

Dauphin County Chapter Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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As we anticipate the arrival of warm weather, reconnecting with family and friends please take time to offer a prayer to the people of Ukraine, suffering tremendous hardships from the Russian invasion.

Our district representatives, **Donna, Nadine, Millie, Brenda and Bob** are working diligently to recruit new members to our organization. They need your help! Mention our chapter to other friends who are school retirees (secretaries, instructional aides, bus drivers, counselors, psychologists, nurses, teachers, and administrators). Ask them to join our group. New members keep our organization vibrant and current.

We will be hosting a new **retiree's luncheon, tour, and wine tasting event** at **Armstrong Valley Winery**, Hegins, PA **July 12 from 12:00-4:00**. It is **free** to **2022 new retirees**. Check our web site in the future for details. We have some other exciting events planned thanks to Valerie McCaffrey (717-652-7313) and her committee. Please plan to attend:

May 12th. Harrisburg Senators Game-6:30pm. Cost \$11. Prepayment is required.

June 21st. Miniature Golf Bumble Bee Hallow Golf, Linglestown. **Cost \$4** per game.

(see inside this newsletter for complete information on all these events)

We hosted our first (and hope to be continued), **Game Extravaganza** at the Dauphin County East Shore Library. All who attended had a great time. Check our web site for the next scheduled game day. Our **Spring Luncheon is May 10th at Lawnton American Legion--see Page 12 for more information**. Please bring a friend to this event. We will also have a gently used book sale. Please bring a few books for the sale. We will be collecting monetary donations for the **Lebanon Veterans Home and the Calvary Food Bank**.

You will find a fund raising form in our newsletter on **Page 9** showing polo shirts and totes. Shirts and totes will be embroidered with our name (DCPASR) on them. The intent is to raise a little money for general expenses and just as importantly to **advertise** our chapter to the public.

We are still in need of a **vice-president** and **president elect**. Please consider becoming one of these officers. **Without a president our organization will need to disband.**

A special thank you to **Donna, Nadine, Millie, Brenda, Bob, PASR staff , and PSEA staff** who worked diligently to present a **ZOOM preretirement workshop** to over 100 prospective retirees.

I hope to see many of you at our upcoming exciting activities and the spring luncheon. Continue to ask your friends to join **PASR**.

Sincerely,
Margaret Auten, President

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

The Community Service Committee will continue to support several projects at our **May 10, 2022 Spring Luncheon/Meeting**.



Monetary Donations and canned products will be collected for the **Food Pantry at Calvary Cupboard**.



Donations for the Veterans at the **Lebanon VA Hospital** will be accepted. White socks, stamps, unused greeting cards and monetary donations will be collected.

The form for the **2021-22 Volunteer of the Year Award** is included in this newsletter on **Page 19** and due by **June 30, 2022**. 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

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 good reading for the coming summer 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**.



PLEASE SHARE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS WITH US

The **Administrative Board** is in the process of trying to update our membership list to include all E-Mail addresses so we can keep you up-to-date on important events and as a reminder of deadlines to sign up for chapter events etc.. We promise **not** to fill up your inbox with useless information! We would appreciate it if you would send us your E-mail address to add to the database. This information will **not** be shared with anyone!

Please send your E-mail addresses to **Karen Holtzman** at: katybee@comcast.net or to her home address: **125 Peach St., Harrisburg, PA 17112**.



The Executive Board is asking you to **please consider** filling one of our vacancies. We are especially concerned about filling the **President Elect** position as well as **School Representatives for the following school districts: C.A.I.U., Derry Township, Halifax, and Middletown.** The main job of a representative is to obtain names and address of those retiring each year.



REPORT ON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

We are pleased to announce that there is a total of **\$2,022.96** in our Scholarship Fund. If you are interested in contributing toward this endeavor, please see **Page 20** for the contribution form.



