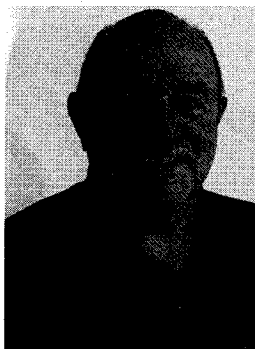


CCCPASR

Cumberland County Chapter
Pennsylvania Association of
School Retirees

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President's Message



Members of
CCCPASR,
Your Executive
Board and I
are looking
forward to seeing
everyone at the
Spring Luncheon/
Meeting on April
16th. I will be
presenting the
John J. Dillion
Award at the

meeting. The John J. Dillion Service Award
has been developed in an effort to recognize
individuals that contribute outstanding
service to our association and its members.

At our Fall Luncheon/Meeting, Joanne
Benedict, Community Service Chair, will
present the 2024 Outstanding Volunteer
Award. In this newsletter is a Community
Service Survey. Please consider filling out
the survey and sending it to Joanne Benedict
by June 30, 2024 or give it to her or any
of the Executive Board members at our
Spring Meeting. We know that many of you
spend numerous hours in your community
volunteering. We would like to recognize
you for all of the volunteer service you
undertake.

The CCCPASR Scholarship Application
for \$1,500 was included in last month's
newsletter for you to pass along to any
qualifying student you know. The application

was also mailed to 11 schools in Cumberland
County. We will continue to give two
scholarships each year. Last year we received
14 excellent completed applications from
7 different schools. We receive donations
for our scholarships with your luncheon
cost/reservation form by noting it is for
"Scholarship Fund" and proceeds from our
50/50 drawings. Thank you in advance for
your generous donations.

Our membership year ends on June
30, 2024. You can use the membership
application in our newsletter to renew
through the mail or it can be done at our
Spring Meeting by visiting Joann Handshaw,
Membership Chairperson, at the registration
table.

The CCC Recreo Team still has openings
for several trips for 2024. Please see them if
you are interested in any of these trips. They
are now working on trips for 2025. If you
have any suggestions, please let them know.
They are planning a trip to Ireland called
"Shades of Ireland and Northern Ireland."
This trip is planned for May 8 through May
20, 2025 with Collette. Information will be
presented after the Spring Luncheon at 1 PM.

I would like to thank the Executive Board
and all of our volunteers for their time and
hard work to make this organization the very
best. We look forward to seeing all of our
members at the Spring Luncheon. Spring
is just right around the corner. Please take
time to smell the roses!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Luncheon/Meeting:
Tuesday, April 16, 2024, Susquehanna
Club, New Cumberland

Region 4 Executive Board:
Thursday, April 18, 2024, @
Mercersburg

**CCCPASR Executive
Committee Meeting:**
Tuesday, August 6, 2024, @
Headquarters

Newsletter Folding:
Wednesday, September 4, 2024

Fall Luncheon:
Tuesday, October 8, 2024

**PLEASE
RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP**

Sincerely,

Harold

Harold Statler, CCCPASR President

Tuesday, April 16, 2024 - Luncheon Meeting Cost for Members \$20 - Cost for Guests \$25

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

AGENDA

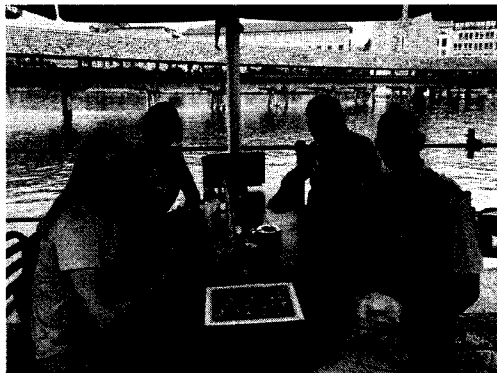
9:00 - 9:30 am Registration - Coffee/Tea
9:30 Business Meeting
11:00 Program - Vintage Brass Quintet
12:00 Luncheon
1:00 Collette will present, "Shades of Ireland
& Northern Ireland," May 8 thru May 20,
2025. Pre and Post tour extensions will
also be offered

DIRECTIONS TO LUNCHEON: SEE PAGE 3

LUNCH BUFFET MENU

Tossed Salad
Marinated Chicken Breast
Top Round of Beef
Vegetables Du Jour
Roasted Potatoes (with sweet potatoes mixed in)
Rolls with Butter
Coffee/Tea/Water
Cupcakes

Please make check payable to CCCPASR and mail so it is **POSTMARKED** by the **DEADLINE** of Thursday, April 4, 2024.
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



Salute America – Seats Available

May 20, 2024 Cost - \$199pp

Spend the day exploring Ellis Island, the Statue of Liberty and the 9-11 Memorial. Includes a guided ferry ride to the islands and dinner at the Clinton Station Diner.

