

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

DONNA HAKE, President

As we begin a new year, my term as President of YCPASR is half over. I have enjoyed representing you at the local, region and state levels. The YCPASR board and the committee chairs work hard to have our organization focus on the mission and exemplify the goals of PASR.

I would ask each of you to review these goals and to think of one way in which you could do something to support our organization in relationship to that goal. Consider making this a resolution for you to accomplish sometime during the 2018 year. Just think how **AWESOME** our chapter would be at the end of 2018 if we were to each achieve just a little something toward just one of these goals.



MISSION: "To serve others in need and help one another enjoy retirement"

GOAL 1: Expand/Improve Services to Others

GOAL 2: Expand/Improve Social Opportunities for Members

GOAL 3: Expand/Improve Information to Members/Nonmembers

GOAL 4: Expand/Improve Economic Benefits for Members

GOAL 5: Grow and Strengthen Your Organization.

Finally, we are still in need of a president-elect for our chapter. At our last meeting, we were advised that should a president-elect not be found, there are procedures that must be followed and YCPASR would no longer have local control. I am asking each of you to give some thought to who might be willing to step up and take on this responsibility. Maybe you and a friend would be willing to be co-presidents-elect. If you have any ideas about this, please feel free to contact Sue Kennedy or me. I guarantee it is not a job that will overwhelm you. The support from your amazing executive board allows this organization to run smoothly.

I hope to see each of you at the Spring Luncheon. Until then, stay warm, safe and look forward to the blossoms of spring.

Donna

YCPASR OFFICERS 2018

President: Donna Hake (428-2165)

President Elect: Open Position

Past President: Susan Kennedy (266-2021)

Treasurer: Joel Riedel (501-8005)

Assistant: Gerald Laughman (854-0687)

Secretary: Natalie Nardecchia (845-8380)

Legislative: Sandy Roberts (244-7174)

Membership: Karen Baum (225-1924)

Retirement Planning: Doris Deitzel (632-4055)

Social Service: Sally Snyder (501-4276)

Travel: Joy Shoffner (244-0428)

Lin Armitage (848-3417)

Newsletter: Andrea Rauls (578-4454)

Educational Support: Brenda Shearer (741-0001)

Catherine Dalton (741-0530)

PR/Historian: Alice Hartenstein (235-6127)

Member Benefits: Joan Boyce (244-6448)

Community Service: Myrna Schaszberger (755-2620)

Program: Sue Ayres (819-2209)

Arrangements: Shirley Moncrief (637-4318)

Reservations: Blanche Hake (845-6854)

YCPASR Travel News March 2018:**Feb 26:** Final Payment Portugal**March 14:** *Seat Reduction Colorado Rockies***March 20:** Mystery Trip – 2 coaches
Depart: 7:45am Approx Return: 6:00pm**April 6:** Tulip Celebration Lewes DE
Depart: 7:00am Approx Return: 8:30pm**April 27-May 9:** Portugal & Its Islands**May 16:** Star Barn & Fulton Theater
Depart: 8:00am Approx Return: 5:30pm**June 18-June 21:** Richmond
Depart: 7:00am Approx Return: 5:45pm**July 18:** Progressive Meal MD Eastern Shore
Depart: 7:00am Approx Return: 8:30pm**July 23:** Final Payment Colorado Rockies**August 16:** Summer Mystery – 2 coaches Depart:
8:15am Approx Return: 6:30pm**Sept 7:** Steam into History, Heritage, & Carriage
Ride Depart: 8:15am Approx Return: 6:45pm**Sept 21-29:** The Colorado Rockies**Oct 17:** Penn's Cave Wildlife Nature Tour Depart:
7:15am Approx Return: 6:45pm**Nov 26:** Bryn Athyn Cathedral & Glencairn Museum
– 2 coaches
Depart: 6:45am Approx Return: 7:30pm**Dec 4-7:** Holiday in Ohio
Depart: 7:30am Approx Return: 7:30pm**Dec 14:** Tentative date:
Philadelphia Pops Holiday Concert**June 12-21, 2020:** Discover Switzerland, Austria &
Bavaria with Oberammergau Passion Play (2nd
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Give reservation number and departure date**For Information, contact:**
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ycpasrjoy@gmail.com**For Reservation & Cancellation, contact:**
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Please use cell on travel days only
ycpasrtravel@gmail.com**All Forms & Monthly News and Information on
Website under Travel at ycpasr.weebly.com****See Travel Schedule for Trip Due Date – Be
Prompt with Payment*****Make checks payable to:***
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List trip on MEMO line of check
OR
Use reservation form on bottom of flier for trips
on Weebly. Keep top portion for your
information.
List food choices with payment when given.**Mail to:**
Linda Armitage
131 Penwood Road
York PA 17406**Emergency Information Form is required for all
YCPASR trips.****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.



