

PASR

Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees

VENANGO CHAPTER

Fall/ Winter Newsletter 2024

President Hartzell's Message

Greetings and a Happy Fall to all of you! My hope is that this letter finds you all doing well and enjoying a wonderful summer. The school year has started, and we did not have to go!

Our fall meeting is **Thursday, October 3, 2024, at 11:30 AM at Hoss's in Cranberry**. The speaker Megan O'Neil, head of PPC/Violence Free Network, will be explaining the roles of the PPC/ Violence Free Network in Venango County at 12:15 PM and how PASR Venango can help.

The **Christmas get-together is Thursday, December 5, 2024,** at 11:30 AM at Hoss's in Cranberry so there will be less people in the restaurant for your health and safety. Get into the Christmas spirit by wearing your special Christmas sweater / shirt. See old friends; enjoy a social time over lunch. Be sure to bring a well-wrapped gift that you would like to regift to a member of PASR Venango as we play games. If you are able to donate, we will also be collecting small 4-package containers of applesauce/pudding/Jello or Ramen noodles to stock the pantries of local schools this year; needy students will be able to pack their backpacks for over Christmas to alleviate their hunger.

We would love to have you attend. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

Sincerely in PASR Friendship,
Beverly Best Hartzell
Chapter President

PLEASE NOTE

PASR VENANGO always meet in the meeting room to the right of the entrance. Members simply order off the menu and pay their individual tabs. You may just order a drink if you have already eaten. The PASR Venango Executive Committee has watched our attendance fall at meetings this year. We had 8 attend the Spring meeting, 12 attended the Summer Picnic, 11 attended the Summer meeting, and we hope more will attend the Fall meeting.

- **We will hold the Christmas Party on Thursday, December 5, 2024 at 11:30 am.**
- **We wish everyone a safe and happy Holiday Season. May 2025 bring you and your family health, happiness and family gatherings!**



EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT NEWS

Two Franklin Area School District Employees will be awarded P.A.S.R. (Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees) Venango County grants of \$250 each for improvements to their classroom. Diana Fesenmyer, PASR Venango vice-president, will attend the November 2024 Franklin Area School Board meeting to award these grants. The school board needs to be made aware that wonderful things are happening at the Franklin Area School District. Each grant recipient must apply for the grant.

Social Service Memorial Honor Fund

If you know of someone moving to a nursing facility, please call 814-676-6442 and leave their name and nursing home information. We also service our members who are hospitalized for several days or had major surgery, but we must be made aware!

OIL CITY -Dottie Valimont

Edith Bell Eleanor Enos
Marilyn Bell Duane Pritchard
Sally Lockhart Pauline Case
Marilyn Karns Jeanette Thompson

VALLEY GROVE-Gloria Stevens

CRANBERRY -Diane Jackson

Eleanor Hrinya
Marilyn Brandon

FRANKLIN – Sandra Homer

Joan Schmidt
Ida Cardamone
Lenore Dalmaso
Julia Eckel

A special thanks to **FREDA THURAU** who sends birthday cards to all members every year!



PASR MEMBERS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY SINCE JULY 1, 2024.
Mary Lou Lazar- Home Economics at Oil City/Franklin/Cranberry SD.
Born April 25, 1931 Died September 3, 2024.

We need your help if you hear of a retired teacher from our area schools who has passed away, please call 814-676-6442 and leave their name on the message machine. I will check if they are a state or local member of PASR.

Congratulations **NICE GOING!**
GREAT! *Way to go!*
Yea! **FELICITATIONS**
CHEERS *Take A* **BEST**
BOW! **WISHES!**

At the Fall meeting, PASR VENANGO member Rod Shreffler will be awarded PASR Venango 2024 Volunteer certificate by President Beverly Hartzell. Rod volunteers at the Titusville Railroad as a guide for train rides. Rod has amassed this year over 800 hours of volunteer service in community, church, and social service within our local area.

REMEMBER TO REPORT VOLUNTEER HOURS!

