

# Journey

## Butler County Chapter Newsletter

Website: [www.pasrbutler.org](http://www.pasrbutler.org)



See you at noon on Wednesday, May 25 for our General Membership luncheon and meeting at the Masonic Shelter in Alameda Park!

### President's Message



I love all the seasons, but I take special enjoyment in spotting each sign of spring. I listen to the morning bird songs, watch the new buds appear and then open into leaves and flowers. Basking in warm spring sunlight is a joy. It's also nice to wash the car with a purpose other than getting off the salt!

## May 2022

When I was a child, my grandmother always referred to the holiday at the end of May as Decoration Day instead of Memorial Day. I understood the reference to decorating Civil War soldiers' graves, although we never had that family tradition.

*Extinguish Lights* was played on a bugle to tell soldiers to put out the lights and go to sleep. During the Civil War, the bugle call was reworked to just 24 notes. There are numerous stories about who, where, and when. (Google it!) There is some agreement that it was first used in 1862 at a military funeral, being a better choice than firing three customary volleys that might be mistaken by the enemy as restarting the fighting. So *Taps* was sounded instead. Today it is regarded in our culture as music of mourning and is a formally recognized part of U.S. military funerals, played by a solitary bugle.

As Brownie Girl Scout, I learned the song *Taps*, complete with motions (naturally!), but I didn't know until recently that there is more than one verse. Technically it is a bugle call, not song, so there are no official lyrics. Google to find some other versions.

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BC3 Ruth Scott  
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Mars Minette Thompson  
Moniteau Carol Ball  
Seneca Valley Joanne Meredith  
Slippery Rock Ellen McIntyre  
South Butler Virginia Shirey, Doris Herceg

**General Membership Meetings**



**May 25**, South Butler  
at Almeda Park  
**Sept. 28**, Butler  
**Dec. 7**, BC3

Both Sept and Dec at Christ Community  
Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

**Exec Board:** August 3, Oct. 19

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Pause and reflect as you read this  
version of *Taps*.

Day is done.  
Gone the sun,  
From the lakes,  
From the hills,  
From the sky.  
All is well.  
Safely rest.  
God is nigh.

Fading light.  
Dims the sight.  
And a star  
Gems the sky,  
Gleaming bright.  
From afar,  
Drawing nigh,  
Falls the night.

Thanks and praise  
For our days,  
'Neath the sun,  
'Neath the stars,  
'Neath the sky.  
As we go,  
This we know,  
God is nigh.



**WATCH for RECREO NEWS!  
We are hoping to have a fall trip. It will be a one day trip by bus, and will include a meal. Destination and details at the May meeting!**

Butler County Council PASR  
General Membership  
Luncheon Meeting  
March 30, 2022

Christ Community Methodist Church  
Polly welcomed us.

Before lunch, Polly showed us how to access information on financial resources for seniors on the computer. Go to [www.PASR.org](http://www.PASR.org); log in if state member; scroll down on right side under officer resources to social service/SSMHF and click. On right, under SSMHF Forms and Resources, click on Assistance Resources Links.

Lunch was served.

Ellen McIntyre hosted by leading a prayer and the flag pledge.

Treasurer's report, as found in the *Journey* was reviewed.

The December minutes, as found in the *Journey* was approved.

President's Report- Carol Ball is our 2021 Volunteer of the Year. Congratulations! She will receive her certificate and pin as soon as possible. Volunteer hours list will be addressed in May. The *Journey* is available on the chapter website. We need persons to fill the positions of District 8 Director and chapter President-Elect. Welcome Minette Thompson as representative of Mars School District, replacing Priscilla Beblo who served for 16 years. Joanne Meredith is Seneca Valley's representative. Members were asked to

fill out a form providing email addresses and preferences for *Journey* delivery and information. Members were also asked to indicate ideas for RECRO day trips by filling out a survey and making suggestions of their own.



Program - Karen Parsons from the Depreciation Lands Museum, presented the program "It Takes a Year and a Day". The program discussed and demonstrated typical clothing for men and women including processing linen from flax and wool.



Executive Board meeting- April 6, 2022  
@ 1:00.

Joanne Meredith won the raffle.  
Meeting adjourned at 2:05

Respectfully Submitted,  
Frances Geisel  
Recording Secretary

**NEWS FROM THE PASR  
VICE PRESIDENT,  
Mary K Davis**

The state organization of PASR is constantly working to make our lives better. One of the ways that the office staff has done this is by assembling a list of ways that seniors find financial savings. This list is available on the PASR website on the Members Only side. This information is for all seniors in the state, not just our members. At the March meeting Polly Shaw demonstrated how to find this list on the SSMHF forum. Please check out this information and share it with your friends and family.

The L/PEC committee is keeping an eye on what bills are being presented to the Legislature that will have an effect on our lives. Our lobbyists are always talking to senators and legislators about a COLA bill. They are also watching which senators and representatives are choosing to retire or not run for reelection. Our organization is a non-partisan group, but we are encouraged to research the candidates for our commonwealth and national positions.

The Leadership Development committee met and has planned exciting sessions that will be on ZOOM on October 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Registration information will be available in late summer.

If you are only a local member, please consider joining the state also. Check the Member Benefits and Services that are available for state members. Some of these are discounts on hearing aids,

computers, oil and natural gas, and theme park tickets.

Please check out the PASR website for more information about what the state committees have been doing.

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Note: Polly Shaw has been appointed to the PASR state Leadership Development Committee. She is now helping to plan and present the October LDC training via Zoom. If you are considering stepping up to fill our President-elect or District 8 Director vacancies, this training is for you!

**COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT  
SPRING/SUMMER 2022**

April showers brought more than rain this year! I went on vacation out of the country and got Covid! Thankfully, I was vaccinated and boosted, but it does keep one home more than usual. Volunteering becomes a problem when we can't get out and help others, but there are ways we can do things from home. Many of you make phone calls to shut-ins, send greetings to our members, and make blankets, etc. while sitting in our nice warm homes. It's that time of year, again, to fill out our Volunteer Survey form. You will find it in this *Journey* newsletter. You can bring it to the May luncheon or mail it to me: Peg Harding 116 Rana Lane Gibsonia, PA 15044

Remember, we are still collecting Target or Walmart \$10 gift cards for the Center Avenue School, Bingo prizes for Butler Adult Life, and cut plastic strips for the homeless mats. Enjoy your time in retirement and keep helping others in need.

## THINKING OF YOU

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

### Jean Ellis

30 Park Avenue  
Wesbury V.M. Retirement Community  
Meadville, PA 16335

### Richard Beckman

Walnut Street, Room 254B  
Jefferson Manor Health Center  
417 Route 28  
Brookville, PA 15825

### Donald Cavalero

239 Cottage Hill Ave  
Butler, PA 16001

## PASR BUTLER TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1, 2022 - March 31, 2022

James A. Huemme

### RECEIPTS:

Local Dues	\$ 200.00
State Dues	180.00
Luncheon	568.00
Raffle	84.00

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\$ 1,032.00

### EXPENSES:

State Dues	\$ 300.00
Postmaster	309.68
Minuteman Press	114.60
Hall Rent	125.00
Programs/Decorations	82.73

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\$ 932.01

Beginning Balance

\$ 1,527.23

Receipts

+ 1,032.00

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\$ 2,559.23

Expenses

- 932.01

Checkbook Balance

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\$ 1,627.22

Savings

\$ +8,366.58

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\$ 9,993.80



# COMMUNITY SERVICE SURVEY – YEARLY TALLY SHEET

**July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022**

(It is fine to estimate service time until the end of June.)

TO ALL PASR MEMBERS: *Thank you for being a volunteer in our community!*  
 PASR 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 which you volunteer. A summary of this information will be shared with AARP, NRTA and the state PASR.

➔ *Name:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Telephone:* \_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATIONAL**                      hours this year

    Historical Association        \_\_\_\_\_

    Library                            \_\_\_\_\_

    School Board                    \_\_\_\_\_

    Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Total**                      \_\_\_\_\_

**POLITICAL**                      hours this year

    Advocacy        \_\_\_\_\_ Elections        \_\_\_\_\_

    Government                      \_\_\_\_\_

    Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Total**                      \_\_\_\_\_

**SOCIAL SERVICES**            hours this year

    Boards/Committees            \_\_\_\_\_

    Cancer Society                 \_\_\_\_\_

    Drug/Alcohol                  \_\_\_\_\_

    Fire Ambulance                \_\_\_\_\_

    Fraternal Groups               \_\_\_\_\_

    Hospital/Nursing Home        \_\_\_\_\_

    Meals on Wheels                \_\_\_\_\_

    Office of the Aging             \_\_\_\_\_

    Red Cross                        \_\_\_\_\_

    Salvation Army                 \_\_\_\_\_

    Service Organization          \_\_\_\_\_

    Soup Kitchen/Food Bank \_\_\_\_\_

    Visitation                        \_\_\_\_\_

    Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Total**                      \_\_\_\_\_

**RELIGIOUS**                      hours this year

    Adult Instruction                \_\_\_\_\_

    Youth Instruction                \_\_\_\_\_

    Organization                    \_\_\_\_\_

    Visitation                        \_\_\_\_\_

    Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Total**                      \_\_\_\_\_

**SERVICES TO YOUTH**        hours this year

    Alliance with Youth            \_\_\_\_\_

    Classroom Volunteer            \_\_\_\_\_

    Head Start                        \_\_\_\_\_

    Latch-Key Program              \_\_\_\_\_

    Literacy                            \_\_\_\_\_

    Scholarships                    \_\_\_\_\_

    School Volunteer                \_\_\_\_\_

    Scouting                          \_\_\_\_\_

    Tutoring                          \_\_\_\_\_

    YM/YWCA                         \_\_\_\_\_

    Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Total**                      \_\_\_\_\_

*I have served in special leadership roles as follows:* \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL HOURS THIS YEAR IN ALL CATEGORIES:** \_\_\_\_\_ hours                      Region 8

*Mail by July 15 to:* Ms. Margaret E. Harding, 116 Rana Lane, Gibsonia, PA 15044  
 OR give to her in person at the May 25 meeting.

# 12:00 Noon, Wednesday, May 25, 2022

Masonic Shelter at Alameda Park. From New Castle Road in Butler Twp, turn onto Alameda Park Road (near Jiffy Lube). At the stop sign, turn right on Pool Drive. Shelter is just past the playground. Parking is beyond the shelter.

Catered by Monroe Hotel

HOST: South Butler

Turkey **OR** Ham wrap

*alternative*

Cole slaw

chef salad

Potato salad

Fruit cup

Cookie

coffee, raspberry tea, water



The Little Red School House is operated by the Butler Historical Society. Due to volunteer shortages, they are not able to provide a program at this time. However, Polly Shaw will draw from her Fall 2021 ILR (Institute for Learning in Retirement) program **One Room Schools of Butler County**, and present our May program. Polly is a lifelong resident of Butler County, and taught 37 years in the county.

Reservation Form Deadline **May 13, 2022**

**Masonic Shelter at Alameda Park, Butler Township**

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

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

Number of reservations: wrap @ \$12.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Circle choice: turkey OR ham

Chef salad \$12.00 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Pre sort STD  
Postage Pd.**

**Per #510  
Butler, PA  
16001**

DATED MATERIAL

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

May 2022

See you on  
Wednesday, May 25 at  
Alameda Park!

