


# Newsletter

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John DellaGuardia, Editor  
Delaware County, Pennsylvania

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Steve Kupsov, President – Delco PASR



As I embark on my final year as President of PASR Delco, I look forward to implementing the **President's 20-Year Recognition Award** to acknowledge, celebrate and congratulate retirees who reach 20 years of PASR membership. The presentation ceremony will become a part of our annual Fall Celebration of Service Luncheon activities. We'll present pins and certificates for the first time on November 1, 2017. All who retired in 1997 or earlier, and have been members of PASR for at least 20 years, should complete the **20-Year Recognition Form** on **page 2** of this issue of the Newsletter. Submit your application by September 6, 2017, to be eligible. Your membership, service and longevity in retirement are cause for celebration.

During the first two years of my presidency, my first goal was to help develop a website for our group. Fortunately, our President-Elect, Anne Mosakowski, stepped up and created a wonderful site that is now operational and up to date on everything you would need to know. Members can now learn and communicate about Benefits, RECREO Trips, Meeting Agendas, Minutes, our local Newsletter and many more items, even Blogs as well as links to other organizations. Please visit us at [www.delcopasr.org](http://www.delcopasr.org) either at home or at your local library. Next, we identified the newly renovated Granite Farms Estates in Media as the venue for all our meetings, luncheons and other events. In addition, this past summer we initiated our first seminar, "Retirement Planning and Rejuvenating Your Retirement," led by our past President, Harry Hill. We hope to continue this seminar in the fall. Along with these improvements and activities, we were able to celebrate a Board Commendation presentation, Volunteer of the Year Award and a John Dillon Award presentation. Finally, we continued our exceptional Awards Luncheon featuring Laretta Woodson scholarships of \$4,000 each given to two worthy students, grants to a teacher and a support person, Science Fair Awards and The Frank Monaghan Memorial Scholarship.

Moving forward, I anticipate improvements in our membership meetings, attracting even more attendees as we offer the option to make new acquaintances and to keep up to date with current friends. I look forward to seeing you at our Awards Luncheon on May 3, 2017. Enjoy the camaraderie of friends as we celebrate the successes of our future leaders, teachers and others.



## STATE PASR HONORS DELCO CHAPTER

Our Delaware County chapter received a PASR Service Award in recognition of the dedicated effort and the varied services our

members provide to our communities, to the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and to the members of PASR.

This award reflects the significance of documenting the hours of volunteer service that you contribute. Please continue to use the **Community Service Survey** form found on page 7 of the Newsletter to document your volunteer hours. Read more about Delco PASR volunteerism on page 3 of this Newsletter.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU IF YOU HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF PASR FOR 20 OR MORE YEARS

☆☆☆ PRESIDENT'S 20-YEAR RECOGNITION AWARD ☆☆☆

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To receive your pin and certificate, you MUST return this form no later than **Sept. 6, 2017**.

Mail to **Anne Mosakowski, President Elect, 2 Bittersweet Circle, Glen Mills, PA 19342**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Work Location at Retirement \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Retirement \_\_\_\_\_

Position Held at Retirement \_\_\_\_\_ Year joined PASR (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

For more information, contact Anne Mosakowski 610-558-4924 or amosakowski@gmail.com

## MEMBERSHIP...A Call for Help

Sue Stevens  
Membership  
Chair



**HELP RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER! Get A \$5.00 OR \$20.00 WAWA Gift Card**

Delco PASR membership is declining. Over the last two years, our chapter lost over 90 members. We hope to recruit at least 60 new members by May 31, 2017, and we need **your** help!

If you recruit a fellow school district employee, retired or active, to join Delco PASR you will earn either a **\$5.00 WAWA gift card** for recruiting an annual member (\$10/year dues) OR a **\$20 WAWA Gift Card** for recruiting a life member (\$120 dues).

To review the many benefits of being a member visit our website [www.delcopasr.org](http://www.delcopasr.org).

Just have the new member complete the application below and name you as the recruiter to earn your gift.

We really want new members and we really need your help for this!

Thank You,

Delco PASR Executive Board.

Join Us!



