

COMMUNIQUE

Pennsylvania Association Of School Retirees

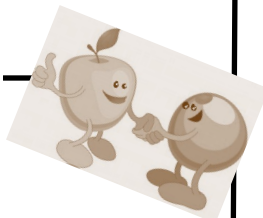
Lancaster County School Retirees

Fall 2020

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

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



Let's Help Our Neighbors!

The Lancaster County Food Hub is a social service agency offering food, clothing, shelter, and transportation to our neighbors in need. The services that are provided honor the dignity of all by striving to meet basic human needs.

During a "normal year," our organization would be collecting money to support the Food Hub at our November General Meeting. Since we will not be meeting in November, we are hoping that our members will use this alternative way to donate to the Food Hub.

Please send your donation, payable to "Lancaster Food Hub," to our Treasurer, Marijane Ember, 217 West Woods Ave., Lititz, PA 17543.

Here is the best part! **Marijane will total the individual donations, and LCSR will match the donations up to \$1000!**

We are setting a **deadline of October 31, 2020**, for these donations. Please be generous! The less fortunate members of our community are depending on us!

From lancasterfoodhub.org—

"Every \$25 provides 25 bags of nutritional food for families in our community"

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings to All

Here we are- hope everyone is happy, healthy and safe. It sure is a different world! As usual, we as retired educators are doing our best to follow all the rules and guidelines. (Does this sound like school?)

We as a Chapter have not met formally but as a Board we have been using "zoom" to meet and discuss what we can and cannot do. We had made tentative plans to do a picnic and had to cancel when Long's Park closed their pavilions.

If you know any new retirees, please ask them to join our group. Share that we have two meetings and activities in the summer. We keep you informed about our planned local activities and information about the State Organization in our newsletter, the Communique. It is our way to keep in touch.

My best wishes for a happy, healthy and safe Fall.

Georgene Hoff, President

CHAPTER NEWS

- Following the recommendation of the PASR Board of Directors we have suspended all activities until 2021.
- Board Meeting—Zoom—October 28 at 9:30 am. Contact John Bratton if you would like the link for the meeting.

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

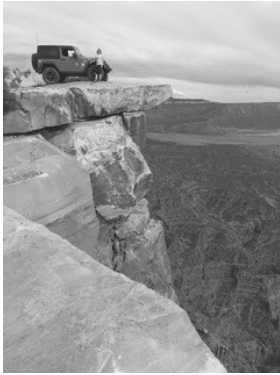
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STATE AND REGION 4 NEWS

Region 4 Executive Board met via Zoom on June 28 and September 15. Although in-person meetings are not possible during the pandemic the work of PASR goes on. Planning for the 2021 House of Delegates has begun; the selected location is Eden Resort in Lancaster. Our Region 4 Leadership will remain in place through the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2021). This follows a recommendation from Mark McKillop to the PASR Board of Directors. Mr. McKillop, PASR Executive Director, thanked leadership for their flexibility during these uncharted times.



*Top of the World Trail,
Moab Utah*

Introducing a new column featuring one of our LCSR family

HAVE YOU MET?



Bethel, Maine

Off-Road Adventures!

Penny Mason is not your typical retired school administrator. Some days she can be found teaching novice off-road enthusiasts how to safely traverse trails in their Jeeps or similar vehicles, other days serving as a trail guide for Jeep Club events and still others enjoying the peaceful challenge of exploring trails at Jamborees around the country.

Penny was introduced to *Jeeping* by her brother as a birthday gift in 2002. Having enjoyed the experience she bought a Jeep and began what has become an 18 year hobby! She belongs to a Jeep Club, Blue Mountain Jeep Alliance, based in Hamburg, PA with members from southeastern PA, New Jersey and Maryland. They sponsor social and charity events as well as trail rides. Eastern Pennsylvania has two off-road parks, one in Pine Grove and another in Shamokin. The park at Shamokin is the site of a spring and a mid-summer Jeep Jamboree where Penny shares her knowledge and expertise as a Trail Guide.



Shamokin, Pennsylvania

Over the years Penny has participated in Jeep Jamborees in Moab, Utah, Llano, Texas, Bethel, Maine and other locations along the east coast. Each of these events has turned into an opportunity to meet new people and explore other parts of the country. Extending her time traveling to Texas allowed Penny to visit points of interest in New Mexico as well as Texas. From March to November each year Jeep Jamboree USA holds an event every weekend all over the country!

