



*Butler County
Chapter Newsletter*

<http://www.orgsites.com/pa/butlerchappasr/>

December 2013

President's Message

Hello,

I want to wish all of you a happy holiday season. As we prepare for this busy time of the year, let us keep all our military personnel and others who are away from home in our prayers. As I finish my first year as your president, I want to thank all of you for your support. We completed the membership drive for 2013 by gaining 20 new state members, 14 of which were also new local members. The 20 new members were equal to 50% of the state target for our chapter. We will be participating in next year's campaign, so put on your thinking caps and let me know of any of your former co-workers that you think would be interested in PASR.

You have received your ballot to vote for the election of a new annuitant representative member for the PSERS Board of Trustees. After a thorough review of the three candidates, the PASR Board of Directors has unanimously endorsed Judith Guise. Judith is an active member of PASR and has been acting as liaison for the past few years. The annuitant member of the PSERS Board of Trustees is the only representative that is there as a retiree

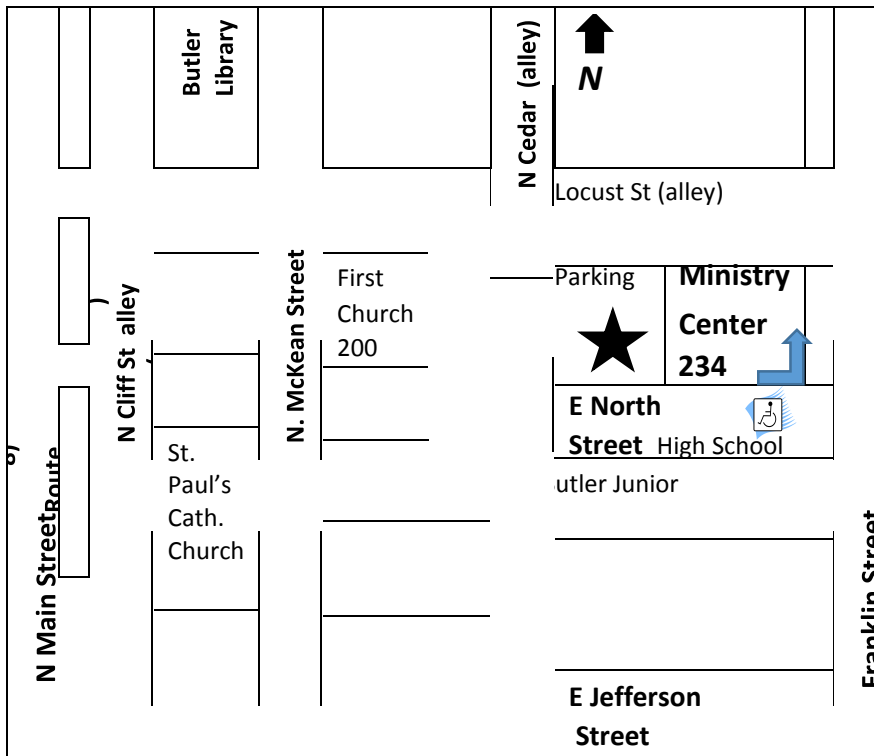
from the public schools. Please complete your ballot and return it. If you have already done so, thank you.

Our program in December will be given by Nancy Slezak. She will be talking about therapy dogs and how they are used.

Mary K. Davis
President, Butler County Chapter

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We meet at **First Church Ministry Center**, 234 East North Street, near the corner with Franklin Street. Butler Junior High is across the street. There is a large parking lot between First Church (AKA First United Methodist Church) and the Ministry Center (previously known as the K of C or Knights of Columbus). **The ramp is on the side opposite the parking lot** for those who prefer not to use the stairs. Please try it.

State website www.pasr.org

May 28, 2014

Electronic or US Mail?

