



## 2022-2023 Calendar of Events

**October 11: Regular luncheon at Two Kings Pizzeria – Mahoning Valley @ 11:30 AM**

October 20: region 2 meeting @ Jacobs UCC church in Weissport:9 AM registration

November 1: Fall Luncheon- Mahoning Valley Ambulance 11 AM -2 PM

November 5: Rotary Craft Show at the Franklin Fire Co. 10 AM -3 PM

December 2-4: Lehighon Trees in the Park (PASR will sponsor a tree)

December 13: Regular Luncheon @ Two Kings Pizzeria in Mahoning Valley at 11:30 AM

December TBA Toys for Tots @ Salem Bible Fellowship Church in Lehighon

2023:

January 10: Regular Luncheon @ Two Kings Mahoning Valley @ 11:30 AM

February 14: Regular Luncheon at Two Kings @ 11:30 AM : please bring a valentine to share card

February 28<sup>th</sup> Executive board meeting @ 9 AM @  
Dinkey Memorial Church

March 14: regular luncheon @ Two Kings @ 11:30 AM

April: Cancer Telethon TBA

April 11: regular luncheon @ Two Kings @ 11:30 AM

May: region 2 meeting TBA date and place

May: Spring General Membership meeting TBA

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**Dear Members,**

**We are looking for volunteers for membership, community and social services. Contact Molly Phillips ( 570 325-4008) or**

Hello to all you PASR members,

The year 2022 is moving toward Autumn and Winter with many projects in the works for PASR. Please consider helping to decorate the “tree” in the park, pack toy sacks for Toys for Tots, write a birthday card or two, and eat a meal with your retiree friends. Truly, the more the merrier when you celebrate. Let ’s celebrate together.

Sincerely, Molly Phillips, President

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### Member Benefits – Molly Phillips

**Member Benefits:** For the most up to date information, members should use the State PASR Website for any and all benefit explanations.

Local restaurants offer 10% discounts to seniors. Hager’s Furniture in Palmerton and Snyder’s Tires in Lehighon offer discounts to our PASR members.

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### Educational Support- Jack and Molly Phillips

The Committee met on August 26th to choose recipients for the Educational Grants. Most Carbon school districts were represented with various ideas to create new programs for students. The ones chosen were: Mariane Slaby LAHS, Lori Davis Weatherly SD, Theresa Kokinda, LAMS, Hal Resh CCTI, Jim Thorpe. These educators will be invited to our November 1st General luncheon meeting to explain their projects and join us for lunch. In January 2023, CCTI will be the school honored by receiving the two Loretta Woodson Awards. Lastly, educational grant applications will be given to all Carbon school districts late winter

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RECREEO COMMITTEE -  
CARBON COUNTY PASR TRAVEL -  
By John Kennedy

DEADLINE for this trip is October 28<sup>th</sup>:

Pennsylvania Association of School  
Retirees, Members, Family & Friends  
American Music Theater- 2022 Christmas  
Show- "Home for the Holidays ",  
Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2022, show & lunch  
At Miller's Smorgasbord.  
Cost per person \$110.00 includes  
transportation, Show and Luncheon. Tips  
are included. Please contact John  
Kennedy if interested [kennedy@ptd.net](mailto:kennedy@ptd.net)  
08:00AM - Begin boarding guests @  
Leighton Terminal  
08:15AM - Depart Terminal : 84 Ashtown  
Dr., Leighton  
10:15AM - Arrive @ American Music  
Theatre : 2425 Lincoln Highway East,  
Lancaster  
10:30AM - SHOW TIME  
12:45PM - Depart Theatre for restaurant  
01:00PM - Arrive @ Miller's Smorgasbord :  
2811 Lincoln Highway East, Ronks  
02:00PM - Lunch is served!  
03:30PM - Depart for home  
06:30PM - Return to Leighton Terminal  
Payment due by 28 October, 2022.  
Please make check out to (Carbon PASR)  
and send to Jay Hoffman, 260 Skyline  
Dr., Leighton, PA 18235