Penny retired as an administrator at Warwick School District in 2013. She settled in this area in 1997, joining Warwick as Assistant Principal at the high school. Before joining the staff at Warwick, Penny taught mathematics at a parochial school in Erie, PA and at public schools in Detroit and Cincinnati. She earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Cincinnati and graduate degree plus administrative certification from Edinboro University. Her varied and interesting career perfectly complements her adventurous pastime.



Llano, Texas

"Because it was a short, steep climb, a spotter became our eyes to be sure we were safe."



FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

LCSR and BOSCOV'S

Do you enjoy shopping? Do you have plans to shop for the holidays or other days that will happen in your upcoming calendar of events but you cannot fathom going to a mall or other stores to make all of those purchases in the middle of a pandemic? Then again, do you enjoy the social moments of getting out and going to the mall to shop? Have we got a solution for you!

Once again, **LCSR** is joining the **Friends Helping Friends** activity extended to us by Boscov's to help with your shopping. *ALMOST* everything in their store will be on special sale at a *20% DISCOUNTED* price on Wednesday, October 14 AND Thursday October 15! (TWO DAYS!) So almost everything they have in stock that you purchase will receive the special discount price (10% for cosmetics, scents, jewelry and bedding) at the check-out! All you have to do is shop as you were going to do anyway!

No shopping cards (not to be confused with gift cards) will be sold this year for you to receive the benefits as in the past. Just shop as you will, check out with the discount *AND..... if you tell them to make a donation to LCSR (that's US!), the store will send this chapter 5% of your purchase as a community partnership bonus!* Last year, this chapter raised more than \$350 on cards sales for the sale. This year, *NO* cards and *EVERY* shopper will get the discount! Oh, one more thing.... Would you rather make your purchases on-line and have them delivered to your home? If you would, you still get the 20% discount on those two days! AND when you tell them to give **LCSR** the community credit, *we will also receive that 5% from all ONLINE sales!* It cannot get any easier!

So, if you needed to do some shopping anyway and you always enjoy the hunt for great prices, get involved in the **Boscov's Friends Helping Friends** event on *October 14 and 15!* No regrets! Just a win and a win! We want to thank you for being a part of our chapter and helping our members and the community in any way you can!

Have You Checked Our Website?

As we cope with the Coronavirus pandemic restrictions, contact via media becomes more and more important so that you know what is happening in our chapter. I urge you to go to the LCSR website (<https://thepasr.wixsite.com/lancasterpasr>) to keep up to date. You may want to make this address a favorite so that you don't have to type in a long address each time. What is available there? Included on the website are the following: a listing of the executive board members, a calendar of events, board meeting minutes, newsletters, RECREO trips, forms, member benefits and helpful links. So, take a few minutes to be sure you have all the information you need.

Retirement Planning

To all 2020 school retirees, we welcome you to our organization, LCSR. We hope to meet you in person at one of our events and hope you will consider us as you look for things to do in your retirement. We have travel info, ways to help the community, and luncheons with entertainment. Look for your Communique to give you all this information and more or call one of our committee members for answers to your questions. We hope to meet you soon.

Carol Kurl & Liz Loht
Co-chairs Retirement Planning

A POEM FOR OUR TIMES...

Not able to do a luncheon with entertainment too,
No Monte Carlo night or picnic near the Petting Zoo;
No need to zoom or wear a mask to get our information,
Just open up your mail and you'll find your invitation;
Check this *Communique* for our first gathering of any kind,
When we can meet again, in this mailing look to find.

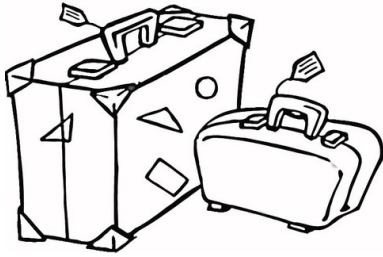
Carol Kurl

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

Please take a moment to consider our mission statement as it appears on the masthead of every *Communique*. Especially in these very unusual and trying times it is important that we live up to this declaration and find every opportunity to help those in need in our community and in our organization. For that reason, I ask that you support the Lancaster County Food Hub project as outlined on page one and look for opportunities in your communities to support students and teachers as they navigate these uncharted waters of virtual and hybrid educational programs.

If you are aware of any PASR/LCSR members who are struggling at this time, please contact Jean Young to inquire about support through the SSMHF. We must all work together even while remaining socially distanced. Stay well, stay safe, until we can meet again!

