


Newsletter

Volume 25, No. 2
Fall, 2017

John Della Guardia, Editor
Delaware County, Pennsylvania

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Steve Kupsov, President – Delaware County PASR



As the final year of my presidency comes to a close, I would like to thank all of our volunteers from our Planning and Executive Board who have made my three years of service a pleasure and such a rewarding experience. Also, I would like to welcome our President-Elect, Anne Mosakowski, to our Executive Board, as she will be assuming her office as President in January of 2018. I am sure she will be welcomed and supported as I have been over my tenure. Good Luck to Anne and the Board over the next two years of their service to the Delaware County Chapter of PASR.

When we look back over these past three years, our members can be proud of the fact that our Delaware County Chapter of PASR is now in the forefront of the 21st Century in technology and innovation. We now have a full and operational web site that is second to none in Region 1, possibly, in the entire state. The web site includes such things as: a directory of all chair people and duties, a listing of all agendas and minutes for the year and archives of other years, descriptions and photos from activities in which we have participated, our semi-annual newsletter and many updated and informative items on the happenings in our chapter and in the state. Along with our web site, we have added new activities such as our Retirement Seminars and this year our Partnership with Haverford Township and their annual Retirement Seminars. We can't forget our Annual Scholarship Luncheon as well as the possibility of adding a Life Long Learning Institute where we may be partnering with Widener and Immaculata Universities. We hope you all will attend our Annual Member Awards Recognition Luncheon on November 1, which will feature a great guest speaker and recognition of members with 20 or more years of service to PASR and other distinguished and deserving awardees.

Finally, thank you all for your support, efforts and cooperation in helping to make DELCO PASR the best of the best! As our motto states, "To serve, not to be served," and also, let's always "move forward & never look back".

THANK YOU, FAREWELL, & HELLO

Delaware County PASR

extends a huge THANK YOU to Steve Kupsov as he ends his three-year term as our chapter President. His many accomplishments include improvements in our digital communication with our members, volunteer recognition ceremonies during our Fall luncheon, recognizing long time members with a 20- year pin, and a first ever partnership with other institutions to provide educational opportunities for members. Although Steve ends his term as President, he will continue to serve our chapter in many other capacities.



At the same time, we welcome Anne Mosakowski as she takes the President's gavel on January 1. Anne has served PASR in the past at both the regional and chapter levels. It is through her efforts that we have such a comprehensive Delco website. We offer her our support and good wishes as she assumes this added role. Good Luck, Anne!

SPEAKER SLATED FOR PASR FALL LUNCHEON



THOMAS KALINA, MS, OTR/L, CDRS, will be our guest speaker at the Fall Luncheon and "Celebration of Service" on Wednesday, November 1, 2017. Mr. Kalina received his MS in Occupational Therapy from the Medical College of Virginia/VCU in 1986 and has worked at Bryn Mawr Rehab in Malvern since 1988 and full time in driver rehabilitation since 1989. He is a past president of the Association of Driver Rehabilitations Specialists (ADED), an ADED Certified Driver Rehabilitation Specialist (CDRS), a PA Certified Driving Instructor and a Certified Car-Fit Technician. He served on the National Academy of Sciences Transportation Research Board's Committee on Safety and Mobility of Older Persons for 6 years. He has presented and published on topics related to driver rehabilitation locally and nationally. He coordinated research projects on behind the wheel performance for the National Institute on Aging, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and the Rothman Institute. The driving program has been featured on CBS' Eye to Eye, NBC Nightly News, CNN and in the New York Times. Mr. Kalina's presentation, "Independence Through Safe Driving," imparts many interesting and useful strategies that PASR members will find helpful.



PASR Fall Luncheon

Wednesday, November 1, 2017
Granite Farms Estates
1343 Baltimore Pike, Media, PA

Wednesday, November 1, 2017
Family and friends are invited

11:30, Social - 12:00, Lunch
Guest Speaker: Tom Kalina
"Independence Through Safe Driving"

Presentations:
Service and
Recognition Awards

Please consider bringing a canned food donation for the **Bernadine Food Panty** in Chester, PA, and a **KozyKidz** donation of hats, scarves and gloves for elementary-school-age children.

PASR Fall Luncheon

Your Name _____ Phone _____
(In the event we need to contact you)

No. Attending: ___ Indicate number of each: ___ Grilled Salmon ___ Marinated Chicken Breast

Cost: \$22 each. Please RSVP and send check payable to Delco PASR to:
Dr. Janice HoffmanWillis, 1437 Fresno Rd., Wilmington, DE 19803 Deadline: October 18, 2017

Some members have inquired about ways to help with Delco PASR initiatives. We offer these possibilities:

- DONATION TO**
- Social Services - helps retired public school employees in need of financial and emotional support \$ _____
 - Bernadine Center - supports the Center's food pantry \$ _____
 - KozyKids - provides winter wear for elementary age children \$ _____

The luncheon invitation is posted on our Website: www.delcopasr.org TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Remember - Relatives and Friends are invited to attend!

