

## President's Message



Members of CCCPASR,

The Executive Committee and I are looking forward to seeing everyone at our Spring Luncheon Meeting on April 29. We are especially looking forward to having our new retirees join us. Hopefully, the long cold winter is behind us and spring is around the

corner. I will be presenting the John J. Dillon Award at the meeting. This award has been developed to recognize individuals that give tremendous service to this association.

Joanne Benedict, Community Service Chair, will be presenting the 2024 Outstanding Volunteer Award. In this newsletter there is a Community Service Survey for 2025. Please consider filling out the survey and returning it to Joanne by June 30, 2025. We know many of you are very active volunteering in your community. We would like to recognize you for all the hours you spend in volunteer service.

The CCCPASR Scholarship Application for \$1,500 was included in December's newsletter for you to pass along to any qualifying student you know. The application was also mailed to 11 schools in Cumberland County. The Executive Committee has approved giving three scholarships this year. We also want to thank Wilmer Harris for his very generous donation. We received donations for our scholarships from your luncheon cost/reservation form by noting it is for "Scholarship Fund" and proceeds from our 50/50 drawings. Thank you for your donations.

Our membership year ends on June 30, 2025. You can use the membership application in our newsletter to renew your membership through the mail or you

can renew at the Spring Luncheon by visiting Joann Handshaw, Membership Chairperson. Your current membership year is noted in the upper right on the address label of this newsletter.

The CCC Recreo Committee has seats available on all the trips for 2025. Those trips are listed in the Recreo article in the newsletter. Please see them if you are interested in any of the 2025 trips. At the Spring Luncheon they will be announcing the featured trip for 2026.

Please check the CCCPASR website: <https://thepasr.wixsite.com/cumberlandcountypasr>. On the website you will find detailed information about all the Recreo trips including reservation forms. If you misplace your newsletter, there are copies of past newsletters along with Membership Forms, Meeting Minutes, Awards, Officers and Committee Chairs on the website.

CCCPASR is a volunteer organization. We have several committees currently without a chairperson. This is a great opportunity to get involved in "Your" organization. Our chapter is located in Region 4 of the state. On April 10, Region 4 is having its General Membership Meeting in Millersville and all members are encouraged to attend. It always includes a great lunch. Please call me if you can attend the April 10 meeting. Another great opportunity to see what is happening in the state is to attend the House of Delegates Meeting on Oct 5-8, 2025 in State College. CCCPASR can help with expenses. Please see me if you are interested in any of these opportunities to volunteer.

I want to thank the Executive Committee and all the volunteers for their time and efforts to make this organization its best. We look forward to seeing all our members at the Spring Luncheon.

PLEASE  
RENEW YOUR  
MEMBERSHIP

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**PASR Region 4 Board Meeting:**  
Thursday, March 13, 2025,  
PASR Headquarters

**Region 4 Membership Meeting:**  
Thursday, April 10, 2025, Millersville

**Spring Luncheon/Meeting:**  
Tuesday, April 29, 2025  
Susquehanna Club, New Cumberland

**CCCPASR Executive  
Committee Meeting:**  
Tuesday, August 5, 2025, @  
Headquarters

**Fall Luncheon Meeting:**  
Tuesday, September 9, 2025

**Fall Newsletter Folding:**  
Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Sincerely,

**Rick**

Rick Singiser, CCCPASR President

## Tuesday, April 29, 2025 - Luncheon Meeting Cost for Members \$20 - Cost for Guests \$25

Location: Susquehanna Club, Army Depot, 100 Ross Ave., New Cumberland – for directions see page 3.

### AGENDA

9:00-9:30	Registration - Coffee/Tea
9:30	Business Meeting
11:00	Program: Two-by-Two
12:00	Luncheon

**DIRECTIONS TO LUNCHEON: SEE PAGE 3**

### LUNCH BUFFET MENU

Garden Salad  
Roasted Pork Loin  
Stuffed Shells Marinara  
Vegetables Du Jour  
Roasted Potatoes  
Rolls with Butter  
Coffee/Tea/Water  
Cupcakes

Please make check payable to CCCPASR and mail so it is **POSTMARKED** by the **DEADLINE** of Tuesday, April 15, 2025 .

**MANY THANKS!** Please realize, reservations postmarked after that date **CANNOT** be honored.

Mail the form with your payment to Gilda Early, 2 Lula Lane, Enola, PA, 17025.

## Recreo Travel for 2025



*Seats are available on all trips for an exciting year of travel with your CCCPASR friends. In order for these trips to happen we need your participation. It is not too late to sign up for any of the trips listed below. Just contact Richard & Vickie Frederick with your registration and check to reserve your seat.*

### **Annapolis Cravings – 18 seats available**

**June 11, 2025 Deposit - \$50pp Cost - \$205pp**

Enjoy a tour of historic Annapolis and tour the US Naval Academy including the historical and beautiful Beaux Arts building, the Main Chapel, the crypt of John Paul Jones and the USNA Museum. Enjoy an afternoon Tea at the Naval Academy Club. End the day with a cruise on the Harbor Queen of Annapolis Bay. Photo ID required for this trip.

