



Journey

Butler County Chapter Newsletter

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

Facebook: PASRbutler

May 2019

President's Message

In a retirement organization such as ours, we are grown-ups and do acknowledge how we typically lose members. That sad loss must be balanced with a happy influx of new members so that we maintain a healthy chapter and honor our former members.

But how do we find new members? Let's consider the value of the personal contact. Is it worth your time and effort to help PASR Butler Chapter to grow? Could your personal interaction really factor into a friend's decision about joining PASR? We like to say that everyone is on the membership committee, but is that practical? Let me share a personal example.

In 2010 my husband and I attended a retirement program in Grove City. I don't recall how I first heard about the retirement fair, but I surely recognized a name on the brochure: *Helen Ferguson*. I hadn't seen her in years but was delighted to see her smiling at the registration table, giving everyone

a gracious greeting. My sister, Gail, had boarded with Helen when they were young teachers at Center Avenue Elementary. Now, all these years later, here was Fergie, inviting me to join PASR. I may have attended the program because of a paper invitation to learn about retirement, but I joined this organization because of a personal invitation. Fergie made the difference!

What made the difference for you, or rather, **who** made the difference? Did someone encourage you to attend for a free lunch? (First lunch is free for everyone – see the lunch reservation form.) When you arrived at your first meeting, did you see someone you knew from your working years? Did someone shake your hand in greeting, or introduce you to others at a table? It is this kind of small gesture that can make a potential member feel welcome – or not – in the first few minutes.

This is something that I know I can personally improve. I always arrive early but I need to think back to my

Butler Chapter Officers

President ... 724-584-0371... Polly Shaw
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Recording Secretary..... Fran Geisel
Corresponding Sec'y **OPEN**
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Region VIII Director..... Mary K Davis
Treasurer James Huemme
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Committee Chairs

Legislative and L/PEC..... Peg Harding
Retirement Planning..... **OPEN**
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Social Services/Memorial Honor Fund
..... Ruth Scott
By-Laws Joanne Meredith
Educational Support.... Diana Bowman
Community Service..... Peg Harding
Member Benefits & Services **OPEN**

Nomination **OPEN**
Reservations Donna Vogel
Resolutions **OPEN**
Public Relations Polly Shaw
Luncheon..... Donna Vogel

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Butler Area Sharon Kline
BC3 Ruth Scott
Karns City Pat Hauman, Enid Wilson
Mars Priscilla Beblo
Moniteau Carol Ball Seneca Valley
. Sue Campbell, Ruth Kirk Slippery Rock
..... Ellen McIntyre
South Butler Virginia Shirey,
..... Doris Herceg

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classroom days. My prep had to be completed by the time the students arrived so I could greet them. (Learned that one as a student teacher!) I will try to improve and circulate to visit with each table at our meetings and say hello. Thanks to all who help to prepare!

Who could you invite to a meeting? Think about your coworkers before your retirement. I bet some of you still go to monthly building luncheons, or some kind of get together. People don't have to join the first year of retirement. It's OK to ask a friend *now* to come to a meeting and give us a try!

Remember that our local and state membership includes anyone who now receives a pension from PSERS. Depending on your district, that could include teachers, secretaries, support staff, administrators, custodians, kitchen staff, and bus drivers. Associate members can be anybody (such as spouses/partners) but can't hold office. Once we are retired, it really doesn't matter what job we did "way back when". The important part is that we enjoy our time together now at our meetings, have equal status, and work together to accomplish things we can't accomplish alone. Our PASR mission statement:



**To serve others
in need and
help one
another enjoy
retirement**

PASR Butler General Membership Luncheon Meeting March 27, 2019
Christ Community Methodist Church

Polly welcomed us.

Butler hosted. Mary K Davis led prayer.

Polly requested that each member sign photo release paper and indicate preferences for future menus.

Lunch was served.

Polly called meeting to order.



Priscilla Beblo (left) conducted election of officers. President-elect is vacant, Fran Geisel is secretary, Jim Huemme is treasurer, Joanne Nolsheim is assistant

treasurer. Region 8 director, Mary K Davis installed officers shown below.



Ruth Scott led the Memorial for those who passed during 2018: Bev Antis, Helen Ferguson, Lewis Nicklas, Evelyn Gandy, Sarah Woessner, Elizabeth Bajuszik, and M. Susan Campbell.



