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Butler County Chapter Newsletter

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May 2018

President's Message

The following information was taken from the newest *PASR Times Newsletter*. "Once a year, PASR asks each chapter to honor one of our state members with the **John Dillon Award**. The John Dillon Service Award provides the opportunity for chapters to recognize individuals that have given service to the Association. Dr. John Dillon was a past president of the Association who was a consummate PASR volunteer. He held a record 38 positions in PASR, ranging from the local to the state level.

PASR wanted to develop a way to recognize the outstanding service provided to the association by individual volunteers at the local, region, and/or state level. Since Dr. Dillon was an ideal member, the PASR Board of Directors decided to name this recognition award in his honor."

At our March 28th luncheon, we were able to honor our Region VIII Director and past president of our Butler

Chapter, **Mary K Davis**. Mary K retired from the Butler Area School District in 2005 and became a state lifetime PASR member that same year.

She volunteered her services as the Butler Chapter membership chairperson and has continued in that position for ten years. Additionally, she became the Region VIII Membership chairperson while continuing as the local chapter's membership chairperson. As Region VIII and Butler County Membership Chairperson, Mary K has served as a Membership Seminar speaker for various PASR State Conventions and leadership conferences.

Mary K was Butler Chapter President-Elect in 2011- 2012 and then became the Butler Chapter President while continuing as Region VIII and Butler County Membership Chair. Near the end of August each year, she contacted new retirees and other former retirees and invited them to our

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..... Doris Herceg



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“New Retiree” breakfast to introduce them to PASR, our officers, local chairpersons, and the activities and volunteer services offered by our local PASR Butler Chapter members.

Our Butler Chapter sends out 4 newsletters a year and Mary K made sure we had the mailing labels ready for those times as well as keeping the state headquarters “up to date” on death notices and expired local and state dues for our members.

Presently, Mary K is the Region VIII Director for Butler, Beaver, Mercer, and Clarion counties. Region VIII meetings are held twice a year in Grove City and it’s the director’s responsibly to inform the chapter presidents and region chairs of state happenings. She attends PASR Presidents Spring 2018 meetings in Mechanicsburg, PA as our leader, but also attends other state meetings when region chairs can’t attend or when there is no chairperson for specific committees.

As Region VIII Director, she gave up the chairman responsibilities for the local and state membership committees. That was “way too much” for anyone to manage, but we

miss her expertise and her skills in those positions. *It's an honor to award Mary K Davis this prestigious 2017 John J. Dillon Award.*



PASR was established on December 28, 1937, and is a pioneer of nonprofit voluntary membership organizations nationally, having helped establish both the National Retired Teachers' Association in 1947 and the American Association of Retired Persons in 1958. PASR is celebrating its **80th** Anniversary of service to the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and is comprised of approximately 66 chapters throughout Pennsylvania and the nation.

PASR members volunteer across the state working toward the well-being of children, the elderly, and those in need. PASR continually makes contributions to Pennsylvania's communities by donating to food banks, clothing banks, and libraries. PASR is dedicated to public education and to lifelong learning. PASR recognizes outstanding achievements of public school educators and employees through educational grants and awards, as well as supporting

students obtaining a higher education through scholarships. if you haven't looked at the new PASR Times newsletter, the format has changed a little, but the information it contains is so valuable to all of us.

This has been a lengthy report, but I wanted to let you know about our local and state PASR news.

On March 6, 2018, Governor Tom Wolf signed a document proclaiming:

**June 28, 2018,
PASR Day in Pennsylvania**

PASR represents former teachers, nurses, secretaries, aides, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, counselors, maintenance staff, and administrators. (See page 10.)

General Membership
Luncheon Meeting
March 28, 2018

Christ Community Methodist Church

Peg welcomed us.

Seneca Valley led flag pledge.

Lunch was served.

Call to order by Peg.

President Report is in *Journey*.

Treasurer Report is in *Journey*.

Community Service- continue collecting items. Organized stations are available in the lobby.

LEG/LPEC- Candidates are filing; changes will be made as some are not running for reelection. Work is being done on a COLA.

Retirement Planning- Let people know about PASR.

RECRO- A trip is planned to the State Capital.

Social Services/Memorial/Honor- five shut-ins. Helen Cypher sends greeting through Meals on Wheels.

Public Relations- Polly requests suggestions for cards of cheer.

A book was placed in the Mars Public Library in honor of Mary Lou Lang.

