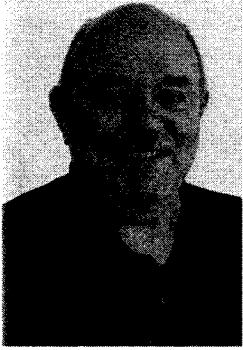


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Cumberland County Chapter
Pennsylvania Association of
School Retirees

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President's Message



Hello,

Another long, hot summer is over and the cool evenings of fall have arrived. I hope you all had an eventful and enjoyable summer. The Executive Committee of

The Cumberland County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees has been working diligently to begin another year of activities.

Our fall luncheon will be held at the Susquehanna Club in New Cumberland on Tuesday, October 18, 2022. We hope to see you all there. Also, there are a few trips planned for the upcoming months that you might enjoy. They are located elsewhere in this newsletter; you will be able to find out more information about them at the luncheon.

If you are not a member of our state organization, the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees, (PASR), please consider joining. PASR provides many benefits for health care, discounts and trips. They also work with our state legislators to make them aware of the need for a longtime overdue COLA!

We have a few openings on our executive committee and are in need of volunteers to fill these positions. The Public Relations position involves taking pictures for our newsletter and corresponding with media as needed. The Scholarship Chairperson contacts all of the high schools in Cumberland County and sends them scholarship applications for students who are planning to major in education in college. The chairperson then reviews the applications and selects two individuals to receive the scholarships. I would like to thank Ron and Kate Conard for the many years of selecting our scholarship award winners. If you, you with a friend or a group of friends, would be interested in any of

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Luncheon/Meeting:
Tuesday, October 18, 2022,
Susquehanna Club, New Cumberland

Region 4 General Meeting:
Thursday, October 20, 2022

CCCPASR Executive Committee Meeting:
November 9, 2022, @ Headquarters

Newsletter Folding:
Tuesday, December 6, 2022

these positions, please see me.

I would also like to thank the Executive Committee and all of the volunteers for all their time and hard work to make this organization the very best.

Sincerely,

Harold

Harold Statler, CCCPASR President

Tuesday, October 18, 2022 - Luncheon Meeting

Cost for Members \$20 - Cost for Guests \$25

Susquehanna Club, Army Depot, 100 Ross Ave., New Cumberland - for directions see page 4.

AGENDA

9:00	9:30 am Registration — Coffee/Tea
9:30	Business Meeting
11:00	Program – John Maietta—From Aspirin to Zipper
12:00	Luncheon

LUNCH BUFFET MENU

- Tossed Salad
- Marinated Chicken Breast
- Top Round of Beef
- Vegetables Du Jour
- Parsley Potatoes
- Rolls with Butter
- Coffee/Tea/Water
- Cup Cakes

Please make check payable to CCCPASR and mail so it is **POSTMARKED** by the **DEADLINE** of Thursday, October 6, 2022. **MANY THANKS!** Please realize, reservations postmarked after that date **CANNOT** be honored. Mail the form with your payment to Cathy Kunkle, 202 Pennsylvania Ave., Camp Hill, PA 17011



Sue & Eric Wible
Recreo/Travel
Chairpersons
938-3516 (H)
991-7058 (C)

TRAVEL TALK with SUE and ERIC

You go; We go!

Dear Fellow Travelers, Members & Friends,

As we write this letter, we are getting ready to depart for New England and Nova Scotia. We have twenty-four travelers going on this adventure, and we are sure to have a great time. This is a beautiful time to travel as many students are returning to school, and attractions are not as crowded. We have two additional trips for 2022, which are listed below.