Region 8- Recorded with PSERS for COLA. PISI is at standstill- all dealings should be through the State Office. Lottery raffle in 2020 for upgrading office technology. November 14, the state website will update.

Community Service- Thank you for all the collected items. Priscilla organizes the collection area. Received a Thank You from Center Avenue Community School for library books. Several students wrote and sent thank you notes.

Retirement Fair Planning- Next year. RECREO- Fliers are available for various trips. The sponsored trip is our fundraiser.

Membership- going through the rolls to coordinate with the state rolls.

SS/Memorial Honor Fund- Norval Dunn passed.

Public Relations- Thank you for signing photo release forms. Please forward comments to Polly for *Journey*. Suggestions for Card Shower are needed and need not indicate an illness or injury, just some cheer.

New Business- Volunteer of the Year for 2018 is Mary K Davis.



Program-Elder Law presented by Attorneys Michael Pater (left) and Jamey Belin (below).



Four necessary documents:
1. Financial Power of Attorney,
2. Health Care Power of Attorney,
3. Living Will,
4. Will.

Sharon Kline won the raffle.

Executive Council meeting- April 8.
Membership Luncheon Meeting- May 29.

Respectfully Submitted,
Frances Geisel
Recording Secretary

Community service

Thank you so much for the items brought to our March luncheon. Ruth Scott delivered school supplies and other items to the Center Ave.



Community School and asked the nurse what would be advantageous for the kids to receive in May. See page 5 for a list naming those things the students need over the summer. So, please, be generous in helping them!

Butler Life appreciated the Bingo prizes, and I'm sure the Air Force commissaries in Alconbury and Lakenheath, UK and Kandana, Japan can use the manufacturers' coupons we mailed! The \$30 collected from the left-over food at the luncheon helped to defray the postage costs of the 3 large packages we sent.

Thank you to Jim and Kay Huemme for taking your cut plastic bags to be transformed into homeless mats, and to Chris Moyer for collecting the Pringle cans for the Girl Scouts, so that they can be used for packaging cookies for our military.

You are helping so many of our community members, young and old, as well as those who serve our country abroad!



At the March luncheon, the 2018 Community Service Volunteer award was presented to **Mary K Davis.**

Since joining PASR after retiring from teaching in the Butler Area School District, Mary K has accepted many offices in the organization as well as volunteering at her church and in the community. Mary K has been involved with the Alpha Sigma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International and from 2016-2018 has been the chapter's Second Vice president and membership Chairperson. She also helped with the fundraising committee, was the co-host of the chapter picnic in August 2018, and hosted the September 2018 chapter meeting.

She belongs to Grace Calvary Lutheran Church in Butler, PA where she is the chairperson of the Fellowship and Service Committee, the co-ordinator of the monthly Soup and Sandwich Luncheon which is open to the public, and a member of the Worship and Music Committee.

Mary K's involvement in the Butler Chapter of PASR is remarkable. She is a past president of our chapter, and is currently the Region VIII Director, which covers Butler, Beaver, Mercer, and Clarion counties. In addition, she is a member of the state board of directors, the state Leadership Development Committee, the state Citations Committee, and the state By-Laws Committee.



Thank you, Mary K Davis, for your dedication to your association, your church, and your community.

- Suggested items for Center Avenue Community School summer food donation.
- All items must require **only water** when making the meal and be **non-refrigerated**.



- Single-serve cereal
- Granola bars
- Instant oatmeal
- Cereal bars
- Easy Mac or Velveeta Single Serve
- Chef Boyardee items
- Cans or pouches of tuna or chicken (*individual servings*)
- Ramen/Oodles of Noodles
- Microwavable pasta, rice, or other meals
- Soups (*canned or microwavable*)
- Hormel Compleats Meals
- Single-serve fruit cup
- Single-serve applesauce
- Single-serve pudding or jello
- Sandwich crackers
- Handi-Snacks
- Single-serve goldfish
- Microwave popcorn
- Nestle Nesquik Lowfat Milk
(*non-refrigerated, individual servings - 8 fl oz*)
- Juice boxes

Region Director's Report

I recently had the opportunity to present a program for the Region 6 meeting. I represented our association as a tree.

