



# Journey

**Butler County Chapter Newsletter**

**<http://www.pasrbutler.wix.com/butler>**

**Facebook: PASRbutler**

**December 2017**

## ***President's Message***

From October 1-3, 2017, the State PASR Convention was held in Lancaster, PA. Polly Shaw and I represented our chapter as delegates, Mary K. Davis, went as the Region VIII Director, and Veronica Rozic went as a delegate for the Mercer Chapter, since they needed another delegate for voting purposes.

Veronica Rozic had generously volunteered to run for the State PASR Vice President position. Unfortunately, another PASR delegate was nominated at the convention to run against her. After all the voting sheets were counted, our new PASR state officers are: President - Gary Parker, President-Elect - Judith Schaffer, Vice President - Bill Neugebauer, Treasurer - Barbara Mitcho, and Assistant Treasurer - Steve Vak.

**We applaud Veronica for her determination and generosity to volunteer her time and talents in all aspects of PASR!**

At our September luncheon, our PASR Butler County Chapter collected \$256 to be given to MDS, Mennonite Disaster Services, which would help victims in Texas who suffered because of Hurricane Harvey. Other chapters throughout the state, also, contributed to MDS. A total of \$6,301 was presented to representatives of MDS at the end of the convention. MDS decided to use this money to purchase "backpack weekend lunches" for the children in Bloomington, TX. Their community consists of many low-income families who live in substandard housing; about 25% of the children live in poverty. This way, the children would be fed during the week by the free lunch program and we'd be helping them on the weekends. Thank you for your generosity!

The John Dillon Award will be presented to one of our PASR State/Local members in December. I can't tell you the recipient now, so come to the luncheon and congratulate our new awardee!

## **Butler Chapter Officers**

President ..... Peg Harding  
harding.margaret@gmail.com  
724-502-4065  
President-Elect ..... Polly Shaw  
pollyshaw@zoominternet.net  
Recording Secretary ..... Fran Geisel  
Corresponding Sec'y ..... **OPEN**  
Immediate Past Pres. .... Mary K Davis  
Region VIII Director ..... Mary K Davis  
Treasurer ..... James Huemme  
Asst. Treasurer ..... Joanne Nolsheim  
Website ..... pasrbutler.wix.com/butler  
State website ..... www.pasr.org  
Facebook group ..... PASR Butler

## **Committee Chairs**

Legislative and L/PEC ..... Peg Harding  
Retirement Planning ..... **OPEN**  
RECREO ..... M. Hoffman, J. Nolsheim  
Social Services/Memorial Honor Fund  
..... Ruth Scott  
By-Laws ..... Sue Campbell  
Educational Support ... Diana Bowman  
Community Service ..... Peg Harding  
Member Benefits & Services .... **OPEN**  
Membership ..... Veronica Rozic  
vverrozic@aol.com  
Nomination ..... **OPEN**  
Reservations ..... Donna Vogel  
Resolutions ..... **OPEN**  
Public Relations ..... Polly Shaw

## **PASR School Entity Area Chairs**

Butler Area ..... Sharon Kline  
BC3 ..... Ruth Scott, Pattie Bajuszik  
Karns City ..... **OPEN**  
Mars ..... Priscilla Beblo  
Moniteau ..... Carol Ball  
Seneca Valley .. Sue Campbell, Ruth Kirk  
Slippery Rock ..... Ellen McIntyre  
South Butler ..... Virginia Shirey,  
..... Doris Herceg

On October 14<sup>th</sup>, Polly Shaw, our president-elect, and I attended the Butler County Community College Education Foundation Scholarship program dinner to honor those students who received scholarships. The foundation awards nearly \$200,000 in student scholarships for the 2017-2018 academic year. Our PASR Butler Chapter awardee is Shelby Rae Helzlsouer from Harrisville. Shelby is in the Early Childhood Education Program. We hope she can attend our December luncheon so that we can congratulate her, personally.

Enjoy the rest of 2017 and we'll see you in December!



Our September collection was donated to the Portersville Food Pantry. Polly Shaw delivered the goods to Cindi Burns, pictured above.

Butler County PASR  
General Membership Meeting  
September 27, 2017  
Christ Community Methodist Church

Peg welcomed us. Lunch was served.  
Call to order by Peg.

Community Service-Thank you replies from Army in Germany and Navy/Marines sent magnets, one given to May Angert for her contribution of boxes of coupons. Thank you to Priscilla Beblo for aiding in collection distributions.

RECREO- Pittsburgh trip Planned for October.

By-Laws- 2020 Language is correct.

