



Journey

Butler County Chapter Newsletter

Website: www.pasrbutler.org

President's Message



In any organization that has a statewide support structure, members most likely think first in terms of the local chapter leaders and friendships. It all begins at home. In our case, sixty-some chapters make up PASR so we are part of a statewide organization; we do not stand alone.

We have an excellent state system with elected leaders at the helm, and a paid staff who work tirelessly for our members. Most members are not personally familiar with the state staff but know them as the author of *PASR Times* articles and website information, or the friendly voice on the phone who helps with a question.

For one of those dedicated staff members, the work is sadly over. Mark McKillop, 66, died unexpectedly on July 18, 2022 at his home in Camp Hill. He was Executive Director of PASR for seven years. He was also retired from the PA Senate, after 35 years of

September 2022

service to the Senate Democratic Caucus. He was well respected and a most capable leader who served PASR well.



Mark is survived by his companion, Beth Gardner; his brothers, Todd McKillop and Rob McKillop. He was born in Monroeville and was the son of the late Robert and Patricia McKillop.

Kristen Holjes is stepping up from Assistant to Director of Administration and Interim Executive Director until a permanent replacement is hired.

You can view the online condolences at www.hooverfuneralhome.com.

Butler County Council PASR
General Membership
Luncheon Meeting
May 25, 2022
Alameda Park

Polly welcomed us.
Flag pledge and Prayer were conducted.

Boxed lunches were served.
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Butler Chapter Officers

President 724-584-037 Polly Shaw
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Seneca Valley Joanne Meredith
Slippery Rock Ellen McIntyre
South Butler Virginia Shirey, Doris Herceg

General Membership Meetings

Sept. 28, Host: Butler 
Dec. 7, Host BC3
Both Sept. and Dec. at Christ Community
Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
Oct. 19, Exec Board

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Polly called meeting to order at 12:00.

South Butler School District will become
Knoch School District on July 1.

Treasurer’s Report in *Journey-*
Approved.
Minutes of March meeting in *Journey-*
Approved.

Polly presented Carol Ball with a
certificate and pin to honor her as our
PASR Volunteer of the year for 2021.

Hours of volunteer service should be
sent to Peg by June 30. Forms can be
found in the *Journey* and our website.

With the election of Mary K to state Vice
President, we needed a Region 8
Director. Polly was asked to fill in
temporarily but has decided to fill the
position permanently. Research has
shown that she can hold both positions
of Region 8 Director and Butler County
President, so Polly will continue to be
our President as well. This will allow
Region 8 to have voting power. Polly
will need help and may be delegating
some tasks to others.

District Awards- will be reinstating our
awards to School Districts this year.

RECRO- We have two trips planned for
this fall. The first trip is August 3-4 and
is to Lancaster to see “DAVID”,
“JukeBox Jive”, and magic and wonder
Mystery”. It Includes 4 meals and an
overnight stay at the Best Western Inn
and Suites at Paradise. This was set up
by Margaret. She can be contacted at
724-664-1770 or by mail Margaret

Hoffman- 141 Ion Lane- Cowansville, Pa 13128.

The second trip is September 14 to Sugarcreek, Ohio to see "Josiah for President". Other attractions are Warther's Wood Carving, Miller's Bakery, and Bunker Hill Cheese. Lunch and dinner are included. Contact Polly at 724-584-0371.

Polly will publish a "Journey Jr." to include state information (still working on COLA), RECREO trips, and changes in vision and dental benefits.

Mary K- True Hearing Benefits are available on the state website.

Polly asked that people make sure we have the preferred delivery method for the Journey and that we have the correct email address.

Program- Polly presented a version of the One Room Schoolhouses of Butler County that she has presented to the SRU Institute for Learning in Retirement.

Heidi Holoweckyj won the raffle.

Taps was sung. Adjourned 1:50.

