

COMMUNIQUE

Pennsylvania Association Of School Retirees

Lancaster County School Retirees

Fall 2025

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

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MEMBERSHIP

3/1/2025

Annual	210
Associate	2
Emeritus	2
Life	392

President's Message



As I sit down to write this on a lovely fall day I am reflecting on the last 6+ years of my service to LCSR as President. I will be stepping down as President at the end of this year. Together we have weathered COVID and its aftereffects, learned what Zoom meetings are and realized just how valuable *human contact* is to our well-being. I have been blessed to form many wonderful friendships with members of LCSR/PASR and I look forward to continuing to serve our mission in other capacities. I am not leaving, I will remain on the Board as Newsletter Chair and Membership Chair as well as immediate past president.

In this, my last message to you, I need to again ask that every member consider the need for leaders in our organization and step up where your talents and skills lead you. We are in need of a President, Vice President, Assistant Treasurer, a few committee chairs and members of nearly every committee. Look at the list of committees on page 2; contact the chair or officer listed if you can lend a hand or simply want more information to help you make a decision. None of these positions is a "fulltime job", most only require a few hours a month. We need a slate of candidates for an election at the November luncheon. Nominations from the floor would be welcome as well! **THINK ABOUT IT PLEASE.** Recently I learned that one of the chapters in Region 4 will likely be folding due to lack of leadership—don't let Lancaster follow that path!

Lighter topics: We are holding our second Trivia Event on November 16! See the article on page 10. As someone who had never gone to a Trivia event before I can say it was great fun! I'll be there, I hope you will.

When Monte Carlo returned to Bolger Center at MU this Spring it was like coming home! It was GREAT! Think about attending next year (pg 11). The planning committee for that event can always use a few more hands, only 4 meetings and a task or two to complete. Call me if you can spare some time!

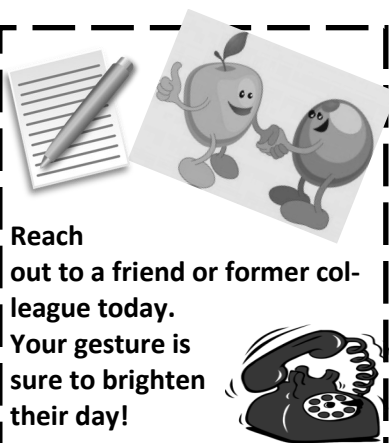
I consider every hour I have given to LCSR time-well-spent!

Lauren Buchmann, President

DATES TO REMEMBER

PASR House of Delegates	October 5, 6, 7, 2025
Region 4 Membership Meeting	Thursday, October 23, 2025
Executive Board Meeting	Monday, November 3, 2025
General Membership Meeting	Monday, November 10, 2025
Trivia Contest	Sunday, November 16, 2025

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Reach
out to a friend or former col-
league today.
Your gesture is
sure to brighten
their day!

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In Memoriam

Samuel Bigler
Donna Fisher
Joan McComsey
Janet Savage
June Schwar

Welcome!

Carol Gilbert
Elizabeth Good
Judith Guise
Elizabeth Hershey
Kathleen Horein
Elizabeth Ricker
Linda Risser

MEMBERSHIP

Personal invitations are our best recruitment tool. Tell other education retirees about LCSR/PASR, share the newsletter with them, share our website, and invite them to an event. Let them know about the benefit savings on vision and dental insurance, auto and home insurance, entertainment, pet insurance, travel protection and much more available with PASR membership.

Membership offers opportunities for travel, social events and connections with like-minded individuals. In addition we have the satisfaction of knowing we can make a difference in our community by awarding scholarships and grants, supporting the Food Hub and individual volunteer efforts. Help spread the word!

FEELING LUCKY??

PASR is again holding a fundraiser to benefit the Social Services Memorial honor Fund. The ticket price is \$20.00. Each ticket has a three digit number printed on it. Winning is based on the 7:00 pm Pennsylvania Lottery State Daily Number Drawing each day of February 2026. If your ticket number matches the daily drawing you will win a cash prize in the amount indicated on your ticket for that day. In general, weekday prizes are \$300.00, weekends are \$400.00 and holidays such as Valentine's Day, President's Day, etc. are \$500.00. Total payout for the event is \$10,000.00

Tickets will be available for purchase at the November luncheon. Cash or checks payable to LCSR/PASR can be accepted. For those not attending the luncheon tickets are available by mail from Lauren Buchmann. A check for \$20.00 for each ticket should be sent to Lauren at the address below. Include the name and complete mailing address for each ticket ordered with your check. The ticket(s) will be sent to you and the stub(s) will be held by PASR to identify winners. Winners will receive their prize check in the mail; you don't need to follow the lottery to claim your prize it will be sent to you automatically.

