



# Journey

**Butler County Chapter Newsletter**

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**December 2018**

## ***President-elect's Message***

Holiday greetings from your President-elect, Polly Shaw. Sincere thanks and appreciation to Peg Harding who served us so well as President for two terms, totaling four years. She remains on our Exec Board as Immediate Past President.

It is most important to note that at the September General Membership meeting, a vote was taken to **cancel** the December meeting. Our venue, Christ Community Methodist Church notified us that the restrooms on the floor where we meet will be under construction. It is not convenient (or even possible) for some of our members to take the stairs down to other facilities. Our by-laws call for at least two meetings at year and we will have had three.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at noon. There is **no lunch reservation form** in this issue since we are not having a Dec. luncheon. However, Peg Harding and

Ruth Scott will be in the parking lot from 10:00-11:00 a.m. on Dec. 12 to receive your donation items that you so generously bring to each meeting.

We will have the formal election and installation of officers at the March 27 meeting. Since I was elected as President-elect two years ago, I will automatically become President on Jan 1, with Peg's term ending Dec 31.

The customary Dec. remembrance of members who have passed will be held at the March meeting. The September 26 minutes will be included in the March *Journey*, so that you have them to review before the March 27 membership meeting.

Serving our Butler Chapter is a welcome challenge! For the past several years I have participated in conferences as a delegate, attended training sessions, served as district representative to state committees, work as *Journey* editor, and on our local Executive Board. Hopefully

## **Butler Chapter Officers**

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President-elect ..... Polly Shaw  
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724-584-0371  
Recording Secretary ..... Fran Geisel  
Corresponding Sec'y ..... **OPEN**  
Immediate Past Pres. .... Mary K Davis  
Region VIII Director ..... Mary K Davis  
Treasurer ..... James Huemme  
Asst. Treasurer ..... Joanne Nolsheim  
Website ..... pasrbutler.wix.com/butler  
State website ..... www.pasr.org  
Facebook group ..... PASR Butler

## **Committee Chairs**

Legislative and L/PEC ..... Peg Harding  
Retirement Planning ..... **OPEN**  
RECREO ..... M. Hoffman, J. Nolsheim  
Social Services/Memorial Honor Fund  
..... Ruth Scott  
By-Laws.....Joanne Meredith  
Educational Support ... Diana Bowman  
Community Service ..... Peg Harding  
Member Benefits & Services .... **OPEN**  
Membership ..... Sharon Kline  
Nomination ..... Priscilla Beblo  
Reservations..... Donna Vogel  
Resolutions..... **OPEN**  
Public Relations..... Polly Shaw  
Luncheon ..... Donna Vogel

## **PASR School Entity Area Chairs**

Butler Area.....Sharon Kline  
BC3..... Ruth Scott, Pattie Bajuszik  
Karns City.....Pat Hauman, Enid Wilson  
Mars..... Priscilla Beblo  
Moniteau..... Carol Ball  
Seneca Valley ..... Ruth Kirk  
Slippery Rock ..... Ellen McIntyre  
South Butler Virginia Shirey, Doris Herceg.

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these experiences will foster a smooth transition, made easier by Peg's position as a resource as well as many others who have served before me. I appreciate your support and

help as I take up the position as your President on January 1, 2019.

Take-aways from the October PASR President-elect training:

1. Have fun; lead well; celebrate your successes.
2. "Surround yourself with great people, delegate authority, and get out of the way" Ronald Reagan
3. "To handle yourself, use your head. To handle others, use your heart." Eleanor Roosevelt

## **2019 Meeting Dates**

Thurs Feb 7 Exec meeting  
**Wed Mar 27 General Membership**  
hosting: Butler Area

Wed Apr 10 Region 8 meeting  
Thurs Apr 11 Exec meeting  
**Wed May 22 General Membership**  
hosting: BC3

Thurs Aug 1 Exec meeting  
Wed Sept 11 Region 8 meeting  
**Wed Sept 25 General Membership**  
hosting: Karns City

Thurs Oct 24 Exec meeting  
**Wed Dec 11 General Membership**  
hosting: Mars

## **REGION 8 DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The 2019 House of Delegates meeting is fast approaching. This meeting will be held October 6-8, 2019 in Valley Forge, PA. As one of the host regions, we need to provide volunteers at registration and as hospitality greeters on Sunday and Monday. If we have enough volunteers, the volunteers should not have to work for more than a few hours. The current guidelines for Volunteer Reimbursement at the House of Delegates are for mileage, lodging, and meals (with receipts up to \$30/day volunteered). It is requested that volunteers attend in multiple roles and that you carpool with other chapter members. If you are interested and able to help, please contact me and I will provide you additional information as it becomes available. My contact information is [auntfrog@zbzoom.net](mailto:auntfrog@zbzoom.net) or 724-285-3522.

