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Gary A. Parker, PASR President

As the year draws close to an end, it is the appropriate time to acknowledge those who have given their time and talents to the Association.

Foremost, it is appropriate to give thanks to our veterans, both past and present, who made the utmost sacrifice in giving their time to defend and protect our nation. We need to do this daily, not only on Veteran's Day. It will be past the date when you read this, but as I write my notes on a deadline, today is indeed November 11, 2018. We all have family or friends who served, or are currently serving our country, and we must never forget their personal sacrifice.

It is also fitting that I express my gratitude and thanks to all members of the PASR Board of Directors for their commitment to the Association during the year.

I especially wish to thank the following, whose terms expire December 31st, for their contributions: Joan Glass, Region 2 Director; Jean Young, Region 4 Director and Chair of the Leadership Development Committee; and Sharon Fissel, Region 4 Regional Representative. It was my pleasure to work with them in my first year as PASR President.

I look forward to working with the newly elected members in the coming year. They are: Cheryl Hinkel, Region 2 Director; Bruce Hockersmith, Region 4 Director; Barry Kelly, Region 4 Regional Representative; and Lawra Bartosh, Region 6 Director.

The Association has experienced a year of change and transition. Without the cooperation and commitment of the entire staff, this would not have been possible. My utmost thanks goes to each and every individual of the PASR staff: Kristen Holjes, Kelly Dygert, Nancy Farner, Jaclyn Keys, Mark Krempa, and Victoria Longey. My final word of thanks and appreciation goes to our Executive Director, Mark McKillop. His leadership, knowledge, and commitment have been truly appreciated by the Association.

"No one who achieves success does so without acknowledging the help of others. The wise and confident acknowledge this help with gratitude."

- Alfred North Whitehead

Executive Committee Nominations Now Open

It is time to begin the process of finding new members to serve on the PASR Executive Committee. Every two years, new leaders are elected during the Meeting of the House of Delegates (formerly called the Convention) to fill vital roles in our Association.

The positions currently available for nomination are President-Elect, Vice President, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer. We are currently seeking interested candidates for each of these elected positions.

PASR is an organization led entirely by its members. Although the main office has six paid employees (not including the Executive Director), the volunteers who serve in our various Regions and Chapters and on the PASR Board of Directors provide the direction of the organization.

Candidacy for the available volunteer positions is open to any member of the State Association who is not an Associate Member. Elected officers will serve a two-year term, with only the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer permitted to run for reelection. These elections are very important, as the elected officers will determine

the future direction of PASR. We encourage you to make your voice heard by running for an office.

The PASR Nominating Committee will review applications received for each volunteer position and select a single individual for each office to recommend and be voted upon by the PASR Delegates during PASR's Meeting of the House of Delegates at the Valley Forge Casino Resort Event Center on October 8, 2019. Additional nominations for these offices can be made from the floor.

In accordance with the PASR By-Laws, the current President-Elect will automatically assume the position of President on January 1 of election years. Anyone wanting to be considered for a state officer position may secure an application form from their Region Director (who will be receiving copies of the application in January), from the Nominating Committee Chairman, Diana Armstrong, or from the PASR office at pasr@pasr.org.

Interested candidates should submit their completed application and resume to Diana Armstrong at 878 Century Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055. The deadline for applications is May 3, 2019.

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Executive Director's Report

By Mark A. McKillop, Executive Director

December marks our last newsletter of the year. It is important that we clearly state our continued determination to work toward our main legislative goal of obtaining a cost of living adjustment (COLA) for our members. Also, we understand the immediate and urgent need to help those retirees who retired prior to the passage of Act 9 of 2001.

Our goal has not been easy and has proved elusive in previous years. We have received a great deal of feedback and support from our members on this issue. Without a doubt, we will not achieve our goal without the help of many people and organizations.

We have been very active in building a coalition with other retiree groups who share our goals. Greater numbers will increase our chances of success. We know the task at hand will not be easy, but we must

continue to work toward our objective. 2019 will be a very important year for us as we forward our legislative agenda. In the past, I have stated several times that the greatest strength in our mission is that we represent retirees only. Because of this, we plan to take a leadership role in the COLA initiative.

