

PASR

Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees

VENANGO CHAPTER

Spring Newsletter 2023

Welcoming

PASR Venango is getting ready to end the winter hibernation and welcome all members to the PASR Venango 2023 year. Those with email have been receiving electronic newsletters. All members and those interested in joining can read our newsletters exclusively on our website at: vpsr.org If your email has changed, please contact John Kolojchick at jkoloj@comcast.net

On Page 2 of this newsletter is the tentative calendar. Hang it on your wall or by your calendar. We will meet again at Hoss's Steak House in Cranberry. They allow everyone to order off the menu and pay their own lunch tab. No reservations are required.

At the May 10th meeting, we will be voting on our budget, finding out what has gone on since our December 2022 Christmas party. President Hartzell will present a program on Abe Lincoln's connection to John Wilkes Booth in Venango County. We have a picnic at Morrison Park in the last Pavilion near the Pond on June 16 and again when school starts. Our meetings feature a meeting/speaker program. Still working on the Summer and Fall program speakers. All meetings are to begin at 11:30 AM and end no later than 2 PM. Picnics will be from 4 to 6 PM

Venango PASR has scheduled a Holiday/ Christmas Party Luncheon on December 3 from 11:30 AM to 2 PM at Hoss's Restaurant. Hoping the weather cooperates and understanding that many snowbirds will be in Florida by that date, we will welcome all available members and guests to this social event. No formal meeting, just a lunch (order off the menu and pay your own tab), some entertainment, news, and socializing. The only requirement is you must **dress festively**.

Looking forward to a great year with healthy members!

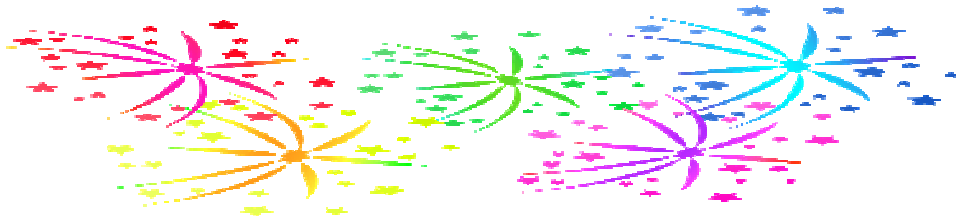
A Warm Welcome Back from President Beverly Hartzell



AFTER THE WINTER COLD, THE FLOWERS WILL BE BOLD!

2023 Calendar

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION AND TIME
PASR VENANGO CALENDAR		
Apr.21, 2023	Lauretta Woodson Awarded	Board Meeting at Valley Grove S.D.
May	SSMHF Month of Giving	Confined & Ill Members
May-June	MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN	Pay \$10/year dues to remain active
May	Members canvas neighborhood	USPS Stamp Out Hunger Collection
May 10, 2023	PASR Spring Meeting	Hoss's 11:30 AM to 2 PM at latest
June 13,2023	New Retirees Meet and Greet	1 -2 PM Log Cabin, Seneca 4:30 PM to 6 PM preordered Subway Subs/chips/drink
June 13, 2023	Picnic at Morrison Park	
July 7,2023	Summer Meeting	Hoss's 11:30 AM to 2 PM at latest
Aug	Back to School Supplies Project	Community Services/ Local Radio
Sept. 8, 2023	Executive Board meeting by phone	7 PM phone meeting
Oct. 5, 2023	PASR Venango Fall Meeting	Hoss's 11:30 AM to 2 PM at latest
Oct/Nov	Educational Grants Awarded	Valley Grove S.D. Board Meeting
December	SSMHF Month of Remembering	Ill and Confined members
Dec. 7, 2023	PASR-Venango Christmas Party	Hoss's at 11:00 AM-2PM at latest



