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Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees

Venango Chapter

SUMMER 2014

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It is so hard to believe we are in the middle of June already. A lot is happening here at Venango Chapter of PASR. We now have a new web page: vpasr.org. It is very easy to access and has lots of updated information. So check it out for yourself. The executive committee has been working on several things which you will find throughout the newsletter. We are excited for our 2nd annual picnic and our summer luncheon. We want to get everyone involved, so please join us at some of the events happening. We hope to see our new retirees at the events as well. If you have questions, you can call me or send me an email! 676-6246 or mahle.pasr@yahoo.com

Hope everyone is enjoying the summer(officially arrives June 21!)
DeAnna

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DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE:

vpasr.org

If you would like to make a contribution to LPEC, use this form and send to



Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees
Legislative/Political Education Committee



CONTRIBUTION FORM

Name _____
Address _____
Zip _____ Phone _____

Did you know that a campaign to urge passage of a single piece of legislation can cost the association over \$200,000? *Thank you for your support!*

Amount enclosed: \$10 \$25 \$50 or \$ _____

Please make checks payable to L/PEC. Mail to 878 Century Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-8406
Note: L/PEC contributions are not deductible for federal income taxes.

Educational Support Committee

Tom and Julie Krupa, Co-Chair

Educational Support Committee Co-chairs, Tom and Julie Krupa, presented this year's Lauretta Woodson Awards to two employees of the Valley Grove School District on Monday, May 19, 2014. These prestigious awards are given to an educator and a support professional who have exhibited creativity, initiative or productivity, relevant to

the learning process and growth of children. This year's recipients are Valerie Busch, a social studies teacher, and Pam Jolley, an attendance secretary. Each was presented with a framed certificate, medallion, PASR pin, and an honorarium of \$50. These awards were presented at the Valley Grove School Board meeting.

Community Services

We are starting a new project to help seniors in our community. We will be pairing up with RSVP to participate in the HUGS project. What does HUGS stand for you ask? Check this out:

- H Hats
- U Underwear
- G Gloves
- S Socks

These items (new of course) may be brought to the picnic or one of the luncheons

Patricia Ralph

IMPORTANT!

Don't forget to give your volunteer hours from August 2013 to July 2014 to Patty Ralph. Her number is 814-676-5500. You could also bring them to the picnic. Just make sure they are in by July 27!

RECREO Committee

PASR Venango would like to expand. Please take a moment to fill out this survey. You may e-mail your responses to: *dfes1@comcast.net* or mail to *Diana Fesenmyer at 155 East State Road, Seneca, PA 16346* or call *1-814-676-6442* and leave your answers

Name _____ Phone _____

1. I would like to go on daytrips by carpooling to area locations no more than 70 miles away once a month during good weather. Yes ___ No ___

2. Locations I would be interested in carpooling to should be indicated by a check:

Venango Museum ___ Drake Well ___ Seawolf's Baseball game in Erie ___

Winery at Shippenville ___ Wendell August Forge in Grove City ___

Erie Casino for 2 hours ___ Slovak Pottery in Grove City ___ Kinzua Dam ___

Play in Pittsburgh ___ Play In Erie ___ Debence Music Museum ___

Restaurants ___ Movies at the Mall ___ Salamanca Casino for 2 Hours ___

PASR/Venango meetings ___ Outlet Mall in Grove City ___ Erie Mall ___

Zippo /Case Knives Museum in Bradford ___ Kinzua Viaduct ___

Other-please list _____

3. Please check all locations you might choose to use if you chose to carpool

Meeting place to begin carpooling: Cranberry Mall ___ Franklin Shop and Save ___

Giant Eagle on Rt. 8, Franklin ___ Oil City Giant Eagle ___

Other (Please list places we might use) _____

4. Would you be willing to be a driver on occasion? Yes ___ No ___

5. Would you be interested in helping at meetings and /or trips ? Yes ___ No ___

6. There is a PASR leadership seminar in November at State College. Would you be interested in attending? Yes ___ No ___

7. Would you be interested in becoming a caller to remind members to attend PASR /Venango meetings/trips? Yes ___ No ___

8. List any suggestions to improve attendance at PASR/Venango functions that would really help your officers.

A Quick Guide to the PASR WEBSITE: <http://www.pasr.org>

Follow these easy steps to navigate through the PASR state website to find SSMHF materials and to connect to newsletters to see what is happening across the state of PA.

1. Go to your web search engine and enter the web address: <http://www.pasr.org>

(Chrome is a very good search engine to use if loaded on your computer or smart phone.)