### **Rivers of Steel and More – 18 seats available**

**October 6-10, 2025 Deposit - \$200pp Cost - \$1,599pp double/\$1,885pp single**

Travel to Pittsburgh for a 3-night stay in one hotel. We will tour the Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens. Dinner will be at the Grand Concourse. Day two begins with a trolley tour of Pittsburgh. Lunch will be at SouthSide Works. The afternoon includes the Culture of Ketchup Tour, The Frick, the Senator John Heinz History Center, and Duquesne Incline. Dinner will be at the LeMont Restaurant followed by time at the Allegheny Observatory. Day three includes visits to the Cathedral of Learning, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Carrie Blast Furnace Industrial National Historic Center, and a Sunset Dinner Cruise on the Gateway Clipper. Leaving Pittsburgh, we will visit Frank Lloyd Wright's Kentuck Knob and Fallingwater and have dinner at Asiago Tuscan Italian Restaurant before spending the night in Johnstown. In the morning, we will take our Box Car tour for a ride around the Horseshoe Curve, visit the Blair Candy Company and have lunch at Casino Restaurant. In the afternoon we will visit the Wall that Heals, the Railroaders Memorial Museum and the Oak Spring Winery before heading home. This is a very comprehensive tour of Pittsburgh and the surrounding area. Join us as we enjoy this fall trip into the Laurel Highlands. Photo ID required for this trip.

### **Hell's Kitchen - 24 seats available**

**November 12, 2025 Deposit - \$150pp Cost – Not Available At This Time**

Travel with us to Broadway to be entertained with a high-energy musical about Alicia Keys as she fine tunes her life and craft in Manhattan's Hell's Kitchen neighborhood. Lunch will be at Bubba Gump Shrimp Co., a short walk to the theater.

### **New Year's Eve Extravaganza - 18 seats available**

**December 30, 2025 – January 2, 2026 Deposit - \$200pp Cost – \$835pp double/\$999pp single**

Celebrate the New Year with your friends and family at Myrtle Beach. Enjoy your stay in a suite at the Beach Cove Resort. Dinner will be at Original Benjamin's Calabash Seafood and then we will attend the Carolina Opry Holiday Show. The next day brunch will be at Pine Lakes Country Club followed by a matinee performance at the Alabama Theater. Enjoy a New Year's Eve Dinner and Celebration at the hotel including party favors, appetizers, and a champagne toast. HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!! New Year's Day includes an Eco Boat Tour of Murrells Inlet and a visit to Brookgreen Gardens' Night of a Thousand Candles. Dinner will be at Bubba's Fish Shack.

Deposits with your reservation form can be sent to Richard Frederick, 2967 Roosevelt Drive, Chambersburg, PA 17201.

For more information on any of the trips, email us at [CCCRecreo@yahoo.com](mailto:CCCRecreo@yahoo.com) or check out our website

<https://thepasr.wixsite.com/cumberlandcountypasr/recreo-trips>. Thank you for traveling with us.

## **CHECK OUT THE WEBSITES FOR UPDATES AND INFORMATION!!**

**<https://thepasr.wixsite.com/cumberlandcountypasr>**

This is the local chapter website. You can access it by typing this address into your browser. You can also find it by going to the state website, click on "find a chapter," select "southern region." Scroll down to see "chapter websites" on the right-hand side and select "Cumberland." You will want to bookmark the site for easy access. Take some time to check out all that our chapter is doing!

**Tuesday, April 29, 2025, Luncheon Reservation**  
**2024, Susquehanna Club, New Cumberland**

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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make check payable to CCCPASR and Postmark by DEADLINE of Tuesday, April 15, 2025.**

