

Newsletter

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John R. Della Guardia, Editor
Delaware County, Pennsylvania



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Anne Mosakowski, President – Delaware County PASR



Recently one of our members asked me to put together a sign to use as part of our membership recruitment and fundraising efforts. In doing this task I was able to reflect on why an individual should join PASR and in particular our Delaware County Chapter. Here are those points:



What We at PASR Delco Do:

- Advocate for ALL persons who retired from the public schools of Pennsylvania
- Serve our members
- Volunteer in our communities
- Offer a variety of benefits - health and social, using group rates for lower pricing
- Promote recreational and lifelong learning opportunities
- Award scholarships to high school students pursuing a career in public education

As a member we thank you for supporting **ALL** our efforts and if you know of someone that would benefit by becoming a member please share **what we do** and **encourage them to join**. **Thank you!**

Find Your Fall Luncheon Invitation

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NEW PASR MEMBERS

Dolores Aragona - Out of County
Mary Anne Caporaletti – Radnor
Nicolas Cironbe – Out of County
Barbara Grimste - Intermediate Unit
Elaine M. Kaskela
Linda Lamberson - Ridley
Daria Le Roy - Intermediate Unit
Robert Levesque – Rose Tree Media

Helen Mangelsdorf - Wallingford-Swarthmore
Alice K. Markiewicz – Upper Darby
Mary Ann Maxson - Southeast Delco
Gerald Maxson - Associate
Patricia McRae – Associate
Maude P. Stowers – Garnet Valley
Marianne Wanczyk - Radnor

Membership Notes

Sue Stevens
Membership Chair



And now we enjoy Fall! As we go into the cooler weather and the time when families gather for fall holidays, etc., we hope you will give some thought to becoming a more active member of your Chapter. We also hope you might encourage friends of yours who are school retirees to think about joining PASR and the Delaware County Chapter. There are quite a few state PASR members who live locally but who are not local chapter members. We encourage them to join us and hope you will help us in this. Invite them to come with you to the luncheons and come together to our monthly business meetings. You are always welcome. We currently have about 820 active chapter members and would really love to get back to about 1,000 members, as we once had.

Please use the form below to send us your information and your check. Thank you!



DELAWARE COUNTY PASR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ Phone (Home) _____

Address _____ Phone (Cell) _____

City/State/Zip _____ Email _____

Year Retired: _____ District Retired from: _____

Position Before Retirement: _____ Birth Date (Optional) _____

DUES: Annual \$15.00 _____ Life \$250.00 _____ Associate \$10.00 _____

Associate memberships are for spouses of members

RECRUITED BY (if applicable): _____

Please make all checks payable to: **Delaware County PASR**

Please mail checks and applications to: **Sue Stevens, 2955 Summit Circle, Aston, PA 19014**

NOTE: To become a member of the **State PASR**, please also include those dues as follows:

STATE PASR DUES: Annual \$60.00 _____ Life \$700.00 _____



Fall Luncheon Set for November 6

Meet and Greet, Entertainment, Service Awards, Raffle Prizes

This year's PASR Fall Luncheon is shaping up to be one of the best ever! The event will begin at 11 AM with a "Meet and Greet," an informational session with the Committee Chairs. Ask questions, chat, and get to know the function of each of the committees. A "Social" with appetizers begins at 11:30, and Lunch is at Noon. After lunch, the Service Awards are presented. Many members expressed how much they enjoyed the prize baskets raffled off at previous luncheons. So...the raffles are back this year. One new feature at this year's luncheon will be entertainment. However, "**Guitar with Gloria**" is not **just** entertainment. It is an engaging activity program based on the scientific medical research that music engages the memory, de-stresses the brain and improves mood. Gloria's live music for seniors engages them as they sing their favorites songs. She also enjoys sharing trivia about the music and artists who made it famous. It is an experience to remember for everyone involved! (See next page.)





