



*Butler County
Chapter Newsletter*

September 2013

<http://www.orgsites.com/pa/butlerchappasr/>

President's Message

Hello,

I hope that all of you have had a great summer. We are ready to begin a new program year. We are trying a new location for our September 25th meeting. We will be meeting at the First Methodist Ministry Center on North St. across from Butler Junior High. (See directions inside.) Sam McKissick will be presenting a program on Civil War soldiers and their equipment.

In July Bess Higgins passed away. Bess was 110 in December. We will always remember how active Bess was in our organization up until about 4 years ago.

In the spring we took part in the state membership drive which ended June 30. During that time we gained 17 new state members. (12 of those were new local members also.) We will continue to contact the new retirees and hopefully have several more people join our organization.

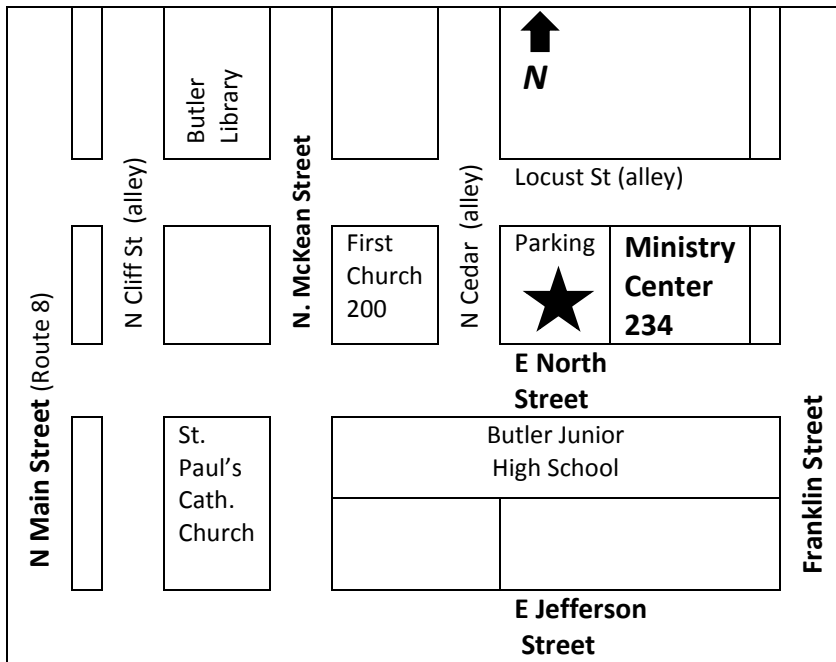
The state organization is continuing to keep us informed about what is happening in Harrisburg concerning pension reform. The feeling is that after

the issue of privatizing the state liquor stores is settled, the governor will again address pension reform. We need to continue talking to our legislators about how important it is to maintain PSERS defined benefits program. There are some changes that are needed, but you don't scrap the entire program without a thorough study of what those reforms should be. Please check the PASR website for the latest information on this issue.

Mary K. Davis
President, Butler County Chapter

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We meet at **First Church Ministry Center**, 234 East North Street, near the corner with Franklin Street. Butler Junior High is across the street. There is a large parking lot between First Church (AKA First United Methodist Church) and the Ministry Center (previously known as the K of C or Knights of Columbus). The ramp is on the side opposite the parking lot for those who prefer not to use the stairs.

Electronic or US Mail?

A new option is now available to receive your PASR Butler Chapter Newsletter via e-mail. If you would like to try it, send an e-mail to Newsletter Editor, Polly Shaw at **pollyshaw@zoominternet.net**. This current issue will be sent as a pdf file. If it opens correctly on your computer/electronic device and you want to discontinue the US Mail version, confirm that change by e-mail. We hope to archive the newsletters on the Chapter website for your convenience.

Luncheon Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2013
Tanglewood

Call to Order. Mary K. welcomed us.

