

COMMUNIQUE

Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees

Lancaster County School Retirees

Summer 2020

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



Greetings to All!

I hope this message finds you healthy, happy, and safe during these unusual times. In my wildest dreams, I never thought we would be going through a pandemic. However, we in the education community are tough and we will prevail.

We are hoping to host our September "Playing Hooky" picnic. This fun activity has become quite popular over the years. The Picnic is scheduled for Thursday, September 10 in Long's Park. Look for a postcard in August with registration information and any special instructions necessary under state guidelines for social events.

PASR has suggested that we meet via Zoom at the current time. This is a new concept to me, only to find out that my grandchildren are very adept at this process. We will try this for our summer Board meeting. Wish us Good Luck.

As for other activities, we will have to wait and see until we know we can be safe.

Our Chapter owes a "Big Thanks" to John and Mary Chesters for their creative solution to deal with the cancellation of Monte Carlo. They made it a success in spite of all the issues.

Best Wishes to all and stay healthy, happy, and safe!

Georgene Hoff, President

Retirement Planning

If you are a 2019 retiree your free membership to the Lancaster County School Retirees expires on June 30. You will be receiving a letter that contains membership information. We sincerely hope you will consider continuing your membership in our organization. Also, please invite new retirees that you know to join our organization.

We would like to challenge **ALL** members to invite a Lancaster County School retiree to join our organization. Allow them to see first-hand what our organization is about. If you know of a 2020 retiree, please make sure this committee has their information.

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MONTE CARLO - 2020

Monte Carlo 2020 was scheduled for Sunday, March 15 at Millersville University and then the VIRUS came and Monte Carlo 2020 went.

But there is a happy ending and the project was saved as a virtual event. While everything was ready to go we had no place to go. Plus John and Mary Chesters had over 58 Raffle Baskets and Prizes sitting in their living room.

A plan was put into place to offer ticket holders three choices: 1. Get a refund, 2. Donate their ticket money to LCSR or 3. Donate their ticket money and be entered into a Raffle drawing.

After consulting Monte Carlo Committee members and the LCSR Board the plan moved forward. Refunds were issued if requested and those who entered the Raffle had their number drawn to determine the order of prize distribution. A list of all prizes was sent out to each person as their number was drawn which allowed people to pick items that they wanted. This process continued until all Raffle participants got a prize.

The *happy ending* was a profit of more than \$6,000.00 from the virtual Monte Carlo 2020 to benefit LCSR educational grants, scholarships and the SSMHF.

John Chesters, Chair

Reach out to friends and former colleagues during this time. A phone call, text message or card can mean a lot!

Educational Support 2020 Scholarship Awards

The \$1000.00 Gene Hummel Scholarship has been awarded to **Emma Leister**.



Emma graduated from Warwick High School and will be attending Penn State at University Park majoring in the field of education. Her goal is to become an elementary teacher.

RECRCO

Like many aspects of our lives at this time, our Recreo program has been curtailed. Here are some upcoming trips that you may want to take advantage of:

August 8—Peddlers Village & New Hope \$98.00

October 16—Potomac Eagle Train Ride, West Virginia \$155.00

December 5—Christmas in Hershey Details & cost TBA

April 18-28, 2021 Danube River Cruise on AMA Waterways \$5,949.00

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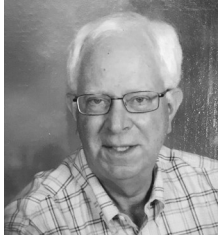
Community Service 2020 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

It is with great pleasure that we announce our Monte Carlo Chairman, **John Chesters**, as our **LCSR 2020 Volunteer of the Year**.

John and his committee had already put in countless hours of planning in preparation for our March 2020 Monte Carlo Event when the COVID 19 Virus caused our event to be cancelled. What to do? Hope to reschedule at a later date? Cancel the event for this year? John gathered input from members and, regrettably, the decision was made to cancel this year's event.

The big question then became what to do with all of those donated raffle items sitting in the Chester's home. John ultimately came up with a creative and equitable plan to allow ticketholders to decide what to do with their tickets. The final detail was to work out the logistics of the drawing. With much help from Mary, his wife, the drawing was held, winners were contacted and all of the prizes were picked up by happy "masked" winners!

All of John's work is greatly appreciated and, as someone said, "John took lemons and turned them into lemonade".



Co-chairs: Ruth Haverkamp & Marge Rineer

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