2. As members, you are required to enter your user name. This is the member number found on all PASR mailings from state and located above your name. You may have to call the state office for your membership number if you do not have a publication copy. When a publication arrives, save your address that contains this number. The PASR State phone number is **1-717-697-7077** just in case.

3. You must also enter your password. This is the first initial of your first name and your entire last name, all in lower case with no spaces. You may reset your password only when you feel confident. By entering your email address and pressing: **retrieve password**, PASR will email your reset password to you.

4. Once you have logged in, the world of PASR is at your fingertips and ready for you to navigate and have fun.

5. All publications are located under the subtitle: Member Publications in the left margin. Please click on the words: **member publications**.

6. Under publications, you will find two SSMHF subtitles. Forms that you need to use to fulfill your responsibilities as the SSMHF chair for your local/regions are found under the first subtitle: **Handbooks-Social Service Memorial Honor Fund Handbook**. These forms include Donation forms for SSMHF, annual report forms for SSMHF, forms to apply for grants, forms to apply for financial help with state dues, forms to report ways you have spent money from SSMHF, and any form that is in the SSMHF packet given out at the SSMHF convention workshop.

7. Further down the publications list, you will find all memorial materials that you can use for your memorial services: poems, ideas, etc. under the heading: **Member Materials and Forms-SSMHF memorial service readings**

8. The **SSMHF Report Form** is under its own heading.

9. Interested in reading the newsletters from other locals, scroll down publications until you find newsletter, then click on it to find local newsletters from various regions.

10. Many locals have websites that you can navigate to from the state site with a simple click of your mouse or tap of your finger.

11. Relax and explore the PASR website for ideas, forms, and materials.

All Venango PASR members with computers need to log on the the PASR state site. We need 25 members who have not previously logged on to visit the site so PASR/Venango can meet the goal set by state. A page of easy to follow directions is located in this newsletter. VISIT : www.pasr.org

PASR Venango County's Social Service and Memorial Fund Committee (SSMHF)

SSMHF provides service to all Venango county PASR members. Members are Diana Fesenmyer for Cranberry retirees, Sandy Homer for Franklin retirees, Linda Mertz and Sandra Oden Kellner for Oil City retirees, and Gloria Stevens for Valley Grove retirees. Sharon Mylarski is our Birthday Card sender for all our members. These girls spend many hours making sure that our members are receiving services. Over 270 Birthday cards have been sent throughout the year. We have distributed 23 gifts in December and 22 gifts in May to our homebound members and nursing home members. Over 220 additional cards have been sent over the year to members who need to know someone cares.

WE NEED ALL MEMBERS TO HELP US!

If you know or hear of a Venango County PASR member who is hospitalized or , gone to a nursing home, or is having major surgery or cancer, please notify one of us immediately: Diana (676-6442) Sandy (432-4450), Linda (677-2739), Sandra (677-4953), or Gloria (676-9372). Leave a message if you cannot reach one of us. We would love to send them a get-well card from their PASR friends. Cut flowers or a planter may also be sent.

Upon the death of a member, our treasurer makes a monetary donation to the SSMHF state fund and a card notifies the family that a contribution has been made to the fund in the name of the deceased. Anyone who desires to make an individual gift to SSMHF in memory or honor of a member may do so by contacting Diana (676-6442) or using the form in this newsletter.

When a member turn 90, become homebound, or is a resident of a nursing home, Venango PASR SSMHF committee sends additional cards five or more times a year. In May and December, the committee buys these members small gifts to be personally delivered or mailed due to distance. We do not want our older members feeling forgotten.

Sharon Mylarski has kindly agreed to volunteer her time to make sure that every member of PASR Venango County receives a birthday card on their own birthday. Many thanks for her long-time dedication to ensuring every member's birthday is special!

Retirement gives us time to relax and think. We have influenced many lives over our working career. It is also important that we continue to influence lives during our retirement. We must never stop giving, thanking, and sharing with others in our golden years! Please support the PASR Venango SSMHF

**Get in touch
with your
representa-
tives!**

**Ask Representa-
tive James and
Senator
Hutchinson, "How
are you looking
out for school
retirees."**

**Senator
Hutchinson**

717-787-9684

814-67-6345

**Representative
Lee James**

717-783-8188

814-677-6413

DECEASED MEMBERS OF PASR VENANGO and DATE OF DEATH

Memorial Service will take place at the August 26, 2014 meeting:

Eleanor Yargar - 8-12-13

Shirley Perry Rogers - 9-15-13

Phyllis Spangler - 10-1-13

Dorothy (Dottie) Clark - 2-5-14

Mary Catherine Manion - 3-4-14

Terry M. Peterson - 4-18-14

Venango PASR members have contributed over \$81 to the SSMHF fund for 2013-2014 fiscal year. If you want to remember or honor someone, please make a contribution today to the Social Service Memorial Honor Fund. Fill out the form below and mail it directly to Mechanicsburg.

