

President's Message

Welcome to the Venango Chapter PASR summer newsletter for 2020. This newsletter has information on the tentative Picnic at Morrison Park on August 13 and the tentative Fall meeting on October 15 at Hoss's in Cranberry, PA. Visit our website at vpsar.org and take some time to look around.

All cancellations are posted on the site. **WE WILL SEND OUT AN EMAIL TWO WEEKS BEFORE EVERY EVENT IF WE MUST CANCEL DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS.**

I have been honored to serve as your president for 6 years (3 terms). Our bylaws now state there is no term limit for a leader to serve. The vote only had one nay vote and all others voted yes for the bylaw change. Thanks to all for voting Venango remains a dynamic and useful group of over 170 members who have spent their lives helping others in Venango County Schools and who continue to help school retirees enjoy their retirement! We meet locally so little travel is needed. Diana Fesenmyer, President



You Are Never Alone.

Reach Out to Others with a Smile and a Kind Word!

Please Consider Helping the Venango Chapter PASR.

Please consider taking on a PASR Venango leadership role for the 2020-2021 or 2021-2022 term ! We need a President, Vice President, and Secretary.

Our nomination team consists of John Downing, Ken Nelson, and Darrell Smith.

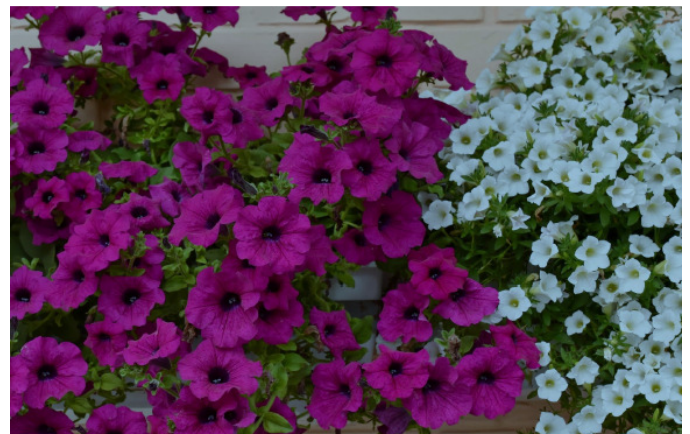
Many thanks for their time and efforts.

We also need a Newsletter Editor, an Education Support Chair to contact two area school superintendents each year to award two grants to educators in the Fall and to award the Loretta Woodson Awards in the Spring to an educator and a paraprofessional

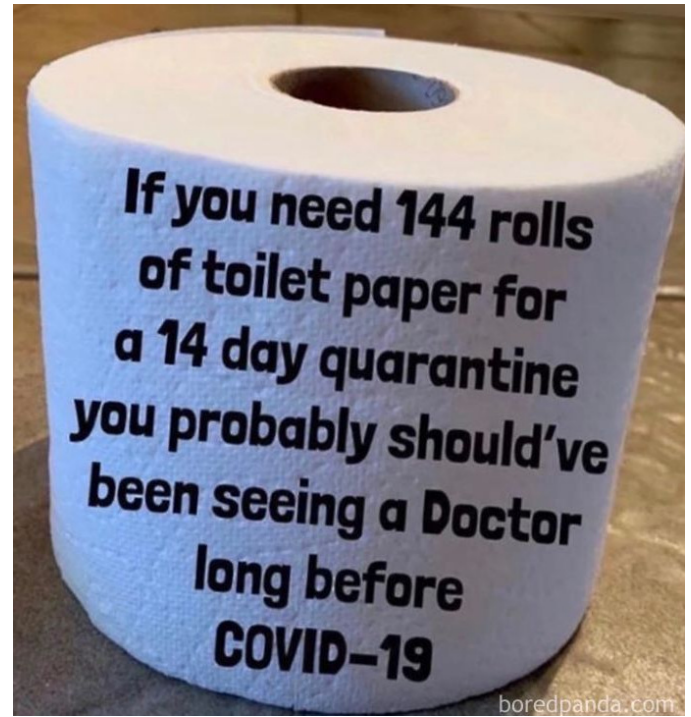
Legislation/PAC Chair,

RECREO Chair to plan trips and day excursions.

