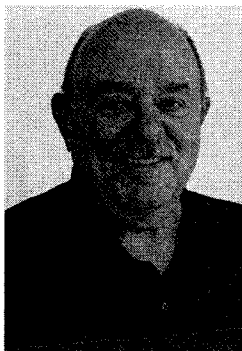


CCCPASR

Cumberland County Chapter
Pennsylvania Association of
School Retirees

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President's Message



Members of Cumberland County Chapter of PASR, I am excited to be your new President and lead our organization for the next three years. All of the Executive Board members and myself hope you

are having an enjoyable, healthy autumn. As winter approaches and the holidays are around the corner, we are hoping that this year we will be able to visit in person with our families, friends, and do some traveling. Please be safe in all that you do.

Our next luncheon will be held on January 11, 2022, at the Susquehanna Club in New Cumberland. The menu, directions, and registration form can be found in this newsletter. The entertainment will be "Old Sailing Days" presented by William Dodd. William entertained us in January 2020 with his "Songs and Stories of the American Hobo." I am sure you will enjoy this program.

If you are not a member of our state organization, the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees (PASR), please consider joining. PASR is the only organization that represents school retirees on the state level. Your membership helps support local chapters like ours, has discounts on a variety of services, and is a voice to our legislature. You can join or renew your membership to PASR by using the form in this newsletter and sending your money to M. Joann Handshaw or by going to the PASR website.

I would like to thank everyone who helps CCCPASR function. There are so many people who work diligently behind the scenes. Without these people, CCCPASR would not survive. Currently, we are in need of someone to volunteer to be President Elect and someone to head our Members Benefits/Services Committee. Please let me know if you would be interested in either of these positions.

It is time to start traveling! Sue and Eric have been working throughout the past two years rearranging, rescheduling, cancelling, and planning new trips. They have planned some outstanding trips for 2022 and hope to see you on an upcoming trip.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Luncheon/Meeting:
Tuesday, January 11, 2022,
Susquehanna Club, New Cumberland

**CCCPASR Executive
Committee Meeting:**
Tuesday, February 8, 2022

Newsletter Folding:
Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Spring Luncheon/ Meeting:
Tuesday, April 12, 2022

Finally, I would like to thank Larry Stoner for being my mentor the last few years and for all of his years of service as President of CCCPASR. His service has provided valuable leadership for our organization.

THANK YOU, LARRY!! "Leadership is service, not position." -Tim Fargo

Sincerely,

Harold

Harold Statler, CCCPASR President

Tuesday, JANUARY 11, 2022 - 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: William Todd, "Old Sailing Days"
- 12:00 Luncheon

**DIRECTIONSTO LUNCHEON:
SEE PAGE 3**

LUNCH BUFFET MENU

- House Salad
- Marinated Chicken Breast
- Stuffed Shells Marinara
- 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 **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2021**. **MANY THANKS!** Please realize, reservations postmarked after that date **CANNOT** be honored. Mail the form (see p.5) with your payment to Cathy Kunkle, 202 Pennsylvania Ave., Camp Hill, PA 17011

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

www.pasr.org

PLEASE
RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP

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.



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,

We hope after a long hiatus you are anxious to see new places, have fun and make some lasting memories! It's been too long since we have seen many of you. We are also hoping to meet many new faces. We presented our 2022 trips schedule at the October luncheon, which we will also share here. Please remember to make reservations early to hold your seats. Hope to see you soon!

Sue & Eric

Dec. 6-10, 2021 - Biltmore, Dollywood & Gatlinburg

Dec. 17, 2021 - Delight in "The Philly Pops" Christmas Spectacular with lunch at The Chart House.

2 available seats

April 27, 2022 - Annapolis: Cravings by Land & Sea ~\$189. pp. Progressive meal with High Tea at the Naval Academy, Cruise, Guide Service. Must have Valid ID for Naval Academy

May 18, 2022 - Chestertown ~ Cruise, Alpaca Farm, Wine Tasting, Crabcake lunch at Kitty Knight (non-seafood item available) \$162.

June 21, 2022 - "Sound of Music" at Totem Pole Playhouse plus family style feast at beautiful Hickory Bridge Bed & Breakfast, \$95.

Aug. 21-Sept. 1, 2022 - Nova Scotia- Two Nation Adventure. Numerous inclusions, beautiful scenery. \$2,999.Dbl, \$3,745 Single.

Sept. 15, 2022 - Chocolate Lovers' Tour

Visit Puritan Candy Company, gourmet lunch at Le Jeune Restaurant, chocolate soup as dessert, enjoy a chocolate martini (or non-alcoholic drink) while cruising the Susquehanna River on the Hiawatha Paddle wheeler, and stop at local winery.

\$117.

