

COMMUNIQUE

Pennsylvania Association Of School Retirees

Lancaster County School Retirees

Spring 2024

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring is just around the corner and planning is underway for a number of LCSR events. There will be a Membership Luncheon on April 15 at the Eden Resort, see the introduction to our speaker, Gregory Scott on page 8 and the luncheon reservation form on page 6 .



The Executive Board is proposing some changes to our By-laws and needs your input. Those proposed changes are presented on page 7 and will be discussed at the Spring luncheon. We will vote on the changes at the Fall luncheon.

Our Monte Carlo Night fundraiser in 2023 generated \$3840.00 providing funds to award two scholarships as well as five educational grants. Unfortunately we have been unable to find a suitable venue to host the event this year. The Executive Board has voted to request that membership be asked to help us fulfill our mission and continue to award innovative educators, recognize high school seniors with scholarships and support our oldest members and those in need through the Social Services Committee.

While we hope to host a major fundraising event in 2025 we need your help this year. Please consider donating \$25.00 or any amount you choose to help us continue fulfilling our mission to support education and others in need. This campaign runs through April 30, 2024. Make checks payable to LCSR and write Fundraiser on the memo line. Mail to:

*Marijane Ember, LCSR Treasurer
217 W. Wood Drive
Lititz, PA 17543*

Finally, many of you will have received this publication electronically as well as in print. The electronic version is identical to the print one with the exception of color pictures. If you would like to receive an electronic copy you can be added to that list by providing your email address. Email your name to: lbuchm9877@aol.com to receive electronic copies in the future.

Lauren Buchmann, President

DATES TO REMEMBER

General Membership Luncheon	Monday, April 15, 2024
Executive Board Meeting	Monday, May 6, 2024
Region 4 General Membership Meeting	Thursday, April 18, 2024
Playin' Hooky Picnic	Wednesday, September 18, 2024

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

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Save the Date for Friends and Family!!

It's Retirement Fair Time!

This year the Lancaster County School Retirees (LCSR!!) is holding the annual Retirement Fair on **SATURDAY MORNING, April 27 at Chiques United Methodist Church located at 1215 E Main St in Mount Joy from 9 AM until 12 PM.** We will meet in their Fellowship Hall all morning.

Do you know of anyone planning on retiring this year or in the next few years from public schools in Pennsylvania? Ask them to plan to visit this gathering in Mount Joy, a drop-in affair for anyone planning on retiring but maybe not sure what's next! Vendors will be in attendance from the state office of PASR, HOP, PASR benefits plans, PSEA-R, travel experts from RECRO, financial people and others who can help with planning how to really enjoy retirement and the "more to come"!

Doors open at 9AM. Snacks will be provided. Registration is requested since we want to know how we can best be prepared for the day for our attendees.

If you know anyone who would like to attend (you can come too, to help out with all of the questions!), please ask them to call **Jean Young at 717-928-4432** to register. Since we're doing this on a Saturday, we are hoping for a really involved and interested group of people. Just remember: *PASR is for ALL school retirees. We are not a teacher's group exclusively!*

Let's work on helping others learn the secrets to enjoying retirement together!!

HAPPY 85TH BIRTHDAY PASR

LCSR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & LUNCHEON

Eden Resort
Monday, November 13, 2023

Welcome: Lauren Buchmann, President

Entertainment: Singer Brenten Megee presented a program, "Come Rain or Shine It's a Wonderful World". We enjoyed a collection of songs which were designed to lift us up and put smiles on our faces. Brenten Megee is a tenor from Lancaster, PA who is well known for his Patriotic, Holiday, Christian, and Classical solo concerts. Brenten's personal story and his voice have a way of touching the heart.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the Spring Membership Meeting were published in the Communicator. Phil Loht moved that the minutes be approved. Becky Peifer seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Marijane Ember

Balances covering the period September 1, 2023 to October 31, 2023 were reported. There was an opening balance of \$14,611.33, income of \$945.23 and expenses of \$3360.75, resulting in a balance of \$12,195.81.

Announcements:

Lottery Tickets to benefit the PASR Social Services Memorial Fund are available for sale. There is a jar on each table for donations to the Lancaster County Food Hub. The Door Prize was donated by Jean Young.

Memorial Ceremony:

A creative and moving ceremony was led by Jean Young, chairman of SSMHF Committee. We remembered those members who passed away in the last year.

Awards:

Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Marty and Nancy Hudacs.
John J. Dillon Award was presented to Marijane Ember.
A PASR Board Commendation was presented to John Bratton.

Recreo:

Carol Tangert reviewed her trips planned for the remainder of 2023 and 2024.

