

COMMUNIQUE

Pennsylvania Association Of School Retirees

Lancaster County School Retirees

Fall 2023

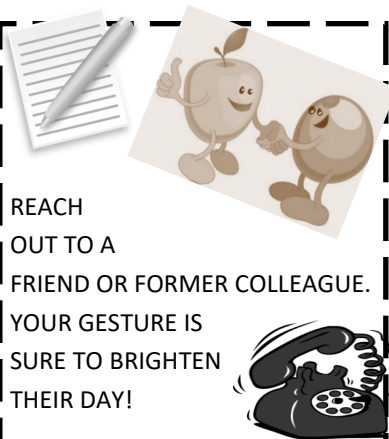
Mission: "To continue to support education, to serve others in need and to help one another enjoy retirement."

FEATURES

President's Message	1
LCSR Board Directory	2
Membership Alerts	2
Lottery Ticket Fund Raiser	3
Monte Carlo Report	4
RECRO	5
Community Service	5
April Meeting Minutes	6
Luncheon Entertainment	7
New Members	7
In Memoriam	7
Luncheon Reservation Form	8
Picnic Report	9
Jr. Achievement Position	10
Membership Forms	11

MEMBERSHIP 9/19/23

Annual	178
Associate	3
Emeritus	2
Life	407



REACH
OUT TO A
FRIEND OR FORMER COLLEAGUE.
YOUR GESTURE IS
SURE TO BRIGHTEN
THEIR DAY!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Another school year has begun, not hampered by the pandemic but rather disrupted by staff shortages from the bus driver's seat to the administrative offices. Consider volunteering in your local district or with your former district of employment; they are certain to appreciate the support.

Two items of COLA legislation are currently under consideration in the PA House of Representatives. These bills would benefit Pre Act 9 annuitants only. The cost of the bills would be spread over 10 years. This COLA is extremely important to the most senior of our members. You can find updates and suggestions for what you can do to try and influence their passage on PASR.org.

PASR is celebrating its 85th Birthday this year. We will note the occasion at our November Membership luncheon. We invite members 85 years of age or older to attend this event as guests of the chapter. A special dessert will be Birthday Cake! The luncheon will also feature a vocal program by a local tenor, several chapter awards and a short memorial service for members we have lost in the past year. Please join the celebration and bring a friend.

After a successful Monte Carlo fundraiser we will again offer educational grants to school staff this fall. Applications will be sent to all public school districts in Lancaster County and the Intermediate Unit. Watch future newsletters to see what innovative programs we have been able to support.

In October four members of our chapter will be attending the PASR House of Delegate meeting in Cranberry Township near Pittsburgh. As we attend business meetings and break-out sessions our focus will be on networking and gathering information that we can use to the benefit of our chapter. We will share that information at future meetings and in the newsletter.

Lauren Buchmann

DATES TO REMEMBER

PASR House of Delegates
Region 4 membership Meeting
General Membership Luncheon
Executive Board Meeting

Sunday, October 15—Tuesday, October 17
Wednesday, October 25, 2023
Monday, November 13, 2023
Monday, November 6, 2023

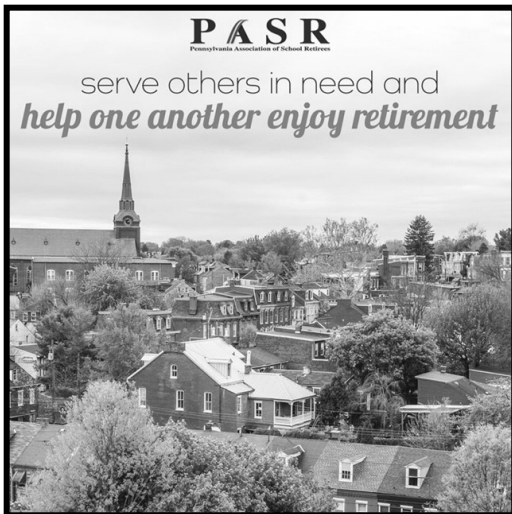
Visit our website: <https://thepasr.wixsite.com/lancasterpasr>

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President	Lauren Buchmann	lbuchm9877@aol.com	717-413-5865
Secretary/Resolutions	Ellyn Miller	chihuahachat73@aol.com	717-560-9379
Treasurer	Marijane Ember	mjember@gmail.com	717-648-9296
Asst. Treasurer	John Bratton	doc.bratton@gmail.com	610-593-5532

