

Greetings YCPASR Members,

By the time you receive this newsletter, spring will have arrived with the anticipation of longer hours of daylight and warmer weather on the way. Many have already been playing in the dirt— planting flowers and/or vegetables and looking forward to the rewards of fresh vegetables and bright flowers for the summer months. Spring is a time to focus on the new and to anticipate what is to come. However, if we were still working for a school district, some of us would have already started our "End of Year Count Down." This was the time to begin making a plan for wrapping up another school year and to prepare to say good-bye to those seniors who will graduate.



As I look to YCPASR's May meeting, I see both aspects of spring coming to light. The excitement of things new as well as the wrapping up of our organization's activities that are tied to the school year. I look forward to seeing our members who have migrated south for the winter as they return home and join us for our May meeting. Seeing friends we have not seen for a while is always a joy!

The Educational Support Committee has been busy reviewing scholarship applications. These scholarships will be awarded at the May meeting. What a reward to be part of the process to support a local student as he/she plans to begin the next chapter of his/her life! This is also the time of the year to recognize a local school district for the service and talent it provides to its community. This year, we will be focusing on Southern York County Schools. The entertainment brought to us by these young people never disappoints.

Looking forward to seeing you at our May meeting. In the meantime, enjoy this spring season!

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YCPASR OFFICERS 2017

President: Donna Hake (428-2165)

President Elect: Open Position

Past President: Susan Kennedy (266-2021)

Treasurer: Joel Riedel (501-8005)

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PR/Historian: Alice Hartenstein (235-6127)

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Reservations: Blanche Hake (845-6854)

YCPASR Travel News May 2017

May 1: *Final Payment AMA Waterways.*

May 8: *Following Spring Luncheon a 1:00 pm Presentation on 2018 Portugal & its Islands, by Collette's Bruce Smith.*

May 17-19: "Wild Horses, Wildlife & Wallop's Island" Depart 7:00am Ollie's East York; Approx Return 9:00pm.

May 19: *Seat Reduction Southern Charm Holiday.*

May 23: *Payment Due Int'l Progressive Meal.*

June 12: *Payment Due Timbers.*

June 22: Tioga Railroad Lunch-Train, Depart 6:45am Dick's West York, Approx Return 8:00pm.

June 30: *Payment due Coverlets, Fallingwater, & Bedford Springs.*

July 11: International Progressive Meal Depart 8:15am Dick's West York, Approx Return 6:30pm.

July 20: *Payment due Fulton, Dam, Havre de Grace.*

Aug 7-19: AMA Waterways 7-Night River Cruise: Provence & Spain.

Aug 23: Timbers Dinner-Theater, Depart 9:30am Dick's West York, Approx Return 6:00pm.

Sept 1: *Deposit \$100 Christmas with DuPont's.*

Sept 14: Robert Fulton, Conowingo Dam, Havre de Grace, Depart 7:30am, Approx Return 9:00pm.

Sept 20: *Payment due Mystery Trip.*

Sept 27: *Final Payment Southern Charm Holiday.*

Oct 12: Coverlets, Fallingwater & Bedford Springs, Depart Bus #1 Dick's West York 7:00am, Bus #2 Ollie's E York 7:00am; Approx Return 9:15pm.

Oct 16: *Final Payment Christmas with DuPont.*

Oct 20: *Seat Reduction Portugal & its Islands – 28 seats reserved.*

Nov 15: Mystery Trip, Depart 8:15am Bus #1 Dick's West York; Depart 8:15am Bus #2 Ollie's E York, Approx Return 5:45pm.

Nov 26 – Dec 1, 2017: Southern Charm Holiday.

Dec 14-15: Christmas with the DuPont's, Depart 7:00am Bus # 1 & #2 Dick's West York, Approx Return 5:30pm.

Dec TBA: BSO Holiday Concert.

March 14, 2018: *Seat Reduction The Colorado Rockies – 32 seats reserved.*

April 27-May 9, 2018: Collette Portugal & its Islands with final payment Feb 26, 2018.

Sept 21-29, 2018: Collette -The Colorado Rockies with final payment July 23, 2018.