President's Remarks:

Lauren Buchmann asked that members to consider accepting leadership roles in LCSR. There are vacancies on many committees as well as President Elect. She also thanked the Hospitality Committee who arranged the luncheon, made the centerpieces and provided the 85th Birthday Cake.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellyn Miller, Secretary



A column featuring one of our LCSR family

HAVE YOU MET?

After her retirement from Elizabethtown School District in 2013 **Elaine Hill** found her volunteer calling with the group *Dress A Girl Around the World Etown*. The main focus of the group is to provide girls in third world countries with a new dress. Their website states “We are sending hope and dresses to girls in need and at risk for human trafficking around the world.” With chapters in many states the national organization has made and distributed over 3,000,000 dresses. Volunteers from the Elizabethtown chapter meet to sew dresses and package them for distribution by various mission groups. They are dependent upon donations for their materials.

The group also makes dolls and after attending a doll-making demonstration Elaine realized that was something she wanted to contribute. She has made about 3,000 small cuddly dolls in her years as a volunteer—and she is not done yet! They are made of 100% cotton fabric with polyester stuffing; Elaine tries to use playful, colorful fabrics. The dolls come with three different skin tones to match the population where they are distributed. Over the years Elaine has become known as the *Doll Lady* or the *Midwife* of the Elizabethtown chapter. Elaine is pictured here when she reached her first 1,000 dolls.



Growing up in the Pittsburgh area, Elaine has always shown an artistic side. In elementary school she was one of two children in her school to be chosen to attend special art class at Carnegie Mellon University. She continued in that program through high school. After high school Elaine attended Millersville University and earned her education degree and certification. She and her husband settled in Elizabethtown where she taught art for a few years before having children. When her children were older Elaine returned to teaching, first on a parttime basis then fulltime when her youngest left for college. She retired in 2013 but remains busy sharing her talents in many ways.

If you would like more information about the national organization you can go to their website www.dressagirlaroundtheworld.com. Information about the Elizabethtown chapter can be found on their Facebook page [Dress A Girl Around the World from Etown,, PA.](#)

Community Service

Helping People, Changing Lives, Three Health Benefits of Volunteering.

Research has shown that volunteering offers significant health benefits, especially for older adults:

1. Improves physical and mental health.
2. Provides a sense of purpose and teaches valuable skills.
3. Nurtures new and existing relationships.

So, if you're not already doing so, look for opportunities in your community. Doing so will make a difference in the lives of your neighbors and friends - and also can improve your health!



TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES 2024

MARCH 5, 2024 PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW. "UNITED BY FLOWERS". \$85.00 *SOLD OUT*

APRIL 16-19, 2024 SPRINGTIME IN COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG, VA. & NORFOLK, VA. ENJOY THE HISTORIC DISTRICT, WINE TOURING, SHIRLEY PLANTATION, ETC. WOODLANDS' HOTEL, (7) INCLUDED MEALS AND ON RETURN TOUR **NORFOLK HARBOR ABOARD the AMERICAN ROVER.** ELITE COACH \$1,070.00 DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 23, 2024

JUNE 25, 2024 EMMITSBURG, MD. TOUR OF ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON AREA, BOX LUNCH IN GROVE, NATIONAL SHRINE GROTTO OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES AT MT. ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY & GETTYSBURG FOR HERITAGE CTR. & MUSEUM. ELITE COACH, DRIVER GRATUITY, BB BREAKFAST/ DOOR PRIZES. PRICE: \$116.00 pp DEADLINE: MAY 8, 2024

JULY 16, 2024 LEWES, DELAWARE TO CAPE MAY, NJ. TRAVEL TO LEWES, DEL., BOARD FERRY TO CAPE MAY, NJ, FOR YOU TO ENJOY AREA, CLIMB 199 STEPS of LIGHTHOUSE AT POINT STATE PARK OR RIDE DIRECTLY TO CAPE MAY TO SPEND THE DAY. RETURN VIA ELITE COACH. INCLUDES: ELITE COACH, DRIVER GRATUITY, BB BREAKFAST, FERRY TRANSFER TO CAPE MAY, NJ. PRICE: \$109.00 DEADLINE: 6-11-24

AUGUST 21, 2024 WEDNESDAY/MATINEE TOBY'S DINNER THEATRE ENJOY "JERSEY BOYS" THE STORY OF FRANKIE VALLI & THE FOUR SEASONS". INCLUDES: ELITE COACH, DRIVER GRATUITY, BUFFET LUNCHEON, GRATUITIES & MORE. PRICE: \$145.00 pp DEADLINE: 7-1-24

OCTOBER 10-19, 2024 CANADA & NEW ENGLAND CRUISE. BOSTON, MASS. PORTLAND, ME. SYDNEY & HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA, & ST. JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK. "LIBERTY OF THE SEAS" ROYAL CARIBBEAN CRUISE LINE. TRANSFERS TO CAPE LIBERTY, NJ. BOARD DELUXE OCEAN LINER. *SOLD OUT*

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717-984-2108
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LCSR PASR AWARDS 2023

Marty & Nancy Hudacs
Volunteers of Year



Marijane Ember
John J. Dylan Service Award

John Bratton
PASR Board Commendation



PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGES

Article VI Section A The officers of the Chapter shall be a president, ~~president elect~~ (vice president) treasurer, secretary, and immediate past president. Any of these offices may be shared by two individuals,, i.e. co-president, co-treasurer, etc.

