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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There is lots going on in our organization. We need your help. At our *May 5 Spring Luncheon Membership Meeting* we will be discussing and voting on things that will affect our organization. See inside for details. Your input is needed and valued. This is your organization.

Please come to our meeting and let your voice be heard. There are some hard choices to be made. The two most pressing concerns facing our organization are leadership roles and finances--thus one of the reasons for this abbreviated newsletter. This organization cannot continue without your help in both areas.

I just mentioned some of the important issues we will be discussing at our general membership meeting in May, but let me also tell you a bit more about our meeting. Our meeting this year will be held at the **Hershey Italian Lodge**. Check out the reservation form on **Page 4** for address and menu. If you are an animal lover you will want to hear our speaker, **Anne Gibbs**. **Anne** and her organization, **K-9 Hero Haven**, work with dogs who have seen combat and suffer from PTSD. Come hear how she helps these dogs overcome their trauma.

Our Recreo committee has been busy organizing some wonderful trips. Check **Page 5** to see what they have put together and sign up for some fun filled and educational experiences.

Please remember to fill out the **COMMUNITY SERVICES SURVEY** found on **Page 7**. This survey must be submitted by June 30.

Due to the Coronavirus it will be important for you to continually check our DCPASR Webpage for up-to-date information on all activities such as our **Spring Luncheon Membership Meeting, Trips, Advisory Board Meetings etc.**

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Hope to see all of you in May!

Sincerely,

*Robert J. Hamera, co-president DCPASR
Kathleen A. Hamera, co-president DCPASR*



DCPASR CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

- *Apr. 15 Board Meeting 10:00 AM--Canceled
- Apr. 21 DCPASR Mystery Canceled
- Apr. 30 PASR Region IV Spring Meeting 9:30 AM. Registration hosted by Fulton/Franklin Counties.
- May 5 DCPASR Spring Luncheon Membership Meeting 9:30 AM Registration at Hershey Italian Lodge.
- *May 20 Board Meeting 10:00 AM at Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church
- May 28 DCPASR trip to St. Michael's, MD Departing 8:15 AM (see Jan. newsletter for more information)
- June 17 Board Meeting 10:00 AM at Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church (AS NEEDED)
- July 15 Board Meeting 10:00 AM at Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church (AS NEEDED)
- Aug. 19 Board Meeting 10:00 AM at Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church
- Sept. 9 DCPASR Trip: National Museum of African Am. History & Culture
- Sept. 15 Region IV Executive Meeting 9:00 AM Mechanicsburg
- *Sept. 16 Board Meeting 10:00 AM at Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church
- Sept. 17-27 PASR Trip: Scotland & Ireland
- Sept. 22 New Retirees Luncheon at Holiday Inn Grantville.

- *Oct. 21 Board Meeting 10:00 AM at Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church
- Oct. 22 PASR Region IV Fall Meeting 9:30 AM Registration hosted by Juniata/Perry Counties.
- Nov. 5 DCPASR Fall Luncheon Meeting 9:30 AM registration at Colonial Golf and Tennis Club.
- Nov. 9-13 DCPASR Trip: Christmas in Asheville and Pigeon Forge
- *Nov.18 Board Meeting 10:00 AM at Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church
- Dec. 16 Board Meeting 10:00 AM (AS NEEDED) at Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church.
- *There is a Senior Luncheon at Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church after the board meetings which you are invited to attend. If interested, continue to let **Shirley McLaren** know, so she can give the church the count. Her phone number is (717) 526-4777.

THANK YOU

The Executive Board is happy to announce that **Valerie McCaffrey** (717+652-7313) at 1430 Lawrence Court, Harrisburg, 17112 has volunteered to be Chairperson of *the Membership Recruitment Committee*. Welcome aboard and thanks so much for assuming this responsibility!

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**



SOME SOBERING FACTS



EXPENSES ARE GOING UP BUT OUR REVENUE IS NOT KEEPING UP

We are in dire straits and need your help. You make up this organization and this organization needs you to become more active to sustain it. We say this in all seriousness; if something is not done there is a strong chance that our Chapter can be disbanded. Our term as your presidents is coming to an end. Luckily, we have a president-elect who will take over come January 1, 2021--thank you, **Margaret Auten**. **Margaret's** term will run for two years, until the end of 2023. Then what? We have no president-elect to follow her. Without a president there is no organization. Do you want to see our Chapter disbanded? If not, you **MUST** step up to the plate and volunteer to come on as our next president elect. It is easy to say, "Oh, I am sure someone will volunteer". We have been asking for a volunteer since we took over this office. Guess what? No one has volunteered. PLEASE, help your organization by taking on an active leadership role. Come to our Board meetings held the *third Wednesday of each month at Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church. (A delicious lunch is served up by the members of the church following the meeting.)* See what we do. We can guarantee you that the president's job is not all consuming. Maybe you can talk a friend into helping you and do as my wife and I are doing--share the responsibilities. We have a very helpful Board, any of whom will step up and help out if you tell them what you need. **PLEASE DON'T LET US GO OUT OF EXISTENCE!**

We have all been affected by rising costs. When you go to the store the prices of some items are enough to make your heart skip a beat. Costs for our organization are rising as well. We are dipping more and more into our general fund account, but replenishing funds are not coming in to cover what is being spent that is why we are considering raising the membership dues to lifetime membership fees \$200 and yearly renewal fees to \$40. This change would go into effect on July 1, 2020. This will apply to new members joining our organization only. If you are a current member you will be grandfathered and this increase will not affect you.