### 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 \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Life \$120.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Associate \$5.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Associate memberships are for spouses of members

RECRUITED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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 ...a huge success



The PASR Delaware County Chapter held its Fall Luncheon on November 2, 2016 at Granite Farms Estates. For the first time, the Fall Luncheon became the venue to highlight members singled out for their extraordinary volunteer contribution to our communities, students, the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the members of PASR. The event emphasized our motto: **To serve, not to be served**. The Fall Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon was a "Celebration of Service." Awardees received recognition in four areas.



Mary Payne received the Youth Service Award.

Mary Payne received the **Youth Service Award** for her efforts with community high school students. As a member for almost 40 years and now as President of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Xi Chapter, Mary helps develop the potential of 9th- through 12th-graders. Mary and her group mentor males and females, called Xinos and Kudos, and engage the students in monthly community service activities or projects. These activities include sorting supplies and stuffing backpacks for Back-to-School, sorting and packing supplies for Thanksgiving Gift Boxes, and preparing items for Toys-for-Tots Programs. In addition, the youth are involved in letter-writing projects to the military, reading books to children in hospital pediatric wards, and entertaining the elderly at area nursing homes.



Harry Hill, winner of Volunteer of the Year Award and the John J. Dillon Service Award

Margaret Wales received the **Committee Service Award** for the many years of dedicated commitment she gave as the editor of the Chapter Newsletter. Although she resigned from that position, she continues to serve as our Resolutions Chairperson.

The **Volunteer of the Year Award** was presented to Harry Hill, III. Harry is a former Delco PASR President and continues to serve our chapter in numerous areas. Harry is also active in a multitude of service projects throughout Delaware County. For this reason, he also was the recipient of the **John J. Dillon Service Award**.



Committee Service Award winner, Margaret Wales.

Luncheon attendees commented on the interesting program of awards and presentations as well as the tasty meal. The restaurant staff at Granite Farms Estates always succeeds in providing a delightful lunch menu.



## It comes as no surprise that retired school employees are among the most active, involved people in their communities.

After all, throughout their active working days, these individuals were dedicated to helping others. With nearly 25,000 PASR members contributing more than eight and a half million hours of service to their local communities, the economic value of PASR volunteer service to the State of Pennsylvania is nearly \$199 million per year.

Last year, our PASR Delaware County members who returned the survey tallied 4,358 hours of volunteer service for 2016. Just imagine how many hours we could report if ALL our members returned a **Community Service Survey** form! (The Survey form is on page 7.)

These members submitted a Community Service Survey to record volunteer hours for 2016.

Elizabeth Anderson	Nora Burrige	Marianne Constan	Helen Dougherty	Elizabeth Gladulick
Harry Hill	Steve Kupsov	Jennifer Breen	Henry "Hank" Field	Joseph Steinhavser
Joe Stefanowicz	Ruth Hill	Anne Mosakowski	Nancy Porto	John DellaGuardia

The importance of reporting your volunteer hours cannot be overstated. Please use the Community Service Survey on Page 7 to document your volunteer hours. Send your form to Harry Hill, 67 Hidden Valley Road, Aston, PA 19014 . Forms should reach Harry by January 19, 2018.

# UNSETTLED LEGISLATURE INDICATES NEED FOR INVOLVED, INFORMED AND VOCAL CITIZENRY

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE SPRING, 2017

Steve Kupsov  
Legislative and L/PEC Chairs, Delco PASR

By the time you read this article, the flowers will be blooming and, politically, we will be in a budget battle on the state and federal levels. Demonstrations are the order of the day, and we have not seen this kind of involvement since Kent State or, as some say, Vietnam or the Nixon Era. As far as our organization is concerned, we have a new Executive Director, Mark McKillop, who was instrumental in getting the addresses of those names we received from PSERS under the Right to Know law. We will be using this information to solicit members locally and on the state level.



You may wonder how all of the above affects PASR moving forward. We all need a leader who has organizational experience as well as experience on the "Hill". However, for us as members, it is not an option for any of us to stand on the sideline politically. We all must be more politically active locally as well as nationally.

As we learned already, nationally it has been extremely difficult to get even cabinet appointments approved by the Committee and Senate. Thanks go out to all of us who have voiced our opposition when necessary. Locally, we are moving in the direction of getting away from the archaic way of funding our Public Schools as well as supporting them; Re: Betsy DeVos, barely approved, Secretary of Education. In fact, this appointment was historic! This is why we must continue to be politically active and be willing to express our views locally and nationally. Call your Congressman and Senators as well as your State Representatives and Senators. Tell them you will not allow Public Education to fail or to be privatized! Your voices will be heard--demand to be heard through town meetings, in person or on the phone.

