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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

As fall approaches it is time to think about becoming active in DCPASR and its activities.

November 6th at 10:30 AM is our scheduled fall membership meeting at the Wharf in Harrisburg. Please come and bring a guest. Your attendance is important to the board. Come and share ideas, get involved in a committee or help communicate with retirees.

Elections of officers is on the agenda. We are still in need of a president. I would be willing to serve as co-president. I will attend all regional meetings, host fall and spring luncheons. Your primary responsibility will be to chair the January 21st board meeting. If interested, please contact me at 570-286-9450.

Please review the new retirees list posted in our newsletter. If you know someone listed please call them and invite them to become a member of DCPASR.

I want to thank the board members for their continued support of our organization and me. Our spring meeting at Dauphin County Technical was fabulous. The meal was outstanding. The tour of the facilities opened our eyes to what Votech opportunities exist for our students in Dauphin County.

Hope to see you in November!

*Sincerely yours,
Margaret Auten, President*

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*Richard Hivner	Deceased	
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*Betty LeRoy	Deceased	
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*Deceased



Kimberly Grundon – Central Dauphin; Carol Cranford – Derry Township Jane Betzel - Millersburg

Jean Hynicker – Lower Dauphin; Dr. Lori Suski – Middletown; Eloise Laskowski – Upper Dauphin

Nadine Espenshade – for doing our vacancies: DCTS, Steelton Highspire, Susquehanna Township

Donna Plummer for doing vacancies: C.A.I.U. Halifax, and Harrisburg

As we begin the New School Year, DCPASR wants to thank all **School District Reps** for the fabulous job you have done & continue to do each month, to inform us of your school district's new retirees. Without you, this undertaking would be an enormous task for just one person. We appreciate your time and effort in getting this information & acting as a school liaison for us.

If you want to help with this activity, you can go to our chapter website: dcpasr.org, and under the MORE heading, click on District Representatives, and find the school from which you retired. Our vacancies are listed:

VACANCIES: CAIU, DCTS, HALIFAX, HARRISBURG, STEELTON-HIGHSPIRE, and SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP



COME ONE, COME ALL!



**DCPASR 2025 FALL GENERAL/LUNCHEON
MEETING at THE WHARF BAR & GRILL
November 6, 2025**

Where:	The Wharf Bar & Grill 6852 Derry Street Harrisburg, PA 17111	Registration:	10:30 AM-10:45 AM
		Business Meeting:	10:45 AM-11:15 AM
		Entertainment:	11:15 AM-12 noon
Price:	\$30.00 (includes tip and tax)	Break:	12 noon-12:15 PM
		Lunch:	12:15 PM-2:00 PM

As you can see, we are back at **The Wharf Bar and Grill** again. Last year's Fall Luncheon was such a success that we decided to return. Everyone was **extremely pleased** with their meals, and the convenience of parking, and the fact that there were no steps involved.

Our entertainment for the luncheon will be **The Jazz Orchestra** which is one of three jazz ensembles at Central Dauphin High School under the direction of Mr. Bitner. Members must audition for placement in this most advanced group. They meet five days a week. Currently there are twelve musicians, seven of which will be performing for us. These talented musicians are looking forward to playing for our enjoyment.

Please remember that we will be collecting donations for the following organizations: **Lebanon Veterans Home, The Caring Cupboard at Calvary, and Caitlin's Smiles**. If you are unable to attend and would like to donate to any of these causes, please send a check to **John Decker, Treasurer** prior to October 20. On the memo line indicate the charity you are supporting. John's address is:

**John Decker
2307 Valley Rd.
Harrisburg, PA 17104-1433**

Hope to see you there!

(See Menu and Reservation Form on Next Page)



RESERVATION FORM FOR 2025 DCPASR FALL / GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING/LUNCHEON



The Wharf Bar & Grill

November 6, 2025

Name _____ **School Dist.** _____ **Tele.#** _____

E-Mail Address _____ **Amount Enclosed \$** _____

MENU:

The meal includes **rolls and side salad** on the table. Baked Potato with either **Pork Chop or Haddock**. **Chicken Parmesan** comes with spaghetti; **OR** a choice of gluten free **Cobb Salad** w/grilled chicken; **coffee, tea, water, or soft drink**. **Cake will be provided**. **Make sure you have shown the number of meals beside each choice.**

_____ **Large Pork Chop** _____ **Haddock** _____ **Chicken Parmesan**
_____ **Gluten Free Cobb Salad w/Grilled Chicken**

NUMBER OF MEALS: _____ **@\$30.00 = \$** _____

Deadline for returning reservation: **Monday, October 20, 2025.** **NO REFUNDS AFTER THIS DATE.**

Please make checks payable to **DCPASR** and write **FALL LUNCHEON** on the memo line.