Ed Support- BC3 Scholarship to Shelly Rae Helzlsouer an early childhood major to be presented October 14. Loretta Woodson awards to Moniteau School District. Support member Naomi Wagner at the Jr/Sr High and professional Heather Salmon a K-3 Learning Support

Social Services/Memorial/Honor- Marian Bell passed. Marcia Semple had foot Surgery. Helen Cypher is 105. Clara Thompson is 102.

Seneca Valley- Rowen School is air conditioned.

Region VIII- The Mennonite Disaster Service is collecting financial contributions for Hurricane Relief. A collection envelope was sent around the room. Need to convince legislature for COLA. Pre Act 9 people are needed to be interviewed. Last COLA 2001. December 26 is 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of PASR. The celebration will be on the

half-year, June 26, 2018. Governor will declare June 26 PASR day in PA. Suggestions are needed for group celebration.

The Chapter has received a certificate for achieving the Chapter Goals and Activities.

Kimberly Vensel presented a program on the Monarch Butterfly.



Executive Council meeting- October 11,  
Chapter Luncheon December 13 with  
host Moniteau.

Betty Butler won the raffle

1:55 adjourned to outside for butterfly  
release.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Frances Geisel  
Recording Secretary



December 28, 2017 marks the 80<sup>th</sup>  
birthday of PASR.

### **Community Service**

The end of the year is arriving very  
fast. Please complete your Volunteer  
Tally Sheet and return it to me at the  
December luncheon or mail it to me -  
Peg Harding 116 Rana Lane,  
Gibsonia, PA 15044 before December  
31, 2017. We really need your input

on what you do as a volunteer. We  
want to present our results to our  
Butler County Commissioners  
sometime early next year.

Many great ideas were presented at  
the Community Service Seminar  
during the PASR State Convention in  
October. We could implement them  
quite easily!

Please bring unsigned Christmas cards  
to our December 13<sup>th</sup> luncheon. We  
will place them on the tables. During  
the meeting and program, please  
write messages to our military men  
and women. These will be collected at  
the end of the program and then  
placed in boxes with the  
manufacturers' coupons. Not only will  
the commissaries receive the  
coupons, but they will receive  
wonderful Christmas messages from  
our Butler County PASR members!

When you are shopping for Christmas  
gifts, please consider buying a new  
children's book or if you have slightly  
used children's books, bring them to  
the luncheon. We will be attaching a  
PASR Butler County Chapter label to  
each and distributing them to various  
doctors' and dentists' offices in the  
area. If you know of any particular  
place where they will be appreciated,  
we will gladly distribute them there,  
too.



Also on the luncheon  
tables, there will be a  
sheet for you to list  
volunteer opportunity  
places where our  
members can help. If  
you know the website, web address or  
phone number, please include them,

also. We want to include these agencies in our up-coming newsletters. Many people want to volunteer, but they don't know where to go.

Our regular collections; pop can tabs, plastic lids, Pringle cans, plastic bags for the homeless, ink cartridges, personal (gloves, mittens, winter scarves, etc.) and school items for the kids at Center Ave. School, manufacturers' coupons, Food Bank nonperishable items, etc. are still being needed, so bring them to the luncheon.



Please remember the annual Christmas donation for kids:

- hats
- gloves
- mittens
- coats
- socks
- shoes



## **L/PEC**

### **Legislative/Political Education Committee**

The most effective forms of communication with legislators:

1. In Person (direct)
2. Phone Call
3. Letter
4. Internet Communication (email and instant Messaging posts)

Guidelines for communicating with legislators:

1. Don't threaten.
2. Don't be late for meetings.
3. Frequency of Contact (how much is enough/too much?)
4. Individual message vs. form letter concept
5. Be informed.
6. Be prepared.
7. Be professional.
8. Be courteous.
9. Thank them for their time.
10. Leave contact information (address, phone, email)
11. Timing the issue.
12. The more personal, the better.
13. Keep in mind the gatekeeper in each office is a very important person in achieving a meeting or successful result with an elected official.
14. Try to find a person that the elected official can't say "No" to.

### **PASR 2017 CHAPTER GOALS AND ACTIVITIES**

*There are five categories of PASR Goals. This issue of Journey finishes with Goal 5 to help us all understand how Butler Chapter and state PASR operate.*

#### **GOAL 5: Grow and Strengthen Your Association**

Activity #1 — Recruit New State and Chapter Members The Membership Committee continues to encourage chapters to increase the number of state members from their area by conducting a 2017 membership campaign.

Activity #2 — Computerize Membership Records The Membership Committee is encouraging chapters to computerize their records in order to move smoothly into an online database through PASR headquarters in the future.

