



Journey

Butler County Chapter Newsletter

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**Association of School Retirees
(PASR)**

March 2018

President's Message

I don't remember any winter being as "frigid" as this past January has been. Even you folks living in the "South" must have felt the cold, too! Because our PASR John Dillon Honoree was not able to attend the December luncheon, we will try again, to honor that person at our March luncheon. So that means mi8 you have to wait another month for this wonderful news! The 2017 Volunteer of the Year will be honored at the March meeting, also. There were so many of you who, continually report your volunteer hours and I thank you for your service to our community here in Butler County and elsewhere. Since Veronica Rozic is the new State PASR Membership Chairperson, Sharon Kline has agreed to chair our Butler Chapter's Membership Committee. Congratulations to Veronica and Sharon!

In February, the Laretta Woodson awards will be presented to two employees from the Moniteau School District. They are Heather Salmon, a learning support teacher for kindergarten through third grade at Dassa McKinney Elementary School and Naomi Wagner, a student support professional at Moniteau Jr./Sr. High School. In addition to the Laretta Woodson awards, both women will be given \$100 grants to help in their endeavors. Mrs. Salmon will use the grant money in conjunction with "The Cafe System" to assess, instruct, and monitor student progress. It provides tools for constructing group and individual lessons that provide just-in-time instruction, ensuring that all students reach their potential. This system helps teachers establish and tract the strengths and goals of each child. She will use the grant money to continue assessing resources (i.e. lesson downloads, assessments, and videos) to implement THE CAFE SYSTEM herself. The CAFE System is delivered through the structure and framework of The Daily Five, which builds behaviors of independence and

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..... Doris Herceg

stamina. Mrs. Wagner will use her grant money on the student she works with on a daily basis in the classroom.(i.e. rewards, materials, etc.) In addition to the student she supports in the classroom setting, Dr. Sean Arney, the Superintendent, said that Mrs. Wagner has a heart for all Moniteau students. Each spring, she spends countless volunteer hours making costumes for the high school's musical production. In the 2016-2017 school year, she handled the new library paraprofessionals' job with grace, poise, and ease. On June 28, 2018 all PASR chapters will celebrate the 80th anniversary of PASR. We need some ideas, from you, as to how we can notify Butler County that we are celebrating our birthday. We will ask the Butler County Commissioners at their May 23rd. meeting to declare a proclamation that June 28, 2018 is "PASR DAY" , do some oral reading at local libraries by our PASR volunteers, announce "PASR DAY" on electronic signs in front of our local school district buildings, talk about PASR on the local radio station and cable network, etc. We need more activities to advertise our birthday. Email me at harding.margaret@gmail.com or Polly Shaw, pollyshaw@zoominternet.net with your suggestions! State PASR had another Fund Raiser for the month of January 2018 by selling \$20.00 tickets on the Pennsylvania Lottery "Pick Three" three digit number drawn every evening at 7:00 PM. Proceeds from this fund raiser will be used to support costs approved for updating the PASR communication systems. Chapter presidents and Region directors were given ten tickets each to sell before

Thanksgiving. Weekday winners would receive \$300.00 and Saturday night winners would receive \$400.00. Sonie Laughead won \$300 from a ticket sold by Mary K Davis, our Region VIII Director. Congratulations, Sonie!

Butler County Council PASR
General Membership

Luncheon Meeting
December 13, 2017

Christ Community Methodist Church

Peg welcomed us.
Memorial service for members who passed this year.
Carol Ball led flag pledge.
Lunch was served.
Call to order by Peg.
President Report is in *Journey*.
Priscilla Beblo organized collection stations for Community Service.

Membership- New data system capable of file sharing will be in place in March.

Ed. Support- BC3 scholarship dinner was held in October. Try to get recipient at spring meeting.

Social Services/Memorial/Honor- Helen Ferguson has congestive heart failure and will be 91 on Friday. Addition to deaths-Don Klingingsmith. Thank you to the candy deliverers.