Also check out [boscovstravel.com](http://boscovstravel.com) for more  
trips. The PASR state trip will be October  
4-8- 2023 sponsored by Boscovs. "Trains  
Across New England "

Financial - Jay Hoffman

Raffle for the Fall Membership Meeting :

The suggested donation is \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Fill in the required information and send to our treasurer:

Jay Hoffman  
260 Skyline Drive  
Lehighton, Pa 18235

Due by October 24, 2022. If you're planning on attending the Fall Dinner just include with your reservation. Three monetary prizes will be given, and the profit will be used for chapter service projects. Checks payable to: CARBON PASR

Basket Raffle at the Fall Meeting will be chanced off. Proceeds to benefit Educational Support.

CARBON COUNTY TREASURER REPORT -

JAY HOFFMAN

**CARBON COUNTY CHAPTER PASR TREASURER'S REPORT 8/16/22**

**CHECKING (MAUCH CHUNK TRUST) ..... Balance as of 3/15/22 : \$ 6,301.41**

**(PLUS)**

**Income : 4,695.00**

**10,960.41**

**(MINUS) Expenses : 4,313.72**

**Checking Balance as of 8/16/22 : \$ 6,646.69**

**MEMBERSHIP - BONNIE CORTESE**

**Annual - 33**

**Life - 140**

**Associate - 5**

**Emeritus - 14**

**Current Total - 192**

**Expiring Members - 75 (This number includes those who have not paid their dues for the 2022 year which were due on July 1, 2022.)**

**If you have not paid your 2022 dues of \$10.00, please remit to Bonnie Cortese, 34 Third Ave. Lehighton, PA 18235**

**At the August Executive Board Meeting it was decided that those members who turn 90 or above or residing in a nursing facility will be considered Emeritus.**

**It is with sorrow we say goodbye to our following members who passed:**

**Mark McKillop - PASR Executive Director - July 18, 2022**

**Sharen Ace - September 1, 2022**

## Community Service—submitted by Mary Ann Ashner

The Carbon County Chapter of PASR has a reputation for outstanding community service. It is in our nature to not only help our families, but also to serve our friends, neighbors, and communities. Please join us whenever you can to serve Carbon County. We are in need of volunteers.

We also have several projects which continue throughout the year. The projects include collecting nonperishable food items and money for the many food banks in Carbon County. We now include the animal shelters in our list. We also continue to provide the Little Free Library in Weissport. If you would like to donate books to this project. Please contact Sandra Kokinda @

[slkok@ptd.net](mailto:slkok@ptd.net)

Our chapter supported Martha Cox, and her church, in providing book bags to students in Carbon County. Over 130 book bags were provided to students for the fall. We also plan to participate again in the Rotary Club's Craft Sale to benefit the Leighton Library and other Rotary projects, and "Toys for Tots." Future plans also include holiday greetings for our troops and valentines for residents in nursing homes, The American Cancer Telethon. The volunteer of the year award will go on a nominated basis from July 1- June 30<sup>th</sup> of the respective year. The volunteer of the Year award will be presented November 1, 2022 at our general membership meeting. This year's award is Martha Cox. The John Dillon award will also be presented to one of our members.

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please contact me @ [maashner@ptd.net](mailto:maashner@ptd.net) . We are looking for volunteers, so please consider volunteering for any of the projects mentioned. Thank you.

Mary Ann Ashner.

Please bring canned goods for our local food banks to the general membership meeting on November 1, 2022. Thank you!



## Volunteer of the Year

If you know of anyone who consistently goes above and beyond in volunteering their time and talents, please nominate them for "Volunteer of the Year." You may nominate yourself or another member whom you know deserves this honor. Just fill in the form below and submit it to Mary Ann Ashner by June 30, 2023. The recipient will receive the award at our fall luncheon meeting.

