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Celebrating our 52nd year!

Retirement Fair May 4, 2016

President's Message



It's hard to believe that 2016 is going so fast. Many things have happened during the first part of this year. Easter has come and gone, school students are almost finished with

their classes, and we've enjoyed some nice weather in our area.

The Laretta Woodson Award was presented to two deserving employees of the Karns City Area School District on March 14, 2016. Superintendent Eric Ritzert, recommended Erin Futscher and Carissa Garing for the award and mini-grant. The grant will be used to help implement the Keystone Biology review guide for special education and regular students in the high school. (See the two articles in this newsletter concerning Laretta Woodson and the award honorees for 2016.) This thank you was received from Erin Futscher.

Dear PASR (Butler County Chapter),

Thank you so much for presenting me with the Laretta Woodson Award. It is an honor to be recognized for simply doing what I love to do! The \$100 will be used to help offset the printing costs of my Keystone Review Guide. Sincerely, Erin L. Futscher

Also, as mentioned at the March luncheon, the Butler Chapter of PASR is sponsoring a Retirement Fair for educators and support staff for Butler and Lawrence Counties on May 4, 2016 at Christ Community United Methodist Church. (See page 4 in this newsletter.) If you know of anyone who is planning on retiring in the next few years or anyone who has retired and would like to join PASR, local or state, please advise them of our fair. We welcome members to come and help to staff tables, circulate to answer questions, manage the refreshment table, etc.

Peg Harding
President, Butler County Chapter

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Meeting Location: Christ
Community Methodist Church at 205
North Duffy Road, in Butler
Township behind Target.

See you **May 25, 2016 at Noon.**

School Entity PASR Chairs

Butler Area Sharon Kline
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Moniteau Carol Ball
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Ruth Kirk
Slippery RockEllen McIntyre
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PASR Butler County Chapter
General Membership Luncheon
March 30, 2016

Christ Community Methodist Church

Peg welcomed us.

Carol Ball led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Lunch was served.

Call to order by Peg.

December 2015 minutes were
approved.

State Newsletter – Thank representa-
tives for voting down Bill 1081.
Governor Wolf did not sign the
budget. Goals for chapters 1. Service
to others, 2. Social opportunities, 3.
Information to members and
nonmembers, 4. Economic benefits,
and 5. Growth and strength. Check
out article for “tell us your story.”

Community Service - Walker bags- 3
people helped. “Thank you,” from
Shealyn Parry. Continue making bags
to give to the Butler VA Hospital.
Continue collecting coupons
(Certificate received from Enselheim,
Germany), plastic bags for mats,
bottle caps, ink cartridges, bingo

prizes, Pringle cans. Begin collecting snacks to be given to schools for prizes. Remember to keep track of volunteer hours. (See page 9.)

Leg/LPEC - Election in April.

Retirement Planning - Retirement Fair- May 4, 2016. Need help. Ads on Armstrong Cable, WBUT and in *Butler Eagle*, *Green Sheet*, and *New Castle News*.

RECREO - PNC park- bus will pick up in Cranberry.

Membership - Dues \$10 local and \$60 State. Need lists of retirees. Send address changes.

Social/Memorial/Honor Fund - Shut-ins grateful for visits. Easter treats included stamps.

Carol Ball thanked those for helping set up.

Region VIII- Veronica needs pictures for the display for the Retirement Fair. State to conduct another fund raiser using the lottery in the fall to help upgrade the telephone system. Received names and addresses of retirees, using voter registration.

Butler Eagle picture of Kay Huemme and mention of Joanne Nosheim for volunteering at Butler Hospital.

Volunteer of the year for 2015 was Polly Shaw.

Lauretta Woodson Award to Karns City staff Erin Futscher and Carissa Garing. Raffle won by Barb.

Program- Master Gardener Dennis Cully presented a program on house

plants. From April through October questions can be answered by phone from the extension office.

Executive board meeting is April 6, 2016.

