

COMMUNIQUE

Pennsylvania Association Of School Retirees

Lancaster County School Retirees

Spring 2020

Mission: "To continue to support education, to serve others in need and to help one another enjoy retirement."

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Retirees!

As you read this, Spring is around the corner.

We have been very fortunate to have such a great, mild winter.

Are you ready for the flowers to bloom and the trees to blossom? I am tired of brown!

This is a reminder, if you know of any recent retirees, please ask them to join us and our organization. We welcome new members. Share that we have two major general meetings per year – one in the Spring and one in the Fall, both with entertainment.

We are planning some fun activities

between the two meetings

On April 20th we will meet at Calvary Church on Landis Valley Road, in Manheim Township. For our General Membership Meeting/Luncheon. The entertainment will be the "Donegal Rhythms" directed by Meagan Caterbone of the Music Department of the Donegal School District.

There will be registration, a brief meeting and then the entertainment. A luncheon will follow. Registration Form is on page 11.

Please plan on joining us.

Georgene Hoff, President



Leadership Opportunities

Join the Board of LCSR as a Committee Chair and help shape the future of your organization.

OPEN POSITIONS

Publicity Chair
Social Services Memorial Honor Fund Chair
Newsletter Editor
Membership Chair

Come to the
General Membership Meeting

April 20

BRING A FRIEND !



SAVE THE DATE

- General Membership Meeting—April 20
- Retirement Fair—April 28
- Playin' Hooky Picnic—September 10
- General Membership Meeting—November 9

Visit our website: <https://thepasr.wixsite.com/lancasterpasr>

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Upcoming Events

Look for information about summer events in the June Communique.

SUGGESTIONS WELCOME: If you have an idea for a program or event you think our membership would enjoy please give those suggestions to the ad hoc Social/Program Committee. Members include: Marge Rineer, Mary Chesters, Becky Peifer, John Bratton, Ruth Haverkamp, Elaine Hill, Sue Hoxworth and Lauren Buchmann.

LCSR/PASR General Membership Meeting

November 18, 2019

Calvary Church

Welcome and Pledge to the Flag: President Georgene Hoff

Community Service: Ruth Haverkamp reminded members that the collection of food and cash donations being accepted at the meeting would be given to the Lancaster County Food Hub.

Recreo: Carol Tangert reviewed trips being offered for 2019 through 2020.

Program: A Choral Group from the Conestoga Valley School District, under the direction of Mrs. Liz Carney, entertained the members with a variety of American, Canadian, Haitian, and Latin music. Mrs. Carney was a 2019 recipient of an LCSR/PASR Educational Grant for her impressive choral group.

Speaker: Superintendent, Tom Strickler, from the Columbia School District informed members about Columbia's initiatives to create positive students who are prepared for work at graduation. He invited everyone to volunteer in the Columbia Schools by matching their individual passions with student needs like reading, drama, art, job skills, etc. Anyone can volunteer an hour to enhance student achievement.

Invocation: Don Rineer

Lunch

Secretary's Report: Don Rineer moved to approve the minutes from the Membership Meeting on April 15, 2019. Phil Loht seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Marijane Ember reported a profit of \$100 from the picnic and reviewed the budget. She reported the current account balances: BB&T Checking \$4591.28 – BB&T Savings \$2364.08 – BB&T CD \$11,000 (due 1/29/2020) – Members 1st CD \$22,000 (due 12/07/2022) – Members 1st Savings \$5.00- Recreo account of \$1500. The treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

Old Business:

Monte Carlo: John Chesters reported that Monte Carlo tickets for March 15, 2020 are now available for \$75 each. John encouraged members to buy tickets and to make donations of raffle items that could be included in baskets or offered individually for the silent auction.

New Business:

Chairs needed: Publicity, Social Services, and Chapter Representative for Region 4 Member Benefits. Anyone interested, please contact President Georgene Hoff.

Memorial Memories: Lauren Buchmann read the names of members who passed away in 2019. She offered a white carnation in remembrance of each deceased member and invited their friends to take a carnation in memory of that friendship.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00.