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome New Members

Michelle Babe
Sherry Feliciani
Gayle Moore
Barbara White

Dorothy Colson
Suzanne Keller
Marie Wardynski
Brian Weir

Nicholas Feliciani
Dean Michelson
Janice Pickett

PASR MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT

We sincerely thank all of you who have renewed your chapter membership for 2018. Your annual dues payments are crucial for the future of our organization, so if you have not yet renewed your yearly membership, please consider doing so for another year. There are still 150 annual members who have not yet paid their dues for 2018. If you are one of them, on the form below please give us your name along with any updated changes to your personal information.

The following members have been removed from the membership list, since we have been unable to contact them. If you know anything about any of these members, please contact Henry A. Field at hfield36@comcast.net, 732-279-6932 or PO BOX 1163, Ocean Gate, NJ 08740

Eleanor D'Amelio, Media, PA, 19063
Harold Dilker, Williamsport, PA 17701
Anne Flack, Media, PA 19063
George Hammond, Sharon Hill, PA 19079
Fred, Hughes, Ardmore, PA 19003
Carol, Kennedy, Swarthmore, PA 19081

William Seiverd, Wallingford, PA 19086
Lois Smith, Aston, PA 19014
Margaret Stidham, Media, PA 19063
Bonnie Szweda, Coatesville, PA 19320
Samuel, Rosenthal, Haverford, PA 19041

Thank you for your continued support. Hank Field and Sue Stevens, Membership committee



DELAWARE COUNTY PASR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____ Birth Date: _____
(optional)

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Year Retired: _____ District Retired from: _____

Position Before Retirement: _____

DUES: Annual \$10.00 _____ **Life** \$120.00 _____ **Associate** \$5.00 _____

Associate memberships are for spouses of members

Checks payable to: **Delaware County PASR**
Please mail checks to: **Sue Stevens, Membership Chair, 2955 Summit Circle, Aston, PA 19014**

*Regretfully, we announce the deaths
of these esteemed members*

Peter Adanomis
Kathryn Begley
William R. Bianco, Sr.
Jack Bixby
Robert Bodine
Elisabeth Brush
Carolyn Chandler
Louis Costello

Ronald DiFelice
Mildred Dyke
Barbara Field
Shirley Firth
Edith Godick
Thomas Kelly
Philomena Lamparella
Robert Malinowski
Lois Manton
Dorothy McKinney

Robert Nugent
Frances Owens
Barbara Spahr
Mary Storey
Ellen Sweeney
Leslie Taylor
Rhea Taylor
William Thomas
Sandra Sparrow Wilkinson
Bette Williams

Spring Luncheon

A CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS IN EDUCATION

The PASR Delaware County Chapter Spring Awards Luncheon is a celebration of education successes among our students and staff members. Each year, our Educational Support Committee is challenged with choosing recipients for The Lauretta Woodson Scholarships, Woodsen Awards to Outstanding Teacher and Support Staff Member, The Frank Monaghan Memorial Scholarship, The Delaware County Science Fair Awards, and Educational Grant Awards for special projects.



Brenda Belfiglio, Anna Jones, Ann Champenoy-Grace, Meghan Hosan, Katherine Wenger, Stephanie Santella

This year, The Lauretta Woodson Scholarship winners were Katherine Wenger, Strath Haven High School, and Anna Jones, Haverford High School.

The 2017 Lauretta Woodson Teacher Award was presented to Chichester High School teacher Brenda Belfiglio, and Ann Champenoy Grace, Instructional Assistant at Linwood Elementary School, received the Support Staff Award



Pictured l to r: Anne Mosakowski, Nancy Graham, Ruth Hill, John Ruth, Steve Kupsov, Dr. Robert Cenname, Harry Hill, Dr. Janice Hoffman-Willis

The Frank Monaghan Memorial Scholarship was presented to Meghan Hosan of Haverford High School, and the Educational Grant Award was presented to Stephanie Santella, Springfield School District, Sabold Elementary School.

The Delaware County Science Fair Award winners were Mary Connor, Springfield High School, Behavioral and Social Science; Brandon Decker, E.T. Richardson Middle School, Engineering; Natalia Orlovsky, Garnet Valley High School, Biochemistry; and Le Trinh, Upper Darby High School, Physics.

Mary Connor and Brandon Decker were Science Fair award winners in 2016. This is the second consecutive Delaware County Science Fair Award honor for both of them.

Educational awards presentations are just one component of our Spring Luncheon. In addition, the luncheon serves as an opportunity for our Delco PASR members to gather for fellowship and catching up with old friends while also enjoying a tasty repast.



