

COMMUNIQUE

Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees

Lancaster County School Retirees

Winter 2021

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

A Big Thank You!

A very "Big Thank You" to all of the members of LCSR who so generously contributed to our October fund drive to support the Food Hub of Lancaster. Through the generosity of our members, donations totaled over \$1,600!

As announced in the Communique, the board decided that LCSR would match the contributions, up to \$1,000. Therefore **we were able to support the Food Hub with a donation of \$2600!** This generous donation will certainly help to provide food, clothing, shelter, and transportation to our neighbors in need, during these difficult times.

Marge Rineer & Ruth Havercamp
Community Service

PASR Feeding PA Campaign

Food insecurity now impacts nearly 1 in 6 American families and the impact of COVID-19 on the economy has only served to increase the magnitude of the problem. Many people donate to food banks and the like during the holiday season, but there is frequently a steep drop-off in donations during the winter.

In Pennsylvania, 1,401,920 people are struggling with hunger - and of them 399,270 are children.

PASR is hoping to help as many people as possible meet their nutritional needs. PASR has partnered with Feeding Pennsylvania, a non-profit that works with food banks across PA and that has excellent ratings from many charity rating organizations—90% of donations go towards feeding those in need.

Donations can be made in two ways:

1) In February (and **ONLY IN FEBRUARY!!**) our members will be asked to visit the Feeding Pennsylvania website (<https://feedingpa.org/>) and make a donation online.

2) Those who do not wish to donate online, can make a check payable to "Feeding Pennsylvania" but mail it to: PASR, 878 Century Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

Look for more information from PASR in January or check pasr.org.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As we put 2020 behind us there is much to look forward to in 2021. While it may be many months before our world begins to resemble what we know as normal, the introduction of a vaccine for COVID is cause for hope. The LCSR Executive Board is distributing this additional newsletter to share some of the positive things that our organization was able to accomplish in the midst of the pandemic. Our membership has not met in person since November 2019 but our work to support education and retired educators goes on. Thank you to all who contributed to these efforts.

By way of *housekeeping* I want to introduce myself as incoming LCSR President. My name may look familiar as I have served as Membership Chair since 2013, editor of the Communique for three years and President Elect for the past two years. I have been a member of LCSR and PASR since my retirement from School District of Lancaster in 2011. I look forward to meeting each of you in person when we can safely gather again.

Please join me in thanking Georgie Hoff for her leadership as President the last two years. She will continue to serve the organization as Past President and Executive Board member.

Lauren Buchmann

Educational Support Emergency Grants

In response to the unusual situation facing all school districts this year, the LCSR Executive Board voted to offer Emergency Grants to help districts with costs associated with the pandemic.

Every district in Lancaster County was contacted with our offer of support. Manheim Central School District and Ephrata School District responded to the offer requesting funds to help support their students with educational supplies. Each district was awarded \$500.00 toward that need and will be reporting how the funds were used.

Constance Ginder
Scholarship Chair

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

Social Service/Memorial Honor Fund

It's been a very long time since anyone has been able to visit members living in their private homes or centers who are unable to attend meetings anymore. This committee has tried to make amends to those ladies and gentlemen this year by sending messages to them in the mail. So far, we have sent out more than 200 message cards and holiday greetings to our local members in the hopes of letting them know that we still care! Once the word is given that we can visit all of them again, we are on it!

In the process of doing this mailing, we have discovered that some addresses and phone numbers we have for members have changed. Perhaps this is a good time to check to see if your address and phone number are current with our chapter. If you have recently changed addresses, please **contact Lauren Buchmann at 134 Creekgate Court, Millersville, PA 17551 (717-413-5865)**. We always want to be able to reach you with our information and newsletters.

At this time, Boscov's stores are still tabulating the amount of money that every non-profit earned in their *Friends and Family* sales in October. Totals should be reported to the chapters sometime in January. (Did you know that thousands of non-profits benefitted from these sales up and down the east coast and in Ohio?) It's always good to know that we are in good company with fund raisers and that Boscov's, who PASR sponsors with some of its travel experiences, is there during their sales times as well!

In closing, we offer a sincere wish that you are all well and that you had the best holiday experience possible this year. We are surely hoping for a wonderful 2021, especially now that medical hope and help are on the way! Stay warm! Be happy!

Jean Young
SS/MHF Chair

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