Region Director- The data leak is legitimate. Call 866-294-7881 for information and help. PISI direct contact is not recommended. Dental/Vision coverage contracts are with PASR. The format of the Newsletter is changing.

John Dillon award winner is Mary K. Davis.

Volunteer of the year (2017) is Joanne Wilhelm.

PASR Goals and activities award for chapter was read.

Loretta Woodson awards and grants to Moniteau School District- Heather Salmon (educator) and Naomi Wagner (support).

Reminder of PASR Day- June 28, 2018. PASR is 80!

Brittany Buzzelli of the Butler Area Agency on Aging located at Sunnyview, informed us of programs available for those over the age of 60. The office entrance is pictured to the right.

<http://www.co.butler.pa.us/Area-Agency-on-Aging>

724-282-3008 or **1-888-367-2434**
Visit the website or call for information on specialized programs and other services.



EXAMPLES OF SERVICES THAT MAY BE PROVIDED:

- Adult Daily Living Services
- Counseling Services
- Environmental Modifications
- Home Delivered Meals
- Home Health Services
- Home Support Services
- Non-Medical Transportation Services
- Personal Assistance Services
- Personal Emergency Response System
- Respite Care
- Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies

PA's Beautiful State Capitol Building
National Civil War Museum
Butterfly Atrium
"SISTER ACT"

Thursday-Friday October 4-5, 2018

Trip sponsored by Butler County School Retirees PASR

This will be an opportunity to have a guided tour through Pennsylvania's beautiful and highly acclaimed architectural and artistic **STATE CAPITOL**. It is a majestic symbol of history and power and an icon of democracy and freedom. You will be there exactly 111 years after the time that President Theodore Roosevelt attended the dedication of the building on October 4, 1906. He is quoted as saying "This is the handsomest building I ever saw." There should be some free time for you take a closer look at some areas and to visit the book store to get literature about the building and the functions of our government before leaving for your hotel at Elizabethtown.

After checking in at the **SureStay Plus by Best Western**, formally a Holiday Inn Express, you will go to the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre for dinner and show. Dinner will be served with a choice of entrée offerings. The show is "**SISTER ACT**", the feel-good musical comedy smash based on the hit 1992 film. When disco diva, Delores, witnesses a murder, she is put in protective custody in the one place the cops are sure she won't be found: a convent! Disguised as a nun, she finds herself at odds with the uptight Mother Superior. Using her unique disco moves and singing talent to inspire the choir, Delores breathes new life into the church and community but blows her cover. Soon, the gang is after her, but find themselves up against her new found sisterhood. Filled with powerful gospel music, outrages dancing and a truly moving story, *Sister Act* will leave any audience rejoicing.

Friday morning begins with a hot breakfast at the hotel before departing for the Hershey Gardens in Hershey. Hershey Gardens opened in 1937 with Milton Hershey's request to "create a nice garden of roses" More than 75 years later, the small rose garden has blossomed into 23 acres of botanical beauty providing visitors with unique experiences and enriching opportunities. Overlooking the town of Hershey, the gardens feature a breathtaking assortment of flowers and shrubs and a collections of rare trees. There should be an abundance of fall flowers. **The year 'round Butterfly Atrium offers a truly spectacular experience.** Walk among 500-600 butterflies from around the world in a tropical setting that features colorful plants and a soothing water feature. Only one of 25 indoor, tropical butterfly atriums in the country, Hershey Gardens' Butterfly Atrium is home to dozens of rare butterflies from South and Central America, Africa and Asia.

The last stop before starting toward will be at **The National Civil War Museum** in Harrisburg. It will be a self-guided tour beginning on the second floor. There is an elevator. This is the only museum in the United States that portrays the entire story of the American Civil War. History is preserved in equally balanced presentations that are humanistic in nature without bias to Union or Confederate causes.

COST: \$310.00 pp/dbl. \$380.00 Single \$280.00 pp/triple

Includes 1 breakfast, 2 lunches, 1 dinner/show, admissions, deluxe motor coach transportation

DEPART Thur. 7:00 AM Campbell Bus Garage, Slippery Rock 7:30 AM Moraine Pointe Plaza, Butler

RETURN Friday 6:30 PM Moraine Pointe Plaza 7:00 PM Campbell Bus Co. Slippery Rock

RESERVATIONS: Call Margaret Hoffman 724-282-4454 or Sharon Reed 724-822-5848

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Butler County School Retirees

MAIL TO: Margaret Hoffman, 140 Whipoorwill Rd, Butler, PA 16001

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PASR Harrisburg, etc. Trip, October 4-5, 2018

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ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

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BOARDING BUS AT _____

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

At our March luncheon, the community service "Volunteer of the Year for 2017" was awarded to Joanne Wilhelm.