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Memorial-Honor Fund

I or we wish to contribute \$ _____ to the Memorial-Honor Fund.
The contribution is to be in Honor or Memory of: *-Please check-*
Name _____

Please inform the following of this loving tribute:

Name _____
Address _____

Donor: Chapter or Individual. *-Please check-*

Sender's Name _____
Address _____

Mail to:

Memorial Honor Fund

PASR

878 Century Drive

Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

County _____

Date _____

Summer Luncheon!

The menu for PASR Venango August 26, 2014 Summer luncheon is coffee, tea, milk, ice tea, toss salad, dressing, rolls, gravy on the table, and sherbet for dessert.

_____ Choice 1 Chicken and Biscuit with mashed potatoes

\$16.00 includes **drink, salad, rolls, dessert, tax, and gratuity**

_____ Choice 2 Ham slice and vegetable with mashed potatoes

\$16.00 includes **drink, salad, rolls, dessert, tax, and gratuity**

Name: _____ Guest _____

Checks are payable to Venango Chapter PASR

Please send all reservations by August 12, 2014 to Rita Hale 102 Sycamore Dr. Franklin, PA 16323

Cell: 814 – 671-0762

The August meeting will be busy. New area retirees, our 90+ members, and two speakers will be our guests. We will also have the memorial service for all deceased PASR members from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. Please plan to attend and find out what is happening in Venango County.

SENIOR MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO BE OUR GUEST ON AUGUST 26, 2014 for LUNCH at CROSSCREEK, TITUSVILLE, PA.

Congratulations to All Venango County PASR Most Senior Members! *Each member has reached 90 years old and counting: Emily Connors, Lucille Gilmore, Kriemhild Good, Dorothy Pearson, Lawanda Baker, Ruth Walker Daniels, Mary Kaufman, Roberta Couch, Grayce Kahle, Mary Eva Kleesz, Olive Miller, and E. Pauline Flockerzi, Edith Bell, Ida Cardamone, Donagene DeLong, and Florence Recht Heyison.*

Celebrating their 90th Birthday this year and joining Venango PASR Most Senior member club are: Raymond Goodwill, and Lois Walz

Lois Walz has moved with no forwarding address and all mail has been returned. If you know Lois's address, please call Diana at 676-6442 ASAP.

Events for 2014

-July 15 - Picnic 6 P.M. Spouses welcome. Pot luck. Meat & beverage provided.

August 26 (Tues)- Summer Luncheon @ Cross Creek

**Welcome new members, honor our most senior members and
remember those members who have passed on.**

September 4 - Executive Meeting 10:30 A.M. @ Oil City Library

- Newsletter Information due on or before September 4

November 6 - Fall Luncheon @ Cross Creek

PASR Picnic

WHO: All PASR Members and New Retirees

When: July 15, 2014

Where: Morrison Park, Seneca, PA

Time: 6 PM

Meat & beverage furnished. Please bring a well filled tureen to share. Free will donation will be taken.

Bring your spouse or friend and plan to join us.

Please contact Rita Hale@ 671-0762 by July 12, 2014 if you are planning to attend.

Last Year's Picnic—enjoyed by all that attended.



Fun

Social Time

Entertainment

Entertainment

2014 JULY

2014 Venango County Retirees

A special welcome to the “world of retirement” to our Newbies!

Cranberry

Pamala Mahle
Susan Seidle

Franklin

Susan Blausen
Deanna Caldwell
C.V. Curll
James Dulaney
Cinda Hammond
Jodi Wright
Peter Wygant

Oil City

Candace Schwabenbauer
Richard Copley
Kathleen Dent

Valley Grove

Kathleen Burchanowski
Thomas C. Brink

Vo-Tech

Larry Baughman
Mike Irwin
Cynthia Jarzab

IU#6

Jeanne Burgert
Pamela Burgert
Judy Burk
Barbara Dudzic
Joseph Gerzina
Sandy Houk
Roberta Miller
Douglas Nelson
Edward Quinn
John Strawbridge
Susan Suplee
Timothy Tantlinger
Diana Turner
Scott Walters
Mary Welker
Robert Wolfe
Elaine Young
Judith Young

We Welcome all of you! Please join us at our Picnic on July 15, 2014 at Morrison Park.

Also, you will be receiving a special invitation to be our guest at our Summer Luncheon on August 26, 2014 @ Cross Greek Resort.

WE HOPE YOU WILL MARK YOU CALENDAR AND JOIN US FOR A FUN AND SOCIAL TIME!