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**PghASR  
NEWSLETTER**

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

**Mark these important events on your calendar!**

**Fall Luncheon**

**PASR Region 12  
Edgewood Country Club**

**Thursday, September 18, 2025**

*See page 11 for details and reservation form*

**HOLIDAY  
LUNCHEON**

**PghASR  
Rivers Casino  
Friday, December 12, 2025**



*See page 3 for details and reservation form*

**NOTE:** Photographs will be taken at PghASR and Region 12 functions. Some photos might be published in PghASR Newsletters. If you don't want your picture to appear in the newsletter, please opt out by checking the line at the bottom of the reservation form.

*The PghASR calendar, reservation forms, membership renewal form, and other information can be found on the PghASR website. See page 19 for information on how to access the website—and then bookmark it.*

**Pittsburgh Association of School Retirees**

**2 0 2 5 C a l e n d a r**

The 2026 PghASR Calendar of Events will be published in the Spring 2026 Newsletter.

For more information about the events, see articles in this newsletter  
or go to the PghASR website at [pghasr.org](http://pghasr.org)

**August**

Wednesday, August 20, 2025- 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Batch Pack at Batch Foundation

RSVP to Donna Dado, [ddado@comcast.net](mailto:ddado@comcast.net)

**September**

Thursday, September 18, 2025 - 11:00 a.m.

Region 12 Fall Luncheon and Meeting

Allegheny Chapter Hosts – at Edgewood Country Club

RSVP is due Wednesday, September 3, 2025 see page 11

**October**

October 19-28, 2025

PASR RECREO TRIP – Paris to Normandy River Cruise

Onboard the Avalon Tapestry II – see [www.pasr.org](http://www.pasr.org)

October 5-7, 2025

PASR House of Delegates at State College, PA.

**November**

Tuesday, November 18, 2025 – 3:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.

RECREO – SECOND TACO TUESDAY

El Campesino at the Waterfront

RSVP to Kathy Moran at [kmoran056@comcast.net](mailto:kmoran056@comcast.net) by November 11, 2025.

**December**

Thursday, December 4, 2025 – 5:00 p.m.

RECREO – Pittsburgh Botanical Garden Dazzling Lights

RSVP to Kathy Moran at [kmoran056@comcast.net](mailto:kmoran056@comcast.net) by November 24, 2025

Friday, December 12, 2025

PghASR Holiday Luncheon & General Membership Meeting  
Rivers Casino, RSVP due by November 28, 2025, see page 3



## PghASR Welcomes Its New Members

Pamela Diulus  
Jennifer Gadd  
Raymond C. Sanders

Albert A. Tarasi  
Marilyn Barnett Waters

The 2025 Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees House of Delegates will be held at the Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center in State College, October 5th thru the 7th. The Pittsburgh Chapter will be represented by: LaVerne Anthony – Corresponding Secretary & Educational Support Grant Chairperson; Diana Armstrong – Historian & PASR Past President; Ellen Estomin – Past Region 12 Director & Co-Chair of Educational Support/Scholarships Committee; Glory Getty – President; A. Jay Gross – Membership Secretary; Kathy Moran – Recording Secretary; Ernestine Reed – Chair of the Social Service and Memorial Honor Fund; Anita Walker – President Elect and Curtistine Walker – Member. Delegates will vote on matters brought forth by PASR leadership and elect new PASR officers (President, President Elect, Vice President and Treasurer).

**At PASR's invitation anyone is welcome to attend the House of Delegates, additional members are able to participate in all of the same activities as the delegates, except for casting a vote. If you would be interested in attending please contact Glory Getty ASAP at [gGetty700w@aol.com](mailto:gGetty700w@aol.com).**

Attention:  
Reizenstein Middle School  
50th Reunion.

**Staff and Faculty who worked  
at Reizenstein Middle School  
from the opening in 1975 till its  
closing. Monday  
September 15th @ 12:00 Noon.**

**At The Village of Shadyside -  
Club House,  
100 Denniston Street 15206**

**RSVP - [RMS50YEARS@gmail.com](mailto:RMS50YEARS@gmail.com)**

### 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:(Penn. School Employees Retirement System): 1-888-773-7748 or 412-920-2014**

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

**Pittsburgh Public Schools Insurance & Benefits Office: 412-529-3694 or 412-529-4357  
email: [ccaldwell2@pghschools.org](mailto:ccaldwell2@pghschools.org)**

**PASR endorsed Dental & Vision Plans:  
1-717-697-7077**

**HOP (Health Options Program) Insurance:**

**HOP Medical Plans: 1-800-773-7725**

**HOP Dental and Vision: 1-855-700-7997**

**HOP Rx Plans: 1-888-239-1301**

**[www.HOPbenefits.com](http://www.HOPbenefits.com)**

### 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, Room 313, 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

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Check the category appropriate for your new address.

