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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hope everyone is having a relaxing summer. Maybe you are doing some traveling. Maybe you're enjoying time at the pool. Maybe you are just enjoying a good book while sitting on the deck or patio. Whatever it is you are up to, hope it is what makes you happy.

With summer winding down, though not for a bit I hope, it is time to look ahead to the coming months. We have many exciting things planned and we are hopeful that you will join us.

On **September 10** we are going on a trip. Where are we going? I don't know. It's a **MYSTERY**. Hope you will be joining us. Our Recreo co-chairs, **Sandy Novotni and Ethel Dundore**, have put together a trip that is sure to be fun.

I'm sure we can all remember the beginning of that first school year after we retired. Maybe we felt a little empty because we no longer had to set the alarm, leave the house, and get to a building where we spent many years educating the students who walked through our doors. I am sure this year's batch of new retirees feels that emptiness too. Won't you join us in welcoming them to the wonderful world of retirement on **October 1** at the **Armstrong Valley Winery** where we will have our new **retiree's welcome luncheon**? See **Page 11** for registration form.

On **November 14** we are having our **DCPASR Fall Luncheon**. This year it is being held at **Skyline Family Restaurant**. Our speaker is a master quilter **Susan Paul** who will present a program on **Quilts and the Underground Railroad**. It is sure to be very interesting. See **Page 5** for registration form.

As you can see, we have many things planned for the upcoming months and these are not all. Check inside to see what else your organization has waiting in the wings.

Sincerely,
Robert J. Hamera, and
Kathleen A. Hamera,
DCPASR Co-presidents



DCPASR CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019

- Aug 21 Board Meeting 10:00 AM** at Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church
- Sep 10 Trip:** "Sights, Heights & Wheels Mystery Trip"
- Sep 10 Region IV Executive Meeting 9:00 AM** at PASR Headquarters
- *Sep 18 Board Meeting 10:00 AM** at Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church
- Oct 1 Fall Festival New Member Mixer. (10:30 Registration)** at Armstrong Valley Vineyard & Winery. Lunch and Program **11:00 AM-3:00 PM**
- *Oct 16 Board Meeting 10:00 AM** at Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church
- Oct 22-23 Trip:** "When Coal Was King"
- Oct 24 PASR Region IV Fall Meeting (9:30 AM REGISTRATION)** hosted by Cumberland/Dauphin PASR at Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church
- Nov 14 DCPASR Fall Luncheon Meeting (9:30AM REGISTRATION)** at Skyline Family Restaurant
- *Nov 20 Board Meeting 10:00 AM** at Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church
- Dec 14 Trip:** Christmas Trip
- Dec 18 Board Meeting 10:00 AM (AS NEEDED)**

*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**.



REPORT ON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

We have **\$840.29** in our Scholarship Fund. If you are interested in making a contribution, please see General Donation Form on **Page 6**. Thanks so much for your interest in this project!



DCPASR FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF JULY 31, 2019

Centric Bank Checking Account:

DCPASR General Fund	\$2,494.81
Social Ser./Memorial Honor	<u>828.12</u>
Total Checking Acct.	\$3,322.93

Scholarship Fund	\$ 840.29
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Certificates of Deposit:

Life Escrow (due 3/10/20)	\$ <u>5,117.08</u>
(Interest accumulates-- Int. Rate 2.910%)	
TOTAL EQUITY	\$ 9,280.30

John Decker
Treasurer

REMINDER

Don't forget to check out our website dcpasr.org for the latest information about DCPASR

REPORT ON SPRING MEETING/LUNCHEON MAY 7, 2019 AT SKYLINE RESTAURANT



At our recent Spring Meeting/Luncheon **Mary Ickes**, Community Service Committee, Co-Chairperson presented **Bill Minsker** with the *Volunteer of the Year Award*. He accumulated a total of 1,641 hours serving his community in various ways. Congratulations Bill on a job well done--you are amazing and quite an inspiration to all of us!

Our meeting, **Steve and Bev Klinger** sure did touch our true story of Courageous Cole their special needs dog physical challenges. **Bev** and **Steve** said Cole taught Cole lived for 7 years under their loving care. They called Courageous Cole, which is a wonderful book children. It teaches all of us how to go on even rough. We thank Bev and Steve for this wonderful



speakers at the hearts with their who had many them so much. wrote a book especially for when things get presentation.

We thank all of you who attended this luncheon--it was great seeing all of you. The meeting was informative, the presentation of awards was amazing, the speakers were inspiring, and the food was awesome.

We sure would like to see more of you at these type of events. **Give it a try**--we are sure you won't be sorry.