Respectfully Submitted,
Frances Geisel
Recording Secretary

REPORT FROM REGION 8 DIRECTOR, POLLY SHAW

With the election of Mary K Davis to PASR Vice-President, Region 8 was left without a vote on the PASR state Board of Directors, since no one may serve as both a Region Director and as a state officer. I was appointed as

a substitute to attend the Feb. 2 meeting. At the May 24 Region 8 Zoom meeting, I was elected Region 8 Director to fill out Mary K's term, which expires December 31, 2022. I now serve on the Leadership Development, Chapter Support, and By-Laws Committees. At the November 2 region meeting, there will be an election for the term Jan. 1, 2023-Dec. 31, 2024. Anyone interested in being on the ballot should contact Peg Harding, Nominations Chair at harding.margaret@gmail.com.

New discounts for members were approved by the Board of Directors. These include Connect America (personal alarms), Great Wolf Lodge, Waldameer and Water World in Erie, and The PGH Zoo and PPG Aquarium. For details, login to www.pasr.org if you are a state member. In the toolbar at the top, click on Member Benefits, and scroll down. There are so many! There will be a benefits presentation via Zoom on Oct. 5 at 3:30. Register ahead to receive materials and login info.

The Strategic Planning Committee is addressing ongoing and growing issues concerning lack of leadership at chapter levels, leading some to dissolve and/or fold. The Armstrong and Indiana Chapters may merge.

COLA has not advanced. It was crowded out by a plethora of big items on the table. There is a PASR focus on making legislators see it as affordable and to communicate with gubernatorial candidates to lay foundation with each of them.

The Chapter Support Committee (to be renamed Chapter Outreach) is sending out a statewide Survey Monkey on August 31 to assess chapter needs. Each chapter is to complete one survey. Four \$25 gift cards will be awarded by random drawing to chapters that compete the survey.

PASR asks each chapter to offer the opportunity to members to sign a petition to have Russell Diesinger placed on the PSERS Board of Trustees. Each person signing must be part of PSERS (our retirement) and must list the last 4 digits of the SS code. This is required because PSERS will check the numbers and names against the list of PSERS members to verify each petition. Russell Diesinger is our state President-elect and will serve with our interests in mind. The petition was circulated at our Butler Exec Board meeting, so we have participated. (The deadline is before our Sept 28 meeting.)

A financial incentive award may be won for chapters that increase dual membership to both state and local. The three awards possible are \$750, \$500, and \$250. If you are currently a local but not a state member, please consider joining at the state level. Talk to a chapter officer about joining at the state level.

PASR RECREO is sponsoring a cruise to Panama in Oct. 3-18, **2023**. Details on www.pasr.org.

The Leadership Conference this year will be via Zoom on Oct 25 and Oct.

27. Contact Polly Shaw for more information about this training event! pollyshaw@zoominternet.net.

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT SUMMER/FALL 2022

As we come to the end of another summer, our volunteers are still working hard to help others. Hidden behind the scenes are PASR members giving of their time and talent to hospitals, churches, schools, Meals on Wheels, ARC, animal shelters, nursing homes, and many other worthwhile endeavors.

COVID still has its grips on our society, but that hasn't stopped many of you! Hours have been reported via the Volunteer Survey sheets that you have submitted to me for this past year's volunteerism.



We were able to determine our PASR Butler Chapter Volunteer for 2022, because you let us know what "you've been up to" in helping others! Thank You! That award will be presented to our "Outstanding Volunteer" at our September luncheon.

We are still collecting plastic "cut" bags for the "Mats for the Homeless" project. Directions are on the website. In addition, "Butler Life" still needs prizes for the Bingo games. They include: word puzzle books, juice drinks, trinkets such as jewelry (pins, necklaces, bracelets), greeting cards, pencils, pens, note paper,

calendars for 2023, (No clothing such as scarfs), etc.



Our Center Ave. School students still need \$10 gift cards from Walmart and/or Target. This incentive helps those who have little, but are trying to achieve in their school studies.

We are still suspending coupons, pop can tabs, and ink cartridges.

COLLECTION IN MEMORY OF MARK MCKILLOP

Mark McKillop, Executive Director of PA. Association of School Retirees, out of Mechanicsburg, PA, passed July 18, 2022, at age 66. Mark spoke at our meeting when he first started seven years ago. He was very respected and liked by all who worked with him and was a wonderful advocate for PASR.

