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Butler County Chapter Newsletter

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December 2016

Celebrating our 53nd year!

President's Message

The fall season is coming to a close and so is my term as your PASR Butler County Chapter president. I have thoroughly enjoyed representing you at the local, region, and state PASR meetings and events! I now know how to assemble and operate the portable microphone system at our luncheons thanks to Joanne Nolsheim's delivery of a capable church member who instructed me - a "think I can do it" person! I now know how to call and order luncheon menus from Monroe Hotel and not get everything mixed up, and I feel very humbled that you are attentive and even laugh at my comments during the luncheon meetings! The executive council and the general membership have made it a real pleasure to represent our local chapter. Everyone has helped me in getting things ready for meetings and luncheons, willingly volunteered to help at the retirement fair, and are always willing to "go the extra mile" for this organization! Thanks! The Laretta Woodson Award recom-

mendation forms were sent to the Mars Area School District for the 2016-2017 school year. Every year a school district in Butler County is able to choose a professional and support staff member to receive a PASR education grant for projects within the school district. Alphabetically, Mars Area was the next on the list for the awards. Last school year 2015-2016, Karns City received the awards. We are happy to announce the BC3 \$500 PASR Butler County Scholarship award winner is Sara Scarpino from Evans City. Sara is studying Early Childhood Education at BC3 and has been invited to our December luncheon. Please be there to congratulate her. She has a wonderful story to tell about her reason for choosing education as her major and what she has been doing since high school. The John Dillon Award will be presented at the December luncheon. The certificate was delivered to me at the PASR Leadership Conference in October. The John J. Dillon PASR Service Award, which began in 2004,

provides the opportunity for chapters to recognize individuals that have given service to the Association. Dr. John J. Dillon was a past president of the Association who was a consummate PASR volunteer. He held a record thirty-eight positions in PASR, ranging from the local to the state level.

Dr. Dillon retired from the Superintendent's position in the Brentwood Area School District in 1986. Continuing his concern for education and his peers, he immediately became a member of PASR. During his twenty-one years as a member he provided tremendous service to the organization. He was greatly involved at the chapter and region level, but most especially at the state level where he was an instrumental figure in helping PASR to become what it is today. He served as president of PASR in 1994 and 1995.

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.

Each chapter may grant the John J. Dillon PASR Service Award annually to the member of its choice. The Executive Committee for each chapter may nominate one person to receive this recognition. Eligible candidates include any volunteer serving PASR at the local, region, or state level except a current chapter president, region director, region representative, or

statewide officer. An annual listing of the John J. Dillon PASR Service Award recipients is produced, framed, and hung on display at PASR Headquarters in the John J. Dillon Hall of Fame. Additionally, a certificate is provided to the chapter president for presentation by the chapter to its honoree. Last year, the John Dillon Award was presented to Joanne Nolsheim. At the PASR Leadership Conference held in Hershey, PA on October 17-18, Mary K Davis, Veronica Rozic, and myself attended a talk by Pedro Rivera, the head of the PA Department of Education. Mr. Riviera has been in office since 2015 and has been instrumental in setting up a School Performance Profile, Education Funding Formula and graduation requirements which can be viewed on line through the PA Department of Education. He believes that a holistic approach is needed for graduation and not just standardized testing results. We also heard from Tom Malefic, the founder, president, and CEO of EZSolution. This company has been hired to set up and run the PASR state website. The new version of the website started on October 31, 2016. Our local Butler County website is linked to the state site. Thanks to Polly Shaw for being our "non paid" founder, president, and CEO of our PASR Butler County Chapter website and our newsletter editor-in-chief! We are now calling our newsletter, JOURNEY, because we are all on a journey through retirement!

If possible, call, email, or snail mail your local state representative and

senator and tell them **not** to vote on any pension reform bill. Hopefully, you can do this before they go for their fall break.



Lastly, I want to thank Veronica Rozic for volunteering to be president-elect two years ago. It's time for her to take over the president's position and I'm sure she will represent you, as she has in the past, as a vibrant leader for our organization. Because there was no region director elect for Region VIII of PASR, Veronica will again, be the region director. Two jobs for one person is really quite a lot of work. We all need to help her in these positions and be willing to volunteer for chairs for the local and region. Please let her know if you would be willing to help, especially, in the region level. A region director-elect is still very much needed to keep our PASR organization running. Thanks again, for having confidence in me as your president these past two years!

Peg Harding
President, Butler County Chapter

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Slippery RockEllen McIntyre
South ButlerVirginia Shirey

Meeting Location: Christ Community Methodist Church at 205 North Duffy Road, in Butler Township behind Target. See you **December 14, 2016 at Noon.**

Butler County Council PASR
General Membership
Luncheon Meeting
September 28, 2016
Christ Community Methodist Church

Peg welcomed us. Ellen McIntyre led the Pledge of Allegiance. Margaret Hoffman 92, Clara Thompson 101, Marion Bell 98 were recognized. Lunch was served. Call to order by Peg.



Diana Bowman introduced Officers Harry Callithen and Bullet, Ed Newman and Nitro. K-9 discussions and demonstrations were conducted.



