

CCCPASR

Cumberland County Chapter
Pennsylvania Association of
School Retirees

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President's Message



Hello members of the Cumberland County Chapter of PASR. I am excited to begin my term as your president. I look forward to working with you and the Executive Committee during

the next two years.

I want to thank Harold Statler for leading this organization for the past three years and bringing us back to in-person meetings. I also want to thank Craig Kunkle for his years as the Educational Support Chair and Cathy Kunkle for her work as Social Committee Chair. Gilda Early is taking over the responsibilities of Social Chair.

We have several openings on the Executive Committee: Educational Support, LPEC and Public Relations. If you want more information or are willing to volunteer, please contact a committee member or myself and we will be glad to assist you.

We want to thank John Maietta for his presentation at the October luncheon. It was an extremely interesting presentation about finding and protecting the millions of valuable objects looted by the Nazis.

Please check out the trips for 2025 presented by the Recreo Committee. It should be an exciting year to travel.

The Executive Committee and I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

Please stay warm and healthy in 2025. If you need any assistance, please don't hesitate to contact someone on the Executive Committee. PASR provides many benefits for its members.

Sincerely,

Rick

Rick Singiser, CCCPASR President

PLEASE
RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Spring Luncheon/Meeting:

Tuesday, April 29, 2025
Susquehanna Club, New
Cumberland

CCCPASR Executive Committee Meeting:

Tuesday, February 4, 2025, @
Headquarters

Spring Newsletter Folding:

Tuesday, March 4, 2025, @
Headquarters

▶▶▶ 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.

Recreo Travel for 2025

We have plenty of seats 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. We must have a minimum of 30 travelers per trip.

The Great Gatsby on Broadway – 25 seats available

April 10, 2025 Deposit - \$150pp Cost - \$265pp

Travel with us to see this big extravaganza that explodes with life and energy. Lunch will be family style at Carmines Italian Restaurant Upper West Side. The bus will take us to the theater.

Annapolis Cravings – 30 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 – 30 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 - 30 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 - 30 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.



Kathy Singiser, Rick Singiser, Vickie Frederick and Richard Frederick in Banff.

If you are considering our spring trips to The Great Gatsby on Broadway and Annapolis Cravings, sign up as soon as possible as we will soon need to make reservations at these venues. A deposit will confirm your reservation for a trip. Deposits 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. Thank you for traveling with us.

Richard and Vickie Frederick | 717-414-6583
Rick and Kathy Singiser | 717-385-2473

ENTERTAINMENT TEASE

**HOW DOES ONE PERSON PLAY A
SONG ON OVER 30 BELLS?**



**FIND OUT AT OUR
APRIL LUNCHEON.**



CAN YOU HELP???

We are looking for the following people's addresses.

Mauree Foley – Camp Hill

Sara Shoop, Susan M. Snyder – Cumberland Valley

Becky Garlach, Joel Shoemaker – Shippensburg

We also need some recent retirees to help us obtain the names and addresses of new retirees. Since your school district knows you, they may be more willing to give you the names rather than a non-district person. Contact Joann Handshaw at 717-477-2173 or any board member if you can help us increase our membership.



2025 Executive Officers:

President: Rick Singiser, Past President: Larry Stoner,

Vice President: Fred Seltzer, Secretary: Sharon Statler, Treasurer: Sandy Thomas, Past President: Harold Statler (not present in photo)



John Maietta, who told the real story of the "Monuments Men" at our October luncheon

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

LAURETTA WOODSON AWARD

The Laurretta Woodson Award was presented to James Statler, a dedicated technology education teacher in the Mechanicsburg Area School District.

With Jim's leadership in the classroom his students have manufactured many products (Adirondack chairs, corn hole boards, end tables, coffee tables) that have been donated to the Wildcat Foundation to raise funds for the Foundation. They have erected sheds for Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Park in Mechanicsburg and constructed Little Free Libraries for around the community.

An automated street crossing sign for Mechanicsburg Borough was built by the students and entered the PA Governor's STEM competition. The students received an Honorable Mention. His students have won many awards at the Technology Students Association regional and state competitions in which Jim is the advisor.