PASR

Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees
Delaware County Chapter

Fall Luncheon

A Celebration of Service

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

Granite Farms Estates

Cost - \$22.00

1343 Baltimore Pike, Media, Pa. (Family and friends are invited)

11:00 am ~ "Meet and Greet" informational session with Committee Chairs

11:30 am ~ Social, Appetizers

12:00 ~ Lunch, Community Service Awards, Raffle Prizes

Entertainment ~ "Guitar with Gloria" Sing-a-Long

Please make checks payable to Delco PASR and send payment by October 31, 2019 to:
Dr. Janice HoffmanWillis, 1437 Fresno Rd., Wilmington, DE 19803
The Luncheon Invitation is also available on our website: www.delcopasr.org

Please consider bringing a canned or dry food (or monetary/gift card) donation for the Bernardine Food Pantry in Chester, PA, and a KozyKids donation of winter scarves, hats and gloves for elementary age school children.

PASR Fall Luncheon

Name _____ Phone _____ No. Attending _____
(Use back for additional names if needed) (In the event we need to contact you)

Indicate number of each: Grilled Salmon _____ Chicken Marsala _____ Vegetable Ziti _____

Cost: \$22 each. Please RSVP and send check payable to Delco PASR to:
Dr. Janice HoffmanWillis, 1437 Fresno Rd., Wilmington, DE 19803 ~ Deadline: October 31, 2019

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 \$ _____

Bernardine Center – the Center's Food Pantry is a primary focus for Delco PASR support \$ _____

Scholarships – support our scholarship and grant program \$ _____

L-PEC – a legislative voice for all school retirees, works for cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) \$ _____

Luncheon: Number of lunches: _____ @ \$22 each \$ _____

**Remember – Family and Friends
are invited to attend!**

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

NECROLOGY

Regretfully, we announce the deaths of these esteemed members.

Eleanor Ault, William Penn
Martin Baracca, Interboro
Betty Boyer, Interboro
Allen Brennan, Springfield
Elizabeth Harvey, Chichester
Ed Kent - Penn Delco
Phyllis Lane, Out of County
John B. Marino, William Penn
Ella Mae Gaines Mc Farland, Chester Upland
Gwendolyn McCloskey, Garnet Valley
Ellen Markowitz, Outside of County

Mildred McLaughlin, Chester-Upland
Marian Nattress, Southeast Delco
Judson Newburg, Intermediate Unit
E Marjory Newstein - Radnor
Virginia Niemela - Out of County
Irene Pileski - Ridley
Shirley Shinn, Penn Delco
Emil Sponga, Penn Delco
Betty Jean Trent, Chichester
John Udovich, Ridley
Richard Ware, Penn Delco



PASR's Exclusive Members' Only Benefits and Services

Using the strength of our membership, PASR has negotiated attractive group rates on a number of products and services. PASR endorses services and products as a value added benefit to our members and does not receive financial compensation for endorsement of any product or service.

PASR endorsements offer members the opportunity to save— just another way that your PASR membership works on your behalf. To access additional information on the benefits listed below, or to see the latest benefit offerings, please go to pasr.org and log in to the Members' Only Section.

Once logged in, you will have access to any special applications, discount codes, or websites that you will need to obtain your discounts. If you do not have access to a computer, please call our office at (717) 697-7077 and ask for Kelly Dygert, PASR's Member Benefits and Services Associate. You may also email Kelly at kdygert@pasr.org for more information on specific benefits offered.



Amusement Park Discounts
Auto, Home, RV, and Motorcycle Insurance Discounts
Comprehensive Wealth Management
Davis Vision Insurance Discounts
Dell Computer Discounts
Emergency Response System Discounts
Financial Planning Services
Group Travel Opportunities
Hearing Aid Services
Life and Long-Term Care Insurances
Mac Computer Discounts

Minor League Baseball and Hockey Ticket Discounts
Moving Services
Orlando Attraction/Vacation Discounts
Penn State Football Ticket Discounts
Pet Insurance Discounts
Prescription Discounts
Retirement Planning Services
Travel Discounts
Travel Insurance
United Concordia Dental Insurance Discounts
Wholesale Club Discounts

AYE AYE CAPTAIN!

