

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

CHRIS BLEVINS



It has been said by many people attending a members' meeting for the first time or who have traveled with us that YCPASR is the best kept secret in York County! Recently, 300 letters of information and brochures were sent to newly retired school employees, and we now have business cards to distribute to others. These business cards can be obtained at membership meetings to distribute. YCPASR has so much to offer for retirees such as fine fellowship, interesting travel, and volunteer opportunities. Please help spread this good news.

PASR, our parent organization, promotes and maintains networking opportunities to share information. Every 2 years, the House of Delegates is held, and this October representatives from all 13 regions in Pennsylvania are scheduled to meet for 3 days in Cranberry County. Also, this October 25, all 10 chapters in region 4, which includes York, plan to send board chairpersons and chapter members to a half day meeting held in Harrisburg that includes lunch for \$20.00. This setting is a great way to learn about the various committees and their functions. Contact me if you are interested in attending.

Sandy Roberts, the YCPASR Legislative Chairperson, has retired from this position. Sandy provided so much useful information to our group through handouts on government documents and information about voting, along with status updates on gaining a COLA from the state. Sandy is to be commended for her valuable contributions of information and dedication to her board position.

The speakers at the August 6th meeting provided members jaw dropping and eye-opening information about Human Trafficking in this area. Members present donated a very generous \$895.00 to support this YWCA outreach in our county. Additional donations can be made by writing checks to YCPASR with YWCA Human Trafficking Program in the memo line. Checks can be mailed to Joel Riedel, Treasurer, 2170 Cobblestone Lane, York, PA 17408. Also, the hundreds of dresses and purses brought to this meeting were recently sold at "The Dress for Freedom" event held at a local church, and the total collected was over \$3,000.00 to benefit Sparrow Place, a York County faith-based nonprofit helping women survivors of human trafficking. Special thanks go to member, Sheryl Smith, who coordinated this sale with her church.

The November 6th meeting is coming soon! Make sure you complete the reservation form in this newsletter to secure your attendance and take advantage of the many gift baskets available for auction. This is a prime opportunity to get great gifts for the holidays or birthdays while contributing to the scholarship fund. At this meeting our featured speaker, retired Colonel John Maietta, will share his humor about Thanksgiving and Football.

Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable Fall season!

### YCPASR OFFICERS 2023

**President:** Chris Blevins (717-235-7554)  
**President-Elect:** Open Position  
**President Emeritus:** Donna Hake (717-428-2165)  
**Treasurer:** Joel Riedel (717-501-8005)  
Assistant: Gerald Laughman (717-781-5331)  
**Secretary:** Crystal Mueller (717-428-0454)  
**Legislative:** Open Position  
**Membership:** Jan Ruman (717-318-4853)  
Stephanie Jacoby (717-225-3213)  
**Retirement Planning:** Doris Deitzel (717-632-4055)  
**Travel/Recreo:** Joy Shoffner (717-244-0428)

**Newsletter:** Sharon Smith (717-515-1572)  
**Educational Support:** Jen Trout (717-891-1375)  
Karen Miller (717-891-4019)  
**Social Services:** Sally Snyder (717-501-4276)  
**Member Benefits:** Eric Mueller (717-428-0454)  
**Community Service:** Therese Laucks (717-487-4572)  
**Program:** Mary Kroft (717-858-5579)  
Arrangements: Shirley Moncrief (717-637-4318)  
Reservations: Blanche Hake (717-845-6854)  
**Remembrance:** Edith Shafer (717-755-3046)  
**Information Technology:** Eric Mueller (717-428-0454)

