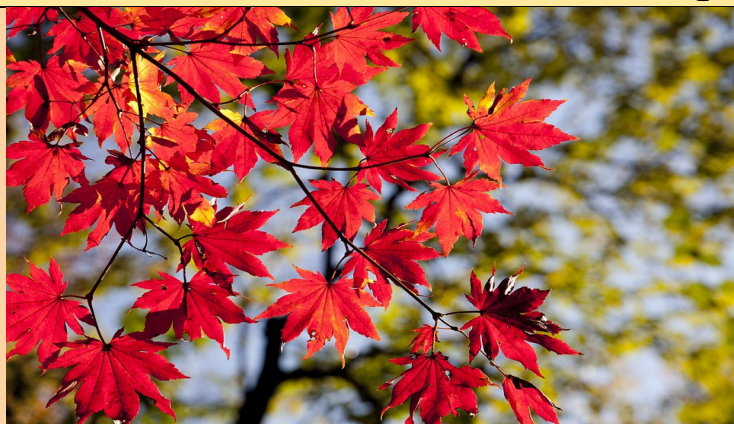


Venango Chapter



President's Message

Welcome to the final newsletter for 2018- This newsletter has information on the Fall meeting on October 16 at Hoss's in Cranberry, PA by the Cranberry Mall. The Executive Director of the Venango County United Way, Will Price will present the program.

I was so happy that many members came to the Spring and Summer Meetings at Hoss's. If you missed them and would like to see the minutes, they are on our website at vpasr.org. Take some time to visit the website and look around. The program for the Spring meeting was about the services that the Venango County Agency on Older Adult Services provides. Our speakers left extra booklets, pamphlets, and handouts for anyone who could not attend. At the Summer meeting, PA State Police Trooper McGee presented an excellent program on how seniors should protect themselves from becoming victims of thefts, scams, and abuse. This year's program theme was services available to seniors.

I have been honored to serve as your president for 4 years (two terms). Our bylaws state that there is a four year limit for a leader to serve. I do not want the Venango PASR to become "distressed" so I am simply asking someone to take a one year term as President. I am willing to help that person run this vital group, and will serve as your Vice President if elected. Please help PASR Venango remain a dynamic and useful group of 210 members who have spent their lives helping others in Venango County Schools and who continue to help school retirees enjoy their retirement!

Diana Fesenmyer, Venango PASR President

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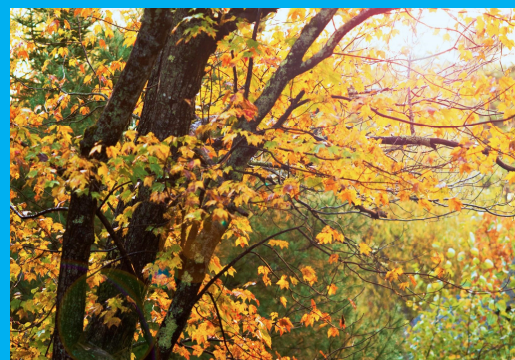
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Please consider taking on a leadership role in Venango PASR 2019-2020 term! We need a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Education Support Chair, Legislative Chair, and Recreo Chair.

All positions (except president) only take a few hours of your time.

Training is available and you will find volunteering a very rewarding activity.

Social Service

2018-2019 DECEASED MEMBERS OF PASR VENANGO

Catherine Lafferty 4/ /18

Linda Beichner 9/6/18

Turning 90 in 2019!

Eleanor Hrinia, Howard Lehman and Patricia Melat

Wish them a very Happy Birthday!



“If our hopes of building a better and safer world are to become more than wishful thinking, we will need the engagement of volunteers more than ever.” — Kofi Annan

Our Current Nonagerians make us proud !

Mary Kaufman, Olive Miller, Edith Bell, Ida Cardamone, Florence Heyison, Raymond Goodwill, Jean Ballard, Robert English, James Albright, Josephine McCoy Kenneth Maurer, and Barbara Romanchak

The Social Service Committee needs your help. If you know of a PASR member who is ill, hospitalized, had an accident, or is suffering from a long term illness, please let one of our members know so we can provide flowers, a card or a personal visit.

Cranberry SSMHF: Diana Fesenmyer 676-6442

Franklin SSMHF : Sandra Homer 758-1143

Oil City SSMHF : Sandra Kellner 677-4953

Valley Grove SSMHF: Gloria Stevens 676-9372

Memorial Honor Fund

Please consider making a donation in memory or honor of a member.

I wish to donate \$ _____ by check made payable to the MEMORIAL HONOR FUND in ____ honor, or in ____ memory of _____

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Date ____/____/____

PASR Venango Member

Mail form to PASR, 878 Century Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Member Benefits

Being a member of PASR at the state level provides you with additional benefits and services not available to local level members only.

