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Write: 1513 W Union St Allentown PA 18102
Phone: 610-433-8447
Email: linda.bortz@yahoo.com (Subject LC/PASR)

A Message from Your President –

“A Time of Reckoning—A Moment of Truth”

During the past months since our last newsletter, my efforts have been focused on the future leadership of Lehigh Chapter. This issue has been staring us in the face for several years and has come to the forefront this year. Several of our committee leaders after many years of faithful service to Lehigh Chapter have decided that it is time to move on. Their skills, talents, and passion for this organization will be truly missed. At the same time there have been openings in officer positions and committee chairs. This moment of truth hit me hard when I couldn’t find anyone to step forward to take the Nominating position. Thank you, thank you to Joanne Kalny for taking on this challenge.

You will see in this newsletter the fruits of our combined efforts when the new “Leadership Team for 2017-18” is revealed. It is time to transition—to change something in a good way. A friend recently told me that I had to streamline how the leadership operates. The words contemorize and redesign came to mind. I feel that I am up to this challenge and with your encouragement and help we will lead the way as an example for others that are facing these same issues.

I have been representing you on the region and state level for the past five years as Region 2 Membership Chair. My term is coming to an end on December 31, 2016. It has truly been an honor to hold this position. I have grown so much and have met so many wonderful people across this state. I have now transitioned from Membership to the State Leadership Committee where I am greeted with new challenges. Also recently due to unforeseen circumstances in PASR’s leadership, I have been asked and accepted the position of Vice-President of PASR. This position comes with great responsibility—Board of Directors, Chair of Board Committees Policy and Citations, plus ex officio member of all state committees. Everyone knows which chapter is near and dear to my heart. I would be truly remiss if I didn’t praise the work and dedication of PASR’s Headquarters staff. They are the BEST!!

TOGETHER WE WILL PAVE THE WAY FOR LEHIGH CHAPTER’S NEXT 50 YEARS!

Linda Bortz,
President Lehigh Chapter
Thank you to Suzanne Christman for accepting the position of President Elect until December 31, 2016.
LEHIGH CHAPTER LEADERSHIP TEAM 2017-18
(EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE)

Officers:
President—Linda Bortz
President-Elect—To be announced
Vice-President—To be announced
Treasurer—To be announced
Secretary—Eileen Stinson
RECREO Treasurer—Edward Richards
Immediate Past President—None due to resignation

Standing Committees:
Auditing—Mel Bollinger & Daisy Pearson
Community Service—Carol Rieder
Education Support—Carol Mickley
Hospitality—Lynette Messenlehner
  Seating for Luncheons Coordinator—Lenore Kohl
  Volunteer Picnic Coordinator—Suzanne Christman
Legislative—Dr. William Wehr
L/PEC—Jan Rush
Member Benefits & Services—Mary Phillips
Membership
  Coordinator—Linda Bortz
  Database—Terry & Sharon Naugle
  Secretary—Marge Pfeiffer
  Recruitment—Linda Bortz
    New Retiree Team—Eugenia Emert, Patrice Helfrich,
    Caroline Zolomij, Joanne Kalny, Kate Frantz, Gig Gilligan,
    Naida Abraham
Nominating—Joanne Kalny
Program (Topics for Enriching Our Lives)—Marge Pfeiffer & Linda Bortz
Public Relations
  Newsletter Editor—Dwight Amole & Linda Bortz
  Webmaster—To be announced
  Newsletter Link on Web—Robert Rabe
  Media 1 (Photography)—Gary Phillips & Joanne Kalny
  Media 2 (Print Media)—To be announced
  Media 3 (Social Media)—To be announced
RECREO/DYT—Carol Rieder & Joanne Richards
RECREO/Travel—Joanne Richards
Retirement Planning Team
  Joan Failla, Ruth Roeder, Nancy Schultz & Linda Bortz
Resolutions/Bylaws—Gary Phillips, Parliamentarian & Linda Bortz
Social Service Memorial Honor Fund—Nancy Civitts & Barbara Campbell
Obituary—Suzanne Christman

