

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!



STAY SAFE,
STAY WARM,
WEAR YOUR MASK,
and
STAY SOCIALLY DISTANT!

Hope to meet again in 2021!

FROM

Your Officers, Committee Chairs, and Committee Members

2020-2021 Executive Board

Diana Fesenmyer, President
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Sandy Homer: Franklin SD
Diane Jackson: Cranberry SD
Gloria Stevens: Valley Grove SD
Dottie Valimont: Oil City SD

Ken Nelson & Darrel Smith, Meeting Greeters
John Kolojejchick, Web Master
Evelyn Kolojejchick, Table Decorations
Freda Thurau, Birthday Cards
Diana Fesenmyer, Newsletter Editor

LOG IN TO PASR at

www.pasr.org

Benefits for state members are listed on this site.

Important dates.
Help us reach the goal of 25 or more members logging on.

Check it out!
Log in to PASR Venango website :

www.vpasr.org

see Venango's officers and chairs, the calendar of events, meeting pictures, check what is cancelled for the year, read minutes from each meeting, catch up on what PASR Venango is doing in the community, find out what you are missing and what is going on!

**“A GOOD PERSON HELPS OTHERS ENJOY
THE DAY NO MATTER HOW THEY FEEL!”**

CHERISH THOSE YOU LOVE!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Despite the 2020 Pandemic, PASR Venango continues to survive. I thank every one of the over 190 Venango County meetings to attend, no picnic, no coffee hours and now no Christmas party due to the COVID 19 outbreak. As your president, I hope everyone remains masked, and socially distancing by at least 6 feet in public. Stay home if you can until the numbers go down. I chose to cancel all events due to the CDC recommendations, limitations on meeting size, PASR Executive guidelines, and to ensure the safety of our members and guests.

I lost my maternal grandmother in the 1918 Pandemic when my mother was 3. My family consists of five siblings ranging in age from 64 to 84 years young and I am the middle sister; their children range in age from 31 to 61 ; their grandchildren range in age from 1 to 30; the only 2 great-grandchildren are ages 6 and 8 and belong to my older sister. Needless to say, we have been very cautious and do not visit but call and Zoom weekly. My own two girls are both teachers. They tell me that education now is really stressful.

One teaches Science at Cranberry High School here in Venango county; the other teaches Art at Fretz Middle School in Bradford, PA. I simply watch my only grandchildren (ages 1 and 3) from Monday through Friday to prevent them from getting exposed to the virus. I am very careful to avoid large (over 6) crowds.

I have delivered the Laretta Woodson awards to three Valley Grove staff members on August 25,2020 at the regular Valley Grove Board meeting. I have developed a 2021 PASR Venango calendar in hopes we can meet. I have contacted all thirty-one 2020 school retirees by mail and invited them to join PASR Venango. We do have five new members. I hope they will rejoin next year since this year was primarily cancelled. I sent in all reports to PASR state as required. I attended the six Leadership ZOOM meetings in November 2020 by computer. I also plan to honor our best 2020 PASR-Venango Volunteer of the Year when we can meet: Marilyn Brandon. She has over 600 hours of volunteer hours. I also want to honor our most valuable and helpful John Dillon Recipient of the 2020 Year: Darrell Smith

Our meetings and coffee hours were cancelled since no one was allowed to be seated inside facilities. Even PASR state meetings and trainings were ZOOM meetings or teleconference events since COVID 19 came to visit in March 2020. We have cancelled the Christmas party



**CONGRATULATIONS TO:
2020 PASR Venango Volunteer of the
Year: Marilyn Brandon**

And

**2020 PASR Venango John Dillon
Recipient of the Year:
Darrell Smith**

planned for December at Hoss's Steak House due to CDC guidelines

Our older confined members did receive cards five times throughout the year and gift cards in May and again in December thanks to the Social Service Memorial Honor Fund Committee.

Every member should receive a birthday card thanks to our valuable member Freda Thureau.

PASR Venango has over 190 members yet no one could attend functions. We are only as strong as our members. Please read our entire newsletter.