Personal Care Home  Nursing Home

Retirement Community  Private Residence

Other \_\_\_\_\_

# Pittsburgh Association of School Retirees

## HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Friday, December 12, 2025

- 11:00 Meet and Greet
- 11:30 General Membership Meeting
- 12:00 Luncheon
- 1:15 Raffle Drawing
- 1:45 Closing Remarks

**\$45.00**

(INCLUDES TAX AND GRATUITY)

### RIVERS CASINO ALLEGHENY ROOM

Entrées (choose one)

1. Stuffed Chicken Breast with Traditional Stuffing and Chicken and Thyme Jus, with Mashed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetable
2. Miso Marinated Salmon with Ginger Scallion Sauce with Mashed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables
3. Wild Mushroom Ravioli with Toasted Hazelnuts, Grilled Mushrooms, Parmesan and Madeira Cream

Garden Greens Salad with Shaved Fennel, Tomato, English Cucumber, Carrots, House Dressing  
Fresh Rolls and Butter

Dessert: Chocolate Flourless Cake Raspberry Mousse with Raspberry Sauce  
Freshly brewed house coffee and iced tea

**Parking is free in the Casino Parking Garage**

### PGHASR HOLIDAY LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

Reservations are requested no later than Friday, November 28, 2025. 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: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$45 for each reservation**

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

1. **Chicken** **Salmon** **Wild Mushroom** Name of Attendee \_\_\_\_\_
2. **Chicken** **Salmon** **Wild Mushroom** Name of Attendee \_\_\_\_\_
3. **Chickent** **Salmon** **Wild Mushroom** Name of Attendee \_\_\_\_\_

Photographs will be taken at this event and may be used in the PghASR Newsletter. If you do NOT want your photo to appear in the newsletter, please opt out by putting a check mark here. \_\_\_\_\_

Basket Raffle Fundraiser and 50/50 Raffle will be held to Benefit the Scholarship Fund and our Community  
Service Partner - H.O.P.E. for Tomorrow. Raffles are CASH ONLY.

# President's Message

## Spring 2025

### Glory Getty

**(AI Generated Overview)**- Participation in social organizations has been declining in recent decades, a trend that encompasses various groups like civic, fraternal, and recreational organizations. This decline is particularly noticeable in active participation, which is falling faster than simple membership according to Science Daily.

#### Several factors contribute to this decline:

1. Generational Shift: Younger generations are showing less interest in joining the same types of organizations their parents did. This suggests a shift in social priorities and perhaps a preference for newer forms of social connection, such as online communities.
2. Economic Pressures: Economic downturns can impact people's ability to dedicate time and resources to social organizations according to The Chronicle of Evidence-Based Mentoring. Furthermore, economic decline can strain community resources, making it harder for organizations to operate and attract members.
3. Shifting Social Behaviors: Social media and online platforms may be providing alternative avenues for social interaction and community building, potentially drawing people away from traditional organizations. There's also a broader trend of increasing individualism and a focus on personal goals, which may reduce the appeal of collective action.
4. Impact of the Pandemic: The COVID-19 pandemic significantly disrupted social gatherings and volunteer activities, and its long-term effects on social participation are still unfolding according to The Chronicle of Evidence-Based Mentoring.
5. Decline in Trust: Research suggests a decline in trust in institutions, including government and some non-profit organizations, which may also impact participation.
6. Lack of Perceived Relevance: Some organizations may struggle to adapt to changing societal needs and expectations, leading to a decline in their perceived relevance and appeal.
7. Policy and Funding: Changes in government policies and funding priorities can affect the resources available to community organizations, impacting their ability to operate and engage members.

Addressing the decline in social participation requires a multi-faceted approach, including efforts to revitalize community engagement, address economic disparities, and adapt to changing social dynamics. **Organizations need to find new ways to connect with people and demonstrate their value in a rapidly evolving world.** (End of AI Generated Overview)

Why did I provide all of this AI generated information? Because of my concern for the future of our organization.

#### We've got to do better!

I know, I know we are all busy – there is a lot going on, but what does membership in the Pittsburgh Association of School Retirees really mean?

All one has to do is look to our mission statement – “to serve others in need and to help one another enjoy retirement.” Serving and helping all require active participation, one cannot do those things passively.

Do you know that only three members showed up to volunteer at the food bank in May?

Do you know that the RECREO 2025 Pirate Game had 27 attendees?

Do you know that for the June general membership and scholarship luncheon we had 55 attendees, half of whom were our awardees and guests?

Do you know that our current membership roster lists over 900 members, yes, you read that right, over 900 members?

Active participation! We all know about active participation because it was something that we all looked for in education. Are you an active or passive member of our organization? Just as an educator is responsible for active participation, does the organization become responsible for the lack of active participation? How can PghASR better connect with its members and demonstrate its value in a rapidly evolving world? I, for one do not have all of the answers, but I do know that we need our members to actively participate in our organizational community. Otherwise, I fear we will go the way of the dinosaurs.