In his memory, it was decided by the Butler Executive Board, that a monetary collection be made in Mark's memory at our next meeting on September 28, and the proceeds will be given in his memory to the SSMHF, Social Service Memorial Honor Fund at the state level. He was very committed to the success of this committee, which helps those needing financial help in paying dues and their home bills. We are very fortunate in our club that we each are able to support ourselves.

I will have a donation box where you may place your donation in Mark's memory at the meeting.

Thank you in advance for whatever you are led to donate in his memory. If you have any questions about what all Mark

did for us speak to Mary Kay Davis, State PASR VP. She worked with Mark in all the positions she has held for our local and region groups for many years and knew what he did and how he went about it.

Ruth Scott, SSMHF Chair

THINKING OF YOU

Please consider sending a cheerful card to say "thinking of you."

Joanne Nolsheim - moving to new retirement apt. at Concordia at Cabot 148 Marwood Road, Haven 2, Apt#1100 Cabot, PA16023

Margaret Hoffman (living with family)
141 Ion Lane
Cowansville, PA 16128

PASR Office Staff at Mechanicsburg

Kristen Holjes

Director of Administration & Interim Executive Director

Mark Krempa

Administrative Officer

Samantha Nguyen

Communication Coordinator

Kelly Dygert

Member Benefits and Services Associate

Deanna Risser

Administrative Assistant

Kelly Weber

Administrative Assistant

Nancy Mays

Administrative Assistant

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Monday-Friday

8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Email: pasr@pasr.org

Treasurer's Report
 April 1, 2022-June 30, 2022
 James Huemme, Treasurer

RECEIPTS:

Bus trip	\$ 5,900.00
Luncheon	528.00
Withdraw Savings	500.00
Local dues	320.00
State dues	360.00
Raffle	44.00
	\$ 7,652.00

EXPENSES:

PASR dues	\$. 360.00
Minuteman Press	114.60
Postmaster	43.09
BC3 Foundation	500.00
Decorations	28.00
Woodson Return	200.00
Rental + Speaker	140.00
Monroe Hotel (2)	866.00
Campbell Bus Co.	3,700.00
Trip expenses	1,900.95
	\$ 7,852.64

Beginning Balance	\$. 1,627.22
Receipts	+ 7,652.00
	9,279.22
Expenses	- 7,852.64
Checkbook Balance	1,426.58
Savings	7,871.92
TOTAL FUNDS	9,298.50



Covid Precautions:

- We will meet indoors at the Christ Community Methodist Church.
- Six will be seated at a table instead of the usual eight.
- Tables will be spread further apart.
- If you prefer not to have a meal from the buffet, then choose the chef salad which is boxed.
- Please feel free to wear a mask, if you so choose. Hand sanitizer will be available.

12:00 Noon, Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Christ Community Methodist Church, Oz Fellowship Hall in the rear
205 North Duffy Road, Butler, Pa

Catered by Monroe Hotel

HOST: **Butler** (Host: see note at bottom of page 6.)

Chicken marsala *alternative*
risotto chef salad
carrots
tossed salad

dessert will be Monroe's choice
coffee, ice tea, water

Reservation Form Deadline **September 16, 2022**



Preston Laboratories is an 87.5-acre property located at 415 South Eberhart Road in Butler Township, Butler County, PA. It was the glass science research facility and later residence of Dr. Frank W. Preston and wife Jane Preston. It was given via Jane Preston's will to Butler Township. Besides the historic buildings, it has winding roads and paths, with many plantings on the line of English garden, as envisioned by

Dr. Frank Preston's from his childhood in England in early 20th century. Polly Shaw, local historian, will present a program using historic and current photos.

FYI: [Preston Park - Butler Township \(butlertwp.org\)](http://butlertwp.org)

Member Name: _____

Guest Reservation: (name) _____

Number of reservations: chicken marsala @ \$16.00 _____

Chef salad \$13.00 _____

First time retirees and nifty nineties are free total due: _____

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
505 Kenlee Dr.
Renfrew, PA 16053

**Pre sort STD
Postage Pd.**

**Per #510
Butler, PA
16001**

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

DATED MATERIAL



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PASR MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

*Service, Savings, Support,
Social Opportunitites*

