

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” – Nelson Mandela

Whether you worked in a school environment or not, you understand the power of this quote. When people learn relevant concepts in any field of study these are the building blocks to make informed decisions and discoveries to move our country and the world forward.

At our May 13th meeting, which we like to refer to as our ‘Education Meeting,’ YCPASR is honoring 2 high school students as the recipients of \$2,000.00 scholarships and 2 school employees from Central York School District who are preparing future leaders and quality employees for the workforce. Former Governor Tom Wolf, a strong supporter of public education, will also be joining us to offer his congratulations to the recipients. Join us on May 13th to offer support these fine York County people.

Along with this change theme, come two changes that affect YCPASR. The chapter board took a close look at the Bylaws and suggested a few modifications. This draft document will be available for review on the website, ycpasr.org by April 15th. It will be presented at the May meeting for members’ review with a final vote to adopt at the August meeting.

Another change coming in January 2025 is a leadership change. Barbara Snare was recently voted as President Elect of YCPASR and will assume the President’s position in the new year. Until then, Barb is busy learning the role of the President and the related responsibilities. Welcome, Barb, and thank you for stepping forward to lead the chapter beginning in 2025.

With the start of spring, our thoughts may turn to outside activities, such as walking more, outdoor grilling, planting, and traveling. With that extra grilling time, family reunions, having more fresh fruits and vegetables available, thoughts turn to digging out the recipe file. Bring along to the May 13th meeting a favorite recipe to share on a notecard. One of my favorite recipes is Greek Turkey Burgers – few ingredients and easy to prepare on the grill.

Wanting to learn more about YCPASR, check out the website, ycpasr.org, for past newsletters, minutes of membership and board meetings along with related chapter information.

I am looking forward to seeing you soon! *Chris Blevins*



YCPASR OFFICERS 2024

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YCPASR Travel News May 2024:

April 12: Final Seats for Rights & Sights of NY

April 15: Piano Men-Dutch Apple: Depart 4-Point 10:00AM & Ollies-10:30AM; Approx Return 5:00PM

April 19: \$200 Non-refundable Deposit Dells

May 2-11, 2024: Collette's Mackinac Island with Tulip Festival

June 10-12: Historic Rights & Splendid Sights of NY **Space Available, Share with Friends**

July 16: Mystery Trip: Depart Ollie's 6:00am, Approx Return; 8:30pm; Depart 4-Point Sheraton 6:30am Approx Return 9:00pm **Space**

August 15-22: Wisconsin Dells **Space**

Sept 17: Mystery Trip **Space Available**

Aug 15, 2024: Final Payment Due Memorials WW II & D-Day Landing

Oct 13 -24, 2024: Memorials of World War II, 80th Anniversary of the D-Day Landing

Oct 29: Fangs & Farm **Space Available**

Nov 20: Toby's Sound of Music **Space**

Dec 8-11: Trapp Lodge **Standby**

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**

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

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 on Travel Table during 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. Front seats are saved for the tour managers.

2024 Pickup Locations:

Please specify your Pick-up location on your Reservation Form for each Trip!

Wolf's Pick-up Points:

Four Points Sheraton Hotel
1650 Toronita St
York PA 17402

OR

Wolf's Bus Lines, Inc.
200 Old US Route 15
York Springs, PA 17372

Ollie's Pick -up:

Ollies Bargain Outlet
1081 Haines Road
East York PA 17402

Park on Ollie's side toward Mt Rose Ave.

See Parking Sites on Travel Guide or on the Website!

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

Greetings!

I am honored to serve as the President-Elect of YCPASR! I am excited to get to know all you! Here is a bit of information about me. I retired from public education in June 2022 after forty-eight years. I was an elementary teacher in Waynesboro for twelve years and the principal of Hayshire Elementary School in Central York for thirty-six years. I loved my forty-eight years in education. I believe we do make a difference! I thank all of you for your part in making a difference.

I am the grandma of a one-year-old and have two adult children and a daughter-in-law. Little Rosa, our mini-goldendoodle, is the princess of the family. She spends lots of time curled up to anyone who will give her belly rubs!

I play an active role in Yorkshire Church as education chair, serve as treasurer for Delta Kappa Gamma – Beta Gamma Chapter, and continue to provide new teacher training with Central York School District. (I like to stay busy!)

YCPASR is a superb organization with an amazing board. It truly is a hidden gem in York County. It offers friendship and community to its members, as well as, commitment to meet needs of others in the larger community of York. There are opportunities for learning and travel and consistent efforts to protect and improve the economic status of all school retirees. I will continue to work to support our goals as your president-elect.

Let's share the sparkle of York County PASR



Treasury Report as of March 18, 2024

Treasury -- \$35,898.28
Of that the accounts are –
General -- \$ 22,096.48
Scholarship -- \$11,560.19
Social Service -- \$2,241.61

Joel Riedel

Two New Benefits for PASR Members



Wendell August Forge is now offering PASR Members **15% discounts on their online purchase**. Crafted by artisans in Pennsylvania for nearly a century, Wendell August gifts are unique symbols of the stories, traditions and milestones that bind us together. Each piece is then hand-wrought using an eight-step process with roots in ancient metalworking techniques.

SUPERfeet

Superfeet is offering PASR members an exclusive **10% discount**. Superfeet support isn't just about making incredibly comfortable insoles, but also to make a positive difference in people's lives, creating a happier, healthier world one step at a time.