Oh, and if you have the answer(s) to what we can do better to demonstrate our value to you, our member, I would love to buy you a cup of coffee or a drink! Email me at [ggetty700w@aol.com](mailto:ggetty700w@aol.com). Serious emails only!

# The Region 12 Spring General Membership Meeting and Luncheon



The Region 12 Spring General Membership Meeting and Luncheon was held at the LeMont Restaurant on Thursday, May 1st. There were about 50 attendees and it was hosted by the Pittsburgh Chapter. The membership meeting was called to order by Glory Getty, President of the Pittsburgh Chapter. Bob Marko, Region 12 Director, then extended his greetings and gave an update from PASR's Legislative/

Political Education Committee, focusing mainly on the progression of the 2025 COLA bill. In the absence of President Ron Dufalla, Donna Dado, Secretary of the Allegheny Chapter gave the chapter update. Donna also provided postcards and addresses for contacting legislators, asking for their support of the COLA bill.

A PASR Commendation for Joe Poerio's work with both Region 12 and the Pittsburgh Chapter was presented to his widow Paula and his son Brian, by Pittsburgh's Community Service Committee. Joe was a member of the committee, as well as James White and Denyse Littles Cullens. James and Denyse also introduced Pittsburgh Chapter's new Community Service Partner, H.O.P.E. for Tomorrow and its founder Keysha Gomez. Keysha spoke briefly to the meeting about the work that her organization does in the West End of Pittsburgh. (See the article about H.O.P.E. for Tomorrow in this newsletter for more information about Pittsburgh Chapter's new community service partner.) A 50/50 fundraising raffle was held during the meeting/luncheon with the proceeds going to H.O.P.E. for Tomorrow.

After lunch, guest speaker Cyndie Carioli, Senior Justice Advocate from the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office, spoke on "Red Flags, Learn How to Avoid Becoming a Victim of Scamming and Fraud." Cyndie provided some very helpful information through her speech and through the handouts she made available. She also made plenty of time to answer attendee's questions. Her presentation was very much appreciated.

The Region 12 Fall General Membership Meeting and Luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, September 18th at the Edgewood Country Club, look for the RSVP in this newsletter. The Allegheny Chapter will be the host for this meeting.



***My family and I want to thank all who reached out to us after Joe's passing. We are grateful for the many cards, donations, food, phone calls, visits and notes. His legacy of giving and volunteering will live on in your continued volunteering and community engagement.***

***- Paula Poerio***



## PIRATE BASEBALL 2025

by Debra S. Rucki



The Pittsburgh Association of School Retirees headed out to PNC Park for an afternoon of fun on Wednesday, June 11th. Our Pirates were playing against the Miami Marlins. The “Take Me Out to the Ballgame” event is a summer activity that members enjoy. It’s an opportunity for members to spend a summer afternoon at our beautiful PNC Park rooting for our Pittsburgh Pirates. Twenty-Seven members and guests were in attendance this year.

Once again, we were seated in section 128 along the 3rd base outfield in the last three rows. This provides us ample overhead cover in case of rain or heat. We are also just a few steps away from concession stands and restrooms!

It was an anxious four innings since the Marlins were leading by a score of 2 to 1. However, that all changed in the 5th inning when our bats came alive! We had two runners on 1st and 2nd base, with only 1 out. Our designated hitter, Andrew McCutchin came to the plate. Three pitches came across the plate: ball 1, strike 1, ball 2, and then bam. McCutchin hit it over the fence! The fans jumped to their feet and cheered. Then, it got even better. The Pirates announced that this was McCutchin’s 241st homer as a Pirate. That was significant because he was tied with Roberto Clemente who had hit 240 home runs during his 18 years as a Pirate. McCutchin is now in 3rd place as a Pirate who has hit the greatest number of home runs as a Pirate. The fans gave McCutchin a standing ovation and he came out of the dugout acknowledging the admiration of those in attendance.

At the end of the game, our Pirates won with a final score of Pirates 5, Marlins 2. What an exciting game for the fans, Andrew McCutchin and the Pirates.

Once again, I would like to extend a thank-you to the Pittsburgh Pirates Organization for providing us with the special discounted group rate for seniors. Looking forward to this event in June 2026. I will contact the Pirate Organization again in January 2026 to inquire about a “senior citizen group rate.” If the group rate is offered, a reservation form will be in the April 2026 Newsletter. If you are a past participant in this activity, I hope to see you again and if you’ve never attended this activity with your PghASR members, give it a try.

**Let's Go BUCS!!!**

### COLA UPDATE FOR JULY 2025 from PASR

The state budget is still being finalized, and this could be our last, best chance to push for a meaningful cost-of-living adjustment (COLA).

Every voice could make the difference in ensuring our legislators understand just how essential COLA is for our retirees. We're asking everyone to join us in reaching out right now. The more they hear from us, the stronger our message becomes.

