

PghASR NEWSLETTER

PASR Mission Statement: To Serve Others in Need and to Help One Another Enjoy Retirement.

**Mark your calendar for this
important event!**



**PghASR
Holiday
Luncheon**

Rivers Casino

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

See page 3 for details and reservation form.

NOTICE: SOME ANNUAL PghASR MEMBERS HAVE NOT YET PAID THEIR 2019-2020 PghASR DUES. Please check your membership status printed above your name on the mailing label on the back cover of this Newsletter. If your status states EXP Jun2019, PLEASE submit your payment using the form on the back cover to remain an ACTIVE member.

2019 Calendar

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

PghASR Annual Holiday Luncheon
Rivers Casino, Ohio Room
11:30, Awards
12:00, Lunch

2020 Calendar

Thursday, February 13, 2020

PghASR Executive Board Meeting
10:00-1:00, Eat'n Park, Waterfront, Homestead

Thursday, March 26, 2020

Lunch Bunch (informal get-together)
12:00, Scoglio's, Foster Plaza, Green Tree

Thursday, April 23, 2020

Lunch Bunch (informal get-together)
12:00, Max's Allegheny Tavern, Suismon St., North Side

May, Date TBA

PASR Region 12 Spring Luncheon
Host, ACASR
Location TBA
10:30, Officers/Committee Chairs Meeting
11:00, Meet and Greet
11:30, Region 12 meeting
12:00, Luncheon, followed by speaker

Thursday, June 4, 2020

Gen. Membership/Benefits & Services Meeting and Scholarships
Rock Bottom, The Waterfront, Homestead
11:00, Meet and Greet
11:30, Awarding of scholarships
12:00, Luncheon, followed by speaker

Thursday, July 2, 2020

PghASR Executive Board Meeting
10:00-1:00, Eat'n Park, Waterfront, Homestead

Thursday, July 16, 2020

"A Day of Service"
8:30-12:00, Food Bank, Duquesne, PA

Thursday, August 20, 2020

Lunch Bunch (informal get-together)
11:30, Rivers Casino

Thursday, September 17, 2020

PASR Region 12 Fall Luncheon
Host, PghASR
LeMont Restaurant, Mt. Washington
10:30, Officers/Committee Chairs Meeting
11:00, Meet and Greet
11:30, Region 12 meeting
12:00, Lunch, followed by speaker

Thursday, October 1, 2020

PghASR Executive Board Meeting
10:00-1:00, Eat'n Park, Waterfront, Homestead

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

PghASR Annual Holiday Luncheon
Rivers Casino, Ohio Room
11:30, Awards
12:00, Lunch

The calendar, reservation forms, membership renewal form and other information can be found on the PghASR website. See the inside back cover for information on how to access the website—and then bookmark it.

Membership

Debra Rucki

Do you know any PPS retirees or soon-to-be-retired employees who are not members of PghASR? Have you invited them to join? If not, please consider reaching out to these folks. Since 2011, retiring PPS employees exit employment through a computer station. There is no more face-to-face contact with a Human Resources Representative. Even the application for membership in PghASR and PASR is not made available upon retirement as it was in the past. Therefore, the majority of current PPS employees have no idea that a retiree organization even exists. The Officers of the PghASR Executive Board and Committee Chairs need our members to spread the word. Your local chapter is an opportunity for retirees to keep in touch and share some memories from days gone by as well as happenings of today. Let's stay in touch!

When You Move ...

Be sure to notify the following agencies of your new address as soon as possible:

Pittsburgh Association of School Retirees (PghASR), P.O. Box 9056, Pittsburgh, PA 15224

Pennsylvania School Employees Retirement System (PSERS), 5 N. 5th Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101

***Pittsburgh Insurance & Retirement Benefits Office**, Board of Public Education, 341 S. Bellefield Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

*Questions about retirement benefits should be directed to PSERS. Call toll free 1-888-773-7748 or 1-717-787-8540 or contact the local office at 300 Cedar Ridge Drive, Suite 301, 412-920-2014. The Insurance and Benefits Office of the School District does not have information about PSERS.