Appointed:
Parliamentarian—Gary Phillips

LC/PASR
2017-2018
OFFICER NOMINEES

President:
  Linda Bortz
President Elect:
  To be announced
Vice President:
  To be announced
Recording Secretary:
  Eileen Stinson
Treasurer:
  To be announced
RECREO Treasurer:
  Edward Richards

Anybody interested in the “To be announced” positions, please contact:
  Joanne Kalny
  Nominating Chair
  610-439-0615
COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES – Carol Rieder, Community Service Chair

Who will be the Volunteer of the Year for 2016? Meet this special person at the September meeting. Thank you to 100+ members who completed the volunteer information surveys. Congratulations to the people who each gave more than 300 hours of volunteer time in their communities. In total, Lehigh Chapter members devoted more than 23,000 hours of volunteer time! As you can see from the results, your support of the volunteer survey helps reinforce the value of our efforts.

The committee delivered one hundred forty-six donated children’s books to the Children’s Clinic at 17th and Chew Street. Thank you for supporting the Reach Out and Read program at the hospital.

If you have extra time and want to help others, please check out the list of volunteer opportunities found on the Community Service table. Some of the volunteer opportunities on the list include:

1. Pack food for seniors and children at the Second Harvest Food Bank warehouse in Nazareth. Senior boxes are packed the first Tuesday of each month. Back Pack Buddies are filled the third Friday of each month.
2. Help pack boxes for the troops at Keystone Soldiers/Military or help in their food pantry.
3. Volunteer at the Zionsville Food Pantry one day a month.

At the September meeting, you can sign up for holiday volunteer events:

1. Help with Wreathes Across America, Saturday, December 17, 12:00 p.m. (Rain, snow, or shine). Spend time placing wreathes on the veteran gravesites in Cedar Hill Memorial Park. Sign up at the meeting.
2. Spend a few hours working at the Gift Wrap booth at the Outlets at the Sands or Lehigh Valley Mall to help Camelot for Children. Select your own date and time from the list found on-line.
3. Spend a day at Keystone Soldiers packing boxes of holiday cheer for the troops. Keystone Soldiers is moving. Volunteer dates(s) TBA.

Sign-up sheets for these events will be on the Community Service table.

We have several food pantries in the Lehigh Valley that need help. As we have done in the past, please bring two non-perishable food items to the meeting, and we will share them among the pantries. Drop off your non-perishable food items at the Community Service table.

Let us not forget those serving to protect our country.

Keystone Soldiers appreciates receiving the following donations:

- Gatorade, Crystal Lite, Kool Aid or the individual flavor tubes you add to bottled water
- Power Bars, cereal bars, trail mix, granola bars
- Slim Jims, Jerky, sunflower seeds & nuts
- individual snacks, small sewing kits and manicure kits, sunscreen and insect repellent, Chap Stick with sunscreen
- small travel sizes of body wash, travel size deodorant, foot powder and foot cream for athlete's foot
- Odor Eaters (for boots), Dr. Scholl’s foot pads, blister pads, small size bottles of hand sanitizer

Drop items off at the Community Service table.

Remember to drop your spare change in the jar to help mail packages to our troops. We collected $315.27 to send packages to the troops at the May meeting. Thank You!

We will finish this year’s “Christmas cards for the troops” campaign at the September meeting. Your messages help brighten the days of our troops. Please take the time to write a brief message thanking them for their service and dedication to our country.

If you have a friend or family member serving in Iraq or Afghanistan, please notify Carol Rieder at the September meeting. We love sending care packages and love to our troops! Contact Carol at 610-791-9686.
LAURETTA WOODSON AWARDS PRESENTED

In May, Lehigh Chapter of the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees presented the PASR Lauretta Woodson Recognition Award to two Allentown School District employees. These awards, granted annually to active employees of Lehigh County public schools by the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees, honor an educator and a support professional who have exhibited creativity, initiative, or productivity, relevant to the learning process and growth of children. Luz Santiago of Union Terrace Elementary School received the Support Professional Award, and John Annoni of Trexler Middle School received the Educator Award. In addition, Christina Utsch of Jefferson Elementary School, Janet Moyer of Union Terrace Elementary School, and John Gackenbach of Trexler Middle School received Educational Support Grants from the association.