**How you can help:**

1. Email your Senators.
2. Ask everyone you know to email their legislators.
3. Continue to thank your legislators who are in support of the COLA. Gratitude goes a long way in building support.

**We've come this far together. Let's finish strong.**



## 2025 Dillon Award: Anita Walker

The award reads "in recognition of outstanding service to the members of the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees and its Pittsburgh Chapter, the Association is pleased to honor Anita Walker as the 2025 John J. Dillon PASR Service Award Recipient. May your example of selfless service and your dedication to promoting the interests and serving the needs of the members, inspire future generations of PASR volunteers. On behalf of the Association and all the members whose lives you have enriched, we extend our sincere gratitude and very best wishes."



Anita retired from the Pittsburgh Public Schools in 2020, so she is a fairly new member of both the Pittsburgh Chapter and PASR. She is already in her third year of serving as the vice president/president elect of the chapter. Anita was recruited to serve in that leadership position and agreed to serve without hesitation. She was recruited specifically because she is well known in the professional community as a well-organized, conscientious, and hard-working individual – who also just happens to have a personality that easily assists in building camaraderie (a feeling of trust and friendship) with our leadership team and our members. Anita also serves as the chairperson of the chapter's Membership/Retirement Planning Committee.

This award expresses PghASR's sincere appreciation for Anita's present and future service and dedication to both the local and state organization, and will be presented to Anita at the Holiday Luncheon and General Membership Meeting in December.

## Volunteer of the Year – 2025 Milton & Jerry Ann Allen

*Submitted by James White & Denyse Littles-Cullens*

Milton Allen is a native of Somerville, Tennessee. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agronomy, a Master's Degree in Plant and Soil Science from Tennessee State University, and a Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Plant and Soil Science from the University of Tennessee.

Milton served his country in the United States Army. His tour of duty took him to Germany where he used his college training as a soil scientist in a construction engineering company.

Milton is a member of Metropolitan Baptist Church where he served as chairman of the Deacon Board for more than twenty years; he sings with the Metro Male Choir.

Milton's volunteer contributions over the years have been supporting and making a difference in the lives of children and senior citizens. He fostered good relationships with the North Hills School District serving on committees to enhance standards, services, and resources for all children. It is important to note, that his help to raise awareness of the special needs community is treasured by many families he served at the former Allen Place Personal Care Home for over ten years.

Jerry Ann Craft Allen is a native of El Campo, Texas. She is also a member of Metropolitan Baptist Church. Jerry Ann's nursing career began at Prairie View A and M University and continued with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from Texas Woman's University. Later, she completed graduate studies at Carnegie Mellon University obtaining a Master's Degree in Public Management. Upon founding Allen Place Personal Care Home, she completed the Pittsburgh Mercy Parish Nurse Faith Community Nursing Certificate Program.

Jerry Ann has been driven by personal experiences in her life as a registered nurse for forty-nine years. Her passion for helping others, through health equity programs, wellness promotion and disease prevention programs, is an example of the invaluable service she has given to so many Faith-Based health ministry participants and programs, in Allegheny County and Westmoreland County.

Jerry Ann and Milton Allen have been empowered to serve the community with spiritual gifts. They have provided scholarships through the POISE Foundation for African American students interested in nursing.

In 2009, Milton and Jerry Ann founded Allen Place Community Services, Inc., a nonprofit 501 C (3) for community health and wellness. They established a Senior Citizen Center on the Northside.

They will receive the Pittsburgh Chapter's 2025 Volunteer of the Year Award, at the annual PghASR Holiday Luncheon on Friday, December 12, 2025, at the River's Casino.



# General Membership Meeting and Scholarship Luncheon

The June 3, 2025 General Membership Meeting and Scholarship Luncheon was held at PF Chang's at the Waterfront this year. This was a new venue due to the unexpected closing of the Blue Sky Restaurant where the meeting and luncheon had been held in the past. There were 55 attendees this year. Ellen Estomin, our Scholarship Committee co-chair greeted everyone. President, Glory Getty also extended a brief welcome.

Anita Walker, President Elect, then introduced the two recipients of the Lauretta Woodson awards. Recipient Cheree Charmello Andrews was nominated by Ellen Estomin. Cheree is a dedicated educator at the Pittsburgh Gifted Center, middle level humanities – writing and technology. Cheree has also been awarded a Fulbright Teacher Exchange Scholarship for 2024 – 2025, and will travel to Africa or South America this summer.



Recipient Erika Braun, was nominated by her principals – Molly O'Malley and Michael Barbone. Erika works at Allegheny Traditional Academy. Erika was nominated for being a hard-working and consistent paraprofessional, who never seeks the spotlight. She was praised for: her unwavering willingness to work with any child; her ability to support students while holding them to high expectations; and her dedication to going above and beyond what is asked of her every single day.

