book	30.00
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	\$ 5,739.32

March 31 Balance	\$ 7,968.58
Receipts	+ 4,923.50
	12,892.08
Expenses	- 5,739.32
Checkbook Balance	7,152.76
Savings	+9,035.63
Total Funds	\$16,188.39

**PASR Luncheon Meeting**  
**12:00 Noon, Wednesday, September 28, 2016**  
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: September 17, 2016**  
**SEND TO Donna Vogel (724-538-8413)**

*Program: Deputy Sheriff Callithen and K-9 Officer Bullet*

<b>MENU</b>	<b>ALTERNATE</b>
Parmesan Crusted Chicken Breast	Chef's salad
Rice Pilaf	Fresh fruit cup
Steamed Vegetables	Cookie
Fresh Fruit Cup	beverage
Cookie	
Water, raspberry ice tea, coffee	\$11.50
\$11.50	

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Reservation Form Deadline **September 17, 2016**  
**12:00 Noon at Christ Community Methodist Church**

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

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

Number of reservations:

Chicken @\$11.50 \_\_\_\_\_ Chef Salad @ \$11.50 \_\_\_\_\_

**Total due:** \_\_\_\_\_ (indicate if **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

Pre sort STD  
Postage Pd.  
Per #510  
Butler, PA 16001

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

DATED MATERIAL

**PASR**  
Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees

*September 2016*



Deputy Sheriff Harry Callithen and Bullet, a German Shorthaired Pointer, will present a program from the Butler County Sheriff's Office. K-9 Officer Bullet is a drug sniffing dog for the office, trained to detect marijuana, cocaine, heroin, and methamphetamines.