Phillies Baseball Game – ONLY 20 Seats Available

June 19, 2024 Cost - \$118pp

This will be a 1:00 game against the San Diego Padres.

1000 Islands Highlights – ONLY 22 Seats Available

October 1 - October 3, 2024 Cost –\$719pp double/\$859pp single

Travel to Syracuse, NY to enjoy a guided tour of the Erie Canal Museum. The museum showcases the 1850 National Register Weighlock Building, the last remaining structure of its kind. After lunch at the Copper Top Tavern, depart for Alexandria Bay---1000 Islands. The beauty of fall is in full splendor here. Enjoy a cruise on the St. Lawrence River. Visit the Boldt Castle and take a trip to the Antique Boat Museum, the premier freshwater boating museum in North America. Accommodations are at the Riveredge Resort, built on a steamboat wharf. The trip home includes a stop at the Thousand Islands Winery for a tasting and time to explore the cute waterfront downtown of Clayton, NY. **Deposit: \$100pp**

A Beautiful Noise on Broadway – SOLD OUT – We are accepting names for Stand-by

Norman Rockwell Christmas featuring dinner at Ventfort Mansion – Seats Available

December 9 - December 11, 2024 Cost –\$1,269pp double/\$1,499pp single

Get in the holiday spirit as you travel to Stockbridge, MA. Our hotel will be the famous Red Lion Inn. Dinner is included tonight. After dinner, visit the Holiday Nights at the Hancock Shaker Village. Meet your local guide the next day for a morning of touring Stockbridge. This is a light and informative tour with history, humor and facts. Then enjoy a driving tour to view the Berkshire Cottages, the mansions of those who lived during the "Gilded Age" at the turn of the 20th century. The next stop will be at the Norman Rockwell Museum to tour on your own. That evening will include dinner at the beautifully decorated Ventfort Hall with entertainment following dinner. The next morning, tour the holiday decorated home of Edith Wharton, The Mount. She was the first woman to receive the Pulitzer Prize for her work "The Age of Innocence." Depart for home full of holiday cheer! **Deposit: \$200pp**

Shades of Ireland featuring Northern Ireland

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

Immediately following our April luncheon, we will introduce our feature trip for 2025. This special presentation will begin at 1:00 pm. 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. 13 Days and 17 Meals. This includes travel insurance and airfare. These prices include a \$250 discount pp good until November 9, 2024.

Deposit: \$1,177pp We look forward to seeing everyone at the April luncheon.

Please email us at: CCCRecreo@yahoo.com for more information about any of our 2024 trips.

A deposit will confirm your reservation for a trip

Richard and Vickie Frederick | 717-414-6583 | rafvdf@gmail.com

Rick and Kathy Singiser | 717-385-2473 | rsingiser13@gmail.com

REMEMBER...TRIPS FILL QUICKLY, SO REGISTER EARLY

▶▶▶ 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.

PLEASE
RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP

Tuesday, April 16, 2024 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: (**only** if new member) _____

Please make check payable to CCCPASR and Postmark by DEADLINE of Thursday, April 4, 2024.

*****Mail to:**

Cathy Kunkle, 202 Pennsylvania Ave., Camp Hill, PA 17011

LUNCHEON ENTERTAINMENT

Vintage Brass Quintet is a group of 5 retired/self-employed brass players from the greater Harrisburg area who have been performing together for the last 13 years. (Over 200 performances to date.) Their backgrounds are diverse and they hail from Carlisle, Dauphin, Harrisburg, and York Haven. The members of the group are:

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)



Be sure to join us for some wonderful entertainment!

Directions to Luncheon:

Exit 41A off Interstate 83. Go east on Lowther Street, turn right onto South 3 rd (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.