L/PEC REPORT

PASR continues to try to influence the State Legislature to pass a **COLA**. Our lobbyist has had ongoing conversations with several legislators who have indicated some interest in passing a **COLA**. Any **COLA** would be in combination with reforms to **PSERS**. It is most likely that any movement on this issue would not happen until late 2022. Your L/PEC donations help fund this effort on behalf of all school retirees. See **Page 22** for L/PEC donation form.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We currently have **510 LIFE** members, **49 ANNUAL** members, **30 ASSOCIATE** members and **156 FREE YEAR** members. If you know of any retired or retiring school employees please invite them to join our organization. See **Page 22** for DCPASR Membership Application.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU

A **BIG THANK YOU** to all of you who have requested to have your newsletter sent *electronically*--this will help to save on expenses.

If you have not done so and would like your newsletter sent this way please see **Page 23** for a form you will need to fill out and send in. We would certainly appreciate your help in this matter as printing has become very expensive. Either way we are happy to send the newsletter to you!

Thank you in advance for considering this request.



DCPASR CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2022

April 19	DCPASR Trip--Mystery Trip-- <u>has been canceled</u>
*April 20	Board Meeting 10:00 AM at Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church
April 21	Region IV Spring Membership Meeting--Highland Presbyterian Church, 11 Church Road (off of Rt. 15), in Newport.
May 10	DCPASR Spring Membership Meeting/Luncheon, <u>Lawnton Legion, 9:30 a.m.</u>
May 12	Harrisburg Senators game on City Island 6:30 p.m.
*May 18	Board Meeting 10:00 AM at Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church
May 26	DCPASR Trip--St. Michaels Maryland
June 15	No Board Meeting
July 20	No Board Meeting
July 12	New Retiree Meet and Greet--Armstrong Valley Winery 12-4 pm
Aug. 17	Board Meeting 10:00 AM at Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church
Sept. 7	DCPASR Trip--National Museum of African American History & Culture
Sept. 13	Region IV Exec. Meeting 10:00
*Sept. 21	Board Meeting 10:00 AM at Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church
*Oct. 19	Board Meeting 10:00 AM at Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church
Oct. 20	Region IV General Membership Meeting. Time and place TBA
Nov. 1	DCPASR Fall Membership Meeting (Tentative date--Venue TBA)

Nov. 7-11	DCPASR Trip--Christmas in Ashville & Pigeon Forge
*Nov. 16	Board Meeting 10:00 AM at Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church
Dec. 21	No Board Meeting

*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.

Please note: All planned events are dependent upon government and CDC regulations. Please check our website for any updates.



DO YOU KNOW DCPASR HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE?

Keep up to date with all of the exciting new activities being planned for our members, family and friends. Join our Facebook page by searching for Dauphin County Chapter of PA Association of School Retirees. Here you can indicate an interest in an activity and indicate that you will attend. Some activities will need an additional reservation. If that is needed, the event notification will specify how to do that. Don't forget to check out our website for even more information about our chapter at www.dcpasr.org.



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

This is an election year that you will not forget. We have many new State Legislative districts and U.S. Congress districts. Every 10 years we have to draw new districts because of population changes. Many voters will see new people representing them because of new legislative districts that have been created.

Voting may become difficult this year because we have many candidates running for elected office. Voters will have a choice on the ballot this year. Voters will have to look at candidates who will support public education and protect school retiree's benefits. There are some State candidates who want to tax pension benefits and reduce some pension benefits for school retirees. Some U.S. Congress candidates are looking at reducing Social Security and Medicare benefits to keep these benefits safe for the future.

Unregulated Charter Schools, Cyber Schools and Private Schools are a real threat to public education. These schools receive over three billion dollars a year in taxpayer money and it is never audited by the State. There is no accountability as to how our tax dollars are being spent by these schools. This kind of practice must end. Many candidates want to increase funding for these schools and keep them from being accountable on how our tax dollars are spent.

In closing, school retirees must vote on May 17, 2022 and select candidates who will protect our pensions, Social Security and Medicare benefits. Watch for possible PASR endorsed candidates. 2023 is very important for all of us in education. See you in the spring.