Luncheon meeting is May 25, 2016 hosted by Seneca Valley School District. Program will be conducted by Concordia representatives. It will be on wellness issues.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15

Respectfully Submitted,
Frances Geisel
Recording Secretary

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Thanks for the contributions brought to the March PASR luncheon. Pop can tabs, ink cartridges, plastic bags, and plastic bottle caps were distributed after the meeting. We were able to send three more boxes of manufacturer coupons to our military men and women overseas. They were sent to Navy bases in Gaiti, Italy and Rota, Spain and an Army base in Stuttgart, Germany. Additional boxes were sent at the end of January 2016 to Army bases in Grafenwoehr and Vilsack, Germany.

We are still collecting the coupons to help our troops, so please make sure to separate them into FOOD and NON FOOD categories and place them in separate baggies or envelopes. Bring them to our May luncheon and remember, the expiration date requirement should not be more than two months ago.

The overseas military schools are also participants of the Box Tops for Education Program. The box tops help the DODDS schools by providing funding for much needed equipment. Go to www.boxtops4education.com to find out more. Butler County PASR wants to help, so please cut the box tops off the participating companies' products.

As usual, continue to bring Bingo prizes for LIFE Butler County. Nonperishable items will again be appreciated and then donated to our local food bank.

Since we are sponsoring the Slippery Rock Elementary School this year, we will be collecting summer items for the children of needy families. If you are able to find jump ropes, jacks, playing cards, coloring books and crayons, board games and other items to keep them away from the video games all summer, we would appreciate it. Also, you may include juice boxes, individual bags of chips, pretzels, cookies, etc. for the children, too.



If you attended the March meeting of our PASR Butler Chapter, you were able to congratulate our 2015 Volunteer of the Year, Polly Shaw. In addition

to working as a volunteer for the Red Cross teaching children and training adults, Polly is an 18-year volunteer at McConnells Mill State Park and is a Rotarian. Polly is currently in her second term on the school board of Slippery Rock Area School District and

visits with students in the classroom as a volunteer reader. Polly taught for 37 years in the Seneca Valley School District before retirement. Thank you, Polly, for your service to our children and community.

We'd really like to recognize all of you for the time and effort you put forth during the year. How are your community service hours coming along? Since the new regulations are in effect, your service hours began January 1, 2016 and will end December 31, 2016. Please keep the Community Service Tally sheet found in this month's newsletter, on page 9.

Please share the information below with working school friends.

Planning to retire in the next three years? Turning 65 soon? Come to the Butler County PA Association of School Retirees Retirement Fair

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

Drop in between 3:00-PM – 6:30 PM
Christ Community Methodist Church
205 N. Duffy Road, Butler, PA 16001

Meet representatives from:

- PSERS
- PASR
- PSIS
- Social Security
- Elder Law Attorney
- Health Options Program (Medicare Supplement Insurance)

Financial Advisors from:

- Edward Jones
- New York Life
- Accurate Solutions Group
- Washington National Company
- Kades Margolis.

Refreshments provided.

SOCIAL SERVICE MEMORIAL HONOR FUND

Easter cards were sent to all of our shut-ins which included a book of stamps.

Next, will be our "Month of Caring" visitation, which has in the past been some of the following: House Plants; Chocolate (their favorite); or a recycle bag of every day essentials (for example, tissues, hand gel, etc.).

Thanking Jean Moser for her generous donation of a variety of cards that can be used to send to not only our shut-ins, but also to any of our members who are in need of a card of encouragement, get well, birthday, or thinking of you. Thanks Jean for your kindness! Thanking Sonie Laughead for her generous monetary donation in memory of Marilyn (Mimi) Rider. She asks that it be used to "help lift someone's spirit" through our gifts. Thanks Sonie, for remembering Mimi in such a special way!

MEMBERSHIP

It is the time of the year to contact new retirees to invite them to membership in PASR. Give them a *Butler Chapter*

Brochure which will be available at the May 4 Retirement Fair and the May 25 meeting. The chapter will be sending out letters to those retirees for whom we receive names and addresses, but remember that word of mouth is the best recruitment tool.