Send reservations to: **John Decker**
 2307 Valley Rd.
 Harrisburg, PA 17104 -14



BOOK SALE

Our book sales have been a big hit at our **luncheon meetings**. This would be a good time to stock up on some enjoyable reading for the coming winter months. Check out our table of books. If you have books that you have read and enjoyed, please feel free to bring them in and add them to our pile. All proceeds will be added to our general fund. These books are a bargain at **\$2.00 for hardbacks and \$1.00 for paperbacks.**



On Thursday, August 28 a group of nine volunteers (we can schedule up to 15) from DCPASR packed 200 boxes designated for delivery to senior citizens in need in the Central PA Food Bank's area of service. While putting the boxes together and filling them with cereal, boxed milk, canned fruits and vegetables, beef stew, soup, pasta and spaghetti sauce, we "grooved" in air-conditioned comfort to tunes from the 60s and 70s. We also learned that the number of our neighbors in need continues to grow with no end in the foreseeable future.



Left to right: Brenda Pogue, Cliff Pogue, Bill Minsker, Gina Brennehan, Sharon Hagy, Geneva Reeder, Stuart Knade, Vicki England and Karen Holtzman.

We are thankful for the two first timer's who joined us in this activity and have planned one last opportunity of service—November 17, 2025 from **1 to 4 pm**--although we have been known to speed through our tasks and leave earlier than that! Remember, many hands make light work! All you need is a pair of comfortable shoes to stand on the concrete warehouse floor and a pair of willing hands. On the job training is provided each time you volunteer. If you are interested in helping, please contact Nadine Espenshade at 717+566-0692 or Email her at narich5@aol.com. Thanks for your support of this project.

**PASR AND DCPASR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE
FOUND ON EACH INDIVIDUAL WEB PAGE: www.pasr.org
www.dcpasr.org**

Change of Addresses and E-mails for Shirley McLaren & Don Steinmeier:

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Hershey, PA 17111 E-Mail: dlsteinmeier38@gmail.com



DCPASR FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF Sept. 1, 2025

Centric Bank Checking Account:

DCPASR General Fund	\$ 8,539.49
Social Ser./Memorial Honor	935.05
Recreo Fund	2,370.91
Scholarship Fund	<u>1,892.20</u>
Total Checking Acct.	\$13,737.65

Certificate of Deposit:

F & M Trust	\$ <u>5,000.00</u>
Matures 3/20/26	
(Interest Rate 5.180%)	
Annual Percentage yield 5,250%)	

TOTAL EQUITY **\$18,737.65**

John Decker
Treasurer



REPORT ON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

We are pleased to announce that there is a total of \$1,892.20 in our Scholarship Fund. If you are interested in contributing toward this endeavor, please see **Page 18** for the contribution form.



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 20** 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.



OF EVENTS 2025

Sept. 17	Ex. Board Meeting 10:00 AM at Faith Immanuel Presby. Church
Oct. 5-7	PASR House of Delegates Meeting in State College
Oct. 15	Ex. Board Meeting 10:00 AM at Faith Immanuel Presby. Church
Nov. 6	DCPASR Fall Luncheon/ Meeting

HAVE YOU VISITED OUR WEBSITE?

Don't Forget: If you misplace your newsletter, you can find it at our **website: dcpasr.org**. You are also able to print out forms for registration for chapter events. It is a good place to send potential members to learn about what we do to help our members and serve the community. You can also find helpful links to the state organization and other things of interest to retirees.



PASR BENEFITS

For a list of all benefits provided by PASR , please refer to their web page **PASR.org**.

JOHN DILLON AWARD



This award is given to a member of DCPASR in recognition of their outstanding service to the Association. This year the award went to Nadine Espenshade. **CONGRATULATIONS NADINE!**



DCPASR Presents 2024-2025

Lauretta Woodson Awards



This award, which is given each year, recognizes one teacher and one paraprofessional chosen by the district who does an outstanding job within the district. With the help of superintendent, Dr. Benjamin Henry, the following teacher and paraprofessional were picked as this year's winners.

