



# Journey

**Butler County Chapter Newsletter**

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

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**September 2017**

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

For those of you who have recently retired, say in the past 5 years, enjoy the end of August! You can sleep in or get up on the first in-service day of your previous school district. Even after 12 years into retirement, I still enjoy setting the alarm during that first week of school and then turning over and going back to bed!

In the current PASR Summer 2017 Newsletter, you will find information concerning the passage of Senate Bill one into law on June 12, 2017. PASR opposed the passage of this bill due to our belief that it will have a negative effect on the long-term health of PSERS, our retirement system. Reading other articles in the state newsletter will keep you informed on our organization and the issues we face as retirees.

PASR will have this year's convention from October 1-3 in Lancaster, PA. Our Butler chapter qualifies for 2

delegates based on the number of state and local members we have, so I'll be attending as your President and Polly Shaw will be attending as you President-Elect.

Mary K Davis, our Region VIII director, will represent Butler, Beaver, Mercer, and Clarion counties at the convention. Three proposed By-Law amendments will be considered at the convention.

Veronica Rozic will also attend the convention and has placed her name on the 2017 slate of candidates for the position of PASR Vice President. Best wishes, Veronica, and thanks for doing so much for this organization.

There will be a PASR state Leadership Workshop on Friday, November 3, 2017 in Grove City, PA for chapter presidents, presidents elect, membership chairpersons, and treasurers from the counties in the western part of the state. Polly, Shaw, Veronica Rozic, Jim Huemme, and myself will represent all of you at the workshop. Database training with the new PASR EZ Solutions computer system, leadership training, finance

### **Butler Chapter Officers**

President ..... Peg Harding  
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President-Elect ..... Polly Shaw  
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Recording Secretary ..... Fran Geisel  
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Region Director..... Mary K Davis  
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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  
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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

information, goals and activities, and mentoring will be the topics covered during the day.

Diana Bowman, our Education Support chairperson, will be contacting the Moniteau School District in the near future to give their superintendent information concerning Ed Support mini grants and the Laretta Woodson awards. Last year, the Mars Area School District was selected, alphabetically, to receive these grants and awards. Also, an education student at BCCC, Butler County Community College, will be receiving a \$500 scholarship from our chapter. More information will be given in the next newsletter.

We will not be sponsoring a pre-retirement fair this year. The executive board decided this program will occur every third year. So, if you know of anyone who is planning on retiring in the next 5 years, please have them contact me (724-502-4065) for PASR information. Our next fair will occur in 2019.

Please consider attending the Butler Chapter PASR RECREO program on October 18, 2017. Margaret Hoffman has put together a wonderful trip which includes lunch, a visit to the Oakmont Bakery, and tours of the Kerr House Museum, Frick House Museum, and Phipps Conservatory. It sounds like a lot, but what better way to see some Pittsburgh sites and not have to do the driving! See the flyer in this newsletter and sign up!

The State PASR 2018 sponsored trips include a trip to Maine for May 20-25,

2018 and a cruise to New England and Canada from September 20-29, 2018. Look for more information in the current PASR State newsletter.

We are still in need of a Karns City representative. Thank you Mary Lou Waltman and Margie Walker for doing such an excellent job over the years.

**Butler County Council PASR**  
General Membership Meeting

May 24, 2017

Christ Community Methodist Church

Peg welcomed us.

Lunch was served

Call to order by Peg.

Joanne Van Deusen– Possible jury duty for trial in eastern PA.

Community Service continue collecting plastic bags, in cartridges, Pringle cans, coupons, plastic caps, BINGO prizes, Center Avenue items.

Leg/LPEC watch for emails.

Treasurer- new member Karen Holmes.

RECREO- Niagara Falls September 13. Pittsburgh Mansions and Flowers October 18. Christmas Lancaster November 29.

Membership- Need list of retirees.

Scholarship- before June let BC3 know.

Take Karns City from rotation? Mars may host next luncheon.

Region 8-State RECREO 2018 Bus Maine and cruise western Canada. State dues can be paid \$150 for 3 years at once. PISI membership incentive-vision and dental for associate members.

Nifty Nineties- Claire Thompson-102 in August, Marian Bell-99 in September, Margaret Hoffman-93 in November, Helen Ferguson-91 in December, and Polly Rodgers-91 in August.

Program- "Moraine for Seniors" by Polly Shaw. Slide show of interesting areas of the park that are especially accessible for seniors. Polly sold copies of her book Moraine State Park. Polly's next project is McConnell's Mill.