Don Steinmeier
Legislative Chairperson



SOCIAL SERVICE/MEMORIAL HONOR REPORT

So far this year 62 members have been serviced in one way or another. **We sent 4 flower arrangements, 2 sympathy cards and 2 thinking of you and several get well cards.** If you know of a member 85 and older **OR** a shut in at any age, please call 717-236-0529 and let me know. **We are here to help 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 form on **Page 23.**

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



DCPASR FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF March 31, 2022

Centric Bank Checking Account:	
DCPASR General Fund	\$ 2,309.61
Social Ser./Memorial Honor	1,335.66
Scholarship Fund	<u>2,022.96</u>
Total Checking Acct.	\$ 5,668.23
Certificate of Deposit:	
Matures 5/21/22)	\$ <u>7,000.00</u>
(Interest 0.50%)	
TOTAL EQUITY	\$12,668.23

John Decker
Treasurer



DAUPHIN COUNTY PASR'S FIRST PRE-RETIREMENT VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

DCPASR offered its first FREE Pre-retirement Zoom Workshop presentation on Saturday, March 26, 2022 from 9-11 am for all eligible Dauphin County Public Schools employees anticipating retirement in 1-4 years. We had 117 people register from Dauphin County Public Schools.

The committee began planning for this event in January. Donna Plummer coordinated this event and secured John Tucker of PSERS to talk about Pension Options, and Wanda Tracey of HOP to talk about Health & Drug Options, Vision & Dental Coverage. John Decker did PR. Milly Keefer created the Pre-retirement sign-up on our website. Karen Holtzman edited and sent out flyers to all Dauphin County Schools. Nadine Espenshade worked with school reps to verify their schools received the flyer. Bob Hamera handled 117 registrations and managed our zoom meeting from 8:30 am -11 am. Bob recorded the event for us on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/HjwcbhFeZiM>. President Margaret Auten, moderated the event, beginning with a brief introduction of DCPASR, telling them ways we serve others in our schools and community, and how we enjoy socializing with other retirees through participating in our many activities offered. She mentioned PASR offers Dental & Vision Insurance coverage with state membership.

Wanda Tracey, did not give her HOP presentation due to audio difficulties, which could not be resolved. We were very sorry her presentation did not happen. Nadine, who was to field Wanda's questions, dubbed in by sharing some aspects of the Health Option Insurance Program. John Tucker from PSERS showed a chart in his presentation about \$100 Premium Assistance for Health Insurance which helps defray costs for retirees not yet 65, who may stay on with their current employer's Health Insurance until turning 65, and will continue with HOP Medicare programs. John gave us a comprehensive look at the retirement process starting with the pension eligibility, how pensions are formulated, explained the breakdown of each Pension Option and provided a checklist of what to get done ahead of the exit counseling which finalizes the retirement process. He offered great advice to have enough money to cover daily expenses for 3-4 months before the pension would kick in. It was a great turnout. **Kudos to all who made it a success!**

***Donna Plummer, DCPASR Pre-retirement Event Coordinator &
Co-chair of DCPASR Retirement Committee***

THE DCPASR ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE PRESENTS

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR DCPASR MEMBERS

(Please direct questions about any of these activities to Valerie McCaffrey, 717-652-7313)

April 9

CENTRAL DAUPHIN BAND BOOSTERS

Spring Craft Show at *Central Dauphin High School*, 437 Piketown Road, Harrisburg, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is no charge for admission or for parking. The show supports the CD Band Program.

Approximately 175 crafters will be selling handmade jewelry, soaps and lotions, delightful food items, home and yard pieces, and more, all top quality, specially-made, unique, handcrafted items – no commercially made or resell items are permitted. There will be café service with both breakfast and lunch items as well as a raffle of handcrafted pieces made by the crafters as a highlight of our show. Raffle tickets are affordable, and drawings are made throughout the day.

April 30

- **Deadline for Ordering DCPASR Shirts and Totes.** Tote Bag has a zipper and a side pocket, and it is washable--DCPASR logo embroidered on front. Shirts are a 65/35 blend and will not shrink--with DCPASR Logo embroidered on left chest. **Visit the Chapter Website (www.dcpasr.org) and download your order form today.** Don't feel left out when other Chapter members show up at these events wearing their gear! **(OR)** See **Page 9** for Order Form.



