

Butler County Chapter Newsletter

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March 2017

President's Message

After saying 'Goodbye' in the last "Journey" newsletter, I'm honored to be elected, again, as your PASR Butler Chapter President. The circumstances of Veronica Rozic's position as Region VIII Director and also being the chapter president, concerned the executive council. So, I volunteered to run, again, as your president. The special election was held at the December meeting and Polly Shaw was elected as the President-Elect along with me as your president.



Joanne Nolsheim, Ass't Treasurer and Jim Huemme, Treasurer, continue in their jobs. (Picture shows the installation, conducted by past president, Mary K Davis.)

To make matters more complicated, the state PASR determined that Veronica could not continue as the Region VIII director, but could only be a substitute for our region, because she had already held that position for 4 years. She would be able to attend state meetings, but she would not be allowed to vote. Therefore, our region would have no voting rights on any issues brought before the state board of directors.

Therefore, a special Region VIII meeting was held on February 2, 2017 in Grove City with Butler, Beaver, Mercer, and Clarion chapters attending. As a group, we needed to elect a Region VIII director or lose our voting privileges. Our own, Mary K Davis was elected to fill the Region VIII position, but she had one stipulation. She would accept the region director position if she had someone to take over the Membership chair for Butler County and the Region. Veronica agreed to take those positions!

Butler Chapter Officers

President Peg Harding
harding.margaret@gmail.com
President-Elect Polly Shaw
pollyshaw@zoominternet.net
Recording Secretary Fran Geisel
Corresponding Sec'y **OPEN**
Immediate Past Pres. Mary K Davis
Region President..... 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..... Mary Lou Waltman,
..... Margie Walker
Mars Priscilla Beblo
Moniteau Carol Ball
Seneca Valley ..Sue Campbell, Ruth Kirk
Slippery Rock..... Ellen McIntyre
South Butler Virginia Shirey,
..... Doris Herceg

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARY K AND VERONICA! We have such a wonderful group of volunteers in our chapter!

PASR is happy to announce that we have hired a new executive director: Mark A. McKillop. His first day with the association was Monday, January 23, 2017. You can read more about him at PASR.org.

Other recent posts on the state website are: "State House backsliding on transparency", "School pensions might recover lost funds", "Contact your state legislators", and "Pension reform plan bites the dust".

Take the time to visit this website and our own Butler Chapter website, [http:// www.pasrbutler.wix.com/butler](http://www.pasrbutler.wix.com/butler) or Facebook: PASR butler, both developed by Polly Shaw.

The PASR state lottery tickets that were sold two times last year generated \$9,406.13 profit for our organization and its new data base system. 945 tickets were sold out of 1,000 tickets printed for each of the lottery fund raisers.

One of the PASR chapter goals for 2017 is to promote individual giving to the Social Service Memorial Honor Fund (SSMHF). We are encouraging members to give individually or as a chapter in honor or in memory of local PASR members.

Attend the March luncheon to find out our Butler County PASR Volunteer of the year for 2016. All of our members deserve this award, but one state/local member will be honored

for his/her efforts in promoting volunteerism.

Remember, the PASR State RECREO trip to the legendary "Danube River Cruise" takes place from April 22-May 5, 2017. Visit the state PASR website PASR.org to learn more about this adventure.

There will be a two-fold program for the March luncheon. Mr. Bill Pitzer, will do a short presentation on the Dental and Eye Care coverage provided by PISI, a PASR-endorsed benefits provider. Steve Cicero, one of our own local/state members, will present "Part Two - History of Butler County". Steve did an excellent job on his presentation in December! Make sure to come and hear more about our county!

Peg Harding
President, Butler County Chapter



Butler County Council PASR
General Membership Luncheon
Meeting Minutes
Christ Community Methodist Church
December 14, 2016

Peg welcomed us.

Marcia Semple conducted the memorial service for PASR deceased members in 2016.



Sara Scarpino, awardee of PASR Butler Chapter Scholarship was introduced. Sara is currently serving in the military and attending BC3. She has two children and plans to open a daycare with Montessori curriculum.

Lunch was served

Call to order by Peg.

Minutes of September 28, 2016 were approved.

President's report in Newsletter. Community Service- Pill bottles and lids are no longer needed. Volunteer tally sheets due by end of month. Walker bags will be delivered to the VA Hospital. (shown below)



Retirement Planning- Need chair.

RECREO- Trip to Bethlehem Nov. 30- Dec. 3 was a bus load and had a great time. A Norway trip is planned for 14 days in March.

Membership- Status is on label. Will send email to others.

Ed Support- BC3 scholarship winner is Sarah Scarpino an early childhood education major.

Social Services/Memorial/Honor Fund- Our oldest member has passed, so Helen Cypher now has that honor. Ruth Scott has agreed to take the chair position for Social Services/Memorial/Honor Fund.

Public Relations- Up dating data base. Also continue working with brochure and *Journey*.

South Butler co-chairs are Virginia Shirey and Doris Herceg.

Region VIII – Need committee chairs for secretary, LPAC, Recreo and also a Director Elect (pr person for region. Peg Harding was recipient of the Board of Directors Commendation Award.