Community Service- Collecting plastic baby dolls and doll blankets for use at Concordia and St. Barnabas. Continue collecting bottle lids, Pringle cans, and ink Cartridges. Begin collecting pill bottles and lids.

RECRO- Trip to Bethlehem Nov. 30- Dec. 3.

Membership- Be sure to notify change of address.

Ed Support- BC3 scholarship winner is Sara Scarpino an early childhood education major.

Social Services/Memorial/Honor Fund-Halloween treat is chocolate. \$50 donation to state was sent.

Public Relations- If you did not receive flood relief email, send Polly correct email address.

Region VIII – PASR logo t-shirts and polo shirts- email lindavortz@yahoo.com for information. Local positions need to be filled, contact Veronica.

John Dillon Award will be given at December meeting.

The Woodson awards are scheduled for Mars for the 2016-2017 school year.

PASR jar opener favors were printed for distribution at group events. Anyone with ideas for such events should contact Peg.



PASR State Leadership Conference was held October 17-18, 2016. Attending from chapter were Peg Harding and Mary K. Davis, and in the center, Veronica Rozic as Region Director.

Center Avenue is the adopted school for this year. Students are ages 6 through 18 with mental difficulties and behavior problems. List of items is in the Newsletter.

Connellsville flood relief donations are requested. See Mary K. for address. Executive Board meeting changed to October 19, 2016.

Luncheon is scheduled for December 14, 2016 with South Butler as host. Program is History of Butler County.

Raffle winner- Joanne Nosheim.

Adjournment 2:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frances Geisel

Recording Secretary

PASR COMMUNITY SERVICE

This is the time of the year to submit your Community Service Volunteer Tally sheet to me. You can find the form in this newsletter. After filling it out, either return it to me by "snail mail" (the new term for mailing something by hand through the U.S. postal service), scanning the form and sending it to harding.margaret@gmail.com, or bringing it to the December 14th luncheon. (Snail mail to 116 Rana Lane, Gibsonia, PA 15044). So many choices, anymore! The tally sheets are very important because they help in determining how many volunteers hours our members contribute to the local community and they help in choosing a Community Service Volunteer honoree for 2016. We sent a large bag of needed items to the Center Ave. School in Butler, PA to help the students from across Butler County. Those students have a variety of academic and emotional problems, so getting something for being a good student is very rewarding to them. We will need more items this time, too. (See the list in another part of this newsletter.) Manufacturers' coupons and "Box Tops for Education" tags were sent to the Navy and Marine bases in Guam and Yokosuka, Japan after the September luncheon. Thanks so much for cutting and placing them in FOOD and NON FOOD bags! Eight

baby dolls and baby blankets were delivered to St. Barnabas skilled care facility in Gibsonia, PA. The activities director was going to use them for therapy sessions with the dementia patients. Chris Moyer was given large garbage bags of Pringle cans for the Girl Scout cookie drive. The homemade cookies will be placed in the Pringle cans and then shipped to military personnel overseas for the holiday season. Thanks Chris, for giving us a great opportunity to help the Girl Scouts and the military! As usual, continue to bring pop can tabs, plastic bottle caps, ink cartridges, cut strips from plastic bags for the homeless project, Bingo prizes for the Butler Life senior day care center, non-perishable food and paper products for the local food bank, and other items to be mentioned throughout this newsletter. Women's shelters and the homeless need a variety of hygiene items, so we are asking that when you go and stay at a hotel, motel, or other places that give free shampoo, hair conditioner, hand lotion, or soap to bring them to the luncheon, also. At the September luncheon, Mary K Davis asked for monetary and gift card donations for the people in Connellsville, PA who were affected by the recent floods in their area. The area didn't qualify for FEMA help, so our contributions of \$328 was greatly appreciated by the Connellsville community. Darlaine Thompson, a local PASR member and Freeport retiree asked if we could help The Grapevine Center in Butler, PA. This organization is funded by the Butler County Commissioners through Butler County Human Services. You can watch a You Tube video called "Kizoa Online Movie Maker: Grapevine

Center making a difference" to view how the organization helps mental health, drug addiction, and the home

CENTER AVENUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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
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SSMHF

At our December Luncheon, we will be honoring our members who have passed during this year. Please be present as we remember our colleagues during our Memorial Service.

As I "move on" from being Chairperson of SSMF, I want to **thank** Loreen Fedokovitz, Peg Harding, and Donna Druga for giving of their time to serve our shut-ins over the many years.

Hopefully, we will have a new Chairperson(s) to announce at our

Luncheon. Loreen, Peg, Donna, and myself, Marcia Semple, **will** continue to be on the committee. **Please** consider this opportunity to serve our organization in a special way.

MEMBERSHIP

We always welcome new retirees to our organization. If you know of anybody who has retired from any position in our county schools, please invite them to join you in attending the December luncheon meeting.