Respectfully Submitted,
Becky Peifer

Luncheon Program



The Rhythm Singers is a show choir from Donegal High School in Mount Joy. They are an auditioned group who perform at many different venues throughout the year. The group consists of 22 singer/dancers, 1 drummer and 1 electric bass player.

Meagan Caterbone
Donegal High School Choral Director; Rhythm Singers Director
Donegal Intermediate School Instrumental Music Teacher; Band and Jazz Band Director

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Food Bank Donations

Thank you to all who contributed so generously at our November General Membership Meeting. Monetary donations totaled \$262.00. Our contributions to the Lancaster County Council of Churches Food Bank allow the Food Bank to purchase food from the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank at a reduced cost. Additionally, 24 pounds of food were donated. Thirty percent of those receiving food are children. Our contributions do much to alleviate hunger in our community.

Opportunities for Volunteer Service

Please continue to look for opportunities in your local communities, where your help would be greatly appreciated.

Pre-Retirement Fair.... Set your calendars with friends about to retire!

The LCSR Pre-Retirement fair will be held at Calvary Church, 1051 Landis Valley Road on **Tuesday, April 28 starting at 2:45 PM** for anyone planning to retire from public school service in 2020 or the near future. We encourage people considering retirement both now and in the next few years to visit and see what will be available to them and to give all retirees a chance to make the best decisions for retirement.

Speaking and visiting this year will be representatives from HOP, Social Security, Davis Vision, United Concordia insurance, PASR, LCSR-PASR, PSER-R, Nationwide Financial Planning and our own RECREO director, Carol Tangert, who can let retirees know what special travel opportunities are coming!

If you know of anyone who is retiring from public school service and wants to know more about what is to come, please ask them to contact **Jean Young (chair) at 717-928-4432 before April 22, 2020** so that we can best prepare for copies of information to take along for reflection at a later time.

If you would like to help with the afternoon, please contact Jean. The church is responsible for setting up and taking apart the accommodations of the room, but there will be people who will really want to speak to someone already “in the know” that’s you!

Registration IS REQUIRED for this event. Again, if you know someone who is ready to take the plunge, please ask them to register and get ready to learn about the good things to come!

Playin’ Hooky Picnic 2020

Join the Fun at Long’s Park

Date: Thursday, September 10, 2020

Time : Social hour begins at 10:30 with lunch served at 11:30

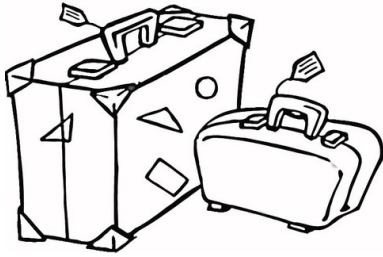
Features: Games, prizes, trivia, fellowship and maybe a special guest TBA

Cost: \$10.00

Reservations due to Marijane Ember by September 5

Reservation card will be mailed to membership in mid-August.





TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES 2020

March 3, 2020 **Philadelphia Flower Show** – Tuesday . Riviera Holiday is the theme and inspired by the world's exotic Mediterranean gardens. Depart Lancaster Shopping Center 11:30 AM – boarding will start at 11:15 AM. Return 7:00 PM Tour includes: deluxe motor coach, driver gratuity, show tickets, snacks and door prizes. Price: \$63.00

April 15-16-17, 2020 **Monticello & President's Homes.** Arrive in Montpelier and tour James & Dolly Madison home, second day arrive at Monticello and tour Thomas Jefferson home with many attractions on site. Thomas Jefferson Winery & Vineyards & Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library Museum. Tours Includes: Deluxe motor coach, driver and guide gratuities, hotel accommodations, tax and luggage handling. 2 dinners 2 luncheons, 2 breakfast & 1 Brown-Bag Breakfast. Montpelier home, Monticello home, Jefferson Winery & Vineyards, Woodrow Wilson Library & more. Price: \$695.00

May 17-22, 2020 **Cleveland, MACKINAC ISLAND, Frankenmuth** Tour starts in Cleveland for Rock 'N Roll Hall of Fame, board Ferry at Shepler's Landing to Mackinac Island for a delightful three-day stay. Grand Luncheon Buffet and much more before moving onto Frankenmuth. Tour includes: Deluxe motor coach, driver and guide gratuities, hotel accommodations, tax & luggage handling. 3 Dinners, 2 Luncheons, 5 breakfasts & 1 Brown-Bag-Breakfast. Rock 'N Roll Hall of Fame, Ferry to Mackinac Island, carriage ride, Grand Luncheon Buffet at Grand Hotel, guided tour of Frankenmuth and Bronner's Wonderland.

