

PASR

Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees
VENANGO Chapter

Summer Picnic and Fall Meeting Newsletter

SUMMER PICNIC

August 4, 2026, at Morrison Park on Allison Road in Seneca
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the latest

Reservations Not Required. Make your favorite Tureen Dish, bring a serving spoon, and drink. Drive to Morrison Park to share your tureen in the pavilion by the pond. PASR VENANGO will supply deep-fried chicken, tablecloths, napkins, paper plates, plastic utensils and a large garbage bag. There will be no program at the Picnic...just time to talk, and have a meal shared with friends so we can catch up.

Back to School Picnic

September 8, 2026, at 4 PM to 5:30 PM at Morrison Park in Seneca at the pond pavilion with plenty of parking. Bring a **drink and your favorite sandwich**. PASR Venango will provide dessert. Come and catch up but no program.

SAVE THE DATE

Fall meeting is Thursday October 13, 2026, at Hoss's on Route 257 in Cranberry at 11:30 AM. To 2 PM. The side meeting room has been reserved. 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.

Coffee Hours 9am to 10am

Meet July 7 at the Woods and River Coffee Shop in Oil City
Meet November 9 at the Cranberry McDonalds

PASR Venango Takes Care of its Members

Social Service Memorial Honor Fund Committee

Once a member turns 90 years young, 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.

Local Social Service

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

Thank-you messages from Members Served

Below are some of the responses we have gotten from members served.

"It is so nice to get a card from you on my Birthday!"

"I'll use my \$10 Walmart Card for extra items I love but cannot afford. It really helps!"

"Your cards really make me feel connected since I cannot make meetings anymore!"

"Your cards make me feel involved. Keep me in your prayers!"

"Just love hearing from my friends in PASR!"

"Let everyone know that I miss them! Thanks for the gift card!"

Members served include the following:

Cranberry

Elenor Hrinya

Marilyn Brandon

Franklin

Ida Cardamone

Lenore Dalmaso

Daniel J. Karg

Patricia Muse

Joan Schmidt

Oil City

Marilyn Bell

Eleanor Enos

Harold Mel Graham

Marilyn Karns

Jeanette Thompson

Valley Grove SD needs an elf

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

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

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

Things We Do!

Sitting at Home Alone, Consider Joining your friends for a picnic, coffee hour, meetings, and fun activities by joining PASR Venango. We work to keep our members aware of discounts, trips, and local businesses and activities. Many members golf together in the summer and fall. Our members let their neighbors know when the U. S. Postal Service is collecting food the first Saturday in May each year. We help stock food banks in schools for needy children. We purchase school supplies and donate them to Community Services of Venango County for children in need. We award grants to teachers for special projects in their classrooms. We honor current teachers and paraprofessionals for their dedication to their job through the Lauretta Woodson Award. We have coffee hours, day trips, and adventures!

Join Us!

A special Thank You

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

Memorial Honor Fund (MHF): The MHF committee works each year to provide Gifts and Cards to our members who are 90 years or older and to those who are in Nursing Homes, Hospitalized or Homebound. The committee provides gifts in May "The Month of Giving" and December for Christmas. They also send cards 6 or more times per year.

Donors: Dixie Agnew, Linda Bell, John Downing, Cindy Fultz, Julianna Krupa, Sylvia Lukasiak, Rosalyn Miller, Dottie Valimont, Mary Peterson, Nancy Richey, Sandy Homer.

The **Community Service Committee** purchase educational supplies in July to provide to needy students in Venango County public schools so they have a great beginning to the school year. They also work with the USPS food drive to collect food for those in need.

Donors: Linda Bell, John Downing, Susan George, Julianna Krupa, Rosalyn Miller, Yvonne Paranick, Nancy Richey

The **Educational Support Committee** provides two \$250 grants to teachers in one of the 4 public schools in Venango County on a rotating basis. Teachers submit a grant application describing the program or project they would like funded. The committee reviews the applications and awards the grants. The committee also works with district superintendents to present the Laretta Woodson Award to a professional and para-professional employee for outstanding service to the district. The award consists of a Certificate and a \$50 check.

Donors: Linda Bell, Donald Couch, Anna Creighton, John Downing, Panni Fry, Cindy Fultz, Susan George, Doren Gilhousen, Daniel Karg, Julianna Krupa, Sylvia Lukasiak, Susan Martin, Rosalyn Miller

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 \$ _____

Community Service Program \$ _____

Memorial Honor Fund (MHF) \$ _____

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

• \$ _____ Local Fund

Send checks made Payable to Venango Chapter PASR:

To:

John Kolojejchick
1238 Shaffer Run Road
Oil City PA 16301

Membership

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 will be sent during July. For those without email a note will be included in you mailed newsletter if you need to pay dues.

Pay your dues now for 2026-2027 by sending cash or a check to Venango Chapter PASR

Mail to
John Kolojejchick
1238 Shaffer Run Road
Oil City, PA 16301.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Phone/ Cell _____

Email Address _____

Dues \$15.00 per year \$ _____ cash \$ _____ check enclosed \$ _____

Education Support Funds

Awards

Venango awarded 2-\$250 grant to Oil City teachers at the Oil City School Board meeting in May 2026. PASR Venango awarded an Oil City Teacher for getting equipment for his Geometry classes to learn to use angle knowledge to survey property. A Seventh Street Teacher was awarded magnetic chess boards and equipment to be able to show 3rd graders how to play chess.

An Oil City Teacher and an Oil City Paraprofessional were awarded the Laretta Woodson awards for outstanding service. The photo below was on the front page of the Derrick