Oct. 2-6, 2022 - Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. Spectacular scenery and experiences. Includes hometown airport transfers, air fare, 4 nights lodging, 2 visits to Balloon Fiesta, Old Town Albuquerque, Rt.66, Indian Pueblo Culture Center, Turquoise Trail, Santa Fe Tour, Sandia Peak Ariel Tramway, 3 breakfasts, 3 dinners, escort, taxes & meal gratuities.

\$1,999. Dbl, \$2,499 Single.

Dec. 1-3, 2022 - Cape May Holiday

Details to follow

For more detailed information, please call 717-938-3516 or 717-991-7058.
For 2022 trips, there is a 3% fee charged for payments made via credit card.

***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

In 1992, the Social Service Committee and the Memorial Honor Fund were formally merged at the state level creating our current SSMHF Committee. We are the second largest functioning committee of PASR supporting our members each year by providing expressions of kindness, sympathy and care to those in need. From 7/1/20 to 6/30/21 our Cumberland County Chapter provided 54 different local members with some type of service. We sent 190 greeting cards, 16 flower arrangements, and 18 sympathy fund donations.

Since our last February newsletter, a recent service recipient is Harold Leshner (Carlisle) who celebrated his 100th birthday. We currently have 34 members receiving holiday and birthday greeting cards. The latest mailings were for Valentine's Day and March through September birthdays of those 90 or older. In addition, our chapter has made a contribution to the State Memorial Honor Fund in memory of each of our deceased members noted in this newsletter.

A thank you for our provided services has been received from: Marian Eichinger (Mechanicsburg), Betty Shearer (Carlisle), and the family of Edward Crossley (other).

Barbara Lee ~ Chair

PLEASE
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MEMBERSHIP

LUNCHEON ENTERTAINMENT



Matthew Dodd, who spoke on "The American Hobo" at one of our previous luncheons, will return for our January 11 luncheon. Matthew will educate and entertain us about "Old Sailing Days." Matthew is an expert on American history, and we look forward to another excellent presentation.

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



Woodson Award

It is with great pleasure that we can now announce last year's well-deserving winner of the Woodson Award. Elizabeth Minnich is a social studies teacher at Shippensburg Area High School. Now we must search for this year's recipient. If you have the name of a deserving professional or support employee, please forward that

name to Craig Kunkle at ckunkle202@aol.com. Along with the name, please give a brief reason for your selection and the school the nominee works in or the school district of employment. CCCPASR also awarded this year's Educational Support Grant to Shippensburg School District for use in the library. I have also informed the Executive Committee that I will be resigning my position as chair of Educational Support at the end of this two-year period. If you would like to assume this position, please let us know. It is a rewarding position and it has been a joy and honor to recognize outstanding teachers and support staff over the past years.

Educational Support
- Craig Kunkle

OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER OF 2021

The volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Elaine Shughart at the fall CCCPASR luncheon. Elaine retired from Waynesboro Area School District in 2011 after serving as an elementary counselor for ten years. She had previously taught second grade in the Shippensburg School District.

Elaine's work on the Youth Aide Panel has benefited young teens who need a helping hand to stay out of the Juvenile Justice System and move their lives in a more positive direction.

She has also served on a drug/alcohol committee as well as serving her church in choirs and committees.



Elaine has recently supported CCCPASR by getting speakers for our luncheon meetings and helping with mailings.

Servicing youth, her community and our organization is a priority in Elaine's life from which many have benefited.

Thank you, Elaine, for caring about others.

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. Please remember to bring a mask.

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Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees

COMMUNITY SERVICE SURVEY

To all PASR members - *Thank you for being a volunteer in our community!*

Please consider filling out the enclosed volunteer form. The year for PASR is June 30, 2021, to June 30, 2022. Forms need to be returned by June 30, 2022. The form can be returned to any executive council member at the April luncheon or mailed to Joanne Benedict at 59 Oakwood Avenue, Mechanicsburg, PA, 17055. Thank you for all your service this year.

EDUCATIONAL

Historical Assn
Library
School Board
Other

POLITICAL

Advocacy
Boards/Commissions
Elections
Other

SOCIAL SERVICES

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

RELIGIOUS

Instruction (Adult)
Instruction (Youth)
Organization
Visitation
Other

SERVICES TO YOUTH

Alliance with Youth
Classroom Volunteer
Head Start
Latch-Key Program
Literacy
Scholarships
School Volunteer
Sports
Tutoring
YMCA/YWCA
Youth Aide Panel
Special Olympics
Other

PASR PARTICIPATION

Executive Committee Officer
Committee Chair
Mailings
Committee Support
Member at Large

Year Retired _____

District Retired From _____

Phone Number _____

Date _____

Name _____

E-mail _____

Please return this form to Joanne Benedict | 59 Oakwood Avenue | Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Please attach a sheet with additional information, if applicable.

Tuesday, January 11, 2021 Luncheon Reservation**Susquehanna Club, Army Depot, 100 Ross Ave., New Cumberland**PLEASE
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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:

Please make check payable to CCCPASR,
and mail so it is POSTMARKED by DEADLINE
of TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2021:

Cathy Kunkle
202 Pennsylvania Ave.
Camp Hill, PA 17011

CAN YOU HELP???