January 2019 will start my third year as Executive Director. 2018 has been a successful growth year for PASR. We have experienced several changes and challenges. My job has been made easier due to the continued strength of leadership shown by the PASR Board of Directors and by the valuable work done by the PASR staff. My thanks to our elected and appointed leaders and volunteers for their hard work, and many thanks to all who have joined PASR and now share our goals. Without you, we would not have a successful organization.

Member Alert: PISI is NOT Affiliated with PASR

By Mark A. McKillop, Executive Director

Once again, it is **imperative** that we convey to our membership and to our members who have group insurance with PASR that we are **no longer affiliated** with the Professional Insurances Services, Inc. (PISI) in any way. PISI (as both PISI and PISI/AMBA) continues to contact our members via mail and phone, confusing many into thinking that PISI is continuing as our third party dental and vision policy administrator. **As of June 2018, PASR self-administers ALL dental and vision plans.**

We are very confident in stating that the behavior and business practices of PISI justifies, on a daily basis, that our decision to end our professional relationship with them was the correct one. The attempt to confuse our members is unacceptable.

Simply put: you DO NOT need to respond to any email or letter from PISI, nor do you need to take any phone calls from PISI or AMBA.

If you are uncertain or confused about any communication, PLEASE contact Kelly Dygert, Member Benefits and Services Associate, at our office for clarification before you act. We are proud of our commitment to our members and of the level of service we provide to our members.

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Important Information for PASR Dental and Vision Policy Holders

In December 2017, Professional Insurance Services Incorporated (PISI) merged with Association Member Benefits Advisors (AMBA), a large insurance administration company based in Texas. After careful consideration, the PASR Board of Directors decided that the joint company of PISI and AMBA would not serve the needs of PASR members as well as a smaller Pennsylvania-based company and, as a result, PASR made the decision that the best path to serve our members would be to eliminate the “middle man” and take over the benefit administration functions that had previously been performed by PISI.

This change took effect June 1, 2018. Since then, however, PISI has been soliciting PASR members through phone calls and mailings in order to try to recoup the revenue they lost when PASR ended our business relationship with them. This unwanted contact has caused a great deal of confusion and stress for many PASR members.

The feedback we have been receiving from our members is that PISI is, in many cases, placing multiple phone calls to them and/or sending mailings, advertisements, and **even a solicitation obscured as an invoice for their existing PASR benefits that enrolls members in a second policy without their knowledge.** PASR Headquarters has received hundreds of phone calls from members who mistakenly paid PISI thinking that they were paying PASR.

PASR members have also relayed to us that PISI has contacted them in an improper attempt to get PASR members to cancel their coverage with PASR and begin a new policy with PISI. We have also been informed that PISI is claiming that PASR has granted them permission to contact our members and that members are welcome to “try out” the PISI policy and return to the PASR policy after one year. Neither of these are true. PISI has, in fact, been sent a Cease and Desist letter requesting they not contact our members, which has been ignored. Further, there is a 36 month waiting period to be eligible to rejoin PASR policies if your contract is terminated.

We have also been told that PISI claims to offer less expensive rates and more coverage, but this is also not true. For example, the PASR family dental plan is \$253.00 less expensive per year than the plan offered by PISI. Vision insurance policies are anywhere from \$20.00 to

\$90.00 per year less expensive and do not require the copayments the PISI plans require. (Please see the PASR/PISI Benefit Comparison on the next page for more details). Moreover, there are many more in-network vision care providers available under the PASR plan in most areas of the state. PISI has also claimed that the annual maximum benefit on the PASR dental plan is \$1,600.00 per year, but, in fact, **PASR dental plans offer a maximum of \$1,900.00 per person per year.** We offer this explanation simply to ensure that you have accurate information regarding your choice of insurance policies.