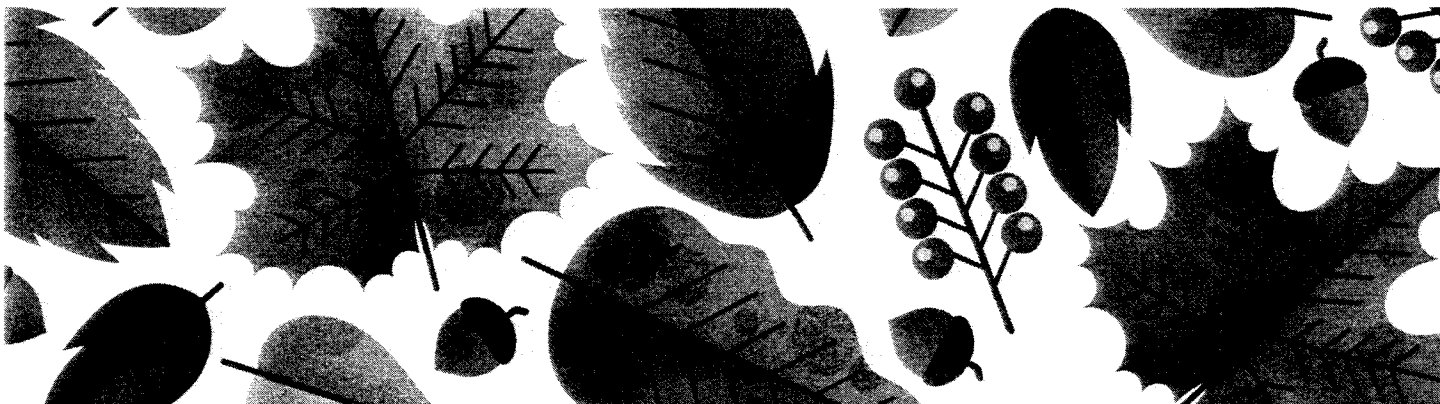
September 15: Chocolate Lovers' Tour – Visit Purity Candy Co., gourmet lunch at Le Jeune Chef with chocolate soup as dessert, cruising the Susquehanna River on the Hiawatha while having a chocolate martini (or non-alcoholic drink) and visiting Four Friends Vineyard for a tasting. - \$117.

November 30 – December 2: "A Victorian Cape May Christmas" – Enjoy an elegant hot lunch with wine at Renault Winery, tour Cape May Peninsula and Lighthouse with step-on guide. Stay at the Grand Hotel where we will enjoy dinner with a Christmas Traditions Presentation.

Day 2 – Breakfast at hotel, visit Physick Estate for a Physick Family Christmas house tour and Carroll Gallery Exhibit. Enjoy shops on Washington Street. Prior to dinner, board Cape May's Holiday Lights Trolley Tour, and enjoy dinner at Angelsea Pub. **Day 3** – Breakfast at hotel, visit "All that Glitters Tour" set in 1899, visit Natali Winery for tasting and tour. This will put you in the holiday mood! Dbl. \$599 pp., Sing. \$799 pp.

After serious consideration and thought, Eric and I have decided to pass RECREO on to some new faces. We have done this job for 20 years, and ever since COVID it has become more challenging. We have enjoyed meeting many new faces and taking people on new adventures. Thanks for all the support and cooperation you've given us over the years.

I am willing to help train new volunteers to show them how we set things up. Hopefully, some volunteers step up to the plate. We plan to complete the trips planned for 2022.



***Call Sue and Eric Wible to reserve your seat for a trip! 938-3516 (H), 991-7058 (C)**
662 Diane Drive, Etters, PA 17319

Thank you for your continued support of our Recreo program.

REMEMBER...TRIPS FILL QUICKLY, SO REGISTER EARLY

Social Service/Memorial Honor Fund

The greatest job of our local SSMHF committee is to service our confined and temporarily confined members. We want to ensure them that their colleagues in our local chapter care about them. With this goal in mind, from July 1st, 2021, to June 30th, 2022, sixty-three different local members received some type of service from our Cumberland County Chapter. We sent 215 greeting cards, 14 floral arrangements and 25 memorial fund donations honoring our recently deceased chapter members.