**CUT OUT AND KEEP THIS HANDY
GUIDE TO IMPORTANT PHONE
NUMBERS**

Here is a quick reference guide to important phone numbers for PghASR members.

PSERS (Penna. School Employees Retirement System): 1-888-773-7748

PASR (Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees):
1-717-697-7077 pasr@pasr.org

Pittsburgh Public Schools Insurance & Benefits Office: 412-622-3692

PASR-endorsed Dental & Vision Plans Professional Insurance Services: 1-800-382-1352, ext. 3012

HOP (Health Options Program) Insurance:
1-800-773-7725, www.HOPbenefits.com

Do you have any suggestions for the Newsletter? Contact PghASR by email at pghpasr@yahoo.com or by mail at PghASR, P.O. Box 9056, Pittsburgh, PA 15224. Note that articles, forms, and other information should be sent to Marsha Tharp, 157 Thornberry Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15235.

PghASR Change of Address Form

Mail to: Pittsburgh Association of School Retirees, P.O. Box 9056, Pittsburgh, PA 15224

Circle one: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr.

Name _____

New Address _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Check the category appropriate for your new address.

Personal Care Home Nursing Home

Retirement Community Private Residence

Other _____



PGHASR

Holiday Luncheon



Tuesday, December 3, 2019

Please bring donations for the purchase of gift cards that agencies can distribute to homeless youth to enable them to purchase items of necessity.

11:00 Meet and Greet
11:30 Awards
12:00 Luncheon

A 50/50 raffle will be held to benefit the Brashear High School Homeless Student Fund.

\$28.00

PghASR's holiday gift to you is to pay for part of the cost of the luncheon.

RIVERS CASINO OHIO ROOM

Entrées (choose one)

- Chicken Marsala**, Mushrooms, Onions and Marsala Jus, Roasted Broccolini, Grilled Polenta
- Pan Seared Salmon**, Yukon Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetable Medley, Lemon Caper Sauce
- Stuffed Acorn Squash**, Farro, Beets, Apples, Carrots

Garden Green Salad with Shaved Fennel, Tomato, Cucumber, Carrots, House Dressing
Fresh Rolls & Butter

Dessert: **Vanilla Bean Cheesecake**, Whipped Cream, Berry Compote, Dark Chocolate
Freshly brewed house coffee and iced tea

Parking is free, and every attendee will receive a \$10 voucher for the casino.

PGHASR HOLIDAY LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

Reservations are requested no later than Tuesday, November 19, 2019. Make checks payable to PghASR and mail with this form to Eileen Gavin, 1120 Fairfield St., Pittsburgh, PA 15201.

Due to our commitment to the banquet facility, we will not be able to give refunds for cancellations.

Name of person sending reservation _____

Address _____

Phone number _____ Email address _____

Total number of reservations: _____ **Total amount enclosed:** _____ @ \$28 for each reservation

Please circle the luncheon selection and write the name of the person ordering it for the place cards.

1. **Salmon** **Chicken** **Acorn Squash** Name of Attendee _____

2. **Salmon** **Chicken** **Acorn Squash** Name of Attendee _____

3. **Salmon** **Chicken** **Acorn Squash** Name of Attendee _____

President's Message

Debra Rucki

As this year's activities wind down for our Chapter, I can honestly say it was a learning experience for me. I would like to thank Joseph Poerio, Past President, for serving as my mentor. There are many items on my "to do" checklist that will make the upcoming year, 2020, much easier to negotiate. The expectations and recording responsibilities each Chapter has to the state association, PASR, are now on my radar in terms of due dates and which Committee Chair is responsible for providing each report.

Just as I thanked Joe for his assistance, no organization can operate effectively without a strong Leadership Team. The Pittsburgh Chapter is blessed with officers and chairpersons who are willing to give their time and energy in organizing several lunches throughout the year as well as social services that benefit Pittsburgh Public Schools students and the community at large. Through each members' generosity, we were able to contribute to the following groups: The PPS Scholarship Fund, which provided scholarships to five deserving seniors who will move forward this fall into post-secondary education/training; the Brashear Homeless Student Fund; The East Liberty Family Health Care Center; the Food Bank of Allegheny County; and The Kingsley Kids Kitchen Program.

