

COMMUNIQUE

Pennsylvania Association Of School Retirees

Lancaster County School Retirees

Winter 2025

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

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MEMBERSHIP

1/18/2025

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| Annual | 204 |
| Associate | 2 |
| Emeritus | 2 |
| Life | 400 |



MONTE CARLO 2025

Don't miss out on all the fun at our 11th Monte Carlo event! It will be held in Lehr Room, Bolger Conference Center, Gordinier Hall, Millersville University on Sunday, March 30, 2025, 5:00—8:00 pm.

This is our major event to raise funds for Educational Support (Grants and Scholarships) and Community Service. Monte Carlo events since 2012 have generated over \$65,000.00 allowing LCSR to award numerous scholarships and educational grants, support Lancaster Food Hub and other community service projects.

Tickets for the event are available from John Bratton, Assistant Treasurer. There is an order form on page 3 along with photos from previous events.

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

Monte Carlo concludes with an exciting 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! See page 3 for the ticket order form.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Executive Board Meeting | Monday, March 3, 2025 |
| Monte Carlo | Sunday, March 30, 2025 |
| Region 4 Membership Meeting | Thursday, April 10, 2025 |
| Executive Board Meeting | Monday, May 5, 2025 |
| Trivia Contest | Sunday, November 16, 2025 |

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I write we are awaiting another snowfall in these first weeks of January. We have not experienced a winter like this in a few years! This is a "bonus" edition of the Communique made necessary because there are many things to communicate this winter. Our main focus is getting the word out that LCSR Monte Carlo is returning to Millersville University on March 30 and tickets are available now.



Please consider coming out for a fun evening to support Educational Scholarships and Grants and Community Service projects.

We also want to share news of a few other noteworthy events/efforts completed in the last few months:

- ◆ The successful Coat Drive benefitting those less fortunate in Lancaster County.
- ◆ Distribution of Educational Grants to teachers in multiple school districts throughout the county.
- ◆ A Trivia Contest held in November which raised funds for scholarships and provided a fun afternoon for all participants.
- ◆ A *Local Adventure* with 12 participants creating beautiful holiday wreaths, learning about a historic one room school in Conestoga and enjoying lunch at Conestoga Wagon Wheel Restaurant.

LCSR offers something for everyone. Please join us in upcoming activities you will find described in this publication.

Lauren Buchmann, President

TICKET ORDER FORM

Monte Carlo 2025

March 30, 2025

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 ticket holder) \$45.00 # _____

Non-attending (Cash drawing only—with designated proxy) \$50.00 # _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Names of ticket holders: _____

Names of guests: _____

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

John Bratton

49 High Street

Christiana, PA 17509

Questions—Call John Bratton 717-371-8794 or Lauren Buchmann 717-413-5865



SHARE

SOCIAL SERVICES / MEMORIAL HONOR FUND

I'm not sure how your Winter is going so far but I am amazed at how quickly things changed here in Lancaster, weather-wise! Our gathering of clothing for residents of Lancaster County/city couldn't have come at a colder time! And we did a great job!

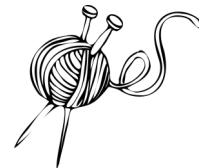
The original plea for warm clothing came to you in the last newsletter. The plan was to bring warm clothing items to the November membership meeting at the Eden Resort where we met for the luncheon in November. Even though the gathering was not a large crowd, we filled the entire back of my car all the way from the hatchback to the front seat with your generous donations! Then I started hearing from others. I had a call from a senior living complex where some of our members reside making an offer of several warm coats if I could stop by for a pick up. No problem. Then some of my neighbors discovered that I was collecting coats, hats, boots, gloves, ... the works. Next thing you know I had clothes being dropped off on my front entryway by neighbors who wanted to help. Next I had a few "Kohl's Cash" coupons and decided to think of other things adults needed under extreme circumstances, so I made a stop in the men's department at Kohl's and left with about \$100 worth of men's underwear. A trip to Costco yielded about four dozen pairs of socks and a quick order with Amazon brought in even more unmentionables! What a glorious shopping spree-pick up- spree-donation spree we had!

In all, we gathered 42 winter coats, 6 jackets, 12 hooded sweatshirts, 10 hats, 5 ear covers, 14 pairs of gloves and mittens, 16 warm scarves, a pair of snowpants, 10 sweaters, boots, shoes, sneakers.... It was incredible! I needed to make 5 trips of full carloads to the city to Grace Lutheran Church where I attend. Grace is one of the centers where homeless families eat dinner every Wednesday evening so I knew there would be crowds each week. We spread the clothing out over four 4x8 tables three times over the course of three Wednesday nights where our dinner guests could "shop". The plan was that if anything was left, I would move things to the next homeless center. Not once did we ever have leftover clothing!

Thank you for being part of a seriously appreciated effort to help our fellow citizens! You may be older, not traveling much these days and unsure of how to help but you made a HUGE effort to bring warmth to adults who could have had a much worse end to 2024 and beginning to 2025! I wish I had taken pictures of the faces of people who were so excited to receive your gifts! Thank you to everyone who shared. You just keep making a difference!