One prime example of rising costs is our newsletter. Did you know that it costs around \$600 each time to have our newsletter printed and sent to members? There is a form at the bottom of **Page 2** that you can fill out to get the newsletter electronically--this costs our organization nothing. I get mine electronically and really enjoy the convenience. If I feel like printing off a copy, I will. If not, I just deposit the newsletter into a folder where I can go to it whenever I need something. I can also just print off any form or information I need. Please consider signing up for electronic delivery.

If you feel you must have a hard copy sent to you that is fine, but then please consider making a donation (bottom of **Page 4**) to cover the cost of printing and mailing a hard copy? Should we charge for hard copies? Come to our Spring meeting where we can discuss this and get your input.



DCPASR Spring Luncheon Membership Meeting May 5 2020 Hershey Italian Lodge

128 Hillcrest Rd, Hershey, PA 17033

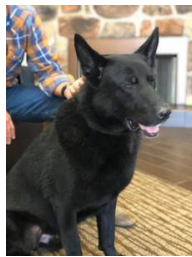


9:30 Registration
10:00-11:00 Membership Meeting
11:00-12:00 Speaker, Anne Gibbons
12:00-2:00 Lunch

Menu Buffet: Salad, rolls and butter, baked ziti with marinara sauce, Italian baked chicken, dessert, coffee, tea, iced tea, soda
Price \$23.00/person

As I mentioned before, we will be discussing and voting on very important issues that will affect you and this organization. Please come to our meeting and let us hear from you.

Our **Luncheon Speaker** will be **Anne Gibbs**. I first became aware of **Anne** through a segment on **CBS 21** nightly news. They did a segment on her and her organization, **K9 Hero Haven**. Did you know that it is not only our brave men and women coming back from The dogs used in war zones can also be affected. I organization help these dogs overcome this trauma learn how she and her team do this. **K9 Hero** receiving no grants to help in their work. If you dogs please bring something for them to the list of things the dogs like. The list includes: Assorted Treats, Pig or cow ears, Bully sticks, Trachea, Large chuck in squeaker balls, Strong well-made Squeaker balls, Milk bones medium and large.



a war zone who can suffer from PTSD? was not aware of this. Anne and her and get them ready for adoption. Come **Haven** is a nonprofit organization feel inclined to do something for these luncheon. Anne has provided me with a **Kong's** and **Kong** toys,

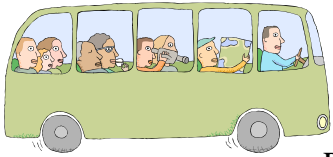
DON'T FORGET TO BRING BOOKS FOR THE BOOK SALE AND/OR ITEMS/OR CASH FOR THE VA HOSPITAL AND FOR THE FOOD PANTRY AT CALVARY CUPBOARD

NAME: _____

_____	ATTENDING @ \$23.00/person	\$ _____
_____	CONTRIBUTION TO DCPASR NEWSLETTER	\$ _____
_____	TOTAL ENCLOSED	\$ _____

Fill out above form. Make check payable to **DCPASR**. Write **2020 Spring Luncheon** on memo line. Please make out a separate check for contribution to newsletter. Return form and check (s) to: **John Decker, Treasurer DCPASR, 2307 Valley Road, Harrisburg, PA 17104**

No refunds after April 24, 2020.



WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US FOR THE REMAINDER OF THESE 2020 TRIPS LISTED BELOW

Please **SIGN UP EARLY** for the bus trips to avoid cancellation. It is **IMPORTANT** to have **25+ INDIVIDUALS** for a trip to be an all go. The **MORE INDIVIDUALS** who sign up for a trip the **LOWER THE COST**. Fliers with reservation forms will be in the newsletters prior to the trips, but be sure to mark your calendars **AHEAD**. All DCPASR trips will leave from the parking lot next to **PETSMART, 4200 DERRY STREET, HARRISBURG**. For fliers or more information, please call **Sandy Novotni** at (717) 766-5139 or E-mail her at smnovotni@aol.com or call **Ethel Dundore** at (717) 533-3150 or E-mail her at edundore@verizon.net. Make checks payable to DCPASR and mail to Sandy Novotni at 6 Fetrow Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050. The subject line should name the trip. Please give your name, address and phone number, so you may acquire the needed information. Also, remember you can check out our web page DCPASR.Org for all this information.



National Museum of African American History and Culture Wednesday, September 9, 2020

We begin our day with lunch at **Tony & Joe's Seafood Place**, located at the Georgetown Waterfront. Then, we will visit the National Museum of African American History, the only national museum devoted exclusively to the documentation of African American life, history, and culture through interactive exhibitions!

Price per Person: \$110. Departing 7:45 AM and Returning Approx. 7:30 PM see Page 6 for additional information.



