

FROM THE PRESIDENTS' DESK

CHRIS BLEVINS
CRYSTAL MUELLER

Happy New Year, YCPASR friends! We hope that 2020 will be a positive and productive year for you. In the words of C.S. Lewis, "You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream."

It was outstanding to see so many of you at our meeting in November 2019, which was held on Veterans Day, with 210 attending! In addition to honoring veterans, the program included committee reports along with a presentation from Covenant House in York and Ray Owen, who entertained us with his uplifting songs. Please consider joining us at the March 9 meeting. Information about the meeting is included in this newsletter.

YCPASR members and associate members are the best! Your recent contributions to the Scholarship Fund (\$280.00), Covenant House (\$960.00), and written notes (total of 29 received) to our veterans are so valuable because of their financial and positive support to others in need. Thank you for your generosity and love displayed.

With the increasing demand to have relevant and up to date information on our website, (YCPASR.org), our Board has decided to include the new committee of Information Technology. In order to make this position official, you will have the opportunity to vote on it at the March membership meeting. If the membership at the meeting votes its approval, Jaron Flickinger will assume the position of Webmaster. With her many years of professional experience in technology, Jaron has taken the responsibility to conduct the necessary upgrades to the website for the past several months.

Also, at the recent Board Meeting we discussed the activities offered that are related to Goal 3 of our Chapter: "Expand/Improve Information to Members/Non-Members." This following informative list indicates that YCPASR is fulfilling the requirements to meet the goal: YCPASR and PASR materials are available at the pre-retirement seminar in the spring, our website is up to date with information about the organization, Lauretta Woodson Awards are presented each spring to York County Schools, and legislative issues are presented at meetings and in the newsletters. Local state legislators will be invited to future membership meetings to present topics pursued in the Pennsylvania House and Senate.

We are in need of members to serve in various capacities. The open positions are President-Elect, Community Service, and coordinator for the Scholarship Raffle Baskets for the August meeting. If you are ready, willing and able to serve in any of these positions, please contact us (contact information below). If you are hesitant to serve alone, feel free to ask a friend to join you in the endeavor. All that is needed is a little time or a flair for design to help us as a membership to continue to grow and serve.

We look forward to seeing you at the March 9 meeting at the Wyndham Garden in York!

Chris and Crystal



YCPASR Travel News March 2020:

Feb 13: Final payment due: Both June Collette Oberammergau Passion Play Trips

Feb 17: Deposit refundable Pacific NW & CA

Feb 20: Mystery Trip Depart 7:45am; Approx Return 6:00pm

March 18: Sight & Sound Depart 9:30; Approx Return 4:30pm **Space Available**

April 22: Day in Philadelphia Depart 6:30am; Approx Return 7:30pm **Space Available**

May 7: Day in North East MD Depart 8:00am; Approx Return 6:30pm **Space Available**

May 20: Washington DC Depart 6:30am; Approx Return 7:00pm **Space Available**

June 12-21: Discover Switzerland, Austria & Bavaria with Oberammergau Passion Play

June 12-20: Switzerland and Germany with Oberammergau Passion Play

June 17: Final Payment Pacific NW & CA

June 30: Gramercy Mansion Coach #1

July 1: Gramercy Mansion Coach #2 **Space Available**

July 13: Mystery Trip

July 14: Mystery Trip, **Space Available**

August 15-24, 2020: Pacific Northwest & California

Aug 29: Annual National Book Conference **Space Available**

Sept 24: St. Michaels – Day on Water

Oct 12-16: Enchanting Long Island

Nov 11: Toby's Dinner & Elf, the Musical

Dec 7-9: Christmas at Greenbrier, **2 Buses; Space Available & Standby Needed**

TBA: Philly Pops Christmas

Collette World Connect – Use ID# 12907, Call 800-437-0235 Our association would benefit from the booking! ***Business Card, with details, available at Travel Table.***

For Collette Information - Contact:

Joy Shoffner:

717- 244-0428 home; 717-515-7425 cell

ycpasrJoy@gmail.com (Put my information into your contact list to receive emails.)

