

Dauphin County Chapter Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Members,

As we look forward to spring and summer, please include DCPASR events in your activities schedule. Remember our board meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of each month. All members are welcome. We have scheduled our first "I'm Not Going Back to School Picnic," August 8th at the Skyline Common Park. Catering will be by Roxy's Chatter Box. Entertainment will be provided by "The Substitutes," a live acoustical duo playing country, rock and requests. Invite your friends to this event.

I would also like to thank our members for their generous contributions to the scholarship fund, newsletter and other charitable donations. Because of your generosity we are able to award two **\$1,000.00 scholarships** to graduating seniors in Dauphin County.

We are still in need of a **PRESIDENT**. Please consider being nominated and elected to this position in our organization. Please call me to discuss this opportunity at 570-286-9540. We are also in need of someone to chair the auditing committee. This involves about four hours of your time with two board members to audit the organizations finances. If you enjoy working with numbers and balancing your check book, you are the right person for this job! Call me ASAP.

Please reach out to new retirees and encourage them to join PASR and DCPASR. Our organization is always looking for new ideas and energetic members to help our group.

Remember to contact your senator and ask him or her to vote YES for the COLA bill.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Auten, President

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DCPASR CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024

May 2	Spring Meeting/Luncheon at the Wharf
May 15	Ex. Board Meeting 10:00 AM at Faith Immanuel Presby. Church
June 19	Ex. Board Meeting 10:00 AM at Faith Immanuel Presby. Church
August-8	New Retirees Picnic- Skyline Park
August 21	Ex. Board Meeting 10:00 AM at Faith Immanuel Presby. Church
Sept. 18	Ex. Board Meeting 10:00 AM at Faith Immanuel Presby. Church
Sept. 26	Region IV Board Meeting
October 16	Ex. Board Meeting 10:00 AM at Faith Immanuel Presby. Church
Nov. 7	Fall Meeting/Luncheon (Tentative)
Nov. 20	Ex. Board Meeting 10:00 AM at Faith Immanuel Presby. Church



DCPASR FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF April 1, 2024

Centric Bank Checking Account:	
DCPASR General Fund	\$ 7,087.00
Social Ser./Memorial Honor	1,026.90
Scholarship Fund	<u>2,774.20</u>
Total Checking Acct.	\$10,888.10
Certificate of Deposit:	
Matures 10/12/24	\$ <u>5,000.00</u>
(Interest 5.1280%)	
(Annual Percentage Rate 5.25%)	
TOTAL EQUITY	\$15,888.10

John Decker
Treasurer



PLEASE CONSIDER RECEIVING YOUR NEWSLETTER ELECTRONICALLY

Just a reminder that the newsletter is the single largest expense we have every year. Next year it will cost us \$2,438 to print and mail over 2,000 copies. This expense is partially supported by donations. Would you please consider donating so that members who do not have electronic capabilities can still receive printed copies. We have one very generous member who covers the cost of one issue of the newsletter. Please help out by donating to help cover the cost of the other two issues. See **Page 8** for the donation form. Also please see **Page 10** to have your copy delivered electronically.



REPORT ON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

We are pleased to announce that there is a total of **\$2,774.20** in our Scholarship Fund. Due to the **generosity of our membership** this year, we will be able to give two \$1,000 scholarships. If you are interested in contributing toward this endeavor for next year, please see **Page 8** for the contribution form.



**AND THE WINNER OF THE DCPASR NEWSLETTER
SURVEY \$50 VISA GIFT CARD DRAWING IS:
JENNIFER STARSINIC FROM CENTRAL
DAUPHIN**



DCPASR Awards 2023-2024 Education Grant

On Wednesday, February 14, 2024, **Bob** and **Kathy Hamera** attended the Dauphin County Technical School Board Meeting to present the 2023-2024 DCPASR Education Grant to this year's recipient, **Rachel Cangialosi**. Rachel is a 9th/10th grade ELA Teacher.

Rachel will use the \$400.00 grant to improve classroom library. As Rachel states in her provide my classroom with appropriate overall atmosphere as well as new and current



classroom atmosphere and build a application, "My goal would be to aesthetics and improve upon the titles to my classroom library."

She goes on to explain, "Research supports with options like flexible seating and furniture instruction or even comfort during Providing a classroom library that gives readability on grade level is also highly researched and supported (this would include subscription services as well as physical books)."

providing a classroom and students that allows for small group independent reading and work. students high interest titles with

Rachel will use the grant for:

1. Flexible seating options.
2. Seating that allows for better small group or individual instruction and remediation.
3. New book titles and online subscription services for student independent reading.

We are glad to be able to help Rachel meet the needs of her students.

Due to family obligations, Rachel was unable able to attend the board meeting to accept her grant. The check was given to her school principal, Matthew Keys, who then presented the check to Rachel.



COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

The Community Service Committee will continue to support several projects at our **May 2nd Spring Meeting/Luncheon**.



Monetary Donations or canned products will be collected for the **Cupboard at Calvary Food Pantry Calvary United Methodist Church**.



Donations for the Veterans at the **Lebanon VA Hospital** will be accepted: white socks, stamps, unused greeting cards, or monetary donations.



We will accept monetary donations for **Caitlin's Smiles**, which is a nonprofit organization in Dauphin County that is dedicated to putting smiles on the faces of children with chronic or life-threatening diseases.

The form for the school year **2023-2024 Volunteer of the Year Award** is included in this newsletter on **Page 11** and due by **June 30, 2024**. We hope you will continue to count your volunteer hours and send your form to Mary Ickes or Sue Wolfe.

We thank all of our members for your continued support of our Community Service projects and your volunteer service in our county.

*Community Service Committee,
Co-Chairpersons
Mary Ickes & Sue Wolfe*



SOCIAL SERVICE/MEMORIAL HONOR REPORT

We continue to service our members in one way or another. We send flower arrangements, sympathy cards, thinking of you cards and get-well cards.

If you know of a member 85 or older **OR** a shut in at any age, please call (717) 236-0529 and let me know. **We are here to serve YOU!**

FYI PASR makes funds available to our Chapter. Our work on this committee is dependent upon these funds and in turn the State SSMHF is dependent upon the contributions of all PASR members. We do make contributions to the state SSMHF in memory of deceased members. If you would like to make an individual contribution to the **PASR SSMH Fund**, please contact **Janet Lee Oxenford** at (717) 236-0529 or see the form on **Page 10**.

*Janet Lee Oxenford, Chairperson
Social Svc. /Memorial Honor
Committee*



WILL YOU HELP?

We are looking for someone who enjoys working with numbers to help us do **our** audit sometime after June 1. We need one more person for approximately **four hours for one day a year**. If interested, please contact **Margaret Auten** at mea1146@aol.com



JOIN US FOR DCPASR'S FIRST ANNUAL "I'M NOT GOING BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC" HONORING 2024 RETIREES

August-8, 2024

(12:00 AM-3:00 PM)

Upper Pavilion, Skyline Commons Park
305 Short Street
West Hanover Township, PA 17112



A Few Features: Lighted pavilion with restrooms (10 tables); Two parking lots; Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant accessible walking paths; Side by side pickleball courts and horseshoe pits; Wooded nature trail throughout the entire area.



Our picnic will be catered by **Roxy's Chatter Box Café in Hummelstown**. She uses **Groff's Farm Meats and Fresh Produce**. It will include **Assorted Sandwiches and Salads**. **Drinks and desserts will be provided by DCPASR**. The price of the picnic will be **\$28.00 per person unless you are a 2024 Retiree—**

will eat at 12 noon. From 1PM to 3 PM we will be entertained two retired teachers **Fred Lawrence and Mark Alexander**. cover songs ranging from classic to modern country and rock, handful of originals as well. Bring your lawn chairs. **We hope there for what will be a fun afternoon!**



your meal is free. We by **"The Substitutes"**-- Their acoustical music Christian rock, and a **to see many of you**



Name _____ School Dist. _____ Date of Retirement _____

Address _____ Phone # _____

Email _____ DCPASR Member: YES or NO (please circle one)

MENU: Café salad (leafy lettuce, mandarin oranges, caramelized almonds with sweet & sour vinaigrette dressing) Add choice of **either** _____ egg salad (**OR**) _____ chicken salad (**OR**) _____ roasted chicken (these will be packaged separately)

(OR)

Choice of Sandwiches with a choice of either: _____ chips _____ applesauce _____ side salad (**choose one side**)

_____ Chicken Salad on Croissant w/ Tomato and Lettuce

_____ Turkey w/ Provolone and Lettuce on Ciabatta Roll w/ Cranberry Mayo. on the roll. _____ **No mayo. (OR)**
_____ **mayo. on the side.**

_____ Hula Ham w/ American Cheese on Cheese Bread w/ Coconut & Pineapple mayo. _____ **No mayo. (OR)**
_____ **mayo. on the side.**

_____ Hot Hammer Ham on Grilled Pretzel Roll w/ Farmer's Cheese and Honey Mustard mayo. _____ **No mayo.**
(OR) _____ **mayo. on the side.**

**Please send this form along with a check (made payable to DCPASR) by July 30, 2024, to:
John Decker, 2307 Valley Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17104**



HELP FILL VACANCY POSITIONS ON OUR EXEC. BOARD!!!

Our Chapter is presently looking to recruit new or existing members to fill vacancies on the board.