By David R. Noyes EdD
LEGISLATIVE AND L/PEC FALL, 2019



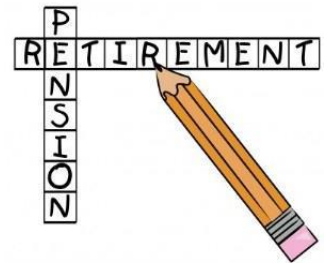
A witty colleague, a school retiree, exclaimed, “Captain Morgan had an easier time than we do getting a cola.” This glib remark was a nice way of expressing frustration with the General Assembly’s failure to pass a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for seventeen years for school retirees.

While humorous, in the interest of educators and historical accuracy, some historical fact finding is necessary. Captain Morgan, aka Sir Henry Morgan, was a British privateer in the 17th century. A privateer was a “legal pirate” of sorts. The British crown authorized Captain Morgan to protect its rights in the Caribbean Sea. Duly empowered, Morgan preyed on ships of other nations, mainly Spanish vessels, with the blessing of the crown. Morgan’s crew, therefore, was never far from the rum, which flowed freely in Caribbean ports. But, what about the cola?

Reader’s Digest reported recently on the personality of certain adult beverage drinkers, and concluded, “Rum and cola drinkers are young at heart”. We hope that Sir Henry was not looking for the fountain of youth in a cocktail in 1675. Coca -Cola was invented a mere 198 years after Morgan’s death in 1688. Pharmacist John Pemberton invented Coke in 1886. Alas, the Captain never had a cola!

PASR has been going through great lengths to ensure that you do not end up without a COLA. Max Krugle, Legislative and LPEC Co-Chair, and Mark McKillop, Executive Director of PASR have put together the following status report.

“We strongly believe that it is essential to reach out and explain our current status. The development and implementation of our legislative efforts were a result of the work of the PASR Board of Directors and the members of the Legislative Committee and L/PEC. Here are some key steps we have taken during our recent efforts:”



1. Realizing that a coalition is more effective and important than a single entity, we have contacted PSEA to combine our efforts. Not only is this the most logical approach, it is professional behavior with a focus on the result and not the process. We worked very closely with our coalition partners on strategy, tactics and the implementation of our strategy.
2. Working in conjuncture with our partners, we developed and drafted legislation that would give an increase to all annuitants with a special emphasis on those who retired pre-Act 9.
3. After the legislation was developed and shared with our partners, the proposal was conveyed to PSERS (Public School

Employees Retirement System) for their review and comments.

4. The lobbyists for PASR and our partners contacted Legislative Leaders and the Governor’s Office to convey our position and the acute need for a COLA. Several legislative leaders have reacted positively to our outreach and efforts.
5. After we received an estimate of the cost of our proposal and we developed three alternative proposals and submitted them for review working with our coalition partners.

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6. We expanded our lobbyist efforts to include key rank and file legislators and Committee Chairs.
7. It is important to note that during the process of communicating with the Pennsylvania General Assembly, several key leaders offered to either play a key role or offered to introduce legislation granting a COLA. Now, and in the future, it is vitally important to find the prime sponsor that would give the legislation the best chance of passing. Simply introducing a bill is not enough. We are

working on a COLA for all PASR members but we understand that there is an acute need for those who are pre-Act 9 annuitants.

8. After the budget passed without any action on a COLA, we met to reassess our position and to plan the next step in the process.
9. We will continue to work and advocate for this issue when the General Assembly returns to session in September. Even though our goal was to achieve action prior to the passage of the budget, we will simply continue our efforts into the fall.

“Our mission will not be over until we achieve success. We will not be deterred during the process of obtaining a COLA for our members. This issue is never far from our minds.

It is important to remember that the legislative process presents many challenges and a great deal of complexity. The passage of any legislation is a two-step process that involves working with leaders and members of both the House and the Senate. What may be successful in one House of the General Assembly is not necessarily what will work with the other. In addition, any legislation will need the Governor's support. The time is now, the need is critical, and it is very important to our membership. “

It is hoped that you continue to be optimistic about a COLA and believe it will occur in the near future. It is also hoped that you do so in good health. May your fortunes be good and may you “Live like a Captain”.