May 12



The *Harrisburg Senators vs. the Richmond Flying Squirrels* on City Island, **6:30 p.m.** Individual tickets are **\$11.00** each, parking fee of **\$5.00** per vehicle



payable upon entering the parking area. Enjoy an evening on City Island and cheer the Senators on to victory. **Ticket pre-order deadline is April 22;** all tickets will then be available at the Will Call Window on **City Island**. **Please send your check payable to DCPASR (for ticket price only)** in advance to **John Decker, DCPASR Treasurer, 2307 Valley Road, Harrisburg, PA 17104.**



Please fill out and return this portion along with your check made payable to DCPASR for \$11/ticket requested. Remember to put Senators Game on the memo line.

Name _____ No. of Guests _____

Address _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Cell: _____

Mail to John Decker, Treasurer, DCPASR, 2307 Valley Road, Harrisburg, PA 17104 **by April 22, 2022.**

Note: No refunds after this date!

June 21

Miniature Golf at **Bumble Bee Hollow Golf**, 4201 Linglestown Road, 4 p.m. \$6.00
per game



Bumble Bee Hollow's miniature golf course is among the most beautiful and challenging in Central Pennsylvania. Designed principally as a putting tract which mimics the subtle contours of real golf greens, their miniature course is enjoyed by serious golfers as well as recreational players. The lovely landscaping and water features are a fine enhancement to the course, and are cause for our many repeat plays. Make an evening of it by considering one of the nearby dining options afterwards: **Aroogas Grille House, Italian Delight, The Greystone, Giotti's, Rita's Italian Ice or 3B's Ice Cream.**

July 12

Meet and Greet New Chapter Members at the **Armstrong Valley Winery**, 212 Rutter Road, Halifax, 12-4:00 P.M. Come for a tour and a tasting! Visit their website at www.armstrongvalleywinery.com for directions or join our car pool event from Faith Presbyterian Church, 1801 Colonial Road, Harrisburg. Watch the DCPASR Website for signup information!



September 23

Senator Andrew Lewis Drive Thru Senior Expo at West Hanover Township Building, 7171 Allentown Boulevard, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

OTHER EVENT CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION IS:

- Matinee Movie at Regal Cinema, 1500 Caughey Drive, Harrisburg. \$5.00 Tuesdays for senior citizens. Time and date to be determined.

Visit the DCPASR Website for the most up to date information: www.dcpasr.org

Join our Chapter's Private Group on Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/408317179534052/

PLEASE REMEMBER, THESE ACTIVITIES ARE OPEN TO CHAPTER MEMBERS AS WELL AS GUESTS.

COME AND BRING A FRIEND!

OR BETTER YET, COME AND MAKE A NEW ONE

DAUPHIN COUNTY CHAPTER PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL RETIREES

The Administrative Board is interested in creating an identity for its membership and is currently taking orders for shirts embroidered with our name, in both men's and women's styles as well as totes. Any monies raised will help defray our rising costs and supplement our various awards. Your help in this endeavor would be greatly appreciated.

- **ALL ITEMS WILL BE EMBROIDERED WITH D.C.P.A.S.R.** (DAUPHIN CHAPTER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL RETIREES) **not PASR** as shown on the samples which follow. *(Apologies for the darkening of the graphic, however, it was necessary for you to be able to see the outline of the white shirt.)*
- Shirts are a 65/35 blend and will not shrink.
- The men's shirt style is available with and without a pocket.
- All orders must be placed by April 30, 2022.



Ladies Cotton Polo	White _____	Size _____	S-XL	\$25.00 each
	Grey _____	Size _____	2XL	\$28.00 each
Men's Cotton Polo	White _____	Size _____	S-XL	\$25.00 each
	No Pocket Grey _____	Size _____	2XL	\$28.00 each
	With Pocket White _____	Size _____	S-XL	\$30.00 each
	Grey _____	Size _____	2XL	\$33.00 each
Zip Tote	Slate Grey with Black Handles _____			\$16.00 each
	Stone with Black Handles _____			



If you want your order mailed to your residence, please add \$5.00 to cover postage costs.

Total Enclosed _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ Email Address: _____

Send your order form and check made payable to DCPASR to **John Decker, 2307 Valley Road, Harrisburg, PA 17104**. Your support is appreciated!



PRESENTATION TO THIS YEAR'S EDUCATION GRANT WINNER!