Since our last February newsletter, we currently have 31 local members who received February thru September holiday and birthday greetings. In addition, a "thinking of you" card was sent to Sylvia Havens (Carlisle). A planter and a funeral floral arrangement were sent to Linda Stoner (Other). Thank-you notes were received from Ruth Robinson (WV) and Larry Stoner (WV).

2022 Woodson Award Recipients



This year's Woodson Award recipients are Justin Weaver and Kelli Group. Justin is a teacher at Cedar Cliff High School and Kelli serves as Carlisle School District's coordinator of staff benefit services. It is with great pleasure that we recognize their excellent service.

Tuesday, October 18, 2022, Luncheon Reservation

Susquehanna Club

Name (Member) _____ \$20.00
 Guest _____ \$25.00
 *I also wish to make a donation to the Scholarship Fund. \$ _____
 Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____
 Phone Number: _____
 This is my first PASR luncheon _____
 Email address: (only if new member) _____

TO:

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of Thursday, October 6, 2022.

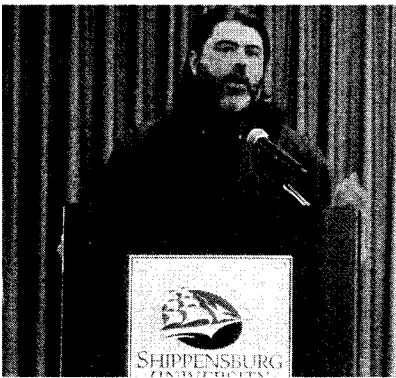
Cathy Kunkle
202 Pennsylvania Ave.
Camp Hill, PA 17011

LUNCHEON ENTERTAINMENT

John Maietta will be our speaker for the October luncheon. The title of his presentation is as follows:

From Aspirin to the Zipper: The Amazing History of Ordinary Things

We're surrounded by mundane objects that we use every day, but most of us don't have the faintest idea where they came from. This lively talk will highlight the fascinating stories behind 15 of them—from aspirin to the zipper. You'll learn about ancient toothpaste, a nasty compound that did more harm than good. The table fork, considered a shocking novelty by medieval churchmen. The first matches, more hazardous than the cigarettes they lit, and one of the greatest inventions of all time according to Encyclopedia Britannica, Scotch Tape.



Pennsylvania Civil War History

At our April luncheon at Shippensburg University, John Miller, the Executive Director of the Shippensburg Historical Society, was our speaker. John has served the National Park Service at Gettysburg, Monterey Pass and other locations in the area. He told us about the invasion of Pennsylvania during the Civil War, especially the invasion of Cumberland County.

Please contact Barbara Lee at (717) 774-0998 if you know of any members who are hospitalized, in recovery, or confined to a home or nursing facility, so she can send cards and flowers for moral support. She would also appreciate notification of any member's obituary. Thanks for your help.

Barbara Lee ~ Social Service Chair

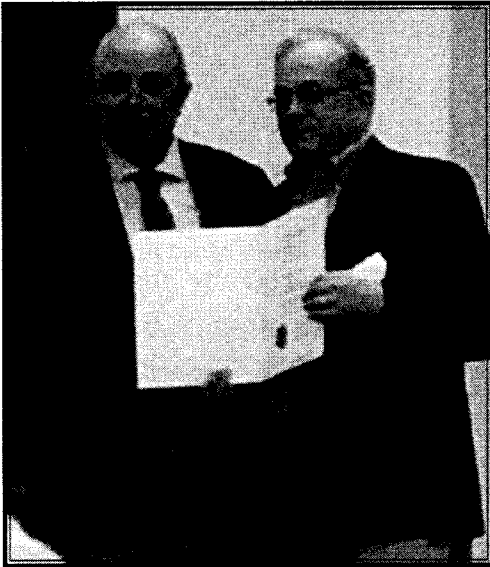
▶▶▶ Check out the website for updates and information!

www.pasr.org

You can print a copy of your state membership via this website, so you have it to take advantage of the available discounts. Enter your username and password. This will take you to the "members only" section. As you scroll down, you will see your membership card. Click on the "print" under the card and follow the instructions. While you're in the website, take some time to look at the other information available.