As President of PghASR, I'm sending words of encouragement to all of you to plan to participate in at least one activity each year. We gather in May for a spring luncheon. In June we pay tribute to five deserving PPS graduating seniors and their parents/guardians at the Scholarship Luncheon. July brings us to serving the Allegheny County communities by participating in "A Day of Service" by assisting at the Food Bank Distribution Center in Duquesne. August provides time for an informal gathering at the Rivers Casino buffet, where we share our adventures and solve all of the world's problems, of course. In September we celebrate the close of summer and the beginning of fall. Lastly, we come together in December at the Holiday Luncheon to give thanks for family, friends, and colleagues and to offer each other wishes for a safe and healthy New Year.

The Leadership Team of PghASR understands that everyone cannot participate in every event because we all have commitments to family as well as ourselves. That being said, the last event of the year is almost upon us. The Holiday Luncheon at the Rivers Casino is scheduled for Tuesday, December 3, in the Ohio Room. A reservation form is included on page 3. I am looking forward to seeing you there. There is no better present people can give than their presence. I hope you will "save the date" and share in fellowship with colleagues of days gone by.

The reservation form for the holiday luncheon can be found on the PghASR website. For information on how to access the website, see the directions on page 11. There is a lot of other information on the website. Check it out!



PghASR Welcomes Its New Members

As of October 5, 2019

David Disque	Ellen Connelly
Marianne O'Connor	Margaret Fitzgerald
Marilyn Nizinski	Carolyn Peterson
William Nizinski	Beth Pomerantz
Leon Webb	Theresa Magnotta
Validia Giddens	



Medicare Supplement Reimbursement Reminder

A. Jay Gross, Membership Secretary

Just a reminder that it will soon be time once again to request our annual Medicare Supplement Premium reimbursement from the Pittsburgh Board of Education. If you were a professional employee of the Pittsburgh Public Schools and retired between 1988 and 2008, you are eligible for a Medicare Supplement Premium Reimbursement from the Pittsburgh Board of Education. You are reminded that your proof of HOP Medicare Supplement Plan and annual premium payments (or payments to another non-HOP insurance provider) must be submitted to the Retirement and Employee Insurance Office, Pittsburgh Board of Education, 341 South Bellefield Ave, Pittsburgh 15213, no later than February 15. If you have an Interactive Account with PSERS, you can print this form by clicking on Income Verification for 2019 and Pension Monthly Income. If you have not set up an interactive account, you can request a copy of your Benefit Summary Information Sheet by calling PSERS at 1-888-773-7748.



Please Help Defray the Cost of the Newsletter

Please consider making a donation to help defray the cost of printing and mailing the PghASR *Newsletter*. The PghASR officers and the Editorial Board extend gratitude to all who donate. Make your check payable to PghASR and mail it to Eileen Gavin, 1120 Fairfield St., Pittsburgh, PA 15201.

Anonymous	Joseph Kmetz
Anonymous	Russell Kuehner
Anonymous	Ginny Norkus
Fran Fall	Susan Sager

A special thank you goes to David and Dolores Avner for their especially generous donation to the Newsletter Fund. In her note accompanying the donation, Dolores writes that the newsletter helps her "feel connected across the miles to PPS," since she and David have moved away from Pittsburgh.

Did You Retire in 1999?



20-YEAR RECOGNITION

Nancy Tall

Are you a PghASR member who retired in 1999? Let us know so we can honor you at the Holiday Luncheon on Tuesday, December 3, for your 20 years in retirement.

Each year PghASR celebrates members who have been retired for 20 years (this year for those who retired in 1999). If you have reached this milestone, we want to hear from you! We plan to recognize you with a certificate at the Holiday Luncheon in December. If you cannot attend the luncheon, the certificate will be mailed to you at a later date.

Please note for those of you who qualify, you MUST complete and submit the form below to Nancy Tall, 4143 Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15213, by November 25, 2019, to be eligible to receive recognition.