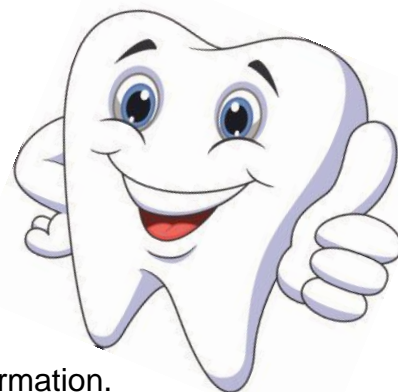
Member Services Dental Insurance Plans

Chris Eaton
Member Benefits
and Services



All members should be aware that PASR now administers dental policies. PISI no longer has any association with PASR. Any communication from PISI should be ignored.

In an effort to keep our members aware of all benefits at their disposal, below is a comparison of **PSERS's** vs. **PASR's** dental insurance plans. Please be aware that this information is for general comparison purposes only. It was gleaned from what was available on the Internet sites of each organization. It is presented for rough comparison purposes. Members are encouraged to use the contact information presented below to obtain more exact, specific and the most up-to-date information.



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<u>PSERS</u> , HOP Met Life Dental Insurance Plan		BENEFIT CATEGORIES	<u>PASR</u> , United Concordia Dental Insurance Plan	
In-Network Dentist Member Pays	Out-of-Network Member Pays		In-Network Dentist Member Pays	Out-of-Network Member Pays
PREVENTIVE SERVICES				
\$0	\$0	Deductible	\$0	\$0
\$0; no deductible	20% of MetLife's discounted rate plus 100% of the difference between the actual and discounted rates; no deductible	Preventive Services - oral exams, cleanings, full mouth or panoramic x-rays, bitewing x-rays, intraoral, periapical and extraoral x-rays, fluoride treatments (for dependent child(ren) up to age 14)	\$0; no deductible	20% of the Plan's discounted rate plus 100% of the difference between the actual and discounted rates; no deductible
BASIC AND MAJOR RESTORATIVE SERVICES				
\$0	\$100 per person	Annual Deductible	\$50 per person	\$50 per person
30% of MetLife's discounted rate	50% of MetLife's discounted rate plus 100% of the difference between the actual and discounted rates	Basic Services - pulp vitality tests, diagnostic casts, bacteriological studies, sealants, space maintainers, palliative care, sedative fillings, fillings, periodontal maintenance, pulp capping, therapeutic pulpotomy, periodontics—non-surgical, simple extractions, surgical extractions/oral surgery	40% of the Plan's discounted rate	50% of the Plan's discounted rate plus 100% of the difference between the actual and discounted rates
40% of MetLife's discounted rate	50% of MetLife's discounted rate plus 100% of the difference between the actual and discounted rates	Major Services - recementations and repairs, rebases/ relines, general anesthesia, consultations, inlays/onlays, crowns, crown build-ups, dentures, bridges, endodontics/ root canal, periodontics—surgical, placement of implants	50% of the Plan's discounted rate	60% of the Plan's discounted rate plus 100% of the difference between the actual and discounted rates
\$1350 (Excluding Preventive Services)		Contract Year Maximum Benefit	\$2100 (Excluding Preventive Services)	
Individual – Approximately \$480 Two Party – Approximately \$960		Annual Premiums	Individual – \$418 Two-Party – \$807 Family – \$1247	

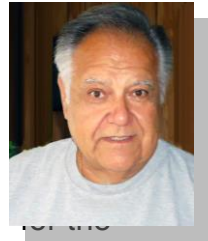
Members are strongly urged to use the contact information below for up-to-date dental Insurance information.

For HOP Administration Unit, Met Life Dental Plan, call 1-800-773-7725

For PASR, United Concordia Dental Plan, call Kelly Dygert at 717-697-7077 or kdygert@pasr.org
Kelly is our benefits specialist at PASR headquarters. You may also view these and other PASR benefits at www.pasr.org.