BOOK SALE

At our spring meeting we set up a used book sale table. All books were \$1.00. It was a success. We will have another sale at our Fall Meeting, November 14 at Skyline Family Restaurant. If you have any books you have read that you would like to donate to our book sale please bring them with you. We will have a table set up. Unsold books will be donated to a local library for their book sale. This is a great way to pass on books you have enjoyed as well as stock up for some winter reading.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING LAURETTA WOODSON AWARD WINNERS

Bob Hamera, our Co-President of DCPASR and **Eloise Laskowski**, our Upper Dauphin Rep. attended the recent Upper Dauphin Area School Board meeting and presented the *Lauretta Woodson Award* to **Mark Dietrich** and **Sally Lucas**. **Evan Williams** their Superintendent had the following to say about these two folks.



"**Mr. Dietrich** has taught agriculture at Upper Dauphin Area High School for almost thirty years. In addition to expanding the course offerings in agriculture, **Mr. Dietrich** has worked to make the school's FFA one of the best in the state. **Mr. Dietrich** is also involved in school governance and is a trusted resource for district teachers."

"**Mrs. Lucas** has worked for the district as a teacher's assistant for almost thirty years. Every principal and teacher with whom she has worked has remarked on her dedication, diligence, and ability. Having **Mrs. Lucas** in a classroom is as good as having a second teacher. She has always done a great job."

If you would like to contribute to the **Educational** or **Lauretta Woodson Awards**, please see **Page 6** for DCPASR General Donation Form.

Bob Hamera, Co-President



SOCIAL SERVICE/MEMORIAL HONOR REPORT

The SSMH Committee exists to be of service to our members who are in need. We provide moral support; visit those who are ill and shut-in; make phone calls, provide greetings through the mail and we have a limited amount of financial aid available.

We just completed our annual report. We served **95 members**--83 years and older and also shut-ins of any age during July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019.

We are always looking for members to serve. Please contact us if you know of any member who is 85 and older or a shut-in of any age or moving to a Nursing Home. We are here to serve you.

PASR makes funds available to our Chapter. Our work 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 me or see form on **Page 19**.

Janet Lee Oxenford 717-236-0529
Chairperson

HELP!

With the ever increasing postage rates and printing costs our newsletter expenses are soaring. Please consider making a donation to help defray the cost and/or consider receiving your newsletter by email. Please let **Karen Holtzman** know (717 540-9476) if this is your desire or see **DCPASR General Contribution Form** on **Page 6**. We would greatly appreciate it. **Thank you from your board members!**



DCPASR Fall/Meeting Luncheon



NOVEMBER 14, 2019

Skyline Family Restaurant

Come! Join us at our Fall Luncheon. It is always nice to get together with friends to catch up on what is happening with everyone. As always, there will be great food and an interesting speaker.

Time: 9:30 Registration

Agenda: 10:00 – Meeting

11:00 – Presentation

12:00 Lunch

Menu? Salad, choice of entrée (boneless grilled chicken breast, salmon, or meatloaf), mashed potatoes, corn, choice of drink and dessert (carrot cake or triple chocolate cake) are also included. Gratuity and tax included.



Our speaker this year will be master quilter **Susan Paul**. **Susan** received her BS degree in Home Economics Education from Mansfield State College. She was a *Family and Consumer Science teacher* by profession at **Minersville Area School District** for 37 years and has been retired for 7 years. She is a devoted quilter by passion. Her grandmother, **Sarah Keilman**, taught **Susan** to quilt at a young age. She has been quilting, sewing, and collecting fabric ever since!

Susan is currently a member and past president of the *Schuylkill County Quilters Guild*. She has been teaching quilting since 1993 at the guild, at the **Schuylkill County Technology Center** and in quilt shops throughout Pennsylvania; she has also taught for the **Mid- Appalachian Quilters, Inc.** in Emmitsburg, MD.

Susan will be speaking to us about the history of quilts and their part in the Underground Railroad. I am sure you will not want to miss this fascinating presentation.

Please fill out the form at the bottom and return it to **John Decker** no later than **Monday, November 4, 2019** to reserve a spot for our luncheon. **No refunds after this date.**



FALL LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

NAME _____ Phone # _____

NUMBER ATTENDING _____

LUNCH CHOICE:

_____	Salmon	@\$20.00	_____
_____	Chicken	@20.00	_____
_____	Meat loaf	@20.00	_____

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

Deadline for returning reservation: Monday, November 4, 2019. NO REFUNDS AFTER THIS DATE.