Lauren Buchmann, President-Elect



TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY 2021

Gems of Southeast Europe Danube River Cruise April 18-28, 2021 AMA WATERWAYS NEW SHIP, AMA MAGNA

Ama Waterways is offering Ama Magna (the newest & largest of their river boats) next April a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a fabulous cruise as well as an optional 2-night Brasov AND 2-night Bucharest post-cruise extension tour. Ama Waterways has been doing everything possible to keep safety PROCEDURES in place. This includes 70% capacity rather than 100%, social distancing in their 4 dining rooms, temperature checks and hand sanitizer throughout the vessel.

A few of the lower priced staterooms are available but River Boat cruises will be in demand over the larger vessels so don't hesitate if you have the desire to join us. Our flight has been confirmed; we have a nonstop to Vienna with a 2-night's stay to start the "Once in a Lifetime" memory.

Many inclusions: Round trip transfers, roundtrip airfare, 2-night pre-cruise in Vienna, Austria, including breakfast and city tour, 7-night Cruise on the deluxe and unique new river cruise ship AMA MAGNA, all on-board meals, snacks, and entertainment. Guided shore excursions in every port, unlimited wine, beer and soda. Cocktail hour daily. Gratuities to ships onboard guides and transfers. Wifi and baggage handling. All we need is YOU. *Spring will be a delightful time to explore Europe -- don't delay call for complete brochure.*

Carol Tangert, RECREO CHair
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AMA Waterways Cruise
Paris/Normandy April 2019



New York City, December 2019



AMA Waterways Cruise
Paris/Normandy April 2019



AMA Waterways Cruise
Paris/Normandy April 2019



Cleveland/Chicago Trip May 2019

Social Services/ Memorial Honor Fund

SS/MHF is one of the most valuable committees of each chapter of PASR. It recognizes those who have been members but may be unable to attend our chapter meetings due to illness, new living situations that may not allow travel to the meetings or that annoying aging thing that can get in the way. Since we respect your membership and anything you may have contributed to the chapter or the community in the past, this committee makes sure you have a connection with the present. It also recognizes the passing of LCSR / PASR members who are no longer with us.

Today we would like to extend thanks to Rosemary Litz for her nearly ten years of chairing this committee for our chapter. Rosemary has visited countless members in their homes and other living places. She has brought our message to you where you are now, and sometimes she has brought a small gift, a plant or a card. She always brought her kind smile. She has also attended many funerals as one of the representatives from our chapter, to honor you or a family member. Rosemary decided that after 10 years she felt comfortable knowing that she has served the committee well and looks forward to someone else doing this leadership work now.

If you are interested in helping with this committee's work, visiting our shut ins and others who need us, sending cards or making phone calls on someone else's behalf and being a member of the local LCSR Board, please notify Georgie Hoff, our chapter President or Lauren Buchmann, our chapter President-Elect with your offer to help. Every committee needs a leader, but if you work things right you can be an integral part of the committee and bring out the leadership of others at the same time! Please say **yes** to helping others throughout the year. Please offer to chair this fine committee or be part of a duo that can take on this work.

****PS....** Of the 13 state and out-of-state regions of PASR, Region 4 (your region here in Lancaster) donated more funds to the honor and memory of friends, members and family to PASR in Mechanicsburg than any other region! We are strong, we are powerful and we demonstrate often how much we really care!

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

Following is an article in a series, Who Knew, written by PASR President, Judith Schaffer,. The series was sent to leadership with an invitation to share with membership. This article was distributed in August. Enjoy!

Who Knew - #5 "To Travel or Not To Travel"

Lately travel advertisements have been promoting a return to Road Trips.

Driving in your car on the open road with friends is the way to travel suggested for this summer.

My question is – "TO WHERE!"

Over fifteen states are now listed on a travel advisory due to COVID-19 for Pennsylvania residents returning home. A fourteen day quarantine is required for these people before being allowed to resume their normal activities. Who Knew?

This quote by the Dalai Lama says----

"Once a year, go someplace, you've never been before."

For me, 2020 will be the first year that I did not experience a vacation to somewhere new since I first started working in schools. Fear of catching the virus while travelling and then spreading it upon my return has me rethinking any trips. It's not just about me, it is also about what I could spread to you.

My travelling this year will be limited to perusing my Memory Books. After each trip I created an album/scrapbook of my experiences. I will be travelling, but just in my mind. How about you?

Reading is always a way to safely travel. I sit outside in the early morning and again in the evening reading a good book. I do it with an actual book in my hands! Here are several book tips for you to try.

Book Tip – **PANDEMIC** by Robin Cook

Written in 2018 this medical thriller deals with a virus which begins to affect the residents of New York City. Sound familiar!