**This year the Support Paraprofessional award goes to Susan Dellock,
Special Education Instructional Aide**

“**Ms. Dellock** is a deeply dedicated aide in our special education classrooms. She is the first to ask who needs help and jumps in wherever she can. Her students feel connected to her and that helps them feel safe in school and grow in their learning. **Ms. Dellock** cares about to be present and supportive of and helpful. She is thoughtful and her coworkers and students which kindness, positivity, and throughout our classrooms and tremendous and positive force at her students and does her best them. She is friendly, inviting, remembers things about all of helps her to connect. Her thoughtfulness resonate school. **Ms. Dellock** is a Foose Elementary School.



Dr. Benjamin Henry, superintendent, Susan Dellock, Lauretta Woodson recipient, Krystal Palmer, Director, Special Education, Hbg. School District, Robert Hamera, DCPASR





DCPASR Presents 2024-2025 Lauretta Woodson Teacher Award



On Tuesday, May 27th *Bob and Kathy Hamera* attended the Harrisburg City School Board Meeting to present this year's Lauretta Woodson Teacher Award.

Educator: Susan Johnson, Educator/Instructional Coach

“**Ms. Johnson** arrives at Camp Curtin Academy every day ready to teach and collaborate with fellow teachers and staff to support the success of her students. As an Instructional Coach and mentor, she avails herself to mentees, but also any employee in need of educational coaching, guidance, reassurance, and/or support. She listens intently to teachers and does her best to address their concerns and/or find answers to their questions.

Her commitment to her students, families, and teaching team goes beyond words. She strives to provide sound advice and effective solutions that help support positive student behavior, improved classroom management, and the overall culture and climate of our school building. We are grateful to have Ms. Johnson!”



Bob Hamera, DCPASR, Susan Johnson, Lauretta Woodson Recipient, Dr Benjamin Henry, superintendent



DCPASR STUDENT



WINNER

Cordasha Peterson from **Harrisburg High School** was awarded our \$1,000 scholarship. This year, application packets were received from seven of our Dauphin County public schools. The 12th grade counselors evaluated and selected one student to apply with all the required credentials. After close review, evaluation, and discussion by the **Peterson** was chosen based on the Need, Academic Achievement, Leadership Enrollment in a college program for a

Cordasha will attend **Lincoln** in Elementary Education with the hopes of returning to Harrisburg to work for the

Cordasha's guidance counselor and praise for her as an exceptional student and future leader. In their letters of recommendation, they described her as being enthusiastic, motivated, dedicated to academic excellence, and an exceptional leader while keeping exemplary interpersonal skills. Her specific goal of returning to the Harrisburg School District to contribute to her community sets her apart as a future

On May 28, 2025, **Mary Ann Coffman** attended Program and presented **Cordasha** with our award. As a Harrisburg District, she said that she was honored to meet scholarship to **Cordasha** and was happy to see some of Thank you to **Mary Ann** and again, and **BEST WISHES** to **CORDASHA PETERSON** for



Scholarship Committee, Cordasha following criteria: Identified Financial and Service, and Acceptance and career in education.

University to pursue a Bachelor's Degree continuing for a Master's Degree and Harrisburg School District.

and references expressed their confidence educator.



the Senior Awards retired teacher from the and to award our her former colleagues.. **CONGRATULATIONS** her fine achievement !

Congratulations!

Respectfully submitted by Jean Hynicker, Mary Ann Coffman, and Jeanie Gui
Education Support/Scholarship Committee



REPORT ON DCPASR SPRING GENERAL/LUNCHEON MEETING

DAUPHIN COUNTY VOTECHNICAL SCHOOL

MAY 13, 2025

On May 13, 2025, DCPASR members met at the Dauphin County Technical School to enjoy a meal prepared by the culinary arts students. Everything from appetizers to desserts was prepared by the students. Congratulations to the students on a delicious meal.



President Margaret Auten welcomed everyone to the luncheon. She explained that we would have our meeting following the meal and then several students would be leading us on a tour of the building. She said that she hoped we all enjoyed our meal.

There was lively conversation as members enjoyed their magnificent meal.



Following lunch, President Auten conducted a short business meeting. During the meeting, each committee chair gave a report. We were thrilled to have this year's Education Grant winner, Miriam Collins, as our guest. Miriam thanked the group for the grant and explained how the money was used during the school's Lemon Aid Day hosted by the Acts of Kindness club. Congratulations to Miriam and her students.



The business meeting ended with Dorothy Fisher's



necrology report where deceased members

Following the business meeting, members were split into four groups. Each group was assigned to a student who took us on a tour of the building. During the tour, we stopped at several classrooms where we had the chance to talk to students and teachers. Classes we visited included cosmetology, automotive, nursing, and IT. Students were knowledgeable guides.