In summary, continue to be vigilant. Let your local and federal representatives know how you feel about all current legislative issues: education, health care, Social Security, Medicare, foreign affairs or whatever affects you.

## PASR MEMBER BENEFITS & SERVICES

Using the strength of its large 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 its members and does not receive financial compensation for endorsement of any product or service.

The philosophy that has always governed PASR's endorsement of commercial products is, "Any financial benefits that might be derived from extending the PASR name to endorse a commercial product must accrue to the individual members who elect to purchase the product, not to the organization." In short, PASR does not solicit commissions or rebates from the companies it endorses and insists that such considerations be passed on to the individuals in the form of lower prices. We do not endorse to raise monies but to provide an additional service to our membership. The companies endorsed, not the association, typically pay any expenses related to marketing of the endorsed programs. So, PASR's endorsements do not cost the association or its members. The following endorsements offer members the opportunity to save—just another way that your PASR membership works on your behalf. Find out more at [www.pasr.org](http://www.pasr.org)

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| • Amusement Park Discounts              | • Emergency Response System Provider            | • Orlando Attractions/Vacation Discounts |
| • Annuities                             | • Hearing Aid Services                          | • Penn State Football Tickets            |
| • Auto, Home, RV & Motorcycle Insurance | • Legal Assistance                              | • Pet Insurance                          |
| • Computer Purchases (Mac and PC)       | • Long Term Care & Final Expense Life Insurance | • Travel Services                        |
| • Dental Insurance                      |   | • Vision Insurance                       |
|   |   | • Wholesale Club Discounts               |

We want to hear from you if you have used any of the PASR sponsored service programs. Your experiences are important to other members. If you have an idea for other membership service programs that PASR might explore or comments about any of the association's currently endorsed programs, we want to hear from you about that, too. The Delco PASR contact person is Chris Eaton 610-494-2724, ([ace19014@verizon.net](mailto:ace19014@verizon.net)) or contact PASR Member Benefits Chairman, 878 Century Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055 ([pasr@pasr.org](mailto:pasr@pasr.org))

## PASR RECREO DAY TRIPS SPRING, 2017

Family & friends are always welcome

Plan to join us for great trips.

For more information, contact **CAROLINE FEDENA**, [c\\_fedena@yahoo.com](mailto:c_fedena@yahoo.com) or 484-574-0784.

### **FLORIBBEAN COOKING CLASS IN GLEN MILLS - Thursday, April 20, 11:00am, \$35**



Have fun learning how to cook an Appetizer, Entrée, and Dessert in the Floridian/Caribbean tradition and then enjoy eating the “fruits” of your labor. Christine Neugebauer, ACF, Certified Executive Chef and owner of Christine Marie’s Catering, will supervise our class. Christine’s experience includes personal chef to the Duponts, banquet chef with Marriott and chef at three AC casinos. She started her catering business in 1991. **Limited number. Deadline: April 14.**

### **“CRAZY FOR YOU” AT CANDLELIGHT DINNER THEATRE, Arden, DE,**

**Wednesday, May 14, 11am, \$65.60** Cost includes buffet and show. “This is a high-energy, screwball comedy with mistaken identities, and fabulous dance numbers.” Songs by Gershwin include: *I Got Rhythm*, *Embraceable You*, *Someone to Watch Over Me*, *Naughty Baby* & more. **Limited seats. Deadline: April 14.**

**LONGWOOD  
GARDENS**

### **“LOVE IS IN THE AIR”, KENNETT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA,**

**LONGWOOD GARDENS Saturday, August 19, 7:00pm, \$45** Cost includes access to Longwood all day and open-air concert (inside if inclement weather).

This well-known orchestra will perform many selections, including Verdi’s Prelude to *Traviata*, *King & I* numbers, *Star Wars II* Love Theme, Tchaikovsky’s *Romeo & Juliet* overture, Bach, etc. **Deadline: April 14**



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

Tickets will be about \$60 – \$80 (group price) + van transportation. Tickets will be ordered in late May when they go on sale. Please let me know **before May** if you are interested.