Price: \$1,275.00

June 26, 2020-July 4, 2020. **OBERAMMERGAU – Germany & Switzerland.** Round-trip transfers to airport to Munich, Germany and rerun from Zurich, Switzerland. 8 -night hotel accommodations, 7 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 5 dinners. Oberammergau Passion Play, Weis Church, Neuschwanstein Castle, Matterhorn Museum, /Grimsel Pass, Lucerne, Switzerland Double: \$6,589.00 PP. Limited Time

July 17, 2020 **Eastern Shore Dine Around** We'll depart 8:00 Lancaster Shopping Center and our first stop will be for appetizer at Chesapeake Inn. Next, we move onto Bay Wolf Restaurant to enjoy a wonderful entree (please select one). Our tour will include a driving tour to Rock Hall Boardwalk and a visit to Eastern Neck Wild Life. Of course, our day would not be complete without an ice cream stop and it will be at Get the Scoop. **Includes:** Motorcoach transportation, Driver gratuity, Step-on Guide, Guide Gratuity, Soup & Salad at the Chesapeake Inn, Entrée at Bay Wolf Restaurant, Eastern Neck Wildlife Refuge and Ice Cream at Get the Scoop. Price: \$115.00

Travel continued:

August 8, 2020 Peddler's Village Peach Festival & New Hope. Dept. Lancaster Shopping Center 7:30 AM and arrive at Peddler's Village by 10:00 AM. You will be able to enjoy the Peach Festival until lunch is served at Cock N Bull Restaurant. Moving along will be a choice of an Antique Automobile Show or time to shop Main street in New Hope. Includes: Motorcoach transportation, Driver gratuity, visit to Peddler's Village, lunch at the Cock 'n Bull Restaurant, Antique Automobile Car Show or shopping in New Hope Price: \$98.00

September 15-18, 2020 TORONTO, ON Deluxe motor coach, driver gratuity included, 3 nights accommodations Courtyard Marriott Downtown, luggage handling, 3 breakfasts, 1 Brown-Bag-Breakfast, 3 Dinners, taxes & gratuities on meals, listed tours & attractions with step-on-guide & gratuities Dinner Cruise on Lake Ontario, Tours of Casa Loma, an Edwardian Castle, Dinner at the Fabulous CN Tower /360 Restaurant, Chinatown, Kensington Market & area, Royal Ontario Museum, Dinner at Medieval Times Dinner Theatre. . Price: \$1,283 CURRENT PASSPORT NEEDED

October 16, 2020 Friday Potomac Eagle Train Ride, West Virginia

Dept. Lancaster Shopping Center 7:00 AM, Dillion's Country Treasures for some time before boarding the Potomac Eagle. Upon arrival, pick up box lunches – Ham & Turkey sandwich, chips, salad, cookie & water. (Special dietary requests can be made) & board Potomac Eagle Train. Look for a Table car (4 at a table) and enjoy the 3 hour trip southbound through the Through to Sycamore Bridge. Return to station and depart for home. Includes, deluxe motor coach, driver gratuity, Dillion's, Potomac Eagle Train, Box Lunch, & Brown Bag Breakfast. Price: \$155.00

December 5, 2010 Christmas Event

TRAVEL IN 2021 PREVIEW

AMA WATERWAYS RIVER BOAT CRUISE--- DANUBE RIVER

AMA MAGNA is the newest ship of AMA and is spectacular!



For more information or to make a reservation contact:

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LANCASTER COUNTY SCHOOL RETIREES (LCSR) AWARD SCHOOL EMPLOYEE GRANTS FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

As part of its mission to continue supporting education in retirement, the Lancaster County School Retirees association has awarded the following grants to local educators and schools for the 2019-2020 school year.