VOLUNTEER FORM

Please consider filling out the enclosed volunteer form. The year for PASR is June 30, 2023, to June 30, 2024. Forms need to be returned by June 30, 2024. 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 SUPPORT:

Each year Educational Support recognizes a professional and a support member of our county's school districts. On occasion we present teachers or schools with a grant to help them complete funding for student activities.

Craig Kunkle

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 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 33 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 made a contribution to the state PASR Memorial Honor Fund in memory of each of our recently deceased members noted in the Memorial section of this newsletter.

Thank you notes for our provided services were received from: the family of James Miller (Carlisle), the family of Doris "June" Reed (CV), Jim Fissel (WS), Mary Jane Erby (Mech), Jackie Bishop (Ship), and Gladys Ciarrocca (Mech).

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.

Barbara Lee ~ Chair

LEGISLATIVE REPORT:

SITUATION 1 - COLA PROPOSAL

The current COLA proposal for PA retired school employees would range from 15% to 24 1/2%, depending on the year of retirement - it excludes retirees who retired after July 1, 2001 because they were included in Act 9. However, due to inflation since January 2002, item x costing \$100 in Jan 2002 now costs \$174.15. (https://www.bls.gov/data/inflation_calculator.htm)

So, if the current COLA proposal becomes law the amount received would depend on your year of retirement. Persons retiring between July 2, 2000, through July 1, 2001 would get \$115. Persons who retired before July 2, 1982 would get the \$124.50.

One may ask, "Does this COLA proposal really help anybody pay their bills?" One may view that the current COLA proposal as being similar to a previously opened COLA beverage left in the refrigerator. Both have gone flat.

Many pre-Act 9 retirees remember that the design of the last two COLA's of 1998 and 2002 was adopted with the following policy intent: Ensuring that all PSERS annuitants be provided an increase of an amount that replaced, at a minimum, one-half of the loss of purchasing power experienced through inflation since the member's year of retirement.

SITUATION 2 - PA LEGISLATOR'S COLA

The last three consecutive COLAs for our legislators were annual, automatic and totaled over 16.64%. Legislators began receiving their latest COLA in their Dec. 2023 paychecks. Many would see the contrast between the two situations just mentioned as (politely put) mind boggling!

CONCLUSION

We are encouraged to press onward for a COLA. With resolve and confidence may we help our legislators see that the COLA needed is one that shows real sensitivity to the loss of buying power since 2002.

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.



Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees

COMMUNITY SERVICE SURVEY

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

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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.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Susquehanna Valley FCU:	
Checking:	\$4,591.74
Checkbook Balance	2,231.91
	\$6,823.65
Belco Community Credit Union:	
Savings:	16,262.09
	\$18,314.41
Total Assets:	\$25,138.06

as of February 7, 2024
Sandra M. Thomas, CCCPASR Treasurer

PLEASE
RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBERS

Camp Hill
Robert Losk

Carlisle
Carolyn Freburg

Other
Bonnie Todd

Associate
Kelly Losk
Edward Plank
Nancy Plank

MEMBERSHIP

Life	208
Annual	224
Associate	14
Honorary	2
Complimentary	52
Total	500
State - PASR membership	597

Joann Handshaw
Membership Chairman

In Memory of Our Chapter Friends

<u>Big Springs</u> <i>Glenn Minick</i>	<u>Carlisle</u> <i>Lamar Freeland</i> <i>Patricia Potter</i>	<u>East Pennsboro</u> <i>Lorraine Siemons</i>
<u>CAIU</u> <i>Patricia Harris</i> <i>Margaret Mellinger</i>	<u>Cumberland Valley</u> <i>Betty Staub</i>	<u>West Shore</u> <i>Betty C. Johnson</i> <i>Ruth E. Smith Robinson</i>

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
Membership Chairman

OFFICERS

Serving You in 2023-2024

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REMEMBER TO DIAL "717" BEFORE EACH NUMBER

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L/PEC.....Bruce Hockersmith.....717-532-8539	Rick & Kathy Singiser.....717-385-2473
Legislative.....Fred Seltzer.....717-243-2368	Social.....Cathy Kunkle.....717-761-6839
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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 _____

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

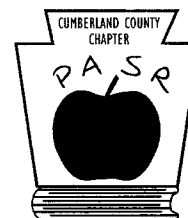
Year _____

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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