If you have time, please consider volunteering to simply call neighbors or friends. Winter finds us inside once again unless we are shoveling snow!

PASR MHF Donations and ED Support Donations

Thanks to everyone who will donate to the Memorial Honor Fund and Educational Support Fund. Since you cannot attend meetings, please consider making a donation to the Educational Support Fund locally or to the Memorial Honor Fund on the state level. PASR Venango receives state monies from both these funds to help defray some of the costs we use to help out confined members and award grants to local Venango County active teachers. The forms needed to donate are the next page.

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

Name _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
Date ____/____/____ County _____
PASR Venango Member

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

I wish to donate \$ _____ by check made payable to **PASR Venango** 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 Oil City SD (2021), Valley Grove SD (2020), Cranberry SD (2023), and Franklin SD (2022) on a yearly rotational basis to ensure all school districts are represented.

Name _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Date ____/____/____
mail to PASR Venango, John Kolojejchick, 1238 Shaffer Run Rd., Oil City, PA 16301

THANKS TO FREDA THURAU

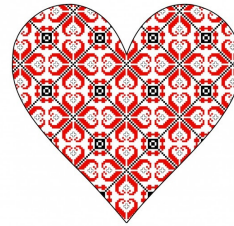
Birthday cards are sent out on every member's birthday. Freda is our Birthday Helper, and we all need to say THANK YOU when we see or talk to her!

THANKS TO SSMHF HELPERS

Special thanks to all Social Service Memorial Honor Fund workers for PASR Venango. My job is simply to send Walmart cards to our confined members, which do include our over 90 year old members in May 2020 and again in December 2020. At least 5 additional times throughout the year, cards are sent by the following elves to remind these members they are not forgotten!

Oil City	Franklin	Valley Grove	Cranberry
Dottie Valimont	Sandy Homer	Gloria Stevens	Diane Jackson

THANKS TO ALL THE PASR VENANGO VOLUNTEERS



WE NEED YOUR HELP

HELP.... HELP....

If you hear about a member who has been hospitalized, had surgery, or has a terminal illness such as cancer or COVID 19, please call Diana Fesenmyer (814) 676-6442 and leave your name, phone number and a brief reason for the message or email the info to dfes1@comcast.net. Cards, and /or flowers may be sent occasionally. These members may be placed on our confined list if they are eligible due to a terminal illness/confined to their home/ or in a nursing home. We, as PASR Venango, are only as strong as our members. Please keep us informed!

HELP MEMBERSHIP

If you have lunch with a retiree that is not a member of PASR Venango, please invite them to join PASR Venango. Let Diana Fesenmyer know at (814) 676-6442 or at dfes1@comcast.net, and she will send them a newsletter.

Deceased members of PASR Venango from July 1, 2020 to present:

Florence Recht Heyison	08/14/2020	Cranberry School District
Mary (Gussie) Patterson	10/31/2020	Oil City School District
James C. Albright	11/10/2020	Franklin School District
Raymond S Goodwill	11/11/2020	Oil City School District

Once a member reaches the age of 90, PASR Venango places these members in an elite group called **NONOGERIANS**. We send cards 5 to 6 times a year to every one of these nonogeriens. We pay their local dues yearly. In May and December, we send a small token gift to every one of these members. The SSMHF committee services nonogeriens from each of the four different School Districts in Venango County.

PASR VENANGO NONOGERIANS for 2020

Jane Allen	Jean Ballard	Edith Bell	Ida Cardamone
Lenore Delmaso	Julia Eckel	Eleanor Hryina	Kenneth Maurer
Josephine McCoy	Pat Melat	Olive Miller	Joan Schmidt
TURNING 90 IN 2021:	Gerald Beary	Marilyn Brandon	Mary Lou Lazar

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	POLITICAL	HRS PER YR
TOTAL	_____	TOTAL	_____

SOCIAL SERVICES	HRS PER YR	RELIGIOUS	HRS PER YR
TOTAL.....	_____	TOTAL	_____

SERVICE TO YOUTH	HRS PER YR
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



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 Check www.vpasr.org for the tentative 2021 PASR VENANGO Calendar!