Do not wait for others to do the work. Volunteer!



In the time of COVID 19 it is important to add some humor to life. So here are some of the things that made me laugh recently. I hope you enjoy!



I had my temperature take before entering establishments three times this week. Who knew I had a naturally occurring subnormal temperature.

If I had known the corona virus was coming, I would have invested big in Plexiglas.

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And when the corona virus is gone, what will we do with all the excess Plexiglas.

Pee on the electric fence they said...
It will be fun they said...



Stay strong

Stay safe

Stay healthy

Wear a mask

Donations

Since we have no meetings, in this time of COVID 19, to pick the pockets of our members at meetings, we need additional donations from our membership.

If you cannot attend meetings, please consider making a donation to the Memorial Honor Fund on the state level.
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I wish to donate \$ _____ by check made payable to the MEMORIAL HONOR FUND

in ___ honor or in ___ memory of

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State: ___ Zip _____

Phone _____

Date ___/___/___

County _____

Send Donations to:
PASR MHF
878 Century Drive
Mechanicsburg PA 17055-4375

Educational Support News

In the fall of each year Venango PASR gives away two Grants worth \$250 each to teachers in our local public schools.

In the spring, we give away two \$50 Laretta Woodson Award to an educator and a paraprofessional in another school district for their excellent service.

We need to raise approximately \$600 to meet these costs. The state now reimburses us \$187.50

At every meeting, we have an educational support drawing. But additional fund are needed this year because we have not had meetings. If you can, please make a donation to the Educational Support Fund.

I wish to donate \$ _____ by check made payable to Venango Chapter PASR for the Educational Support Fund in Venango County.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State: ___ Zip _____

Phone _____

Mail to:

John Kolojejchick, 1238 Shaffer Run Rd., Oil City, PA 16301



Thanks to John Kolojejchick for keeping our finances in order and making our electronic newsletter and website.



Community Service

Thanks to Pat Ralph, Sandy Kellner and Evelyn Kolojejchick for gathering items for our school supplies for the Crisis Center.

The 90 + Club

All members who reach the age of 90 become life members of the Venango Chapter and pay no local dues.

Current Members are:

Olive Miller, Edith Bell, Ida Cardamone, Florence Heyison, Raymond Goodwill, Jean Ballard, James Albright, Josephine McCoy, Kenneth Maurer, Eleanor Hrinia, Patricia Melat, Lenore Dalmaso, and Julia Eckel

The Social Service Memorial Honor Fund Committee

Takes care of our members who are homebound, in nursing homes or hospitalized.

Cards are sent four times throughout the year, so these members realize that we care. In May and December, small gifts are sent to these members so they have something to look forward to receiving. Visiting is often done by the team if possible.

Thanks to the SSMHF ELVES!

Diana Jackson - Cranberry SD

Sandy Homer - Franklin SD

Dottie Valimont - Oil City SD

Gloria Stevens - Valley Grove SD

If you hear of someone in the hospital, nursing home or fighting a terminal illness call 676-6442 to let the elves know!

READ MORE ON OUR
WEBSITE:
VPASR.ORG

Legislation Report:

An **updated draft of the COLA bill** was completed. It was presented to the Pennsylvania congress by a coalition of other associations who support it. An annual COLA was written into the Bill. No action has been started by our legislators in two years. We have no COLA yet.



Is it this time again

How many of you remember the day when busloads of PASR members traveled to Harrisburg to demonstrate in front of the capitol?

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

There are only a few Legislative session 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 2020 election will impact what we face in 2021.

VOTE in NOVEMBER!



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

A mail in ballot is the safest way to vote during the COVID-19 restrictions.

Anyone can apply online now!

<https://VotesPA.com/ApplyMailBallot/>

RECREO

PASR State RECREO Trip to New Orleans has been rescheduled to October 27-31, 2020.

No need to worry if trip is cancelled. Complete refund will be issued. Call PASR headquarters at 717-697-7077 for more information and itinerary.