Social Service Memorial Honor Fund (SSMHF)

John Della Guardia
SSMHF Chair.



PASR's **SOCIAL SERVICE MEMORIAL HONOR FUND** (SSMHF) helps members in need. That is, retirees who become ill and are confined, or temporarily confined, to their home, hospital or skilled nursing facility; or who become a victim of a catastrophe, or experience severe financial stress. In 2018 alone, the SSMHF documented assistance to over 1,270 PASR members. Each year, more than \$26,000 in monetary services is withdrawn from the Memorial Honor Fund to facilitate these services to our members in need.

One funding source for the Memorial Honor Fund is the Basket Raffle that takes place during the **House of Delegates** meeting (formerly referred to as The PASR Convention). The Basket Raffles have been a favorite activity for attendees throughout the years, and the proceeds generated from the raffle go directly to the Social Service Memorial Honor Fund. This year, over 50 baskets have been donated by Regions 1-12, and by 35 PASR Chapters (including our Delaware County Chapter). Historically, the Basket Raffle brings in approximately \$3,000 for the SSMHF's assistance activities.

Additional funds

SSMHF come from the Chapters themselves. Donations from Chapters bring in roughly \$6,500 per year. As you can see from these figures, without additional funding, assistance, activities would be severely curtailed. Therefore, PASR relies heavily on member donations to allow the work to continue at its present level. To help maintain the SSMHF for years to come, members are encouraged to make a donation in honor of, or memory of a friend, family member, or fellow PASR member

This contribution is to be: *(check one)*

_____ in honor of _____ in memory of

Name: _____

Address: _____

Sender's Name: _____

Address: _____

**Please make checks payable to SSMHF
and mail to: 878 Century Drive,
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.**



Got Nothing to Do ???

We are looking for a President-Elect.

We know there are some talented retirees out there who would make a great PASR President-Elect. So, now is the time to step forward. Anne Mosakowski, our current President, has been doing a great job, but it is time for another member of our Delaware County PASR Chapter to step up and take command. If you are interested in the position, or just want to get more information, give Harry Hill a call at 610-494-9149. He will be waiting with open arms!



Online Fraud Prevention-“Phishing” and “Pharming”

More than ever, our world is run by technology. This fact makes it vitally important for us to keep up-to-date with not only the latest technological advancements, but also the latest threats they present, as both are constantly evolving.

The two most common types of online fraud are **identity** and **finance fraud**. With identity fraud being the fastest growing opportunistic crime, we must be extra careful with our personal information. Identity crimes are achieved through two main processes called “**phishing**” and “**pharming**.”

Phishing is the process in which victims are tricked into entering their personal information on a seemingly credible form they received through email created by the fraudster. **Pharming** is similar to phishing, except, rather than having the victim fill out a form from an email, the fraudster tricks the victim into entering their login information on a fictitious website that is typically designed to look like a website the victim uses frequently.

To protect yourself

- Know that legitimate companies will never ask for personal details through email
- Avoid clicking on suspicious links
- Shred any documents with personal information on them and carry only the credit/debit cards you need daily
- Monitor your online accounts to check for suspicious activity
- Create not only strong, but also unique passwords.
- Use two-factor authentication to give an extra layer of online security in addition to your password
- Make sure you shop only on secure websites that have **https://** in the web address rather than just **http://**
- Do not respond to unsolicited requests. If someone you don't know asks for personal information including your name, birthday, social security number, address, etc., do not respond.

Stay up to date on the latest fraud schemes by checking the Federal Trade Commission's Consumer Information website: www.ftc.gov/scams.



Fall Semester Dates

The ten week fall semester begins on Monday, September 9 and will end on Friday, November 15. There is NO CLASS on Friday, October 4th as the University is closed.