Recipients are:

- Tamara Armstrong**, Phys Ed Instructor, at **Reamstown Elementary** - \$500 for Speed Stacks Sport Pack, which promotes ambidexterity and eye-hand coordination with all students, as well as provide success to students who may not be as athletically skilled as other students.
- Eric Balak**, 5th Grade Teacher at **Hans Herr Elementary** - \$500 for aquaponics equipment and supplies that will be used to educate the students about the ways communities can use the science of aquaponics to help produce food while protecting the earth's resources and environment.
- Nicole Campbell**, 2nd Grade Teacher at **Leola Elementary** - \$500 for equipment and supplies for a "Guinea Pig STEM" project that has teams of students using math, engineering, and other 21st century skills in designing and building a guinea pig cage. Students will write and record a video of the complete process, then publish it on YouTube for a global audience.
- Michael Deiter**, 4th Grade Teacher at **Park Elementary** - \$494 for tools in a "Weather Tools and Data Collection" project that is cross curricular in math and science, and allows students to collect and analyze data, identify patterns, and attempt to make weather predictions.
- Lindsey Garrett**, Science Teacher at **Columbia High School** - \$300 for mBot Robots project, that has students building little robots, and learning and developing coding for the robots to do a variety of tasks.
- Olivia Grenter**, Science teacher at **Gerald Huesken Middle School** - \$400 for a "Martian Colonization Project" where teams of students will use vermicomposting to grow food in a manner as would be necessary in colonizing a planet such as Mars.
- Erin Kreger**, Spanish Teacher at **Cocalico High School** - \$250 towards a "Multiculture Night where students will plan, advertise for, and host an event where participants will learn about, and develop appreciation for the cultural diversity in the community.
- Jacqueline Phillips**, School Nurse at **Reidenbaugh Elementary** - \$300 for "Wellness Pedometers" for use in walking challenges posed to the students. These challenges not only promote a healthy lifestyle, but also engage students in conversation and provide moments of personal self-reflection while having fun in friendly competition with other students and classrooms.
- Alicia Shirk**, Learning Support Teacher and **Jodi Haberstroh**, School Nurse at **Park Elementary** - \$200 for "Tactile Stimulation" materials to help students who are hyperactive or have problems sitting still in a classroom. These materials will help the student to incorporate sensory strategies to increase engagement and learning in the classroom.
- Amanda Summers**, 4th Grade Teacher at **Providence Elementary** - \$300 towards a "Student Choice Reading Initiative", a project which would encourage the students, especially the disadvantaged, to select books on things they care about and assist them in starting their own home library.
- Kimberly Sweigart**, FCS Teacher at **Warwick High School** - \$220 for a "Garment Designer" computer program that will allow students to create and print patterns for garments of their own unique design, which they will then assemble and present.

All projects for the grants are to be completed by June 30, 2020. Upon completion, the recipient is to submit a description and evaluation of the project, which will be shared in the LCSR membership newsletter or presented at a Membership Meeting.

Retirement Planning Committee

To all 2019 Lancaster County School Retirees: The Retirement Planning Committee hopes that you have been enjoying your first year of retirement. Did your first year complimentary membership to the **Lancaster County School Retirees** enable you to learn more about LCSR through the newsletters, membership meetings, or social activities? The last membership meeting for this year will be on Monday, April 20, 2010 at the Calvary Church, 10151 Landis Valley Road, Lancaster. Please come and enjoy lunch, meet other retirees, and see firsthand what we are about. Information and the registration form for this event can be found in this newsletter. If you have questions or would like more information about our group or the meeting, please contact Carol Kurl at 717-616-2435. She will be happy to assist you.

FYI... Your complimentary membership will expire on June 30, 2020. You will be receiving a letter from the Retirement Planning Committee giving details on how to become a member of the Lancaster County School Retirees. Be a member to stay informed about your retirement services and benefits, and stay in touch with other retirees.

Calling all members- If you know of a Lancaster County School employee who is retiring or has retired, please send their name and address to us and we will send them information about LCSR and a membership form. See our names and contact information below.