Photo: Luz Santiago, Support Professional Award recipient, accepts award from LC Past President Daisy Pearson

2016 Dale Buss Memorial Volunteer Picnic

Allentown Rose Garden
June 21, 2016
MEET THE LEGISLATORS EVENT – A BIG SUCCESS

At the April Executive Committee Meeting, L-PEC Chair Jan Rush thanked everyone for his or her participation in the Meet the Legislators Luncheon in March. The feedback about the program was so great that Jan and the executive committee have decided to make the event an annual one held every year in March.


Regarding pension reform, PASR is standing firm on maintaining our defined benefits and is supporting a Public/Private Partnership Legislation, which addresses the unfunded liability of $53 billion state and school pension systems.

Since these issues are very complicated, it is necessary that we hire the experts needed to represent fiscal issues to our legislators, to continue to lobby and meet with our legislators, and to remind them that we will not be silent. For these reasons, it is essential that we continue to donate to the State L-PEC fund. Contribution forms are always available at the General Membership Meeting L-PEC table. All funds go directly to the State L-PEC.  

-Reported by Jan Rush, L-PEC Chair, at the May General Membership Meeting

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Memories

2006 LC/PASR 40th Anniversary Celebration

Marcia Brutch, 2006 1st Vice President, MB&S Co-chair  
Joan Failla, 2006 L-PEC Chair, Nominating Chair
Time to Renew Membership . . .
Renewal mailers were sent out to almost 300 annual members. Please use the application and return envelope to renew your dues or visit the membership table at the September Meeting/Luncheon. Follow-up postcards will be sent in October. We need you!

You have been asking for membership cards . . .
We now have a newly designed membership card. They will be available at the membership table during the luncheons or send a request for a new card with self-addressed envelope to membership secretary, Marjorie Pfeiffer, at 1957 Kensington Road, Bethlehem, PA 18018. All members—annual, life, associate, emeritus—get your new card.

Speaking of associate members . . .
This category of membership is available to spouses, friends, or anyone interested in the benefits of Lehigh Chapter or PASR membership. A great way to increase our ranks. Only stipulation is they cannot hold office or vote. Start recruiting!!

Speaking of new members . . .
Know of anyone that is newly retired? Encourage them to join PASR/LC. Recruiting materials are available at meetings or ask any leadership (executive) committee member for info. Also email Linda Bortz at linda.bortz@yahoo.com. Type in subject box RE:Lehigh Chapter Membership Materials. Personal invitation is the best way to get our name out there!

Unveiling PASR’s new line of apparel . . .
T-shirts and polos were designed right here in the Lehigh Valley as a result of Linda’s involvement in creating a new State Membership Campaign Brochure. Our campaign theme is “Get Hooked on PASR”. Our new newsletter editor for 2017-18 and associate member, Dwight Amole, lent his creativity and marketing skills to the design of our T-shirts and polos. They will be on display and available for purchase or order at the September Meeting/Luncheon. Cost only $15 for T-Shirts and $35 for polos. Show & Wear your Pride in PASR.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT AS OF
July 31, 2016
Ruth Roeder, Database Secretary

LEHIGH CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP AS OF JULY 31, 2016
Annual - 428
Associate – 3
Life - 363
Emeritus - 48
Necrology (April 4 to August 1) - 2
Total Chapter – 841

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
Dwight Amole
Gail Chapin
Dawn Everett

NOT A PASR State MEMBER?
Learn more about what PASR can do for you at www.PASR.org!

Stop by PASR’s social media sites and like, join, follow, pin, tweet or subscribe to us.

Please call Ruth (610-395-1914) to report any address/phone number/email address changes and deaths.

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The Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees (PASR) and Penn State Athletics have announced the first ever Educator's Appreciation event at a Penn State Football game on Saturday, November 26 when the Nittany Lions welcome the Michigan State Spartans back to Beaver Stadium. All PASR members and their family and friends are invited to the game by purchasing discounted tickets.