Collette World Connect – Are you interested in traveling to a special destination? Ask Joy or Lin to look at the Collette Worldwide Travel Guide or search www.collettevacations.com Collette offers Sedan Service! Any size group can book a trip through us.

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Make checks payable to: YCPASR
List trip on MEMO line of check

Mail to:
Linda Armitage
131 Penwood Road
York PA 17406

Collette: Pay by credit card

1-800-852-5655, after initial registration, call Collette to use credit card for payment

Emergency Information Form is required for all YCPASR trips.

ALL FORMS ON WEBSITE under TRAVEL:
ycpasr.weebly.com

The Parking Lots:

#1 Dick's West York, **PARK IN LOT NEAR ROUTE 30**, no parking in row near Lyndon Diner or in areas near Dick's business;
1315 Kenneth Rd, York PA 17404.

#2 Ollie's East York, 1081 Haines Road,
Park to right side of building, toward Mt. Rose Ave.



Marcia and Mike Smyser

Imagine sitting at your dining table in a log and stone house you designed and built, watching the deer and wild turkeys onto your patio...this idyllic setting is the world that Marcia and Mike Smyser have created. They completed their house in eleven months, while both were still teaching in the Northeastern School district.

Marcia, a graduate of York High, earned bachelor's and master's degrees in elementary education and reading specialist certification from Shippensburg University. Her entire 36 years of teaching were spent at Northeastern, teaching a variety of grade levels, with a special place in her heart for second graders and Mt. Wolf Elementary School. She vividly remembers the day that a student came to her to report some unwrapped Tootsie Rolls on the floor. To which Marcia said, "Just pick them up and put them in the waste can." Before this could be done, she discovered that the "Tootsie Rolls" had fallen out of a student's underpants!

Mike and Marcia met when he was a permanent sub in the room next to hers. He grew up in Manchester, then used his Penn State bachelor's and master's degrees in elementary education to teach various grade levels and the TELLS math program in many of the district schools.

All of Marcia's pre-teaching job experiences no longer exist: volunteer candy striper at York Hospital, employee at Shiney-Brite (Christmas tree ornaments) and staffer at the JCC summer camp, Full-o-Fun, where she taught Indian lore. In fact, one day she finished her lesson, changed clothes in one of the teepees and went for her job interview at Northeastern. Native American culture has always fascinated her, and she has a collection of turquoise and silver jewelry.

Mike makes his own duck decoys from balsa, cork and cedar woods and has won numerous prize ribbons for his work. Most of the Smyser family vacations were travels to decoy shows. Last summer, his ducks won 1st and 3rd place in a Clayton, New York show. One man requested that Mike make a hollow decoy for him so he could put his dog's ashes inside, and thus, still take him along hunting.

Mike also makes wine, and he and his brother raise beef cattle. Earlier in life, Mike participated in radio events. As part of a Penn State exchange program, he student taught in Panama, where he encountered scorpions on his classroom ceiling. Before returning home, he spent three weeks touring Columbia and Ecuador. Mike enjoys surf fishing from the beach in Delaware while Marcia reads, usually her favorite author, Jan Karon. Add this to his resumé: ski instructor at Round Top.

Marcia's passion is genealogy—in fact, their daughter Jane once commented that all they ever did was go to cemeteries! Marcia uses a variety of resources, including the York County History Center's library, which she says is one of the best in PA. All York County tombstones were photographed by Harry Senft and can now be viewed online. In the course of her research, she discovered that she and Mike are related (eleven generations back), and she and President Richard Nixon are 6th cousins, once removed. To which she says, "Why couldn't it have been a president like Abraham Lincoln!"

The York Fair is an important entity in the Smysers' lives. Mike is a third generation life member of the York County Agricultural Society and now serves on the board. As such, he is in charge of Horticulture Hall and the poultry building. Mike's efforts and dedication were recognized when he received the PA Department of Agriculture "Friends of the Fair" award. Marcia works in the York Fair box office.

Both Smysers are active members of Heidelberg United Church of Christ in York. They assist on Downtown York's First Fridays when the church offers organ recitals and a coffee shop. Marcia is the church librarian and historian. She volunteers in the nursery and served on the search committee for a new minister. Both help with the free breakfast offered by the church on the 4th Saturday of the month to anyone who comes. This is a collaborative outreach effort with three other York churches.