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Community Services	Marge Rineer	margerineer@comcast.net	717-361-5218
	Ruth Haverkamp	ruthhaverkamp@gmail.com	717-295-4401
Educational Support	Connie Ginder	ginder1894@gmail.com	717-653-8535
Hospitality	Sue Hoxworth	sueslh14@aol.com	717-295-9161
	Becky Peifer	beckypeifer91@gmail.com	717-492-8271
Membership	Lauren Buchmann	lbuchm9877@aol.com	717-413-5865
Necrology	Geri Kull	mkull50@yahoo.com	717-569-4908
Newsletter	Lauren Buchmann	lbuchm9877@aol.com	717-413-5865
Retirement Planning	Carol Kurl	Kurl249@live.com	717-626-2435
RECRO	Carol Tangert	cettours@comcast.net	717-984-2108
Social Services MMF	Jean Young	jeanyoung@aol.com	717-928-4432
Ways and Means	John Chesters	ches1505@aol.com	717-898-0042
Web Master	Nancy Frederick	nancyfrederick@comcast.net	717-942-8479



MEMBERSHIP

LCSR is the Lancaster County chapter of PASR (Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees). Members of LCSR are encouraged to also hold membership in PASR to access the many benefits offered with that membership and to support the lobbying efforts of PASR in the legislature. The primary emphasis of that lobbying effort is obtaining a COLA (cost of living adjustment) for all PSERS annuitants.

Benefits that are available include dental care, vision care, hearing care, pet insurance, and numerous discounts on amusement parks and goods and services for seniors. If you are not currently a PASR member please take advantage of the form on page 11 and join today.

GET INVOLVED

There are some leadership opportunities available within our chapter. Many only require a few hours of your time each month and offer you the satisfaction of serving the interests of other retirees as well as in-service teachers and students. We would love to have you join us at a Board meeting or committee meeting so that you can get to know current leaders and find out how you can share your time and talents with the organization. Speak to any officer or committee chair about these opportunities. LCSR NEEDS YOU!

FEELING LUCKY ??

One Ticket - 29 Chances to Win

PASR is 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 State Daily Number Drawing each day in February 2024. 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 (Valentine's Day and Presidents Day) 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 PASR) can be accepted. For those not attending the luncheon tickets are available by mail from Jean Young or Lauren Buchmann. A check for \$20.00 for each ticket should be sent to Lauren Buchmann or Jean Young along with the name and the complete mailing address for each ticket. The ticket will be sent to you and the stub 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.

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 about 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

Jean Young
1399 Emerson Dr.
Mount Joy, PA 17552





MONTE CARLO 2023

The Tenth Annual Monte Carlo Night was held at Listrak in Lititz on June 11, 2023. One hundred six members and guests attended. The evening featured a variety of Hors D'oeuvres and desserts along with beverages. There was a basket raffle, live auction and drawing for a cash prize.

A dedicated committee of seventeen organized the event to raise funds for educational support and community service. Community businesses and artisans were generous in their response to our requests for raffle items resulting in 45 baskets for the auction and two live auction items. In total we raised \$3840.00.



TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES 2023



Germanfest in the Poconos

Thursday, October 26

Tour includes streusel cake and strudel-making demonstrations, a German meal, music and dancing with the George Walter band, plus open bar, German costumes and games. Leaves Lancaster Shopping Ctr. at 7 a.m.
Cost: \$138.00

Cairnwood Estate and Bryn Athyn

Thursday, December 7

Visit the estate's main house, private chapel, servant's quarters, garden house and carriage house collections and enjoy a holiday lunch and tea. Includes admission to the Glencairn Museum and a tour of Bryn Athyn Cathedral.

Cost: \$214.00

Reservation Deadline: October 7

Christmas at Longwood Gardens

Wednesday, December 13

Lunch at Buckley's Tavern followed by a visit to Longwood Gardens to explore the lighting decorations throughout the outdoor gardens, the decorated trees and poinsettias filling the conservatory, organ music and a Christmas carol sing-along in the music room.

Cost: \$115.00

Reservation Deadline: November 8

Contact: Carol E. Tangert, 632 Dorset St. Lititz, PA 17543.

Email: cettours@comcast.net or call 717-984-2108 with any questions.



Lancaster Food Hub

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

food, clothing, & shelter
all with faith & compassion!"

For the past several years, our organization has solicited funds for the Lancaster Food Hub, at our November General Meetings. This year, the need is greater than ever, so we will again be asking for your help in supporting this worthy cause. Please consider helping our neighbors in need during these difficult times. Donation jars will be on each table at our luncheon. If you would like to write a check, please make it out to "Lancaster Food Hub."

Ruth Havercamp & Marge Rineer

Your help will benefit many!

LCSR General Membership Meeting

Eden Resort

April 3, 2023

Welcome: Lauren Buchmann, President

Program: Speaker, Lori Dieroff, explained Alzheimer's and Dementia disabilities. She taught how loss of brain cells affects any person's communication and behavior. She explained how to understand a person who has a brain disease and how to respond respectfully, effectively, and empathetically.