If you have an address for any of the following retirees, please
contact Darrell Clepper at (717)-243-3087.

<i>Susan Blazer</i>	<i>Maureen Flynn</i>
<i>Theresa Brossman</i>	<i>Linda Rupp</i>
<i>Laurie Campagna</i>	<i>Linda Sullivan</i>
<i>Marielle Cassell</i>	<i>Kathleen Watts</i>

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:**PSERS – In the News***By Mark A. McKillop, Executive Director***PASR Statement on PSERS**

PSAR is compelled to respond since recent news accounts alleged possible malfeasance. PSERS has acknowledged that there is an active FBI investigation along with a federal grand jury investigation into its recent operations. At this time there is no evidence of information leading to the conclusion that any pension has been placed in jeopardy.

As a result of the pending investigations, PSERS has acknowledged hiring outside law firms to represent them. Also, PSERS has acknowledged hiring an additional outside consulting firm to help with investments during the time their staff is under investigation.

SOME REASONS TO PASS A COLA NOW

1. It has been far too long since the last COLA.
2. Since the passage of Act 9 of 2001, PSERS retirees have lost at least 1/3 of the value of their pensions due to inflation.
3. Inflation (Cost of Living) has increased over 73% since 1990.
4. Almost one-half (49.7%) of all PSERS annuitants have a pension of under \$10,000 per year.
5. Over two-thirds (67.4%) of all PSERS annuitants have a pension of under \$20,000 per year.

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6. Only 4.5% of all PSERS annuitants retired prior to 1990. It is a total of 10,207 people
7. All annuitants who retired prior to 1986 have a yearly pension below \$7,623.

THE CASE FOR PRE-ACT 9 EMPHASIS

The case for passing a COLA to help those who retired before the passage of Act 9 of 2001 is overwhelming. It is especially urgent for those who retired before 1990. **PRE-Act 9 (those who retired prior to July 1, 2001) annuitants/retirees prior comprise only 20.9% for all retirees collecting a pension from PSERS.**

PENDING PSERS LEGISLATION

Recently, Triad met with one key member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives regarding the PSERS reform bills. The report from the meeting was positive. Currently, reform efforts are focused on accounting standards and investment practices at PSERS. In the General Assembly, there are discussions regarding attempting to consider some of the pension-system reform bills in September 2021. Additional reform bills that have been discussed but have not yet been introduced.

It was reported to us that despite news accounts on the operations of PSERS, the pensions are "safe" and there is no risk to the funds.

There are many issues with PSERS including the investing rate of return and how it has (and will) affect a future COLA along with the administration of the office and the progress of the federal investigation. By all indications and sources, we are able to repeat that, at this time, there is no evidence or information leading to the conclusion that any PSERS pension has been placed in jeopardy due to any potential action or activity at PSERS. Many people continue to confuse PASR with PSERS and we will continue to work to make sure the distinction is understood.

We thank all the PASR members and leaders who have reached out to us on this vital issue. Without feedback and comments from our members, being responsive to the needs of the Association would be much more difficult.

FYI item: The PASR's Philadelphia Chapter has posted to its website innumerable newspaper articles related to the FBI investigation of PSERS, for anyone to read. Its website is www.ppsrea.org.

Fred Seltzer Legislative Chair

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.

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Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees Legislative/Political Education Committee

P A S R
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:	\$5891.44
Certificate:	\$5000.00
	\$10,891.44

Belco Community CU:

Savings:	\$8,733.74
Certificates:	\$3,487.32
	\$12,221.06

Total Assets: \$23,112.50

as of November 2, 2021

Sandra M. Thomas, CCCPASR Treasurer

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NEW MEMBERS

Mechanicsburg

Eleanor Yoder

Shippensburg

Cathy Van Scyoc

West Shore

Richard Schin
Audrey Toulournes
Kathy Machamer
Timothy Reiner
Diane Zeiger

Other

Ruth Vymazal

In Memory of Our Chapter Friends

Cumberland Valley

Patricia Noonan

11/27/21

East Pennsboro

Harry H. Barnes

8/13/21

West Shore

Mary Flurie

3/15/2019

Other

Arthur Shaffer

10/17/21



MEMBERSHIP

Life	246
Annual	201
Associate	7
Honorary	4
Complimentary	108
Total	566
State - PASR membership	638

Joann Handshaw
Membership Chairman

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Dues can be paid anytime. Local (CCCPASR) dues are \$20. State (PASR) dues are \$60 yearly or three 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.

Joann Handshaw

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REMEMBER TO DIAL "717" BEFORE EACH NUMBER

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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 now.

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:

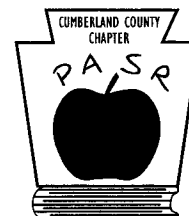
Year _____

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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