John J. Dillon Volunteer Award was given to Veronica Rozic for outstanding volunteer service.

The Woodson awards are scheduled for Mars for the 2016-2017 school year and will be awarded in January.

Mary K. Davis nominated Polly Shaw as president-elect. Soni Laughead seconded. Officers for 2017-2018 are President Peg Harding, President-Elect Polly Shaw, Treasurer Jim Huemme, and Assistant Treasurer Joanne Nosheim.



Steve Cicero presented an early History of Butler County. Continued history will be presented at a later date.

Minette Thompson won the raffle.

Adjournment 2:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Frances Geisel
Recording Secretary

PASR COMMUNITY SERVICE

Here's a list of things we need to help our local community:

- Pop can tabs
- Ink cartridges
- Bingo prizes
- Coupons
- Box tops for Education
- Plastic bottle caps
- Cut plastic bags
- Pringle cans
- Food bank items

Center Avenue Community School
(ages 8-18, mostly male)

- socks
- deodorant
- hair combs/brushes
- toothpaste/toothbrushes,
- individual snacks (chips, juice boxes, candy, gum, mints, etc.),
- gift cards (\$5-\$10 from Dunkin Donuts, Walmart, iTunes, McDonald's, Burger King)

- age and content appropriate DVD's for in-classroom use. (

Grapevine Center sample sizes

- shampoo, hair conditioner
- hand lotion, hand soap,
- toothbrush, toothpaste

Thanks to our members who, faithfully, deliver these items to our local organizations!

Memorial Service 2016



Mary C. Hoehn, who retired from Butler and passed October 13, age 105

Gary Anderson, who retired Butler from and passed September 11, age 75

Robert J. Niesslein who retired from Quaker Valley and passed August 18, age 75

Joanne Lewis, who retired from Butler and passed July 28, age 87

Valjean Champ, who retired from Butler an passed April 21, age 75

Louise Kunkle, who retired from South Butler and passed April 2, age 88

Carol Schofield, who retired from Butler and passed February 10, age 80

Members: please be sure to notify Peg Harding of the name of a member who is ill so that the name can be passed to Ruth Scott and the SSMHF committee, or for listing to receive a card of cheer in our *Journey*.

Obituaries for our members who have passed can be found on our website on the In Memorium page.

PASR BUTLER COUNTY 2017 CALENDAR

General Membership Meeting/Luncheon	March 22, 2017
Executive Meeting	April 5, 2017
General Membership Meeting/Luncheon	May 24, 2017
Executive Meeting	August 2, 2017
General Membership Meeting/Luncheon	September 27, 2017
Executive Meeting	October 25, 2017
General Membership Meeting/Luncheon	December 13, 2017

Membership Application		Phone	Date of birth
P A S R Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees 878 Century Drive Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-4375	() -	/ /	
	E-mail address	Retirement date & years of service	
Please PRINT name/address below: Are you a member of a local PASR chapter? If yes, which one?		___/___/____ ___ YOS	
		School District from which you retired	
	Please select your membership option. Make check payable to: PASR <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Membership (<i>school retiree</i>) - \$60.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Associate Membership (<i>non-school retiree</i>) \$60.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Life Membership Dues - \$700.00		

BUTLER COUNTY CHAPTER

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

MEMBERSHIP

Our former coworkers are now in the second semester of the 2016 – 2017 school year. Some are planning to retire during the school year or at the end of the year. If you know of anybody who has or will retire between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017, please give Mary K Davis their name and address so that we can contact them about becoming members. You may also invite any retirees to come to a meeting with you.

Check your mailing label to check your dues status.

"S" – month-year for state dues

"L" – month/year for local dues

If you want information to pass on to these potential members, please check out the state website. If you are a state member, you can sign on and view the entire website. Use your membership number to sign on the first time. Your membership number can be found on the

mailing label of the state newsletter. Those who are not state members may view the public information sections of the state website to find information about the kinds of benefits that are available through state membership.

TEACHER, CUSTODIAN SELECTED FOR PASR AWARDS

Two Mars Area School District staff members were selected to receive 2016-2017 Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees (PASR) Butler Chapter Loretta Woodson Awards. Awardees are Charlesa Fassinger, an Advanced French IV/Gifted Education teacher at Mars Area High School; and Bob Elliott, head custodian at Mars Area Elementary School. PASR Butler Chapter recognizes one teacher and one support professional who have exhibited creativity, initiative or productivity relevant to the learning process and growth of children.



The chapter selected Mars Area School District to nominate candidates for this year's awards. All awardees receive a plaque denoting their honor, a pin and a grant donation of \$100 to be used to support public education in their school. Elliott joined Mars Area School District in 2013 and, in 2016, he was recognized for his quick action in aiding an elementary student who was choking in the school's cafeteria. Elliott performed the Heimlich maneuver, which proved to be life saving. 'Mr. Bob' is an integral part of our school community," says Robert Zaccari, Mars Area Elementary School principal. "He's always willing to go above and beyond for the betterment of our school."