☆☆☆ 20-Year Membership Recognition Form (1999 Retirees) ☆☆☆

To receive the certificate, you MUST return this form no later than Monday, November 25, 2019, to Nancy Tall, 4143 Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15213.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone Number _____

Date of Retirement _____

Work Location at Retirement _____

Position Held at Retirement _____

_____ I will be attending the Holiday Luncheon and will be sending in my reservation form with payment.

_____ I will NOT be attending the Holiday Luncheon.

Region 12 Fall Luncheon at South Hills Country Club

Donna Dado

Our Region 12 Fall Luncheon was held on September 19 at the South Hills Country Club. The grilled salmon, stuffed pork chop, and asiago chicken were mouth-watering. All members enjoyed camaraderie and listened intently to Executive Director of PASR Mark McKillop's talk about the ongoing fight for a COLA. He had some encouraging words about it. He also talked about membership in our organizations at the state and chapter level.

Donna Dado spoke for Boscov's and handed out folders with information about PASR's trips to New Orleans and Scotland/Ireland next year (See page 8 for more information). She also promoted the trip to Dollywood, scheduled for November of this year, which was in the August PghASR Newsletter. You can access the August Newsletter on the PghASR website.

After lunch, tickets were drawn for a 50/50 raffle that benefitted our L/PEC committee. We also had three lovely baskets of gift cards, lottery tickets, wine, a Mexican basket and a Bob Marko Steeler birdhouse to raffle off. Proceeds from that raffle went to the VA Pittsburgh Fisher House.

Our next Region 12 luncheon will be in May 2020. Look for the reservation form in the April PghASR Newsletter.



Enjoying the Region 12 Spring Luncheon at the South Hills Country Club are (left to right) Dottie Serzega, Kathy White, Brian White, John Kerekes, Glory Getty, Debra Rucki, Joe Porio (standing), and A. Jay Gross.

In Memoriam

LOIS EMLER
ERNEST HUDDLE
MORRIS SHRATTER
ALBERT PAYNE JR
STEPHANIE TOLKACEVIC
MICHAEL DIMPERIO
DOROTHY HOPKINS
JOHN SMIDER
J. KAYE CUPPLES

Memorial Honor Fund

<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Contributor</i>
Peg Belajac	Eileen Hulme
Kaye Cupples	William Fisher
Kaye Cupples	Rosalyn Sherman
Edwin Harr	John Soboslay
John Minor	John Soboslay
Francis J. Rifugiato	Helen Wilson
Morris Shratter	William Fisher
John Smider	William Fisher
Martin Trichtinger	John Soboslay
Melvin Vesely	Helen Wilson
Lois Watson	Sylvia Robinson

A donation to the Memorial Honor Fund has been made by David and Dolores Avner.

To contribute to the Memorial Honor Fund, please send your donation to Eileen Gavin, PghASR Treasurer, at 1120 Fairfield St., Pittsburgh, PA 15201. Make your check payable to PghASR. Thank you.

PghASR Scholarship Fund Donors

The PghASR Scholarship Fund relies on its donors for funding. Contributions of any amount are greatly appreciated. Please consider donating to this worthy endeavor. For further information, contact Donna Vlassich @dvllassich@gmail.com. Send donations to Eileen Gavin, PghASR Treasurer, at 1120 Fairfield St., Pittsburgh, PA 15201. Make your check payable to PghASR and indicate it is for the Scholarship Fund.

Judy Shober sent this note with a generous donation to PghASR:

Thanks to all the dedicated officers and committee members who have served us all for so many years!

I look forward to the Newsletters to keep up to date on current "doings" in Harrisburg as well as Pittsburgh. Please use this money wherever it is most needed.

*Sincerely,
Judy Shober*

In the Death of a Loved One

Debra S. Rucki

Last month I received a phone call from the wife of a deceased member. The death of a loved one is a shock to us, and in that moment we wonder, "What do I need to do, to whom do I report this, and do I need to provide a copy of the death certificate?" I'm certainly no authority on the subject, but I thought I would identify some things we should keep in mind. It is important to plan ahead for what is an inevitable process of life. You may want to consider including your immediate family members and/or lawyer in the decision-making process so you, your family, and legal representative have a plan in place.