SHIRLEY MONCRIEF

I just met a most amazing and unbelievable person! What makes her so unbelievable? SHE STILL LIKES TO CLEAN! Even in my dreams, I never encountered anyone exhibiting this rare trait! Shirley Moncrief says she enjoys cleaning because you see instant results. She cleaned two doctors' offices for 30 years and was a summer custodial employee of the Hanover School District.

During the school year, Shirley was also employed in the district's cafeterias—three years subbing, then full time entree cook at the senior high school. She and a partner manned the big 40 gallon kettles. Shirley retired in 2011 after 21 years of service.

Those 40 gallon "cauldrons" have a chute and a drain at the bottom to facilitate cleaning; on one mac and cheese day, a pot was filled with water and macaroni. Someone forgot to stir and the macaroni settled at the bottom, clogging the chute. The dilemma then became: How do we drain the water without losing the macaroni? Someone mistakenly opened the chute and 40 gallons of water and macaroni flooded onto the floor. There went lunch! The custodian used a snow shovel to scoop up the pasta and throw it away.

Shirley offered these observations about changes over the years: Today's students are not as polite and they waste so much food. Cafeteria count is no longer taken in home rooms, so cafeterias keep a log of previous sales for future reference. Leftover foods are frozen and used later, since they can be reheated once. More students have allergies today, which limits food selection for many.

Her food background led to Shirley's current position as YCPASR luncheon planner. She and her sister, Gloria Stauffer (also a cafeteria retiree), plan the menu, using a list of possibilities in our price range. The menu can be well-planned, but sometimes what is served isn't what the planners visualized. They expected the cole slaw to be green and it turned out almost white because winter cabbage was used, the meat wasn't tender, the broccoli chunks in the salad were on the huge side, meat servings were small, and on and on... The menu planner often gets blamed, wrongly, for these shortcomings.

Something most of us don't realize is that the \$17.00 charge must also cover tax, gratuity and program costs. Two reserved tables near the entrance used to accommodate latecomers. After negative comments, that practice was dropped. Now there are always sixteen extra seats throughout the room for late arrivals.

Shirley is active in her church, St. Matthew Lutheran in Hanover (the church with one of the largest church pipe organs in the country). If an organ concert is scheduled, go! It is a magnificent experience. Shirley belongs to the Lutheran women's group and the sewing group, which makes baby blankets and quilts for world relief. She taught a Sunday School class for 17 years and used to help with church dinners. She has the honor of being the lowest scorer in the Holy Bowlers group!

Shirley always contributes molasses snaps and chocolate chip cookies to the church's annual cookie walk. Customers buy standard containers, which they fill as they walk around the cookie display. She is also a member of the church knitting/crocheting group and is crocheting her first prayer shawl!

She has been a member and president of the Venture Club and she and John belong to a dominoes group. After retiring, she mentored a first grader. The Moncriefs are YCPASR mystery trip fans. They can visit their children in Maryland and North Carolina more often and babysit when needed. Both assist with Ruth's Harvest, which packs weekend lunches for food insecure children — 175 per week in one school.

One way Shirley satisfies her sweet tooth is by creating a kind of s'mores sandwich out of two graham crackers spread with peanut butter and marshmallow creme, then dipping it into chocolate—that's a must-try idea!

The Moncriefs are in the process of downsizing and will be moving themselves and Shirley's African violets to Homewood at Plum Creek. She has the largest, most handsome violet I ever saw!

I would like to say that my afternoon with Shirley had a positive influence on my attitude toward cleaning. Alas, I have not been moved to wash my kitchen floor or dust my living room!

From an interview with Shirley Moncrief
Written by France Dietz



Spring Luncheon

Wyndham Garden, York

March 12, 2018

9:00 Doors Open

9:30 Business Meeting

10:00 Community Service - Pappus House

10:30 - 10:45 Break

10:45 Mystery speaker

12:00 Lunch

Salad w/ Italian Dressing
 Roll and Butter
 Salisbury Steak w/ Gravy
 Scalloped Potatoes
 Broccoli crowns w/ Red Pepper Slivers
 Rainbow Sherbet
 Oatmeal Cookie

Have you ever traveled with YCPASR Travelers on a Mystery Trip? If you have, you know your destination is unknown. Well, at the March meeting, our members will be very delighted to hear our SURPRISE SPEAKER. Come join the fun as our program is revealed.



