

<http://www.orgsites.com/pa/butlerchappasr/>

May 2014

President's Message

Mary K. Davis
 President, Butler County Chapter

Hello,

As I write this, it appears that spring has finally arrived. At the board meeting on Wednesday, April 02, 2014, we finalized making the payment to BC3 for our scholarship to be presented in the fall. This will be a \$500 scholarship to a sophomore in one of the education majors. Priority will go to a student who has graduated from any Butler County high school. We also made plans for our May 28th meeting. Please note that we will be meeting at Christ Community Methodist Church on Duffy Rd. Check the enclosed map if you are not sure how to get there.

We will be honoring our Nifty Nineties at the May meeting. If you are 90+, please allow us to honor you at this meeting.

Polly Shaw, a Butler Chapter Red Cross volunteer, will be presenting a program on how to pack a Red Cross Ready Bag (kit). I'm sure she will have a lot of good information. A few that she shared with the board were things that I would not have thought of putting into a Ready Bag.

I hope that all of you enjoyed a blessed Easter. Appreciate the warmer weather that we have been waiting for, and I hope to see you in May.

Butler Chapter Officers

President Mary K. Davis
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Remember location change: Christ Community Methodist Church at 205 North Duffy Road, in Butler Township behind Target. See you May 28, 2014 at Noon.
(Map inside!)

**Butler County Council PASR
Luncheon Meeting March 26, 2014
First Methodist Ministry Center**

Call to Order. Mary K. welcomed us.

Program- Attorney Michael Pater- Elder Law. Four necessary documents are 1. Financial Power of Attorney, 2. Health Care Power of Attorney, 3. Living Will, and 4. Will. For those over 60 and residents of Butler County, all four documents can be completed for free at the Butler Agency of Aging. Various questions concerning Elder Law were answered.



Attorney Michael Pater, who spoke to the group concerning Elder Law

December minutes were approved.

President report- Executive board met with BC3 to establish a \$500 scholarship

to be presented in the fall. Requirements for scholarship are a Sophomore Education major, 3.0 minimum, Butler County resident, graduated from a Butler County school.

Community Service- 4 boxes of coupons sent, a thank you from the department of the Army was read. Boxtops for Education are also being collected to be sent for overseas schools.

Leg/LPAC- Governor Corbett is again trying to change the Retirement System to a 401k. Time to begin looking at candidates for Governor.

Membership- Of the 900 names submitted results were: 1 new State member, 2 renewed State members, 8 Local members, not worth the time and expense. Also, Lawrence County does not have a chapter, if you know of retired Lawrence County State members, please contact Veronica.

Seneca Valley will host the May meeting.

Newsletter- Information due to Polly Shaw by April 11. Assemble at Mary K,'s April 30.

Next meeting at Christ Community Methodist Church on Duffy Road. It is behind Target. A map will be in the newsletter.

Janis Stanley won the 49/51.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances A. Geisel
Recording Secretary

Are you 90+ years young?
See RECREO on page 6.

**Area Agency on
Aging**

**Beth Herold, RN,
BSN, MBA
Administrator**



Sunnyview Complex
111 Sunnyview
Circle - Suite 101
Butler, PA 16001

CORE Partner

The Area Agency on Aging administers programs and manages services for Butler County residents who are 60 years of age or older. Agency programs and services are designed to serve approximately 28,000 older consumers who call Butler County home

**To Request Services or Additional
Information**

Email: aaainfo@co.butler.pa.us

Call: 724-282-3008

Toll-free 1-888-FOR-AGE-INFO

(1-888-367-2434)

Call during regular office hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Calls made after working hours and on weekends will be recorded and answered as soon as possible. Please be sure to leave your complete name and telephone number for a return call.

You can access the website <http://www.co.butler.pa.us/butler/cwp/view.asp?q=603991>

OR go to the Butler County site at: www.co.butler.pa.us and click on *Agency on Aging* in the Special Interests menu, bottom right.

**Legal Assistance is offered under
Community Programs and Services**

- Preparing a will or rewriting an existing will
- Creating Advance Directives (i.e. living will, durable power of attorney, designating a Power of Attorney)
- Assisting in settling landlord/tenant disputes or other housing issues
- Guardianship issues (one-time consult)
- Protection against civil rights violations such as age discrimination issues
- Intervention with public benefits offices or advocating against a utility shutoff
- Handling of consumer fraud issues
- Divorce case; one-time consult
- Evaluation of legal concern and advising consumer of rights (one time consult)

**The Community Services and
Programs Department also offers:**

Health Promotions, Health Insurance Counseling, Notary Services, Ombudsman Services, Protection Services, Senior Community Centers, Senior Employment Services, Transportation, and Volunteer Services.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP

We participated in the state membership drive. We have received three state membership applications and local dues from fourteen members.