On February 8, 2022 Bob Hamera attended the Upper Dauphin Area School Board Meeting to present this year's Education Grant to Mr. Todd Smeltz, a high school chemistry teacher. Due to several family emergencies, Mr. Smeltz was unable to attend the meeting to accept the grant personally. Mr. Jared Shade, Upper Dauphin Area Superintendent, accepted the check on his behalf and then presented the check to Mr. Smeltz at a later date.

Mr. Smeltz's proposal was to use the grant money to buy supplies for his college chemistry classes who, on May 13, will be taking part in Chemistry Day at the Elementary School. There his students will be performing activities and demonstrations for the elementary students in celebration of Chemistry.

The purpose of this day is to bring awareness of chemistry to the students in a fun and engaging way. High school students will set up several tables in the multipurpose room and students will rotate through the activities one grade level at a time. The high school students will explain the chemistry behind each of the activities. This activity correlates directly with the American Chemistry Society's goal to increase the interest of young people in chemistry.

Mr. Smeltz's proposal will will feel the satisfaction of and engaging them in will see that chemistry is peers who are presenting

Jared Shade, UDASD check to Mr. Todd Smeltz,



impact both high school students who sharing concepts with younger students activities and elementary students who important as they look up to their older to them.

superintendent, presents Education Grant UDA High School chemistry teacher.



Mr. Todd Smeltz



PRESENTATION TO THIS YEAR'S LAURETTA WOODSON AWARD!



A primary goal of PASR is the support of public education. PASR's educational support committee has developed the Laretta Woodson Award program to help showcase our public schools in a positive manner.

The purpose of the Laretta Woodson Recognition Program is to honor one educator and one support professional for doing an outstanding job within a district or school. Chapters select the award recipients and then present them with a medallion, certificate, and PASR pin. Each chapter is eligible to present the **Laretta Woodson Awards** to one support professional and one teacher per fiscal year.

This year Middletown Area School District was scheduled for this award. On April 5th, Bob Hamera attended the Middletown Area School District's Board meeting to present the award to this year's winners Heidi Ebersole (educator) and Angela Brannen (support professional).

Heidi, a first-grade teacher at nominated by her supervisor, "she goes above and beyond the school community. She students not only meet grade demonstrate growth."

Angela, a paraprofessional at Elementary School, was supervisor, Daniel Borrelli, everything for our building. She with students on the learning caseload; works with students; and supports any encounters."



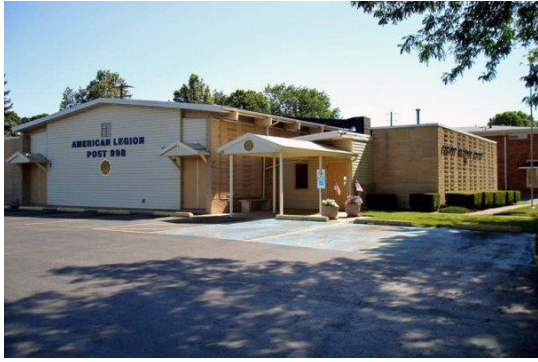
Reid Elementary, was Amy Rehmyer, because, daily for her students and works hard to ensure her level standards but also

John C. Kunkel nominated by her because, "she does covers the office; works support teacher's behaviorally at-risk student in need that she

(Pictured left to right: Heidi Ebersole, Bob Hamera, Angela Brannen)



Heidi Ebersole and Angela Brannen



DCPASR SPRING LUNCHEON

When: Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Where: Lawnton American Legion
4700 Derry Street, Harrisburg, PA

Registration Time: 9:30 a.m.

Business Meeting: 10:00 a.m.

Program: 11:00 a.m.

Luncheon: Noon

Business Meeting

In addition to the committee reports, the business agenda includes two very important financial issues: consideration of a dues increase (as discussed at the fall meeting in November 2021) and approval of the 2022-2023 budget for the new fiscal year which begins in July.

Buffet Menu:

Garden Salad Rolls and Butter

Baked Ham Baked Chicken

Stuffed Shells Red Skin Potatoes

California Blend Vegetables Cake

(Cauliflower, Broccoli and Carrots) Choice of Coffee, Tea or Water

Cost of the buffet is \$20.00 per person which includes taxes and gratuity.

All reservations must be received by April 30th. Please complete the form at the bottom and mail it to John Decker, PASR Treasurer, along with your check made payable to DCPASR.

