

COMMUNIQUE

Pennsylvania Association Of School Retirees

Lancaster County School Retirees

Spring 2019

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

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**Come to the General
Membership Meeting**

April 15
BRING A
FRIEND !



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My name is Georgene Hoff and I am the new President of the Lancaster Chapter of PASR. It is an honor to serve. For the past two years, I have served as President Elect and also as Secretary for the last several years. I got into this chapter by invitation from my Principal, Dr. Gail Ekstrand. She asked me to join when I retired. I did so and have been busy since, as a member, as a Board member, and now as an officer.

My goal is to increase our membership. Therefore, I ask that each of you invite a retiree to join our chapter. This could be a new retiree or someone who has been retired for some years.

This year the Board voted on having only two General Membership meetings, one in the Spring (April) and one in the Fall (November). We meet at Calvary Church on Landis Valley Road. Over the years, we have met in July, however our attendance was down so we decided to invent another activity. We will keep you posted on this.

We have our chapter's big money maker in March. It is called Monte Carlo Night. This year will be our eighth year and we host it at Millersville University. The funds raised

help our chapter to continue to fund our committee and those committees are: Community Service, Educational Support, and add to Social Services. Our Chairs do a wonderful job with the resources we raise. We try to provide programs of interest and also entertainment at our General meetings. Our L-PEC committee keeps us informed as to what is going on in Harrisburg, and how it may impact, us, the retirees.

On April 4, 2019 this chapter will host a Retirement Fair at Calvary Church. Please invite soon to be retirees and help them learn about their new beginning. We will have representatives from agencies and speakers to address their questions and concerns.

With the passing of our Dear Friend, Pat Gillespie, we are looking to fill her chair on our Board. She was chair of Members Benefits Committee and she also met you as you registered for the General meetings. Please give it a thought and contact us if you are interested.

So again, please invite a friend who may have been involved in education, to join our group and catch-up with friends and enjoy Life!

Georgene Hamsher Hoff,
President



SAVE THE DATE

- Retirement Fair—April 4, 2019 (see page 5)
- General Membership Meeting—April 15 (Registration Form page 10)

Visit our website: www.lcsrpsr.org

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Committee Chair Needed!!!

Our organization is currently seeking a volunteer to fill the Chair position of the Member Benefits Committee.

Additional members would be welcomed on any committee.,
consider taking a more active role in LCSR.

For more information about this position or to volunteer please contact Georgene Hoff
(717-626-2224) or any board member listed above.

**LCSR/PASR General Membership Meeting
November 5, 2018
Calvary Church**

Welcome and Pledge to the Flag: John Bratton

"America the Beautiful" was played by Richard Kline and sung by the membership.

Introduction of Program: Chris Fitz from Advos did a Power Point Presentation about Restorative Justice for offending juveniles before the criminal justice system is involved. He explained how mediation through face-to-face dialogue between the violator and the victim can restore relationships and lead to a resilient healthy response by the juvenile to a future crisis. The goal is to repair the harm caused by crime and to transform conflict and build community through facilitated dialogue. Mr. Fitz ended by inviting PASR members to volunteer, to donate or to mediate in partnership with Advos.

Business Meeting:

Secretary's Report: The minutes for the July 2018 meeting were reviewed. John Bratton corrected the savings account figure to be \$12, 099.03. Carol Kurl moved to approve the corrected minutes. Mike Hoff seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: John Bratton

Checking Balance: \$6,000.00

Savings: \$12,099.03

Ed Support: \$20,000 CD

John Dillon Award: John Bratton presented the John Dillon Award to Lauren Buchman who has earned it through her outstanding work for PASR, her church, and her community.

Installation of Officers for 2019 – 2020: Officers were installed by Region Director, Jean Young.

President- Georgene Hoff

President Elect—Lauren Buchmann

Secretary – Becky Peifer

Co-secretary – Marge Rineer

Treasurer—Marijane Ember

Asst. Treasurer—John Bratton

Invocation: John Bratton

Lunch

Reports:

Monte Carlo report was given by chairman, John Chesters, who reminded everyone to purchase a Monte Carlo ticket to insure the continued success of the scholarship and community services fund raiser.

Program: Deb and Erika represented the YWCA to report on the educational programs and housing facilities which benefit women and children through the YWCA. The YWCA works to eliminate racism and empower women. They encouraged members to volunteer.

Program: Monika Gransee reported on Archie's Math, a non-profit outreach program dedicated to helping elementary aged children improve math proficiency. Archie's Math visits schools to provide exhibits and to demonstrate math principles for grades K-6. She encouraged members to volunteer.

Social Services – Rosemary Litz placed candles on tables and read the names of the 11 members who passed away during the past year. Rosemary highlighted the attributes of the deceased members whom we will miss. Roses were provided in remembrance.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55.