Jim also leads a team of students to design and construct the musical sets for Mechanicsburg High School's Spring Musicals.



James Statler, Woodson
Award winner

Social Service/ Memorial Honor Fund

The Social Services/Memorial Honor Fund is one of the many ways our Cumberland County chapter of PASR can give back to our members and have a positive impact on their lives. We can provide these services because of your generous donations. Our committee wants to thank all of you for your past and continued financial support. We received \$216 in donations from our attending members at our October luncheon. This year, after submitting our chapter's annual SSMHF audit report, PASR awarded us \$684 as our chapter's state allocation to help us with our committee's expenses. A special thank you is extended to Sarah Hankins (CV) for her generous donation of greeting cards and postage stamps. If organizations send you greeting cards you cannot use and you wish to donate them to us, please contact me.

Currently, we have 37 members 90 or older or who are confined receiving holiday and birthday greetings. The latest mailings were for October through December birthdays, Halloween, and Thanksgiving. In addition, get well cards and/or flowers were sent to Sue Weible (WS), Robert Mull (O), and Ron Conard (WS). A sympathy card was sent to Ron Eckerd (CV). A thank you note was received from Ron Conard (WS). Also, a contribution to the state PASR Memorial Honor Fund was made in memory of each of our recently deceased members noted in the Memorials section of this newsletter.

Contact me if you have any questions or information concerning this committee. Wishing you a wonderful holiday season and a healthy and Happy New Year!

Barbara Lee ~ Chair 717-774-0998

CUMBERLAND COUNTY CHAPTER OF PA SCHOOL RETIREES

\$1,500 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: HOME _____ CELL _____

HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDING: _____

MUST MAJOR IN EDUCATION: YES (☐) MAJOR _____

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND HONORS: _____

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: _____

SCHOLARSHIP RULES

- Must be a high school senior who will major in Education at a four-year college. The check will be made payable to both the college and the selected student in July 2025. Should the recipient decide not to attend college, the award will not be given.
- Must submit a completed application, school transcript, and at least one letter of recommendation from applicant's high school teacher/counselor/administrator.
- Must submit an essay of at least 200 words stating why you want to be an educator.
- Materials must be received or postmarked by April 1, 2025. No late entries will be accepted.

ALL REQUIRED MATERIALS RECEIVED OR POSTMARKED BY APRIL 1, 2025.

Mail to:

**JAMES AND SHARON FISSEL, SCHOLARSHIP CO-CHAIRS
386 BENYOU LANE
NEW CUMBERLAND, PA 17070.**

CHECK OUT THESE WEBSITES FOR UPDATES AND INFORMATION!!

www.pasr.org

This is the state website. You can print a copy of your state membership via this website, so you have it to take advantage of the discounts available. 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.

NEW!!!! <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!

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:	\$5,072.47
Certificate: #12778	\$2,233.58
	\$7,306.05

Belco Community CU:

Savings:	\$2,052.75
Certificates: 24 Month	\$16,861.82
	\$18,914.57

Total Assets: \$26,220.62

as of November 12, 2024

Sandra M. Thomas, CCCPASR Treasurer

NEW MEMBERS

Carlisle

Lisa Brousse

Cumberland Valley

Jackie Orner

Mechanicsburg

Maureen Asper

Shippensburg

Tony Stoops

Associate

David Reed

Other

Sandra Boylan



In Memory of Our Chapter Friends

Carlisle

Myrna Barefoot

Cumberland Valley

Dr. Eugene Baldwin

East Pennsboro

Helen Sarraf

West Shore

Earl Follett



MEMBERSHIP

Life	201
Annual	245
Associate	10
Honorary	2
Complimentary	53
Total	511
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 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 at 717-477-2173.

Joann Handshaw
Membership Chairman

OFFICERS

Serving You in 2025-2026

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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: _____

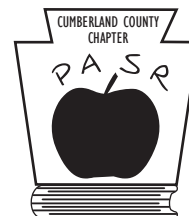
Total enclosed _____

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 \$ _____