Lauretta Woodson Awards are named in honor of Dr. Lauretta Woodson, a retired English teacher from Eddystone School District who was highly instrumental in helping PASR become what it is today. Upon her passing, she bequeathed a generous sum of money to PASR to be used for the support of public education. Due to this donation, PASR was able to establish the Lauretta Woodson Recognition Program in her honor. The purpose of this award is to honor one educator and one support professional for doing an outstanding job within a district or school.

Earlier this year, our organization was very sad to hear of the passing of one of its founding members, Bill Fisher. In his honor, and in recognition of his service not only to our chapter, but also to the Pittsburgh Public Schools, Bill's daughter Shelley Fisher, was invited to attend the meeting and was presented with a commendation from the Board of Directors for PASR. La Verne Anthony made the presentation.

Superintendent Wayne Walters and Student Services Director Carrie Woodard attended and assisted Ellen in the presentation of six, \$2000.00 scholarships. Co-chairs of our chapter's Scholarship Committee Ellen and Donna Vlassich, along with Anita Walker and LaVerne Anthony, read all of the applications and selected the six recipients.





The six PghASR Scholarship recipients for 2025 are:

Abigail Naveh from Pittsburgh Allderdice – will be attending American University and aspires to teach history at a university with an emphasis on film as social commentary. Abigail's father teacher history in the Pittsburgh Public Schools.

Oluwatobiloba Olaore from Pittsburgh CAPA- will be attending University of Pennsylvania and aspires to become an attorney.

Ghayla Al Zoebi from Pittsburgh Millions University Preparatory– will be attending the University of Pittsburgh and aspires to be a physician, focusing on anesthesiology.

Kailyn Ashley-Thompson from Pittsburgh Online Academy – will be attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania and aspires to combine the study of architecture with business administration.

Chimdi Chibuonum Isiguzo from Pittsburgh Science and Technology – waiting for additional financial support before committing to a university and aspires to enter the field of biomedical engineering.

Malacai Lowen-Webb from Pittsburgh Science and Technology – will be attending the University of Florida and aspires to study computer science and become a software developer.

A 50/50 fundraising raffle was held and it raised \$113.00 for our scholarship fund.



## Did You Retire in 2005?



### 20-YEAR RECOGNITIONS

*Nancy Tall*

Are you a PghASR member who retired in 2005? Let us know so we can honor you at the PghASR Holiday Luncheon on Friday, December 12, 2025 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 2005). 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 Ms. Nancy Tall, 4143 Bigelow Blvd. Pittsburgh, PA 15213 by November 28, 2024, to be eligible to receive recognition.

### ★ ★ 20-Year Membership Recognition Form ( 2005 Retirees) ★ ★

To receive the certificate, you MUST return this form no later than December 3, 2025 to Nancy Tall, 4143 Bigelow Blvd. Pittsburgh PA 15213.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Retirement:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work Location at Retirement:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Position Held at Retirement:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**I will NOT be attending the PghASR Holiday Luncheon.**

### Use This Form to Contribute to PghASR.

PghASR accepts contributions for the Memorial Honor Fund, Scholarships, and Newsletter expenses. Complete the form below and send it with your contribution to PghASR, P.O. Box 9056, Pittsburgh, PA 15224. Make your check payable to PghASR. Indicate on the memo line which category the contribution is for. NOTE: ALL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TO BE SENT TO PGHASR, P.O. BOX 9056, PITTSBURGH, PA 15224 AND NOT DIRECTLY TO OFFICERS OF THE ORGANIZATION.

#### PghASR Contribution Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Email (please print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$5    \_\_\_\_\_ \$10    \_\_\_\_\_ \$15    \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Contribution for (more than one choice can be checked)

\_\_\_\_\_ Memorial Honor Fund, in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship Fund    \_\_\_\_\_ PghASR Newsletter    \_\_\_\_\_ Postage

Thank you for your contribution. Please make your check payable to PghASR and mail it to PghASR, P.O. Box 9056, Pittsburgh, PA 15224.

### PghASR MEMBER DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION FORM

We need your help! In order to begin the process of sending our newsletters via email when possible, PghASR first needs to compile a list of its members' current email addresses. Please fill in this form and mail it to PghASR, PO Box 9056, Pittsburgh, PA 15224, or send an email to our Membership Secretary, Dr. A. Jay Gross, at [ajaygross@msn.com](mailto:ajaygross@msn.com), so he has your current email address.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (Please print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

I DO NOT HAVE AN EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ (Place an X on this line.)