Retirees who worked directly for a school district in any position are eligible. More information is on the state website at www.pasr.org.

Please pass on the membership form at the bottom of this article to anybody that you tell about PASR. Make sure that they are aware that they may join local, state, or both by filling out the membership form. Remember that the big discounts are available to state members. Printed half-sheets will be available, too, at the fair and the meeting.

For those of you who are members and receiving a hard copy of the newsletter, check your mailing label to view your dues status. If you receive e-mail newsletters, or have other questions, please send a request for your dues status to auntfrog@zbzoom.net and information will be sent to you

PA Association of School Retirees Membership Application

The only organization governed solely by school retirees and working exclusively for school retirees. Please select your membership option.

_____ **\$60 Annual State PASR Member** _____ **\$10 Butler County member**

_____ \$60 Associate Member (non-PSERS retiree)

_____ \$700 PASR State Life Member; payable in 2 yearly increments of \$350 each

_____ \$150 Butler County Life member

Write check to *Butler County PASR*.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Mail form and check to: James Huemme, 119 Shanor Heights, Butler, PA 16001

Dr. Laretta Woodson



PASR's educational support committee developed the Laretta Woodson Award program to help showcase our public schools in a positive manner. Dr. Laretta Woodson was born and raised in Chester, Pennsylvania, and graduated from Chester High School. She attended West Chester Teacher's College where she acquired a degree in Secondary Education in English. She received her master's from Columbia. She began teaching English at the Eddystone School District in the 1950s. She then became an instructor at Temple University and at this time received her doctorate. She then worked

as an assistant professor at Temple University for more than 25 years. She retired around 1984.

Since joining PASR as a life member in 1988, she faithfully served the retired school employees in the Delaware Chapter and Region 1 for many years in numerous capacities. Dr. Woodson rose through the ranks of PASR and was instrumental in helping PASR to become what it is today. Upon her passing, she bequeathed a sum of money to PASR to be used for the support of public education.

The purpose of the Laretta Woodson Recognition Program is to honor one educator and one support professional for doing an outstanding job within a district or school. Chapters select the award recipients and then present them with a medallion, certificate, and PASR pin. Chapters may present the award in a variety of ways and are encouraged to utilize this opportunity to secure positive publicity for both the school and the Association. For example, the presentation could be done at a school board meeting, city council meeting, or even at an award or graduation ceremony. Each chapter is eligible to present the Laretta Woodson Awards to one support professional and one teacher per fiscal year.

2016 Laretta Woodson Award Winners, PASR Butler County Chapter

This year the **Karns City Area School District** was selected to nominate candidates for this award. Mr. Eric Ritzert, the superintendent of schools for Karns City Area, submitted **Erin Futscher**, a high school biology teacher, and **Carissa Garing**, the para professional assigned to Ms. Futscher's classroom. The awards were presented at the March 14, 2016 Karns City Area school board meeting. Margaret Harding, the current president of the Butler County Chapter of PASR, presented each recipient with a plaque, a pin, and a grant donation of \$100.00, to be used to support public education in their school. Mr. Edward Conto, the Karns City Jr./Sr.High School principal, recommended Erin Futscher and Carissa Garing for taking the initiative to develop a review guide specific to the needs of the students at Karns City High School for the Biology Keystone. The review guide was set up to help nine special education 16023students and to meet the needs of all biology students. The collaboration of these two staff members shows their excellence in teaching profession and their dedication to the students in their classroom. Congratulations to both of these excellent women and their dedication to public education in Butler County.

Card Shower of Cheer

Mary Hoehn
100 Burgess Dr.
Zelienople, PA 16063

Helen Cypher
236 Marwood Road
Cabot, PA 16023

Target Collection

This year's target donation school is Slippery Rock Elementary School. We will be collecting summer items for the children of needy families.

Consider donating **jump ropes, jacks, playing cards, coloring books and crayons, board games** and other items to keep them away from the video games all summer. You may include juice boxes, individual bags of chips, pretzels, cookies, etc. (but avoid peanut butter).