All faculty, staff, parents, and students can purchase tickets in the following areas of the stadium at the below rates:

- Upper Sideline 20-Yard Line - $75 per seat (normally $92)
- Upper North End Zone - $50 per seat (normally $67)

To order tickets, click on the hyperlink provided on the PASR website (www.pasr.org – After signing in, click on Member News) and use promo code provided on the website. If attendees would like to sit together as a group, it is recommended that they place one large order. The sooner you order, the better seats you will get! All orders are first come, first serve until the game is sold out.

**Who:** PASR and Penn State Football  
**What:** Educator Appreciation; Penn State vs. Michigan State  
**When:** Saturday, November 26, kick off TBD  
**Where:** Beaver Stadium  
**Why:** To show appreciation to the education profession and have fun!  
**How:** To order tickets and parking today, see attached order form, click the link provided, and entering the promo code or contact Sam Starrett with Penn State Athletics at (814) 863-1222 or via e-mail.

You must be a member of PASR and sign onto the PASR web site and the Penn State Game information will appear under member news and just click on that link and follow the directions for tickets. The promo code and hyperlink will be there.

-Item received from Candy Hartranft, Berks President, Region 2 MB&S Chair

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**September 2015 NY 3 Brothers Winery Trip**  
*Photos Submitted by Joanne Richards, RECREO Chair*

**2016 Springtime Tulip River Cruise Group**
We wish very happy birthdays to the following members celebrating 90+ years:

SEPTEMBER
1 Thomas L. Brunner
13 Kathryn R. Jacobs
25 Daniel Lynch, Sr.

OCTOBER
4 Mary A. McGettigan
4 Edith Roeder
12 Beth A. Dymond
18 Hannah L. Harwick
23 Ralph E. Seltzer

NOVEMBER
1 Betty Jane Christie
9 Phyllis S. Larmer
12 Dorothy J. Beemer
20 Grace L. Parry

CONTRIBUTIONS MAKE IT POSSIBLE

PASR created the Memorial Honor Fund (MHF) to assist chapter and state members in need of financial and/or emotional support. Contributions to the fund are used entirely for helping members. It is only through donations that the SSMHF is able to continue to assist in taking care of members in need. Donations in memory of individuals or to honor persons for their achievements are welcome and acknowledged at your request.

A note from -Diana Fesenmyer, PASR State SSMHF Chair
The PASR Memorial Honor Fund is reaching a critically low level (approx. $105,000). Last year, we spent $36,097.32. These funds included allocations of chapters ($28,670), annual state dues for those who cannot afford their dues’ payments ($4,980), and financial assistance to state members facing catastrophic events ($800).

At this rate, the Memorial Honor Fund is losing $10,000 to $15,000 every year, despite individual contributions. Since interest rates are so low and investment income is down, the Committee needed to be proactive. To help curb this loss, the PASR State Social Service and Memorial Honor Fund (SSMHF) Committee voted unanimously on March 2, 2016, to change the local allocation to all chapters from $30,000 to $20,000 overall for all PASR chapters who file a SSMHF Treasurer’s Report with PASR Headquarters. This will impact the local chapters’ SSMHF budgets since the allocation checks will be lower.

To make a donation to the SSMHF, complete the form below and mail it to the address given.

Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees
Memorial-Honor Fund

I or we wish to contribute $______ to the Memorial Honor Fund.
The contribution is to be in □ Honor or □ Memory of: -Please check-
Name ________________________________

Please inform the following of this loving tribute:
Name __________________________________________________________
Address ___________________________________________________________________

Donor: Individual
Sender’s Name ________________________________
Address ___________________________________________________________________

Mail to: Memorial Honor Fund
PASR County LEHIGH
878 Century Drive Date _________________
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Instead of counting candles, or tallying the years, contemplate your blessings now as your birthday nears.
-Nancy Civitts & Barbara Campbell, SSMHF Co-chairs
LEHIGH COUNTY SCHOOL RETIREE 9/2016 - 2017 TRIPS