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of  
Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Why does this nominee deserve to be Volunteer of the Year? (If more space is needed, please use the back of this form, or the space below.)

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**Please submit this form to Mary Ann Ashner, at [maashner@ptd.net](mailto:maashner@ptd.net); or by postal service, at P.O. Box 115, 749 Lincoln Avenue, Bowmanstown, PA, 18030, by June 30th.**

**Social Service & Memorial Honor Fund** submitted by **Barbara Snowberger**  
**Committee Members: Connie Kistler, Kathy Merluzzi**

**Hello Dear PASR Friends ,**

To **members 90 and above** : Glad you enjoyed the **Birthday Card Shower** and the **\$10.00. Birthday Card Showers to those 90 and above:** Thank you to all who sent cards. Anna Fada is our oldest member at age 95. Jeanne Stemler is our second oldest member.

To **members above 80 years**, those with special needs, those who had surgery, or those who are temporarily confined: **Care Gifts** for those **above 80 years:** So glad you enjoyed the Care Gift of either **\$5.00** and a note which was mailed or **a tote bag containing socks, pen, and a puzzle book**, which was personally delivered. **Seasonal Cards** are sent. Thank you, Roy Seems, for those cute designs.

To **all members: Birthday cards** are sent with a message to celebrate a **special date** .

**Thank You for keeping in touch with other PASR members.** Cards and calls are deeply appreciated.

**Birthday Card Shower for 90 years & above: HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:**

Sept: Jeanne Stemler 9/6, Jane Wiskoski 9/9, John Kudlick 9/25, Janice Heffner 9/29, Roy Seems 10/25, Franklin Andreas Jr 11/18, Ann Pennell 12/10, Jean Niehoff 12/12, Pauline Lendvay 1/19, Bessie Bauchspies 1/28, Anna Fada 2/15, Lamont Ebbert 2/22, Victor Pituch 4/8. Evelyn Helmer 5/1, Ruth Hill 5/19.

**Social Service Fund: Please donate to the Carbon Chapter** in this newsletter.

**Memorial Honor Fund: Please donate** to the **state MHF** in this newsletter and at the General Membership Meetings. Please use the form in the newsletter.

- **Contributions to the MHF as of August: Region 2 donated \$1,147.00 to the state MHF. Carbon was the largest contributor in our Region with \$635 donated.**
- **SO PROUD OF YOU! THANK YOU EVERYONE!**

**Sympathy Cards, Thinking of You, and Get-Well cards** are sent and/or calls are made.

**Sympathy is extended to the families and friends of:**

- Mark McKillop (PASR Executive Director) 7-18-2022
- Sharen Ace 9-01-22

## **L/PEC- Cindy Sabol and Gloria Bowman**

The L/PEC state committee has been meeting via Zoom almost once a month for the last year. The committee continues to work hard on pushing for a COLA for all members and is hoping that with state legislators receiving a raise that legislators will see the need to help retirees. Pat Browne is a big supporter of a COLA but other legislators need to come on board. With election, it may not be feasible for a COLA to pass this year.

A big focus has been on the PSERS investments and lack of gains with investments. This is being investigated through the Attorney General's office. The investigation will take a while to complete, although no criminal charges as of now have been filed against anyone. The Board of Trustees will be seeking a new Executive Director, counsel and Chief Investment Officer.

Congressional districts have been realigned and Carbon County is now in congressional district 7 where Susan Wild is the present legislator. Please remember to vote May 17th in the primaries. The polls will be open from 7- 8PM. Every vote counts and we encourage

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Great efforts were made this year regarding a COLA, however, the one senator backing the COLA, Pat Brown, was defeated in the Primary Election in May. He was defeated by only 15 votes, but efforts will begin again to give members a COLA. Senator Katie Muth is attempting to get co-sponsors for a COLA bill.