We are actively collecting:

pop can tabs	ink cartridges
plastic bags	plastic bottle caps
manufacturer food coupon	
manufacturer non-food coupons	
Bingo prizes for LIFE Butler County	
Box Tops for Education	
Non-perishable Food Bank items	

Center Avenue Community School

The Butler Area School Reconfigured the operation of Center Avenue Elementary to become a community school that now houses a different population of students, K-12. At risk students are now placed there for Alternative Education. The building also houses students who require emotional support. The district's own students attend this school, as well as students sent by other county school

districts, who required this special placement.

Butler PASR is examining ways to support this school (in addition to the one county elementary school that we support yearly.) Center Avenue Community School may not have the same kind of family support that many of us enjoyed during our own teaching careers. We hope to have more specifics about ways to help at the May meeting, with a target starting date of fall.



Considering E-Newsletter?

We are happy to send your printed newsletter via U.S. Mail but please note that it costs us **\$1.22** for each returned newsletter since we mail at bulk rate.

Please contact Mary K Davis at 724-285-3522 or auntfrog@zbzoom.net with any change of address.

If you'd like to try receiving an e-mail version (which is in color!!!), contact Polly Shaw at pollyshaw@zoominternet.net

Northside Pittsburgh
PNC Park National Aviary Andy Warhol Museum
Tuesday, July 12, 2016

The day begins with a private "Breakfast with the Birds" with personal visits from three of the **National Aviary's** most popular bird species! A national Aviary trainer will deliver fun facts and information as a series of live birds delight us, displaying natural behaviors and showcasing the features that make each bird unique. After breakfast, there will be a brief period of time when you may walk through a part of the Aviary.

Next stop will be at the **Andy Warhol Museum** for a guided tour. It is the largest museum in the country dedicated to a single artist. The museum holds an extensive permanent collection of art and archives from the Pittsburgh-born pop art icon Andy Warhol. This museum is one of the four Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh and is a collaborative project of the Carnegie Institute, the Dia Art Foundation and the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts. Plans for the museum began in 1989 and were completed in 1993 in an 88,000-square-foot, seven-floor industrial warehouse at a cost of about \$12 million. It had a donation of more than 1000 of Warhol's works worth over \$55 million. Eventually the donations grew to about 3000 works. The opening weekend, May 13-14, 1994 attracted about 25,000 visitors. There is an area within the museum when you may get a light snack for your lunch.

The final stop will be a walking tour of **PNC Park**, the fifth home of the Pittsburgh Pirates. It opened during the 2001 MBL season, after the controlled explosion of the Pirates' previous home, Three Rivers Stadium. The \$216 million PNC Park features a natural grass playing surface and seats 38,362 people for baseball. Built in the style of "classic" stadiums, such as Pittsburgh's Forbes Field, limestone was used in the building façade. Ground was broken for PNC Park on April 7, 1999, after a ceremony to rename the Sixth Street Bridge as the "Roberto Clemente Bridge." It was built in 24 months, shorter time than most modern stadiums. The first official baseball game in the new stadium was on April 9, 2001, with the Cincinnati Reds. The stadium has been completely smoke-free since 2007. The tour will take you through many areas of this ballpark. There will be behind-the-scenes look at public and player areas, such as batting cages and exclusive club lounges.

FOR INFORMATION CALL: Margaret Hoffman, 724-282-4454 or Sharon Reed 724-822-5848

COST: \$95.00 includes Breakfast at the Aviary, admission and tours at Warhol Museum & PNC Park, Deluxe motor coach transportation (Dinner on way home at a Cranberry restaurant, on-you-own) Make checks payable to Butler County PASR This trip is sponsored by PASR Butler Chapter.

DEPART: 6:10 AM Campbell Bus Garage, Slippery Rock

7:15 AM Moraine Pointe Plaza (Ollies' away from store front.)