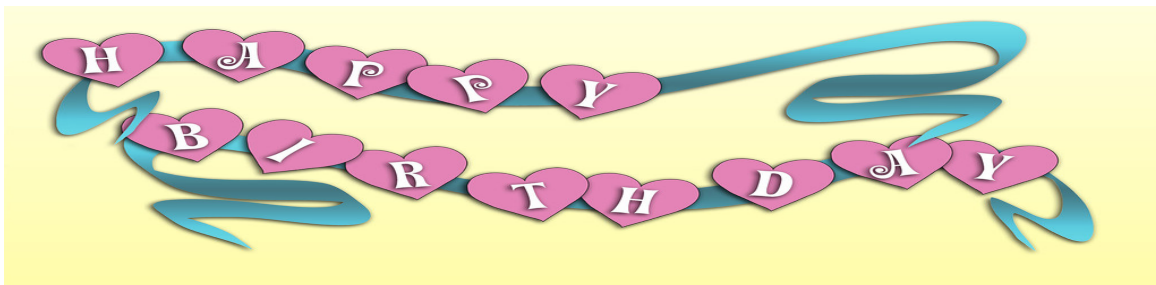
A Warm Welcome to our two new “Ninety and Older Club” members who will join the club when they turn 90 years old in 2023

**PAULINE CASE on March 20th Oil City School District
2323 Edinboro RD, Unit GH8, Erie, PA 16509-349**

**ELEANOR ENOS on May 6th Oil City School District
1435 Russell Corners Rd, Pleasantville, PA 16341**

Consider sending them a birthday card.

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY IN 2023!



Special wishes to all members of the Ninety and Older Club! Listed after the School District is the Very Special Elf who provides cards to each Ninety-year and older member. Cards are sent at least four times a year; gifts are sent in May and December. PASR-Venango is so proud of these lifetime members.

OIL CITY -DOTTIE VALIMONT
EDITH BELL
SALLY LOCKHART
MARILYN KARNs
DWAYNE PRITCHARD

FRANKLIN- SANDRA HOMER
JODI SCHMIDT
IDA CARDAMONE
JEAN BALLARD
LENORE DALMASO

CRANBERRY- DIANE JACKSON
ELEANOR HRINYA
MARY LOU LAZAR
MARILYN BRANDON

ROCKY GROVE- GLORIA STEVENS
IDA GIBBONS

These elves service other confined members also with cards. If you hear about a member who is hospitalized, had surgery, or has moved to a nursing facility, please call VP Fesenmyer at 676-6442 and leave a phone message with the information. I promise to call you back in a day unless I am traveling. I will notify the elf about the details.



PASR Venango has documented loss of members since our last meeting in the Fall.

William H. Clark January 5, 2022
Josephine McCoy October 22, 2022
Patricia Melat June 27, 2022
Eugene Sheffer September 2, 2022
Donald Weisenfluh January 7, 2023
Martha”Marty” Karg April 3, 2023 wife of Daniel Karg

Keep these members and their families in our prayers!

Please notify 676-6442 if you are aware of deceased members or family members A.S.A.P. Leave a message and I will call you back.

WE GET THIS INFORMATION FROM THE DERRICK OR FROM MEMBERS WHO CARE!

MEMBER NEWS

1. **John J. Dillon 2023 Outstanding PASR Award for Venango County goes to Evelyn Kolojejchick. We will be looking for a 2024 John J. Dillon Recipient soon!**
2. **The 2023 Volunteer of the Year is Evelyn Kolojejchick. Keep track of your volunteer hours so you may win the 2024 award!**
3. **A Valley Grove Area School District Professional and a Valley Grove Area School District Paraprofessional will be receiving the Laretta Woodson Award in April at the Valley Grove School Board meeting at 6 pm by Vice President and Educational Support Chair Diana Fesenmyer. PASR Venango should receive publicity in the Derrick.**
4. **USPS will be collecting food on May 13, 2023. Please canvas your neighbors and remind neighbors to place nonperishable foods in a bag outside or on their mailboxes if rural or below their mail boxes if in the city.**

REMEMBER THAT MAY DAYS ARE PAY DAYS. PLEASE PAY YOUR 2023-2024 dues promptly. June 31st ends our current term and begins our 2023-2024 year.

2023-2024 PASR Venango Dues of \$10 /year. Mail to John Kolojejchick at
1238 Shaffer Run Rd, Oil City, PA 16301

Call 814-676-6435 or email concerns to jkoloj@comcast.net

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zipcode _____

Phone () _____ home () _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Enclosed is a check to PASR VENANGO for \$ _____
includes

Local Dues (\$10/YR) \$ _____ State Dues (\$60/YR) \$ _____

Local Educational Support \$ _____

Community Service Program \$ _____

Memorial Honor Fund \$ _____

a. _____ Specific Recipient in honor or in memory for Memorial Honor Fund
Donation _____

b. _____ Local Fund

P.A.S.R. Volunteer Service Survey

TO ALL PASR Members: — Thank you for being a volunteer in our community!
PASR Chapters are interested in documenting the service that volunteer retirees contribute to their local communities to show the community at large a positive picture of the activities of public school retirees.