Program:

Mr. George Dillman, a Consumer Outreach Specialist from the Pennsylvania Department of Banking and Securities will join us. Using a specially prepared interactive **FRAUD BINGO** game, he will identify the most common scams directed at seniors as well as share a variety of fraud protection methods. Consider bringing a friend along to share in some great food, join in the fun and perhaps learn something new!



Please fill out and return this portion along with your check made **payable to DCPASR for \$20/meal** requested. Please remember to put Spring Luncheon on the memo line.

Name _____ Total # or Lunches _____ Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Address _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email _____

Mail to: John Decker, Treasurer, DCPASR, 2307 Valley Road, Harrisburg, PA 17104 **by April 30, 2022.**

Note: No refunds after this date!



Elite Coach

Dauphin County PA School Retirees 2022 Tour Preview*



National Museum of African American History and Culture

Wednesday, September 7, 2022

We begin our day with lunch at District Chophouse, located in a unique turn of the century bank that has been transformed! 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! See **Page 14** for Reservation Form.

Price per Person: \$139



Christmas in Asheville and Pigeon Forge

November 7-11, 2022

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year! Our trip will include wonderful memories at places such as Biltmore Estate, a guided city tour, a ride on the Smoky Mountain Railroad, Smoky Mountain Opry and more! You don't want to miss out on this wonderful trip of a lifetime! See **Page 15** for Reservation Form.

Price per Person: Double: \$1,460 Triple: \$1,372 Single: \$1,706

***Due to disruptions from COVID-19, all trips and prices are subject to change. Additional detailed flyers will be distributed for each trip destination. For additional information and questions, please call: Sandra Novotni at 717-766-5139, or Ethel Dundore at 717-533-3150**

Sep 15-21 PASR trip to Iceland--if interested, contact Boscov's Travel, Camp Hill Mall at (717) 763-1100

Oct 26-30 PASR New Orleans, Louisiana Trip--if interested, contact Boscov's Travel at (717) 763-1100

April 1-10 DCPASR trip to Spain has been cancelled



Dauphin County PA School Retirees Presents:
The National Museum of African American History
Wednesday, September 7, 2022
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. (Chicken Marsala, Jumbo Lump Crab Cake, Broiled Salmon, Catch of the Day, Pork Chop) 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: \$139

Includes: Motorcoach Transportation, Lunch, Admission to the Museum, and Driver Gratuity
All tour components are subject to change without notice

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 7, 2022

Deadline for Payment & Registration: August 1, 2022 |

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ **Home Phone:** _____

Cell Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

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

Dauphin County PA School Retiree Presents:

Lights, Sights and Sounds of Christmas

November 7 – 11,



Day 1: Monday, November 7

We depart this morning for Pigeon Forge, making appropriate rest stops en route. A lunch stop will be made on our own. Upon arrival, we check into the **Black Fox Lodge**, located right in the heart of the city! This 4-Star Property is full-service and offers a lounge area, as well as a Beautiful fireplace in the lobby area.

This evening, we depart for dinner at the **Bullfish Restaurant**. True to its name, Bullfish Grill, serves aged Grand Champion Angus Beef and has fresh seafood delivered daily for an amazing dining experience. All meals are served with fresh baked bread, house salad, chef's choice of dessert and choice of non-alcoholic beverage.

Day 2: Tuesday, November 8

Start your morning with breakfast at the hotel, before boarding the coach and departing to meet our **step-on guide**. Not only do you get to hear amazing and entertaining stories, you get to see the beauty of the fall color change from some of the best viewing areas in the region. See areas unknown to most tourists to enjoy the peace and quiet of the wilderness without the crowds. Your guide will talk about the trees, the animals, and life in the Smokies during the harvest season. Following the tour, guests will have free time for shopping and lunch on own at the **Island at Pigeon Forge**. If you are looking for unique Christmas gifts you are in the right spot!