Make checks payable to **DCPASR**. Please write **FALL LUNCHEON** on the memo line. Send reservations to: **John Decker, 2307 Valley Rd. Harrisburg, PA 17104 – 1433.**



DCPASR GENERAL DONATION FORM

Name _____ Phone # () _____

Address: _____

_____ Email _____

Contribution to:

Amount

DCPASR Scholarship

\$ _____

Educational Grants

\$ _____

Lauretta Woodson Award

\$ _____

Newsletter

\$ _____

Please make your check payable to **DCPASR**, with a notation on the Memo line stating what the check is for. All payments can be made with one check. Mail this form along with your check to:

John Decker

2307 Valley Road

Harrisburg, PA 17104-1433

Thank you for your generosity!

ADDITIONS TO THE RECRO (TOURS) COMMITTEE

Additional members have been added to this committee:

Janice Culton 877-6465 214 Vine St., Williamstown, PA 17098

culjan44@gmail.com

Dorothy Fisher 545-1842 109 Levan St., Harrisburg, 17109

daf2nd@msn.com

and

We have added another area under this committee--*International Travel*. Heading this area is

Barbara Blackford 623-8017 37 Wharton Ave., Middletown, PA 17057

bblackford37@comcast.net

CHANGES TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Janice Culton has moved to the Recro (Tours) committee and *Susan Wolfe* is now going to Co-Chair Community Services with *Mary Ickes*

Thanks to all of these folks for serving on these committees!



REPORT ON TWO \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED



Once again, we are pleased to announce two scholarship recipients for 2019! Your generous contributions continue to allow us to support young people who have chosen the field of education as their career.

A total of eight applications were received this year and after careful review and discussion of their credentials, two young ladies were chosen: **September Nguyen** from *Central Dauphin East* and **Nakiah Baker** from *Halifax*. Both students will attend Messiah College in the fall. **September** will study *Elementary Education with a minor in Special Education* and **Nakiah** will study *Secondary English and ESL Education*.

Both students are exemplary young ladies who are extremely well-qualified academically; highly recommended by their references; very dedicated to their communities; and we are sure

will reach their goals in preparing for a successful teaching career. Both young ladies strongly expressed the great positive influence their teachers have had on their lives and the desire to give back to their future students. We believe that they are people who will certainly make our world a better place.



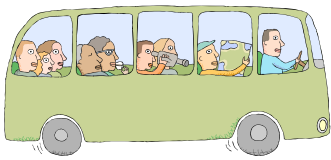
September Nguyen
Central Dauphin East



Nakiah Baker
Halifax

Jean Hynicker traveled to *Central Dauphin East* and *Halifax* to attend each of their **Awards' Night** in order to say a few words about our organization and to present our scholarships. It was a pleasure and honor to make the presentations. *Congratulations and Best Wishes* to **September** and **Nakiah** as they pursue their career goal as an educator.

Again, thanks to all of you for your generosity in making these scholarships possible!



WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US FOR OUR LAST 2019 TRIP LISTED BELOW

Please sign up early for the bus trips to avoid cancellation!!! The more people who sign up for a trip the lower the cost. Forms will be in the newsletters prior to the trips; but be sure to mark calendars ahead. All **DCPASR trips** will leave from the Eric Theater Parking lot off Derry Street behind Speedway gas station next to Pet Smart. For fliers or for 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, 17050. Please mark your calendars for the following trip.



“A PHILLY POPS CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR”

(Saturday) December 14

Cost: \$186

Reservation & Payment Due: August 20

Lv. From Hbg. Parking lot next to Pet Smart 9 AM

Returning: Approximately 8:45 PM

See **Page 9** for more information and the reservation form.



DCPASR RECREO ON THE MOVE

Barbara Blackford, DCPASR International Trip Planner is hard at work drafting proposals for an international trip based on your suggestions from the DCPASR Spring Luncheon Meeting. You want to be front and center for her presentation at the *Fall Luncheon Meeting*. You have some decisions to make! The trip flyer will be in the January Newsletter.

Thanks to your great recommendations the RECREO COMMITTEE had a wonderful list to work with. We went with the following four recommendations for **2020**:

Tuesday, April 21: *Mystery Trip*

Thursday, May 28: *Saint Michaels*

Wednesday, September 9: *National Museum of African American History & Culture*

Monday-Friday, November 9-13: *Christmas in Ashville & Pigeon Forge*

Look for details in the January Newsletter.

In **2021** we are considering your following recommendations: *Mystery Trip, Statue of Liberty Museum, a 3-5 day trip from your list and a Christmas event from your list*. This will be discussed at the *2020 Spring Luncheon Meeting*.

RECREO Committee



Dauphin County PA School Retirees Presents A Philly POPS Christmas Spectacular

When: Saturday, December 14, 2019

Price: \$186

Begin the trip with a real Italian experience and enjoy a delicious, family-style lunch at **Buca Di Beppo**. In their fun and festive rooms, you can expect traditional and unique decorations that will add to your dining experience. From tasty salad and fresh baked bread, to home-cooked pasta and a mouth-watering dessert, this meal will excite all your culinary taste buds.