Secretary's Report: The minutes for the Fall Membership Meeting were published in the Communique. Phil Loht moved that the minutes be approved. Linda Adsitt seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Marijane Ember stated that the LCSR Executive Board had approved the 2023 Budget. She then reported the balances covering the period from January 1, 2023 to February 28, 2023. There was an opening balance of \$13,304.73, income of \$166.59, expenses of \$516.45, resulting in an ending balance of \$12,954.87. Connie Ginder moved that the treasurer's report be approved subject to audit. Sue Hoxworth seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Retirement Fair: LCSR held a Retirement Fair at the Farm and Home Center on March 14th. There were over 50 attendees from the York, Lancaster, and Lebanon School Districts.

Retirement Planning: Carol Kurl reported that 255 letters and 114 emails had been sent to future retirees inviting them to become members of LCSR/PASR. She encouraged all members to bring a friend to the LCSR Luncheon in November.

Monte Carlo: Marijane Ember, Julie Meiskey, and Lauren Buchmann will be co-chairing the committee for the scholarship fund-raising event to be held at LISTRAK on June 11th from 5 to 8pm. Everyone was encouraged to come and to bring a friend.

President's Message: President Buchmann informed the group that PASR Representatives are attending a House Hearing where they will work with a few State Legislators who are willing to sponsor a COLA for retired teachers. Everyone was encouraged to go to the PASR State website, look for the "COLA Efforts Update", and send the form letter, personalized with your own revisions, to your House Representative, requesting their support for a COLA. President Buchmann suggested going to the PASR State website, to watch a video of 2 PASR members explaining the hearing to be held on March 23rd.

President Buchmann asked members to accept leadership roles in the organization.

She ended by reporting that today's Basket Raffle had earned \$190 for the Scholarship Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Peifer, Secretary

Brenten Megee

“Come Rain or Shine it’s a Wonderful World”



Enjoy a collection of favorite songs designed to lift you up and put a smile on your face. Brenten Megee is a tenor from Lancaster, PA who is well-known for his Patriotic, Holiday, Christian, and Classical solo concerts. Brenten’s voice has a way of touching the heart.

Welcome!

NEW MEMBERS

Robin Baker	Conestoga Valley
Kathleen Hower	Hempfield
Judy Klunk	South Middleton
Sandra Miller	School District of Lancaster
Barbara Sandhaus	Warwick

In Memoriam

Donald Feiler
Regina Forsha
P. Robert Herr
Caroline Huber

LaRue Ketner
Gordon Kraft
William Lauris
Glen Leib

Donald Penman
A. Lucille Snowden
J. Douglas Wenger

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING REGISTRATION

Monday, November 13, 2023

Eden Resort & Suites, 222 Eden Road, Lancaster, PA 17601

AGENDA

10:00 Registration
10:30 Program—Brenten Megee, tenor
11:30 Business Meeting
12:00 Lunch
12:45 Meeting Continued if necessary

MENU

Italian Wedding Soup
Rolls & Butter
Lunch Choices
• Turkey Wrap served with Tortellini Salad
Or
• Chicken Breast with Sundried Tomato Alfredo
Chef's Choice of Potato
Chef's Choice of Vegetable

Coffee, Decaf Coffee, Herbal Teas, Iced Tea
Ice Cream with Graufrette Cookie
85th BIRTHDAY CAKE

DEADLINE for return of registration form: Monday, November 3, 2023

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

Name/Names _____ Number _____

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

I will attend meeting only. _____

***** Please add a note below of any special dietary needs with your reservation. *****

Year you retired _____ District from which you retired _____

Cost of luncheon: \$20.50 per person \$ _____ (includes tax and gratuity)

Members 85 or older – our guests—no charge

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!