Please take a moment to complete this form.

A summary of this information will be shared with AARP, NRTA, and PASR Headquarters.

Service Topic	Hours per year
Education	_____
Youth	_____
Community	_____
Environment	_____
Political	_____
Religious	_____
Total Hours	_____

I have served in special leadership roles as follows:

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Phone Number: _____ Date: _____

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

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 description of your involvement with activities that are NOT listed.



Secure a mail-in ballot for the May 2023 PA. Primary.
The deadline to apply for the mail-in ballot

The easiest way is online, but you need a driver's license to order the ballot.

Visit:

<https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/OnlineAbsenteeApplication/#/OnlineAbsenteeBegin>

Without a driver's license

1. you need to download a paper mail-in ballot application form at:

https://www.votespa.com/Register-to-Vote/Documents/PADOS_maillnapplication.pdf

and mail it in to your County Board of Elections

2. For an absentee application, download the absentee paper application form found at:

https://www.votespa.com/Voting-in-PA/Documents/Absentee_Ballot_Application.pdf

To find your County Board of Elections office address, please use the following link:

<https://www.votespa.com/Resources/Pages/Contact-Your-Election-Officials>.

VOTE! IT IS YOUR
CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT!

“Love is life. All, everything that I understand, I understand only because I love.”

-Leo Tolstoy



**Please consider
volunteering to help PASR
Venango**

- A. Newsletter Editor**
- B. Ed Support chair**
- C. Legislation chair**
- D. Public Rel. chair**
- E. SSMHF chair**
- F. Membership
Committee**
- G Secretary**
- H. Vice President**
- I. Member Benefits**
- J. Retirement Planning**

Live
today

Play
today

Care
today

We may
earn to
live
another
day after
today!

“IF YOUR ACTIONS INSPIRE OTHERS TO
DREAM MORE, LEARN MORE, DO MORE
AND BECOME MORE, YOU ARE A TRUE
LEADER.”

John Quincy Adams

2023 Region 9 RECREO TRIP

Have you ever wanted to visit Lancaster, PA and see a show at “THE SIGHT AND SOUND THEATRE? Our Region 9 RECREO chair has booked a bus for October 4 & 5, 2023 with a pick-up in Meadville and a pick-up in Franklin. The overnight event includes a ticket to see MOSES at the **Sight and Sound Theatre** in Lancaster on October 5, overnight accommodations, a Dinner Buffet on October 4, a Breakfast Buffet on October 5, shopping opportunities, your roundtrip bus ride, all taxes, baggage handling and gratuities. Your only other cost is lunch on the bus ride to the Lancaster area and dinner on the way home to Venango. We will meet the bus at Farm store above Giant Eagle on Rt 8 after Sheatz in Rocky Grove. Most bus riders bring treats to share on the ride there and on the way home so you may not be too hungry. You are also welcome to bring a treat to share. Cost is \$425 per person Double in a room and \$495 Single in a room. A \$100 deposit per person is due ASAP by May 30th to Barbara Stockton at. Please call her at 814 425-2025 for questions 194 N. Franklin Street, Cochran, PA 16314. This deposit will reserve your seat on the bus. We will also tour Julius Sturges Pretzels, the Candy Company and a shopping stop at Bird in Hand market.

Call, write, text, or visit Scott Hutchison and Lee James today to encourage them to support a COLA for all PSERS. There has not been a Cost of Living Adjustment for teachers since 2002 but legislators vote themselves a COLA every year!

Lauretta Woodson Award



Valley Grove Science teacher and RGHS Athletic Director (second from left) **Curt Bindas** and Valley Grove One on One Paraprofessional at Valley Grove Elementary School (Third from the right) **Elaine Osborne** received the **PASR Lauretta Woodson Award** in April at their School Board meeting from PASR Venango vice-president **Diana Fesenmyer!** (Center)