Then, get in the Christmas spirit at the **Kimmel Center**, to enjoy the **Philadelphia POPS Christmas!** This show is one of a kind, with its energy and sparkle that is sure to get anyone excited for the holidays. During the show, you can expect The **Philly POPS Festival Chorus**, The **Philadelphia boys Choir**, The **African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas Gospel Choir**, and organist **Peter Richard Conte**. As a fun addition, they have included Broadway royalty **Mandy Gonzalez**, returning for her favorite Philly tradition. You are guaranteed to fall in love with her vocal power and charm on stage; with musical classics as well as some fun pieces from Disney's *Frozen*. Two other special guests include, the **Melodica Men**, who are sure to entertain with their musical talent. Sit back and enjoy this performance from your Orchestra Tier Seat. *Making this an experience not worth missing.*

Includes: Motorcoach Transportation, Family-Style Lunch, Orchestra Tier Ticket to Philadelphia POPS Christmas and Driver Gratuity

Reservation form for "A Philly POPS Christmas Spectacular"

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: _____

Amount Enclosed \$_____



COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT



Community Services continues to support **The Food Pantry at Calvary Cupboard** through monetary contributions collected at our luncheons. We will have a donation box at our **Fall Luncheon/Meeting November 14 at Skyline Family Restaurant**. If at all possible, please consider donating at that time or bring canned goods and staples.

We also continued to support our **Veterans at the Lebanon VA Hospital**. We will have a donation box at the **Fall Luncheon/Meeting on November 14** for this purpose. We will also be collecting white socks, calendars, and stamps. We thank **Milly Keefer** for delivering these donations for us to the VA Hospital in Lebanon.



REMINDER OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES SURVEY—2019

Please remember to tally up your volunteer hours and record them on the **Community Services Survey** form found on **Page 21** and return it to either of the officers listed there by December 1. *Let's continue to show our commitment to serving our communities through volunteerism!*

Thank you to all our wonderful members who volunteer their services in our Community!

*Community Service Committee
Mary Ickes and Sue Wolfe
Co-Chairpersons*



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Summer is coming to an end and still no **COLA** for school retirees. **PASR** is still working to get us a **COLA** in our pension. Our State Legislators feel that **PSERS** cannot afford to give us a **COLA** because of the 50 billion dollar unfunded liability that exists in our pension fund. State **Sen. John Disanto** responded to my e-mail and he is not in favor of a **COLA** at this time. **State Rep. Andrew Lewis** did not respond to my e-mail.

Social Security is our next topic. It looks like our **SOCIAL SECURITY COLA** for 2020 will be about **1.7%**. The average Social Security increase will amount to about **\$25** a month. Medicare and Medicaid will increase for 2020.

Prescription drug prices have been increasing and we must let our U.S. Congress members know about this problem. We must contact **U.S. Senators Bob Casey and Pat Toomey**. Contact **U.S. Rep. Scott Perry** as well.

Once the donut hole expires in 2020, will our prescription drug prices increase or will we see lower prices? We must keep an eye on drug companies in 2020.

In closing, **DCPASR** as an organization must watch our U.S. Congress members as to whether they will work for us to lower prescription drug prices. If we want a **COLA** in our pension, **we must** contact our State Legislators. Team work is what it takes to accomplish our goals as school retirees. Remember, 2020 is a major election year and people have a great opportunity to vote for members of Congress and our State Legislature--for officials who care about us.

*Don Steinmeier
Legislative Chairperson*



NEW RETIREE WELCOME LUNCHEON

ARMSTRONG VALLEY WINERY

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

If you are recently retired or have been retired for several years now, I am sure you still remember that first day you did not have to set the alarm, get up and get ready for work, and head off to school. Maybe you thought, “Was retiring not the right thing to do?” (Of course it was.) “What will I do now?” “How will my days be filled?”

Those who have retired this year are having the same questions. Come and help us celebrate their choice. Join us at **Armstrong Valley Winery** to help welcome them to the wonderful world of retirement. There will be good food, a winery tour, wine tasting, and great fellowship. We will also have a guest speaker talking to us about Medicare Fraud. Fill out the form below and return it to reserve your spot.

Where: **Armstrong Valley Winery**
212 Rutter Road
Halifax, PA 17032

When: **Tuesday, October 1, 2019**

Time: 10:30 – 11:00 Registration
11:00 – 11:30 Group 1: Medicare Fraud
Group 2: Winery Tour
11:30 – 12:00 Group 1: Winery Tour
Group 2: Medicare Fraud



12:00 - 12:30 activity. **Mark Krempa** and **Kristen Holmes** will be coming to talk about PASR.