We will soon be contacting the new retirees from the seven school districts and BC3.

Please pass on the enclosed membership form to anybody that you know who has retired or is retiring from any position in the public schools and BC3. Let them know that membership is on an annual basis. If they join in March, their membership will run to next March. One-on-one contact is the best membership technique.

SOCIAL SERVICE, MEMORIAL AND HONOR FUND

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

At Christmas, we visited our members and brought them "their" favorite surprise - CHOCOLATE! For Valentine's Day, a card was sent with a gift of \$5.00. And, for Easter, our visit once again included their favorite--Chocolate!

Please remember that YOU, the members, are my connection to knowing who is in need of our service. Do not hesitate to contact me.

My ongoing THANKS to Peg Harding, Loreen Fedokovitz, and Donna Druga for their continued service to the SSMHF. If you would like to have a special blessing in your life, come join this committee,

because that is exactly what you will feel when you visit our confined members.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Thanks for the contributions brought to the March PASR luncheon. Pop can tabs, helmet hats, ink cartridges, and plastic bottle caps were distributed after the meeting. We were able to send two more boxes of manufactures' coupons to our military men and women overseas. They were sent to Vogelweh, Germany and Okinawa, Japan.

We will still be collecting the coupons to help our troops, so please make sure to separate them into FOOD and NON FOOD categories and place them in separate baggies or envelopes. Bring them to our next luncheon and remember, the expiration date requirement should not be more than two months ago.

As usual, continue to make helmet hats and tote bags as well as collecting pop can tabs, ink cartridges, and Bingo prizes for LIFE Butler County. Nonperishable items will again be appreciated and then donated to our local food bank.

The overseas military schools are also participants in the Box Tops for Education Program. The box tops help the DODDS schools by providing funding for much needed equipment. Butler County PASR wants to help, so please cut the box tops off the participating companies' products. See <http://www.boxtops4education.com>.

We'd really like to recognize all of you for the time and effort you put forth during the year. How are your community service hours coming along? Keep recording what you are doing, the hours

involved, and have that information really to send me before the end of June. Use the "Yearly Tally Sheet" found in this newsletter to complete your information. You may send it back to me (Peg Harding 116 Rana Lane Gibsonia, PA 15044) or bring it to the May 28, 2014 PASR luncheon.

Office of the Aging _____
 Red Cross _____
 Salvation Army _____
 Service Organization _____
 Soup Kitchen/Food Bank _____
 Visitation _____

Other _____

Total hours _____

IDEA: On Tuesday, put together your donated items so they are ready for the Wednesday meeting

I have served in special leadership roles as follows:

**COMMUNITY SERVICE SURVEY – YEARLY TALLY SHEET
 July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014**

TO ALL PASR MEMBERS: *Thank you for being a volunteer in our community!* PAS CHAPTERS are interested in documenting the hours of service that volunteer retirees contribute to their local communities. In doing this, our volunteers show to the community at large a positive picture of the activities of public school retirees. Please take a few minutes to complete the chart below, filling in the appropriate number of hours PER YEAR (June-July) which you volunteer. A summary of this information will be shared with AARP, NRTA and the state PASR.



Name: _____

Telephon _____

EDUCATIONAL hours this year
 Historical Association _____
 Library _____
 School Board _____
 Other _____
Total hours _____

_____ (use the back as needed)
POLITICAL hours this year
 Advocacy _____ Elections _____
 Government _____
 Other _____
Total hours _____

SOCIAL SERVICES hours this year
 Boards/Committees _____
 Cancer Society _____
 Drug/Alcohol _____
 Fire Ambulance _____
 Fraternal Groups _____
 Hospital/Nursing Home _____
 Meals on Wheels _____

RELIGIOUS hours this year
 Adult Instruction _____
 Youth Instruction _____
 Organization _____
 Visitation _____
 Other _____
Total hours _____

SERVICES TO YOUTH hours this year	Scholarships	_____
Alliance with Youth _____	School Volunteer	_____
Classroom Volunteer _____	Scouting	_____
Head Start _____	Tutoring	_____
Latch-Key Program _____	YM/YWCA	_____
Literacy _____	Other _____	_____
	Total hours	_____

TOTAL HOURS THIS YEAR IN ALL CATEGORIES: _____ hours

Region 8

Mail by July 14 to: Ms. Margaret E. Harding, 116 Rana Lane, Gibsonia, PA 1504

Use this space for any additional information about volunteering.

**NEW DIRECTIONS FOR
STRONGER CHAPTERS**

Submitted by Veronica Rozic, Region
President

***School District PASR Area
Chairs***

Butler Area Donna Reeder
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

**Please cut this page on the fold and
then return this sheet to Peg
Harding.**

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RECREO

If you are **Nifty Ninety** (90 years young or older, please be our guest on May 28, 2014 for lunch and a visit with old friends. If you will be 90 anytime in 2014 you are welcome to be part of the group.