Ann Champenoy



Scholarship winner Anna Jones,



Frank Monaghan Award winner Meghan Hosan



Scholarship winner Katherine Wenger

**PASR RECREO DAY TRIPS
FALL, 2017**

Family & friends are always welcome
Plan to join us for great trips.

For more information, contact **CAROLINE FEDENA, c_fedena@yahoo.com or 484-574-0784.**

MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, 3rd & Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia

Sunday, October 29, 1:00 – 5pm, \$43 pp Cost includes museum entrance and van transportation (Limited-10 min., 13 max.). Explore the dynamic story of the American Revolution through its collection of Revolutionary era artifacts, dioramas, films, & interactive exhibits. Learn about the entire period from colonial unrest to the Treaty of Paris. George Washington’s field tent is on display. (Museum is about 4 blocks from Carpenter’s Hall). Lunch or snack on your own at museum’s Cross Keys Café or at several restaurants nearby. **Deadline: October 21.**



“BEAUTY AND THE BEAST” AT CANDLELIGHT DINNER THEATRE, Arden, DE,

Sunday, November 29, 11am, \$65.60 pp Cost includes delicious buffet and show.

This musical is adapted from Disney’s film and is Broadway’s tenth longest-running production. It tells the story of a cold-hearted prince who has magically transformed into an unsightly creature as punishment for his selfish ways. To revert into his true human form, the Beast must earn the love of a bright, beautiful woman whom he has imprisoned in his enchanted castle. **Limited seats.** (People who go to the Candlelight Theatre always return for more shows.) **Deadline: October 30.**



A CHRISTMAS CAROL -- RESIDENT THEATER COMPANY AT UPTOWN! KNAUER PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, North High Street, West Chester, Sunday,

December 17, 3:00, \$34.50 (senior rate). A unique production of Dickens’ holiday classic comes to life as a live radio broadcast, complete with vintage commercials and live sound effects. After the show, those who are interested will go to a local restaurant for dinner. **Deadline: November 15.**

PHILLY POPS CHRISTMAS SHOW, VERIZON HALL, PHILADELPHIA, Sunday, December 3, 3:00pm

Tickets will be about \$65.86 pp. A tradition that kicks off the Philadelphia holiday season with Music Director Michael Krajewski, the Philly Pops Festival Chorus, the Philadelphia Boys’ Choir, and the award-winning African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas Gospel Choir, an extravaganza with 300 performers on stage. A limited number of tickets have become available. Eighteen members have signed up so far. **Deadline: when tickets are sold out.**



For more information, contact **CAROLINE FEDENA, c_fedena@yahoo.com or 484-574-0784.**



RECRCO - REGISTRATION FORM (Please note DEADLINES as listed for each trip.

Please make checks payable to: **DELAWARE COUNTY PASR**

Mail To: **CAROLINE FEDENA, 184 SUNSET VIEW DRIVE, GLEN MILLS, PA 19342**

I am interested in the following trip(s) (Please indicate number of tickets requested.)

- | | |
|--|---|
| ____ "American Revolution" - \$43, Oct 29 | ____ "Philly Pops" - \$60.86, December 3 |
| ____ "Beauty and the Beast" - \$65.60, Nov. 19 | ____ "A Christmas Carol" - \$34.50, December 17 |

NAME(S) _____ HOME PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CELL _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ I can drive others in carpool

(If you have a problem driving at night, we may be able to drive you home depending on where you live)

THE EFFECTS OF NEW RETIREMENT LEGISLATION

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
FALL, 2017

Steve Kupsov
Legislative and L/PEC Chairs, Delco PASR

A new season has arrived, and our Pennsylvania Legislature has a budget for 2017-18. However, now it has to figure out how the budget is to be funded. As we all know by now, Senate Bill 1 was passed and signed by Governor Wolf. If you wish to see the substance of it, check it out on our web site, www.delcopasr.org. As retirees, we should know that this enactment brought to an end what is known as a full defined benefit plan. The questions I am always asked by members of PSERS is, "Will our pensions be fully guaranteed?" and "Can anything be taken away that we already have?" The questions usually refer to Premium Assistance and/or previous COLA's. The answers to question 1 have always been no, provisionally, and yes to question 2. On the first question, in all probability your pensions will be safe under the defined benefit program, unless there is not enough money to fund this program, which may happen in future years, as there will be less money coming into the defined benefit program under the new law that takes effect in 2019. If that's the case, short fall monies would have to be picked up by the taxpayers of the Commonwealth, contractually. The second question is more definitive. If the legislature votes on taking away our premium assistance and/or previous COLA's, they may do so, as these are benefits added to our pensions and are not contractually guaranteed.

The only other question that has recently come by me is, "Will we ever again see another COLA?" The answer to this is "Highly unlikely." Recently, however, the legislature proposed a bill that would help those who retired before Act 9 was enacted. The proposal included a proviso that annuitants left all of their contributions in the fund upon retirement. This attempt died in committee.