12:30 – 1:30 Lunch catered by Devin Witmer
(Tomato Orzo Pilaf, French Beans,
Feta Chicken Fricassee,
Mushrooms, Peas, Arugula, Cream Sauce
Roasted Fall Vegetables
Rosemary Roasted Red Potatoes)

1:30 - Visit the Wine Shop

Cost: \$22.00 per person with 2019 RETIREES FREE

Fill out this form and return it to **John Decker, 2307 Valley Rd. Harrisburg, PA 17104 – 1433.**
Reservation Deadline: September 23, 2019. No refunds after September 23, 2019.

New Retirees Welcome Lunch Reservation Form

NAME: _____ Tele.# _____

NUMBER ATTENDING _____ @ \$22.00/PERSON Number Attending Free _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Make checks payable to DCPASR. Write “New Retirees Luncheon” on memo line.



WELCOME NEW RETIREEES

Recently 2019 retirees were sent a letter of introduction to DCPASR and PASR as well as a **free one-year membership** in DCPASR. We hope they will enjoy their membership and our newsletter and will 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 20**.

We will be looking forward to meeting our newest members at the **New Member Get-Together and Fall/Meeting Luncheon**.

Brenda Pogue
Membership Chairperson

Capital Area Intermediate Unit

*Colestock, David
Howe, Janet
*Kelly, Kathryn
*Kirchner, Sandra
*Kovac, Diane
*Luhn, Susan
*Moll, Arlene
*Pearsall, Barbara
*Stillwagon, Rose Anna
*Wilson, Diane

Central Dauphin

*Albert, Linda
Bedard, Judith
Butts, William
Cederberg, Julie
Duke, P. Susan
Eisenhaur, Donna
Evrard, Doreen
Fischer, Brenda
Grissinger, Linda
Hauenstein, Brenda
Hoover, Ray
Houck, Stephen
*Landis, George
Leaman, Dolores
Leshner, Catherine
*Magaro, Dave
Masoero, Linda
Mohn, Cynthia
Moll, Kathleen
*Moore, Deborah
*Morris, Joanne
Murguia, Lynndelle
Pearson, Lori
*Peterson, Benjamin
Pierich, Joseph
Pyne, Laura
Ringler, Nancy

Central Dauphin-Cont'd

Rutkowski, Gertrude
Savage, Patricia
Shema, Sue
Singer, Carmella
*Smith, Dennis
*Smith, Steven
Stockdale, Laurie
Wewer, Renee
Wiley, Tracie

Dauphin County Tech.

No Information

Derry Township

*Danner, Ronald
Dilger, Scott
Farrell, Muriel
Lehrian, Linda
Lucas, Theresa
McCauley, Karen
Porr, Ester
Seip, James
*Titus, Derek

Halifax

*Hubler, Shirley
*Snyder, Beverly

Harrisburg

*Ambrose, Constance
*Banks, Dorothy
*Beliner, Cherie
*Bookman, David
Bower, Debbie
Bradley, Craig
Bradshaw Smith, Stephanie
*Carbaugh, Amanda
Collins, Deborah
*Edrington, James
Ellis, David
*Harmon, Douglas

Harrisburg-Cont'd

Harr, Jacklyn
Krankowski, Mary Beth
*Mangus, Destry
*Mathis, Michelle
*McCloud, James
*Myhre, Kimberly
O'Grady, Paulette
*Owens, Clifford
*Phillips, Eleanor
*Proctor, Donna
*Reed, Renee
Rougeux, Martha
*Watson, Jo

Lower Dauphin

Anthony, Linda
Corsnitz, Jane
Dalton, Kathy
Decker, Susan
Deitz, John
Gallerizzo, Carol
Geesaman, Sandra
*Gerlach, Dennis
Lerch, Marlin
*Lytle, Clarence II
Markham, Cynthia
Markham, Jeffrey
Mattis, Marie
Olson, Patricia
Rieck, Jill
Ruhl, David
Seip, James
Senck, Lisa
*Ulrich, Joseph
Weber, Kathleen
Wenner, Michael
Young, Mary

Middletown

Battenhausen, Karen
*Blouch, Michael
*Davis, Susan
*Dickey, Jonathan
Heisey, Edward
*Stitt, Robert

Millersburg

Dyba, Arlene
Ellis, Susan
Geist, Romaine
Minnich, Susan

Steelton Highspire

Jackson, Frances

Susquehanna

*Brady, Diane
*Brady, Kara
Cassatt, Holly
*Edwards, Vanessa
Lacy, Andrea
*Miller, Mark
*Post, Robyn
*Reed, Deb
*Rohland, Cynthia
Stahlman, Dallas
Summerford, Raquel
Thuma, Kathy
*VanderHengel, Jodie
*Williams, Sharon

Upper Dauphin

*Altland, Martha
Britton, Tricia S.