A stop will also be made in Cranberry Twp, place and time TBA

MAIL RESERVATIONS TO: Margaret Hoffman, 140 Whipoorwill Rd., Butler, PA 16001

CUT HERE

Northside Pittsburgh, July 12, 2016

Name: _____ Phone _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Traveling with: _____ e-mail: _____

Boarding bus at _____ Slippery Rock _____ Butler _____ Cranberry Twp.

COMMUNITY SERVICE SURVEY – YEARLY TALLY SHEET

January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016

We are asked yearly to turn in an accounting of volunteer hours. Please find a convenient way to keep track of your hours every month in these categories. A full sheet will be provided in December to be turned in for your volunteer hours.

EDUCATIONAL

Historical Association _____
 Library _____
 School Board _____
 Other _____

SOCIAL SERVICES

Boards/Committees _____
 Cancer Society _____
 Drug/Alcohol _____
 Fire Ambulance _____
 Fraternal Groups _____
 Hospital/Nursing Home _____
 Office of the Aging _____
 Meals on Wheels _____
 Office of the Aging _____
 Other _____
 Red Cross _____
 Salvation Army _____
 Service Organization _____
 Soup Kitchen/Food Bank _____
 Visitation _____
 Other _____

POLITICAL

Advocacy _____
 Elections _____
 Government _____
 Other _____

RELIGIOUS

Adult Instruction _____
 Youth Instruction _____
 Organization _____
 Visitation _____
 Other _____

SERVICES TO YOUTH

Alliance with Youth _____
 Classroom Volunteer _____
 Head Start _____
 Latch-Key Program _____
 Literacy _____
 Scholarships _____
 School Volunteer _____
 Scouting _____
 Tutoring _____
 YM/YWCA _____
 Other _____



**May 25 Program Topic
Concordia Lutheran Ministries**

Staying Well with Nutrition As We Grow Older – No doubt that growing older can bring health challenges, such as arthritis, heart disease, cancer, diabetes, memory issues and other conditions. Our presenter will provide information on what kind of diet can contribute to living a healthier lifestyle.

PASR TREASURER'S REPORT James A. Huemme,
January 1, 2016-March 31, 2016

RECEIPTS:

Local Dues	\$ 340.00
State Dues	360.00
Luncheon	873.00
Postage	110.00
PNC Trip	570.00
Christmas Trip	600.00
	\$ 2,853.00

EXPENSES:

Luncheon	\$ 971.00
Woodsen Awards (2)	200.00
SSMHF	172.46
Minutemen Press	297.86
PASR	360.00
Postmaster	96.87
Military mail	26.90
Volunteer pin	5.00
Office	8.03
	\$ 2,138.12

Balance December 31, 2015	\$ 7,253.70
Receipts	+ 2,853.00

	\$10,106.70
Expenses	– 2,138.12

Checkbook balance	\$ 7,968.58
Savings	+ 9,023.39
TOTAL FUNDS	\$16,991.97



**PASR Luncheon Meeting
12:00 Noon, Wednesday, May 25, 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: May 13, 2016
Reservations: Donna Vogel 724-538-8413

MENU

ALTERNATE

Deli Wraps
 ham/cheese, turkey/cheese, roast beef/cheese
Fruit cup
Pasta salad
Cookie
coffee, raspberry iced tea, water

Chef's salad

Cookies
coffee, raspberry iced
 tea, water

\$10.50

\$10.00

Reservation Form Deadline **May 13, 2016**
12:00 Noon at Christ Community Methodist Church

Member Name: _____

Guest Reservation: (name) _____

Number of reservations:

Deli wrap @\$10.50 _____ Chef Salad @ \$10.00 _____

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

**A retiree attending for the first time receives a complimentary meal.
A retiree who is a nifty-ninety receives a complimentary meal this month.**

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

Mary K. Davis

114 Freeport Road

Butler, PA 16001

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

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

DATED MATERIAL



May 2016



**May Days are Pay Days
Yearly dues now payable.**

See Jim Huemme.

Those who are life members, just smile!

Check your mailing label to verify your status.
Check with Mary K. Davis if you aren't sure.