Following our tour, we depart for the **Matinee Christmas Show at the Smoky Mountain Opry**. Sit back and enjoy this Christmas production that features flying sugar plum fairies, soaring angels, dancing elves, enchanted reindeer, Jolly old' Saint Nick, and most importantly, the celebration of the birth of Christ with **the area's largest living nativity!**

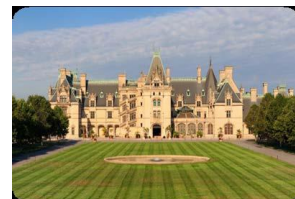


Afterwards, we depart for a **Four-Course Dinner Feast and Show at Dolly Parton's Stampede**. It's always exciting and full of surprises; plus, no holiday celebration would be complete without good 'ole St. Nick. Young and old alike await the arrival of Santa atop his authentic sleigh full of goodies. The entire Dolly Parton's Stampede cast of performers including their 32 magnificent horses will take you on a nostalgic holiday adventure with all of your favorite Christmas songs. Starting one hour before the main arena show, enjoy some of the best Christmas music and family entertainment in their Saloon.

Day 3: Wednesday, November 9

Start the morning with a full hot breakfast buffet, before departing for Asheville, NC. A Rest Stop will be made along the way. Then, we pick up our local guide for a **step-on tour through Asheville**. From colorful Downtown Asheville to the scenic surroundings of the Blue Ridge Mountains, you can experience all Asheville has to offer! Lunch will be on our own during the tour.

Following lunch and our tour, we continue on to the **Biltmore Estate**, America's Largest Home! Enjoy a self-guided tour of the house, as well as the beautiful gardens and grounds surrounding it. While at the Biltmore, we will also be able to visit the Antler Hill Village, featuring shops and the Biltmore Winery.



Then, we depart for **Deerpark Restaurant** on Biltmore Estate. Enjoy mouth-watering Southern regional cuisine served buffet-style, with sweeping views of the Biltmore estate's pastures.

The **Biltmore** is even more magical Christmas Evenings. The celebration Christmas trees, thousands of miles of garland and twinkling lights, and return to Pigeon Forge for the



when adorned during Candlelight includes 70 exquisitely decorated poinsettias, traditional holiday music, and all for us to enjoy. We depart afterwards evening

Day 4: Thursday, November 10

Start the morning with a full hot breakfast buffet before departing for our first stop, the **Smith Morning Variety Show** at the Country Tonite Theatre. Charlie Bob Smith brings phenomenal musicians and vocal talent to a delightful holiday show this Christmas. Your heart will be warmed and your memories will flow as you enjoy the best holiday morning in the Smokies!

Afterwards, we board the coach and depart for the **Pigeon Forge Mill**. Today the **Old Mill** is home to restaurants and shops, but its rich history gives a certain unforgettable ambiance to our Smoky Mountain city. Here, we will enjoy lunch and shopping on our own.

Following our afternoon, we board the coach and depart for **Dollywood**. No one does Christmas quite like Dolly. The beautiful theme park is decorated with four million twinkling lights, setting the perfect scene for the holidays. There's a spate of holiday shows like *"It's a Wonderful Life,"* *"Appalachian Christmas,"* and *"Christmas with the Kingdom Heirs,"* just to name a few. Don't forget to ride the **authentic 110-ton coal-fired steam engine**, that takes you on a five-mile journey through the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains. A **meal voucher** is included in your time at Dollywood, which can be used anywhere in the park.

Then, the magic of Christmas abounds, as the brightly decorated holiday sets and colorful costumes bring the enchantment of Christmas to the **Country Tonite stage**. The popular cast covers a number of holiday classics for a nostalgic, spirited holiday celebration that will be enjoyed by all ages. You'll also find a few special guest performers during the Christmas production that you certainly won't see any other time of the year. Following the evening performance, we return to our hotel for the evening.

Day 5: Friday, November 11

This morning, we will enjoy a delicious breakfast at the hotel, before checking out and departing for home. We will make appropriate rest and meal stops on the way home, filled with wonderful memories from our time in Pigeon Forge and Ashville!

Trip Information:

Pricing Per Person:

Double: \$1460 Triple: \$1372 Single: \$1706

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 step-on guide, guide gratuity and guide gratuity

All tour components are subject to change without notice

Individual cancellations received after the Final Count & Payment Due Date will be subject to a \$20 per person per day cancellation fee, plus any non-refundable costs (such as admission tickets, show tickets, meal and lodging expenses, etc.) incurred by Elite Coach in advance of the trip. Any refunds given will be processed after the trip has been completed. No refunds will be made for cancellations received less than 7 days prior to departure.