**\*\*\*Mail to:**

**Gilda Early, 2 Lula Lane, Enola, PA, 17025.**

## LUNCHEON ENTERTAINMENT

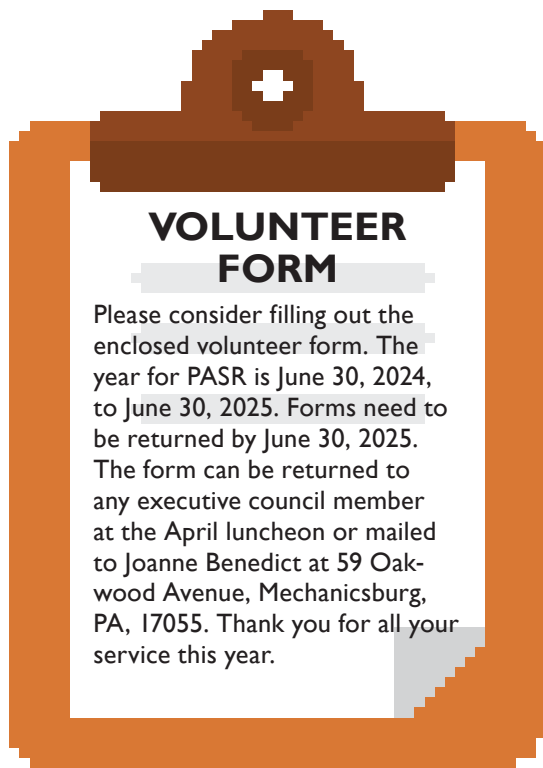


Two-by-Two performs with handbells and piano. Kathy Singiser and Jane Boley are both CCCPASR members and have been involved with various music groups prior to joining together last year. Jane is retired from Carlisle. She is organist at Otterbein UMC, Carlisle and Handbell Choir Director at Carlisle UMC. Kathy taught in Shippensburg, left teaching to raise a family then returned to work in various capacities in several Carlisle churches. She plays in the Otterbein UMC Handbell Choir and plays flute in the Singer Band of Mechanicsburg. Come and relax to their music and learn about bells!

**Two-by-Two performs with handbells and piano. Kathy Singiser (L) and Jane Boley (R).**

## 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.



## Social

Dear Friends, Please know the Susquehanna Club needs the total number of reservations at least **one week prior** to the date of the luncheon. We must pay for the number that we give them. However, they have been most gracious about preparing “doggie bags” for those not able to attend who have already paid. Should this happen to you, if you contact a member who is attending that lives nearby, they can bring you your meal. Also, should you find **prior to the due date** that you are no longer able to attend, and let me know early enough, I will gladly shred your check. (Let’s all stay healthy and happy and not have to worry about any of this!)

**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**

### Social Service/Memorial Honor Fund

Our Cumberland County Social Service/Memorial Honor Fund committee continues to be able to provide services for our local members because of your generous donations. Thank you for your continued support and for providing us with pertinent information about our deserving members.

We currently have 35 members receiving holiday and birthday greeting cards because they are confined or ninety plus years of age. Since our December newsletter, the latest mailings were for December through March birthdays, Christmas cards and Valentines. Each of our confined members received a winter holiday floral arrangement. Our chapter also contributed to the state PASR Memorial Honor Fund in memory of each of our recently deceased members noted in the Memorial section of this newsletter. In addition, a one-hundred-dollar donation was made to the Pennsylvania SPCA in memory of Mark Krempa. As an administrator at our Mechanicsburg PASR headquarters, Mark was always so helpful to all of our local chapter members. It was a pleasure to have known and worked with him. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends and colleagues.

In other business, get well cards or flowers were sent to Darrell Clepper (Carlisle), Diane Nell (West Shore), and Jim Fissel (West Shore). Our condolences were extended to Jane Ober (Carlisle). Congratulations to Mary Rook (South Middleton) on her 100th birthday! We celebrated her milestone by sending her a bouquet of flowers.

Notes thanking us for providing our services were received from Lois Lloyd (West Shore), Jim Fissel (West Shore), Margaret Butts (Big Spring), and the Pennsylvania SPCA.

May is School Retirees Appreciation Month. This edition of our newsletter gives us an opportunity to be able to thank all of our members for the many years of dedicated service that you gave to your former students and to your school districts and also for the various ways many of you continue to serve others. “Help one another; there’s no time like the present and no present like the time.” James Durst

**Barbara Lee ~ Chair**

## **PASR Times Tribute to Mark Krempa**

Mark Krempa consistently went above and beyond for everyone- our leadership, members, and the staff. He had a big heart and was always willing to stop and offer help, even to those he didn't know personally. For staff, he was the go-to person, ready to drop what he was doing to teach or assist with any task. He would follow up later to ensure you felt comfortable and confident with the work at hand. Mark was a great team player and would ask if he could do anything to help out.

**Samantha Nguyen**  
**Administrative Director**  
**PA Association of School Retirees (PASR)**

## **PASR NEWS**

Dear Fellow PASR Member,

Welcome to another year of happy retirement and time for yourself and others! I am Jean Young, your Region 4 Director and I do other jobs for our PASR teachers when asked. I am former President of Lancaster's Chapter. In the six years I have served as your Region Director, I have met many of you at your luncheons, dinners and picnics. (Apparently, we have a food connection!)