I am also in need of additional volunteers to fill committee chair positions at the region level. If you have interest in any of these areas please let me know.

**By-Laws** – Studies and recommends revisions of the state by-laws to the Board as the need arises and reviews proposed changes to chapter model by-laws to provide continued consistency between the state and chapter by-laws. At the region level there is a By-laws Chair and a Virtual Observer. The Virtual Observer is involved in all discussion but only has a vote if the region chair is unavailable at the time of any vote.

**Legislative** – Informs the members of state and national legislative issues and organizes members of the Region and Chapters in support of PASR's legislative programs.

**L-PEC** – Legislative/Political Education Committee solicits voluntary contributions from PASR members and administers the L-PEC Fund in support of PASR's legislative objectives and programs. It also provides the PASR membership with information about the political candidates and the positions of interest to PASR and to encourage PASR members to become actively involved in supporting the candidates of their choice.

**Membership** – Identifies and encourages retired school employees, their spouses, and other individuals to enroll as active or associate members of both the Chapter and State organizations.

As a region chair, you would be involved in state committee meetings. Many of these meetings are held by teleconference and the new guidelines for teleconferences request that the meeting be held to no more than one hour. The state covers the cost of these teleconferences. There are also some face-to-face meetings in Mechanicsburg.

Mary K Davis  
Region 8 Director

## Center Avenue Community School



At our September meeting, Keenan Mcgaughey, Principal at Center Avenue Community School, spoke about their mission and how they work with the students to help

them with their problems and enable them to become productive young men and women. Aaron Royhab, Supervisor of Special Education, also joined us for lunch.

We have been giving items of need to the school for several years such as hygiene products, school supplies and undergarments. Mr. Royhab made contact with the school nurse, Michele Smith, to give us a list of what they are in need of at this time.

President Peg Harding and Ruth Scott will be at the Christ Community United Methodist Church on Duffy Road, where we hold our meetings, on Wed, December 12 at 10 a.m. to collect all your donations, rather than you holding them at home until March.

With the range of ages and sizes in the building, items that work best have an

elastic or drawstring waist rather than buttons or zippers. They should be more generic/plain in style with potential of both sexes being able to wear. Currently, there is an ample supply of socks and undergarments for all, as well as clothing for young/little girls. \$10 gift cards are welcome.

In order of priority, items that would be helpful in all/any sizes include:

Sweatpants or jogging/gym pants; gym shorts; sweatshirts – hoodie or zipper; t-shirts with long or short sleeves; female tops/shirts that are long/tunic/thigh length to cover leggings; and male belts. They have one child who still uses Pull-Ups/Depends. The size would be for a weight of 100 lbs. I am sure they will like any coats, hats and gloves for winter; hygiene products, and school supplies.



## PASR LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

I (Ruth Scott) was asked to tell you about my experience at the PASR Leadership Conference at State College on October 18 and 19. First I would like to tell you about the trip to the conference with Peg Harding. Peg was driving her new car and using her car's navigation system. Well, first it sent us a very long way, through Clarion, to I-80. As we traveled down I-80 the navigation system sent us past State College, we did not know this at the time. We began seeing signs for Williamsport and

Bloomsburg and Danville. If you look at the PA map you will see we were getting very close to the PA and NJ border. By now we had been on the road for four hours for a trip that was to take 2 ½ hours. Peg, thankfully, had her Garmin with her. We turned off the car navigation system and plugged in her Garmin which got us turned around and headed back to State College. I had crackers with me so that was lunch. Yum! Two more hours passed and we finally arrived at State College and the conference. Because we had missed the luncheon we stopped at Sheetz for gas and a sandwich. Mary K Davis and Polly Shaw had us registered for the conference and had our paperwork. They also confirmed our hotel reservation. We created many laughs with the tale of our travels to the conference. Peg is a wonderful driver and roommate. She should get a reward for not getting frustrated and panicky.



The first session we attended was a round table discussion with other conference members on the following questions: How do we increase awareness of PASR among current school employees? How do we recruit and retain members? How do we recruit members to take on leadership positions within PASR? There was good discussion and lots of ideas were generated.

*L to R: Ruth Scott, Polly Shaw, Mary K Davis, Peg Harding*

The second roundtable discussion was asking about the consolidation of the committee structure and regions. We looked at all of the committees to see what committees could be combined. It was decided we did not have enough information to make these decisions, such as a definition of each committee. Definitions can be different between each Chapter and the number of committees can also differ. We were also asked how Regions could be combined. You can only imagine what a big task that would be. One thing to consider is the driving distance of committee chairs to region meetings. You also have to look at the population of each county's membership if combining so they are not too big or too small.