Article VI Section C, The ~~president elect~~ (Vice President) shall serve as the presiding officer in the absence of the president and shall succeed to the office of president up on the expiration of the president's term of office...

(In all instances, the title president elect should be changed to vice president).

Article X Section A The standing committees of the Chapter shall (may, as needed) include :Auditing, By--laws, Community Service, Educational Support, Members Benefits and Services, Legislative, L-PEC (Legislative/L-PEC), Membership, (Membershio/Retirement), Nominating, Social Service Memorial Honor Fund, RECREO and Ways and Means.

Article X Section C The auditing Committee shall consist of a chairperson and (at least) two additional committee members appointed or delegated by the president.

Article X Section H The Legislative Committee shall consist of a chairperson and at lease two additional members appointed or delegated by the president. The purpose of the committee shall be to inform the members of state and national legislative issues and to organize members of the Chapter in support of PASR's legislative programs and Inform the members of the positions of candidates for national and state offices on issues relating to the interests of retired public school employees, to encourage and facilitate by-partisan participation of individual members in political campaigns; assist the legislative committee in the performance of their duties and encourage member contributions to the PASR L-PEC Fund.

Article X Section I DELETE section as L-PEC will merge with Legislative

Article X Section J (I) The Membership/Retirement Committee shall consist of a chairperson and at least two additional members appointed or delegated by the president. The purpose of the Committee shall be to identify and encourage retired school employees, their spouses, and other interested individuals to enroll as active or associate members of both the Chapter and the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees and to plan and conduct programs on various aspects of retirement planning. Such programs shall be open to all school employees and their spouses, with special efforts to enlist those persons who may be planning to retire within the next several years.

Article X Section L DELETE section as Retirement Planning will merge with Membership

Article 10 Section O The Resolutions Committee shall consist of a chairperson and two additional members appointed or delegated by the president be an ad hoc committee consisting of the chapter member attending the semi-annual House of Delegates. The purpose of the committee shall be to inform the members of resolutions adopted by the House of Delegates at the previous Annual Convention of PASR and to solicit proposed resolutions from members for possible consideration by the members of the House of Delegates at the next annual convention of PASR.

A complete copy of the By-laws and proposed changes is available on our website:

<https://thepasr.wixsite.com/lancasterpasr>

A vote will be taken on the proposed changes at the November Membership Meeting

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING REGISTRATION

Monday, April 15, 2024

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

Agenda

10:00 Registration
10:30 Program—Gregory Scott
11:30 Business Meeting
12:00 Lunch
12:45 Meeting Continued if Necessary

Menu

Medley of Fresh Seasonal Fruit
Bruschetta Chicken with Rice Pilaf & Chef's Choice Vegetable
OR
Turkey Club Wrap with Tortellini Salad
Old Fashioned Apple Pie
Coffee, Decaf Coffee, Herbal Teas or Iced Tea

DEADLINE for return of registration form: Friday, April 5, 2024

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

NAME(S) _____ NUMBER _____

Menu Choices: # _____ Chicken Bruschetta # _____ Turkey Club Wrap

_____ I will attend the meeting only.

*****Please note below any special dietary needs for your reservation*****

Year you retired _____ District from which you retired _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Cost of luncheon: \$23.00 per person \$ _____ (includes tax and gratuity)
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

APRIL LUNCHEON SPEAKER

GREGG SCOTT

*The Untold Story of the Making of
Urban Legend: The Life and Legacy of C. Emlen Urban*

Gregg Scott is a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects, a partner emeritus at RLPS Architects, a columnist for LNP, past WGAL architectural correspondent and twice recipient of the Journalist and Educator Award presented by the Historic Preservation Trust.

His past board affiliations & community involvement include: Samaritan Counseling Center, Hospice of Lancaster County, United Disabilities Service, Pennsylvania College of Art & Design and Lancaster City Council. Gregg is an Eagle Scout.

Gregg worked as an architect for 50 years. Although born 85 years apart in many ways Gregg's life parallels that of C. Emlen Urban. Both were based in Lancaster, both married high school sweethearts and had two children; they both spent their careers in architecture. Through Gregg's research he was able to add to the collective knowledge of Urban's influence on architecture. He is author of "Urban Legend: The Life & Legacy of E. Emlen Urban."