Because of PISI's continued inappropriate contact with our members, we feel that it is important to reiterate our June mailing and PASR Times article which explained that **your dental and vision benefit contracts have always existed directly between PASR and the insurance carriers United Concordia (dental insurance) and Davis Vision (vision insurance).**

By bringing dental and vision administrative duties in-house, PASR was able to eliminate third-party administration fees being charged by PISI, and will be able to use the revenue generated from administering the policies to help further the services our organization provides to both retired public school employees, and in educational grants.

PASR's number one goal as a nonprofit organization that advocates for retirees is to continually improve the services, benefits, and representation we provide our members. Our members are our top priority in everything we do.

By self-administering our dental and vision policies, PASR is saving members like you thousands in accrued third-party administration fees and is providing skilled, caring customer service from our highly-qualified in-house staff.

Your PASR membership dues help fund legislative initiatives, COLA campaigns, our Social Services Memorial Honor Fund which helps elderly members who are most in need, educational initiatives including Educational Support Grants and scholarships, and so much more.

Your PASR membership also gives you access to travel, amusement park, Orlando vacation, and technology discounts; hearing aid discounts; annuities; retirement planning; discounted pet, auto, home, and long-term care insurance; and emergency response devices, just to name a few.

Please know that if you have a policy through PASR, you do not need to respond to anything received from PISI; in fact, it may be advisable to discard any correspondence from PISI or write “return to sender” on any mailing you have received to have it sent back to the PISI office.

Your policy under PASR is exactly the same as it has always been, and there is no need for you to make any changes.

We feel strongly that the change to self-administration of our dental and vision plans has benefited our members greatly, and we are happy to address any concerns or questions you may have about the changes. Please contact Kelly Dygert, PASR Member Benefits and Services Associate, at (717) 697-7077, or by email at pasr@pasr.org.

If you wish to stop receiving correspondence or phone calls from PISI, please sign and date the form on the bottom of the following page and return it to our office.

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Type of Plan	PASR Monthly Cost	PISI Monthly Cost	Total Savings with PASR Plans
Individual Dental Policy	\$34.83	\$34.75	
Two-Party Dental Policy	\$67.25	\$67.25	
Family Dental Policy	\$103.92	\$125.00	\$253.00 annual savings with PASR plan
Standard Individual Vision Policy	\$5.33	\$7.00	\$20.00+ annual savings with PASR plan
Standard Two-Party Vision Policy	\$9.50	\$14.00	\$54.00+ annual savings with PASR plan
Standard Family Vision Policy	\$13.67	\$16.50	\$34.00+ annual savings with PASR plan
Enhanced individual Vision Policy	\$6.17	\$9.50	\$40.00+ annual savings with PASR plan
Enhanced Two-Party Vision Policy	\$10.75	\$18.25	\$90.00+ annual savings with PASR plan
Enhanced Family Vision Policy	\$16.33	\$23.50	\$86.00+ annual savings with PASR plan

(+) PASR plans do not require any copayments, while PISI plans require a \$5.00 copayment for exams and a \$30.00 copayment on materials combined.

To ensure that PISI and its affiliates do not contact you in the future, please sign this form and return to to our office:
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Full Name (printed)

Signature

Date

Legislative and L/PEC Update

With inflation and cost of living continually increasing, there is an immediate need to make obtaining a cost of living adjustment (COLA) PASR's top legislative priority. Since the last COLA, the Bureau of Labor Statistics' (BLS) Consumer Price Index-Urban (CPI-U) reports that the cost of living has had an average inflation rate of 2.10% per year for a total accumulation of 36.38%. This number is staggering when one considers that most public school retirees throughout Pennsylvania are living on a fixed-income that has not kept up with inflation.

In working to address this issue, PASR lobbyist, Jeff Hunsicker, has reportedly been in contact with many other retiree groups ready to work together towards the shared goal of securing a COLA for our members and all PSERS annuitants.

PASR will continue to actively reach out to other retiree organizations for their support and has taken a very active role in helping spearhead a unified coalition of Pennsylvania retiree groups who will work together to present a unified front to legislators. PASR is supporting a COLA for all members, with a special focus on pre-Act 9 and long-term retirees, who are most in need.