10 Week Classes: September 9th-November 15th

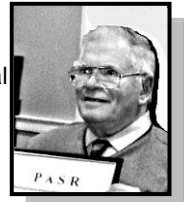
Session A: September 11th - October 11th Session B: October 14th - November 15th

September							October							November						
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
29	30						27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30

CONTACT: Immaculata University, LifeLong Learning Institute, 484-323-3238,

Scholarships and Grants Awarded At PASR Spring Luncheon

John Ruth,
Educational
Support



The Educational Support Committee, chaired by John Ruth, worked diligently to determine the 2019 Laretta Woodsen Scholarship winners and the Teacher and Staff award recipients.

The Committee met early in April to review applications for our \$11,000 in scholarships. A total of ten were received from only 6 of the 15 high schools in the county. The schools which participated are Garnet Valley H.S., Penncrest H.S., Springfield H.S., Sun Valley H.S., Strath Haven H.S. and Upper Darby H.S.

The scholarship winners were:

Johnna Diehl, Sun Valley High School - \$1,000 Frank Monaghan award
Sarah Hughes, Penncrest High School - \$5,000 Laretta Woodson award
Zoe Demetriades, Upper Darby - \$5,000 Laretta Woodson award



The annual Laretta Woodson Teacher Award was presented to Kimberly Michaels of Rose Tree Elementary School and the Support Professional award was presented to Jennifer Blythe of Springton Lake Middle School. Each received a large framed plaque recognizing their contributions to the Rose Tree Media School District from PASR Headquarters plus a \$100 honorarium from our chapter.

Each year our chapter accepts applications for a grant award of up to \$400 from any employee in any county school district. The application proposal must enhance the classroom or school curriculum. This year, Kathleen Cain, a teacher in the Upper Darby School District, was awarded \$360 for her project entitled "Academic and Therapeutic Items For an Autistic Support Classroom."

Four Delaware County Science Fair winners each received a \$50 award from our chapter. The winners and their categories are Zach Finley - Engineering, Aziyah Reed - Zoology, Samiya Zarin - Computer Science, and Stanley Gian - Environmental Science. All four are students at Upper Darby High School.



Jennifer Hughes



Left to Right: Jennifer Blythe, Kimberly Michaels, Zoe Demetriades, Jennifer Hughes, Johnna Diehl, Kathleen Cain.



Johnna Diehl

PASR RECREO DAY TRIPS – SPRING, 2019

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

Caroline Fedena
RECREO Chair.



IMPRESSIONISM TO MODERNISM, Michener Art Museum, Doylestown.

Thursday, October 24. 9:00 AM \$13 pp. Marguerite and Gerry Lenfest donated 59 Pennsylvania Impressionist paintings, which are being exhibited for the first time. Lunch on own either at art museum or local restaurant. Group will decide. Drive is about one hour. **Deadline: October 15 Carpooling**

PENN MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY & ANTHROPOLOGY, Monday, November 18.

We can go by train, seniors pay \$0. Walk from train to museum is about 2 blocks. November 16 is the opening of more than 8,000 sq. ft. of new gallery space: the new Sphinx Gallery, reimagined Africa Galleries and Mexico & Central America. Also, the 3,000 year old sphinx of Ramses II is in a new setting after a monumental move. Lunch at the museum's Pepper Mill Café. **Deadline: November 6. Carpooling is an option**



PHILLY POPS CHRISTMAS SHOW, Verizon Hall in Philadelphia, Sunday, December 8, 3:00 PM, \$68.00 pp. (regularly \$87). A perennial favorite, the show kicks off the Philadelphia holiday season with conductor David Charles Abell, and featuring "Hamilton's" Mandy Gonzalez. Also featured are the Melodica Men, two Julliard & Peabody graduates who achieved fame with their hilarious videos. And, of course, 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." Our members really enjoyed this trip last Christmas. We have the same wonderful seats again. Van transportation is available for an additional cost. **Deadline: October 30**

NEMOURS ESTATE CHRISTMAS, Wilmington, DE, Thursday, December 19,

10:00 AM, \$16 pp. Shuttle buses run between the Visitor Center and the Mansion and around the property. An exquisite 77 room mansion, decorated for the holidays, has the largest formal French Garden in North America with nearly 200 acres of scenic woodlands and meadows and a chauffeur's garage with a collection of vintage autos. Lunch will be at the nearby DuPont Country Club (fairly reasonable prices). **Deadline: November 30**