Joanne Wilhelm, a former 7th grade Ancient Civilizations Social Studies teacher from the Slippery Rock Area School District, retired in 1995. She has used her "free time" by volunteering throughout her community doing various social and religious services for young and old.

For the past 20 years, Joanne has volunteered at the local Food Cupboard and just recently retired to pursue other interests. Along with her husband and others, she volunteers with the Bartramian Audubon Society (In 1982, three Slippery Rock University students founded the Bartramian Audubon Society (BAS). Today, this local chapter serves all of Lawrence and Mercer Counties in addition to most of Butler and Venango Counties. BAS executes a number of programs that focus on rescuing, recovering, and rehealing the Earth's integrity to secure the future of all life and to teach ourselves, our children, and the public that whatever humans do to the web of life, we do to ourselves.") Recently, the group identified 69 species of birds in Butler County and 77 bird species in Mercer County. Every Sunday, Joanne teaches and adult Bible Study class at her church for 1 1/2 hours. This past year, she and the group traveled to Israel and saw first hand the sights Our Lord Jesus traveled and even swam in the Dead Sea.



Joanne has shown how a PASR retiree uses her time, talents, and skills to help others in her community and beyond. Congratulations, Joanne!

Three large boxes of manufacturers' **coupons** were sent to the Air Force commissaries in Guam and Kadena. Military families really appreciate these discount coupons and the Boxtops for Education.

Seven large garbage bags of plastic **bottle caps** were sent to Maryland to be recycled. The money generated from these caps is used to help defray costs of dialysis for people who have little or no insurance.

Bingo prizes for Butler Life Adult Daycare and Center Ave. children's supplies were distributed after the March meeting. **Continue to help others in need by bringing more items to the May luncheon.**

Our guest speaker for the September luncheon will talk about the Center Ave. Alternative School, which works with students from across Butler County. We have been sending school supplies, clothing, snack treats, and gift cards to these students for awhile. **Please continue to send these items.** Many of these children and teenagers have little at home in regards to socks, hygiene materials, snacks, etc. and they need our help.

Join in our observance of PASR's 80th birthday!

1. We are checking with all ten Butler County Libraries about offering a guest reader at a regular children's summer reading program. These will most likely be pre-schoolers through young primary students. during the week of June 25-29. Look for a sign-up sheet at the May 23 luncheon. Be a guest reader!
2. We have more special plans in the works to be announced at the May 23 meeting that will reach out to the community and raise public awareness of our Butler Chapter of PASR. *We don't want to be a "secret."*
3. Please note the PA Governor's proclamation on page 10. We are approaching the Butler County Commissioners for a similar proclamation here. There will be two radio interviews, one taped and one live, with air dates announced May 23.
4. After birthday cupcakes, the meeting program will be a birthday party. YOU are part of the program. Between now and the meeting date, please search your recollections about your experiences with PASR. (Note that we are looking for post-retirement recollections that are connected in some way with PASR, not your working years.) Examples:
 - a memory of your first meeting
 - a RECREO trip experience
 - reuniting with an old friend
 - making a new PASR friend
 - a committee or officer experience
 - a delicious meal
 - memorable Chapter program
 - attending a PASR state event
 - how a PASR benefit helped you
 - recalling a dear PASR friend who has passed
 - feel free to bring a picture or other item to illustrate the memory

During our meeting program, everyone will have a turn at each table to share a chosen memory with others at the table. Then each table will decide on one member to represent the table and share with the full group. We will use the microphone so that all can hear around the room as each table-selected speaker shares the special memory. We want to celebrate PASR, especially Butler Chapter and the benefits that we all experience as members. Why did you join???



NOTE: For those members who can't attend, please write out your selected memory. Then US mail it to Polly Shaw at P.O Box 33, Portersville, PA 16051 OR email it to pollyshaw@zoominternet.net These will be shared in some way at the meeting.

This celebration is for everybody so let's make it fun!