You will need a copy of the deceased's death certificate for all transactions. The funeral director can assist you with this. At this time, the cost is \$6.00 per certificate if ordered through the end of the current month of death. Afterwards, the cost increases to \$9.00 per certificate. There are various ways to get official copies of death certificates. You can order them online. Start by googling "US Vital Records Pennsylvania Death Certificate Order Form." You can also obtain the certificates in person. Locations will vary.

You will need a death certificate for all of the following entities:

- Social Security, 1-800-772-1213
- PSERS or other Pension Holdings Office
- Processing of a Will
- Life Insurance Policies
- Banks—Checking and/or Savings Accounts, CDs, IRAs, Safety Deposit Box
- Annuity Holding Companies
- Stocks
- Bonds
- Real Estate
- Mortgage Company
- Home and Automotive Insurance Companies
- Car Titles
- Department of Motor Vehicles (to cancel driver's License)
- Credit card companies with a balance
- Medicare and/or Medicaid Supplements Coverage (need to be canceled)
- Federal, state, and local taxes
- Veterans Benefits (Full DD124 / Discharge papers are required to process any Veterans Benefits for burial allowance and spousal benefit after a Veteran's death.)

The above information is only a suggestion of items to keep in mind. The best advice is to check with your lawyer. It is important to inform your family of where your documents are located and what your burial wishes are before a death occurs.

Oppose H. B. 13.

By Bob Marko, Region 12 L/PEC Chairman

Dear PGH ASR Members:

Please disregard the article that was in this space in the November issue of the PghASR newsletter about H.B.13. The newsletter was mailed to you in late October.

This bill is designed to eliminate school property taxes.

The bill has not been assigned a Printers number or a committee in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

I will let you know when the letters to the Legislators are needed.

Thank You.

Bob Marko

PASR Region 12

We Need a COLA!

By Bob Marko, Region 12 L/PEC Chairman

The PASR Legislative/Political Committee (L/PEC) has been created to establish a strong and effective legislative voice for all school retirees.

PASR Executive Director Mark McKillop and Lobby Consultant Jeff Hunsicker are continuing to work with PSEA-R partners, PSERS staff members, and Pennsylvania legislators to develop a possible Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) proposal. Mark McKillop and PASR L/PEC Chairman Max Krugle have included a SPECIAL COLA UPDATE letter on pages 16 and 17 of the September 2019 issue of PASR TIMES. Please take some time to review this article because it identifies the key steps that PASR has taken to develop plans for a COLA. I hope the article will help you understand the complex nature of seeking a COLA.

The mission of the PASR leaders and combined L/PEC Committee will not be over until we achieve success on obtaining a COLA for our members. We will need the help of all PASR members to make a COLA happen.

For the latest information about the COLA, please check the PASR website, pasr.org. On the bottom of the first page of the Members Only section, search for the COLA/Legislative section.

As an addition step in obtaining a COLA, Mark McKillop is scheduling PASR members who are willing to "Tell Our Story" about the need for a COLA on a video program. The completed video will be shown to members of the Pennsylvania State House of Representatives, members of the State Senate, PASR chapter members, and other interested individuals.

Your donation to the PASR L/PEC Committee will enable us to continue to advocate on behalf of Public Schools retirees. Please use the form below to make a donation to the PASR L/PEC committee and help us in the quest to obtain a COLA for Public School Retirees and to provide other services to our members.

Legislative/Political Education Committee Contribution Form

Name: _____ Contribution Amount: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____



Donate Online: <https://www.pasr.org/member-donate-lpec/>

Please make checks payable to L/PEC and mail to: PASR, Attn: L/PEC • 878 Century Drive • Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
Note: L/PEC Donations are not deductible for federal income taxes.

If you are a member of PghASR but not a member of PASR, please consider joining the state organization. PASR serves as a legislative watchdog for all of Pennsylvania's public school retirees.

Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees

Membership Application



The only organization governed solely by school retirees and working exclusively for school retirees.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone: () _____ Date of Birth: _____

Please charge my credit card: Mastercard Visa Discover American Express or make check payable to PASR.

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____

Please select your membership option.

- Annual Member (*school retiree*) - \$60
- Associate Member (*non-school retiree*) - \$60
- Life Member - \$700

Join online at www.pasr.org.

Mail to: PASR ■ 878 Century Drive ■ Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-4375

PASR does not sell or share your information with outside vendors. Note: Membership dues are not deductible for federal income taxes.

PASR—House of Delegates

Debra S. Rucki

As of this writing, six Executive Board members and committee chairpersons of our chapter will attend the PASR House of Delegates Convention at the Valley Forge Casino and Conference Center in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, on October 6-8. The members who will represent the Pittsburgh Chapter are Jackie Blakey, A. Jay Gross, Joseph Poerio, Ernestine Reed, Debra Rucki, and Donna Vlassich. In order to attend, all delegates must be current members of PASR. Since PghASR has a healthy number of PASR members in good standing, we will have a voting block of six when the House of Delegates meets, discusses, and then votes on several By-Laws amendments proposed by PASR committees that are elected as Region Chairs and State Committee Chairs. The proposed By-Law changes suggested last year at the Leadership Conference were to combine the Legislative and Political Education Committee and the Policy and Citations Committees. Also, the PASR Board of Directors proposed to eliminate the Resolutions Committee.

The rationale for these proposals is that the Legislative and Political Education Committees technically work on many of the same issues as the Policy and Citations Committees. This will also reduce costs at the state level for travel expenses when these committees meet, discuss, propose and vote on actions to be taken throughout the year. The proposal is also logical in that it will reduce the number of volunteers required to fill these committees. The third proposal—to eliminate the Resolutions Committee—was offered by the Board of Directors at PASR. Again, there would be cost savings to the state association, the need to find volunteers for this committee would be eliminated, and, in essence, each Regional Director and various State Committees would have the ability to propose resolutions to the Board of Directors, whose responsibility it is to adopt resolutions brought forward.

Along with the six delegates from our chapter, Diana Armstrong will attend as a member of the PASR Board of Directors as Past President and Ellen Estomin as the Region 12 Chair for PghASR and ACASR (Allegheny County Association of School Retirees).

A member of our team will provide a report of The House of Delegates session in the April 2020 PghASR Newsletter edition.

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RECREO News—Travel with your Pals

Donna Dado

Our state organization, PASR, is sponsoring two great trips for next spring and fall of 2020.

The first trip is to New Orleans from March 23-27 for \$2,071 pp. The trip includes deluxe motorcoach, six nights hotel accommodations, eight meals, guided tours, free time, and much more.

The second trip will be in September. PASR members will travel to Scotland and Ireland for a fabulous 11-day trip. Double occupancy is \$4,296 pp., with a discount for booking by December 15.

Both of these trips are fully explained on the PASR website at <https://www.pasr.org/trips/>, or you can call a Boscov's representative at 610-779-8640. Grab a group of friends and have a blast!

Your Volunteer Hours Count

The timetable for reporting volunteer hours is December 31. PghASR encourages all its chapter members to report their volunteer hours to PASR. Research shows that PghASR members have saved their community a great sum of money by volunteering.

Please fill out the **Community Service Survey Form** on the next page and return it to Joseph R. Poerio, 979 Crest Lane, Carnegie, PA 15106.

PASR

Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees

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 a positive picture of the activities of public school retirees to the community at large. 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 will be shared with AARP, NRTA, and PASR headquarters.

