

## PASR Venango Report April 2021

PASR Venango is calling members, writing to members and has been active without actual face to face meetings. We are using the internet to vote on budgets, do surveys and send newsletters electronically.

We have lost 6 members due to death. None were caused by COVID. Most of our members use our website : VPASR.org to keep up on what is happening. Many love the fact that they can open links that are of interest to them.

Our members are not involved in volunteer work due to COVID restrictions. We are encouraging them to contact neighbors and friends to volunteer so others may not feel alone. The Mail Carriers will be collecting food soon; our members are asked to call, visit distantly, or write a note reminding their neighbors to set out nonperishable foods on the May Saturday of collection.

We have awarded two grants to Valley Grove Teachers. A \$250 grant was for Third graders to make door hangers and purchase flowers for the Sugar Creek Nursing Home residents so they would feel someone cares. PASR Venango received front page Newspaper coverage on the school board night the checks were presented and again when the door hangers and flowers were delivered. A second grant was presented for \$200 to buy material, thread, elastic, Sewing needles, and patterns to teach high school students to make COVID masks for themselves, their families, and others. We received front page and page 5 coverage for this grant twice also.

Our calendar and budget have been developed electronically. We cancelled our Spring meeting due to rising COVID numbers. We are planning our Picnic for July outside so we can keep socially distant since it will be at a large park pavilion. WE also moved our coffee hours to August.

We will be emailing or sending postcards for member renewals in May. We included Donations forms for MHF and ED Support, and membership renewal in our newsletters.

Our SSMHF committee of 5 is sending cards, calling, and writing our confined members. Each SSMHF Committee member handles only her own school district so we keep aware of who needs help. We have a member Olive Miller, who is turning 100 on April 21 so we are asking members to send her birthday cards. They just opened our nursing homes to allow only family members to visit, but we plan to send flowers. We will be sending Walmart gift cards in May to all our confined members.

Our school districts provide the names and addresses of all 2021 retirees in May. We will send Our Summer newsletter and a personal invitation to all 2021 retirees to join us at the Picnic in July. We will also have a Retiree meeting for all new retirees in August. They will be invited to Join PASR Venango and told about the benefits at this meeting.

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