Honor Nifty Nineties. Clara Thompson, 97 (August Birthday), Helen Cypher, 100 (November Birthday).

Donna Reeder, Butler Host led prayer and pledge.

Lunch was served.

Program presented by Lisa Gill, Director of Serving for First Methodist Church. Lisa discussed the Connections Center on North St. She described the serving teams and work within the community.

March minutes approved.

Polly Shaw is Newsletter Editor.

PASR Drawing to Benefit PASR
\$500 worth scratch lottery tickets
Drawing Oct. 6, 2013 at the State Convention; need not be present.
Single ticket for \$5
Three for \$10
Seven for \$20
Buy tickets at the Sept 25 mtg.

Petitions were signed to endorse Judith Geist for Retired Representative on PSERS.

The treasurer's report was in the last newsletter.

Community Service committee reminds members we are collecting BINGO prizes, ink cartridges, bottle tops. Also members should be keeping an accounting of volunteer hours yearly from July 1 - June 30.

Legislative/Political Ed.- Oppose defined contribution plan to state representatives. A possible change in health care may see the end of the Premium Assistance program.

Recreo - trip planned to Philadelphia in September.

Spelling Bee- WISR is not sure if they will sponsor a Spelling Bee this year. Discussion was conducted as to sponsoring a PASR Spelling Bee.

Loretta Woodson Award- Contacting Dale Lumbly for applicants.

Fall meeting is September 25 at First Methodist Ministry Center on North Street.

Donna Druga won the 49/51.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances A. Geisel
Recording Secretary

Committee Chairs

- Legislative and L/PECDonna Druga
- Retirement Planning Pam Patterson and Shirley Haggert
- RECREO Margaret Hoffman and Joanne Nolsheim
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Remember Judith L. Guise in November!

The PSERS annuitant election ballots are scheduled to be mailed on November 6.

- Watch for it
- Open it
- Mark your ballot for Judith L. Guise
- Mail it back to PSERS
- Tell your retired school friends who belong to PSERS

Judith L. Guise is endorsed by PASR to be our voice on PSERS. She will speak for us!

Have you visited the state website to find our local club info as well as discounts and benefits available to all members? Well worth a look!

www.pasr.org

Committee Updates

RECREO

"My Old Kentucky Home"

Louisville & Bardstown, KY
Tuesday – Saturday, May 6 – 10,
2014; 5 Days, 4 Nights

Your Kentucky Tour Includes:

- Round trip transportation via private motor coach equipped with reclining seats and restroom.
- Four (4) nights' hotel accommodations – 2 nights at the Comfort Inn, Oetz, OH; 2 nights at the Galt House, Louisville, KY □ Tour of the Louisville Slugger Museum, Louisville, KY
- Admission to the Frazier International History Museum
- Dinner show at the Derby Dinner Playhouse
- Tour of Federal Hill Mansion, inspiration for Stephen Foster's song, "My Old Kentucky Home"
- Carriage Tour of Bardstown, KY, winner of "Most Beautiful Small Town in America - 2012" in Rand McNally and USA Today's Best of the Road contest
- Tour of St. Joseph Proto-Cathedral, a National Historic Landmark
- Tour of a Heaven Hill Distillery
- Dinner cruise on the Spirit of Jefferson riverboat
- Churchill Downs Backstretch Breakfast Tour
- Admission to the Kentucky Derby Museum
- Tour of the John & Ann Glenn Historic Site, New Concord, OH

- The National Road/Zane Grey Museum, Norwich, OH
- Nine (9) included meals - 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners (including dinner cruise and dinner theatre as noted above) □
Baggage handling for one piece of luggage per person
- Services of a Boscov's Tour Director
- All taxes and gratuities for included features, including gratuities for tour director, motor coach driver and local guides



Please see RECREO chairs Margaret Hoffman or Joanne Nolsheim for more information. You can also visit the PASR website or the PASR Group Facebook page for complete details.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT

We are looking into sponsoring a countywide spelling bee since WISR will no longer do one. Beaver County does a spelling bee. A timeframe of Feb.-March is being considered.