- The roots are the office staff, the officers and the region directors and representatives.
- The trunk is made up of the state committees.
- The branches are the region committees and officers.
- The leaves are all of the members.

Just as a tree draws water and nutrients from the soil into the roots, our root system gathers information from many different sources. The tree sends water up through the trunk and branches, and our root system send information to the state committees who pass it on at the region level and then to the chapter level. The leaves absorb light and oxygen to create food for the plant. Our members bring in new members and ideas to keep our association vibrant.

As we ponder changes to keep up with the times, it is important that you as a member share your ideas and concerns with the chapter officers, region board, and the state office. Many of these possible changes will be discussed at the House of Delegates meeting in October. It will be up to our membership to decide what changes they want to see happening to strengthen our association. Please watch for further information on what

will be presented at the meeting of the House of Delegates.

Mary K Davis

Region 8 Director

Lauretta Woodson Award Winners

Below are Christie Rice (left) a para at Evans City Elementary and Maralee Walter (right), a teacher at Connoquenessing Valley Elementary. Polly Shaw presented the awards at the Seneca Valley School Board meeting on March 11. Each received the framed plaque, a PASR pin, and a check for \$100 to be used in the classroom.



PASR Butler County Dates
Wed. May 29 General Membership
hosting: BC3

Thurs. Aug 1 Exec Meeting
Wed Sept 11 Region 8 Meeting
Wed. Sept 25 General Membership
hosting: Karns City

Oct. 6-8 PASR House of Delegates
We are part of sponsor regions!!!!

Oct. 24 Exec meeting
Wed. Dec. 11 General Membership
hosting: Mars

PASR is working with others to develop a proposal for a COLA. At this point in time, work is being done on figuring the cost to the retirement system. All those involved are aware of the need for a COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) and how long it has been since the retirement system has been permitted to issue a COLA. Please let your legislators know how important this issue is to all school retirees, especially those who retired before Act 9 was passed. (Act 9 increased the multiplier.) Find out more: <https://www.pasr.org/the-history-of-pa-colas/>

On page 1, we considered the importance of personal contact in attracting new members. The concept is just as important when dealing with our state legislators. Call or write a personal note. Form letters are not nearly as effective. Contact the actual people who represent you. Doesn't help to contact others.

https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/findyourlegislator/county_list.cfm?CNTYLIST=BUTLER

Use this address or Google **PA Legislature** and click on *find your legislator*. It will give contact info and biography of each member when you click on the name.

Butler County PA Legislators

Municipality	PA House	PA Representative	PA Senate	PA Senator
ADAMS TWP	12	Daryl D. Metcalfe (R)	21	Scott Hutchinson (R)
ALLEGHENY TWP	64	R. Lee James (R)	41	VACANT
BRADY TWP	8	Tedd C. Nesbit (R)	21	Scott Hutchinson (R)
BRUIN BOROUGH	64	R. Lee James (R)	41	VACANT
BUFFALO TWP	60	Jeffrey P. Pyle (R)	41	VACANT
BUTLER CITY	11	VACANT	21	Scott Hutchinson (R)
BUTLER TWP	11	VACANT	21	Scott Hutchinson (R)
CALLERY BOROUGH	12	Daryl D. Metcalfe (R)	21	Scott Hutchinson (R)
CENTER TWP	8	Tedd C. Nesbit (R)	21	Scott Hutchinson (R)
CHERRY TWP	8	Tedd C. Nesbit (R)	21	Scott Hutchinson (R)
CHERRY VALLEY BOROUGH	64	R. Lee James (R)	41	VACANT
CHICORA BOROUGH	11	VACANT	41	VACANT
CLAY TWP	8	Tedd C. Nesbit (R)	21	Scott Hutchinson (R)
CLEARFIELD TWP	11	VACANT	41	VACANT
CLINTON TWP	12	Daryl D. Metcalfe (R)	41	VACANT
CONCORD TWP	64	R. Lee James (R)	41	VACANT
CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH	11	VACANT	21	Scott Hutchinson (R)