When all was done, members walked away with full stomachs and a deeper appreciation of what a technical school is all about.

Thanks to all who contributed to our three Charities: **Lebanon Veterans Home \$70; The Caring Cupboard at Calvary \$50; and Caitlin's Smiles \$40.**

Community Service Report

The Community Service Committee will continue to support three projects at our **Fall Meeting/Luncheon at The Wharf.**



Monetary donations or canned products will be collected for the **Caring Cupboard at Calvary United Methodist Church.**



Donations for the Veterans at the **Lebanon VA Hospital** will be accepted: White socks, stamps, unused greeting cards, 2026 calendars, 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 **2025-2026 Volunteer of the Year Award** is included in this newsletter on **Page 19** and is due by **June 30, 2025**. 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: PO Box 153, Loysville, PA
17047*

*Sue Wolfe: 2407 Wicklow Dr., Hbg.,
PA 17112*

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 eighty-five or older **OR** a shut in at any age, please call (717) 234-2098 and let me know. **We are here to serve YOU!**

FYI PASR makes funds available to our Chapter. Our work on this committee depends 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) 234-2098 or see the form on **Page 18**.

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

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2024 DCPASR Free Pre-retirement Workshop Event

This year, DCPASR moved our FREE Pre-retirement Workshop to **Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church on 1801 Colonial Road in Harrisburg**. The event took place on **Saturday April 5, 2025, from 9 am -12 noon**, on a dreary, rainy, and damp Saturday.

Behind the scenes, our team was busy making contacts with DC School administrators to distribute our flyer to their staff, setting up for the day of the event and checking-in our registrants. We had seventy-four people register online, representing nine out of twelve Dauphin County School Districts. We checked-in fifty-nine participants on the day of the event.

The audience was made up of public-school employees including teachers, librarians, counselors, nurses, administrators, aides, paraprofessionals, office staff, cafeteria, maintenance workers, transportation, and bus drivers. Doors opened at 8:15 am for check-in and picking up materials for the presentations.

Bob Hamera, Technology, had our **DCPASR PowerPoint presentation** on a loop to run continuously while participants took their seats and waited for the workshop to begin. This PP lets people know who we are, the types of memberships we have available, what activities we do socially, and how we give back to our members, our schools, and our communities. **Margaret Auten, DCPASR President**, served as our Moderator for the event. She shared information about our chapter and how our participants can take advantage of our grant money, scholarships, and awards of excellence. Margaret introduced our speakers and the team who put this event together. **Kelly Dygart, PASR Administrative Officer**, used a PowerPoint presentation to talk about our state organization PASR, emphasizing who we are, our mission, membership options, and benefits that come with state membership including Vision & Dental Insurance.

John Tucker, Southcentral Regional Office Administrator for PSERS, showed slides on determining pension eligibility, retirement pension options available to them & a checklist with time frame on what needs to get done before their exit counseling.

Doug Bonsall, PSERS Health Option Program Representative/Consultant discussed eligibility for HOP, including age, spousal coverage, and premium assistance available, also several types of Health Insurance options, Drug Coverages, MetLife Dental & Eye Med Vision Insurances in his presentation.

The participants learned how to navigate through the PSERS Retirement System to pick options for their pension, and the insurance coverages available to them through HOP and PASR. The participants found the experience worthwhile as we heard many positive comments as they exited the event. A few realized they had to stay another year, while others were surprised by how much they had to do before they retired or even wait another year to retire. Several told us we give the best workshop around!

Submitted by Donna Plummer, 2025 Workshop Coordinator

2025 Pre-retirement Workshop Planning team – Donna Plummer – Event Workshop Coordinator, Nadine Espenshade – Co-Event Planner, John Decker – PR, Bob Hamera – Technology, Karen Holtzman, Correspondence, Brenda Pogue, Jean Hynicker, John Auten, Nadine Espenshade & Donna Plummer - Check-in Table, Norm Diefenderfer - Church Technology, and Brenda Pogue & Ty, Jean Hynicker, Nadine Espenshade, Karen Holtzman, Donna Plummer, and Yolanda Goodwin-Humphreys -set-up crew.
Kudos to all for a job well done!