This is a fun activity for the usually dull month of February! You can check the lottery daily to see if you are a winner. The tickets make great *Stocking Stuffers* for those thinking of holiday gifts. Buy several and give them to friends and family!

To order by mail, send your check and the name and address you want on the ticket to:

Lauren Buchmann
134 Creekgate Ct.
Millersville, PA 17551

\$

During the 2024 Lottery Fundraiser, tickets sold by LCSR won three days of the first 5!
Try your luck!!

Recreo

OPPORTUNITIES FOR A LOCAL ADVENTURE & MORE

October 8, 2025 10:00-noon **Historic Rock Ford Mansion & the John J. Snyder Gallery**

Join us to tour this mansion and gallery of early Lancaster County decorative arts. Both are located in Lancaster County Park. We will begin at 10:00 exploring the grounds and gallery. Both are self-guided with a volunteer on hand in the gallery to answer questions. At 11:00 we will have a guided tour of the mansion.

Cost \$12.00

Optional lunch on your own at Harvest at 12:30.

December 3, 2025 **Holiday Wreath Making with Ron Walton**

Back by popular demand, we will again be making wreaths at the Conestoga One Room Schoolhouse. Included in the cost is everything needed to make a beautiful evergreen wreath: the form, wire, greens, ornaments, bows and a variety of natural elements.

Two sessions: 10:00 to noon or 2:00 to 4:00

Cost: \$35.00

Optional lunch at Conestoga Wagon Wheel Restaurant

June 19, 2026 **New Hope Railroad, Peddler's Village and Mercer Museum**

A narrated ride on the historic New Hope Railroad through Bucks County will be followed by lunch at Cock-n-Bull the flagship restaurant at Peddler's Village. After lunch there will be free time to shop before moving on to Mercer Museum in Doylestown. The museum houses a collection of tools and artifacts from over 60 different crafts and trades of early America.

Departs 8:15 am and Returns at 7:00pm.

Cost: \$199.00

These trips sell out so make your reservations early.

Contact Nancy Pruskowski
LCSRtravel@gmail.com



LCSR General Membership Meeting

Eden Resort

Monday, April 7, 2025

Welcome: Lauren Buchmann, President

Luncheon Speakers: Representatives from the Lancaster County Office of Aging were our guest speakers. Sheri Snyder, Ombudsman and Unit Supervisor of OOA Care management Team, presented an overview of the agency. Emerson Gambler, Volunteer Coordinator, discussed the assistance available for individuals selecting Medicare programs. The information shared with us was very valuable to our members as well as their relatives or friends who might be in need of elder assistance. The Office of Aging provides assistance to older persons and their families in the most appropriate and least restrictive manner enabling them to maintain dignity and independence.

Secretary's Report: Ellyn Miller

The minutes of the November 2023 meeting were published in the Communique. There was a motion to approve the minutes as presented. It was seconded. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Marijane Ember

Balances covering the report period January 2, 2025 to February 28, 2025. There was an opening balance of \$5031.64, income of \$3675.11 and expenses of \$1237.36 resulting in a closing balance of \$7469.39. The Treasurer's Report will be held for audit.

New Business:

John Bratton, Assistant Treasurer, presented the 2025-2026 Budget Proposal. After discussion the proposal was approved by the membership.

President's Report: Lauren Buchmann

- Thank you to the Hospitality Committee for arranging the luncheon and providing the decorations. In April 2026 we will hold our Spring Membership Luncheon at Mount Joy Vo-Tech with lunch prepared by the culinary students. Those attending today were asked to submit any suggestions they have for increasing attendance at our luncheons by contacting the Hospitality Committee, Becky Peifer or Sue Hoxworth.
- Members were asked to consider moving into leadership roles. Most positions require only a couple hours a month, 6 Board meetings and 2 Region meetings annually. Lauren will be stepping down as President at the end of the year after serving three terms. A new President will need to be elected at the November meeting.
- PASR is holding its semi-annual House of Delegates meeting in State College on October 5-7. Our chapter is responsible for sending 7 delegates. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet like-minded people from around the state and share ideas. The chapter awards a stipend to help defray the cost of attendance.
- Monte Carlo was held March 30 at Millersville University. Attendance was slightly lower than pre-Covid days but everyone had a good time and some walked away with BIG prizes. We realized enough profit to fund our two scholarships and several educational grants.

Region 4 : Jean Young, Director

Jean presented a PASR Board Commendation to President Lauren Buchmann for her service to LCSR and PASR Region 4.