Public Relations- Past issues of *Journey* are archived.

Butler- Summit Elementary opens after Christmas.

Woodson Awards will be presented in March.

John Dillon Award postponed.

Program- Scott Rycowski, investigator for Butler Police, works frauds and scams for aging (mainly over 60). Computer fraud website FTC.gov.

Mary Spence won the raffle.
Executive Board meeting- February 7, 2018

Luncheon Meeting- March 28, 2018.
Adjourned 2:45

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Respectfully Submitted,
Frances Geisel
Recording Secretary

Butler County Council PASR
Executive Board Minutes

February 8, 2018

Christ Community Methodist Church

Attending Peg Harding, Polly Shaw, Mary K. Davis, Fran Geisel, Jim Huemme, Joanne Nolsheim, Veronica Rozic, Sharon Kline, Priscilla Beblo, Carol Ball, Elaine McIntyre, Ruth Scott

Peg called the meeting to order at 10:00.

October, 2017 minutes read and approved.

President Report- John Dillon and Volunteer of the year to be honored at March meeting. Loretta Woodson awards to Heather Salmon and Naomi Wagner will be presented in February. Suggestions for the 80th anniversary celebrating on June 28- attend County Commissioners meeting on May 23 and ask PASR Day be proclaimed, Read in libraries (Polly to contact local libraries for participation), Electronic billboards, contact radio station, Ice cream day.

Sonie Laughead won \$300 in raffle for upgrading office communications. Treasurer's report was read and discussed. Expenses contained permit renewal for postage and memorial book for Marion Bell.

Community Service- Boxtops for Education are sent with coupons. Center Avenue needs toiletries, socks, combs, gift cards, for boys/girls ages 8 to 18.

Leg/LPEC Cola is being discussed.

Retirement Planning- Peg attended regional teleconference which discussed mainly membership.

RECREO-Trip October 4-5- State Capitol, National Civil War Museum, Hershey Park (Butterfly Garden), Sister Act play.

Membership- New chairperson Sharon Kline. After March, State and Local membership bases will be combined. Governor Wolf declaring June 28 PASR Day in state. Achieving state membership drive last year 583 members from 20,00 sent out. Fred McKillop wrote book, trying to get copyright to put on state site [Access to Capitol Hill](#).

BC3 Scholarship- recipient did not attend dinner. Luncheon program- Area on Aging.

Social Services/Memorial/Honor Fund- 6 persons visited, Helen Ferguson passed, Norvell Dunn in nursing care.

Public relations- An article on Helen Ferguson will be in the *Journey*. Submissions for *Journey* should be in the Verdana Font and Size 12. Minute

Press sold but staff working with Polly are still there. Polly has been named the Region Chair for Public Relations.

Region Director- Veronica Rozic is State Membership Chair. No direct contact with PISI as they have joined with AMBA from Texas. Current insurance is directly with other parties. State Newsletter is being revamped. Excess funds have been returned to treasury.

Menu- Same as last March, Swedish Meatballs. Coffee is decaf. Discussed purchasing water decanter rather than purchasing bottled water.

Polly is to remind Seneca Valley of hosting responsibilities.

Article deadline is February 16. Assembly is February 28 @ 9:00 @ Mary K.'s.

Executive board meetings changed to Thursdays. Next meeting of Executive Board is April 12.

Adjourned at 11:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Frances Geisel
Recording Secretary

Community Service

Thank you for being so generous to our troops overseas this past winter. You wrote Christmas greetings to 175 of our military families and these cards were sent, along with our coupons, in three large USPO boxes to Army commissaries in Grafenwoehr (2 buildings) and Vilsack, Germany.