Raffle won by Sue Campbell

Meeting Adjourned- 2:10.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Frances Geisel  
Recording Secretary

**Community Service**

Our Butler PASR chapter has been very busy collecting and distributing items for the elderly, students, and others in our county and even neighboring counties.

After the May meeting/luncheon, two large post office military boxes of manufacturers' coupons were sent to Army commissaries in Kaiserslautern and Wiesbaden, Germany. When, our local "coupon lady" Mary Angert, contacted me in July with another supply on coupons! Two more large post office boxes were sent to Air Force commissaries in Alconbury and Lakenheath, United Kingdom! We

received thank you from some of the commissaries. See page 8.

Since the fiscal year ends at the end of December, the Volunteer tally sheet will be included in the next newsletter. I hope you are keeping track of your volunteer hours! Thanks so much for submitting them each year. We can let the Butler County Commissioners know how many volunteer manpower hours PASR retirees do for this community.

Center Avenue Community School in Butler will be our "adopted" school, again, this year. Students come from all over the county and are at Center Avenue as an alternative school. Greatly appreciated donations:

- new or slightly used shoes for boys and girls ages 5-17
- socks of various sizes
- toiletries such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, shampoo
- gift cards from Walmart, Target, etc. Cards for small amounts are preferred.

Priscilla Beblo, my "right-hand gal", will be accepting your various items at the next luncheon. Please place pop can tabs, plastic bottle caps, Pringle cans, Bingo prizes, school supplies and clothing, hygiene items, ink cartridges, hotel soaps and shampoos, etc. in different bags so that they can be easily separated for distribution at the end of the luncheon.

Additionally, we would like each of you attending the luncheon to bring **at least one food or paper product item** to be distributed to the food

bank. One of the state PASR goals is to "feed the needy" in our area, and this will help so many of our neighbors. Polly Shaw has agreed to take these items to the Porterville Food Pantry.



## **L/PEC**

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

PA House Bill 1513 is one to watch right now. It is currently referred to the Committee on Finance.

An Act amending Titles 24 (Education) and 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in retirement for school employees, providing for supplemental annuity commencing 2017; and, in retirement for State employees and officers, providing for supplemental annuity commencing 2017.

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

*There are five categories of PASR Goals. This issue of Journey continues with Goals 3&4 to help us all understand how Butler Chapter and state PASR operate.*

**GOAL 3:** Expand/Improve Information to Members/Nonmembers

**Activity #1** — *Distribute PASR Materials at PSERS Foundation for Your Future Seminars* The Retirement Planning Committee is recommending that chapters plan to be present and distribute PASR materials for PSERS Foundations for Your Future seminars that occur in their area. PSERS website should be consulted about times and locations.

**Activity #2** — *Establish and Maintain a Chapter Website/Social Media Site* The Board of Directors is encouraging chapters to establish a chapter website with links to social media sites, and/or a social media site, and maintain it with the names of current officers and scheduled dates for upcoming events.

**Activity #3** — *Conduct Both a Pre-Retirement and/or a Post-Retirement Event* The Retirement Planning Committee is encouraging chapters, using the references found on the PASR website to plan and conduct pre- and/or post-retirement events where quality, relevant information is shared. Retirement Fairs and Expos are good events to help sponsor and/or participate in as a vendor.

**Activity #4** — *Present Laretta Woodson Awards* The Educational Support Committee is encouraging chapters to present Laretta Woodson Awards to both an educator and a school support professional in their areas during the year at a school function, i.e., school assembly, in-service day, or school board meeting. A copy of the press release or news article is to be submitted to headquarters. Chapters are

encouraged to send the recipient copies of their chapter newsletters.

**Activity #5** — *Develop and Submit an Legislative Issues Activity Plan* The Legislation/Political Education Committee is encouraging chapters to develop and submit an activity plan to headquarters on how the chapter will engage and educate local members on the PASR legislative issues.

**Activity #6** — *Plan and Conduct a Meet Your Legislators Event* The Legislation/Political Education Committee is encouraging chapters to plan and conduct a Meet Your Legislator(s) event or an appreciation event for the area legislator(s).

**Activity #7** — *Promote an Understanding of Legislative Issues* The Legislative Committee is encouraging each chapter to help promote an understanding of legislative issues to contact team members and the local membership and to assist in that endeavor by having chapter representation at Regional Legislative Council meetings.