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CONNOQUENESSING TWP	11	VACANT	21	Scott Hutchinson (R)
CRANBERRY TWP	12	Daryl D. Metcalfe (R)	21	Scott Hutchinson (R)
DONEGAL TWP	11	VACANT	41	VACANT
EAST BUTLER BOROUGH	11	VACANT	41	VACANT
EAU CLAIRE BOROUGH	64	R. Lee James (R)	41	VACANT
EVANS CITY BOROUGH	14	Jim Marshall (R)	21	Scott Hutchinson (R)
FAIRVIEW BOROUGH	11	VACANT	41	VACANT
FAIRVIEW TWP	11	VACANT	41	VACANT
FORWARD TWP	12	Daryl D. Metcalfe (R)	21	Scott Hutchinson (R)
FRANKLIN TWP	8	Tedd C. Nesbit (R)	21	Scott Hutchinson (R)
HARMONY BOROUGH	14	Jim Marshall (R)	47	Elder A. Vogel Jr. (R)
HARRISVILLE BOROUGH	8	Tedd C. Nesbit (R)	21	Scott Hutchinson (R)
JACKSON TWP	14	Jim Marshall (R)	47	Elder A. Vogel Jr. (R)
JEFFERSON TWP	11	VACANT	41	VACANT
KARNS CITY BOROUGH	11	VACANT	41	VACANT
LANCASTER TWP	14	Jim Marshall (R)	47	Elder A. Vogel Jr. (R)
MARION TWP	8	Tedd C. Nesbit (R)	21	Scott Hutchinson (R)
MARS BOROUGH	12	Daryl D. Metcalfe (R)	21	Scott Hutchinson (R)
MERCER TWP	8	Tedd C. Nesbit (R)	21	Scott Hutchinson (R)
MIDDLESEX TWP	12	Daryl D. Metcalfe (R)	41	VACANT
MUDDYCREEK TWP	8	Tedd C. Nesbit (R)	47	Elder A. Vogel Jr. (R)
OAKLAND TWP	11	VACANT	41	VACANT
PARKER TWP	64	R. Lee James (R)	41	VACANT
PENN TWP	12	Daryl D. Metcalfe (R)	21	Scott Hutchinson (R)
PETROLIA BOROUGH	11	VACANT	41	VACANT
PORTERSVILLE BOROUGH	8	Tedd C. Nesbit (R)	47	Elder A. Vogel Jr. (R)
PROSPECT BOROUGH	11	VACANT	21	Scott Hutchinson (R)
SAXONBURG BOROUGH	11	VACANT	41	VACANT
SEVEN FIELDS BOROUGH	12	Daryl D. Metcalfe (R)	21	Scott Hutchinson (R)
SLIPPERY ROCK BOROUGH	10	Aaron Bernstine (R)	21	Scott Hutchinson (R)
SLIPPERY ROCK TWP	10	Aaron Bernstine (R)	21	Scott Hutchinson (R)
SUMMIT TWP	11	VACANT	41	VACANT
VALENCIA BOROUGH	12	Daryl D. Metcalfe (R)	21	Scott Hutchinson (R)
VENANGO TWP	64	R. Lee James (R)	41	VACANT

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WASHINGTON TWP	64	R. Lee James (R)	41	VACANT
WEST LIBERTY BOROUGH	8	Tedd C. Nesbit (R)	21	Scott Hutchinson (R)
WEST SUNBURY BOROUGH	8	Tedd C. Nesbit (R)	21	Scott Hutchinson (R)
WINFIELD TWP	60	Jeffrey P. Pyle (R)	41	VACANT
WORTH TWP	8	Tedd C. Nesbit (R)	47	Elder A. Vogel Jr. (R)
ZELIENOPLE BOROUGH	14	Jim Marshall (R)	47	Elder A. Vogel Jr. (R)

Butler County PASR Treasurer's Report
January 1 - March 31, 2019
James A. Huemme, Treasurer

RECEIPTS:

Luncheon	\$ 684.00
October Trip	255.00
State Dues	180.00
Local Dues	170.00
Postage	48.00

\$1,337.00

EXPENSES:

Monroe Hotel	\$ 627.00
Postmaster	307.53
Minuteman Press	270.69
Ed. Sup. Grants (2)	200.00
PASR Dues	180.00
Hall Rent	125.00
Decorations	33.00
Office	12.72

\$1,755.94

Balance December 2018	\$2,647.06
Receipts	+1,337.00
Expenses	-1,755.94
Checkbook Balance	2,228.12
Savings	+9,206.86
Total Funds Available	\$11,434.98

Million Dollar Quartet (musical)

Thursday, October 3, 2019

Mountain Playhouse, Jennerstown, PA

Join with Butler County School Retirees, PASR on this trip to the unique Mountain Playhouse in Jennerstown for an exciting matinee production of the musical "*Million Dollar Quartet*" Thursday, October 3rd.