"Urban Legend: The Life and Legacy of C. Emlen Urban" will be available for purchase at the meeting.

In Memoriam

Carol Blefko

Amos Cunningham

Olga Goss

Robert Hinkle

James Knopf

Judson McCune

Nadine Potts

George Resh

Edward Schmertz

Lorraine Wert

Welcome!

NEW MEMBERS:

Frances Dennis	Conestoga Valley
Elizabeth Helm	Elizabethtown
Julia Horne	Warwick
Kim Melhorn	Conestoga Valley

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 _____

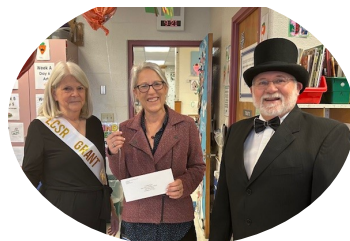
Note: Membership dues payments may not be deductible for federal income tax.

Visit our website at www.pasr.org

Educational Grants for 2023

LCSR continued its effort this year to offer grants to the public education community. Applications were sent to every district in the county, but, sadly, replies/requests were only received from two districts. The grant committee chose the five following recipients for the grants.

Lecinda Baker, 3rd Grade Teacher at Hans Herr Elementary - \$270 for a Garden Bed Project that will help student foster a deeper understanding of key scientific concepts of life cycles, survival mechanisms, and human impact on ecosystems.



Scott Cantrell, Art Teacher, Lampeter-Strasburg High School - \$500 for a Desktop Laser Cutting Machine that will allow student to create digital graphic designs, and laser cut wood or acrylic blocks for the block printing process.



Thomas Eby/Todd Garber, Technology and Engineering Teachers, Lampeter-Strasburg High School - \$500 for equipment and supplies for a Candle Making Project that students will use to make and sell candles, with the proceeds to be used to support the Ryan Smith Relentless Fund charity.



Angela Kunkle, Lampeter-Strasburg High School, Secondary ESL Program Specialist - \$600 for a *Storybook That* Project, which is an online platform that allows English Learners, particularly those with lower English proficiency, to be able to show their potential and abilities through pictures in digital form.



Jenn Risser, K12 Instructional Technology Coach, Hans Herr Elementary - \$350 for equipment and supplies for 4C time (similar to Genius Hour) that allows 5th Grade students to explore, learn an area of interest, and practice core skills in collaboration, communication, creativity, and critical thinking



PASR SSMHF LOTTERY TICKET FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all who *tried their luck* and purchased a February Lottery ticket to raise funds for Social services Memorial Fund. Our chapter sold 80 tickets, the most of any chapter!

As of this writing three of our buyers have received prizes—\$300.00, \$400.00, and \$300.00! Congratulations.

INTRODUCING LCSR/PASR

The Retirement Planning/Membership Committees are hosting a Drop In Brunch on Friday, May 3, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Millersville from 9 am to 11 am. Recent retirees are being invited to learn about LCSR/PASR. If you know any recent retirees please invite them to learn about the benefits of LCSR/PASR and how to make the most of their retirement.

To register send an email to Carol Kurl with the name of the retiree to kurl249@live.com.

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS...

Please help chart the course of LCSR going forward. This is *your* organization, the Executive Board is interested to know how we can make it more relevant and better suit your needs. We encourage you to let us know what existing programming you enjoy, and what you might like to see happening in the future.

1. What type(s) of event are you likely to attend?

- ☐ Membership Luncheon with Entertainment
- ☐ Membership Luncheon with Informational Speaker?
- ☐ Picnic
- ☐ Trivia Contest
- ☐ Monte Carlo Night
- ☐ Game Night
- ☐ Movie Afternoon
- ☐ Other _____

2. List suggestions for speakers or entertainers for our luncheons:

3. Would you be interested in exploring the idea of forming a sub-chapter made up of retirees from your school district? _____

3. LCSR has openings on all standing committees. Indicate any committee you would like more information about and/or be willing to join.

- ☐ Community Services ☐ Educational Support ☐ Member Benefits & Services
☐ Legislative/L-PEC ☐ Membership ☐ Nominating ☐ Program
☐ Public Relations ☐ Social Services Memorial Honor Fund ☐ Ways & Means

4. Leadership opportunities include:

- ☐ Vice President
☐ Newsletter Editor

Name (optional) _____ Phone _____
Email _____

*Please send your completed survey to : Lauren Buchmann
134 Creekgate Ct.
Millersville, PA 17551.*

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
SPRING NEWSLETTER

Please return the survey on page 11. LCSR is your organization, help us plan to reflect your needs and interests..

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR THE APRIL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON AT EDEN RESORT.

SPEAKER
Gregory J. Scott
Author of:
Urban Legend: The Life & Legacy of C. Emlen Urban

SAVE THE DATE
PLAYIN' HOOKY PICNIC WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024