Trip Protection

We encourage all travelers to purchase Travel Protection at the time of registration. We offer plans through Travel Insured International and you can purchase coverage directly through them via: www.elitecoach.com Click on 'About' at the top of the page. In the drop down box click on 'Safety & Affiliations'. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the white box that says "Travel Insured International". You will be directed to our access page. Click on the red 'Get a Quote' box. Plan cost is in addition to the tour package price. Participants are welcome to purchase coverage from another agency of their choice if they wish.

**Departing at 6:15 AM from the parking lot next to PetSmart, 4200 Derry Street, Harrisburg
& Returning on November 13 at Approximately 7:15 PM**

****Registration and Full Payment Deadline: September 26, 2022**

**Dauphin County PA School Retirees Reservation form – Christmas in Pigeon Forge and Ashville –
November 7-11, 2022**

Deadline for Payment & Registration: September 26, 2022

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ **Home Phone:** _____

Cell Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

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



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

Shirley Y. Uhazie

Central Dauphin

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

If you personally would like to make a donation in memory of one or more of those listed above, please see **Page 23 for the necessary form.**



DCPASR Game Day at the Library--April 5, 2022

Pictured here are some of those who came out to attend **Game Extravaganza** at the Dauphin County East Shore Library. Bob and Kathy taught the rest of us to play **Continental Rummy**--a fast paced easy to learn card game. All who attended had a great time. Be on alert for the next one!

HAVE YOU BEEN KEEPING RECORD OF YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS?

We hope you have been counting all of your volunteer hours even the small ones. Now is the time to fill out the form on **Page 19** and submit it. Remember to include time spent in schools, churches and other community organization in your total. Please fill out and return the Community Services Survey (2021-22) by July 20, 2022. Follow the directions at the bottom of the form as to where you should send this information.



DCPASR Miscellaneous Donation Form

Name _____ Phone # (____) _____
Address _____

(City, State, Zip Code) email _____

Contribution to:

DCPASR Scholarship
Educational Grants
Lauretta Woodson Award
Newsletter

Amount

\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____

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



HAVE YOU VISITED OUR WEBSITE?

Don't Forget: If you misplace your newsletter, you can find it at our **website: dcpasr.org**. You are able to print out forms for registration for chapter events. It is also 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.

JOIN YOUR ASSOCIATION

Membership Application Form

Annual Membership (school retiree)	\$ 60.00	\$ _____
Associate Membership (non-school retiree)	\$ 60.00	\$ _____
Life Membership	\$700.00	\$ _____
Contribution to PASR (L/PEC)		\$ _____
Total Enclosed		\$ _____

Please print the following information:

Name _____ Telephone # _____
 Street _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 E-Mail Address _____
 Date of birth _____
 Retirement date _____ Years of Service _____
 School District retired from _____
 Are you a member of a local PASR chapter? If yes, which one? _____

THREE WAYS TO PAY YOUR DUES. SELECT ANY ONE OPTION BELOW:

By Check:

Please make your check payable to PASR and mail this application and check to:

PASR
878 Century Drive
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-4375
Phone: (717) 697-7077

Online

Visit www.PASR.org and join today!

By Credit Card:

Last Name _____
 First Name _____ Middle Initial _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Card Type (circle one)
 Visa MasterCard Discover American Express
 Card Number _____
 Exp. Date _____
 Signature _____

To save money PASR is no longer sending PASR membership cards. Note: Membership dues payments may not be deductible for federal taxes.



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 _____

Telephone # _____

School District retired from _____ Year retired _____

E-mail Address _____

What committee would you be interested in joining? _____

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

_____ \$ 20.00 Annual

_____ \$100.00 Life

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

Brenda Pogue, 4330 Crestview Rd., Harrisburg, PA 17112. You will receive your DCPASR membership card from the Membership Chairperson. 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 _____ / _____ / 2021

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

REMINDER

There is strength in numbers—DCPASR & PASR are always looking for new members. See **Pages 22 and Page 21** for enrollment forms.

Dauphin County Chapter Of The
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MEMBERSHIP STATUS.