PASR requires us to ask our PASR Venango members to report their service hours so an accumulative total of volunteer hours can be reported to headquarters. This year we had only two members report over 2800 hours of volunteer work from our chapter. Can you imagine if twenty or more members reported their volunteer hours sending cards to shut-ins, making toys for local children, volunteering to chaperone dances or school testing, greeting members as they arrive at meetings, etc. Please keep a total of your hours helping others. Report your numbers so we can tally the volunteer numbers for more members to report to PASR and AAUW.

Community Service

Quantity	Item
12	24 pack Crayola Crayons
40	Bic ink pens, Black
50	Pencil top eraser
96	Pencil #2
10	Ruler, Plastic, English and Metric
10	Calculator general purpose
10	Pencil sharpener
72	Notebook, spiral bound
24	Glue sticks
16	Highlighters
18	Eraser large
8	Speed stick Deoderant male
8	Deoderant female
24	Combs assorted styles
14	Crest toothpaste
14	Tooth brush
16	Kleenex personal size

Evelyn and John Kolojejchick collected the supplies and Sandra Kellner delivered them to the Community Services of Venango County for needy children on our area.

Tentative VENANGO CALENDAR 2025-subject to change

2025 Tentative PASR Venango Calendar		
Date	Event	Location
19-Mar-25	Coffee Hour 9-10 AM Ideas Exchange	Log Cabin
1-May-25	Spring Meeting 11:30-2PM at the latest	Hoss's Steak
1-May-25	US POSTAL Food Drive	contact neighbors
1-May-25	SSMHF Month of Caring	SSMHF
June	Lauretta Woodson Awards	Franklin SD
17-Jun-25	New 2024 Retirees Luncheon	Log Cabin
17-Jun-25	Summer Sandwich Picnic 4:30 - 6 pm	Morrison Park
15-Jul-25	Summer Meeting 11:30 -2 PM at the latest	Hoss's Steak
August	Coffee Hour 9-10 AM Ideas Exchange	Log Cabin
September	Back to School Picnic tureen to share	Morrison Park
20-Oct-25	Ed Support Grants	Franklin SD
Oct-25	Fall Meeting 11:30-2PM at the latest	Hoss's Steak
ongoing 2025	RECCEO	see newsletter
1-Dec-25	Coffee Hour 9-10 AM Ideas Exchange	Log Cabin
5-Dec.-25	Christmas Party 11:30-2 PM	Hoss's Steak
December	SSMHF Month of Caring	SSMHF

Sitting at Home Alone

Consider Joining Your Friends From Venango PASR.

- We are a non-political group of educators, secretaries, nurses, aides, paraprofessionals, administrators, custodians, cooks, cafeteria workers, and friends in the Venango Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees.
- We love children and have experience handling most situations in rural Northwest PA schools.
- We eat out four times a year at Hoss's Steak House for Lunch,
- We picnic once or twice a year at Morrison Park
- We have coffee a few times a year just to catch up
- We have a fun Christmas party

- We go on small group adventures to simply get out of town.
- Many members golf together throughout the Summer and Fall.
- We work together to help feed and prepare children for school yearly.
- We volunteer in many ways, but we never force others to participate.

**Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees Venango County
Renewal form**

Name _____ School District _____

Address _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone/ Cell Phone _____ Year retired _____

Email Address _____

Dues \$10.00 per year \$ _____ cash \$ _____ check Total enclosed \$ _____

Education Support Donation -optional \$ _____

- Used for 2-\$250 grants yearly for working staff in local schools
- to provide 2 - \$50 Awards and Certificates to School District staff
- to buy school supplies for needy students,
- to stock school food banks for needy students.

Social Service Fund Donation -optional \$ _____

- to honor elderly retired members twice a year in May and December
- to send shut-in members cards four times a year
- to send Get Well and Sympathy cards to members or family whenever a loved one passes away
- to send all members birthday cards

Make checks payable to: Venango Chapter PASR
Send to John Kolojejchick at 1238 Shaffer Run Rd., Oil City PA 16301