We have made every effort to include all Dauphin County school retirees in this list. **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 at:

bbpogue@comcast.net

OR

(717) 856-7454

PASR Member Benefits



ENTERTAINMENT:

PASR has partnered with Dutch Wonderland, Hersheypark, Idlewild & Soakzone, Kennywood, and many other amusement parks around the country to offer discounted pricing to all members of our association. There's never been a better time to gather up the children and grandchildren for a family outing. To purchase these discounted online tickets, you must log onto **pasr.org** the **Members' Only Section**.

AUTO, HOME, RV, AND MOTORCYCLE INSURANCE

Here's to you for **loving what you do**. Nationwide salutes your commitment and passion for being a member of PASR. At Nationwide, we're passionate about making a difference, too. It's just one way we prove that we're more than a business. Another way is helping our members save money on your car insurance. We have insurance available for other things too, including home, motorcycle, and RV insurance. Call 1-800-544-2090 or request a quote on line at www.Nationwide.com.

COMPUTER PURCHASES (PC)

The Dell Member Purchase Program makes it easy for PASR members to shop and save on Dell computers and equipment. The program gives you access to exclusive savings between 10 and 30 percent off select configurations of Dell systems not available to the general public on www.dell.com/epp. Members get the guaranteed best price on a selection of popular products loaded with features as well as companion security products, theft protection, computer care, and other great services. Plus, every PC comes with a 30-day price guarantee. If you find the identical Dell system configuration for less anywhere on the general public Dell site, **PASR's Dell Member Purchase Program** will match the price. For more information and to obtain your personalized savings code, please contact **PASR at 717-697-7077** or log into the **Members' Only Section of pasr.org** and **click on the link provided**.

COMPUTER PURCHASES (MAC)

The Apple Member Purchase Program makes it easy for PASR members to shop and save on Apple desktop computers and laptop computers.

To purchase a Mac computer at discounted prices, please log onto the members' only section of the web site and click on the link provided.

DENTAL INSURANCE

Offered since 1991, the United Concordia dental services plan is one of the most popular programs provided by **PASR**. The price of a single service without insurance makes this plan easily pay for itself. For your convenience, a printable dental services application and benefit summary are available online to **PASR** members, along with an authorization for monthly withdrawal form to help facilitate payments. To obtain this information **log in to the PASR Members' Only Section of pasr.org**. After log-in, you will be taken to the **Member Home** page with a welcome letter and a list of members' only discounts/benefits. This list contains a link to **Dental Insurance w/United Concordia**.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM PROVIDER

Medical Alarm Concepts is a personal emergency response system provider. What makes this system unique is that this medical alert system allows you to speak and listen directly through the wearable pendant transmitter, called a MediPendant™. When the large button on the pendant is pressed, a telephone call is made to an EMT-certified emergency operator. The operator will immediately dispatch medical personnel or a loved one to your location. They will also contact anyone that you have listed on your custom call list. PASR members are offered a special discount off the monthly cost of the MediPendant™ which equates to less than \$1 a day to provide you or a loved one with peace of mind. Getting started is easy because there is no service contract required and no cost for the equipment. As an added bonus, Medical Alarm Concepts will provide participating PASR members with a door emergency lockbox free-of-charge. This convenient device allows you to safely and securely store a key to your residence so that emergency personnel can gain access without breaking in and causing unnecessary damage to your home. For more information or to request a free detailed brochure, call Medical Alarm Concepts at 1-800-262-4239.

HEARING AID SERVICES

The Hear In America hearing plan provides PASR members and their spouses with a free hearing screening through a monitored provider network. For those members who wish to purchase hearing aids, substantial discounts off manufacturers' list prices are offered, as well as lifetime cleanings and checkup services, discounts on batteries, and additional warranties. This plan is offered through PASR without any fees to participate. For more information, call **Hear in America** at 1-800-286-6149.

ORLANDO ATTRACTIONS/VACATION DISCOUNT

Save up to 35 percent on your Orlando vacation! Orlando Employee Discounts offers exclusive pricing on hotels and vacation homes in or nearby Disney World and Universal Studios Orlando, as well as discounts on tickets for **Disney World, Universal Studios Orlando, Sea World, and all Orlando** area theme parks and attractions. PASR members can also receive advantageous pricing on **Caribbean cruises** through Disney and **Royal Caribbean**, as well as discounts on rental cars through **Avis Budget**. To take advantage of these discounts, you must log onto the Members' Only Section of pasr.org.