Here's a list of things we need for our friends in the area and overseas:

Our local community: Pop can tabs, ink cartridges, bingo prizes, Box Tops for Education, manufacturers' coupons, plastic bottle caps, cut plastic bags, Pringle cans, Food Bank items [SEP] Center Avenue Community School items: [SEP] (ages 8-18, mostly male) Socks, deodorant, hair combs, brushes, toothpaste, toothbrushes, individual snacks (chips, juice boxes, candy, gum, mints, etc.), gift cards (\$5-\$10 from Dunkin Donuts, Walmart, iTunes, McDonald's, Burger King)

As mentioned in the president's report, we will be honoring our 2017 Volunteer of the Year at the March meeting. Many of you come to our meetings, but some of our volunteers have commitments on Wednesdays, so they are not able to attend our luncheons. They, faithfully, read our *Journey* newsletter, submit their volunteer hours, but we never get to see them. Wednesday seems to be the best day for the luncheons, so we apologize for that, but please try to attend our meeting/luncheon/program at least once a year. We'd love to thank you, personally, for your volunteer commitment to others!

There were 21 PASR Butler County members who returned their "Volunteer Tally" sheets. Here are the results of the different categories: Educational - 68 hours, Social Services - 4,478 hours, Political - 45 hours, Religious - 2,745 hours, Services to Youth - 250 hours. The total volunteer hours for 2017 were 7,586 HOURS! Thank you for your volunteerism! I wanted to list the Volunteer honorees that I have on record.

- 2002 - Bill Leonard
- 2003 - Marcia Semple
- 2004 - Delores Elli
- 2005 - Joanne Nolsheim
- 2006 - Mary Angert
- 2007 - Donna Reeder
- 2008 - John Prichard
- 2009 - Doris Herceg
- 2010 - Virginia Shirey
- 2011 - Margaret Harding
- 2012 - Twenty-five volunteers 75+hr
- 2013 - Kathleen Gardina
- 2014 - Donald Cavalero
- 2015 - Polly Shaw
- 2016 - Jim and Kay Huemme
- 2017 - ??????????????



THANKS TO THESE DEDICATED PASR BUTLER COUNTY HONOREES!

**From PASR State Officegeb 6
PISI News**

On December 8, 2017 - Professional Insurance Services Inc. (PISI) - (our Third Party Administrator or "TPA") merged with a company located in Austin, Texas named AMBA (Associate Member Benefits Advisors). A Third Party Administrator simply acts as the entity that does the marketing, collects the premiums and is the record keeper regarding members who sign up and cancel benefits. The exact nature or legal description of the "partnership" between PISI and AMBA is currently not known by us. It is important to note that on May 18, 2015, PISI and PASR signed a five year contract for PISI to continue as the PASR Third Party Administrator. However, due to the merger and the terms of the original (2015) contract, PASR currently does not officially have a Third Party Administrator. We were asked by PISI to sign an

additional document that would formalize the partnership. It is very important to note that the PASR insurance contracts (Davis Vision and United Concordia in particular) are signed directly by the Executive Director with each provider. Every insurance contract remains in force for each of our members. This merger between AMBA and PISI does not alter these contracts in any way. Again, to be clear, our insurance contracts are directly with the provider and not with PISI. PASR members can continue to sign up for dental and/or vision insurance coverage through PISI (Dental – United Concordia; Vision – Davis Vision). New and current subscribers are to make payments to PISI until further notice. Partly as a result of being informed “after the fact” of this merger and not before or during, on January 23, 2018, the PASR Board of Directors made the decision to explore all options regarding the best way to provide insurance coverage for our members. The Board passed a motion instructing the Executive Director to: 1) Notify PISI that PISI is not allowed to contact any chapters or regions within PASR while PASR explores all insurance options. This includes PISI representatives speaking at PASR events at the state and local level. This step is necessary so that PASR can have a period of time to explore all options available. Also, the Board requests that anyone within PASR report any contact with PISI representatives to Headquarters. 2) Advise the Chapters of this decision and the reasons behind this decision. Since early last year, PASR has instituted many changes to the

operation of the Association. We have been instructed by the Board of Directors, to attempt to improve PASR in any pragmatic and practical way. To that end, the Board may decide as one of its options to conclude that the PISI-AMBA merger would provide the best service for our membership. It is the job of the office staff to research every aspect and to give the Board of Directors (on behalf of the Association) every possible option and the supporting documentation for their review, evaluation and ultimate decision.