**YCPASR Travel News November 2023:****Sept 21: Payment Due for Toby's****Sept 25: Final Payment Andrea Bocelli****Sept 25: Final Payment for Cape May, need travelers, invite a friend – email or call Joy****Oct 9 - 13: Enchanting Long Island Trip: Gab's Parking****Oct 27: Reservations Due Mackinac-Tulip****Nov 1: Travel Presentation – Bethlehem Church 109 E. Main St Dallastown 17313 – Watch for Details by email****Nov 6: 1:00pm Presentation: Memorials of WWII, following YCPASR luncheon****Nov 6: 1:30pm Presentation 2024 Wisconsin Dells Coach Trip, following luncheon****Nov 15: Toby's Lunch & Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> St: Depart 9:00am Approx return 5:00pm Ollie's****Dec 3 - 4: Cape May Depart 6:15 Approx Return 8:30AM Ollie's E York Parking****Dec 10: Andrea Bocelli, Ollie's parking****Feb 8: Reservation Due Memorials of WW II****March 4, 2024: Final Payment Due Mackinac Island****May 2-11, 2024: Collette's Mackinac Island with Tulip Festival****Aug 15, 2024: Final Payment Due Memorials WW II & D-Day Landing****Oct 13 -24, 2024: Memorials of World War II, 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the D-Day Landing****To Book a Personal Collette Tour Use:****Collette World Connect – ID# 12907, Call 800-437-0235 YCPASR would receive credit from your booking! Business Card, with details, available at Travel Table.****For Information Contact:****Joy Shoffner  
Home 717- 244-0428; Cell 717-515-7425  
ycpasrJoy@gmail.com****Send Reservations to:****Joy Shoffner  
335 S Park St  
Dallastown PA 17313****Make checks payable to: YCPASR****Use reservation form on bottom of trip flier.****Keep the top portion. Call for flier or download from **Website – ycpasr.org****

Thank you to all who are completing flier details along with your timely payments! **Plan payment to arrive before the due date. Mail can run a week late.**

All Forms & Monthly News and Information on Website under Travel at:  
**ycpasr.org**

**Put my contact information in your personal contact list.** If not, you may **NOT** be receiving travel updates. **Contact me** if you are not receiving Travel Info.

**A member can always invite a nonmember friend to travel with our group.** They often become members.

**Emergency Information Form Required for all trips.** Please keep your emergency information updated. Forms on our website or at Travel Table at meetings. Jane Long holds forms and brings on trip.

**Remember If you are on time, you are late!**

**Important:** Do not board the coach until group leaders are seated on the coach ready to check-in travelers.

**Parking for Long Island trip:****Gabriel Brothers Plaza****1226 Greensprings Drive  
York PA 17402**

Park Away from Gabe's & Shops  
Do Not Park by Grass: Coach Pickup & Dropoff, with Travelers Walking

**Parking for Toby's, Cape May, & Bocelli at:  
Ollie's East York****1081 Haines Road  
East York PA 17402**

Park at the side of Ollie's next to Mt Rose Ave. This is where we previously parked.

**Please watch your email for any updated trips and share with those without email.**

**Always email or call to sign up for trips BEFORE sending a payment.**



Canyon Country trip at Scottsdale AZ  
(Taken at Taliesin West, the 20th Century Architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright on the 2019 World Heritage List)

## Learn More About



## Donate \$\$ To Wellspan's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Reading Program November 6, 2023

The single strongest predictor of a child's academic success is the quality and quantity of the words spoken to the baby during the first three years of life! Evidence-based research has shown that reading aloud to babies in the NICU increases early brain development and positively impacts later language and literacy skills.

There will be envelopes on tables to have books purchased that will be given to parents leaving the hospital with their children.

If you cannot attend the meeting, but would like to contribute, mail your donations to:

Joel Riedel  
2170 Cobblestone Lane  
York, PA 17408

Make checks payable to: YCPASR  
Memo line: NICU Reading Program



The annual basket raffle to benefit the scholarship fund of YCPASR will be held at the November meeting. We'd love donations of themed baskets, gift cards, crafts, or anything else you'd like to donate. You can purchase your tickets when you arrive at the meeting, and we'll find out the winners at lunchtime. Checks and cash are accepted to purchase tickets.

Thank you for your support of the scholarships!

## VISITATION OF MEMBERS

We have members who cannot come to our meetings for various reasons. Our Social Service Committee sends cards and visits the members throughout the year. If you know someone who would like to receive cards or a visit from us call 717-501-2754 or email [rgsnyder@comcast.net](mailto:rgsnyder@comcast.net). Blanche Hake, Brenda Shearer, Susan Martin and I will be happy to add them to the list of 19 other members we service.

Thank you,

Sally Snyder, Social Service Committee

## PUT A SOCK IN IT



The weather is getting cooler and will continue to do so! Please think of people who we help through the Salvation Army and provide warm socks for them. They can be gently used or a single sock or a brand new pair to help stay warm this winter.

They are deeply appreciated!!

Thanks for your continued support!!

Look for the red box at our luncheons.