**GOAL 4:** Expand/Improve Economic Benefits for Members

**Activity #1** - *Publish State MB&S Articles in Chapter Newsletters* The Member Benefits and Services Committee is recommending that chapters publish state MB&S benefit articles twice each year in the chapter newsletter.

**Activity #2** — *Utilize a Speaker from One of the State Endorsed Benefits* The Member Benefits and Services

Committee is encouraging chapters to have a speaker from any of the state endorsed benefit vendors make a presentation at a chapter function.

**Activity #3** — *Publish MB&S Testimonials* The Member Benefits and Services Committee is encouraging each chapter to solicit and publish testimonial articles regarding the use of endorsed services available to retirees and the money saved on the use of these services.

**Activity #4** — *Increase Number of Members Logging PASR Website* The Public Relations Committee is encouraging each chapter to increase the total number of PASR members, from their area, registered on the PASR website, so that the association can engage more members directly in efforts to protect our pension system and promote improvements in our benefits.

## **MEMBER BENEFITS**

### ***Travel Services***

With your PASR membership, [Boscov's Travel](#) is ready to arrange your individual and family trips, a scheduled motorcoach tour, group cruise, or a customized group tour exclusively for PASR members and companions. PASR members automatically receive a discount on selected travel products. Not only will members save money as a result of their PASR membership, but the discount will also extend to the member's traveling companions. Members that use a [Boscov's](#) credit

card to pay for their travel will earn reward points, which can be redeemed for [Boscov's](#) gift card certificates to be used toward any [Boscov's](#) merchandise. PASR members can book travel online through the [Boscov's Travel](#) website. Take advantage of its unique money saving features for booking airfares. For more information, visit your local [Boscov's Travel](#) Center or call 1-866-433-3812.

### ***Vision Insurance***



With the [Davis Vision](#) vision program, administered by [PISI](#), you will quickly and clearly "see" the benefits to being a part of the group. By joining other PASR members, you have the availability of comprehensive vision benefits with competitive group rates. With the low cost to be a part of this program, participation easily pays for itself whether it be on the exam, glasses, contacts, the unconditional breakage warranty, or even the discounted laser vision correction. Coverage is available for you, your partner, and your dependents. For complete details on this benefit, please download the [benefit summary](#). Under the members' only section, state members can download a printable vision application. (*After log-in, click on [Member Home](#), scroll down to Members' Only Discounts/Benefits, Davis Vision Insurance application, and follow the instructions.*) For more information, call [PISI](#) at 1-800-382-1352.

## PASR BUTLER COUNTY 2017-2018 CALENDAR

<b>General Membership Luncheon (Host Mars)</b>	<b>September 27, 2017</b>
PASR State Convention	October 1-4, 2017
Butler Chapter Executive Meeting	October 11, 2017
PASR District 8 meeting	October 25, 2017
PASR Leadership Training at Grove City IU4	November 3, 2017
<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.

Membership Application	Phone	Date of birth
<b>P A S R</b> Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees 878 Century Drive Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-4375	(    )    -	/    /
	E-mail address	Retirement date & years of service ___/___/____    ___ YOS
<b>Please PRINT name/address below:</b>          Please select your membership option. Make check payable to: <b>PASR</b>  <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	Are you a member of a local PASR chapter? If yes, which one?	<b>School District</b> from which you retired

## 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

### *Card Shower of Cheer*

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



[This Photo](#) by

Marian Bell  
Concordia at The  
Orchard  
104 Concordia Way.  
Butler, PA 16001

**Zoann Weckerly**  
136 Avon Drive  
Butler PA 16001

### *Thank you notes received:*

Lutheran Senior Life wrote in appreciation for our February and May contributions of gifts that they used as Bingo prizes for LIFE Butler.

On behalf of the military members and families on active duty service in Guam, a note was sent to thank us for our kindness and generosity and sending the coupons to Naval Base Guam.



*L to R Polly Shaw, Helen Ferguson, and Priscilla Beblo, at the book signing table at the May program*



# Pittsburgh Mansions and Flowers

## Wednesday, October 18, 2017

The Butler County School Retirees, PASR, is sponsoring this trip that will stop in Oakmont, PA at the Kerr Memorial Museum and the famous Oakmont Bakery before having lunch at Hoffstot's Café Monaco. After lunch it will be a stop at the Henry Clay Frick Clayton House, The day will end with a stop at the Phipps Conservatory for the fall flower show..