# PASR REGION 12

## *Fall Luncheon* Host: Allegheny Chapter



**Thursday, September 18, 2025**

**\$45.00**

(Includes tax and gratuity)

### **Edgewood Country Club**

*100 Churchill Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15235  
412.823.7300*

**11:00, Meet and Greet  
11:30, Welcome, Region 12 Meeting  
12:00, Lunch, followed by speakers**

Please help ACASR support the Batch Foundation. Proceeds from the basket raffle and additional cash and check donations will go to the Batch Foundation in Munhall

**Guest Speaker:** Joe Giuffre, Allegheny County DA's Office Scams part 2

### **Menu**

This will be an Elite Buffet with Braised Beef Short Ribs with Red Wine Sauce and Seared Salmon with Lemon Beurre Blanc

**Served with:** Edgewood Field Salad (fresh greens w/ choice of two dressings), Boursin Chive Whipped Potato, Haricot Vert w/ Garlic and Butter, Rustic Rolls and Butter

**Chefs Choice Assorted Desserts  
Coffee, Decaf and Iced Tea**

**A vegetarian option of Italian Cheese Ravioli with Marinara is also available and will be plated at the table.**

### **PASR REGION 12 FALL LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM**

Reservations are requested no later than Wednesday, September 3, 2025. Make checks payable to ACASR and mail with this form to Ron Dufalla, 3413 Liberty Way, McKeesport, PA 15133. For more information, call 412-673-3392.

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

\_\_\_\_ Number of reservations for Elite Buffet = \$\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Number of reservations for Italian Cheese Ravioli = \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Total enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$45 per person**

Name of person sending reservation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Email (Please print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

In order to facilitate preparation of place cards, please write name of each person attending and his/her entrée selection.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Selection \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Selection \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Photographs will be taken at this event. Some photos might be published in Region 12 newsletters. If you do NOT want your picture to appear in the newsletter, please opt out by putting a check mark here. \_\_\_\_\_**

## Memorial Honor Fund

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## Pittsburgh Community Food Bank



## TACO TUESDAY



First Taco Tuesday was held at the El Campesino at the Waterfront on Tuesday, March 11th. Attendees were: Jackie Blakey-Tate; Denyse Littles-Cullens; Toni Kendrick; Tracy Elliott; Kathy Flynn-Somerville; Melinda Conturo; A. Jay Gross; Tom Wyse; Keith Schwartz; Shanda Schwartz; Kathy Moran; Ernestine Reed; and Glory Getty.

A second Taco Tuesday is scheduled for Tuesday, November 18th from 3:00 – 5:00 PM also at El Campesino at the Waterfront. RSVP to Kathy Moran at [kmoran056@comcast.net](mailto:kmoran056@comcast.net). Mark your calendars and come have a margarita or taco with your fellow PPS retirees.



## **Medicare Supplement Reimbursement**

**A. Jay Gross**

Just an early reminder if you were a professional employee of the Pittsburgh Public Schools and retired between 1988 and 2008 and are eligible for a Medicare Supplement premium from the Pittsburgh Board of Education, you are reminded that your proof of Medicare Supplement Plan and annual premium payments must be submitted to the Retirement and Employee Insurance Office no later than February 15th.

You are eligible for this premium only if you were a professional employee (teacher, counselor, social worker, principal, etc.) who retired between June 1988 and July 1, 2008.

If you get your insurance through HOP, proof of coverage and premium payments can be obtained from the PSERS web site or from the local PSERS office sometime after January 1st.

If you have not yet set up an "Interactive Account" with PSERS to obtain this form ( and copies of your 1099 forms), it can be done in only a few minutes by going to : <https://www.psers.pa.gov/> and clicking on the Member Login (MSS) on the right side below the picture of PSERS Headquarters and register for the account. These forms are available under My Documents in the heading selections.

If you get your Medicare Supplemental Insurance from some other source, request a month by month listing of your cost by month for this insurance.

## **Make Your Life Easier with a PSERS Interaction Account**

**Dr. A. Jay Gross, Recording Secretary**

If you are a retired professional employee of the Pittsburgh Public Schools, who retired between 1988 and 2008, every February you are entitled to receive a reimbursement payment to help cover the cost of your Medicare Supplement Premiums. To receive the payment, you are required to submit a Benefits Statement from HOP/PSERS (or other insurance provider) listing your monthly payments toward your Medicare Supplement Premiums. Every year we have been at the mercy of HOP/PSERS to get the Benefits Statement in time to submit it to the Board in order to qualify for reimbursement. Now we no longer have to be at the mercy of HOP/PSERS to get this form. Go to the PSERS website at <http://www.psers.state.pa.us/interaction/default.htm> and set up an INTERACTION ACCOUNT. You will be able to get information and print ALL forms – including the Benefits Statement form and 1099 Tax Form – earlier than you receive them by mail from HOP/PSERS. Do it now and remember it next tax season!