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

Cooper, Miriam M.	<i>Upper Dauphin</i>
Edwards, Sharon	<i>Middletown</i>
Koser, Helen	<i>Central Dauphin</i>
Popnik, Marlene	<i>Susquehanna Twp.</i>
Rohland, Clyde G.	<i>Susquehanna Twp.</i>
Santeusanio, Patricia	<i>Steelton-Highspire</i>

If you know of a deceased member who is not listed, please send the information including next of kin to:

Dorothy Fisher
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Harrisburg, PA 17109
Telephone # 545-1842
E-Mail: daf2nd@msn.com



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 18** for the donation form. Also please see **below** to have your copy delivered electronically.



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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone # _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____



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



2025 NEW RETIREES



Recently you were sent a letter of introduction to DCPASR and PASR as well as a **one-year free membership** in DCPASR. We hope you will enjoy your one-year membership and our newsletter

and hope that you will want to become an active participant in our organization. We invite all members, new and old, who are not members of the **State** organization to join at that level. An application form to join PASR is found on **Page 16**.

We will be looking forward to meeting our newest members in the future.

Brenda Pogue, Membership Chairperson

Capital Area

Intermediate Unit

Boone, Rebecca 12/19/25
Caldwell, Amy 9/15/25
*Cooper, Lisa 6/11/25
Fisher, Cheryl 6/3/25
Gethouas, Kelly 6/5/25
George, Karen 5/30/25
Johns, Linda 7/24/25
Kapp, Lionel 9/5/25
Kello, Sharon 9/4/25
Lyden, Jennifer 7/2/25
*Moyer, Elizabeth M. 6/11/25
Schumber, Christine 1/8/25
Shreffler, Yvonne 7/1/25
Stolz, Barbara 9/3/25
Telep, Teresa 10/15/25
Topping, Karin 9/22/25
Wallace, Wendy 7/2/25

Central Dauphin

Achey, Laura 6/6/25
Achey, Davis, Bryan 1/2/25
Bordleman, Randal 7/8/25
Brandt, Tracy 8/1/25
Brooker, Brenda 6/30/25
Campbell, William 7/1/25
Capozzoli, Cheryl 6/6/25

Central Dauphin -Cont'd

Clark-Grubb, Amy 7/6/25
Correale, Lewis 7/31/25
Ecklund, Barbara 6/6/25
Fackler, Charles 6/6/25
Fetterhoff, Sheri 6/6/25
Gargiulo, Amy 6/6/25
Gensimore, Wendy 9/5/25
Gentry-Sale, Kristi 10/20/25
Gottschall, Barbara B. 6/6/25
Grubb, Steven 7/6/25
Hallman, Dale 3/10/25
Heil, Sheldon 6/6/25
Kanagy, Paula 5/29/25
Lewis, Karine 6/6/25
Livelsberger, Kristin 6/6/25
Lodge, Deborah 6/6/25
Macfarlane, Tamika 6/6/25
Mausteller, Eric 7/31/25
O'Neill, Irene 10/3/25
Reich, Joe 7/8/25
Roth, Donna 6/6/25
Salinger, Maria 6/6/25
Shuler, Todd 9/12/25
Shuller, Sherry 6/30/25
Sierer, David 6/6/25
Umidi, Christine 8/1/25
Walak, Lore-Lee 6/6/25
Watson, Stephen 6/30/25

Central Dauphin -Cont'd

Wiest, Preston 9/2/25
Yoos, Jody 6/6/25

Dauphin County Tech.

Brady, Kent 6/30/25
Custer, Joanne 8/6/25
Gaspich, Jan 6/24/25
Hampton, April 6/30/25
Hannold, Christina 7/29/25
Johnson, David 6/5/25
Pensiero, Sandie 8/1/25
Robinson, Jeannette 6/30/25

Derry Township

Anderson, Kelli 7/15/25
Averill, Kimberli 6/6/25
Bowman, Donald 8/5/25
Cray, Kenneth 7/15/25
Dreher, Jeanine 6/6/25
Eckert, Gregory L. 6/9/25
Gabriele, John 6/6/25
Hoffman, Paul 4/16/25
Olson, Dvid 6/05/25
*Pitts, Carol 10/8/25
Robino, Kris 1/20/25
Schlupp, Craig 11/28/25

Derry Township-Cont'd

Snyder, Mary 6/6/25
Stover, Kevin 2/17/25
Waybright, Patricia 7/8/25
Witmer, Melody 6/6/25

Halifax

Etzweiler, Ronald 1/1/25
Fetteroff, Annette 6/7/25
Trotman, Paula 3/8/25
Wilson, Jean 6/3/25