Christmas in Asheville and Pigeon Forge November 9-13, 2020

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year! Our trip will include wonderful memories at places such as **Biltmore Estate**, city tour of Asheville, a ride on the authentic **110-ton coal-fired steam engine**, **Matinee Christmas Show** at the Smoky Mountain Opry, **Four-Course Dinner Feast and Show** at **Dolly Parton's Stampede**, **Smith Morning Variety Show** (holiday show), **Dollywood** (choice of a variety of Christmas Shows), **Country Tonite Christmas Stage Show**, and more! You don't want to miss out on this wonderful trip of a lifetime! **Deadline for signing up is September 25.** **Cost of the trip is \$1,604 Single, \$1,322 Double, and \$1,228 Triple.** This package includes: Motorcoach Transportation, 4 Nights of Accommodations, luggage handling, taxes, 4 breakfasts, 3 dinners with desserts, all included meal taxes and gratuities, 1 Dollywood Meal Voucher for dinner on night 4, all listed tours and activities on flyer, local guide and guide gratuity. **Additional Information to Follow in the Next Newsletter. However if you are interested in learning more right now go to our web page:**

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Departing November 9 at 6:15 AM

Returning November 13 at 7:15 PM



Dauphin County PA School Retirees Presents:
The National Museum of African American History

Wednesday, September 9, 2020

Visit the newest addition to the Smithsonian Institution!

We begin our day with a delicious lunch at **Tony & Joe’s Seafood Place**, located at the Georgetown Waterfront. Entrée choices can be made upon arrival. Enjoy spectacular views of the Potomac River, Kennedy Center, Washington Monument, Roosevelt Island and the Key Bridge while you dine.

Then, we will visit the **National Museum of African American History**. Experience the only national museum devoted exclusively to the documentation of African American life, history, and culture. It provides an opportunity for those who are interested in African American culture to explore and revel in this history through interactive exhibitions. To date, the Museum has collected more than 36,000 artifacts!

Price per Person: \$110

Includes: Motorcoach Transportation, Lunch, Admission to the Museum, and Driver Gratuity

Departing: 7:45 AM from the parking lot next to PetSmart, 4200 Derry Street, Harrisburg

Returning: at Approximately 7:30 PM



Dauphin County PA School Retirees Reservation form for – Washington, DC –September 9, 2020

Deadline for Payment & Registration: August 3, 2020 |

**Please Make Checks Payable to: DCPASR
and Mail to: Sandra Novotni, 6 Fetrow
Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050**

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ **Home Phone:** _____

Cell Phone: _____ **Email:** _____



**PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL RETIREES
COMMUNITY SERVICES SURVEY--2019/20**

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 volunteer's 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>HOURS</u>	<u>POLITICAL</u>	<u>HOURS</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.....	_____		
Office of the Aging.....	_____		

		<u>SERVICES TO YOUTH</u>	
Red Cross.....	_____	Alliance with Youth.....	_____
Salvation Army.....	_____	Classroom Volunteer.....	_____
Service Organization.....	_____	Head Start.....	_____
Soup Kitchen/Food Bank.....	_____	Latchkey Program.....	_____
Visitation/Nurturing.....	_____	Literacy.....	_____
Other.....	_____	Scholarships.....	_____
Total	_____	School Volunteer.....	_____
		Sports.....	_____
		Tutoring.....	_____
		YM/YWCA.....	_____
		Other.....	_____
		Total	_____

I HAVE SERVED IN SPECIAL LEADERSHIP ROLES AS FOLLOWS:

TOTAL HOURS. ALL CATEGORIES: _____ CHAPTER: DCPASR

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

Please use an additional clean sheet for your activities with youth that are not listed and return this form by **June 30, 2020** to either of the following: *Mary Ickes PO Box 153, Loysville, PA 17047 (OR) Sue Wolfe 2407 Wicklow Drive, Harrisburg, 17112*

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2307 Valley Road,
Harrisburg, 17104

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ADDRESS LABEL FOR YOUR
MEMBERSHIP STATUS.**



IN LOVING MEMORY

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

Franklin Fonner

Central Dauphin

Miles Hummer

??Check to see if on membership list

Janice M. Westenheffer

Central Dauphin, Assoc. Member

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

Dorothy Fisher

109 Levan Street

Harrisburg, PA 17109

Telephone # 545-1842

E-Mail: daf2nd@msn.com

We are living in unprecedented times right now. The Coronavirus has the world turned upside down. Our organization and all of its members and their family members are important to us. Because of this we are asking that everyone heed the governor's request to shelter at home. There is much that can be done at home. This is a great time to try some of those new recipes that you might have collected over the years. Give someone a call and catch up. There are many free on-line exercise and yoga sites to help you stay active. Read a good book. Start a new project or learn a new craft. Find something to laugh about every day. Because of the constantly changing nature of things, as was stated earlier in this newsletter, continue to check out our website **dcpasr.org** for updates on meetings, trips and events. All of our decisions are made with the health and well-being of you, our members, in mind. Above all, stay safe and healthy. God bless you all.

Bob and Kathy Hamera, Co-Presidents