From Our Region 8 Director

The new calendar year has started, and with the turning of the calendar there are some changes that have occurred at the state level of our organization. The new officers were sworn in at the state convention in October and they took office on January 1, 2018. They are Gary Parker – President, Judith Schaffer – President Elect, William Neugebauer – Vice President, Barbara Mitcho – Treasurer, and Stephen Vak – Assistant Treasurer.

Veronica Rozic has been appointed as chair of the state membership committee. As such, she can no longer act as our chapter or region membership chair. Please give consideration to serving as our region membership chair. If you are interested, please contact me. (Editor’s Note: Sharon Kline has stepped up.)

Please read carefully the letter from our Executive Director concerning PISI. As of now continue paying your insurance premiums as you have

always done. Your contract is with the insurance companies. PISI is a Third Party Provider. If you have any questions, I will be glad to talk to you about this. Be assured that the State Board of Directors and the staff are working to provide you with the best benefits possible. You will be notified if there is any change concerning PISI as the Third Party Provider for our benefits. Our lobbyist and executive director are continuing to make contact with

legislators concerning a COLA. I will let you know if there is any information forthcoming on this front.

I am honored to represent you as Region 8 Director. Please let me know if there is anything that I can do for you.

Mary K Davis
Region 8 Director

PASR BUTLER COUNTY 2018 CALENDAR

General Membership Luncheon (Host SV)	March 28, 2018
Butler Chapter Executive Meeting	Thurs. April 12, 2018
Region 8 Meeting in Grove City	March 18, 2018
General Membership Luncheon(Host SR)	May 23, 2018
PASR State Birthday Celebration 80 years	Thurs. June 28, 2018
Butler Chapter Executive Meeting	Thurs. August 2, 2018
General Membership Luncheon(Host SB)	September 26, 2018
Region 8 Meeting in Grove City	October 3, 2018
Butler Chapter Executive Meeting	Thurs. Oct. 25, 2018
General Membership Luncheon(Host Butler)	December 12, 2018

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



We typically do not post obituaries in *Journey*, but this is not a typical situation. Fergie was very active in the Butler Chapter, serving on various committees, as Chapter President, and as Region 8 Director. She was one of our "nifty nineties" who lived a long and productive life. *Well done, thy good and faithful servant.*

Helen Ruth Ferguson, 91, of Butler passed away Thursday, January 25, 2018, at the Good Samaritan Hospice. She was born Dec. 15, 1926, in North Washington, Pa., and was the daughter of the late Roy C. Ferguson and Margaret (Jack) Ferguson. Helen was a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church, where she had served as deacon and an elder on the session. She graduated from Concord Township High School in 1944, Slippery Rock State Teacher's College in 1948, with a

bachelor's degree in education, and Indiana State Teacher's College in 1965, with a master's degree in education. Helen taught at Center Avenue and Broad Street schools. She retired from teaching in the Butler School District. She was a life member of NEA and PASR, having served as president of PASR, Butler Chapter, and director of Region 8 of the state PASR. She was also a member of Butler Business and Professional Women's Club and was the past president and director. Also, the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International as past president of Alpha Sigma Chapter, Butler Woman's Club as past president, Friends of the Library as past president, National Audubon Society and the Bartramian Audubon Society of Slippery Rock, also serving as past president. She served as a volunteer for Meals on Wheels and knit helmet hats for soldiers and hats for Children and Youth Services of Butler. Helen's hobbies included bird watching, camping at Slippery Rock Campground and knitting hats



Fergie, on the right, always active and ready to help at the Registration Desk for our Retirement Fair.