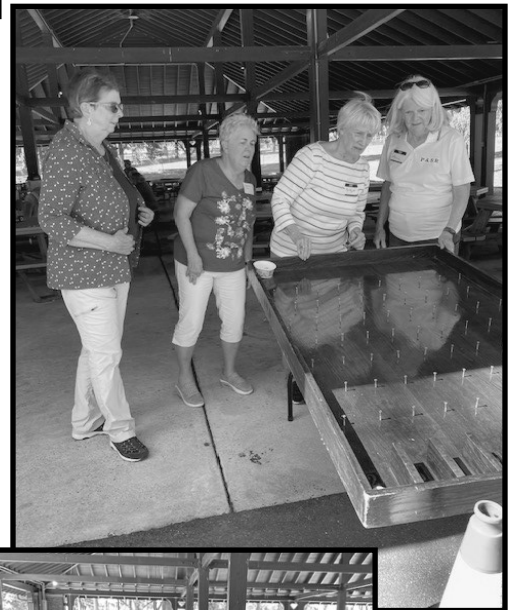
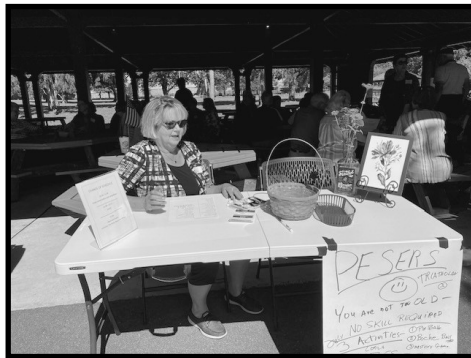
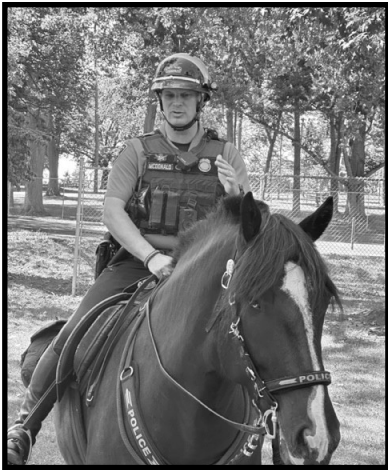
**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO L/PEC. MAIL TO
878 CETYRY DRIVE, MECHANICSBURG, PA 17055 –8406**

Playin' Hooky Picnic 2023

September 14
Long's Park

The annual Playin' Hooky Picnic was held at Long's Park on Thursday, September 14. A delicious barbecue chicken lunch was catered by Peters BBQ of Manheim. Guests enjoyed the sunny, warm day socializing, playing lawn games and learning about the Lancaster Police Mounted Patrol. Officer Scott Mc Donald gave an entertaining and informative talk about the Mounted Patrol.

Many thanks to the committee who provided the perfect weather, wonderful lunch and enjoyable program.



Opportunities with Junior Achievement of South Central Pennsylvania

Junior Achievement of South Central Pennsylvania is seeking to re-establish programming in Pre K to 3rd grade in the School District of Lancaster and Columbia School District. All curriculum materials will be provided and contact hours are flexible. Visit www.jascpa.org to preview the curriculum materials and learn more about the program. For additional information or to apply for a position contact:

Tom Russell | CEO
Junior Achievement of South Central PA
610 South George Street | York, PA 17401
717-324-3650 | trussell@jascpa.org

Inspiring Equitable Tomorrows Initiative

Junior Achievement is committed to a sequential approach to early childhood education; PreK to 3rd grade. This initiative empowers students to make a connection between what they learn in school and real-world application, enhancing the relevance of their classroom learning and increasing their understanding of the value of staying in school.

During the program, JA volunteers visit the classroom five times (approximately 30 minutes to 45 minutes per session, depending on the program) to deliver relevant, engaging hands-on activities that give students from Pre K through 3rd grade the knowledge and skills in financial literacy, careers, and entrepreneurship.

Elementary School Coordinator – School District of Lancaster

We are seeking a retired teacher to join our team as a Junior Achievement Elementary School Coordinator in the School District of Lancaster. In this part-time role, you will play a vital role in implementing Junior Achievement programs within the district. Your responsibilities will include acting as a volunteer, facilitating program sessions, and recruiting other volunteers to run programs. Focus is on the elementary school buildings in the district. Hours are flexible, but would likely average 15 to 20 hours per week from November thru May.

Elementary School Coordinator – Columbia Borough School District

We are seeking a retired teacher to join our team as a Junior Achievement Elementary School Coordinator in Columbia Borough School District. There is only one elementary school building, Park Elementary, so it is probably 5 to 10 hours per week for 10 weeks per school year. In this part-time role, you will play a vital role in implementing Junior Achievement programs within the district. Your responsibilities will include acting as a volunteer, facilitating program sessions, and recruiting other volunteers to run programs.

REQUIREMENTS FOR COORDINATOR POSITIONS:

- Retired teacher with experience in K-6 education. Prefer teachers familiar with the schools in the district.
- Strong passion for education and a desire to make a positive impact on students' lives.
- Flexibility and adaptability to work with diverse student populations and navigate various school environments.

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

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

LANCASTER COUNTY SCHOOL RETIREES
FALL NEWSLETTER

PASR HOUSE OF DELEGATES

OCTOBER 15-17, 2023

**MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR
THE NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP
LUNCHEON AT EDEN RESORT.**

ENTERTAINMENT BY

Brenten Megee

In Concert

***"Come Rain or Shine it's a Won-
derful World"***