With the upcoming purchase of a professional video camera, PASR is also preparing to launch our video campaign in 2019. We understand

that new technologies offer the opportunity to disseminate information more broadly than we have in the past. Modern communication, even with legislators, has shifted focus from formal letters and petitions to storytelling.

It is PASR's goal to use videos to show lawmakers just how the lack of a COLA is truly impacting the lives of our members and other school retirees. We will not only be placing these videos directly in the hands of lawmakers and officials themselves, but will also be posting the videos on our website, YouTube, and social media pages, ensuring that they will be seen by as many people as possible.

The next step in the process will be to gather volunteers who are willing to be filmed and have their stories shared with legislators through email, YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram, and the PASR website. If you are interested in participating in this effort and would be willing to travel to the Harrisburg, PA area for filming, please email pasr@pasr.org.

Receiving L/PEC funds continues to be an important part of PASR's legislative and COLA efforts. Please consider contributing to this effort either online, or by filling out the form below and returning it to our office at 878 Century Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

Internet Donations Direct:

<https://www.pasr.org/fund-donations/?Fund=P>

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Communications Update

2018 saw many changes in PASR's communication and digital media strategy, and these changes will continue in 2019.

With the focus shifting from the newsletter redesign to our digital presence, an update and restructuring of the pasr.org website and Members' Only section will occur in 2019. However, the first changes members will experience in 2019 will be an increase in custom Facebook content being published.

Currently, the goal of PASR's social media was to create "like-" and "share-"able content that would drive traffic, followers, and potential members to our social media pages. Now that an audience has been established, PASR will continue posting the motivational, educational, and nonprofit-focused content, as well as the four PASR service-oriented posts per month that PASR followers are used to seeing. We will now also be increasing our monthly postings to include content created specifically for our current members.

The new posts will include a general post with a timely PASR message that will be relevant to our members on the first of every month, and a legislative update contributed by PASR's Executive Director, Mark McKillop, on the 15th of every month.

We encourage members to submit content for our social media pages by sending an email to submissions@pasr.org with the email subject "SOCIAL MEDIA."

We also encourage members to submit articles, photos, and content for the PASR Times newsletter and Chapter News publications, using the submission schedule below. Late submissions will not be accepted. Submissions for the PASR Times should be sent to submissions@pasr.org with the email subject "PASR TIMES," and submissions

for the Chapter news should be sent to submissions@pasr.org with the email subject "CHAPTER NEWS."

All submissions must meet the criteria below to be considered for publication:

1.) All submissions must include the following:

- Author's name
- Author's PASR Title (if applicable)
- Contact email address
- Chapter Name
- Region Number

2.) Text submission MUST be submitted as an MS Word .doc, or typed directly into an email. Any text submitted as a .pdf or file type that cannot be opened will not be used.

3.) Text submissions should be between 500 and 800 words.

4.) Photo submissions MUST be submitted electronically as a .gif, .jpg, or .png. Hardcopy photos will not be accepted. Scans of printed photos will not be accepted.

5.) Photo submissions must include a consent and release form (available in the Members' Only section of pasr.org) from the owner of the photo and for each person visible in the photo.

6.) Photo submissions must include a caption detailing who is in the photo and what they are doing in the photo.

2019 Publication Submission Schedule

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PASR Times			
March 2019	March 8	March 22	By March 30
June 2019	June 12	June 21	By June 29
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December 2019	November 29	December 11	By December 23
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Winter Issue	January 11	Electronic Only	February 1
Spring Issue	April 12	Electronic Only	May 3
Summer Issue	July 12	Electronic Only	August 2
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Looking Back on PASR's 80th Anniversary

As we prepare for our 81st year as an Association, we want to take this opportunity to look back on all of the growth, changes, and celebrations that took place throughout 2018.