LIFE & LONG-TERM CARE AND FINAL EXPENSE LIFE INSURANCES

Term life insurance, whole life insurance, universal life insurance, long-term care insurance--the list and combinations seem endless. Do you know which type of policy is right for you? **PASR** now offers the benefit of a free, personal consultation that can allow for a review of your current policies or a discussion on life insurance and long-term care planning that's specific to your situation. Here are some thoughts to consider. **PASR** has partnered with **Nationwide** to bring you several life insurance options, which feature level premiums for life, access to cash value in times of need, and an easy application process.

To learn more, schedule a free, in-home consultation by calling **1-800-544-2090** and ask for **Tom Trispagonas**. You can also request a consultation online by going to www.trispagonas.com

PET INSURANCE

PASR is now offering **Petplan** pet insurance to our members. You already expect the unexpected with your pets, but what about when it comes to their vet bills? The truth is, unexpected vet bills happen more often than you think, and they cost you more than you would care to imagine. Pet insurance can help. That way if your pets have an accident or become ill, your first thoughts can be about their care, not your budget. For more information go to www.petinsurance.com or call **Tom Trispagonas** with **Nationwide Insurance** at **1-800-544-2090**.

MOVING SERVICES

Moving can be one of life's biggest stressors. With **northAmerican MyHomeBenefits**, you can alleviate some of this stress by hiring a reliable, trustworthy mover. Through **northAmerican MyHomeBenefits**, **PASR** members can take advantage of long distance and international moving, professional packing and unpacking services, and household storage. For more information, please call B. F. Fields Moving and Storage at **1-800-223-5309**.

TRAVEL EMERGENCY PLAN

Your family relies on you to make smart decisions, especially when it comes to traveling. A wise choice is to make sure your leisure travel investments are protected from what can go wrong before and during a trip, such as accidents requiring medical attention, lost baggage, and delays. With **Nationwide Travel Insurance**, you have affordable, flexible plans that will keep you traveling smart! Cruise plans, single-trip plans and annual trip plans are available. To learn more and build a free travel insurance quote that's right for you, go to www.nationwide.com/travel or call **Trispagonas Insurance** at **1-800-544-2090**.

GLOBAL EMERGENCY PLAN

PASR is pleased to offer Global Emergency plans that provide assistance 24/7 when you travel more than 100 miles from your home, including medical consultations and emergency medical evacuations. Coverage also includes 24/7 access to a board certified physician by phone or video consultation, as well as emergency roadside assistance in the event that your vehicle becomes disabled.

VISION INSURANCE

With the **Davis Vision** vision program you will quickly and clearly "see" the benefits to being a part of the group. By joining other **PASR** members, you have the availability of comprehensive vision benefits with competitive group rates. .

To obtain a [printable vision services application and benefit summary](#) **log in to the PASR Members' Only Section of pasr.org**. After log-in, you will be taken to the **Member Home** page with a welcome letter and a list of members' only discounts/benefits. This list contains a link to **Davis Vision Insurance**.

WHOLESALE CLUB DISCOUNTS

PASR's wholesale program will not only give you access to unbelievable storewide savings but will also save you money on your membership to **BJ's Wholesale Club**. As the largest wholesale chain in the eastern United States, you can use any of their stores located across the East Coast from Maine to Florida—whether beginning new service or renewing an existing membership! We are not talking just your regular type of grocery store either; besides regular household products, you can save on tires, eyeglasses, jewelry, gasoline, electronics, clothes, and more! You will save nearly half the cost of PASR dues just on your BJ's membership. For your convenience, a [printable application](#) is available for download in the **Members' Only Section of pasr.org**. For more information, contact PASR at **717-697-7077**.



REPORT ON 2019 PRE-RETIREMENT WORKSHOP

The 2019 Pre-retirement Workshop was held again this year on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at Mechanicsburg Middle School in Mechanicsburg, and co-sponsored by Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Juniata, Perry and York County Chapters of PASR. This year we had another very successful event with approximately 240 people in attendance with 28 people from Dauphin County. Six School Districts participated in this event this year from Dauphin County Schools, and joining in for the first time was Millersburg and Middletown School Districts. The Pre-retirement Workshop has become an annual event for prospective retirees employed by a Public School District who come to learn as much as possible in planning for retirement and gain valuable information to make responsible decisions about their future.

Karen Holtzman, DCPASR Secretary, did us proud, as she worked hard behind the scenes to send out letters and flyers to all Superintendents and their Human Resource Directors for Dauphin County public schools. She sent them out both electronically, and by mail, so that each school district would receive flyers to post in all their buildings. She also sent an email reminder a week before the event. Thank you Karen for all the hard work you did! Another thank you goes out to John Decker, Public Relations Chair, who sent newspaper promos for our Workshop to local newspapers. Many people picked up DCPASR chapter brochures at the registration table, which Sandy Novotni brought along with her from headquarters. We also gave out invitations for membership in DCPASR to 8 prospective retirees who indicated that they are retiring this year.