I'm sure your President has told you about the PASR House of Delegates (HoD) meeting to be held in State College this year. In addition to attending your local chapter's events, which I really hope you are making the time to do, you are also eligible to attend this year's conference as a delegate from your local chapter with members from across the entire state of PA. The dates for the House of Delegates will be October 5-7, 2025 (go check your calendars now!) and will be held at the Penn Stater Hotel in State College (think Penn State). If you live a short enough drive away it might not include much cost as you may only need coverage for transportation and meals. However, the opportunity to meet people in some of the 60+ chapters across the state will give you valuable ideas to bring back with you to make your chapter even stronger!! Your chapter probably has some funding to help defray conference and meeting costs and PASR helps fund your attendance at the HoD as well. Talk to your President soon! If there's no funding, start a soup sale, garage sale, baskets on the table for donations to help or a raffle off something special. Please consider this opportunity for leadership or delegate participation seriously! Remember: YOU signed up to be a member of this organization so...

## **LET'S BE MEMBERS TOGETHER!**

I want you to consider offering to not only attending the House of Delegates but also volunteering to serve as a chapter chairperson or co-chair this year... or even serving as an officer. Let's get out to your chapter's local meetings. Let's face it, it's a great chance to go out for lunch or dinner and there's no better time to meet old and new friends! I look forward to seeing you celebrating PASR in 2025! And bring a friend!

Jean Young  
Region 4 Director



## LEGISLATIVE REPORT:

As of Jan. 31, 2025, our PRE-ACT 9 retirees needed \$176.58 to purchase what cost \$100 on July 1, 2002, the effective date of the last COLA. Also, our POST-ACT 9 retirees who retired between July 1, 2002, and June of 2007 needed between \$152.47 and \$176.58 to purchase what cost \$100 the day they retired. These retirees have lost at least half of the purchasing power they had when they retired. It looks like many of Post-Act retirees also need a COLA. PASR's State L/PEC Committee (AKA Legislative Committee) also supports a COLA for Post Act-9 retirees.

If the effective date of HB 1416 was July 1, 2023, and the bill had passed in July of 2023, Pre-Act 9 retirees would have needed \$169.60 to purchase what cost \$100 since their last COLA. But the loss of purchasing power since July 1, 2023, has grown an additional 6.98% and as of Jan. 31, 2025, Pre-Act 9 retirees now need \$176.58 to purchase what cost \$100 since their last COLA. Therefore, In the opinion of this writer, any new COLA bill needs to reflect an upgrade in payout percentages (an upgrade of 3.5% would be about right) from the payout percentages listed in HB 1416. Members attending the February meeting of PASR's State L/PEC Committee agreed with this position and agreed that PASR's state lobbyists are notified of said position.

▶▶▶ **Check out the website for updates and information!**  
**[www.pasr.org](http://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.

## 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



### 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:	\$9,480.77
Certificate: #12778	\$2,233.95
	\$11,714.72

### Belco Community CU:

Savings:	\$2,572.06
Certificates: 24 Month	\$16,487.88
	\$19,059.94

**Total Assets:** **\$30,774.66**

as of February 4, 2025  
Sandra M. Thomas, CCCPASR Treasurer

## NEW MEMBERS

**Carlisle**  
Jane Boley

**West Shore**  
Patricia Wilsbach

*In Memory of Our  
Chapter Friends*

Mechanicsburg  
*Patricia Richardson*

Carlisle  
*Ronald Shearer*

PASR Headquarters  
*Mark Krempa*

## MEMBERSHIP

Life	198
Annual	220
Associate	11
Honorary	1
Complimentary	53
Total	483
State - PASR membership	587

*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

# OFFICERS

## Serving You in 2025-2026

PRESIDENT.....Rick Singiser.....717 385-2473..rsingiser13@gmail.com	ASST SECRETARY
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Educational Support.....Sharon Fissel.....717-938-4903	Vickie Fredrick.....717-360-1390
L/PEC	Kathy Singiser.....717-249-8097
Legislative.....Fred Seltzer.....717-243-2368	Social.....Gilda Early.....717 979-8760
Membership.....Joann Handshaw.....717-477-2173	Social Services.....Barbara Lee.....717-774-0998
Darrell Clepper.....717-243-3087	Newsletter.....Mary Kate McGowan ...717-732-7949
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Program.....Elaine Shughart.....717-532-8701	
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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**Reminder:** Each year we lose members due to their lack of membership renewal. Please use the membership application to renew through the mail now.

**COUNTY**

**CCCPASR Membership Application or Renewal**

**CHECK PAYABLE TO CCCPASR**

**Annual \$20**

**Associate \$20**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Current Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

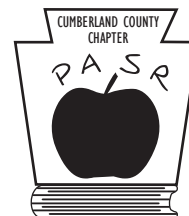
Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

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

Year Retired \_\_\_\_\_

District from which you retired \_\_\_\_\_

(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 Phone: 717-477-2173

**STATE**

**PASR Membership or Renewal**

**Check Payable to PASR**

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Current Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

County of Last Service \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