"NUNSENSE", Hedgerow Theatre, Rose Valley, PA, Sunday, January 5, 2020, 2:00 PM, \$36 pp. A laugh-filled comedy about the Little Sisters of Hoboken who discover that their cook, Sister Julia, has accidentally poisoned 52 of the sisters and they need money for the burials. The nuns determine the best way to raise money is to put on a variety show. Featuring tap and ballet dancing, an audience quiz and comic surprises and laughs galore, this show has become an international phenomenon with more than 5,000 productions worldwide. **Deadline: December 15**

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**** SINATRA: A MAN AND HIS MUSIC ** Philly Pops. Verizon Hall, Philadelphia, Sunday May 3, 2020, 3:00 PM. \$86 pp.** (only 10 tickets in our favored 2nd tier, row A). Todd Ellison, conductor. Michael Andrew, vocalist featured at the Rainbow Room in Rockefeller Center, will render some of Sinatra's greatest hits, such as: COME FLY WITH ME, LUCK BE A LADY, FLY ME TO THE MOON, MY KIND OF TOWN, IT WAS A VERY GOOD YEAR and others. A show that is certain to make you feel so good. **Deadline: January 2, 2020**

2019 SPRING RECREO REGISTRATION FORM



RECREO - Registration Form (Please note DEADLINES as listed above for each trip.)

Call or email Caroline for information on van transportation - 484-574-0784 or c_fedena@yahoo.com

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

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

_____ I would prefer car pool

_____ I would prefer van at additional cost

I am purchasing the following trip(s) (Please indicate how many tickets you are purchasing.)

_____ # of tickets. **IMPRESSIONISM Oct 24**

_____ # of tickets **NEMOURS ESTATE Dec 19**

_____ # of tickets. **PENN MUSEUM Nov 18**

_____ # of tickets. **NUNSENSE Jan 5, 2020**

_____ # of tickets. **CHRISTMAS PHILLY POPS Dec 8**

_____ # of tickets. **SINATRA May 3, 2020**

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)



"Fabulous Fashion" Trip – Philadelphia Museum of Art

COLA EFFORT UPDATES

...a Message from PASR's Executive Director, Mark McKillop

2019 was an eventful year for PASR. During 2019, PASR supported increased efforts to convince members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly of the need for a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) to their pensions. Even though PASR supports an increase for all of our members (and all annuitants), we understand the acute and special need of a COLA for pre-Act 9 annuitants (those who retired prior to July 1, 2001). For the first time in a long time, through the efforts of our Governmental Consultant and Lobbyist, Jeff Hunsicker, we had substantive conversations with key leaders and members of the Pennsylvania State House and Senate about a COLA. The need to achieve this goal is imperative and PASR will, in the coming months, provide support and leadership in this effort.

We have received many questions and requests for information regarding the PASR COLA efforts. Unfortunately, much of what happens in the Pennsylvania General Assembly happens “behind the scenes.” This is especially true with planning. The complexity of the legislative process is extensive. As a result of the many inquiries and the need to keep our membership informed, the Board of Directors and the PASR Legislative Political Education Committee has decided to send as detailed a letter as possible to our membership on this issue explaining the process and our efforts. We have also conveyed this message through email to all State and Chapter members. Hopefully, this will give our membership a better understanding and explanation of our COLA efforts thus far.

PASR's COLA Efforts

Key Actions:

1. Formed a coalition with the Pennsylvania State Education Association (PSEA) and other organizations to combine our efforts. We worked very closely with PSEA and our coalition partners on strategy, tactics, and the implementation of our strategy.
2. Developed and drafted legislation that would give an increase to all annuitants with a special emphasis on those who retired pre-Act 9. Developed three cost-saving alternative proposals and have submitted them for review working with our coalition partners.
3. Provided the proposed legislation to PSERS (Public School Employees Retirement System) for their review and comments.
4. Contacted legislative leaders and the Governor's Office to convey our position and the acute need for a COLA. Several legislative leaders have reacted positively to our outreach and efforts.
5. Expanded our lobbyist efforts to include key rank and file legislators and committee chairs.