Send Collette Reservations to:

Joy Shoffner

335 S Park St

Dallastown PA 17313

Other Reservations & Cancellations - Contact:

Jaron Flickinger

717-577-7385 cell

ycpasrReservations@gmail.com

Please leave message when no answer & put phone # & email in your contact list.

Mail to:

Jaron Flickinger

1225 Detwiler Drive

York PA 17404

Make checks payable to: YCPASR

Use reservation form on bottom of flier of trips. Keep top portion. Call for flier or download from Website. List food choices with payment, when given.

Reminder: If interested in a tour, sign up for Standby, then save date. You will be notified when there is a space available. Do not pay until notification.

Thank you to all who are completing flier details along with your timely payments! Plan payment to arrive before due date.

All Forms & Monthly News and Information on Website under Travel at:

ycpasr.org

See Travel Schedule for Payment Due Date

Emergency Information Form is required for all trips. *Forms on website or at Travel Table at meetings.*

Medicals: Jane Long 1690 Rainbow Cr, York PA 17408 (Jane holds forms and brings on day of trip.)

Parking Area for all trips:

Gabriel Brothers Plaza

1226 Greensprings Drive

York PA 17402

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance as of January 13, 2020 \$37,059.56

General account	\$25,151.90
Scholarship account	\$9,963.12
Social Service account	\$1,944.54

Joel Riedel

PUT A SOCK IN IT



Please continue to fill our box with new, single or gently used socks. They are very much needed and appreciated. Many thanks

Sally Snyder

MEET YOUR LEGISLATOR

YCPASR is interested in providing our members with current information at our luncheons. During our meetings in 2020, we hope to invite a state legislator to join us for lunch.

Please welcome our guest this month, Kristin Phillips-Hill, a member of the Pennsylvania State Senate, representing the 28th district.



Sue Ayres

COMMUNITY PROJECT JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT

Our Community service project for our March luncheon is Junior Achievement of York. Allison Kierce, Senior Vice President, will speak about their mission and the many opportunities they provide.



Envelopes will be provided for monies to support this worthy organization.

Sally Snyder

MEMBER BENEFITS

Passage of Public Law 116-94, better known as the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement (SECURE) Act, could affect some YCPASR retirees who may have been fortunate enough to save additional funds in Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) and 403(b) plans for retirement. More information on the SECURE Act is available on our YCPASR web page.

There have also been some recent questions about the features and benefits of the vision plan available through PASR, and we hope to answer those questions and more in the next edition of the newsletter. Stay tuned!

Eric Mueller

YCPASR OFFICERS 2020

Co-Presidents: Chris Blevins(235-7554)
Crystal Mueller (428-0454)
President Elect: Open Position
Past President: Donna Hake (428-2165)
Treasurer: Joel Riedel (501-8005)
Assistant: Gerald Laughman (854-0687)
Secretary: Ruth Lehr (764-3991)
Legislative: Sandy Roberts (244-7174)
Membership: Jan Ruman (318-4853)
Stephanie Jacoby (225-3213)
Retirement Planning: Doris Deitzel (632-4055)
Social Service: Sally Snyder (501-4276)

Travel/Recreo: Joy Shoffner 244-0428
Newsletter: Andrea Rauls (578-4454)
Educational Support: Brenda Shearer (741-0001)
Catherine Dalton (741-0530)
PR/Historian: Alice Hartenstein (235-6127)
Member Benefits: Eric Mueller (428-0454)
Community Service: Open Position
Program: Sue Ayres (819-2209)
Arrangements: Shirley Moncrief (637-4318)
Reservations: Blanche Hake (845-6854)
Remembrance: Edith Shafer (755-3046)



Winter Luncheon

Wyndham Garden, York

March 9, 2020

- 9:00 AM Doors open
- 9:30 AM Opening Exercises
Secretary, Treasurer, and Committee Reports
- 10:00 AM Break
- 10:30 AM Program
Scott Mingus, Underground Railroad in York County
- 12:00 Noon Lunch

Garden Salad
Roll and Butter
Parmesan Crusted Chicken topped with
Fresh Bruachette over Angel Hair
Broccoli
White Cake with Lime Jello

UNDERGROUND RAILROAD IN YORK COUNTY

Scott Mingus

Our speaker for March is an award winning author with nearly two dozen books on the American Civil War and Underground Railroad. He is a retired new product development director and business strategist in the global paper and converting industry. He also holds patents in self adhesive postage stamps and bar code labels. You can follow Scott on his blog the Civil War history of York County (www.yorkblog.com/cannonball).