So, what then is in the future for all of us to do regarding public education, pensions etc. As I have stated many times before, keep informed about sustaining public education and constantly putting pressure on our legislature to serve you and not themselves as we continue to support public education for our future generations.

DELCO PASR CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2016 – 2017

Business & Planning Meetings

All Business and Planning Meetings are held at Granite Farms Estates, 1343 W Baltimore Pike, Media, at 10:30 AM. All are welcome to attend.



Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2017

Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2017

Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2017

Fall Luncheon Meeting,
11:30am Featuring:

"Celebration of Service"

Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2017

WINTER BREAK

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

Wednesday, April 4, 2018

Wednesday, May 2, 2018

Spring Luncheon Meeting,
11:30am Featuring:

Educational Support
Awards

Wednesday, June 6, 2018

Fall Luncheon Meeting

Wed., Nov. 1, 2017, 11:30

AM at Granite Farms

Estates, 1343 W Baltimore

Pike, Media.

Featuring: **CELEBRATION OF
SERVICE**

Spring Luncheon Meeting

Wed., May 2, 2018, 11:30

AM at Granite Farms

Estates, 1343 W Baltimore

Pike, Media.

Featuring: **EDUCATIONAL
SUPPORT AWARDS**



**DELAWARE COUNTY CHAPTER
COMMUNITY SERVICE SURVEY**

To ALL PASR MEMBERS – Thank you for being a volunteer in our community!

PASR Chapters are interested in documenting the hours of service that volunteer retirees contribute to their local communities. In doing this, our volunteers show the community at large a positive picture of the activities of public school retirees. Please take a moment to complete this form, filling in the appropriate number of hours PER YEAR that you volunteer. A summary of this information is shared with AARP, NRTA, and PASR Headquarters.

EDUCATIONAL **HRS/YR**
 Historical Association _____
 Library _____
 School Board _____
 Other _____
Total _____

SOCIAL SERVICES
 Boards/Committees _____
 Cancer Society _____
 Drug/Alcohol _____
 Fire/Ambulance _____
 Fraternal Groups _____
 Hospital/Nursing Home _____
 Meals on Wheels _____
 Office of the Aging _____
 Red Cross _____
 Salvation Army _____
 Service Organization _____
 Soup Kitchen/Food Bank _____
 Visitation/Nurturing _____
 Other _____
Total _____

POLITICAL
 Advocacy _____
 Elections _____
 Government _____
 Other _____
Total _____

RELIGIOUS **HRS/YR**
 Adult Instruction _____
 Youth Instruction _____
 Organization _____
 Visitation _____
 Other _____
Total _____

SERVICES TO YOUTH
 Alliance to Youth _____
 Classroom Volunteer _____
 Head Start _____
 Latch-Key Program _____
 Literacy _____
 Scholarships _____
 School Volunteer _____
 Sports _____
 Tutoring _____
 YMCA/YWCA _____
 Other _____
Total _____

I have served in special leadership roles as follows:

Name _____

Total Hrs. / Year / All Categories _____ Chapter _____

Phone Number _____ Date _____ E-Mail _____

_____ **YES**, I want my hours counted, but **DO NOT** consider me for the **Volunteer of the Year Award**.

RETURN THIS FORM TO: Harry Hill, 67 Hidden Valley Road, Aston, PA 19014 by January 19, 2018

Please use additional sheets to clarify or to provide a more detailed description of your involvement with any activities not listed.

Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees
PASR -- Delaware County Chapter
c/o John Della Guardia, Editor
11 Kings Court.
Boothwyn, PA 19061-4253

Inside This Issue

President's Message	1
Farewell & Welcome	1
Spring Luncheon/Pictures	2
New Members	3
Membership Report	3
Necrology	4
Spring Luncheon/Pictures	4
RECREO	5
Legislative Update	6
Delco PASR Calendar	6
Volunteerism	7
Reminders	8

REMINDERS

Chapter Web Site

Check often for updates and news
<http://www.delcopasr.org/>



All Members Invited to Take Advantage of Member Benefits and Services

<http://www.pasr.org/membership/member-benefits>

Please let us know about your experiences if you have used any PASR sponsored companies or services. Contact Chris Eaton 610-494-2724, (ace19014@verizon.net) with your comments

Document Your Volunteerism- See page 7 or

<http://www.delcopasr.org/community-service.html> then click the Community Service Survey link

State PASR Website

<http://www.pasr.org>

Fall Luncheon & "Celebration of Service"

Mail your Reservation by Oct. 18 to

**Dr. Janice HoffmanWillis, 1437 Fresno Rd.,
Wilmington, DE 19803,**

Please consider bringing a canned food donation with you to the Luncheon for the Bernadine Food Pantry.