

President's Message



Hello,

Your Executive Board and I are looking forward to seeing you at our fall luncheon/meeting on October 8. Our Community Service Chair will present the Outstanding Volunteer of 2024 Award, and we will be installing our new officers. The program committee also has a very interesting program planned.

For the past three years, I have been the President of CCCPASR and had the distinct privilege to meet and work with an Executive Board that is dedicated to making CCCPASR an outstanding chapter. These individuals spend endless hours volunteering their time and efforts as an officer or committee chair. Their names are listed in this newsletter. It is now time for me to step down as President and for you to support your new President, Rick Singiser.

We have invited the staff at PASR headquarters to our Fall Luncheon, and they have graciously accepted. They have given us the use of their facilities for our Board meetings and newsletter folding parties as well as providing coffee and tea for both meetings.

Please take the time at our Fall meeting to thank our Executive Board members and the staff of PASR for all the work they do on your behalf!

Also, thank you for allowing me to be the leader of this fine organization.

Sincerely,

Harold

Harold Statler, CCCPASR President

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Luncheon/Meeting:**
Tuesday, October 8, 2024,
Susquehanna Club, New Cumberland
- CCCPASR Executive Committee Meeting:**
Tuesday, November 12, 2024, @
Headquarters
- Newsletter Folding:** Tuesday,
December 10, 2024
- Spring Luncheon:**
TBD



Tuesday, October 8, 2024 - 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 am	Registration - Coffee/Tea
9:30	Business Meeting
11:00	Program - The Greatest Treasure Hunt in History.
12:00	Luncheon

DIRECTIONS TO LUNCHEON: SEE PAGE 3

LUNCH BUFFET MENU

- Tossed Salad
- Stuffed Chicken Breast
- Stuffed Shells Mariana
- Green Beans
- Oven Roasted Potatoes (with sweet potatoes mixed in)
- Rolls with Butter
- Coffee/Tea/Water
- Cup Cakes

Please make check payable to CCCPASR and mail so it is POSTMARKED by the DEADLINE of Wednesday, September 25, 2024. 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.

Travel Talk with CCCPASR!

Recreo Travel for 2025

Dear Fellow Travelers, Members & Friends,

We are looking forward to more great travel opportunities in 2025. We feel we have another exciting year of travel planned for CCCPASR. Our feature trip is our Collette trip to Ireland.

The Great Gatsby on Broadway

April 10, 2025 **Cost – \$265pp**

This is the musical adaptation of F. Scott Fitzgerald's acclaimed novel. It is a "great, big Broadway extravaganza that explodes with life and energy". (Entertainment Weekly) This is the story of extravagance and longing featuring choreography by Dominique Kelley. (So You Think You Can Dance) Lunch will be at Carmines Italian Restaurant Upper West Side then the bus will take us to the theater.

Shades of Ireland featuring Northern Ireland

May 8 – May 20, 2025 **Cost - \$5,799 pp double/\$6,599 pp single**

Some of the highlights of this trip include: Dublin, Kilkenny, Waterford, Blarney Castle, Ring of Kerry, Cliffs of Moher, Galway, Donegal Town, Derry, Giant's Causeway, Glens of Antrim and Belfast. This includes 17 meals, travel insurance and airfare. These prices include a \$250 discount pp good until November 9, 2024, which is the deadline to register. **Deposit: \$1,177 pp**

Annapolis Cravings

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

Tour Annapolis with a step-on guide. Take a guided tour of the US Naval Academy including the historical and beautiful Beaux Arts building, the Main Chapel and crypt of John Paul Jones. Enjoy an afternoon Tea at the Naval Academy Club. End the day with a 40-minute cruise in the Annapolis Bay. Photo ID required for this trip. **Deposit: \$100**

Rivers of Steel and More

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

Travel to Pittsburgh for a 3-night stay in one hotel. While in Pittsburgh visit the Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, Molly's Trolley, The Culture of Ketchup Tour, SouthSide Works, Senator John Heinz History Center, Duquesne Incline, Allegheny Observatory, the Cathedral of Learning, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Carrie Blast Furnace Industrial Tour and a Sunset Dinner Cruise. We will also visit Frank Lloyd Wright's Kentuck Knob and Fallingwater. Spend one night in Johnstown after which we will board an Amtrak train for a ride around the Horseshoe Curve. Finish the trip with a visit to Horseshoe Curve Overlook and Blair Candy. The trip includes 4 nights lodging, 4 breakfasts, 4 dinners, and 2 lunches. Photo ID required for this trip. **Deposit: \$200 pp**

Hell's Kitchen

November 12, 2025 **Cost - Not Available At This Time**

Ali is a 17-year-old girl full of fire—searching for freedom, passion and her place in the world. Hell's Kitchen is a new musical from 16-time Grammy Award winner Alicia Keys whose songs and experiences growing up in NY inspire a story made for Broadway. Lunch will be at Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. a short walk from the theater. **Deposit: \$150**