👉 Directions to Luncheon:

Exit 41A off Interstate 83. Go east on Lowther Street, turn right onto South 3rd (becomes Bridge Street). Go through New Cumberland. Cross the bridge over the Yellow Breeches. Take the first left onto Miramar Street. Turn right onto Ross Avenue. Susquehanna Club will be on your left.



John Dillon Award

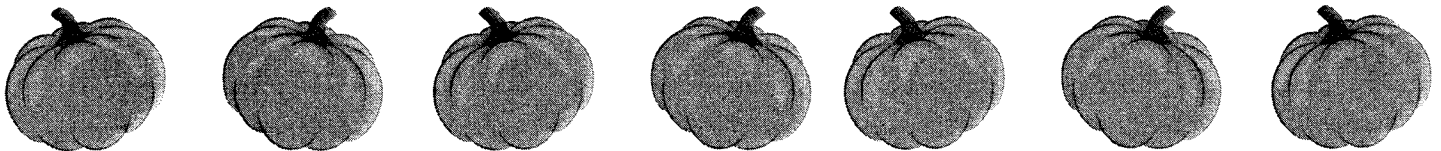
Each PASR chapter presents the John Dillon Award annually to a member of its chapter who has been a major contributor to its success. CCCPASR was pleased to present the 2022 award to Larry Stoner. Larry has been a member since 2000. He has been the Chapter Treasurer (2010-2015), Chapter President-Elect (2015-2016) and Chapter President (2017-2021). In addition, Larry was Preretirement Planning Chair (2015-2020). Larry has also served as a PASR State Convention Chairperson.

We are pleased and proud to recognize Larry for contributions he has made to this organization.



Scholarship Fund

The Executive Council wants to continue giving scholarships to deserving high school seniors who plan to pursue a career in education. You may send a donation along with your luncheon cost/reservation form (see tear-off above) noting it is for "Scholarship Fund." Thanks.



Legislative Report:

Mark McKillop died on Mon. July 18, 2022

The following are highlights from the LPEC State Committee Meeting held on May 11th:

It was announced that a meeting between Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Senator Pat Browne and Mark McKillop was being planned regarding support for a COLA.

A PSERS update was discussed.

A motion was passed for a "Guest Editorial" to be written by PASR's Executive Director concerning a COLA. **(Such a letter appeared in the Patriot News on June 21, 2022).**

It was announced that Channel 21 (CBS affiliate in Harrisburg) planned to interview Mark McKillop and one other person who is a leader in PASR about our need for a COLA. **(The interview actually took place May 16th).**

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IN OTHER NEWS:

According to Round-up - Governor Tom Wolf - PA.GOV, an official website of the Commonwealth of PA, the 2022-23 PA budget (passed on July 8th) projects having a \$3.6 billion surplus at the end of the fiscal year 2022-23 and deposits \$2.1 billion of that surplus in the state's Rainy Day Fund. The \$2.1 billion deposit will raise the balance in the state's Rainy Day Fund to \$5 billion but will still leave the state with a surplus of 1.5 billion.

Source: www.governor.pa.gov/newsroom

COMMENTARY ON THE ROUND-UP MENTIONED ABOVE:

The annual amortized cost of PASR's 2018 proposed COLA was \$90.2 million. The total amortized cost of PASR's 2018 proposed COLA was \$900 million. That \$900 million represents 4.28% of the \$2.1 billion placed in the Rainy Day Fund. Reserving \$900 million of that \$2.1 billion for a COLA would still have left \$2.0001 billion (95.72% of the \$2.1 billion) to be placed in the Rainy Day Fund.

The General Assembly could have used just 4.28% of that \$2.1 billion budget surplus to fund a desperately needed COLA for retired public school employees. Incidentally, not one penny of the state's end-of-year surplus was used to reduce the unfunded liability of PSERS' retirement account, a liability caused in large part by the General Assembly itself.