This is a jutebox musical that dramatizes the Million Dollar Quartet recording session of December 4, 1956, with early rock and roll/country stars who recorded at Sun studio in Memphis, Elvis Pressley, Johnny Cash and Carl Perkins, and newcomer Jerry Lee Lewis. The musical opened after several tryouts and regional productions. On December 4, 1956 the established performer Carl Perkins was to record songs with a new performer, Jerry Lee Lewis. Elvis Pressley stops by the studio along with his girlfriend, a singer named Dyanne, Johnny Cash has stopped by to talk to recording impresario Sam Philips. They soon have a jam session together. The rest is history when the four become the famous "Million Dollar Quartet. Some of their songs are "Blue Suede Shoes" (Carl Perkins), "Memories Are Made of This" (Elvis Pressley), "Sixteen Tons" (Johnny Cash), and "Great Balls of Fire" (Jerry Lee Lewis).

The Mountain Playhouse Theater is housed in a restored 1805 gristmill. The abandoned building was moved in 1939 log-by-log through snow to its present site. It has 393 seats in the climate-controlled building. It is the oldest professional summer stock theater and it is one of only 12 professional summer stock theaters remaining in United States. Mountain Playhouse brings Broadway-quality entertainment to Southwestern PA.

Lunch before the show will be at the Coal Miner's Cafe in Jennerstown. The is a favorite luncheon site for bus groups.

Call Margaret 724-282-4454 or Sharon 724-822-5848 or for more information.
MHoff80037@zoominternet.net

COST: \$ 85.00 per person. Includes lunch, show, Campbell motorcoach, taxes and tips.

DEPART: 9:45 AM Moraine Pointe Plaza, Butler (Ollies parking area – away from store front)

RETURN: 6:30 PM Butler Moraine Pointe Plaza

Inquire about other pick-up sites

RESERVATION MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO Butler County PASR

MAIL TO Margaret Hoffman, 140 Whipporwill Rd. Butler, PA 16001

CUT HERE

"Million Dollar Quartet" October 3, 2019

NAME _____ PHONE _____
Cell phone _____

ADDRESS _____
Street City State Zip

TRAVELING WITH _____

SPECIAL REQUESTS _____

PASR Luncheon Meeting
12:00 Noon, Wednesday, May 29, 2019
Christ Community United Methodist Church
205 N Duffy Rd
Butler, PA 16001

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

Regular

deli wraps (ham & cheese, turkey & cheese)
pasta salad
fresh fruit

Alternate

Chef salad

BOTH:

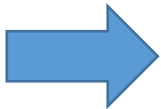
dessert

Decaf coffee, raspberry iced tea

Water

\$12.00

alternate meal \$12.00



Program: [Home - PA 2-1-1 Southwest, powered by United Way](http://pa211sw.org)

pa211sw.org

PA 2-1-1 Southwest is part of the national **2-1-1** Call Centers initiative that seeks to provide an easy-to-remember telephone number and web resource for finding health and human services– for everyday needs and in crisis situations. Come and learn about the free service and the help that is waiting for you.

Reservation Form Deadline **May 15, 2019**
12:00 Noon at Christ Community Methodist Church

Member Name: _____

Guest Reservation: (name) _____

Number of reservations: _____

deli wrap @\$12.00 _____ chef salad @ \$12.00 _____

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, Apt. 2
Butler, PA 16002

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

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DATED MATERIAL



May 2019

Regions 3 and 8 are the hosts regions for the **October 6 – 8, 2019, House of Delegates** to be held at Valley Forge Casino and Resort. We need to

- provide volunteers to work at the registration table
- provide a basket for the raffle with a value of at least \$50. Any individual may also provide a basket as well.
- help in the Raffle Basket room which provides money to Social Service Memorial Honor Fund (SSMHF).
- Volunteers will be reimbursed for mileage, lodging, and meals (with receipts up to \$30) per day volunteered.