New Year's Eve Extravaganza

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

Travel to Myrtle Beach for a 3-night stay in a suite at the Beach Cove Resort. We will attend the Carolina Opry Holiday Show and the South's Grandest Christmas Show at the Alabama Theatre. Enjoy a New Year's Eve Dinner and Celebration including a Champagne Toast at the hotel. After a breakfast buffet you can relax or visit Barefoot Landing for some shopping. Later we will depart on an Eco Boat Tour of Murrells Inlet and visit Brookgreen Gardens' Night of a Thousand Candles. The trip includes 3 dinners, 2 breakfasts and a brunch. **Deposit: \$200**

For us to continue to have successful trips we need a minimum of 30 travelers per trip. Please email us at: CCCRecreo@yahoo.com for more information about any of our 2025 trips. A deposit will confirm your reservation for a trip. We will not be accepting any deposits until our October luncheon.

****Trips are non-refundable without insurance unless a replacement can be found****

If you would like more information on any of the trips please contact us!

Richard and Vickie Frederick | 717-414-6583

Rick and Kathy Singiser | 717-385-2473



**Vickie & Richard Frederick, Rick and Kathy Singiser
at the beautiful Moraine Lake in Banff, Alberta**

REMEMBER...TRIPS FILL QUICKLY, SO REGISTER EARLY

Recreo 2024 in Review

During 2024 we had two fabulous trips to Broadway with great restaurants and musicals. We visited Ellis Island, the Statue of Liberty and the 911 Memorial. The Phillies played the Padres on a very hot afternoon. The year ended with a trip to the 1000 Islands.



**Our CCCPASR group ready to board
our car on the Rocky Mountaineer.**

What a wonderful trip from Vancouver to Calgary. Prior to departure on the Rocky Mountaineer, we explored the beautiful Butchart Gardens and Victoria on Vancouver Island. Our day in Vancouver included a city tour, Stanley Park and Queen Elizabeth Park. We spent two days in luxury aboard the Rocky Mountaineer train. Our train car hosts kept us informed, entertained and provided a constant supply of snacks and drinks. Our meals were fabulous. We were so lucky that the early rain and winds cleared the smoke from the Jasper fire and we had beautiful weather to enjoy the scenery. Lake Louise was picture perfect and we thoroughly enjoyed Banff. During the trip we saw bald eagles, osprey, deer, big horn sheep, elk and mountain goats.

Thank you to everyone who traveled with us during 2024. We look forward to traveling with all of you again in 2025 and hope to see many new faces in the coming year.

▶▶▶ 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.

Educational Support

If you know of a professional or support employee within your Cumberland County School District deserving of recognition for their service, please nominate them for the Woodson Award. Contact me with their names, the school district, and building along with a brief reason for your recommendation. Sadly, I have decided to resign my position as Educational Support Chair on October 8, 2024. If you would be interested in assuming this position, I will be happy to help you prepare for the position as part of the Executive Council of CCCPASR.

Craig Kunkle

John Dillon Award

Harold Statler presented the John Dillon Award to Barbara Lee. Barb works very hard as chairperson of the Social Service/Memorial Honor Fund Committee. She sends floral arrangements and greeting cards to our members offering sympathy, get well, special birthday wishes, or moral support and contributions to the State Memorial Fund for our deceased members.



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 who 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!)

LUNCHEON ENTERTAINMENT

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

The Greatest Treasure Hunt in History.

Late in World War II, a dedicated group of 350 soldiers and civilians scoured the battlefields of Europe, often ahead of advancing Allied forces. Their mission: to find and protect the millions of paintings and other cultural objects that the Nazis had looted from museums, churches and the private homes of wealthy Jews. In 2014, George Clooney brought the exploits of these unlikely heroes to the silver screen in "The Monuments Men." This program goes beyond the Hollywood portrayal to tell the true story.

Tuesday, October 8, 2024 Luncheon Reservation

Susquehanna Club, Army Depot, 100 Ross Ave., New Cumberland

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

Please make check payable to CCCPASR and Postmark by DEADLINE of WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 25 2024.

***Mail to:

Gilda Early, 2 Lula Lane, Enola, PA 17025

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 committee wants to thank all of you for your past and continued financial support. The \$323 donated at the spring luncheon will go a long way towards allowing us to serve the needs of our local chapter members. Our SSMHF annual audit report for the Cumberland County Chapter was submitted to the state PASR on July 11th for the fiscal year July 1st, 2023, to June 30th, 2024. In our chapter, 63 different members received some type of service from us. We sent 227 greeting cards, 10 flower arrangements and 22 state PASR Memorial Honor Fund donations in the names of our recently deceased members.