Next Steps:

1. Now, and in the future, it is vitally important to find the prime sponsor that would give the legislation the best chance of passing. Simply introducing a bill is not enough. It is important to note that during the process of communicating with the Pennsylvania General Assembly, several key leaders offered to either play an important role or to introduce legislation granting a COLA.
2. We will continue to work and advocate for this issue when the General Assembly returns to session in mid-September. Even though our goal was to achieve action prior to the passage of the budget, we will simply continue our efforts into the fall.

3. In the very near future, we will be interviewing members who have an acute need for a COLA. We will be asking them to tell their story to us. We will share the information with our members, the public, and the Pennsylvania General Assembly. Anyone willing to tell their story, please contact our office.

What You Can Do to Get Involved

1. Contact your legislators. Send letters, write emails, and contact your legislators on Facebook and Twitter.
2. Volunteer to provide a video testimonial to PASR. The next step of our COLA strategy focuses on the telling the stories of our members. To get legislators to understand the need for a COLA, they need to hear the lack of a COLA is truly effecting our members. We cannot do this part without you! We need volunteers who are willing to be filmed answering questions about the need for a COLA and telling their stories. To volunteer, please email pasr@pasr.org
3. Make a donation to the L/PEC fund. Did you know the cost of a campaign to support the passage of a single piece of legislation has cost PASR more than \$200,000 in the past and that these funds come directly from members' donations? In today's digital world, it's now more important than ever to have adequate funding available. Please consider mailing in a donation. No amount is too small to make a difference!



Rejuvenate Your Retirement®

The Delaware County Chapter of PASR and Haverford Township Parks and Recreation Department are Co-sponsoring an Educational Course for Retirees
Location: Community Recreation & Environmental Center (CREC)

9000 Parkview Drive Haverford, PA 19041

Dates & Times Tuesdays, October 15 & 22, 2019 1 PM to 3 PM – or –
 Thursdays October 24 & 31, 2019 10 AM to 12 noon

Making sure you don't outlive your money is one of the most important issues in post-retirement planning!

Learn about:

- Retirement income concerns
- How long will my money last
- Investments - Goals and objectives
- How to enjoy your retirement - travel, hobbies, sports, socializing, business ventures and lifelong learning
- Retirement income sources
- Health care planning
- Estate planning

FREE TO: PASR Delaware County Chapter Members and
 Lifelong Learning Institute - Immaculata University

Registration Contact: Steve Kupsov email kupsov8532@verizon.net

Registration Deadline: October 12, 2019



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

Historical Assn _____
 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

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, and, **YES**, consider me for the **Volunteer of the Year Award**.

☐ **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 18, 2020

Please use a second sheet of paper 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 R. Della Guardia, Editor
11 King Court
Boothwyn, PA 19061-4253



Friends Helping Friends

Our Chapter will participate in Boscov's **Friends Helping Friends** event, which helps shoppers save money on **Friends Helping Friends Day** and helps raise money for our Chapter to support our programs.

With the purchase of a \$5 **Friends Helping Friends Shopping Pass**, receive a 25% discount for purchases made on Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at all Boscov's locations (offer not

valid online). Use your shopping pass to register to win shopping sprees and door prizes. Free refreshments and entertainment will also be available.

This is an all-day store hours event (8:00 AM to 11:00 PM), but our Chapter will be at event tables at the Concord Mall location during the hours of Noon to 3:00 PM and at the Granite Run location from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

Stop by and say hello and/or buy your 25% off shopping pass for \$5. You can also obtain this money saving shopping pass ahead of the event by contacting Anne Mosakowski amosakowski@gmail.com.

NOTE: The proceeds from the sale of the **Friends Helping Friends Shopping Pass** go directly to the PASR Delaware County Chapter. Thank you for supporting our Chapter.