Our Berks Chapter President and our PASR First Vice President, **Russ Diesinger** is running for the PSER Board. PASR is solidly backing Russ and encouraging all PASR members to be sure to vote for Russ when the ballots are sent to us. Russ was a teacher and Association President of the Reading School District and also a President and member of the Exeter School District School board. He is and will be an excellent member of the board. Look for your ballot this Fall and vote.

## **RETIREMENT PLANNING – VINCE SPISAK, CHAIRMAN**

\*Pre-Retirement seminar was held on Saturday, May 9, 2022 at Leiby's restaurant, Tamaqua. Potential retirees from 10 schools in Carbon and Schuylkill counties attended. An outstanding agenda of speakers from Ameriprise Financial, PSERS Retirement, PSERS Health Options Program, and the PASR State President addressed those attending. Our chapter members served as a welcoming committee. Refreshments were provided during the entire morning.

\*Our annual 'Special Event' program was held on Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at the Mahoning Valley Ambulance Building. Angela Rottermel from the Rite Aid Pharmacy in Lehighton provided flu shots to those requesting them. Michelle Nutter from the Attorney General's office presented an outstanding program dealing with a number of scam situations affecting us on a daily basis. A social lunch was enjoyed by everyone.

**Public Relations- Martha Cox, Chairperson**

Articles about PASR activities have been submitted to the Times News. Only one of the four submitted has been published. A reporter was not sent to the Spring meeting when requested. Channel 13 sent a videographer to cover that event. Major events are sent to the Community Bulletin Board on TV 13. They usually get shown. We will continue to try with these outlets to publish activities as they happen.

**ENJOY THE CHRISTMAS SHOW AND LUNCH**

**WHERE: AMERICAN MUSIC THEATER (LANCASTER) And MILLERS RESTAURANT**

**DATE: Wednesday, December 7, 2022**

**NAME: HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

**TIME: LEAVING GEORGE'S BUS GARAGE, ASHTOWN DRIVE, LEHIGHTON AT 8:00 AM WITH RETURN TO LEHIGHTON AROUND 5:30-6:00PM**

(SMORGASBOARD, alcoholic beverages are for purchase)

SHOW TIME: 11:00 am

PRICE: \$110 per person: includes bus transportation, tickets to show, smorgasboard and tip for driver

please contact John at [kennedy@ptd.net](mailto:kennedy@ptd.net) for more information

Deadline for reservation **October 28th** – Checks payable to CARBON PASR – Send to Jay Hoffman,



**RESERVATION FOR AMERICAN MUSIC THEATER  
DECEMBER 7, 2022 – “Home for the Holidays”**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets @ \$110 \_\_\_\_\_ Total Cost \_\_\_\_\_



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**FALL CARBON COUNTY PASR LUNCHEON  
Tuesday, November 1, 2022 - Registration 11:00 a.m. to 11:30  
Followed by meeting and awards, lunch  
Mahoning Valley Ambulance, Lehighton**

Ham and turkey, filling, sweet potatoes, creamed cabbage, corn and string beans, gravy, rolls, fruit cup, dessert, coffee and tea.

**COST -\$15.00 - Gratuity and taxes included.**

**Please send registration in by October 24th.**

**To - Jay Hoffman, 260 Skyline Drive, Lehighton, PA 18235  
Make checks payable to CARBON PASR**

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Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Check enclosed for \_\_\_\_\_ meals @ \$15.00ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation to:

Community Service Projects ..... \_\_\_\_\_

Social Services ..... \_\_\_\_\_

L/PEC..... \_\_\_\_\_

Educational Grants ..... \_\_\_\_\_

Raffle tickets .....

Total amount .....

\$-

*Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees*

**MEMORIAL HONOR FUND**



A contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is being made to the Memorial Honor Fund in

Honor/  Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

*Please inform the following of this tribute if over \$5 donation amount:*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Donor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

County \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Memorial Honor Fund - PASR - 878 Century Drive - Mechanicsburg, PA 17055  
OR included this form with your reservation to Jay Hoffman