<u>EDUCATIONAL</u>	HRS/YR
Historical Association	_____
Library	_____
School Board	_____
Other	_____
Total	_____

<u>POLITICAL</u>	HRS/YR
Advocacy	_____
Boards/Commissions	_____
Elections	_____
Other	_____
Total	_____

<u>SOCIAL SERVICES</u>	
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	_____

<u>RELIGIOUS</u>	
Instruction (Adult)	_____
Instruction (Youth)	_____
Organization	_____
Visitation	_____
Other	_____
Total	_____

<u>SERVICES TO YOUTH</u>	
Alliance with Youth	_____
Classroom Volunteer	_____
Head Start	_____
Latchkey Program	_____
Literacy	_____
Scholarships	_____
School Volunteer	_____
Sports	_____
Tutoring	_____
YMCA/YWCA	_____
Other	_____
Total	_____

I have served in special leadership roles as follows:

_____ Total Hours Per Year / All Categories _____ Chapter _____

Phone Number _____ Date _____

Name _____ E-mail _____

Please return this form to Joe Poerio, 979 Crest Lane, Carnegie, PA 15106

Please attach a sheet with additional information, if applicable.

Reduced Vehicle Registration Fees for Retirees

Joseph Poerio

I obtained the following information from my State Representative's office about reduced vehicle registration fees for retirees who meet certain income restrictions. They would need to use form MV-371 (6-16), Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Go to www.dmv.pa.gov and click on the "Forms and Publications" link in the menu bar right under the top picture. Then scroll down until you find the form.

Eligibility Requirements and Instructions for the \$10.00 Processing Fee:

1. You must be retired and receiving Social Security or other pension payments as described in Section D on the front of the application form, regardless of age. Part-time employment is permitted if you are retired from your principal occupation. If you receive only unemployment compensation or public assistance, or are a student or other individual who is not retired, you do not qualify.
2. Total gross income from all sources must not exceed \$19,200. Other income includes Business/Rental Income, wages, Public Assistance and Unemployment Compensation.
3. To be eligible for the retired status processing fee, the applicant must meet the qualifications above, and the applicant must be listed as an owner on the vehicle's registration. The vehicle may be owned jointly, but the applicant must be the principal operator of the vehicle, unless physically or mentally incapable of operating it. The vehicle must be a passenger car or truck with a registered gross weight of not more than 9,000 lbs. Only one vehicle per qualified applicant may be registered for the retired status processing fee.
4. The application must be submitted in conjunction with Form MV-1, MV-4ST, MV-140.

NOTE: Individuals should list their PA Driver's License (PA DL) or Photo ID number in the space provided on the form. Return the completed application with your vehicle registration application and include a \$10 check or money order made payable to PA Department of Transportation. **DO NOT SEND CASH.**

This information may be helpful for you, your family, or friends. If you have any questions, please contact your local State Representative's office.

Attention Knitters and Friends!

Marsha Tharp

It's time to start those needles clicking or crochet hooks turning to make hats, scarves and mittens in all sizes for the many needy and grateful Pittsburghers who love your hand-made gifts.

If interested in volunteering or if you have questions, call Marsha Tharp at 412-241-7273.



Inspire a Child to Love Reading!

Volunteers age 50 and older are matched with **children K-4th grade**

October 2019 - May 2020

Just one hour a month!



- Teach children valuable lessons
- Make a lasting impact
- Form meaningful connections



- No experience required
- Orientation provided: September 23rd, October 8th, or October 10th

For more information and to become a volunteer, Contact Kylea at 412-594-2554 or covaleski@jhf.org

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This Is Worth Repeating: Make Your PASR Membership Work for You!

Carolyn Kotts-Hankinson, PASR Membership and Benefits Chairperson

Using the strength of its membership, PASR has negotiated group rates on a number of products and services. Membership in PASR grants members access to these benefits. For a complete description, visit the PASR website, www.pasr.org and click on Member Benefits. To join PASR, use the form on page 7 of this newsletter.

Here is a partial list of PASR State Member Benefits:

- Amusement Park Discounts
- Auto, Home, RV, and Motorcycle Insurance Discounts
- BJ's Wholesale Club and Sam's Club Discounts
- Davis Vision Insurance Discounts
- Dell and Mac Computer Discounts
- Emergency Response System Discounts
- Financial and Retirement Planning Services
- Global Emergency Plan Discounts
- Hearing Aid Services
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