Respectfully Submitted, Becky Peifer

MEMBERSHIP CONCERNS

Please read the Retirement Planning Article on page 7 and realize that membership recruiting and retention should be a goal of every member.

Since 2013 we have seen a steady decline in total membership of LCSR; total membership dropped from 1018 to 741. Records show 178 of our members died in those 5 years and 177 new members were recruited. This points to member *retention* as our main concern. Over the course of 5 years 313 members were dropped when they did not renew membership after a 6 month grace period and reminders to do so. Please invite fellow retirees to join you at a meeting, share your Communique, and let them know who LCSR is and what the organization does.

Luncheon Program

“In Pursuit of Gentle Breezes: Hot Air Ballooning Around the World”

by Mary Ann Heltshe-Steinhauer.

Mary Ann will share the basics of hot air ballooning before taking us on her world-wide travels in search of gentle breezes. Be prepared to hear stories about her experiences as a balloonist in Albuquerque, Austria, Belgium, Costa Rica, Japan, Leningrad, Spain and Switzerland...and then back home in Lancaster County.

Mary Ann is employed by the Library System of Lancaster County where she serves as the PR/Community Relations Manager. She has spent over twenty years with the library system. She has a B.S. in Elementary Education/Library Science and a Masters of Education from Millersville University. She also has a Master of Library Science from Clarion University and post graduate studies in Folklore from University of Penn.



Most of her professional life has been spent in education, whether it was in the classroom as a teacher or in the school library as a teaching librarian (K-6) at Penn Manor School District. She's been an Instructional Support Team Leader at Coatesville Area School District, where she was responsible for a team that developed strategies for at-risk children. She loves to tell stories and has performed as a storyteller. From 1988 -1995 she was a representative agent for Children's Book Artists/Illustrators---where marketing and public relations were an integral part of her work.

In her spare time, Mary Ann likes to write and is a published author (*Multicultural Explorations: Joyous Journeys with Books*, Libraries Unlimited, 1991; *Reading with a Smile*, Acropolis Books, 1975; photo illustrated *Full of Hot Air* written by Gary Paulsen, Delacorte, 1993.) She's also had articles published in *The Christian Science Monitor*, *Ballooning Journal* and *Balloon Life Magazine*.

She says she's often been accused of having her head in the clouds, as she is a licensed hot-air balloon pilot who has traveled all over the world in pursuit of gentle breezes. However, now she enjoys the gentle breezes felt while sitting and reading, as she watches the clouds drift aloft!

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Food Bank Donations

Thank you to all who contributed so generously at our November General Meeting. Monetary donations totaled \$255.00. Our contributions to the Lancaster County Council of Churches Food Bank allow the Food Bank to purchase food from the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank at a reduced cost. Thirty percent of those receiving food are children. Our contributions do much to alleviate hunger in our community.

Volunteer of the Year

Please join us at this month's General Meeting as we honor a very deserving Volunteer of the Year for 2018.

Opportunities for Volunteer Service

Please continue to look for opportunities in your local communities where your help would be greatly appreciated.

Retirement Fair for School Retirees sponsored by LCSR-PASR

Do you know of someone who plans to retire from any of the school districts in PA this year? Our chapter is sponsoring a **Retirement Fair on Thursday, April 4 from 3PM until 5:30 PM** at Calvary Church on Landis Valley Road (where we hold our chapter meetings each time) for everyone preparing for their retirement from the school system where they are employed.

The event is sponsored by our local chapter of PASR and will be attended by many of the vendors and companies all school retirees might want to meet with or schedule appointments with as well. Those scheduled to attend on April 4 will be PASR Headquarters officials, PSEA-PSEA-R representatives, Health Options Program (HOP), Social Security, Davis Vision, United Concordia and Nationwide (to address financial planning). All representatives will be available to address any questions these guests have that day. If you remember from reading your latest editions of the PASR magazine you receive as members, you may recall that we are contracted with Davis Vision, United Concordia and Nationwide for discounted prices for all PASR members. PASR is the conduit to these companies for the discounts. (All PASR members also qualify for discounted tickets to the Disney Parks and other fun retirement places.)

If you know anyone who is eligible to attend this retirement fair, please share this information with them. An announcement about this fair will also appear in the Lancaster Newspapers and in the Merchandizer Newspapers of Lancaster County. And a letter will be forwarded to all district superintendents so that everyone who is retirement eligible will be able to have this invitation shared with them. This invitation is extended to professional and support staff members of any public school district in Pennsylvania.

To register to attend, which is highly recommended, please contact Jean Young at jeanlyoung@aol.com or by calling 717-928-4432 before April 1, 2019.