We are counting on your help. Together we can continue to grow and make a difference.

Carol Kurl- kurl1249@live.com 717-616-2435

Liz Loht- lizloht@comcast.net 717-569-6017

Welcome!

NEW MEMBERS

Jan Hartman	Red Lion
Brenda Walker	Hempfield

In Memoriam

Carl Beck
Sharon G. Bell
Jeanne Burkins
Mary Lou Demoise
Ann B. Evans
Lon Heibeck
Edward Moul
Joyce M. Mumma
David Ober
B. Ruth Peters
Gene S. Wentling
Gail M. White

Application for Local Membership

Lancaster County School Retirees

Please use this form to join as a new member or to renew your membership.

Send a check payable to LCSR/PASR and enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Lauren Buchmann, Membership Chairman

1701 Drummers Lane

Lancaster, PA 17603-6791

Please Check Membership Category:

___ Life (\$250.00) ___ Annual (\$15.00) ___ 3 Year (\$40.00) ___ Associate (\$15.00)

Name_____ Phone_____ DOB_____

Address_____ City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Year Retired_____ District_____ Position_____

E-mail address_____

Visit our website at <https://thepasr.wixsite.com/lancasterpasr>

Application for State Membership

Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees

Please use this form as a new member or to renew your membership.

Make checks payable to PASR and send the application and check to:

PASR

878 Century Lane

Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-4375

Select your membership option:

___ Annual Membership (\$60.00) ___ Associate Membership (\$60.00) ___ Life (\$700.00)

___ 3-Year (\$150) ___ Half Life (2 payments of \$350.00)

Name_____ Phone_____ DOB_____

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Address_____ City_____ State_____ Zip_____

District_____ Retirement Date_____ Years of Service_____

E-mail address_____

Are you a member of a local PASR Chapter?_____ If so, which one_____

Note: Membership dues payments may not be deductible for federal income tax.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 20, 2020

PLACE: Calvary Church, 1051 Landis Valley Road, Lancaster, PA 17601

AGENDA: 10:00 Registration-10:30 Program: Rhythm Singers, Donegal High School -11:00 LCSR Business Meeting- 11:30 Lunch-12:15 meeting continued if necessary

MENU: Chicken Salad Croissant, Lettuce Leaf with Tomato, Pasta Salad, Fresh Fruit Garnish, Peach Melba, Water, Coffee, Iced Tea, Hot Tea upon request

DEADLINE for return of registration form: **Wednesday, April 8, 2020**

Please return form below with check payable to LCSR/PASR to Mrs. Becky Peifer
5163 Oak Leaf Drive
Mount Joy, PA 17552

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING REGISTRATION

April 20, 2020

Name/Names _____ Number _____

Year you retired _____ District from which you retired _____

I will attend meeting only. _____

Cost of luncheon: \$15.00 per person \$ _____

Contribution to General Fund \$ _____

Contribution to Scholarship Fund \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

*Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees
Legislative/Political Education Committee*



CONTRIBUTION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Did you know that a campaign to urge passage of a single piece of legislation can cost the association over \$200,000?

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Thank you for your support!

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO L/PEC. MAIL TO 878 CENTURY DRIVE, MECHANICSBURG, PA 17055 -8406

LANCASTER COUNTY SCHOOL RETIREES
Mrs. Lauren Buchmann
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Lancaster, PA 17603-6791

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

PLEASE CHECK ABOVE FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION AND EXPIRATION DATE
THOSE WITH DATES PRIOR TO 2019 MUST RENEW MEMBERSHIP TO RECEIVE FUTURE MAILINGS

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

LCSR Membership as of 3/3/2020	
Annual Members	221
Emeritus Members	4
Life Members	501
Total	<u>726</u>
Complimentary (2019 Retirees) 88	

COMING EVENTS

General Membership Meeting	April 20
Calvary Church	
Board Meeting	May 6
Centerville Diner	
Region 4 Meeting	April 23
Chambersburg	
Retirement Fair	April 28
Calvary Church	
Playin' Hooky Picnic	September 10
Long's Park	