Activity #3— Nominate a Volunteer of the Year The Community Service Committee is encouraging chapters to select an Outstanding Volunteer from their chapter each year. The method of canvassing the membership and gathering the data for the selection is at the discretion of the chapter's Community Service Committee. The name and address of the Outstanding Volunteer will be reported to their region chairman.

Activity #4 — Elect a Chapter President-Elect The Board of Directors is encouraging chapters to elect a person to serve as president-elect for their chapter and to report the name and contact information for this person to PASR Headquarters in November 2017 or sooner, if that position has been filled. Chapter and region updated directories are to be submitted to headquarters in January 2017.

Activity #5— Help Maintain Membership Records The Membership Committee is encouraging chapters to maintain up-to-date records and

regularly/quarterly send listings of any new retiree names and addresses obtained by local volunteers, change of addresses for members and prospective members, and deceased

school retirees to PASR Headquarters in Mechanicsburg during the 2017 months of February, May, August, and November.

**PASR BUTLER COUNTY 2017-2018 CALENDAR**

<b>Gen. Membership Luncheon (Host Moniteau)</b>	<b>December 13, 2017</b>
Butler Chapter Executive Meeting	February 7, 2018
<b>General Membership Luncheon (Host SV)</b>	<b>March 28, 2018</b>
Butler Chapter Executive Meeting	April 11, 2018
<b>General Membership Luncheon(Host SR)</b>	<b>May 23, 2018</b>
Butler Chapter Executive Meeting	August 1, 2018
<b>General Membership Luncheon(Host SB)</b>	<b>September 26, 2018</b>
Butler Chapter Executive Meeting	October 24, 2018
<b>General Membership Luncheon(Host Butler)</b>	<b>December 12, 2018</b>

*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

Recently, Veronica Rozic was presented with a framed Certificate of Appreciation for her service as PASR Region VIII Director. Her tireless efforts and experience have contributed to the success of our local chapter and at the Regional level. Thank you, Veronica!

Pictured are Veronica Rozic and PSEA Executive Director Mark McKillop at the November 3 Leadership Development Training that was held in Grove City at IU4.



## *Card Shower of Cheer*

*You can make a difference and certainly brighten their days!*

Sonie Laughead  
109 Avon Drive  
Butler, PA 16001



**Ellen McIntyre**  
210 N. Boundary Street  
Butler PA 16001



Scenes from the House of Delegates in Lancaster.



**COMMUNITY SERVICE SURVEY – YEARLY TALLY SHEET**

**January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017**

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

<p><i>Mail by Dec. 16 to:</i> Ms. Margaret E. Harding, 116 Rana Lane, Gibsonia, PA 15044                  PASR MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM</p>
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Butler County PASR  
**Treasurer's Report**  
 July 1, 2017-September 30, 2017

RECEIPTS:

Local dues		\$ 350.00
State dues		420.00
Trips		9,060.00
Luncheon		744.00
Postage		74.00
		\$10,648.00

EXPENSES:

PASR		\$ 420.00
Trips		7,495.00
Trip refund		200.00
Military mail		69.40
Office		58.18
Panera meeting		35.31
Minuteman printing		298.93
Postmaster		84.39
Luncheon		640.00
Speaker		50.00
Convention basket		44.92
Hall rent		125.00
Dillon Award pin		5.00
		\$ 9,526.13

June 30 Balance		\$ 4,429.01
Receipts	+	10,648.00
Total		\$15,077.01
Expenses	-	9,526.13
Checkbook balance		5,550.88
Savings		9,125.29
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<b>\$14,676.17</b>

**PASR Luncheon Meeting**  
**12:00 Noon, Wednesday, December 13, 2017**

Christ Community United Methodist Church  
205 N Duffy Rd  
Butler, PA 16001

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

Regular

Alternate

Turkey, stuffing, gravy

Chef's salad

Mashed potatoes

Rolls

Baby carrots

Pumpkin roll

Cranberry salad

Raspberry iced tea, coffee, water

Rolls

Pumpkin roll

Raspberry iced tea, coffee, water

\$14.00

alternate meal \$12.00

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Reservation Form Deadline **December 1, 2017**  
**12:00 Noon at Christ Community Methodist Church**

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

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

Number of reservations:

turkey @\$14.00 \_\_\_\_\_ chef salad @ \$12.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**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*

**Pre sort STD  
Postage Pd.  
Per #510  
Butler, PA 16001**

**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

DATED MATERIAL

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

**December 2017**



Please bring unsigned Christmas cards to our December 13 luncheon. We will place them on the tables. During the meeting and program, write messages to our military men and women. The cards will be sent abroad with the coupons.