A dozen members have elected to receive the PASR Butler Chapter Newsletter via email. If you would like to try it, send an email to Newsletter Editor, Polly Shaw at pollyshaw@zoominternet.net. The current issue will be sent as a pdf file. If it opens correctly on your computer/electronic device and you want to discontinue the US Mail version, confirm that change by e-mail. Our newsletters are also posted on the Chapter website for your convenience. Help us save postage and printing. Go to: <http://orgsites.com/pa/butlerchappasr/> Click on "newsletter" in the left column menu.

Luncheon Meeting Minutes

Butler County Council PASR
Luncheon Meeting
September 25, 2013
First Methodist Ministry Center

Call to Order. Mary K. welcomed us.

Karns City Host led prayer and pledge.

Lunch was served.

May minutes approved.

Thank you to Karns City for hosting meeting.

Pennsylvania legislation of importance HB 1532 and SB 1922 on the retirement system. To keep Defined Benefits plan, urge to vote **no** to 410K.

**Remaining Chapter
2013-2014 Meeting Dates**

December 18, 2013
March 26, 2014

The yellow dot program can be reached at www.yellowdot.gov for over 55. Regional by-law changes: executive director term from 3 to 5 years changed to 1 to 3 years; regional directors may run for a second consecutive term.

Treasurer's report was in last newsletter.

Community Service committee reminds members volunteer of the year will be awarded in December. We are also collecting empty Pringles cans as well as donations for postage for the coupons.

Recreo - Philadelphia in September was a success, 47 participants. Check state website for Kentucky trip.

Bess Higgins has died. Lorraine Kesterson has breast cancer.

Send Polly Shaw e-mail if you wish to receive the newsletter via e-mail.

Executive board will decide the venue for the December meeting.

Sam and Linda McKissick presented artifacts and tales of the Civil War soldier.

Susan Campbell won the 49/51.

Respectfully submitted,
Frances A. Geisel
Recording Secretary

Committee Chairs

Legislative and L/PEC Donna Druga
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Patterson and Shirley Haggert
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Joanne Nolsheim
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Ruth Kirk
Slippery Rock Ellen McIntyre
South Butler Doris Herceg

Meeting Hosts This Year

September Karns
City **December**
Mars February
Moniteau
May..... Seneca Valley

flannel hearts for "Project Hope",

At the December 18 meeting, see Joanne Nolsheim for 49/51 charity raffle tickets.

Price: 3 for \$1. Proceeds used to send the military coupons that we donate.

It costs \$35-\$40 to mail each time. Extra will go toward social-memorial.

Committee Updates

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Because our state PASR convention wasn't held until after our last luncheon, the PASR Butler County Volunteer has been held over until our December luncheon. Please come to our luncheon meeting and congratulate our newest volunteer for 2013!

We are continuing to help our troops in as many ways as possible. Keep clipping those manufacture coupons and bring them to the December meeting. Remember, the expiration date requirement should not go back more than 2 months ago. Please make sure you separate the coupons into **FOOD** and **NON-FOOD** items and place them in separate baggies or envelopes.

There is a wonderful website for you to help our military and their families. Go to soldiersangels.org and find out what you, as an individual, can do to help support our troops here and abroad.

The grant for "worry dolls" for the children of the men and women deployed overseas has been eliminated, but our county will be giving the dolls out to the local boys and girls, instead. Our chapter is still making helmet hats for the military, and collecting pop can tabs, used ink cartridges, tote bags for Guatemala,

plastic bottle caps, Pringle cans, and Bingo prizes. All these items can be returned at the luncheon and new materials, clothes pins, embroidery thread, and flannel can be picked up at the meeting, too.

The state PASR wants all chapters to continue working with our K-12 youth. So when you are shopping for Christmas presents in the next few weeks, buy an extra pair of socks, gloves, mittens, ear muffs, pencils, paper, etc., and we will give them to our needy children in Butler County. **Bring them to the luncheon**, and we'll distribute them. The state PASR also wants to help the hungry in our communities, so nonperishable food items and paper products will be greatly appreciated, too.

If you can think of other ways we can help our youth throughout the year, please let me know. This will be an ongoing project, so let's come up with some unique ideas.