PASR State MEMBER BENEFITS

- Computer Discounts (PC and MAC)
- Auto, Home, and Liability Insurances
- Dental and Vision Insurance
- Emergency Response System
- Final Expenses Insurance
- Guaranteed Universal Life Insurance
- Hearing Aid Services
- Global Emergency Plan
- Pet Insurance
- Moving Services
- Travel Services

See pasr.org for more member benefits

Visit our website vpasr.org for a list of Local Member Benefits

Welcome to the 2018 Venango County Retirees

**Cranberry School District: Cynthia Clayton, Deborah Crisman
Susan Holt, Michelle Stiglitz, Sharon Johns, Brenda O'Neil,
David Guth, Carol Wilson**

**Franklin School District: Shawn Eicholtz, Wendy Eicholtz,
Tammy Dahl, Diane Woods, Peter Greene, Maureen Hager,
Janet Kiser, Bradford Stallard**

**Oil City School District: Carol Weaver, Kathleen Lindsey,
Mardelle Rishel, Molly Scannell Suzanne Park**

**Valley Grove School District: Susan Martin, Randy Lepley,
Donna Burgard, Kathleen Allio, Althea Wheeling, Martin
Aylesworth**

**If you know them, please call and personally invite
them to our functions!**

Our mission is to help school retirees enjoy their retirement

Educational Support

Every year PASR Venango gives away two Grants worth \$150 each in the Fall to an area school. This year Oil City School District employees will be given the opportunity to apply. In the spring, PASR Venango gives away two \$50 checks and a Laretta Woodson Award Certificate to an educator and a paraprofessional in another school district for their excellent service. We need to raise approximately \$400 to meet these costs. The state reimburses us approximately \$187. At every meeting, we have an educational support drawing to help raise these funds.

Please plan to help in this important cause.

ED Support Donations

I wish to donate \$_____ by check made payable to Venango Chapter PASR for the Educational Support Fund in Venango County. I know the money will be used for grants and scholarships for Venango County educators and support staff from Cranberry SD (2019), and Franklin SD (2020) Oil City SD (2021) and Valley Grove SD(2022) on a yearly rotational basis to ensure all school districts are represented.

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Date ____/____/____

mail to Venango Chapter PASR, John Kolojejchick, 1238 Shaffer Run Rd., Oil City, PA 16301

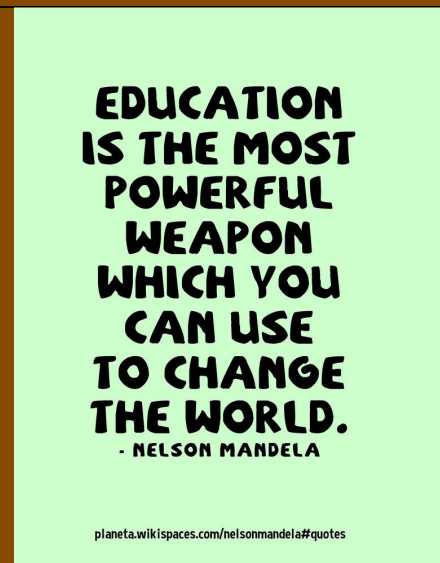
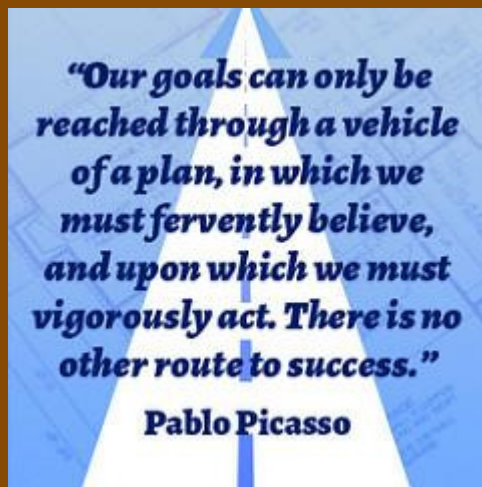
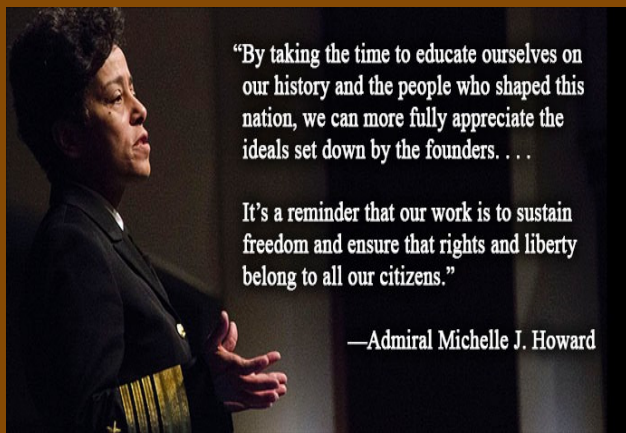
Membership News