The Pappus House is York's only home that will provide supportive care exclusively to people in their last months of life. Their mission is to provide a home in York County

dedicated to compassionate end-of-life care for individuals and their families in collaboration with their hospice provider. We will have a representative at our meeting to explain more of the care they provide. Please help to support this new and needed community project.

Your reservation should be received prior to **March 2, 2018**. 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 **March 2, 2017**. Include a stamped self-addressed envelope if you prefer to have your ticket prior to March 12.

YOUR NAME _____ PHONE _____

NAME(S) OF GUEST(S) _____

NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

TREASURER'S REPORT

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| Checking account balance (12/31/17) | \$28,940.31 |
| General Fund | \$18,396.00 |
| Scholarship Fund | 8,336.12 |
| Social Services Fund | 2,208.09 |
| | <i>Joel Riedel</i> |

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DESK...

We welcomed 45 new members in 2017. Our local database continues to be updated in preparation for importing it into the PASR unified database. Please contact me with address and information changes.

Karen Baum

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

PUT A SOCK IN IT!



Our sock pile continues to grow. Keep it up! Do you have a stray sock? I do! My dog for some reason ate half of a sock so the other will go to good use! This is a continuous community project. Thanks for your support.

Please contact Sally Snyder if you know of a member who is hospitalized, homebound or has moved to assisted living.

AWESOME AT 80

Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees (PASAR) is celebrating 80 years of service to school retirees. At the PASR convention it was suggested that all state chapters do something in their region on June 28, 2018 to exemplify how awesome an impact we can have across the state.

At the York Chapter of PASR board meeting, we discussed what we could possibly do to provide a service to York County. After much discussion, we decided to support the York County Library System. Our public library system reaches across all of our districts and local communities. Its impact also crosses generational lines from the children who access our local public libraries to the general public, including our retirees, who utilize the public libraries not only for books, but also through participation in book clubs and other activities.

Currently, a member of our board has scheduled a meeting to discuss ways we could support the library system. In addition, we recognize that funding to support the library system has been cut. To address this, we would like to make a monetary contribution in the name of York County PASR to the library system. We will be collecting donations at our meetings prior to June 28 and ask that you consider making a contribution so that we may positively impact our local libraries. After meeting with the library system, we will advise of additional activities that we hope to have in place for June 28, 2018.

Thanks you in advance for consideration in supporting this Awesome Activity.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Are you frustrated that we Pennsylvania school retirees have not received a cost of living adjustment (COLA) in 17 years? Our state legislators have not agreed to give us a COLA since 2001. The year 2001 also saw the passage of Act 9 which increased retirement benefits for current and future retirees. However, Act 9 was not retroactive and, therefore, did not include school employees who retired prior to 2001. We realize that our retirees who did not benefit from the increases provided by Act 9 of 2001 are in acute need of a COLA. Each and every year that we do not obtain a COLA, the value of our pension decreases by at least the cost of inflation. Of course, the absence of a COLA in the last 17 years has had a negative impact on our standard of living. This has been devastating to many of us. PASR's newly elected leaders are aware of our frustration and understand the importance of the COLA issue to all of us. Our new PASR Executive Director, Mark McKillop, and our lobbyist, Jeff Hunsicker, are hard at work in our state capitol informing our legislators of our need. Although the official position of PASR is to support a COLA for all of us, there will be a special focus on pre-ACT 9 retirees and long-term retirees. More information about this issue will be forthcoming at the meeting and in future newsletters.

Sandy Roberts

**PENNSYLVANIA
ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL
RETIREES**

York County Chapter
5010 Bentz Road
Spring Grove, PA 17362

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IN MEMORIAM



*Freda Aldinger
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YCPASR SCHEDULE: 2018

Board Meetings 9:00 SpiriTrust Community Bldg.

Monday, March 19 Monday, June 11
Monday, September 17

General Membership Luncheon 9:00 Wyndham Gardens

Monday, March 12 Monday, August 13
Monday, May 14 Monday, November 12

PASR Awesome at 80 Celebration

June 28

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