Daughter Jane must have liked what she saw and heard at home and school, because she became a teacher. She married a teacher whose parents are both teachers. Do you see the makings of a teaching dynasty? What better compliment to parents!

*From an interview with Marcia and Mike Smyser
Written by Frances Dietz*



Spring Luncheon

Wyndham Garden, York

Monday, May 8, 2017

9:00 Doors Open

9:30 Business Meeting

10:45 Entertainment

Southern York County School District
Jazz Band under the direction of Christian Poole

Presentation of scholarships and awards

12:00 Lunch

Garden Salad with Ranch or Italian Dressing
Caribbean Pork Lion with Pineapple Mango Salsa
Whipped Potatoes
Sugar Snap Peas and Baby Carrots
Chocolate Cake with Peanut Butter Icing

Your reservation should be received prior to April 28, 2017. 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

OUTSIDE FOOD AND DRINKS
MAY NOT BE BROUGHT INTO
THE BANQUET ROOM

LUNCHEON RESERVATION

Please return this section and your check by April 28, 2017. Include a stamped self-addressed envelope if you prefer to have your ticket prior to May 8.

YOUR NAME _____ PHONE _____

NAME(S) OF GUEST(S) _____

NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

**TREASURER’S REPORT
12/31/16 - 2/29/17**

Checking account balance (12/31/16)	\$27,546.36
Total income	2563.47
Total expenditures	744.59
Checking account balance (2/28/17)	\$29,365.24
General Fund	\$18,466.56
Scholarship Fund	8,716.12
Social Services Fund	2,182.56

**MAY LUNCHEON
COMMUNITY PROJECT**



The York County Food Bank will be gearing up its supplies for the upcoming summer. The demand for food is higher with school being out of session. Families need food for the breakfasts and lunches that were formerly supplied by the schools.

Let’s help out with nonperishable items such as peanut butter, jelly, pancake mix, cereal, soups and other canned goods or by putting money in the provided envelopes.

Also, “put a sock in it” will, of course, be continued. Thank you for your continued support!

Sally Snyder

SUMMER AUCTION

It’s not too early to start collecting treasures for the summer auction at our July luncheon. Start gathering those almost new items that you can do without. Perhaps you could join forces with a few friends to put together a “theme” basket. Why not think about donating items for a basket that would appeal to pet owners? Or put together a basket of gourmet treats, wine and cheese, gardening supplies or spa items. A movie night basket could include popcorn and DVD’s. Use your imagination!



The proceeds from this year’s auction will benefit the scholarship fund, so let’s make it the best one yet.

Call Mary Ann Mastroianni (428-1581) to arrange pick up.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DESK...

For my annual paying members: You will receive a postcard in May that you will return to me with payment. Remember, if you wish to have a membership card, please return the postcard with a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Karen Baum
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PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE YOUTH WEEK

Sponsored by the American Legion, Pennsylvania State Police and PA National Guard



At our March meeting, Eric Mueller from Glen Rock’s American Legion Post 403 presented opportunities for youths to participate in a six day camp used to introduce students interested in going into law enforcement or a branch of the armed forces. Candidates fees are paid by his/her sponsoring post or unit. Applications can be downloaded at <http://PA-Legion.com/wp-content/uploads/2009/04/2017-SPYW- Application.pdf>.

**PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION
OF SCHOOL RETIREES**

York County Chapter
5010 Bentz Road
Spring Grove, PA 17362

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

DATED MATERIAL

Please deliver
April 17-21

DEADLINE FOR THE SPRING NEWSLETTER IS JUNE 5

IN MEMORIAM



*June Cook
Elsie Dressel
William Emenheiser
Ruth Grim
Nancy Lucas
Marian Lauer
Janet Matson
Margaret Myers
Cheryl Rohrbaugh
Joseph Rojahn*

YCPASR SCHEDULE-2017

Wyndham Garden
York, PA

April 29	Pre-retirement Meeting Mechanicsburg Middle School
May 8	Spring Luncheon
June 5	Board Meeting
July 31	Summer Luncheon
September 11	Board Meeting
October 1-4	PASR 53rd Convention
November 13	Autumn Luncheon