The Loretta Woodson Award was presented to Mr. Steve Hunka, a teacher in the South Butler School District, is being presented with \$150.00 to be used to help with his Hoops for Heart Program with the American Heart Association by organizing a basketball game between student and teachers. He has helped the district raise close to \$100,000 since starting this program.

Mrs. Joyce Klabnik, who works in the Administration Offices of the South Butler School District, will use her \$150.00 to aid with her work with the Saxonburg Firemen's Auxiliary including Fish Dinners, the yearly carnival, and banquets/dinners for sporting events.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

It's been a long and hot summer, but our PASR volunteers don't complain. They go through their weeks doing wonderful things for those in the Butler and surrounding counties. We have those who volunteer as church organists, choir members, kitchen helpers, dust and lap blanket "busters", money counters, etc. There are also many of us who contribute hours to Meals on Wheels, hospitals, animal shelters, visitations to nursing/assisted living homes and shut-ins, American Legion, library workers, Bingo callers, talent show judges, and many more services to those in need.

Of our Butler PASR chapter members only 23 surveys were returned, but 10,299 hours of time were recorded! Most of the hours were given to Social Services (4,633 hours) and Religious Services (3,842 hours).

We will be honoring one of our members as "Volunteer of the Year" for 2013 at our September 25, 2013 luncheon. Please attend this event in support of our honoree as well as all of us who freely give of our "time and talents" to those less fortunate.

As always, we are collecting items such as "worry dolls", tote bags, helmet hat liners, pop can tabs, plastic bottle caps, Bingo prizes, coupons, cancelled stamps, ink cartridges, school supplies, and non-perishable food items.

Manufacturers' coupons were sent to military commissaries in Germany

and Japan in May. Members sewed over 60 tote bags for women in Guatemala, and "Worry dolls" were sent to children of the military.

Due to the postage costs of the military coupons, please bring some extra money (paper and coins) to our luncheon. In the past year, we have sent postal boxes to 13 different commissaries at approximately \$13.00 per box, which has depleted our own treasury of \$169.00. We need to help ourselves pay for this expense.

Thanks, again, to all of you who sent in your surveys and all of you who volunteer without wanting any recognition. Hours are recorded from July 1 to June 30 the following year. Please submit your total at the spring meeting. To count towards our Butler County credit with PASR.

MEMBERSHIP

We had a successful membership drive with an increase of 17 new state members, 12 of which were new to the chapter also. We are hoping to get more members from the new retirees. Please invite any new retirees that you know to come to our September 25th meeting. Also, share the membership form with them. They can check the website to get any additional information about our organization.

Welcome New Members!

Bruno Zuccala – Seneca Valley (State and Local)

David Hartle – Mars (State and Local)

Joyce Holzhauser – Butler AVTS (State and Local)

Jane Russell - Butler (State)
 Don Schmelzer – Butler (State)
 Georgene Natali – Butler (State)
 Lisa Bell – Butler (State and Local)
 Susan Brock – Butler (State)
 Janie Shaffer – Butler (Local)
 James Huemme – Butler (State)
 Ceclila Sndgrass - Butler (State)
 Dr. Brenda Taylor – Slippery Rock (State and Local)
 Karen Keager – Mars (State and Local)
 Karen Barbati – Seneca Valley (State and Local)
 Kathleen Green – Mars (State and Local)
 Leslie Colesimo – Slippery Rock (State and Local)
 Juanita Brady – Butler (State and Local)
 John Hartle – Butler (State and Local)
 Anne Viatori – Butler (State and Local)

SOCIAL SERVICES/ MEMORIAL HONOR FUND

A memorial service will be held in December for those who passed away during the year.

The main focus for our Butler Chapter SSMHF Committee is to promote individual and Chapter contributions to our programs and to provide social services to members who, due to illness or advanced age, are confined to their

homes, hospitals, or nursing homes. We also reach out to the general membership who are temporary having some health problems.