The workshop began at 9 am and opened with remarks from Larry Stoner, Cumberland County President and Coordinator of the 6-County Pre-retirement Workshop along with PASR Executive Director, Mark McKillop. PSERS presented information about the retirement process needed to retire in PA, and all the options available for you to receive your pension benefits. The Health Options Program enlisted Doug Bonsall, who did a thorough job explaining the HOP Medicare A & B programs and the HOP Drug Option as well as Medicare Advantage programs available through HOP. The program ended with a short presentation on Social Security by Larry Stoner. Vendors were in the lobby to provide information about financial planning, social security, PSERS and PASR dental and vision coverage. The PASR table had brochures informing them of PASR programs and the many wonderful benefits we offer to our members. Vendors had plenty of personal and school supplies with their logo for our participants to take along with them. Refreshments were provided by members from each county during a short break midway through the program.

A BIG thank you to our DCPASR chapter volunteers who came to help out at the event. Nadine Espenshade and Donna Plummer worked the registration table; Kathy and Bob Hamara, our co-presidents came to this event for the first time and learned the inner workings of how things come together at the event. Sandy Novotni, Don and Dot Steinmeier also helped where they were needed and enjoyed seeing old friends from when they were public school employees themselves. Sandy brought her popular donuts, Don and Dot's fresh fruit platter was a healthy addition, Kathy and Bob contributed salty snacks that were a big hit. Donna's GF donuts and Nadine sugar-free cookies were welcomed by those with special dietary needs. A HUGE THANKS to all our volunteers for giving up a Saturday morning to assist with the event and making food donations for the cause.

Submitted by Donna Plummer, DCPASR Retirement Co-chair and Pre-retirement workshop coordinator for Dauphin County Chapter.



IN LOVING MEMORY

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

Donald E. Bean,	<i>Lower Dauphin</i>
Lois M. Heimbaugh	<i>Central Dauphin</i>
Charlotte M. Hoover	<i>Central Dauphin</i>
Barbara Marie Miller	<i>Harrisburg</i>
H. Edgar Wishaupt	<i>Lower Dauphin</i>

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

PASR DENTAL INSURANCE IS NOW BETTER THAN EVER!!

Any communication from PISI regarding dental and/or vision insurance should be disregarded.

PASR severed its relationship with PISI in June of 2018, and PASR administers these insurance policies **for our members**. PISI, however, continues to solicit PASR members in an attempt to get PASR members to begin new policies with PISI. If you are content with your current dental and vision insurance, please only respond to communications from **PASR**.

During our contract renegotiation for those dental insurance policies beginning July 1, 2019 through June 1, 2020, PASR secured a two-year rate lock on United Concordia dental insurance policies, which also includes an increased annual maximum of \$2,100.00. So, your dental insurance premiums will remain at their current rates for the next two years and you have \$200.00 more that will be paid by United Concordia for services provided!!

As a non-profit, PASR has its members' interests at heart and is disheartened at PISI's attempts to confuse our members in seeking a profit for themselves. Please accept our gratitude for your continued support of PASR as we endeavor to improve the lives of our members and their communities.

Any question can be directed to **Kelly Dygert** at 717-697-7077 or kdygert@pasr.org as Kelly is our benefits specialist at PASR headquarters located at 878 Century Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055. You may also view these and other PASR benefits at www.pasr.org.



P A S R--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 ____/____/20____

Mail To:

**Make checks payable to PASR
With notation: Memorial Honor Fund
878 Century Drive
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055**

JOIN YOUR ASSOCIATION

Membership Application Form

Annual Membership (school retiree)	\$ 60.00	\$ _____
Associate Membership (non-school retiree)	\$ 60.00	\$ _____
Life Membership	\$700.00	\$ _____
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 income tax



PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL RETIREES
COMMUNITY SERVICES SURVEY—2019

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>HRS/YR</u>
Historical Association.	_____
Library.	_____
School Board	_____
Other	_____
Total	_____

<u>POLITICAL</u>	<u>HRS/YR</u>
Advocacy.	_____
Elections.	_____
Government.	_____
Other.	_____
Total.	_____

<u>SOCIAL SERVICES</u>	
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	_____

<u>RELIGIOUS</u>	
Adult Instruction.	_____
Youth Instruction.	_____
Organization.	_____
Visitation.	_____
Other.	_____
Total	_____

<u>SERVICES TO YOUTH</u>	
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 additional clean sheet for your activities with youth that are not listed.

Return this form by December 13, 2019 to either:

Mary Ickes
Sue Wolfe

PO Box 153, Loysville, PA 17047
2407 Wicklow Drive, Harrisburg, 17111

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