Charlesa Fassinger joined Mars Area School District in 1988 and has taught both French and gifted education at Mars Area High School. Fassinger serves as the faculty sponsor for Mars Area High School's National Honor Society (NHS) program and Thespians Club and she has directed numerous high school plays and musicals. In 2015, Mars Area High School's production of Shrek the Musical received a Henry Mancini Musical Theatre Award for Outstanding Overall Performance. In 2016, Fassinger received a St. Vincent College Great Teacher Award, which honors educators who demonstrate excellence in teaching that provides a positive and enduring influence on students. Each school year, the



Card Shower of Cheer



Mrs. Celia Snodgrass
408 Kohler Ave
Lyndora, PA 16045

Please send Cec a card of cheer. You can make a difference and certainly brighten her day!

PASR TREASURER'S REPORT October 1, 2016-December 31, 2016

RECEIPTS:

Local dues	\$180.00
State dues	300.00
Luncheon	938.50
Postage	165.60
Christmas Trip	11,071.80
Ed. support	187.00
SSMHF	146.00
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	\$12,988.90

EXPENSES:

PASR dues	\$360.00
Christmas trip	13,379.43
Military mail	83.75
Postmaster	77.67
Memorial books	60.00
Luncheon	1,029.00
Minuteman Press	308.46
SSMHF	39.45
Woodson awards (2)	200.00
Volunteer pin	5.00
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	\$15,542.76

Balance September 30	\$ 7,951.33
Receipts	+ 12,988.90
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	\$20,940.23
Expenses	- 15,542.76

Butler PASR Survey

Our fine RECREO folks are looking for some member input. They want to plan trips that our members want, and in turn, provide a benefit to our Butler PASR. All profits from our trips go right to our club, not an outside travel agency.

Family and friends are always welcome. Those attending do not need to be PASR members, just as our members can participate in trips that Margaret plans for other groups.

Please add comments to clarify your suggestions. They are really looking for your ideas! This is not a commitment, just a request for your ideas!

Name: _____

Interested in (check one or more)

_____ 1-day _____ 2-day _____ 3-day _____ 4-day

Suggested trip destinations (name one or several) _____

Theater or Dinner Theater _____

Historical Sites _____

Harrisburg/Hershey (State Capitol Building, Hershey Museum, etc.) _____

If a trip was planned outside of PA, would you prefer to go:

_____ north east south west

Other suggestions? _____

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- **Call** Joanne Nolsheim at 724-287-8148 to verbally share your ideas.
 - **Email** Margaret Hoffman at MHoff80037@zoominternet.net.
 - Tear out this page and **US mail** it to Margaret Hoffman at 140 Whippoorwill Road, Butler, PA 16001
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Member Benefits

Using the strength of its large membership, PASR has negotiated attractive group rates on a number of products and services. PASR endorses services and products as a value added benefit to its members and does not receive financial compensation for endorsement of any product or service.

The philosophy that has always governed PASR's endorsement of commercial products is "Any financial benefits that might be derived from extending the PASR's name to endorse a commercial product must accrue to the individual members who elect to purchase the product, not to the organization." In short, PASR does not solicit commissions or rebates from the companies it endorses and insists that such considerations be passed on to the individuals in the form of lower prices. We do not endorse to raise monies but to provide an additional service to our membership. Expenses related to marketing of the endorsed programs are typically paid by the companies and not by the association. So, PASR's endorsements do not cost the association or its members. The endorsements offer members the opportunity to save—just another way that your PASR membership works on your behalf. Go to www.pasr.org and click on Member Benefits to see the full list.

THANK YOU NOTES RECEIVED

"On behalf of Center Avenue Community School, I would like to thank you and your organization for the generous donation of clothing and hygiene items. Our students are frequently in need of these types of things, so they are greatly appreciated." Sincerely, Michele Smith, School Nurse

From Lutheran Senior Life: "Thank you for your generous gift-in-kind contributions of the various health and beauty items and small paper items..." Jennifer McIntire, Director, Community Service

From VA Butler Healthcare: "On behalf of the Veterans at VA Butler Healthcare, I wish to offer our sincere

gratitude and appreciation of PASR's donation of walker bags..."

Paula McCarl, Voluntary Services Coordinator

From Connellsville Area Community Ministries: "Thank you for your donation to assist with the flood recovery in the Connellsville area..." Chip Rowan, Executive Director



PASR Luncheon Meeting
12:00 Noon, Wednesday, March 22, 2017

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: March 10, 2017

Special Two-Part Program:
PISI Rep to share updates about dental and eye insurance
AND
Our own Steve Cicero with Butler County, Part II

Swedish meatball/noodles
carrots,
Cole slaw,
rolls,
chocolate cake,
raspberry iced tea, and coffee
\$10.50

Chef salad
Chocolate cake
Beverage
\$10.50

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Reservation Form Deadline **March 10, 2017**
12:00 Noon at Christ Community Methodist Church

Member Name: _____

Guest Reservation: (name) _____

Number of reservations:

meatballs @\$10.50 _____ Chef Salad @ \$10.50 _____

Total due: _____ (indicate if **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

March 2017

**Meeting location: Christ Community
Methodist Church at 2015 North Duffy Road in
Butler Township, behind Target. See you
March 22, 2017 at Noon!**