Book Tip – **SCREAM** by Margee Kerr

The author of this nonfiction novel is a sociologist at the University of Pittsburgh who presents chilling adventures in the science of fear. She discusses the newest studies of fear while testing herself at America's scariest places.

Lately, fear dealing with COVID-19 has affected my daily life. I refuse to give in to it, but it has become part of my routine and I don't like it. I am now wary when going food shopping or being in a group setting. How will it affect our PASR meetings? Virtual meetings using zoom are becoming the new normal. Hopefully, we can soon go back to some kind of normal get-togethers, but until we do be open to trying to learn how to use zoom.

Faced with all the unrest in our nation over social injustice, I offer this quote—

"You can't change what's going on around you until you start changing what's going on within you."

Judith Schaffer, PASR President

Please help us find.....

Adelaide Kochler
Margaret Anderson
Linda Mears
Dr. Jeanne Zimmerman
Geraldine Hoffman
Eva C. Kramer
Miriam Layman
Donna Mease
James Forsha
Byron Sprock
Barbara Achterman

Clarence Klopp
John Hershey
Pauline Shirk
Helen Schmick
Jack Ernst
Kathleen Neimer
Barbara Eyman
Mary Rost
Sandy Antonucci
Donna M. Thourot
A. Lucille Snowden

Charles Anderson
Frances McQuate
E. Anne Steinberg
Kitty Potts
Marguerite Ochs
Janet Wells
Kay Dimeler
Michael Valldes
Mary Freeman
Raymond Weaver

Mailings to each of these individuals have been returned as *undeliverable* or *no forwarding address*. If you have a current address or other information about any of these members please send an email to lbuchm9877@aol.com or call Lauren Buchmann at 717-413-5865 so that our records can be updated. Thank you.



NEW MEMBERS

Beth Crosby	IU 13
Barbara Fry-Clingenpeel	Columbia
Ruth Kramer	Cocalico
Kara Rose	Warwick
Bernadette Stamm	

In Memoriam

Ida Aho
Irma Bowman
Doris Bridgeman
Helen Erb
Kenneth Espenshade
Anna Fitzkee
Eleanor Hummel
Emma Louise Kraft
Claude Lynch
Nancy Reese
Judith Russell
Marilyn Williams
Alice Jane Young

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 _____

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.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Dear Friends,

In normal times, we would be planning your November luncheon and we would be looking forward to seeing all of you. Unfortunately, we had to cancel our April luncheon due to the Coronavirus. We were especially disappointed about canceling the April luncheon because we had the meal planned and were going to be entertained by the Donegal Rhythm Singers. The tables would have been arranged in a large circle with the entertainers in the center so everyone would have had a front row seat.

We promise that when it is safe to be together again, Calvary Church will welcome us back and we will have a special luncheon with entertainment to celebrate our reunion. In the meantime, may God bless you with good health. We are ready to plan your next LCSR/PASR luncheon as soon as possible.

Fondly,
Sue Hoxworth and Becky Peifer

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

LCSR NEEDS YOU



Looking for a way to become more involved in LCSR? There are some open Committee Chair positions as well as openings on all committees..

SSMHF is an active committees that is always looking for volunteers to send cards to shut-in members and, in more normal times, visit members in nursing homes delivering a small gift provided by the chapter. **Monte Carlo committee** is active only a few months each year as they plan and run that fundraising event. **Picnic Committee** is another short-term opportunity, requiring only a meeting or two to plan the event and attendance at the event to help with set-up, and clean-up. If you have an interest in serving on a committee, please contact the chairman or one of the executive officers for more information

The **Members Benefits Committee**, **Social Services Memorial Honor Fund Committee**, **Newsletter** and **Membership Committee** are all in need of a new chairperson. The description of each of these positions appears on

the PASR website. In terms of time commitment a committee chair is expected to attend six Executive Board meeting per year and two Region 4 meetings per year. Additional individual committee meetings may be called as needed. Newsletter requires the publication of three full editions of the Communique, a short "flyer" and sometimes a postcard each year. Membership is an on-going commitment maintaining chapter and state membership records, receiving dues payments .

Give these opportunities some thought and if you have the time and talent, please contact an Executive Board member to explore the possibilities. Also keep in mind that we encourage the use of co-chairs for committees, sharing the job with a partner can help lighten the load!

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
THOSE WITH DATES PRIOR TO 2020 MUST RENEW MEMBERSHIP TO RECEIVE FUTURE MAILINGS

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

LCSR Membership as of 9/25/2020

Annual Members	232
Emeritus Members	3
Life Members	487
<u>Total</u>	722

Complimentary (2020 Retirees) 91