Card Shower of Cheer

*You can make a difference and
certainly brighten every day!*

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



Butler County PASR Treasurer's Report October 1, 2017-December 31, 2017

RECEIPTS:

Trip	\$ 855.00
Luncheon	996.00
SSMHF	114.00
PASR	150.00
Postage	113.00
Scholarship Awards	187.50
Local Dues	650.00
State Dues	760.00

\$3,825.50

EXPENSES:

Luncheon	\$1,103.55
Trip	1,603.21
Minuteman Press	314.15
Postmaster	307.67
Convention Expenses	269.64
SSMHF	66.38
Military Mail	52.05
Memorial Book	30.00

\$4,506.65

Checkbook Balance September 30, 2017	\$5,550.88
Receipts	+ 3,825.50
Total	9,376.38
Expenses	- 4,506.65
Checkbook Balance December 31, 2017	4,869.73
Savings	9,140.24
Total Funds	\$14,009.97

2018 TRIP LIST
Margaret Hoffman & Sharon Reed

DATE	TRIP & Beneficiary	COST/person
April 9-11	The ARK ENCOUNTER & CREATION MUSEUM Cincinnati & northern Kentucky Sponsored by St. John's Reformed Church, Butler	\$445.00 p/dbl
April 19	YWCA Presque Isle Downs and Casino	\$ 37.00
June 21	YWCA Presque Isle Downs and Casino	\$ 37.00
August 16	YWCA Presque Isle Downs and Casino	\$ 37.00
October 18	YWCA Presque Isle Downs and Casino	\$ 37.00
June 26	"Things My Mother Taught Me", The Station, Erie Matinee with Lunch Sponsored by MARC (formally Meridian Area Retired Citizens)	\$ 80.00
July 17-18	JESUS at Sight & Sound Theatre, "Wizard of OZ" Sponsor St John's Reformed Church (check for child & single rate)	\$ 320.00 adult
October 4-5	PA State Capitol, Civil War Museum, Butterfly Atrium, "SISTER ACT" Sponsored by Butler County School Retirees PASR	\$ 310.00
October 10	"Smoke On The Mountain" at Mountain Playhouse Matinee and Lunch Sponsored by Butler Chapter U.C.T (United Comercial Travelers)	\$ 80.00
October 23	"My Heart Is So Full Of You", The Station Theatre, Erie, Matinee with lunch Sponsored by Butler County Hospital Nurse's Alumni	\$ 80.00

Christmas Trip. Ideas are needed

Margaret Hoffman 724-282-4454
 Sharon Reed 724-822-5848

2018 BUS TRIPS

I hope you are looking forward to taking some trips in 2018. Sharon and I have some planned and others are still in planning stage. If you have a group that would like to have a trip as a benefit project we may be able to put one together for you. As you probably know all profit goes to the sponsoring group. Call Sharon 724-822-5848 if you have any ideas for trips.

Please spread the word about the trips as we are needing to reach new travelers.

Please visit Facebook and **LIKE** the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees!!!

(PASR) **PASR Luncheon Meeting**
12:00 Noon, Wednesday, March 28, 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 Meal \$11.00

Alternate meal \$11.00

Swedish meatballs/noodles
Dilled baby carrots
Cole Slaw
Rolls
Chocolate cake
Raspberry Iced Tea
Decaf coffee, water

Chef's Salad
Rolls
Chocolate cake
Raspberry Iced Tea
Decaf coffee
Water

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..... Reservation Form

Deadline **March 16, 2018**
12:00 Noon at Christ Community Methodist Church

Member Name: _____

Guest Reservation: (name) _____

Number of reservations:

meatballs @\$11.00 _____ chef salad @ \$11.00 _____

Total due: _____ (indicate if **free**) 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*

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Per #510
Butler, PA 16001

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Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees

March 2018

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

Friends