Your reservation should be received prior to **February 7, 2020**. No walk-ins will be accepted. Mail the form below with your check made payable to YCPASR for \$17.00 per person to:

Blanche Hake
1901 Weisgerber Way
York, PA 17404
717-845-6854

If our luncheon must be cancelled, please check our website: ycpasr.com or call Chris Blevins (717-235-7554) to hear a recorded message. If our meeting is cancelled, there is no refund for the meal.

LUNCHEON RESERVATION

Please return this section and your check by **February 7, 2020**. Include a stamped self-addressed envelope if you prefer to have your ticket prior to March 9.

YOUR NAME _____ PHONE _____

NAME(S) OF GUEST(S) _____

NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____



What is L-Pec?

L-Pec and me? Yes, You!

The purpose of the Legislative/Political Education Committee is to solicit voluntary contributions from members and use those funds to support PASR'S legislative objectives and programs. This is done by providing membership with information about political candidates and their positions of interest to us. It is designed to get PASR members to be actively involved in supporting the candidates OF THEIR CHOICE. Although the committee may be comprised of members from all political perspectives, it is designed to involve PASR membership in the electoral process that best supports those programs that benefit educational employees on all levels.

How is this done? First L-PEC consults with the Legislative Committee to plan and conduct training for regional and chapter volunteers. Next, through communications with candidates their positions shall be presented to membership for their consideration. This is done WITHOUT ENDORSEMENT of any candidate. L-PEC is an "equal opportunity program" allowing equal time or space for all candidates to present their position(s). Any responses from candidates may not be edited or commented upon if published or distributed.

So, where do YOU come in? In order to do the things listed above and probably some things missed, your dollars are needed to assure that we will be represented on the state and national level. How much should you give? Whatever you can afford would be helpful. A donation of \$5 per member would be great. A larger contribution, say a dime a day, or a \$36.50 annual contribution would allow for increased activity usual during a presidential election year. Please complete the form below and mail with your contribution to the address indicated on the form.

Bruce Hockersmith,

L-PEC Chair

L/PEC _____

Your contribution to L/PEC enables PASR volunteers and members to effectively advocate for benefit improvements and fight to protect the benefits they are currently receiving. Please be sure to contribute to this worthwhile committee. Thank you.

Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees

Legislative/Political Education Committee

Contribution Form

Member Number (if known) _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

Please donate to the L/PEC Fund since it is the only fund in Pennsylvania dedicated exclusively to advocate for the interests of retired PA school employees.

Contribution Amount: \$5 _____ Other _____

Please make checks payable to L/PEC and mail to PASR 878 Century Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Note: L/PEC contributions are not deductible for federal income taxes.

**PENNSYLVANIA
ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL
RETIREES**

York County Chapter
2873 Dove Drive
York, Pa. 17408

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

DATED MATERIAL

Please deliver
by
January 22

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS TO THE SPRING NEWSLETTER IS MARCH 24

IN MEMORIAM



Eldred Atkinson

Richard Hall

Margaret Hughes

Fred E Miller

Emilie Newcomer

Loretta O'Brien

YCPASR SCHEDULE: 2020

Board Meetings	SpiriTrust Community Bldg.
9:00 AM	Monday, March 23, 2020
9:00 AM	Monday, June 8, 2020
9:00 AM	Monday, September 14, 2020

General Membership Luncheon	Wyndham Gardens
9:00 AM	Monday, March 9, 2020
9:00 AM	Monday, May 11, 2020
9:00 AM	Monday, August 10, 2020
9:00 AM	Monday, November 9, 2020

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YCPASR.org