There was a group dinner for all conference attendees. After dinner we were told about member benefits and services. Look at the state website, <https://www.pasr.org/membership/member-benefits/> to find all of the member services that are offered. Some of the benefits are dental, vision, hearing, insurance, emergency response, amusement parks, pets and many more. You may find what you need. Be sure to look.

Our second day, after breakfast, there was a group session and information on how they are working on COLA Legislation. Not only is there work by our advocate but the suggestion was made that we invite legislators to our meetings. They are working hard to acquire on the COLA Legislation. Our last session was a roundtable discussion on the restructuring of PASR. There was discussion again of committees and regions.

Our session leaders are going to take all of the roundtable discussions back to the Board for more discussion and planning for our future.

Our trip home was only 2 ½ hours via another route. I would highly recommend you attend a leadership conference. You will meet very nice and some very interesting people. You can find out what others do at their organizations. You may even find an idea or two popping into your head. No matter the reason you go or what you learn it is a time to get to know your fellow members both local and throughout the state. Next year could be YOUR turn.

### **SS/MHF MEMBERS AT HOME**

Christmas is just around corner and I would like to thank my Christmas Angels who visit our members at home, Marsha Semple and Loreen Fedokovitch. They deliver gifts several times a year, visit throughout the year and send cards. I am so blessed to have these women keeping in close touch with our members at home.

I thought it would be a nice idea for all of us to add our five members at home to our Christmas Card list this year and really flood them with good wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Helen Cypher**, 236 Marwood Drive, Cabot, PA 16023

**Norval Dunn**, Sunnyview Nursing Home, 107 Sunnyview Circle, Room 242, Butler PA 16001

**Mary Ann Martsof**, 100 Sterling Village Way, Room 135, Butler PA 16001;

**Lorraine Kesterson**, 148 Marwood Rd, Apt. 1200, Cabot, PA 16023

**Clara Thompson**, 134 Marwood Rd, Room 1907, Cabot PA 16023

You are all invited to visit those who are home bound. If you know of others I may contact to see if they would like a visit, please let me know. My email is [rascott@zbzoom.net](mailto:rascott@zbzoom.net).

Thank you all and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Ruth Scott

### **PASR COMMUNITY SERVICE HONOREES 2002-2017**

Because of our December luncheon cancellation, there will not be time to have you send in your community service volunteer hours for 2018. In recent years, the following individuals have been recognized for their service to our local community: 2002 Bill Lehnerd; 2003 Marcia Semple; 2004 Dolores Elli; 2005 Joanne Nolsheim; 2006 Mary Angert; 2007 Donna Reeder; 2008 John Prichard; 2009 Doris Herceg; 2010 Virginia Shirey; 2011 Peg Harding;

2012 all members with 75 + hours for PASR's 75th Anniversary: Mary Angert, Carol Ball, Maxine Botti, Diana Bowman, Mary K Davis, Kathleen Gardina, Audrey Gerlach, Nancy Hannigan, Peg Harding, Doris Herceg, Christine Holman, Jim Huemme, Peggy Morrison, Joanne Meredith, John Prichard, Donna Reeder, Marcia Semple, Virginia Shirey, Lynn Richards,

Veronica Rozic, Virginia Thompson,  
Joanne Van Deusen, Joanne Wilhelm,  
Mary Wile

2013 Kathleen Gardina; 2014 Don  
Cavalero; 2015 Polly Shaw; 2016 Jim  
& Kay Huemme; 2017 Joanne Wilhelm

The 2018 Volunteer of the Year needs  
to be submitted to our Region VIII

Community Service Chairperson by  
December 31, 2018. Please email me,  
harding.margaret@gmail.com, if you  
want to nominate someone, (even  
yourself), for this honor. Otherwise,  
members of our executive committee  
will determine the honoree. Thank you  
for your volunteer service to our  
community.

PASR Treasurer's Report  
July 1, 2018-September 30, 2018  
James A. Huemme

RECEIPTS:

Luncheon	\$ 696.00
Local Dues	200.00
State Dues	420.00
Postage	53.00
Food Sale	32.00

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\$ 1,401.00

EXPENSES:

PASR Dues	\$ 420.00
Minuteman Press	308.45
Luncheon	805.00
Postmaster	81.74
SSMHF	60.34
Dillon Award	40.00
Military Mail	34.80
Memorial Book	30.00
Office	10.33
Volunteer Pin	5.00

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\$ 1,795.66

Balance June 30	3,449.09
Receipts	+ 1,401.00
Total	4,850.09
Expenses	- 1,795.66
Total	3,054.43
Savings	9,179.07

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Available Funds \$12,233.50

*PASR, Butler Chapter*

*Mary K Davis  
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Butler, PA 16001*

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Per #510  
Butler, PA 16001**

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**P A S R**  
**Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees**



We'll gather again on March 27! No December meeting due to remodeling.

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