BUTLER COUNTY PASR
Treasurer's Report
January 1, 2018-March 31, 2018

RECEIPTS:

Luncheon	\$ 626.00
Postage	98.01
Local Dues	100.00
State Dues	240.00

1,064.01

EXPENSES:

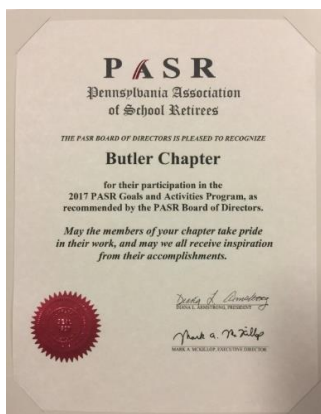
Luncheon	\$ 560.50
Minuteman Press	310.08
Postmaster	83.18
SSMHF	51.15
Woodson Awards	200.00
Memorial Books	90.00
CCUMC	125.00
Office Expense	398.95
PASR	240.00
Decorations	47.66
Volunteer Pin	5.00

2,111.52

Checkbook Balance Dec. 31, 2017	\$ 4,869.73
Receipts	+ 1,064.01
Total	5,933.74
Expenses	- 2,111.52

Checkbook Balance March 31, 2018	3,822.22
Savings	9,155.25

TOTAL FUNDS \$12,977.47



***We were recognized
for meeting our goals!
Take pride in the
work of our Butler
Chapter!***

PASR BUTLER COUNTY 2018 CALENDAR

General Membership Luncheon(Host SR) Butler Chapter Executive Meeting	May 23, 2018 Thurs. August 2, 2018
General Membership Luncheon(Host SB) Region 8 Meeting in Grove City Butler Chapter Executive Meeting	September 26, 2018 October 3, 2018 Thurs. Oct. 25, 2018
General Membership Luncheon(Host Butler)	December 12, 2018

Every member is on the membership committee!
Who could you invite to a meeting?
First luncheon is free.

BUTLER COUNTY CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

NAME _____ e-mail address _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE NO. _____ SCHOOL DISTRICT _____

SPOUSE'S NAME _____

DUES: _____ Local - \$10.00 _____ State - \$60.00
_____ Local Life - \$150.00 _____ State Life - \$700.00

(State Life can be paid in two years at \$350.00 per year)

Please make check payable to Butler County PASR and mail to: Jim Huemme
119 Shanor Heights, Butler, PA 16001

Card Shower of Cheer

You can make a difference and certainly brighten their days!

Pauline Rodgers
530 West Penn Street
Butler, PA 16001



Floyd Wagner
560 Mercer Road
Butler, PA 16001

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



Governor's Office

PROCLAMATION

PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL RETIREES

June 28, 2018

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees (PASR) was established on December 28, 1937, and is a pioneer of non-profit voluntary membership organizations nationally, having helped establish both the National Retired Teachers Association (NRTA) and then the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) in 1958; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees is celebrating its 80th Anniversary of service to the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees is a diverse and inclusive organization, composed of Pennsylvania public school retirees: former teachers, nurses, secretaries, classroom building aides, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, counselors, maintenance staff, and administrators; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees' members volunteer across this state and other states, dedicated to the well-being of children, the elderly, and all those in need; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees members assist Pennsylvania's communities, donating to food banks, clothing banks, day and child care, and libraries; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees recognizes the outstanding achievements of public school educators and employees through educational grants and awards students obtaining a higher education through scholarship donations; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees strives to improve the well-being of senior Pennsylvanians.

THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of Pennsylvania, recognize the contributions of the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees for the past 80 years and do hereby proclaim June 28, 2018, as PASR DAY. I encourage all Pennsylvanians to join in and recognize this special observance.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this sixth day of March two thousand eighteen, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-second.

Tom Wolf
TOM WOLF
Governor

PASR Luncheon Meeting
12:00 Noon, Wednesday, May 23, 2018
Christ Community United Methodist Church
205 N Duffy Rd
Butler, PA 16001

Bear right around building to rear entrance: Fellowship Hall glass doors

Regular

Wraps: ham, turkey, roast beef
Pasta salad
Fruit salad
Birthday cupcake
Raspberry iced tea
Decaf coffee, water

\$11.00

Alternate

chef salad

Birthday cupcake
Raspberry iced tea
Decaf coffee, water

alternate meal \$11.00

Reservation Form Deadline **May 12, 2018**
12:00 Noon at Christ Community Methodist Church

Member Name: _____

Guest Reservation: (name) _____

Number of reservations:

wraps @\$11.00 _____ chef salad @ \$11.00 _____

Total due: _____ (indicate if **free**) **all Nifty Nineties now 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

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Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees

We will celebrate the 80th birthday of PASR at our May 23 meeting! See page 7 for details about how everyone is included in the fun!

May 2018