2018 was truly a year of innovation and new initiatives for PASR. Major changes were made to the staff structure and job duties at headquarters, we began self-administering our dental and vision insurance offerings, a focus was placed on technology upgrades, the newsletter took on a new format, and our efforts to lead a multi-organizational COLA campaign began.

Even with all of these changes, perhaps the most memorable part of 2018 was the celebration of PASR's "Awesome at 80" 80th birthday. Dubbed "PASR Day," the anniversary was celebrated in all 12 Regions across the state and throughout Region 13 (out-of-state) on June 28th, 2018. Celebrations ranged from parties, trips, boat rides, and picnics, to volunteer and service initiatives.

In the days and weeks following PASR Day, member enjoyment of the celebrations was apparent by the number of photo submissions that were received at headquarters from every corner of the state, the Diamond State Chapter, and the Carolinas Chapter.

At the request of the Board of Directors and the Leadership Development Committee, many of these photos can be found on the following four pages of this newsletter.

Have an Idea or Suggestion ? Let Us Know!

Our Member Benefits and Services (MB&S) Committee is always on the lookout for new ways to save members money.

If you have a suggestion for a new service or benefit you would like PASR to provide to our members, please email it to pasr@pasr.org.

P A S R
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The Best of the Hudson River Valley

Join PASR on our spring motorcoach trip discovering the best of the Hudson River Valley. Highlights include Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic site, a guided tour of the US Military Academy at West Point, a guided tour of Kykuit, the Rockefeller family home, Brotherhood Winery wine tasting, tour and lunch at the Culinary Institute of America, a guided tour of Saratoga Springs, and the services of a Boscov's Travel escort.

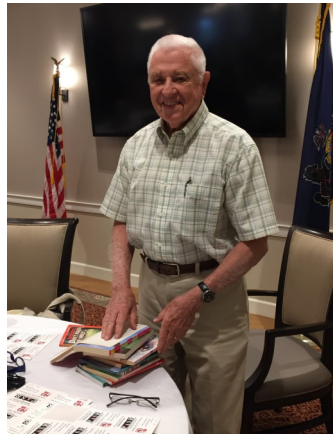
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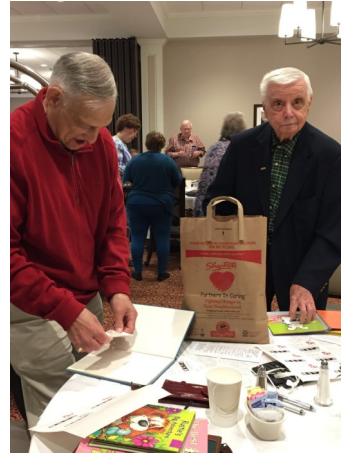


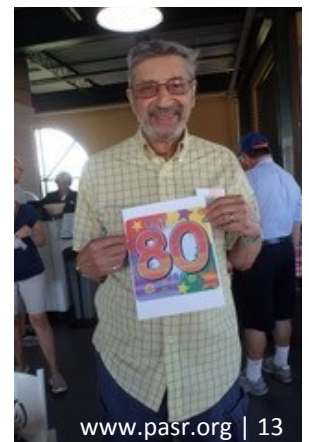
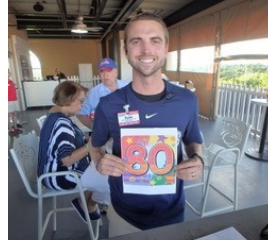
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2019 Recreo Calendar

January

January 17, 2019

Region 11 | Philadelphia Chapter

Dover Downs Casino/Dover Downs Raceway/Shopping - Dover, DE

January 31, 2019

Region 7 | Westmoreland County Chapter

"Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" - Pittsburgh

February

February 24, 2019

Region 9 | Erie County Chapter

"Jersey Boys" and lunch at the Avalon

February 28 – March 2, 2019

Region 7 | Westmoreland County Chapter

Washington, DC

March

March 5, 2019

Region 2 | Northampton Chapter

"California Dreaming – The Mahoney Brothers" - Hunterdon Hills Playhouse

Region 4 | Lancaster County Chapter

"Flower Power" Philadelphia Flower Show

March 7, 2019

Region 2 | Northampton Chapter

"Flower Power" Philadelphia Flower Show

April

April 2, 2019

Region 2 | Lehigh Chapter

"Red Hot Mamas" - LiGreci, Staten Island

April 10, 2019

Region 11 | Philadelphia Chapter

Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad Tour/Lunch - Cambridge, MD