Also, please let me know if you and some other PASR volunteers are working on special projects for our youth and/or community members. If you need other PASR volunteers, I'm sure we can find them for you!

MEMBERSHIP

All members are part of the membership committee. Please invite your friends and former co-workers to join us. Our local dues are \$10, state dues are \$50.

We would like to have members for all seven school districts, the vo-tech, and BC3 as members of our organization. Remember that any person that worked in the schools and is receiving a retirement from PSERS is welcome to

join us. We are an organization of school retirees, not just educators.

BY-LAWS

We are in compliance.

Wisconsin Dells & House on the Rock

June 16 - 20, 2014

Tour sponsored by Butler County School Retirees (PASR)

Day 1 - MONDAY, June 16, Hoffman Estates, IL: Enjoy a leisurely travel day to the Comfort Inn, Hoffman Estates, IL. There will be rest stops and lunch before having dinner at Hoffman Estates. (L, D)

Day 2 - TUESDAY, June 17, Wisconsin Dells: This morning we stop at The Angel Museum in Beloit, WI, that features more than 12,000 angels including the Berg Angel Collection as well as nearly 500 black angels donated by Oprah Winfrey. We then travel to Wisconsin Dells for lunch at Paul Bunyan's 'Northwoods Cook Shanty'. Don't be too concerned about the title, so named because the main dining room looks like a frontier log cabin with wood beams across the ceiling. The food is plentiful and delicious. Following lunch we will take the 2 Hour Boat Tour of the Upper Dells. This includes sights of sandstone cliffs, rock formations and stops at Witches Gulch and Stand Rock. After the boat ride, we will travel a short distance to Baraboo to check in at the Clarion Inn & Convention Center for a two-night stay. Dinner tonight will be at the Wisconsin Opry followed by lots fun and country music by local and national performers. (B, L, D)

Day 3 - WEDNESDAY, June 18, House on the Rock, Spring Green, WI: This unusual house built by Alex Jordan is perched atop a rock pinnacle. The original 14room Main House incorporates natural stone walls and a waterfalls. A highlight is the cantilevered Infinity Room which extends 218 feet out over the valley and 156 feet above the forest floor, offering scenic views through floor to ceiling windows. In addition to the Main House, there are many themed rooms filled with eclectic collections, such as the world's largest carousel, doll houses, circuses, Street of YesterYears, and the blue music rooms, just to mention a few. There are several food stands throughout the house for easy lunch-rest stops. After spending several hours at the house, we return to Wisconsin Dells for a 1-hour ride on the Ducks, the open-air amphibious vehicles built during World War II. You will have some free-time to walk around town before we go for dinner at Perkins Restaurant and then attend the 8:30 PM Tommy Bartlett Spectacular Water Show. This will be a 90-minute performance on water, stage and high in the sky. There will likely be some daredevil entertainers, with comedy and stage acts. Closing with the Entrancing

Water Finale, a spectacular mix of color and patriotic music. Return to Clarion Inn at Baraboo, WI. (B, D)

Day 4 - THURSDAY, June 19, "Driving Miss Daisy": Matinee dinner show at Fireside Dinner Theatre, Ft. Atkinson, WI. After a leisurely breakfast at the hotel we begin the journey home, stopping for the 11:30 AM lunch and the much loved show. We return to the Comfort Inn, Hoffman Estates tonight. Dinner at a local restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 5 - FRIDAY, June 20, Shipshewanna, IN: Lunch at the Blue Gate Amish Restaurant and have time to walk along the streets and shop in this MennoniteAmish village.

COST: \$ 750.00 per person /dbl; \$ 950.00 sgl; \$ 650.00 per person/triple; \$600.00 per person/quad. \$100.00 per person deposit with reservation. **Balance due May 1, 2014.**

Monday, June 16 - DEPART: 7:00 AM Moraine Pointe Plaza, Butler (call for other departure locations and times)

Friday, June 20 - RETURN: 9:00 PM (approximate time) Moraine Pointe Plaza

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Butler County PASR

MAIL CHECKS TO: Margaret Hoffman, 140 Whippoorwill Rd., Butler, PA 16001

FOR INFORMATION CALL: Margaret Hoffman, 724-282-4454 (Tour Organizer & Tour Co-Chair,) OR Joanne Nolsheim, 724-287-8148 (Butler Co. PASR Tour Chr.)