**PLEASE SEE NEXT PAGE FOR CONTACT INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION FORM FOR ALL TRIPS.**

## SPECIAL PASR RECREO OFFERING

### **AMERICAN QUEEN STEAMBOAT RIVER CRUISE APRIL 2018**

**NEW ORLEANS TO MEMPHIS, ANTEBELLUM SOUTH 9-DAY RIVER CRUISE ON THE BEAUTIFUL AMERICAN QUEEN, APRIL 15-23, 2018**



#### **CRUISE FARE INCLUDES:**

- \$140 per couple on board credit
- Complimentary hotel stay in New Orleans the night before the voyage (includes breakfast, taxes, portage, & transfers to ship)
- Complimentary Hop-On Hop-Off shore excursion in each port
- All on-board meals with complimentary wine & beer with dinner
- 24 hour room service; complimentary specialty coffees, teas, bottled water & soft drinks throughout voyage
- Nightly entertainment in the two level theatre, the **Grand Saloon**
- Daily lectures by the on-board Historian
- Complimentary WiFi
- Small pool & fitness center
- Spa treatments are available.

The **AMERICAN QUEEN** has all modern amenities with the opulence of the American Victorian era

**CRUISE FARES - INSIDE: \$2178 OUTSIDE, BAY WINDOW: \$4078 OUTSIDE - W/ VERANDA: \$4378**

Prices include taxes and port charges & are **PER PERSON**. Airfare & travel insurance is extra.

If you pay in full within 24 hours of booking, you save \$300 per person. (NOTE: these cruises sell out quickly)

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## RECRO - 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 how many people you are paying for.)

\_\_\_\_ "Cooking Class" - \$35, April 20

\_\_\_\_ "Love Is in the Air" - \$45, August 19

\_\_\_\_ "Crazy for You" - \$65, May 14

\_\_\_\_ "Philly Pops" - \$60-80, December 3

\_\_\_\_ "Steamboat River Cruise" I am interested. Please contact me with more information

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)



## A Spotlight on the Numbers



Hank Field  
Directory Secretary

	Mar. 2016	Mar. 2017
Current Delco Members	981	953
Delco + State Members	580	554
Life Members	558	549
Annual Members	419	393
Associate Members	9	10
Emeritus	1	1
Ninety or over	12	17

## Welcome!

New members - Claudia D. Dennis,  
Larry Lester, Joseph Owsley and  
Joan VanHorn

## Necrology

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

Jack Bixby, Ronald DiFelice,  
Barbara Field and Lois Manto

COMING  
SOON

## PASR Luncheon – A HIGHLIGHT OF THE SPRING SEASON

The Delco PASR Luncheons are always a huge success thanks to the efforts of our Events Chairperson, Nancy Graham, and her dedicated team. The **Spring Luncheon** focuses on our Delaware County student scholars, our hardworking teachers, and the other school staff members who interact with our children every day. Awards include the Lauretta Woodsen Scholarships to students, The Lauretta Woodsen Awards to Outstanding Teacher and Outstanding Support Staff Member, The Frank Monaghan Memorial Scholarship, and the Delaware County Science Fair Awards.

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Granite Farms Estates

1343 Baltimore Pike, Media, PA

11:30 Social 12:00 Lunch

Lauretta Woodsen

Scholarships and Grants

\$20.00



## PASR Spring Luncheon

Please consider bringing a canned food donation  
for the Bernadine Food Panty in Chester, PA

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ENTRÉE – Please select **Marinated CHICKEN BREAST** \_\_\_\_\_ or **GRILLED SALMON FILET** \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this portion with your \$20 check **before Friday, April 20, 2017**. Late payments cannot be accepted.

Mail To: Nancy Graham, 1655 Erb Dr., Aston, PA 19014

Questions: Call Nancy at 610.459.8532 or [nrgraham@verizon.net](mailto:nrgraham@verizon.net)





## 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:

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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 the back of this form 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 DellaGuardia, Editor  
10 Mary Anne Dr.  
Brookhaven, PA 19015-1121

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### 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

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#### Document Your Volunteerism

Find the Community Service Survey Form on page 7 of this newsletter or go to <http://www.delcopasr.org/community-service.html> then click the Community Service Survey link

#### State PASR Website

<http://www.pasr.org>

#### Spring Luncheon

Mail your Reservation by April 20 to  
**Nancy Graham, 1655 Erb Dr., Aston, PA 19014**  
Please consider bringing a canned food donation with you to the Luncheon for the Bernadine Food Pantry.