April 11, 2019

Region 2 | Northampton Chapter

Lititz Food Tour and Wine Tasting - Mt. Hope Winery

April 14, 2019

Region 7 | Westmoreland County Chapter

"Come From Away" - Pittsburgh

April 17, 2019

Region 4 | Cumberland County Chapter

"The Cher Show" - Broadway, lunch included

April 22 – May 2, 2019

Region 4 | Lancaster County Chapter

Seine River Cruise - Paris to Normandy

April 23, 2019

Region 2 | Lehigh Chapter

"Manilow Tribute" - Mt. Airy Casino

April 26 – 28, 2019

Region 4 | Lebanon County Chapter

Virginia International Military Tattoo

April 29, 2019

Region 4 | Adams County Chapter

Leesburg Virginia House and Garden Tour



May

May 1, 2019

Region 9 | Erie County Chapter
Anchor Inn and "The Book of Mormon"

May 5, 2019

Region 1 | Delaware County Chapter
"American Bandstand - A Philadelphia Story" - Verizon Hall

May 5 – 13, 2019

Region 2 | Lehigh Chapter
Treasures of Northern California (Collette)

May 10, 2019

Region 4 | Adams County Chapter
Italian Food Shopping - Bronx NY

May 15, 2019

Region 2 | Carbon Chapter
"Over the River and Through the Woods" - Hunterdon Hills Playhouse

Region 2 | Northampton Chapter
"Over the River and Through the Woods" - Hunterdon Hills Playhouse

May 20 – 28, 2019

Region 4 | Cumberland County Chapter
"Jewels of the Midwest" - Trip to Branson. Includes: Eight nights' lodging, several meals, and many attractions/shows

May 21, 2019

Region 2 | Lehigh Chapter
"Motown Years" - Mt. Airy Casino

Region 7 | Westmoreland County Chapter
"Dear Evan Hansen" - Pittsburgh

May 24 – 29, 2019

Region 4 | Lancaster County Chapter
Cleveland, Chicago, Columbus

June

June 6 – 7, 2019

Region 2 | Lehigh Chapter
Resorts/Tropicana Casinos - Atlantic City, NJ

June 18, 2019

Region 2 | Lehigh Chapter
"A Tribute to the Beach Boys" - Mt. Airy Casino

Region 2 | Northampton Chapter
"A Tribute to the Beach Boys" - Mt. Airy Casino

June 19, 2019

Region 11 | Philadelphia Chapter
Ellis Island Tour and Family Style Dinner in Chinatown - New York, NY

June 20, 2019

Region 4 | Lebanon County Chapter
Treasures of the Lehigh Valley

June 20 – July 1, 2019

Region 4 | Adams County Chapter
British Invasion

June 23 – July 2, 2019

Region 2 | Lehigh Chapter
Discover Scotland (Collette)

June 27, 2019

Region 4 | Cumberland County Chapter
New Jersey Aquarium and Philadelphia Zoo

2 | Northampton Chapter
Iron Pigs Ball Games, Suite 1

2019 Recreo Calendar (Continued)

July

July 10, 2019

Region 2 | Lehigh Chapter
"Mamma Mia" - Fulton Theatre/Shady Maple

July 12, 2019

Region 4 | Lancaster County Chapter
Longwood Gardens and Fountain Show

July 18, 2019

Region 2 | Northampton Chapter
"Happy Days Under the Boardwalk" - LiGreci, Staten Island

July 24, 2019

Region 2 | Lehigh Chapter
"King Kong" - Broadway, NYC

July 29, 2019

Region 2 | Northampton Chapter
Iron Pigs Ball Games, Suite 1

July 30, 2019

Region 4 | Cumberland County Chapter
Summer in the Mountains - Jim Thorpe, PA. Includes: Historic tour or whitewater rafting