We are trying to wrap up our membership drive for the July 2018 to June 2019 year. If you have not yet paid your dues of \$10, then please do so soon. Send your check made out to Venango County PASR to John Kolojejchick, 1238 Shaffer Run Rd., Oil City, PA 16301. If you have an email on file, you will get a confirmation email about your dues payment. If you're not sure about your dues payment contact John at jokoloje@vpasr.org

Thank you for continuing to support the Venango Chapter PASR.

State dues may also be due. If you are unsure if your state dues are paid, you can call PASR at 717-697-7077 or email pasr@pasr.org. Local chapter treasurers can now use the unified database to look up PASR records to see if your dues are paid.

"The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention." – Oscar Wilde



Legislative Update :

A modern update of the Guide to Capital Hill will soon be on the PASR website. It will contain legislative contact tips, call to action alerts, how the Legislative process works, contacting Legislators in person, by phone, writing, internet, and social media.

An updated draft of the COLA bill is complete and being reviewed by our lobbyist. It will be presented to a coalition of other associations that will also support it and present it at the next legislative session. An annual COLA will be written into the Bill.

There are only 9 to 10 Legislative sessions days left before the November election. We still need to contact legislators and remind them we are not going away.

The outcome of the PA November 2018 election will impact what we face in 2019.

GET OUT TO VOTE in NOVEMBER!

Be sure to apply for an absentee ballot if you are traveling to Florida or other sunbelt locations.

2018 Calendar

- September 18-19: RECREO trip to Lancaster to "Jesus" - contact 827-9171 - \$360/person dbl occupancy
- September 18: Newsletter mailing - Oil City School District office - 9:30 AM
- October 15 - 16: Leadership Conference, Mechanicsburg PA, (Contact [Diana Fesenmyer](#) if interested)
- October 16: Fall Meeting - Hoss's - 11:30 AM
- October 30: Winter Executive Committee meeting - Location TBA - 10:30 AM
- November: Educational Grants awarded
- December: SSMHF Month of Remembering - Gifts to 90+, Homebound, and Nursing Home members



Community Service

Please get your Volunteer Hour sheets to Pat Ralph soon. She has only collected 16. We need to tally all volunteer hours for Venango PASR members and report the totals to the PASR Headquarters.

You can print the form on the next page and mail it to Pat.

We are considering putting a form on our website that can be used to record your Community Service hours. If you think that would be a good idea please let us know. Email jokoloje@vpasr.org with your thoughts.

P.A.S.R. Community Service Survey

TO ALL PASR Members - Thank you for being a volunteer in our community!

PASR Chapters are interested in documenting the hours of service that volunteer retirees contribute to their local communities. In doing this, our volunteers show to the community at large a positive picture of the activities of public school retirees. Please take a moment to complete this form, filling in the appropriate number of hours PER YEAR that you volunteer. A summary of this information will be shared with AARP, NRTA, and PSAR Headquarters.

EDUCATIONAL HRS PER YR

Historical Association
 Library
 School
 Other Boards and Committees
TOTAL

POLITICAL HRS PER YR

Election Activities
 Party Affiliation Activities.....
 Other.....
TOTAL

SOCIAL SERVICES HRS PER YR

Environmental Project
 Parks and Recreation
 Boards/Committees
 Cancer Society
 Service Organizations
 Habitat for Humanity
 Hospice
 Hospital/Nursing Home
 Meals on Wheel
 RSVP
 Tax Preparation
 Visitation/Nurturing
 Other

TOTAL

RELIGIOUS HRS PER YR

Boards
 Committees
 Sunday School Teacher
 Choir/Music
 Organizations
 Other

TOTAL

SERVICE TO YOUTH HRS PER YR

Classroom/School
 Mentoring Programs
 Scholarships
 Tutoring
 Sports

TOTAL

I have served in special leadership roles as follows:

.....

..... Total Hrs. / Year/All Categories _____ Chapter: VENANGO

Phone Number _____ Date _____

Name _____ E-mail _____

____ Yes, I want my hours counted, but I **DO NOT** want to be considered for the Volunteer of the Year

Return this form to: Patricia Ralph, 4178 State Route 417, Cooperstown, PA 16317

Please attach another page to this form to clarify or to provide a more detailed info not listed.