Discounted Tickets for PASR Members

Spring is HERE! Looking for something fun to do outside with the family? How about visiting an amusement park or watching a baseball game? As a PASR member, you can receive discounted tickets to Hershey Park, Dollywood, Idlewild & Soak Zone, Kennywood, Sandcastle, DelGrosso, Great Wolf Lodge and Waldameer & Water World. PASR also offers many minor league baseball and hockey ticket discounts, as well as Penn State Football tickets. Participating teams are updated frequently during each sports season, so be sure to visit the website for an updated list. To access these discounts, login to www.PASR.org and go to the Discounts & Benefits Overview page. There you can use the links to go directly to each amusement park's website to purchase the discounted tickets. If you need assistance logging into the website, please call the PASR office at (717) 697-7077.

Theater Arts For Everyone is currently seeking actors/actresses and behind-the-scenes helpers for their traveling productions. If interested, please contact Diane Crews at 717-884-8233 or email info@tafepa.org.

TAFE will be presenting *Mystery at Senior Manor* as part of our November meeting!

We would love to see some of our YCPASR members in the cast!





Spring Luncheon

Wyndam Garden, York

May 13, 2024



9:00 Doors Open

9:30 Meeting Called to Order

10:15 Central York School District Middle School Fife and Drum Corp

10:35 Break

11:00 Former Governor Tom Wolfe

11:20 Presentation of Scholarships and Woodson Awards

11:50 Closing Remarks

12:00 Lunch

- Honey Smoked Ham*
- Corn Pudding*
- Green Beans*
- Roll and Butter*
- Peach Cobbler w/ ice cream*

As always, our Spring meeting will honor a local school district. This year's honorees will represent Central York School District --one professional staff member and one support staff. As part of the day's festivities, the Middle School Fife & Drum Corps will perform under the direction of Mr. Richard Worley. Over 50 years old, this unique group continues to exist as one of the only fife and drum corps in America which is part of a public-school music program.

The program will also include the awarding of scholarships to two York county students pursuing teaching degrees.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend May 13th! Bring a friend!

Your reservation should be received prior to **May 3, 2024**. 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

NO OUTSIDE DRINKS ALLOWED IN BANQUET ROOM

LUNCHEON RESERVATION

Please return this section and your check by **May 3, 2024**. Include a stamped self-addressed envelope if you prefer to have your ticket prior to May 13.

YOUR NAME _____ PHONE _____

NAME(S) OF GUEST(S) _____

NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS _____ GLUTEN FREE? _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

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

Membership Renewal Postcards are on the Horizon!!

We will be mailing the **Dues Renewal** postcards the first two weeks of April. If, by the end of April, you have not gotten your postcard, please contact one of the Membership Co-chairs. Please fill out the postcard completely and legibly and mail it, with your check of \$15 (which is the amount for both annual and associate members) to the name and address on your postcard by June 30th of this year.

Our organization must follow the fiscal year, not the calendar year, so your dues cover you from July 1st of this year and continue through June 30th of next year.

A friendly reminder: YCPASR no longer sends out a membership card, so the only card you will be seeing is the post card for dues renewal.

One last note, please contact us if you or a member of YCPASR has moved or has passed on so that we are able to keep our membership contact information up to date and correct. Thanks so much!!

Membership Co-chairs:

Steph Jacoby (717 225-3213) or

Jan Ruman (717 318-4853).

Welcome to our New Members

We have new members to welcome to YCPASR! Please be sure to look for our new members as they are introduced at the next Luncheon. Offer them a friendly welcome and if you notice they do not have a place at a table, please offer a seat at yours and include them in your conversations.

Our new members are:

Eleanor Gold

Diane Grondin

Margaret Moore

Suzanne Petry



Welcome
Glad you're here!

And, to any new member: When you come to attend your first meeting, please find Steph or Jan at the Membership Table, which will be right inside the door as you enter the Dining Room. We will try to find a table for you to join!!

March Membership Meeting Highlights



The Susquebanna Travelers provided lively Irish music.



Tavon Parker spoke about The Advantage Program, designed to empower York's youth.



Members have asked what I, THE PURSE, does between meetings. Well, rests with collections!! Remember, if you find a "collection" (\$\$\$) during spring cleaning, please look for me at the May meeting. All for scholarship.

Legislative Update

I am pleased to recommend Ron Ruman to be the YCPASR Legislative Chairperson. Ron had extensive experience working in our state government and is interested in keeping our members informed of State and National legislative issues.

April 23 is Primary Election Day in Pennsylvania. Mark this date on your calendar and please try to vote either by mail or in person. Your vote is important and does count in every election.

A COLA Bill for Pennsylvania retired public school employees (House Bill 1416) has passed the State House, and it now lies in the hands of the Senate to vote in favor of it. This bill has been posted on our website, ycpasr.org. Retired public school employees have not received a COLA in 20 years! Please contact your state senator to vote in favor of the COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) for it to be properly added to the state budget this spring.

Submitted by Chris Blevins

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

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

DATED MATERIAL

Please deliver
by
April 1, 2024

IN MEMORIAM

<i>Carl Hamm</i>	<i>June Ort</i>
<i>Ruth Coble</i>	<i>Jean Anderson</i>
<i>Gerald Wood</i>	<i>Fay Beck</i>
<i>Delores Hamilton</i>	<i>Phyllis Keller</i>
<i>Donna Hake</i>	<i>Carl Nelson</i>
<i>Sarah Goodfellow</i>	<i>Richard Koch</i>
<i>LeRoy Krebs</i>	<i>Charles Landis</i>
<i>Judy Dilling</i>	

BOARD MEETINGS (SpiriTrust Lutheran Home
on Sprengle Drive)

June 3, 2024	9:00 AM
Sept. 9, 2024	9:00 AM

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS (Wyndham Gardens)

May 13, 2024	9:00 AM
August 12, 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 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.

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