Please indicate on the reservation form that you are a Nifty-Ninety. You are most welcome to bring a guest, but only your meal will be free.

Any questions? Please call Joanne Nolsheim at 724-287-8248. Please join us!

The title of this article in the most recent PASR newsletter explains what will be replacing the annual PASR conference this year. I think the conference is offering an opportunity to ALL chapters to become stronger. The "2014 Ruth Abigail Boyer Leadership Conference" will look at increasing membership, increasing member participation in activities, and finding more people to step up into leadership roles.

Four years ago, I would not have clearly seen the need for this type of conference. I had just begun the first year of my chapter presidency and I was attending my first Region 8 Executive Board meeting. There was quite a long discussion on developing a slate of officers for the region. The director at that time had been in this position for quite some time. I clearly remember him asking who would be willing to serve as the region's director many, many times. Everyone, except me, was looking down at their papers and not stepping up.

Next, this director changed his strategy. He made a challenge to everyone by saying he would remain the director of Region 8 if someone would step up to be "director elect".

Again, everyone was looking down, except me since I really did not understand the structure and purpose of the region's board. I do not do well when I hear such a challenge. So, I agreed to become the director elect and everyone lifted his or her eyes. The Region 8 leadership functioned well for the next two years.

Fast forward to today, when I have just completed my two-year term as the Director of Region 8. There are several region level committees without chairpersons. Several people have stepped down due to health problems. We have recycled the chairpersons for so long that we no longer have anyone left to step up into these positions. Part of the problem is that many people do not understand the leadership structure of the region.

The region's structure is similar to a chapter's structure. The chapter president has an "executive committee" beginning with a president-elect who is the sounding board for the president. There are the traditional officers like

secretary, treasurer, etc. Then, there are committee chairpersons that include:

- Community Service
- Educational Support
- Legislative
- LPEC
- Member Benefits and Services
- Public Relations
- RECREO
- Retirement Planning
- Social Services, Memorial and Honor Fund

The Region Chairs share information with local Chapters via email or snail mail. They usually have two yearly state level meetings: one teleconference and one physical meeting in Mechanicsburg. I would gladly share the ride to Mechanicsburg if the chair doesn't want to drive. There are two region level meetings a year. The region chair just meets with any available chapter chair and then he/she tells everyone else there what is going on with their committee. We recently met. The next region meeting is Sept 10th at Hosses in Grove City-across from the outlets.