**Kerr Memorial Museum** was the gracious residence of Dr. Thomas R. Kerr beginning in 1897. It is a fine example of the late 19<sup>th</sup> century Queen Anne style home. It was both his residence and medical office. This home gives you a new look at a period in Pittsburgh's history often characterized by the extremes of late 19<sup>th</sup> century America: fabulous wealth and grinding poverty. This is a part of the middle class that existed and has been often overshadowed. Virginia Kerr, Dr. Kerr's only child, lived in the house until her death in 1994. She never married. She taught English in the Oakmont public schools for 42 year. Upon her death, she bequeathed her beloved 14 room home to the Borough of Oakmont to be used as a museum in memory of her father.

The next stops are at the well-known **Oakmont Bakery** and **Hoffstot's Café Monaco**. These are next door to each other.

The **Bakery** is an experience to savor and enjoy. The showcases are brimming with delicious decisions. You will have a memorable lunch at **Hoffstot's**. Before arriving at the restaurant you have made a choice from a selected menu.

The next stop is the tour of "**Clayton**" the historic home of the Henry Clay Frick family. This tour provides you with opportunities to view fine and decorative arts from the Renaissance to the present, as well as learn how the Frick family lived during the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Clayton is an example of both the home of a wealthy Pittsburgh family and of late Victorian architecture and interior design. Also learn local history and Victorian social customs in the family's home. Ninety percent of the furniture and artifacts on display are original. You may also visit the Automobile Museum, Art Display, Greenhouse and Museum Book Shop.

The last stop will be at the **Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens**. This is one of the nation's oldest and largest Victorian greenhouses. This trip is scheduled at the time when fall flowers are featured exhibits. You will have time to explore on-your-own throughout the gardens.

This trip will have much walking and limited restroom facilities until the afternoon. The Butler PASR sponsors trips to benefit numerous activities that support Butler county schools, students and teachers. Margaret Harding, President; James Huemme, Treasurer; Joanne Nolsheim & Margaret Hoffman, Trip Coordinators.

**COST: \$95.00** includes admissions, lunch, tax and gratuity, deluxe motor coach transportation,

**DEPART: 8:30 AM - Butler Moraine Pointe Plaza** (Slippery Rock and Route 8 South by special arrangement)

**RETURN: 6:30 PM - Butler Moraine Pointe Plaza**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Butler County PASR**  
**SEND CHECKS TO: Margaret Hoffman, 140 Whippoorwill Rd., Butler, PA 16001**  
**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: Margaret Hoffman, 724-282-4454**

**PASR Pittsburgh Trip, October 18, 2017**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET CITY ZIP

TRAVELIN WITH \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

BOARDING BUS AT \_\_\_\_\_

Butler County PASR  
**Treasurer's Report**  
 April 1, 2017-June 30, 2017

RECEIPTS:

State Dues	1,790.00
Local Dues	480.00
Luncheon	742.00
Postage	103.00
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	3,115.00

EXPENSES:

PASR	1,670.00
Scholarship	500.00
Luncheon	1,035.66
Minuteman Press	299.39
Postmaster	85.82
Military Mail	69.40
Dues Refund (State)	60.00
Nifty Nineties	51.40
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	3,771.67

March 30 - balance	5,085.68
Receipts	+ 3,115.00
	TOTAL 8,200.68

Expenses	- 3,771.67
Checkbook Balance	4,429.01
Savings Balance	9,110.53

TOTAL FUNDS \$ 13,539.54

**PASR Luncheon Meeting**  
**12:00 Noon, Wednesday, September 27, 2017**

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

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



*Our September program:* Kimberly Vensel  
Butler Butterfly Lady  
Educational Presentations on the Monarch  
Butterfly

*Find her on Facebook: Butler Butterfly Lady*

**MENUS**

Parmesan crusted chicken  
breast  
Rice pilaf  
Steamed vegetables  
Fresh fruit cup  
cookie,  
Coffee, raspberry iced tea  
\$12.00

Chef salad  
Fresh fruit cup  
cookie  
Coffee, raspberry iced tea  
\$12.00

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Reservation Form Deadline **September 15, 2017**  
**12:00 Noon at Christ Community Methodist Church**

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

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

Number of reservations:

chicken @\$12.00 \_\_\_\_\_ chef salad @ \$12.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**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

**September 2017**



We would like each of you attending the luncheon to bring **at least one food or paper product item**