



# PASR

Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees

Venango Chapter

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## President's Report

### 2013-2014

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It is hard to believe, but I think Spring has finally arrived. The robins are back, the flowers are beginning to bloom, and the snowbirds are back from Florida. I had the opportunity to be a 2 week snowbird and loved the beautiful weather. As a result, I will be a snowbird for 4-6 weeks next year.

The Executive Committee met on April 14th to get ready for the upcoming events. The calendar was devised at our November 2013 meeting and there is a lot happening. We are excited to hopefully get new members in the

“Start the Climb” Campaign. I would like everyone to invite someone you know that has retired in the past to come and join us. We will have brochures to share with them available at our May luncheon. If you can't make the luncheon and would like a brochure, please let me know.

We have an announcement to make as well. Diana Fesenmyer, our local and regional SSMHF chair has resigned from the regional position to take on the state chair. Congratulations to Diana.

We will continue to work at meeting more goals this year. There will not be a convention

scheduled, but there will be a conference meeting in State College in November. I want to say thanks so much to everyone for all of your involvement in our local chapter---without you we could not succeed!

We now have a new website being developed by John Kolojechek. The address is [vpasr.org](http://vpasr.org). It is in the process of being created!

Finally, we have a fun-filled luncheon planned in May. This event will take place at Cross Creek on May 22, 2014. So mark your calendar and plan to join us!

# Educational Support Committee

Educational Support Co-Chairs, Tom and Julie Krupa will present this year's Educational Supports Grants to two public school employees in the Franklin Area School District. The presentations will be made at the April 28<sup>th</sup> Franklin Area School Board meeting. One of this year's recipients is the Sixth Grade Team at Central Elementary School. Following their Career Awareness Pro-

gram, the sixth grades students will take a tour of the Venango College in Oil City and have a treat for meeting their "Read 1,000 Books Challenge". The other recipient is Danielle Weaver, a music teacher at Central Elementary School. She will use the money to refurbish musical instruments. We will be presenting the Lauretta Woodson Awards in May.

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## Agenda for 2014

- April 30 - Region 9 Meeting @ Warren Holiday Inn
- May 8 - Reservations to Rita Hale for Spring Luncheon**
- May 9 - Deadline for June state newsletter
- May 22 - Spring Luncheon @ Cross Creek Reservations to Rita by May 8th**
- June 5 - Executive Meeting 10:30 A.M. @ Oil City Library
- Newsletter Information due on or before June 5
- July 15 - Picnic 6 P.M. Spouses welcome. Pot luck. Meat & beverage provided.**
- August 28 - Summer Luncheon @ Place TBA**
- September 4 - Executive Meeting 10:30 A.M. @ Oil City Library
- Newsletter Information due on or before September 4
- November 6 - Fall Luncheon @Place TBA**
- November 13 - Executive Meeting 10:30 A.M. @ Place TBA - Planning Meeting
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# RECREO Committee

Yvonne Paranick, Chair

If you are interested in either of the Crawford County trips, please get in touch with Barbara Stockton 194 N. Franklin Street Cochran, PA 16314. Email Barb at [bjsbarb@zoominternet.net](mailto:bjsbarb@zoominternet.net) with any questions.

**(The state PASR RECREO group in May is SOLD OUT.)**

## **Crawford County PASR RECREO Lancaster Trip September 9-10, 2014**

Cost –\$285.00 per person Deposit of \$100.00 due on or before **June 27, 2014** .

Seating on the bus is by when deposit is received (so it can be sent in anytime). Travel insurance is on your own.

Final payment of \$185.00 due August 4, 2014.

Trip includes: Show at Sight and Sound – “Moses” new show; Tour of the Amish Country; Visit to the National Christmas Center; Visit to Wheatland – home of Pres. Buchanan; One Breakfast Buffet; One Lunch Buffet; One night’s lodging; Luggage handling for 1 bag and Tips. You are responsible for lunch and dinner on Tuesday and dinner on Wednesday.

Hopefully the Rest Stop Buffet again too, which is when passengers bring food items to share! You can let Barb know!

Leaving Meadville from the Home Depot Parking Lot at 7:00 AM Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

Mail money payable to Barbara Stockton 194 N. Franklin Street Cochran, PA 16314. Email Barb at [bjsbarb@zoominternet.net](mailto:bjsbarb@zoominternet.net) with any questions.

## **Crawford County PASR RECREO Southwestern Tour of some National Parks and the Balloon Fiesta October 7-21, 2014 (15 days)**

Cost: \$1499 per person-double occupancy - plus \$159.00 USD tax/services/government fees – plus add-on airfare from departure city. Single occupancy from \$2299.

Tour includes: Hotel accommodations for 14 nights, baggage handling to and from the hotel room for one piece of checked baggage per person, and a tour director.

Tour highlights: Phoenix, Montezuma’s Castle, Sedona & Oak Creek Canyon, Grand Canyon National Park, Petrified Forest, Painted Desert, Albuquerque Balloon Festival& Fireworks, Bandelier National Monument, Santa Fe, Roswell, Carlsbad Caverns, White Sands National Monument, also an opportunity to experience a balloon flight.

Flight arrangements to Phoenix, AZ, can be made with YMT Vacations or on your own. Contact: Cindy Flores, YMT Vacations, 100 N. Sepulveda Blvd., Suite #1700, El Segundo, CA 90245 1-800-922-9000 ext. 24036. Tell her that you are going with Barbara Stockton so that we will all be together.

Steps to join this tour:

1. A \$100.00 per person non-refundable deposit is required at the time of booking. Payable by Master Card, Discover Card, Visa, or check.
2. A second non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 per person will be required 150 days prior to departure
3. Final payments will be due 90 days prior to departure.

I know that this seems quite early, but booking in advance is so important. Hope to travel with many of you and your friends and family members. Barb Stockton’s email is [bjsbarb@zoominternet.net](mailto:bjsbarb@zoominternet.net) if you have any questions for her.



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Logging on to [www.pasr.org](http://www.pasr.org).  
 Have you visited the PASR website?  
 All you need is the membership number off the label of your PASR publication which would be your user name. Then your password would be the initial of your first name and your whole last name all lower case. That will get you to the members area of the website.

Check out your recent copy of the PASR Newsletter for some updates on "How to Fix the Retirement System," "States Cutting Benefits of Current Retirees." and other important info that pertains to what is happening in Harrisburg and Washington, D.C. There is also an

# Spring Luncheon

On May 22, 2014, Venango Chapter PASR will meet at Cross Creek The luncheon menu is your choice of boneless Turkey Breast or Orange Roughy . This full hot lunch also includes mashed potatoes, jello salad, green beans, rolls, and sherbet for dessert.

Registration begins at 11:00. A short introduction will begin at 11:30 followed by our full hot lunch.

## May 22, 2014 Venango Chapter Spring Luncheon at Cross Creek Resort

\_\_\_\_\_ Choice 1 Boneless Turkey Breast,

\_\_\_\_\_ Choice 2 Broiled Filet of Orange Roughy

Cost is \$16.00 and includes tax and gratuity

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

Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to Venango Chapter PASR.

Reservations by **Thursday, May 8** to Rita Hale, 102 Sycamore Drive, Franklin, PA 16323

Phone: 814/671-0762