## **Are you ready for Medicare?**

**A. Jay Gross**

You are nearing 65 and may have wondered what you are going to do regarding your health care insurance as the Board will no longer provide that coverage for you. The good news is that you are now eligible for Medicare and also HOP (Health Options Program) which is provided through PSERS and is designated for retirees and their dependents and survivors' and will now be available for you to get your health insurance Medicare supplemental or Advantage plan though. HOP offers a number of options for medical coverage for which you can choose. Several months prior to your 65th birthday you will receive a packet from HOP. Included in that packet will be the health options that you can select from as well as information about the dates, times and locations for group information meetings. It is always advised that you attend one of these information presentations. If you are still not fully able to make a decision you can request a one-on-one meeting with an advisor at PSERS. Getting your supplemental or Advantage plan through HOP has a number of benefits. HOP provides a \$100 per month premium assistance which is applied to the cost of the plan that you choose. The plans that are available through HOP provide very comprehensive medical coverage and prescription drug plans. The cost of the HOP plans are very competitive with locally available plans and often offer greater coverage at a much better rate. The cost of the HOP plans are automatically deducted from your pension benefits, assuring you uninterrupted coverage. Another benefit is that during the annual selection period an individual may choose to change their plan option without penalty. In addition there is always HOP personnel available to answer your questions about coverage and make recommendations. If you have access to the internet go to the HOP web site at [www.hopbenefits.com](http://www.hopbenefits.com) where you can read more about the coverage through HOP.

### **Do you have any suggestions for the Newsletter?**

Contact PghASR by email at [pghpasr2024@yahoo.com](mailto:pghpasr2024@yahoo.com)

or by mail at

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Note that articles, forms, and other information should be sent to Glory Getty at [ggetty700w@aol.com](mailto:ggetty700w@aol.com).

## **Member Spotlight:** **We critically need your assistance!**

Over the years the Pittsburgh Association of School Retirees has lost touch with 79 LIFE members. We do not know the address/location of these members, or if they have passed away. If you have any information on the members listed below, please share this information with us or ask them to get in touch with us. Your help is greatly appreciated. Kindly send this information to, A. Jay Gross – Membership Secretary/Treasurer at ajaygross@msn.com or PghASR, P.O. Box 9056, Pittsburgh, PA 15224.

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### **Volunteering at the Batch Foundation**

In the past we have enjoyed volunteering at the Batch Foundation in Munhall for their Batch Packs and their Batch-a-Toy events. I have requested for our group to be included for the August event.

Taylor just notified me of August 20th at 9:00 am for our group. Please let me know if you are interested. These events are for ACASR and PghASR members. RSVP to ddado@comcast.net

### **Fall Luncheon**

Our Fall luncheon is going to be a special treat. We return to Edgewood Country Club for their Elite Buffet. On the menu is Braised Beef Short Ribs in red wine sauce alongside a Seared Salmon in a lemon beurre blanc – the best of both worlds. And a vegetarian option of Italian Cheese Ravioli is available as well. The speaker from the DA's Office on Scams was very well received in the Spring and her time was limited so we have brought back their office for Scams part 2. Parking is free and the setting is beautiful so don't miss this relaxing, informative and delicious afternoon. **RSVP is found on page 11.**

### **Guest Speaker for the Region 12 Fall Luncheon** **Thursday, September 18, 2025** **Edgewood Country Club**

The Guest Speaker will be Joe Guiffre, a Senior Justice Advocate for the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office Joe and his colleagues are known as the Allegheny County Fraud Squad. They work with Senior Citizens dealing with fraud, scams and abuse of Seniors. The Fraud Squad speaks to groups all over Allegheny County informing them of 1) what to watch for from scammers, 2) inform them of any scams and 3) how to report them to the Fraud Squad. Joe will be picking up where Cyndie left off in the Spring luncheon with Scams part 2. You will receive information about what is being done behind the scenes to support older adults who have come through the system as well as what we ALL can do to prevent further abuses to our aging population. You will hear about the latest scams and how to avoid them. Questions and comments will be encouraged.

**ANNOUNCING PghASR's new Community Service Partner –  
H.O.P.E. for Tomorrow  
or Helping Ourselves Produce Excellence for Tomorrow.  
Founder – Keysha Gomez**



**H.O.P.E. for Tomorrow  
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Their mission is to develop youth, in partnership with their families, to succeed in the global community by addressing academic, socio-economic, and relational risk factors.

Beginning in 2011, H.O.P.E. has worked to operate as a space for youth in Pittsburgh's West End community to learn and showcase newly gained skills. Their initial program was the Entrepreneur Club for Kids which used the Junior Achievement curriculum to teach financial literacy to youth beginning in the third grade.

Since then, their program has expanded to include character development, health and fitness, and other life skills needed to succeed. Their staff and partners encourage an environment where students learn to love academic enrichment and believe that they are more than capable of success. They provide year round programming to youth through their after school program and full day summer camp. Programming begins at third grade and continues through second year post-secondary with older students working as program monitors and camp counselors. If you would like to know more about PghASR's new Community Service partner visit their website at [hopefortomorrowinc.org](http://hopefortomorrowinc.org). To date we have donated \$390.00.