Harrisburg

Bellesfield, Mark 1/27/25
Bullock, Kimberly 6/30/25
Burnett, Kim 7/31/25
Chiboroski, Kathleen 6/30/25
Collins, Viola 6/12/25
Crone-Husic, Terri 6/30/25
Cunningham, Yannet 7/30/25
Forrester, Dwight 1/14/25
Foster, Ena 6/30/25
Gillis, Galen 2/28/25
Hatcher, Tammy 8/4/25
Husic-Crone, Terri 7/1/25
Lehmer, Julie 7/2/25
Mailen, Scott 6/30/25
Mink, Sonya 6/12/25
Parsons, Terrance 1/3/25
Ruhl, Jill 7/24/25
Summerlin Hope 6/12/25
Welsch, Karen 6/30/25
Worful, Holly 6/30/25
Zeager, Janet 4/25/25

Lower Dauphin

Bigler, Timothy J. 6/30/25
Buser, Teresa 1/2/25
Cassel, Lori A. 8/4/25
Cassel, Rebecca S. 6/6/25
Corsnitz, James D. 6/30/25
Gildea, Robert J. 8/31/25
Klingler, Keith R. 6/6/25
Lopatic, Barry L. 6/6/25
Macri, Dolores P. 6/6/25
McCreary M. 6/6/25
McPhillips, Linda C. 6/30/25
Peck, Kelly R. 6/6/25
Pence, Janice G. 6/6/25
Schaefer, Lori S. 6/30/25
Winner, Douglas G. 8/15/25

Middletown

Gaedy, Kathie 6/6/25
Geppert, Michele 6/30/25
Goss, Susan 6/30/25
Klase, Susan 6/6/25
Ralph, Michael 6/6/25
*Saxon, Robert 2/21/25
Smith, Sharon 8/15/25

Millersburg

Hunter, Joel 11/1/25
Schadel, Bonnie 6/2/25
Stanford, Nancy 6/2/25

Steelton-Highspire

Gaffey, Michael 6/6/25

Susquehanna

Anderson, Oslwen C. 9/1/25
Espinoza, Sylvia 6/6/25
Grates, James 9/30/25
Miller, Elizabeth 7/17/25
Pagni, Jodi 1/6/25
Pappalardo, William 6/6/25
Reed, Cheryl 1/1/25
Rogers, Frederick 6/6/25
Walls, Janice 6/6/25
Winn, Paul 6/1/25

Upper Dauphin

Kopenhagen, Beverly 8/4/25
Peck, Kerry 6/6/25
Raup, Lucinda 6/30/25
Smeltz, Todd 6/30/25

We have made every effort to include all Dauphin County school retirees on the list above. **Names with an asterisk** have not received their **free membership** because we do not have their address. If you can **help** supply an address or know of a retiree that was missed, please advise me as soon as possible:

bbpogue@comcast.net OR
(717) 856-7454



DCPASR Miscellaneous Donation Form

Name _____

Phone # (____) _____

Address _____

Email _____

(City, State, Zip Code)

Contribution to:

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 appoint the purposes)
and mail it with this form to:

John Decker

2307 Valley Road

Harrisburg, PA 17104-1433

Thank you for your generosity!



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 ____ / ____ / 2021

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

878 Century Drive

Mechanicsburg, PA 17055



PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL RETIREES
COMMUNITY SERVICES SURVEY—2025-26

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 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	_____
<u>SOCIAL SERVICES</u>		<u>RELIGIOUS</u>	
Boards/Committees	_____	Adult Instruction	_____
Cancer Society	_____	Youth Instruction	_____
Drug/Alcohol	_____	Organization	_____
Fire/Ambulance	_____	Visitation	_____
Fraternal Groups	_____	Other	_____
Hospital/Nursing Home	_____	Total	_____
Meals on Wheels	_____	<u>SERVICES TO YOUTH</u>	
Office of the Aging	_____	Alliance with Youth	_____
Red Cross	_____	Classroom Volunteer	_____
Salvation Army	_____	Head Start	_____
Service Organization	_____	Latchkey Program	_____
Soup Kitchen/Food Bank	_____	Literacy	_____
Visitation/Nurturing	_____	Scholarships	_____
Other	_____	School Volunteer	_____
Total	_____	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 additional clean sheet for your activities with youth that are not listed.

Return this form by June 30, 2025, to either: Mary Ickes, PO Box 153, Loysville, PA 17047
Sue Wolfe, 2407 Wicklow Drive, Hbg., PA 17112

Dauphin County Chapter of The
Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees
John Decker
2307 Valley Road,
Harrisburg, 17104

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Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: () _____ E-Mail Address _____

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

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