# Fall Luncheon

Wyndam Garden, York

November 6, 2023



Colonel John Maietta,  
U.S. Army (Retired)

8:55 Doors Open

9:40 Meeting Called to Order

10:10 Break and time to view Scholarship Baskets

10:40-10:55 NICU presentation

10:55-11:45 Speaker, Retired Colonel John Maietta

11:45 Closing Remarks/Basket Drawings

12:00 Lunch

*Meatloaf w/ gravy*

*Macaroni and Cheese*

*Stewed Tomatoes*

*Roll and Butter*

*Tapioca Pudding w/ Gingersnap Cookie*

In honor of Veterans' Day and in celebration of Thanksgiving Day please join our YCPASR family on Monday, November 6th at the Wyndham Garden Banquet room. Retired Army Colonel John Maietta, originally from Williamsport, will share some of his insights on American traditions as he discusses "Food, Family, Faith and Football..." In addition, you might get a glimpse into some of his 21st century experiences in Bosnia, Kosovo, Germany, and Iraq.

Your reservation should be received prior to **October 16, 2023**. No walk-ins will be accepted. Mail the form below with your check made payable to YCPASR for \$20.00 per person to:

**Blanche Hake**  
**1901 Weisgerber Way**  
**York, PA 17401**

## LUNCHEON RESERVATION

**NO OUTSIDE DRINKS ALLOWED IN BANQUET ROOM**

Please return this section and your check by **October 16, 2023**. Include a stamped self-addressed envelope if you prefer to have your ticket prior to November 6.

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME(S) OF GUEST(S) \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

\*PLEASE CHECK HERE IF YOU OR YOUR GUEST(S) HAVE A NUT ALLERGY \_\_\_\_\_



## TREASURY REPORT as of August 31, 2023

Treasury balance = \$36,994.55

Of that the accounts are –

General = \$25,981.78

Scholarship = \$8,801.56

Social Service = \$2,211.21

*Joel Riedel*

Are You Ready for This? *We need your Support!*

### **Legislative/Political and Education Committee Chairperson Immediately Needed:**

A member or associate member to keep members informed of State and National legislative issues and those issues relating to the interests of retired public-school employees. Also, those interested in this position will encourage and facilitate bi-partisan participation of individual members in political campaigns and organizing members of this chapter in support of PASR's legislative Programs.

### **President Elect Position Immediately Needed:**

A member is needed to work alongside President, Chris Blevins, to learn role responsibilities of the presidency when her tenure ends November 2024. Former presidents and the board are willing to assist the president-elect before and during the two-year term served.

Interested members in these positions should contact Chris Blevins for more information.

Thank you for your consideration of these positions.



Cassie Smith discussed the two-year intensive program for victims of Human Trafficking held at Sparrow Place.



Crystal Perry, Human Trafficking Advocacy Coordinator, spoke on the support services available to victims of human trafficking throughout York County.

### **Membership Dues Reminder**

A friendly reminder for all members: The due date for YCPASR Membership dues each year is June 30. Your coverage lasts from July 1<sup>st</sup> until the following June 30. If you have not paid your dues yet, please send your post card and check for \$15 to:

Steph Jacoby  
2345 Meetinghouse Road  
Spring Grove, PA 17362

If you believe you or someone you know has not received a post card for your dues, please contact Steph at the address above or call her with your questions at (717) 225-3213.



**Please give a warm welcome to our newest YCPASR members! If a new member finds her/his way to your table at our next luncheon, please make him/her welcome and share the experiences you have had with our organization.**

Mary Ann DeCarlo  
Dianne Grubb  
Emilie Lonardi  
Barbara Snare

Mary Deery  
Philip Livelsberger  
Tanya Mummert  
Deanna Yinger

PENNSYLVANIA  
ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL  
RETIREES  
York County Chapter  
2873 Dove Drive  
York, Pa. 17408

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**DATED MATERIAL**

Please deliver  
by  
September 27, 2023

***IN MEMORIAM***



***Lenore Largent***

***Fay Wagaman***

***Ray Fickes***

***William Wilvert***

**BOARD MEETINGS (SpiriTrust Lutheran Home on  
Sprenkle Drive)**

January 8, 2024                      9:00 AM

March 18, 2024                      9:00 AM

**MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS (Wyndham Gardens)**

November 6, 2023                      9:00 AM

March 11, 2024                      9:00 AM

To help us keep the membership list up-to-date and be sure that your friends and colleagues who have passed get on our remembrance list, please email [remembrance@ycpasr.org](mailto:remembrance@ycpasr.org) or call Eydie Shafer (717-755-3046) with the name and date of death of members who have passed away.

**NEED MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YCPASR? CHECK OUT OUR WEB PAGE!**

Draft minutes of the recent membership and board meetings are posted.

**YCPASR.org**