Volunteer Opportunity

Every Spring, the North Museum of Nature and Science welcomes hundreds of students through field trips and group visits. When these groups want a special, in-depth experience of the museum, they choose a Guided Tour—and that's where our beloved volunteers come in. As a North Museum Guide, you'll lead groups of 15-20 students on an exhibit-by-exhibit tour (there are six in total) that lasts about 90 minutes and includes time for questions and exploration at each stop. You'll help students explore things like The Nature Gallery, the Live Animal Room, Dinosaurs, Nanotechnology, Ornithology, and Geology. If you love kids and have an interest in any area of science, this volunteer opportunity is perfect for you. Comprehensive training is provided. Most guides lead about 2 tours a month, but some come in weekly. We're open to working with you and whatever fits your schedule. To get involved, reach Jane Windlebleck at 717-358-7188 or at jwindlebleck@northmuseum.org.

NEARLY \$3,000 IN SCHOOL EMPLOYEE GRANTS AWARDED

As part of its mission to continue supporting education in retirement, LCSR awarded the following grants to local educators and schools in November and December for the 2018-19 school year.

Recipients are:

Matt Becker, Brian McClellan, Bob Needelman, Emily Rossman, and Nicole Reppert, 4th grade team, Fulton Elementary, Ephrata - \$200 as partial funding for materials for a STEM Community Impact Design Challenge in which all 4th grade students will research an issue in the community, pose a solution, design a prototype, and share their outcome and learning.

Kelcey Bucks, Librarian, Park Elementary - \$391 for creative construction material that will give students manipulatives for the library's STEM Initiative program.

Erin Campbell, Speech Language Pathologist, Columbia Middle and High School - \$200 for a Skoog, a tactile instrument that will attach to an IPAD and will provide a way for students with all types of disabilities the chance to make music, as well as aid in speech therapy.

Kristen Canady, Librarian, Schaeffer Elementary School - \$500 for flexible seating for the K-4 library

Beth Haldeman, Principal, Reamstown Elementary - \$200 as partial funding for the first elementary career day.

Mandee Hatcher, Kindergarten teacher, Park Elementary - \$434 for special playground equipment that will aid early childhood motor coordination and development.

Shari Miller, In-School Suspension Aide, Landisville Middle School - \$200 for materials to aid in helping "at risk" students be successful in the classroom throughout the year through a project called "Building Bridges".

Kristin Moritz, Kindergarten teacher, Park Elementary - \$461 for special books that will help students develop skills in reading, writing, and drawing pictures to go along with their writing.

Kerrie Snavelly, Science teacher, Conestoga Valley High School - \$200 as partial funding for a special "green" storage rack for environmentally conscious stream study equipment.

Jeffrey Wile, Computer Science teacher, Warwick High School - \$200 as partial funding for Turing Tumblers, gear-based pegboards that use marbles to give students an additional physical/hands-on experience that help develop skills in coding concepts.

All projects for the grants are to be completed by June 30, 2019. 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.

Dear LCSR,

Thank you for the grant money for the Turing Tumblers. I was able to purchase four with your funds and they have been very well received by the classes. Warwick has had a lot of tragedy this year and every little thing we do can shed some light on everyone. Thank you for your support and I look forward to sharing the success with you at a later time.

Jeff J. Wile
Warwick High School

Dear Lancaster County School Retirees,

I want to sincerely thank you for awarding me the grant for the special kindergarten playground equipment. The equipment has arrived and the kindergarten team has introduced it to the students to ensure that it is utilized properly. The students are so excited and enjoying its application.

Mandee Hatcher
Park Elementary

Retirement Planning Committee

We hope that all 2018 Lancaster County School Retirees are enjoying their first year of retirement. It is also our hope that your first year complimentary membership to the **Lancaster County School Retirees** enabled you to find out more about the LCSR through the newsletters, membership meeting, or social activities. Your membership will expire on June 30, 2019 so take advantage of it now and plan to attend the April 15, 2019 membership meeting at Calvary Church, 1051 Landis Valley Road, Lancaster. Come and enjoy lunch with other retirees. The registration form for this event can be found in the back of this newsletter. We hope to see you there.

You will be receiving a letter in early June from the Retirement Planning Committee giving you details on how you can become a member of the Lancaster County School Retirees. Please join and continue your membership.

Calling **ALL** members - If you know of any Lancaster County School Employee who is retiring this year or who has retired but is not a member, please send us their name and address and we will send them information about LCSR and a membership form.

We are counting on your help. Together we can continue to grow and do great things!

Carol Kurl- kurl1249@live.com 717 -616-2435

Liz Loht- lizloht@comcast.net 717-569-6017

Educational Support Scholarship Applications

Scholarship applications were sent to all high schools in Lancaster County and are due at the end of March. John Charles Lohin Memorial Scholarship is for graduating special needs students who have maintained a 3.5 average and have been accepted at a school of higher learning.

The Gene Hummel Scholarship was sent to all high schools in Lancaster County. Seniors who have maintained a 3.5 average, who wish to go into the field of education and who have been accepted at a college are applying for this \$1,000 scholarship. All applications are due by the end of March.