RECREO: Nancy Pruskowski

Nancy thanked the members for their support of the RECREO Committee's programs and reviewed plans for the remainder of 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING REGISTRATION
Monday, November 10, 2025
Eden Resort & Suites / Regency Ballroom, 222 Eden Road, Lancaster, PA 17601

Agenda

9:45 Registration/Social Time with
Cheese, Cracker Bar
10:30 Program—AARP Chorus
11:30 Business Meeting
12:00 Lunch
12:45 Business Meeting Continued if necessary

Menu

Italian Wedding Soup
Assorted Rolls & Butter

Lunch Choices

Turkey Club Wrap with Tortellini Salad
OR
Chicken Breast with Sundried Tomato Alfredo
Chef's Choice of Potato & Vegetable

Dessert: Apple Pie
Regular or Decaf Coffee, Herbal Tea, Iced Tea

DEADLINE for return of registration form: Friday, October 31, 2025

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

NAME(S) _____ NUMBER _____

Menu Choices: # _____ Turkey Club Wrap # _____ Chicken Breast with Sundried Tomato Alfredo

_____ I will attend the meeting only.

*******Please note below any special dietary needs for your reservation*******

Year you retired _____ District from which you retired _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Cost of luncheon: \$23.00 per person \$ _____ (includes tax and gratuity)

Contribution to General Fund \$ _____

Contribution to Scholarship Fund \$ _____

Contribution to Social Services \$ _____

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 CETYRY DRIVE, MECHANICSBURG, PA 17055 -8406

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

134 Creekgate Ct.

Millersville, PA 17551

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 _____

(initial) _____ Permission is given for LCSR/PASR to use my image in any publication for the duration of my membership.

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 _____

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.

Visit our website at www.pasr.org

SOCIAL SERVICES/MEMORIAL HONOR FUND

In the past year our chapter has reached out by mail with more than 275 cards with enclosed messages to our seniors who are unable to attend our meetings. We also do home visits, sometimes accompanied by flowers or a small plant. These connections include information about the work and activities sponsored by our chapter and also news about the COLA, which by the way is still alive in the Senate in Harrisburg. PASR is "visiting the members of the PA State Senate" every day to continue this consideration for a COLA for our Pre-Act 9 members.

Some of our members are reaching the point where attending meetings is not really an option any more. However we know they are still with us in spirit, wishing they could come to our meetings as so many of us are able. Please let me know if there is someone who is in need of a message, a call or even a visit. That's what our work on this committee is all about! Contact me at my home phone (717-928-4432) with the name of any member who could benefit from a pick-me-up from our chapter. If you can join me in a personal visit, please let me know and we can visit our member-friend together!

****Please consider purchasing a raffle ticket to support our SS/MHF Committee with funding for the good work across the state. See Lauren Buchmann for your tickets or call her at the number listed in the newsletter.**

Lastly, if you know of someone who has passed away and was a PASR member in our chapter, you can make a donation in their name by sending a check to the PASR office. Send donations to **PASR, 878 Century Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-4375**. Include SS/MHF Remembrance Fund on the memo line of your check. Thanks for your assistance in helping us help others in our chapter as we can.

Jean Young

Chapter chair, State Committee Chair SS/MHF

YOU CAN HELP...

Keeping track of 600+ members is a big job! Each member can help by letting us know when you move, change your name, phone number or email address. As we are all aware, postage rates have increased quite a bit over the last few years. For each item that is returned to us as *undeliverable* we are charged a fee of \$.83. Your cooperation would help reduce these fees and assure that you get our mailings.

Another area where we can use your help is in identifying those members who have passed away. While our Necrology Chair keeps a sharp eye on the obits in the Lancaster newspapers that does not necessarily provide all the information on our members. If you are aware of the passing of a member, particularly one who has moved out of the area, please share that information with me. Send changes and notifications to LBUCHM9877@aol.com or Lauren Buchmann, 134 Creekgate Ct., Millersville, PA 17551.

LUNCHEON ENTERTAINMENT

LANCASTER AARP CHORUS

At our November 10 General Membership Luncheon you will be entertained by the Lancaster AARP chorus. The chorus is a group of about twenty-five older individuals who enjoy singing. It was formed in 1983 and generally performs in May and December primarily for nursing homes and senior groups. The number of concerts varies per year ranging from 4 to 12 per season. The group rehearses Friday afternoons at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd.

Their programs feature Christmas music in December and show tunes and patriotic songs in the spring. The program prepared for our luncheon will conclude with patriotic selections in recognition of Veterans Day, November 11.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

LANCASTER FOOD HUB

“Helping our neighbors thrive through sharing the resources they need most:

Food, clothing & shelter

All with faith and compassion!”