Jean Young

SS/MHF Committee Chair
Retirement Fair Chair
Lancaster Chapter Past President
Region 4 Director



Recreo

OPPORTUNITIES FOR A LOCAL ADVENTURE

Wheatland Tour

Activity: Guided tour of Wheatland and entry to the museum

Address: 1120 Marietta Ave., Lancaster

Date: March 7, 2025 **Time:** 10:00-12:00 **Cost:** \$13.00

Lunch: Iron Hill (not included)

Eastland Alpaca Farm

Activity: Opportunity to visit farm and get to feed, hold, and groom alpacas.

Address: 2089 Risser Mill Rd., Mt. Joy

Date: April 9, 2025 **Time:** 10:00-12:00 **Cost:** \$10.00

Lunch: Mick's (not included)

Wright's Ferry Mansion

Activity: Tour one of the hidden gems of Columbia

Address: 38 S. 2nd St., Columbia

Date: May 9, 2025 **Time:** 10:00 & 11:00 **Cost:** \$5.00

Lunch: John Wright's Tavern (not included)

Filled- Waitlist Open

For trip availability: Email at: lcsrtravel@gmail.com

Chesapeake City Dine-Around

Activity: Bus Trip to Chesapeake City Maryland with First Course, soup and Salad served at Schaefers Canal House, Main Course at the Waterfront on the C&D Canal, followed by time to browse shops along Main Street before embarking on a 45 minute cruise down the Canal. Dessert will be at the Canal Creamery followed by a guided tour of the area.

Date: June 18, 2025 Departure 9:30 am Return 6:45 pm

For the full brochure contact Nancy Pruskowski at LCSRtravel@gmail.com or find it on the LCSR website.

WREATH-MAKING AT RON WALTON'S ONE ROOM SCHOOL HOUSE IN CONESTOGA



On December 4, 2024, a group of 12 gathered at Ron Walton's One Room School House in Conestoga to make holiday wreaths and learn about the history of the school house. This was followed by lunch at Conestoga Wagon Wheel Restaurant. The event was so well received that it has been scheduled for December 2025!



SCHOOL EMPLOYEE GRANTS AWARDED FOR 2024

As part of its mission to continue supporting education in retirement, LCSR awarded the following grants to local educators and staff of Lancaster County schools for the 2024-25 school year.

Recipients are:

Bridget Martin, Aleda Risser, and Meghan Sensenig, Social Workers in Hempfield School District - \$250 as partial funding and seed money for an attendance incentive program to help reduce chronic absences.

Lori Young, Autistic Support Teacher at Paradise Elementary – \$350 for sensory stimuli items to help her students with attention to task and learning opportunities.

Karen Standt, Special Education Para at Wharton Elementary - \$450 for programmable Sphero Indi cars that will introduce computer science fundamentals and coding concepts to students in grades 3 through 5.

Andy Wise, Business, Computer, & Information Technology Education Department Chairman at Hempfield High School - \$500 for a Stock Ticker, a real-time LED machine that will display live updates to stock prices and financial market data, which will be a learning tool for business and economics students.

Katie Doughty, 1st Grade Teacher, at Reamstown Elementary - \$255 for collaborative math games to help students learn and develop interpersonal skills as they work together.

Brian Long, 6th Grade Science Teacher, George A. Smith Middle School - \$500 for materials and supplies to restore a Greenhouse so it can be functional for a variety of uses for his students.

Jennifer Garver, School Psychologist, E. R. Martin Elementary - \$250 as a partial grant and seed money for materials and supplies for a Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports initiative that will teach students ways to be respectful, responsible, and safe.

All projects for the grants are to be completed by June 30, 2025. Upon completion, the recipient is to submit a description and evaluation of the project, which will be shared in our newsletter and possibly at a membership luncheon meeting.



TRIVIA CONTEST

The LCSR Trivia Contest held on Sunday, November 17, was a success! Approximately 50 people joined the game at the Lititz Springs Inn that afternoon for some great fun. Many people had never played trivia before. Quiz Master Mike Horn did a fantastic job with the questions. After totaling the ticket receipts and raffle ticket sales, and covering our expenses, we cleared over \$1000, which is enough to fully cover one scholarship! And thanks to the Lititz Springs Inn for donating the grand prize. The prize, a five-course dinner for team members, was won by the combined Pruskowski/Hudacs team. Cannot wait to hear about their fabulous meal.



Mark your calendar for next year. We have reserved the Lititz Springs Inn for our second trivia event for Sunday, November 16th, 2025. Plan to join your friends for a fun afternoon testing your trivia knowledge.

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.

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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
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PLEASE CHECK ABOVE FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION AND EXPIRATION DATE

LANCASTER COUNTY SCHOOL RETIREES
WINTER NEWSLETTER

MEMBERSHIP

Personal invitations are our best recruitment tool. Tell recent retirees about LCSR/PASR, share the newsletter with them and invite them to an event.

MONTE CARLO

March 30, 2025

Lehr Room, Millersville University

ORDER YOUR TICKETS TODAY

See page 3 for an order form.

Food, Drinks, Friends

Basket Raffles

Grand Prize \$3,000.00

SAVE THE DATE

TRIVIA AFTERNOON, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025