School Representative openings--it's okay to have more than 1 person, especially the larger school districts. C.A.I.U., Dauphin County Technical School, Derry Twp., Halifax, Millersburg, Steelton/Highspire, and Susquehanna Township. Your **primary responsibility** is to be a **liaison with your school district**, to inform our retirement co-chair of retirees in your school district. It entails checking your school district board docs. each month for new retirees and finding addresses so we can send them a one-year free membership. We are also looking for someone to Chair the Auditing Committee.

Being part of the Executive Board for DCPASR brings both personal enjoyment and professional fulfillment in giving back to our schools and the community. We hope you will consider filling one of these vacancies. Please contact **Margaret Auten**, at **mea1146@aol.com** if you would like to fill any of these positions.



NEW SCHOOL REPS.

A big thank you to our two new school reps. for taking on this responsibility:
Dr. Osha Lynette Smith, CD and **Yolanda Goodwin-Humphrey, Harrisburg.**

We are so grateful to you both!



REMINDER TO KEEP RECORD OF YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR 2023-24

We hope you are counting all your volunteer hours even the small ones for 2023-24. Remember to include time spent in schools, churches, and other community organizations in your total. See the survey form on **Page 11**. We will be collecting these forms in June 2024. **We need to show our legislators that even though we are retired, we still contribute to society.**



A contribution has been made to the Memorial Honor Fund in memory of the following deceased members:

Bellis, Margaret Millersburg Area Paul, Lynn J. Upper Dauphin Van Boskirk Middletown

If you would personally like to make a donation in memory of one or more of those listed above, please see **Page 10** for the necessary form.



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Election year 2024! This election year will be one to remember.

PASR and DCPASR voters should consider candidates in the primary election who will stand for their interests in November's election.

School retiree voters should give serious consideration to choosing candidates that will support **HB1416** for pension increases for Pre-act 9 retirees.

Public Education is fighting the politicians who want dramatic increases in school choice for students. Public Education must survive the election process to help keep our pension system from going broke. It is important for school retirees to vote in large numbers to show the politicians that we care about public education.

Remember, charter schools, cyber schools and private schools that receive taxpayer money are not regulated by the STATE. Attendance is regulated in these schools. The STATE does not audit the books in these schools, which leaves us with no idea as to how our tax dollars are being spent.

In closing, we must encourage our members to vote for candidates who will work for us to improve our everyday living. Remember, your future depends on the right candidate you help to elect to bring about the needed changes for the right political leadership to get the job done.

See you in the spring.

Don Steinmeier
Legislative Chairperson



NOW IS THE TIME TO HELP!

If you can help with a small contribution to L/PEC, now is the time to put it in the mail using the form on **Page 9** in this newsletter. Any amount is greatly appreciated.

L/PEC provides financing to help our organization fight for pension stability and other legislative issues that affect school retirees.

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If you know of someone who would like to join DCPASR, see **Page 9** for membership application.  
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HERE IS YOUR CHANCE TO VOLUNTEER

DCPASR has committed to help the **Central PA Food Bank**. We've promised to supply at least 10 people, but we can have up to 15. **PLEASE VOLUNTEER** to help us **Monday, July 1, 2024, from 5-7 PM** at the **Central Packing Operations, 1530-B Boboli Drive, Hbg**. Please email Nadine Espenshade at narich5@aol.com if you plan to help. You will be sent a link a couple of weeks prior to July 1st to complete. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes! We thank you in advance for helping.

**YES, WE CAN STILL CONTRIBUTE TO SOCIETY AFTER RETIREMENT.
CONSIDER THIS SUGGESTION
“Give Books to Kids Every Day!”**



All you have to do is copy the website below and paste it in the search box and click search. When the page comes up **Give Books to Kids Every Day**, Click to Give - It's FREE! You may want to make this website a favorite so you don't have to put this address in each time.



When you click, **Greater Good** funds books, supplies, and educational opportunities for children.

IT DOESN'T COST ANYTHING AND DOES SO MUCH GOOD.

(Here is the website)

https://theanimalrescuesite.greatergood.com/clicktogive/lit/home?gg_source=ctgtabs&gg_medium=sitena_v&gg_campaign=ARS



DCPASR Miscellaneous Donation Form

Name _____

Phone # (____) _____

Address _____

Email _____

(City, State, Zip Code)

Contribution to:

Amount

DCPASR Scholarship	\$ _____
Educational Grants	\$ _____
Lauretta Woodson Award	\$ _____
Newsletter	\$ _____

Please make your check payable to DCPASR (please mark **Memo Line** with either Scholarship Fund/Grants/Lauretta Woodson Award or Newsletter--one check can be used as long as you designate the purposes) and mail it with this form to:

**John Decker
2307 Valley Road
Harrisburg, PA 17104-1433**

Thank you for your generosity!