PASR BUTLER COUNTY 2016-17 CALENDAR

- General Membership Meeting/Luncheon**
Executive Meeting
- General Membership Meeting/Luncheon**
Executive Meeting
- General Membership Meeting/Luncheon**
Executive Meeting
- General Membership Meeting/Luncheon**
Executive Meeting
- General Membership Meeting/Luncheon**
Executive Meeting


- December 14, 2016**
February 1, 2017
- March 22, 2017**
April 5, 2017
- May 24, 2017**
August 2, 2017
- September 27, 2017**
October 25, 2017
- December 13, 2017**

Membership Application		Phone	Date of birth
P A S R Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees 878 Century Drive Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-4375		() - / /	
		E-mail address	Retirement date & years of service
			___/___/___ ___ YOS
Please PRINT name/address below:	Are you a member of a local PASR chapter? If yes, which one?	School District from which you retired	
	Please select your membership option. Make check payable to: PASR <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Membership (<i>school retiree</i>) - \$60.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Associate Membership (<i>non-school retiree</i>) - \$60.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Life Membership Dues - \$700.00		
WEB	717-697-7077 (phone) • 717-697-8742 (fax) • pasr@pasr.org (e-mail) • www.pasr.org (website)		
Note: Membership dues payments are not deductible for federal income tax. PLEASE ALLOW 4-6 WEEKS FOR PROCESSING.			

COMMUNITY SERVICE SURVEY – YEARLY TALLY SHEET

January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016

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 Dec. 16 to: Ms. Margaret E. Harding, 116 Rana Lane, Gibsonia, PA 15044

PASR MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM
BUTLER COUNTY CHAPTER

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/Thinking of You

Helen Ferguson
100 Balboa Court
Butler, PA 16001

(New Nifty Ninety!!)



THANK YOU LETTER RECEIVED

Dear PASR Butler,

Thank you for providing three gift cards for the flood victims on September 30, 2016 to help with the flood recovery in the Connellsville area. The damage caused by the flood on August 28, 2016 was terrible; however, the response by the community and friends of the community has been inspiring. Thank you for being part of this amazing effort to help our neighbors recover from this difficult situation.

As a result of this flood, 255 homes were damaged, 60 homes received major damage and 31 homes are considered to be destroyed. The estimated total loss is \$7.7 million (homes, buildings and personal property). Fortunately, there was no loss of life or serious injury.

(Excerpt of letter received from Chip Rowan, Executive Director, Connellsville Area Community Ministries, 110 West Crawford Avenue, Connellsville, PA 15425.)



Many thanks to **Margaret Trainor Harding**, our retiring PASR Butler Chapter President. We all appreciate your positive outlook, expert experience, dedication, and fine leadership.

Thank you for your service!

PASR TREASURER'S REPORT
 July 1, 2016-September 30, 2016
 James A. Huemme

RECEIPTS: by

Local Dues	\$ 190.00
State Dues	300.00
Luncheon	890.00
Postage	103.00
Christmas trip	1,770.00
Connellsville Relief	23.00
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	\$3,282.00

EXPENSES:

Luncheon	\$ 973.25
SSMHF	68.76
Minuteman Press	332.20
PASR	420.00
Postmaster	88.43
Military Mail	26.90
Dillon Award	30.74
Office	490.15
Memorial Book	30.00
Connellsville Relief	23.00
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	\$2,483.43

Balance June 30, 2016		\$7,152.76
Receipts	+	3,282.00
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		10,434.76
Expenses	-	2,483.43
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Checkbook Balance		7,951.33
Savings		9,073.02
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Total Funds		\$17,024.35

PASR Luncheon Meeting
12:00 Noon, Wednesday, December 14, 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: December 5, 2016 SEND
TO Donna Vogel (724-538-8413)**

Program is History of Butler County

MENU

Turkey, stuffing, gravy
mashed potatoes
baby carrots
cranberry salad
regular salad
rolls,
pumpkin roll
raspberry iced tea, coffee, water
\$13.50

ALTERNATE

Chef's salad
Rolls
pumpkin roll,
raspberry iced
tea, coffee, water

\$11.50

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Reservation Form Deadline **December 5, 2016**
12:00 Noon at Christ Community Methodist Church

Member Name: _____

Guest Reservation: (name) _____

Number of reservations:

turkey @\$13.50 _____ 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

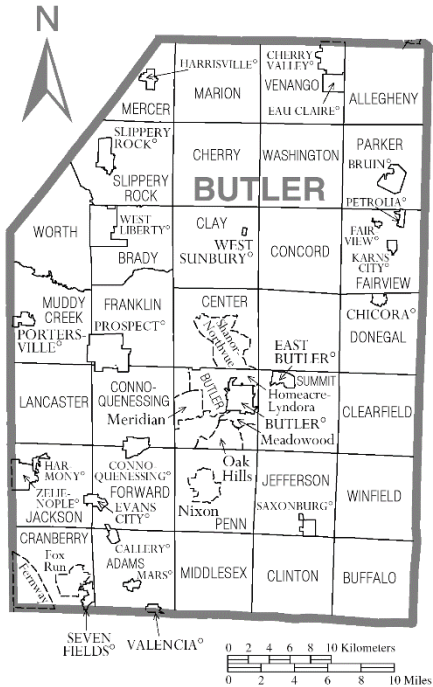
PASR, Butler Chapter

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

December 2016

*December Program will be
Butler County History*