

PASR

Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees
VENANGO Chapter

Fall / Winter Newsletter 2026 President's Message

Venango Chapter PASR Members

Greetings and a Happy Fall to all of you! My hope is that this letter find you all doing well and hoping you all had a wonderful summer. The school year started and we did not have to go! Our Fall Meeting is Tuesday, October 13, 2026 at 11:30 am at Hoss's in Cranberry. The Christmas get together is Tuesday, December 8, 2026 at 11:30 am so there will be less people in the restaurant. Get into the Christmas spirit by wearing red or green and white or your special Christmas sweater or shirt. Come and see old friends and enjoy a social time over lunch.

Beverly Hartzell

Venango Chapter PASR, President

Meetings at Hoss's are always at the meeting room to the right of the entrance. The lunch buffet is currently \$9.99.

We have watched our numbers grow at our two summer picnics and hope to have a good turn out for both the October and December (Christmas) meetings.

SAVE THE DATE(S)

Fall meeting is Thursday October 13, 2026, at Hoss's on Route 257 in Cranberry at 11:30 AM. To 2 PM. You may order off the menu and receive an individual invoice for your meal. Meeting Speaker will start at 12:00. A Memorial Service for all deceased members from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, will be performed. No reservations required. A guest speaker will be present.

December 8, 2026 (Tuesday) for the Christmas Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange. 11:30 – 2:00 Hoss's

We wish everyone a happy Holiday season. May 2027 bring you and your family health, happiness and family gatherings.

Educational Support.

The Venango Chapter will award two \$250 grants to teachers in the Valley Grove School District this fall. In the spring we will ask the Valley Grove School District administration to select a Professional and a para-professional to honor for their service to aid others. They will receive the Laurretta Woodson Award certificate and a \$50 check.

Last year's grant winners were Peter Lewis for his Geometry project on surveying, and Christy Basham for her project teaching Chess to students. Both teachers are from the Oil City School District. Brian Wade (professional) and Sandra Sparks (para-Professional) also of Oil City School District received the Laurretta Woodson Award.



Venango Chapter PASR Takes Care of its Members Social Service Memorial Honor Fund Committee

Once a member turns 90 years young they join a special group. We send our nonagenarians \$10 gift cards in May and December! We also send them cards at least four other times throughout the year to let them know we care!

Our SSMHF Elves are Diane Jackson (Cranberry), Dottie Valimont (Oil City), and Sandra Homer (Franklin).

We send cards to members in the hospital if we are made aware. We send cards to members who are in nursing homes or confined to home due to a disability/surgery/fall. We rely on our members to simply let us know by calling 814-673-6442 and leave your name and phone number. We will return your call ASAP.

Members served include the following:

<u>Cranberry</u>	<u>Franklin</u>	<u>Oil City</u>	<u>Valley Grove</u>
Elenor Hrinya	Ida Cardamone	Marilyn Bell	(needs an Elf)
Marilyn Brandon	Lenore Dalmaso	Eleanor Enos	
	Daniel J. Karg	Harold Mel Graham	
	Patricia Muse	Marilyn Karns	
	Joan Schmidt	Jeanette Thompson	

Local Social Service

Every member gets a birthday card! Thank you Freda Thurau.
We also send sympathy cards to members who have lost a loved one.

Deceased Members From Venango Chapter PASR from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026.

These members will be honored at the Memorial Ceremony at the October meeting.

Julia Eckel, Franklin School District, died July 7/6/24

Gloria Stevens, Valley Grove School District, died May 2, 2026

Fiscal year 2026-2027 Venango Chapter Deceased Members

These members will be honored at the memorial ceremony in October 2027

Ken Nelson	Born July 12, 1938	Died	July 17, 2026	Oil City SD
Joan L Lewis	Born January 15, 1943	Died	July 10, 2026	Oil City SD
Josephine Miller	Born August 9, 1940	Died	August 8, 2026	Oil City SD
John Axelson	Born November 6, 1942	Died	July 31, 2026	Oil City SD

COLA

As you probably already know PASR was successful in getting a Cost Of Living Allowance (COLA) for those who retired before 2001. The amount of the COLA ranges from 15% to 24.5% depending on how many years prior to 2001 you retired. The increase for July, August, and September will show up in your October check. Then each month's check will have your new retirement amount.

PASR is continuing to work for a COLA for all PSERS member no matter when you retired. Since COLAs have to be approved by the state legislature it is important that you make your support for a COLA known to your House and Senate representative. Also get out and VOTE in November.



The Christmas Get Together (aka Party!)

December 8, 2026

This year's Christmas Party will be at Hoss's in Cranberry (11:30 to 2:00). You can order off the menu and pay your own tab. There is no meeting. Just socializing and fun. There will be some fun games. Wear your Christmas sweater or shirt or something red or green, and white. Bring a wrapped white elephant gift of about \$5.00 or more value to exchange by lottery. A container of baked goods, snacks, or candy are always appreciated.



A special Thank You

To the members who contributed financially to one or more of our local funds during the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

If you would like to make a Donation to one of the local funds, you can use the form below.

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

To be used as follows:

Local Educational Support \$ _____ (local grants and Laretta Woodson Award)

Community Service Program \$ _____ (school supplies for needy students in Venango County)

Memorial Honor Fund (MHF) \$ _____ (supports gifts and cards to Nursing Home, Homebound and Hospitalized)

- \$ _____ Specific Recipient in honor or in memory of _____

Send checks made Payable to Venango Chapter PASR:

To:

John Kolojejchick
1238 Shaffer Run Road
Oil City PA 16301

As you all know prices of everything keep going up. At the May meeting the general membership passed a motion to amend the dues structure.

Beginning July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 chapter dues will be \$15.

Beginning July 1, 2027 annual dues will be \$20 per year.

For those with email, dues notices are sent during July. For those without email a note is included in the mailed newsletter if you need to pay dues.

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