LCSR is again soliciting monetary donations for the Lancaster Food Hub at our November General Membership Luncheon. The needs continue to be great, so we are again asking for your help in supporting this cause. Donation jars will be on each table at the luncheon. Checks should be made payable to “Lancaster Food Hub”.

Thanks for helping our neighbors!

Ruth Havercamp & Marge Rineer
Co-chairs Community Services Committee

TRIVIA: pl. n. insignificant or superfluous matters

Syns: minutia, trifles, triviality

Core meaning: unimportant matters or concerns

Bring your friends and family for a fun afternoon of trivia with Trivia Master Mike Horn. LCSR is hosting our second trivia fundraiser on Sunday, November 16 at Lititz Springs (Formerly General Sutter) on the square in Lititz. Doors open at 12:30 for you to purchase pub fare and beverages. The trivia begins at 1:30 and will wrap up around 4:00. Gather a team of 4 or 8 members and get ready for a fun afternoon. It is amusing to find out how much useless information you and your teammates have stored in your brains!

The cost for each ticket is \$25.00 and proceeds go to the scholarship fund. (The 2024 Trivia event earned enough to fund one of our scholarships!) There will be door prizes, raffle items and a GRAND PRIZE. The Lititz Springs Inn will provide a five course dinner for up to eight members of the winning team on a date of your choice.

Tickets available at our November luncheon and by contacting Marijane Ember at 717-648-9296 or member@gmail.com. The ballroom accommodates 120 seats. Ticket sales are first come, first served so don't delay. Put on your thinking caps and may the best, or the luckiest, team win.

PLAYIN' HOOKY PICNIC 2025



Spirits were high as 60 attendees gathered at



Pavilion #1 in Long's Park for our annual picnic. Everyone enjoyed social time and a delicious BBQ chicken dinner provided by Peters BBQ of Manheim. There

was a presentation by the RECREO committee introducing some of their trips for the coming year. Many took advantage of the opportunity to sign up for those adventures on the spot!

There was a lovely floral picture donated by Steve Ember as a Door Prize. Prizes for Trivia and Bingo consisted of the traditional



Corn Wagon bounty and other collectible items. This was our first year for Bingo and it proved to be a crowd favorite; we should anticipate its return in 2026! Look for a postcard next August and join us at the picnic!



MONTE CARLO 2026

Don't miss out on the fun at our 12th Monte Carlo event. It will be held in Lehr Room, Bolger Center, Millersville University on Sunday, March 22, 2026 5:00—8:00 pm.

This is our major fundraiser for Educational Support (Scholarships and Grants) and Community Service. Monte Carlo events over the last 13 years have generated over \$68,000.00 allowing LCSR to award numerous scholarships and educational grants, support Lancaster Food Hub and other community service projects.

Millersville University Catering prepares and serves an array of hot and cold appetizers and decadent desserts. Complimentary beer, wine and soda are also included in the ticket price. A Basket Raffle features items donated by individuals and businesses; these may include local wares, food and beverage assortments, gift cards for supermarkets, restaurants, and local attractions as well as jewelry and works of art. Raffle tickets may be purchased with cash or checks.

Monte Carlo concludes with a draw-down for the \$3000.00 cash prize.

It is a fun event featuring great food and drink plus the chance to socialize with friends and former colleagues. Only 120 tickets are sold for the event, order yours today.

TICKET ORDER FORM

MONTE CARLO 2026

MARCH 22, 2026

LEHR ROOM, BOLGER CONFERENCE CENTER, MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY

Please send me the following tickets:

FULL TICKET (Food & Drinks plus entry into cash drawing) \$85.00 # _____

GUEST (Food & Drinks Only—one paid guest per full ticket holder) \$45.00 # _____

NON-ATTENDING (Cash drawing Only with designated proxy) \$50.00 # _____

NAME _____ Phone _____

Names of Ticket Holder(s): _____

Name of Guest(s) : _____

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

Lauren Buchmann
134 Creekgate Ct.
Millersville, PA 17551

LANCASTER COUNTY SCHOOL RETIREES

Mrs. Lauren Buchmann

134 Creekgate Ct.

Millersville, PA 17551

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

*PLEASE CHECK ABOVE FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION AND EXPIRATION DATE
USE THE FORM ON PAGE 7 TO RENEW LAPSED MEMBERSHIPS*

LANCASTER COUNTY SCHOOL RETIREES SPRING NEWSLETTER

General Membership Meeting
Monday, November 10
Eden Resort

Entertainment:
AARP CHORUS

Reservation form page 6

TRIVIA

NOVEMBER 16, 2025

Lititz Springs Inn

**Tickets Available at the November
Luncheon or From Marijane Ember**

**See article on page 10
or details**