**** Send a Calvary Temple Liability release form with your check.

Sept. 20, Tues.  Bill Haley, Jr. & the Comets, Mt. Airy  $59  Deadline Aug. 20  
Songs: Rock around the Clock, Skinny Minnie, Jim Dandy.  Buffet. $20 slot play.  
Leave 11:00   Arrival 12:00   Show 3:30   Leave 6:00   Home 7:00

Oct. 13, Thurs.  Octoberfest, Doolan’s, Spring Lake, NJ.  $85  Deadline Sept. 13  
Gorgeous building, authentic German & American food.  1 hr. open bar.  Second hr. wine, beer, tea, soda.  Leave 9:15   Arrival 11:15   Lunch 12:30   
Bavarian show band, comedian 1:30  Leave 3:30   Home 5:30

Nov. 16, Wed. – Nov. 17, Thurs.  Elvis at Dover Downs, Delaware  
$148 p/p double  $214 single  $25 p/p deposit by Aug.16  Final payment Sept. 16  $50 slot play (3,500 machines).  Dinner & breakfast buffet.  Elvis impersonator.  TBA slot play at Harrah’s, Chester.  Leave 9:00   Arrival 11:30   
Show 8:00   Leave 11/17 9:30 for Chester   Leave Chester 4:00   Home 6:00

Nov. 29, Tues. – Dec. 1, Thurs.  Greenbrier at Christmas, W. Virginia  
$770 p/p double  $1068 single  $50 p/p deposit by Aug. 16  Final payment by Oct. 1  
2 nights at this 5 star hotel, fantastic Christmas decorations inside & outside, casino & shops on site, hotel tour or slideshow, afternoon tea, indoor pool.  2 breakfasts  2 dinners  Itinerary

Dec. 6, Tues.  Drifters, Mt. Airy  $59  Deadline Nov. 6  
Songs: Save the Last Dance for Me, Up on the Roof.  Buffet. $20 slot play.  
Leave 11:00   Arrival 12:00   Show 3:30   Leave 6:00   Home 7:00

Dec. 15, Thurs.  Am. Music Theatre/Shady Maple  $82  Deadline Nov. 4  
A new Christmas spectacular every yr.  The last 4 yrs. were fantastic.  
Leave 10:15   Shady Maple 11:30   Leave 1:30   Show 3:00   Home 7:00

Songs: I Walk the Line, Ghost Riders in the Sky, There’ll Be Peace in the Valley.  
Buffet. $10 slot play.  Leave 11:00   Arrival 12:00   Show 3:30   Leave 6:00

RESERVATIONS: JOANNE RICHARDS 610-398-0981 (jertrips@icloud.com)  
4394 Meadow Lane, Allentown, Pa. 18104.  Checks payable to LC/PASR.  
Include names, address, phone, email & name of trip.  Your check is your reservation.  On day trips pay at least half within 10 days after signing up.  
On multi-day trips pay the deposit requested.  No refund if canceling within a month of the trip (unless there is a waiting list).  Bus driver tip included.  All trips leave from Calvary Temple.  Send parking liability release with check.
2017 COLLETTE FLYING TRIPS

April 28 – May 7, 2017  SUNNY PORTUGAL  $3,249 double  $3,649 single
Rates good until Oct. 28. Includes transportation to airport & air. Cascais, Lisbon, Jeronimo’s Monastery, Fado Dinner show, Sintra, Obidos, Fatima, Evora, Monsaraz, Alentejo Countryside stay, Algarve, Sagres, Lagos, Faro, Cork Museum, 2 winery tours, 5 UNESCO World Heritage sites. **$250 deposit by Oct. 21, 2016.** If interested in $280 insurance, it must be paid with deposit. Final payment by Feb. 27, 2017. 10 days 8 breakfasts 6 dinners

May 29 – June 10, 2017  SHADES OF IRELAND with N. Ireland  $3,999 double  $4,499 single  Rates good until Nov.30. Includes transportation to airport & air. Dublin, Waterford Crystal, Blarney Castle, Killarney, Ring of Kerry, Limerick, Cliffs of Moher, Galway, Donegal Town, Derry, Giant’s Causeway, Belfast, Castle Stay. **$250 deposit by 11/23/16.** If interested in $280 insurance, it must be paid with deposit. Final payment by 3/30/17. 13 days 11 breakfasts 6 dinners