We keep in touch by regular visits; through phone calls; sending cards; and delivering gifts during holidays and special occasions.

You, the membership, can be a big help with our "focus", by sharing with me the names of those who might need our help. As you have done in the past, you help when we "pass the hat" at our luncheons. To those of you who are members, but do not attend our luncheons, prayerfully consider sending in a donation. Send to our treasurer, Jim Huemme, 119 Shanor Heights, Butler, PA 16001 (Make checks payable to: Butler Chapter PASR).

I THANK YOU on behalf of our confined members that we serve. They are so grateful!

- | Projects Highlights |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect manufacturing coupons for military families, not more than 4 months expired • Collect pop can tabs • Make worry dolls • Make helmet hats (knitted caps) • Hearts for Children’s Hospital (hearts for patients and parents/caregivers to have when separated) • 20 inch square bottom tote bags for children in emergency shelters |

**School District PASR
Area Chairs**

Butler Area Donna Reeder
Karns City Mary Lou Waltman,
Margie Walker
Mars Pricilla Beblo
Moniteau Carol Ball
Seneca Valley . Sue Campbell. Ruth
Kirk
Slippery Rock..... Ellen McIntyre
South Butler Doris Herceg

Meeting Hosts This Year

September.....Karns City
December..... Mars
February..... Moniteau
MaySeneca Valley

Hope you enjoy this issue. Please send any corrections or omissions about the Butler Chapter PASR Newsletter, directly to: pollyshaw@zoominternet.net
Thanks! Polly Shaw, Editor



**Membership Enrollment Form
Butler County Chapter**

Name _____

Social Security Number _____

Address _____

Telephone (home) _____ (cell) _____

e-mail _____

School District _____

Spouse or Partner's Name _____

Dues total _____

_____ Local \$10.00

_____ State \$50.00

_____ Local Life \$150.00

_____ State Life \$600

State Life can be paid in two years at \$300 a year. Please make checks payable to Butler County PASR and mail to Jim Huemme
119 Shanor Heights
Butler, PA 16001

Treasurer's Report – April 1 - June 30, 2013

Receipts

Local dues

Local dues	\$ 705.00
State dues	2200.00
Luncheon	580.00
50/50	44.00
Trip	1950.00

\$5,479.00

Expenses

SSMHF and Nifty 90	\$ 208.51
Military Mail	81.60
Minuteman	300.00
Luncheon	628.41
Postmaster	97.16
PASR dues	2450.00
Memorial book	30.00
Office	46.61
Woodsen	300.00

\$ 4,143.07

Balance March 31, 2013

\$ 6,390.15

Receipts

+ 5,479.00

\$11,869.15

Expenses

- 4,143.07

Balance June 30, 2013

\$ 7,726.08

Savings

6,406.56

\$14,132.64

PASR Luncheon Meeting
12 Noon, Wednesday, September 25, 2013
First Church Ministry Center
234 East North Street
Butler, PA 16001

RESERVATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 13, 2013

MENU

Choice 1 Lasagna (traditional or vegetable)

Choice 2...Chef's Salad

Rolls, Butter

Dessert – Cookies

Beverage

The cost is \$10.00

Reservation Form

PASR Luncheon

Noon at First Church Ministry Center

September 25, 2013

Number of Reservations _____ @ \$10.00 Total Enclosed \$ _____

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Please circle entrée choice on menu above.

Guest Reservation (name) _____

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

724-538-8413

RESERVATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 13, 2013

PASR

Mary K. Davis
114 Freeport Road
Butler, PA 16001

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Postage Pd.
Per #510
Butler, PA 16001

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Butler Chapter

P A S R
Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees

Here is your September 2013 Newsletter!

Chapter Meeting Dates

September 25, 2013

December 18, 2013

March 26, 2014

May 28, 2014