Membership Enrollment Form Butler County Chapter

Name: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Address: _____

Telephone (home): _____ (cell): _____

e-mail: _____

School District: _____

Spouse or Partner's Name: _____

Dues total: _____

_____ Local \$10.00

_____ State \$50.00

_____ Local Life \$150.00

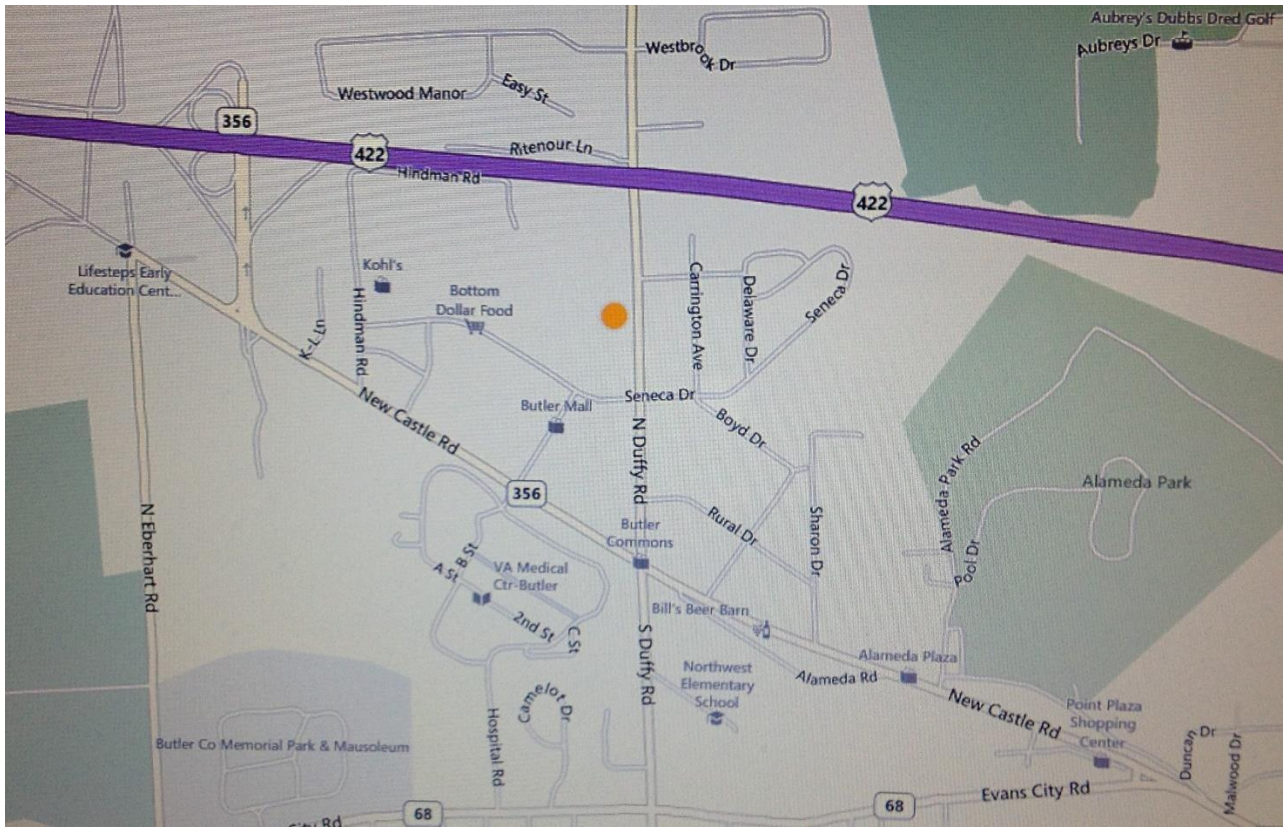
_____ State Life \$600

State Life can be paid in two years at \$300 a year. Please make checks payable to *Butler County PASR*

Mail to: Jim Huemme, 119 Shanor Heights, Butler, PA 16001



March 26 luncheon meeting scenes



Our new meeting place is Christ Community Methodist Church at 205 North Duffy Road in Butler Township. The Target Store is at the intersection of North Duffy and Route 356. Walgreens is across the North Duffy to the east. The Veterans Hospital is across Route 356 to the south. Walmart, Kohl's and Panera Bread are other local businesses to west of the Target.

If you approach from 422, there is **no interchange with Duffy**. You must exit to the west at the Lyndora exit. Turn left at the light after exiting and drive east to Duffy Rd, with Target on your left. Turn left on Duffy Rd. If approaching from Route 8 (Main Street in Butler) turn west on Jefferson St and continue to New Castle Road. Pass Butler Area Senior High School and go about another half mile to Walgreens. Turn right at Duffy Road and continue to the church.

There is hotel construction behind Target. Christ Community Church is just past the construction. Pull in the church driveway and keep right to go to the rear entrance. **Use the large parking lot in the rear. No steps to the meeting room.**

***PASR Treasurer's Report –
1 – March 31, 2014***



January

James Huemme, Treasurer

RECEIPTS:

Local Dues	\$ 350.00
State Dues	700.00
Luncheon	728.00
50/50	49.00
Mailing	24.00
Wisconsin trip	1,200.00
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	\$3,051.00

EXPENSES:

Wisconsin trip	\$ 1,600.00
Postmaster	371.77
Newsletter	299.98
PASR dues	700.00
Military mail	24.70
SSMHF	71.54
Luncheon	820.00
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	\$ 3,887.99

Balance - December 31, 2013	\$5,816.52
Receipts	+ 3,051.00

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	8,867.52	
Expenses	- 3,887.99	
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- March 31, 2014	4,979.53	
Savings	+ 6,924.74	
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	\$ 11,904.27	

VOLUNTEERS

- V aluable
- O utstanding
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- U nique
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- R eady
- S ensational



PASR Luncheon Meeting 12:00 Noon, Wednesday, May 28, 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: May 16, 2014

MENU

Deli wraps (ham and American
 cheese, turkey and Swiss, roast
 Ice Tea, Hot Tea, Water
 Macaroni salad
 Cake
 Coffee, iced tea, water

ALTERNATE

Chef Salad
 (Cake beef and cheddar)
 Baked beans
 Coffee,
 Price: \$10.00

Cost - \$10.00 for either choice.

Reservation Form Deadline May 16, 2014

PASR Luncheon, May 28, 2014

12:00 Noon at Christ Community Methodist Church

Member Name: _____

Guest Reservation: (name) _____

Number of reservations:

Deli Wraps @\$10.00 _____

Chef Salad @ \$10.00 _____

_____ Free to **Nifty Nineties!** (See page 6) **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:

Donna Vogel
148 Spithaler School Road
Evans City, PA 16033
724-538-8413

PASR

Pre sort STD

Mary K. Davis

Postage Pd.

Per #510

114 Freeport Road

Butler, PA 16001

Butler, PA 16001

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

DATED MATERIAL



Be Red Cross Ready

Get a kit

Come to the PASR

May 28

Make a plan luncheon at Christ Community Methodist Church on

205 North Duffy Road and find
out more!

Be informed.