Since our last newsletter in March, we now have 35 local members who received March through September holiday and birthday greeting cards. In addition, get well and/or encouragement cards were sent to Ron and Suzanne Shuey (Ship and CV). Thank you notes were received from Marian Eichiner (Mech), Ron Conard (CH) and the family of Marion Wetherell (CV). Also, a contribution to the state PASR Memorial Honor Fund was made in memory of each of our recently deceased members noted in the Memorial section of this newsletter.

Do not hesitate to contact me with any information pertinent to our committee (Barbara Lee 717-774-0998). Please stay safe and remember, "If you want to feel good, you have to go out and do some good." - Oprah Winfrey

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.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

August 2024 LEGISLATIVE REPORT Submitted by Fred Seltzer, Region 4 Legislative Chairperson

1. Our previous CCCPASR newsletter of March reported that between January 2002, the effective date of the last COLA and December of 2023, beneficiaries of that last COLA had experienced a loss of purchasing power of 74.15%*. As of July 31, 2024, that loss of purchasing power has risen to 77.61%*. This is according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

* https://www.bls.gov/data/inflation_calculator.htm

2. A new COLA effort will begin shortly. Perhaps members of those retirees who were excluded from the most recent COLA proposal, proposal should be included in new COLA efforts since many have not been exactly immune from the loss of purchasing power since they retired. The percentage of your loss of purchasing power decreases each year through retirement in the year 2005.

3. For the next COLA proposal, would it not be best to advocate for one that shows a real sensitivity to the loss of purchasing power since 2002? After all, by the time of passage of any new COLA bill, the loss of purchasing power since the last COLA could easily be approaching 80-85% for our oldest retirees

4. Just a reminder, the last three COLAs for our legislators were annual, automatic and totaled 16.64%. Also, at the end of December 2023 the state's Rainy-Day Fund sat at a record high of \$6.1 billion and \$900 million was deposited into that fund early in 2024, as part of the then 2023-2024 state budget. Yet, no COLA bill was passed or was included in the 2024-2025 State Budget.

A communication from PASR stated, "After receiving bipartisan support in the PA House, PASR was hopeful at the prospect of a COLA being included in the (2024-2025) budget.... In the end, (the Senate leadership) refused to include a COLA in the budget deal because of concerns about the cost of a COLA."

Ask your State House Rep. how he/she voted on the COLA bill. However, since the COLA bill was not put up for a vote in the Senate, ask your State Senator if he/she supports a COLA. Keep the answers you received in mind when you vote in November.

PASR Region 4 Accommodation

Jean Young, Director of Region 4 of PASR presented Fred Seltzer an accommodation for all the services he has given to PASR. Fred is Vice President and Legislative Committee Chair for CCCPASR; and L/PEC Region 4 Committee Chair. Fred not only works with the chapters in Region 4 but is also a member of the State Legislative Committee. He has a direct role in shaping legislative agenda of our entire 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 noting it is for "Scholarship Fund."

Thanks



Ella Kilko and Oliver Paris receiving their scholarship award from Sharon Fissel

Musical Entertainment

At our April luncheon, Vintage Brass Quintet, performed live music.

Dan Newhouser, trumpet (retired Carlisle Area elementary and middle school teacher), Dave Rutman, trumpet (retired PA state systems analyst), Katie College, French horn (retired music teacher and Bishop McDevitt band director), Don Wenzel, trombone (retired pastor and Hospice Chaplin), Jim Milbrand, tuba (retired music teacher and Central Dauphin band director)



TREASURER'S REPORT

Susquehanna Valley FCU:

Checking: \$4,971.53
Checkbook Balance 2232.28
\$7203.81

Belco Community Credit Union:

11-month promo. certificate \$16,418.03
24-month certificate \$18,470.49
Savings: \$2,052.46

Total Assets: \$25,674.43

as of August 6, 2024

Sandra M. Thomas, CCCPASR Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP

Life	208
Annual	154
Associate	9
Honorary	2
Complimentary	36
Total	404
State - PASR membership	666

Joann Handshaw
Membership Chairman

NEW MEMBERS

East Pennsboro
Katrina Allwein

West Shore
Jacquelyn Behney

Other
Carol Sizemore

In Memory of Our Chapter Friends

Camp Hill
Dr. William Freed

East Pennsboro
Alice Gardner

West Shore
Maxine Bixler

Carlisle
Jean Jacoby

Shippensburg
Robert Hartz
Susan Minick

Cumberland Valley
Marion Wetherell



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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2023-2024**

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Reminder: : Each year we lose members due to their lack of membership renewal. Please use the membership application to renew through the mail now . Please check your mailing label. If it reads 23-24, or F24, this will be your last newsletter. Please use the membership application to renew through the mail now. This can also be done at our luncheon by visiting Joann Handshaw at the registration table. Two checks will be needed if you are joining both CCCPASR and PASR. (\$20, \$60)

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:

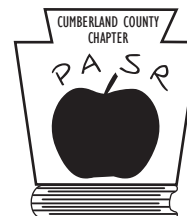
Year _____

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: _____

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