July 30 – August 1, 2019

Region 7 | Westmoreland County Chapter
Jamestown and Chautauqua, NY

August

August 8, 2019

Region 4 | Lancaster County Chapter
National Museum of African American History and Culture

August 9 – 11, 2019

Region 7 | Westmoreland County Chapter
New York City

August 21, 2019

Region 2 | Lehigh Chapter
Atlantic City Air Show

Region 2 | Northampton Chapter
Atlantic City Air Show

August 26 – 30, 2019

Region 4 | Lebanon County Chapter
Summer in New England

August 26 – September 4, 2019

Region 2 | Lehigh Chapter
Alpine Lakes and Scenic Trains (Collette)

September

September 17, 2019

Region 2 | Lehigh Chapter
"The Capris" - Mt. Airy Casino

September 24, 2019

Region 4 | Lebanon County Chapter
Historic Port Deposit, MD

September 24 – 25, 2019

Region 2 | Lehigh Chapter
Dover Downs, Delaware

September 25 – 27, 2019

Region 4 | Lancaster County Chapter
Pocono Mountains of PA and Catskill Mountains of NY

September 26 – October 12, 2019

Region 4 | Cumberland County Chapter
"Spectacular Scandinavia" with three-night post tour extension in Iceland (Collette)

September 27 – October 5, 2019

Region 2 | Berks Chapter
Mississippi River Cruise on Board the American Harmony (AAA)



October

October 15 – 23, 2019

Region 2 | Lehigh Chapter
Croatia (Premier)

October 15, 2019

Region 2 | Northampton Chapter
West Point Guided Tour, Lunch, and Cruise

October 21 – 24, 2019

Region 4 | Lancaster County Chapter
Colonial Williamsburg and Yorktown, VA

October 22, 2019

Region 4 | Lebanon County Chapter
The Road to Independence

October 24, 2019

Region 4 | Cumberland County Chapter
Tour Kinzua Bridge and Historic Smethport, lunch included

October 30 – November 22, 2019

Region 7 | Westmoreland County Chapter
Australia and New Zealand

November

November 6 – 16, 2019

Region 2 | Berks Chapter
10-Day Panama Canal Cruise with Princess Cruises (AAA)

Nov. 10 – 20, 2019

Region 2 | Lehigh Chapter
Morocco (Collette)

November 13, 2019

Region 2 | Northampton Chapter
Hollywood Casino and Koziar's Christmas Village

November 14, 2019

Region 11 | Philadelphia Chapter
Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre - Lancaster, PA

November 20, 2019

Region 4 | Cumberland County Chapter
"The Band's Visit" with lunch at Ellen's Stardust Diner - Broadway, NY

November 23, 2019

Region 4 | Adams County Chapter
Day in New York City

December

December 4 – 8, 2019

Region 2 | Lehigh Chapter
Sedona (Premier)

December 7, 2019

Region 4 | Lancaster County Chapter
New York City

December 8 – 11, 2019

Region 4 | Cumberland County Chapter
"Holiday Lights" in Washington, DC. Includes: Three nights' lodging at National Harbor and many unique holiday attractions

December 9 – 17, 2019

Region 9 | Erie County Chapter
Christmas Markets along the Danube

December 12, 2019

Region 4 | Lebanon County Chapter
Christmas in Bethlehem

December 19, 2019

Region 2 | Lehigh Chapter
American Music and Shady Maple

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Here at PASR, we take pride in being a nonprofit service organization that is dedicated to education and to the welfare of public school retirees. Your membership dues help fund our legislative initiatives, Social Services Memorial Honor Fund, and Educational Support Grants. But did you know PASR State Members are also provided a number of exclusive discounts, benefits, and services? To take advantage of these offerings, simply visit the Members' Only section of pasr.org, or call our office at (717) 697-7077 for more information. Benefits available with your membership include:

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October 6 – 8, 2019

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