Oct. 5 – 10, 2017  ALBUQUERQUE BALLOON FIESTA  $2,699 double  $3,299 single  Includes transport to airport & air. Santa Fe, Turquoise Trail, National Museum of Nuclear Science & History, Indian Pueblo Cultural Center. **$250 p/p deposit due March 29, 2017.** If interested in $240 insurance, it must be paid with deposit. Final payment by 8/6/17. 6 days 5 breakfasts 3 dinners


Paper brochures that include the itinerary and reservation forms are available for the 4 Collette trips.
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

When: Monday, September 19, 2016
Place: Iron Lakes Country Club (formerly Twin Lakes), 3625 Shankweiler Rd., Allentown, PA. (Wheelchair accessible)
Time: 10:45 a.m. Business Meeting /12:00 Noon Luncheon

Entree choices:
- Mediterranean Chicken Breast, Red Bliss Potatoes, Buttered Broccoli $21
- Tilapia-Parmesan Encrusted, Red Bliss Potatoes, Buttered Broccoli $21
- Vegetable Napoleon with Wild Rice $18
- Chef Salad - Mixed greens, turkey, ham, Swiss cheese, veggies $18

(Choose one of the above. Indicate your choice on the reservation form below.)

Dessert: Mini tray of desserts - If you want a low-calorie dessert, Iron Lakes will serve fresh fruit cup. Please print “Fruit” behind your Entree choice. Requests cannot be granted the day of the luncheon.

CONTINUING POLICY:
Be aware of the deadline. No calls or mail accepted after the deadline. Send your reservation/check early! No checks accepted at the meeting. Without prior payment, you may stay for the meeting but not for the luncheon.

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, SEPT. 2 FOR RESERVATIONS. (Cancellations by Friday, Sept. 9)
Call Lynette Messenlehner 610-844-2052.

DO NOT SEND DUES MONEY IN YOUR ENVELOPE WITH THE LUNCHEON RESERVATION.

LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM
Reserve ___luncheon(s) at $21 ___ luncheon(s) at $18
Check Amount: $___________ (Amount enclosed with reservation form)

Please PRINT the following:

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CIRCLE the group with whom you plan to be seated:
- No preference
- East Penn
- Parkland
- LCTI
- CLIU
- Allentown
- Northern Lehigh
- Salisbury
- Whitehall-Coplay
- Catasauqua
- Northwestern
- Southern Lehigh
- LCCC

List your name and the name(s) of your friend(s) with whom you wish to be seated.
Do not write name(s) unless you are sure he/she will be in attendance. There are no more than eight (8) people to a table.

(1) ___________________________ (5) ___________________________
(2) ___________________________ (6) ___________________________
(3) ___________________________ (7) ___________________________
(4) ___________________________ (8) ___________________________

Please mail your registration form and check made only in black or blue ink payable to LC/PASR Lehigh Chapter/PASR P O Box 3064 Allentown PA 18106

I will attend the presentation on Sunny Portugal (April 28 - May 7, 2017) and Shades of Ireland (May 29 - June 10, 2017) following the luncheon.
PASR Mission Statement – To serve others and help one another enjoy retirement.

**PASR State Trip – April 23 - May 5, 2017**

**THE LEGENDARY DANUBE RIVER CRUISE**

“From the splendor of Prague to the Gypsy violins of Budapest, you’ll treasure every moment of this memorable Danube River cruise. Experience the music, art, culture, and historical sights in romantic Vienna.” … PASR Newsletter June 2016 Details can be found at www.pasr.org.

**PASR State Trip – Fall 2017**

**MACKINAC ISLAND, MICHIGAN**

“Awaken to the sound of horse hooves on silent streets, tour the island by carriage, and watch the world go by as you relax, unwind and enjoy a slower pace.” … PASR Newsletter June 2016 Dates and trip details to be announced at www.pasr.org.

**COUNTDOWN TO LEHIGH CHAPTER’S 50 YEAR CHARTER CELEBRATION.**

Save the date – Monday, November 14, 2016.