Community Service

Community Service Form

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Category _____ Hours _____

Educational: _____

Social Service: _____

Political: _____

Religious: _____

Service to Youth: _____

Total Hours : _____

The new form is easier to complete and has only 5 major categories.

Just turn in you hours with a total for each category.

Send to: Patricia Ralph, 4178 State Route 417, Cooperstown PA 16317

Venango Chapter PASR CALENDAR 2020-2021

Due to COVID 19 all activities are on hold

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION AND TIME
13-Aug	Picnic Tureen Dinner	Morrison Park 4:30 to 6 PM
August	Back to School Supplies Project/Community Services/ Local Radio	
September	Venango Recreo Trip	
10-Sep	Executive Board meeting	Log Cabin 10:30 AM
15-Oct	PASR Venango Fall Meeting	Hoss's 11:30 AM
November	Award at board meeting of two Education Grants	
1-Dec	SSMHF Month of Remembering/Shut-ins and Confined members	
3 Dec	Christmas Party	Hoss's, Cranberry, 11:30 A.M.

Visit our website to view the complete 2020 -2021 Calendar

**EDUCATION
IS THE MOST
POWERFUL
WEAPON
WHICH YOU
CAN USE
TO CHANGE
THE WORLD.**

- NELSON MANDELA

**The 2020 PASR STATE
LEADERSHIP TRAINING**

**Training will be 5 tele-conferences
on Zoom.**

**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2020 AT 10am :
INCOMING PRESIDENTS
TRAINING/TREASURER'S INFORMATION**

**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 10, 2020 AT
10am: BYLAWS REVIEW/PROPOSED
CHANGES**

**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 10, 2020 AT
1pm : 1ST TIMERS SEMINAR**

**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 12, 2020 AT 10am:
MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR
ON RETENTION AND RECRUITMENT**

**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 12, 2020 AT 1pm:
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

**CONSIDER ATTENDING ONE. THEY
ARE ONLY 2 HRS AT THE MOST.**

***“Our goals can only be
reached through a vehicle
of a plan, in which we
must fervently believe,
and upon which we must
vigorously act. There is no
other route to success.”***

Pablo Picasso



Treasurer's Report

Thanks to all who took the survey to approve the 2020 – 2021 budget.

It is dues time again.

Our fiscal year runs from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. Annual dues are \$10.

Those who have email received a dues notice via email. Those without email received a letter requesting payment and a label to use to send their check to me.

I send an email reply when I receive your dues payment. I plan to send a thank you card to those without email later in the year.

We no longer use membership cards, but the thank you email contains a blank membership card for those who like a physical reminder of their dues payment.

Still need to pay your dues? Send you check for \$10.00 payable to Venango Chapter PASR to:

John Kolojejchick
1238 Shaffer Run Rd.
Oil City PA 16301

Have you paid your PASR State dues. If your not sure call 717-697-7077

The fiscal books are ready for audit and Darrell Smith and Ken Nelson will be doing the audit.

A Warm Welcome to all the 2020 Venango School Retirees.

Cranberry School District:

Lori Hart, Rita Heeter, Judith Karns, Sherri Port, Susan Rusiewicz, Dave Sheatz, Janet Smith, Kathleen (McCleary) Uhrinek, Marsha Vogon

Franklin School District:

Julie Anna, Merrill Cowert, Pam Dye, Joni Erich, Josephine Freer, Joan Halsey, Paula Latchaw, Linda Ritsig, Jennifer Winkler

Oil City School District:

Cheryl Adams, Lori Bly, Steve Hensler, Nancy Hensler, Margaret McAlevy, Tammie Newman, Melissa Schiffer, Mary Ann Stewart

Valley Grove School District:

Susan McMullen

Invite them to Join us in PASR

PASR Venango Mission Statement

To help Venango County school retirees enjoy their retirement.

We meet locally for 3 planned meetings, a picnic, and two coffee hours yearly.

Our dues are only \$10/year. The only requirement to join is that you must have worked in a Venango County School District including IU6 or Vocational School.

Spouses may also join as associate members.

Please consider coming to a meeting, or the picnic anytime. We would love to see you!