Respectfully Submitted,
Connie Ginder

Welcome!

NEW MEMBERS

Madeline Bonholtzer

Hempfield

Thomas Winters

PA Department of Education

In Memoriam

Patricia Gillespie

Gordon Gingrich

Sandra Horn

Arlene Hunsecker

Arnold Kraft

Clayton Martin

Janice Reed

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As a father of four - thank you for your years of investing into the lives of our youth.

Congratulations on a job well done.

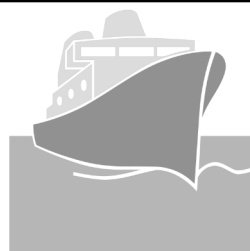
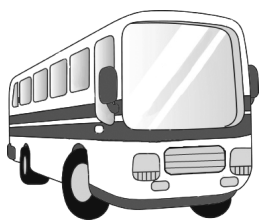
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TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES LCSR RECREO 2019

May 24-29 Chicago - Cleveland and Columbus. Includes: deluxe motor coach == hotel accommodations, 4 dinners, 1 show, 6 breakfasts. Rock n Roll Hall of Fame, City tour of Chicago Cruise Chicago River through locks to Lake Michigan, Hyde Park, University of Chicago, Jackson Park but much more. Price: \$1,659.00 per person (DBL)

July 12 Longwood Gardens & Fountain Show. Enjoy dinner at Buckley's Tavern (tax & gratuities) enroute to Longwood Gardens—admission and driver gratuities included as well. We will not depart Longwood Gardens until after the show. Price: \$98.00 per person

August 8 National Museum of African American History and Culture, Washington, DC
Admission and deluxe motor coach with driver gratuities included plus snacks. \$69.00 per person

September 25-27 Pocono Mountains & Catskill Mountains. Includes accommodations at Hotel Anthracite, Deluxe motor coach, driver gratuity, taxes & gratuities on meals. Stourbridge Line Rail Excursion, Bethel Woods, Silver Birches Resort for lunch, Dorflinger Glass Museum and nightly entertainment plus Steamtown Historic Site. Price: \$585.00 per person

October 21-24 Colonial Williamsburg & Yorktown, VA. Deluxe Motor coach, driver & guide gratuities. Accommodations, tax & baggage handling. 3 dinners, 4 breakfasts, plus all tax., fees & meal gratuities included. Capitol, Governor's Palace, Merchants Square, Jamestown Settlement & American Revolution Museum of Yorktown. Also enjoy some famous restaurants. Price \$910.00 per person.

Looking Forward—2020

OBERAMMERGAU -- Passion Play - Germany. Dates and price coming soon. Call if interested in attending to learn more.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING REGISTRATION

Monday, April 15, 2019

PLACE: Calvary Church, 1051 Landis Valley Road, Lancaster, PA 17601

AGENDA: 10:00 Registration – 10:30 Program “Hot Air Ballooning Around the World” – 11:15 LCSR Business Meeting – 11:30 Lunch - 12:15 Meeting continues (if necessary)

MENU: Roasted Herb Encrusted Pork Loin with Pan Gravy, Au Gratin Potatoes, Spring Blend Vegetables, Rolls & Butter, Spiced Peaches over Pound Cake, Regular or Decaf Coffee, Ice Tea, Ice Water

DEADLINE for return of registration form: Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Please return form below with check payable to LCSR/PASR to Mrs Becky Peifer

5163 Oak Leaf Drive

Mount Joy, PA 17552

Late registrations may be able to attend meeting only.

General Membership Meeting

Monday, April 15, 2019

Name/Names: _____

Year you retired _____ District from which you retired _____

I will attend meeting only _____

Cost of luncheon: \$16.00 per person \$ _____

Contribution to General Fund \$ _____

Contribution to Scholarship Fund \$ _____

Contribution to Monte Carlo \$ _____

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 CENTURY 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

1701 Drummers Lane

Lancaster, PA 17603-6791

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 www.lcsrpasr.org

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 _____

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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.

LANCASTER COUNTY SCHOOL RETIREES
Mrs. Lauren Buchmann
1701 Drummers Lane
Lancaster, PA 17603-6791

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

PLEASE CHECK ABOVE FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION AND EXPIRATION DATE

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

LCSR Membership as of 2/27/2019

Annual Members	220
Emeritus Members	5
Life Members	516
Total	<u>741</u>

Complimentary (2018 Retirees) 127

COMING EVENTS

General Membership Meetings April 15 & Nov. 18
Calvary Church

Board Meetings March 6, May 1, Sept. 4, Nov. 6
Centerville Diner

Region 4 Meetings April 25 & Oct. 24

Retirement Fair April 4
Calvary Church

Playin’ Hooky Picnic Sept. date TBA
Long’s Park