PASR members might wonder what one can do to change things. For the past 20 years, the same political party has held control of the PA General Assembly. Over that period of time, **NO COLA LEGISLATION** has been introduced, much less passed even in 2022 when for the first time in those 20 years the state **HAS THE MONEY** to do so.

*Fred Seltzer, Region 4 Representative, PASR State LPEC Committee
The next State LPEC Committee meeting is Wednesday Sept. 14th.*


Questions for the State Legislative Committee:

Over the past year, who in the GA was contacted about a COLA and when?


Regarding the 2018 COLA that was developed by PASR, what was the percent increase in pension for those who retired most recently i.e., in years 2000, 1999 and 1998?

L/PEC

Your contribution to L/PEC enables PASR volunteers and members to effectively advocate for benefit improvements and fight to protect the benefits they are currently receiving. Please be sure to contribute to this worthwhile committee. Thank you.



Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees
Legislative/Political Education Committee



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Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees

CONTRIBUTION FORM

Member Number (if known) _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Please donate to the L/PEC Fund since it is the only fund in Pennsylvania dedicated exclusively to advocate for the interests of retired PA school employees.

Contribution Amount:

\$5 _____ Other _____

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.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Susquehanna Valley FCU:

Checking:	\$4,632.93
Certificate: #12778	\$5,224.32
	\$9,857.25

Belco Community CU:

Savings:	\$10,251.21
Certificates: 24 month	\$2,000.00
	\$12,251.21
Total Assets:	\$22,108.46

as of August 9th, 2022
Sandra M. Thomas, CCCPASR Treasurer

PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBERS

- Carlisle**
Sondra Goodling
- Cumberland Valley**
Angelo Bianchi
- South Middletton**
Ann Failor
- Other**
Lois Lehman

In Memory of Our Chapter Friends

- | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <u>Carlisle</u> | <u>Shippensburg</u> |
| Sylvia Havens 4/10/22 | Lincoln Fogelsonger 2/22/22 |
| Harold Leshner 3/21/22 | Herald VanDirt 7/18/22 |
| Charles Sanders 7/28/22 | |
| <u>Cumberland Valley</u> | <u>South Middletton</u> |
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| | West Shore |
| <u>East Pennsboro</u> | Mary L Weller 3/25/22 |
| Alan Lysinger 7/14/22 | |
| Patricia Zimmerman | <u>Associate</u> |
| | Linda Stoner 6/27/22 |

Complimentary
Mark McKitlop 7/15/22



MEMBERSHIP

Life	230
Annual	163
Associate	9
Honorary	3
Complimentary	73
Total	478
State - PASR membership	620

Joann Handshaw
Membership Chairman

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Dues can be paid anytime. Local (CCCPASR) dues are \$20. State (PASR) dues are \$60 yearly or 3 years for \$150 and LIFE is \$700. These may be paid at a luncheon or by mail using the form in this newsletter. Call Joann with any questions at 717-477-2173.

Joann Handshaw
Membership Chairman

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COUNTY

CCCPASR Membership Application or Renewal

CHECK PAYABLE TO CCCPASR

Annual \$20 Associate \$20

Name _____

Phone () _____

Address _____

City/Zip _____

If you are a new member, please complete the following:

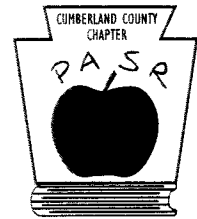
Year _____

District from which you retired _____

Total enclosed _____

Email address: _____

(initial) _____ Permission granted for CCCPASR to use my photo in any publication for the duration of my membership.



Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope and mail BOTH to M. Joann Handshaw, 110 Lurgan Avenue, Shippensburg, PA 17257

STATE

PASR Membership or Renewal

Check Payable to PASR

\$60.00/year ~ \$150 for three years ~ Life Member \$700

Name _____

Phone () _____

Address _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

County of Last Service _____

Email address: _____