**PghASR Scholarship Fund Campaign  
Toni Kendrick and Ernestine Reed**

The PghASR's mission statement, "To serve others in need..." continues to guide and encourage us to support deserving, college-bound Pittsburgh Public School students by awarding annual scholarships each June. In 2025, six students each received \$2000 scholarships, but for next year, we have budgeted only for three such scholarships. In order to increase the number of awards for 2027, we are making a request for our membership to consider participating, at this time, in a special Scholarship Fund fundraiser. Although, if you wish to donate at a later date, there will be an opportunity to support this initiative in person at our Holiday Luncheon in December.

In the past, raffle winnings and other limited resources have helped to sustain this commitment. However, your contribution, no matter how small or large, certainly will support and inspire deserving students who are our future leaders and citizens.

Please use the "Form to Contribute to PghASR" which is found in this Newsletter publication on page 10. All of the details and information about where to send the contributions are located on this form. An update regarding the success of this outreach for scholarship donations will be given in the Spring/Summer 2026 Newsletter, which circulates to over 900 members.

We recognize and wish to honor your many years of commitment while serving during your tenure with the Pittsburgh Public Schools, and we want to encourage your continued commitment and support of PghASR. Thank you in advance for any consideration given to this request.

Note: Even if you are donating anonymously, still submit the form, designate the specific amount of the donation, and indicate that the donation is earmarked for the Scholarship Fund.

**Please Let Us Know  
Ernestine Reed**

If anyone is aware of any PghASR member who is ill, had a surgical procedure, or is deceased, please contact Ernestine Reed, Chairperson of the Social Services and Memorial Honor Fund. Ernestine's contact information is on the last page of the Newsletter along with all the other officers and committee members. It is important for us as retirees to show each other that we care and that our members are remembered. Receiving a card, phone call or visitation can make all the difference when someone is ill, recovering, or being remembered when a member passes, or in some cases, when a spouse/partner of a PghASR member passes. Recognizing a family when a heartache occurs lets them know that we haven't forgotten them or their loved one. See form below.

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**Change of Address**  
**A. Jay Gross, Membership Secretary**

On page 2 of our newsletter is a form for PghASR members to use to let us know when they have a change of address. We need to know every active member's current address and email so we are able to mail or email your newsletters and any other correspondence that would be of importance to you. Unfortunately, we have many members who, for whatever reason, have neglected to inform us. When members move and their newsletters are forwarded by the Post Office, we get a change of address notification but also a bill for \$0.70 for each forwarded newsletter. The last newsletter mailing had in excess of \$10 in such fees. Plus if it is beyond a certain number of days and the newsletter can't be forwarded, it is returned to our Post Office box with a postage due bill of \$1.00 per newsletter. We had in excess of \$10 in such returns with the last newsletter. If you are planning to move, or if you are aware of another member who is planning to move or has moved, we ask you to let us know by sending us either the form in the newsletter or a note with the new address. Send it to PghASR, P.O. Box 9056, Pittsburgh, PA 15224. This information would be greatly appreciated and would help us keep our records and mailing list accurate as well as curtailing our costs.

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Your donation to the PASR L/PEC committee will enable us to continue to advocate on behalf of Public School 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 provide other services and information to our members.

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Check out the PghASR website to find the most current information about upcoming events and other important announcements.

There are two ways to access the website. You can go to [pasr.org](http://pasr.org) and click on the Find a Chapter tab in the top bar to the right of the large PASR logo. The page that opens shows a map of Pennsylvania. Click on the WESTERN 12 area of the map. On the next page you'll see information about Region 12. On the right of that page are two categories, Region 12 Chapters and Chapter Websites. Click on the Pittsburgh link under Chapter Websites to get to the PghASR website.

The second way to access the PghASR website is to go directly to it by typing [pghasr.org](http://pghasr.org) into the address bar of your browser. You can bookmark it, but if you have the old website address bookmarked, you will have to remove it before you can add the new one.

An important addition to the information on the website is the "Helpful Links" link in the upper left of the website under the PASR logo. Clicking on it will take you to an extensive list of links for organizations important to PghASR members, such as the PASR state website, HOP, PSERS, Medicare, and many others.

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Note that annual dues are now \$15 and Life Membership is now \$150. Thank you for your continued support of our organization.

Check your address label on this newsletter for your membership status. Your status appears above your name.

If your status is:

EXP Jun2025—Please complete the form below. Your dues for 2025/2026 are due in June. (Our fiscal year runs from June 1 to May 31.)  
Life—Your dues are paid. Please do not complete the form.

If you have questions about your status, please write or email [pghpasr2024@yahoo.com](mailto:pghpasr2024@yahoo.com).

**PghASR 2025/2026 Dues Renewal and New Member Form**

Please check one: (Make check payable to PghASR. Annual dues are \$15. Life membership dues are \$150.)

Enclosed is my check for \$15 for my 2025/2026 dues. (For members with EXP Jun 2025 on their mailing label only)

I am a new member. Enclosed is my check for (circle one) \$15 for 2025/2026 dues or \$150 for Life Membership.

I retired in \_\_\_\_\_.

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