PASR--Founded in 1937

Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees
Legislative/Political Education Committee

CONTRIBUTION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: () _____ E-Mail Address _____

Contribution Amount: _____ \$10 _____ \$25 _____ \$50 (OR) \$ _____

Please make checks payable to L/PEC and mail to 878 Century Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA
17055-8406

Note: L/PEC contributions are not deductible for federal income taxes



DCPASR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please print the following information:

Name _____ Birthdate _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone # _____ Year retired _____

School District retired from _____ E-mail Address _____

How would you like to receive your Newsletter? _____ Electronically (What format must it
be sent in? (Adobe, Microsoft Word etc.) **OR** _____ US Mail

What committee would you be interested in joining? _____

Check the appropriate spaces: () New membership () Renewal

_____ \$ 30.00 Annual

_____ \$ 80.00 Three Year Option

_____ \$150.00 Life

Please make your check payable to **DCPASR** and mail this application and check to:

Brenda Pogue, 4330 Crestview Rd., Harrisburg, PA 17112. The membership year runs
from July 1 to June 30 each year. *Note: Membership dues payments may not be deducted for
federal income tax.*



PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL RETIREES MEMORIAL HONOR FUND FORM

A contribution of \$_____ is being made to the Memorial Honor Fund to:

____Honor: _____

____In Memory of: _____

(Please inform the following of this loving tribute)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Donor is a/an: _____ Chapter _____ Individual

Senders Name _____

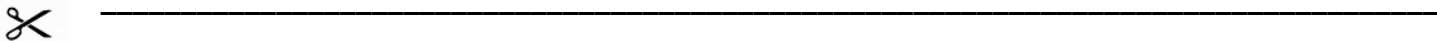
Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

County _____ Date _____ / _____ / _____

Make checks payable to PASR with notation: Memorial Honor Fund and send to:

**878 Century Drive
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055**



YES, I WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE MY NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL ONLY



Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone # _____ E-Mail Address _____

What format must it be sent in? (Adobe, Microsoft Word etc.) _____

Please mail this form to: **Karen Holtzman
125 Peach Street
Harrisburg, PA 17112
(OR) Email: katybee@comcast.net**



**PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL RETIREES
COMMUNITY SERVICES SURVEY—2023-24**

TO ALL PASR MEMBERS: Thank you for being a volunteer in our community!

PASR CHAPTERS are interested in documenting the hours of service that volunteer retirees contribute to their local communities. In doing this, our volunteers show to the community at large a positive picture of the activities of public-school retirees. Please take a moment to complete the chart below, filling in the appropriate number of hours PER YEAR which you volunteer. A summary of this information will be shared with AARP, NRTA and the state PASR.

<u>EDUCATIONAL</u>	<u>HRS/YR</u>	<u>POLITICAL</u>	<u>HRS/YR</u>
Historical Association	_____	Advocacy.....	_____
Library	_____	Elections.....	_____
School Board	_____	Government.....	_____
Other	_____	Other.....	_____
Total	_____	Total.....	_____

SOCIAL SERVICES

Boards/Committees..... _____

Cancer Society..... _____

Drug/Alcohol..... _____

Fire/Ambulance..... _____

Fraternal Groups..... _____

Hospital/Nursing Home..... _____

Meals on Wheels..... _____

Office of the Aging..... _____

Red Cross..... _____

Salvation Army..... _____

Service Organization..... _____

Soup Kitchen/Food Bank..... _____

Visitation/Nurturing..... _____

Other..... _____

Total..... _____

RELIGIOUS

Adult Instruction..... _____

Youth Instruction..... _____

Organization..... _____

Visitation..... _____

Other..... _____

Total..... _____

SERVICES TO YOUTH

Alliance with Youth..... _____

Classroom Volunteer..... _____

Head Start..... _____

Latchkey Program..... _____

Literacy..... _____

Scholarships..... _____

School Volunteer..... _____

Sports..... _____

Tutoring..... _____

YM/YWCA..... _____

Other..... _____

Total..... _____

I HAVE SERVED IN SPECIAL LEADERSHIP ROLES AS FOLLOWS:

TOTAL HRS/YEAR/ALL CATEGORIES: _____ **CHAPTER:** DCPASR _____

NAME: _____ **DATE:** _____

Please use an added clean sheet for your activities with youth that are not listed.

**Return this form by June 30, 2024, to either: Mary Ickes, PO Box 153, Loysville, PA 17047
Sue Wolfe, 2407 Wicklow Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17112**

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PLEASE CHECK THE ABOVE
ADDRESS LABEL FOR YOUR
MEMBERSHIP STATUS.



Please check your address label above to see when your membership dues are due. Those of you who retired last year are ending your "FREE" year. Your label should say "2023F". In that case your dues choices are \$30 annual, \$80 for three years or \$150 for life membership. Please mail your renewal by July 1, 2024 to Brenda Pogue, 4330 Crestview Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112. . Thank you.

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Spring