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WISCONSIN DELL , Etc., June 16-20, 2014

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

TRAVELING WITH _____

SPECIAL REQUESTS _____

**OTHER NOTES FROM
Oct 24 BOARD MEETING**

Veronica Rozic, Peg Harding, and Mary K. Davis attended the state convention in Lancaster. A woman in the central part of the state won the drawing. Almost \$9,000 raised plus almost \$3000 through a basket raffle. The next convention won't be until 2015 at Station Square in Pittsburgh.

The Board voted to give the Butler Library \$100 in consideration for our 4 board meetings held there.

We are establishing a \$500 scholarship for a Butler County Community College student who is going into education. It will start in the fall.

E-MAIL



Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees

ADDRESS _____

Membership Enrollment Form

Butler County Chapter

Name _____

Social Security Number _____

Address _____

Telephone (home) _____ (cell) _____

e-mail _____

School District _____

Spouse or Partner's Name _____

Dues total _____

_____ Local \$10.00

_____ State \$50.00

_____ Local Life \$150.00

_____ State Life \$600

State Life can be paid in two years at \$300 a year. Please make checks payable to *Butler County PASR*

Mail to: Jim Huemme, 119 Shanor Heights, Butler, PA 16001

Have you visited the state website to find our local club info as well as discounts and benefits available to all members? Well worth a look! www.pasr.org

PASR Treasurer's Report – July 1 – September 30, 2013

James Huemme, Treasurer

RECEIPTS:

Local Dues	\$ 305.00
State Dues	650.00
Luncheon	730.00
50/50	41.00
PASR Raffle	140.00
Trip	13,095.00
Military Mail	111.25
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EXPENSES:

SSMHF	\$ 31.09
Military Mail	54.40
Minuteman	305.55
Luncheon	712.00
Postmaster	109.87
PASR Dues	700.00
Memorial Book	30.00
PASR Raffle	140.00
Convention Expenses	200.00
Trip	14,722.66
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Balance June 30, 2013	\$ 7,726.08
Receipts	+ 15,072.25
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	\$ 22,798.33

Expenses	17,005.57	
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Balance September 30, 2013	- \$ 5,792.76	
Savings	6,411.40	
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	\$ 12,204.1	PASR

Luncheon Meeting

12:00 Noon, Wednesday, December 18, 2013

First Church Ministry Center
 234 East North Street Butler,
 PA 16001

(handicapped entrance on east side of building)

RESERVATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 9, 2013

MENU

Parmesan Chicken
 Salad
 Parsley Potatoes
 Almond Green Beans
 Dessert
 Coffee, Ice Tea, Hot Tea, Water
 Price: \$11.25

Alternate

Chef Salad, Beverage and Dessert
 Price \$10.00

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 Reservation Form Deadline December 9, 2013
 PASR Luncheon, December 18, 2013

12:00 Noon at First Church Ministry Center

Member Name _____

Guest Reservation(name) _____

Number of reservations:

Parmesan Chicken @ \$11.15 _____ Chef Salad @ \$10.00 _____

Total due _____

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
724-538-8413

PASR

Mary K. Davis

114 Freeport Road

Butler, PA 16001

<p>Pre sort STD Postage Pd. Per #510 Butler, PA 16001</p>
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DATED MATERIAL

Butler Chapter

P A S R
Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees

PSERS Ballots must be received no later than 12:00 noon on Nov. 27, 2013 to be counted. If you need a replacement ballot or have questions, please e-mail psershelp@electionservicescorp.com or call 1-866-720-4367. Remember: **Judith Guise will represent interests of PASR members.**

Did you mail your ballot?