

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Greetings YCPASR Members! Here we are in 2024, and January is a great time for fresh starts, resolutions, goal setting and snow days! As for me, I plan to delete clutter, stretch more, and start a new hobby. A study published online Sept. 11, 2023, by *Nature Magazine*, suggests having a hobby is good for mental health and well-being. If your personal schedule permits you to attend our meeting on March 11th, bring an example of a hobby you can share with others. You might just spark an interest in members to pursue your hobby.



Currently, our membership stands at 786! Those members attending meetings benefit from a great social atmosphere in addition to learning about local community compassion agencies and information about area programs. Meetings are planned by the board to be interesting and fun! Check out the special program, speakers, and lunch menu on page 4 of this newsletter to see what is in store for March 11, and mail in your reservation. You might consider inviting a friend or relative to this meeting as a great birthday gift.

Those members who were present at the November 2023 Meeting donated \$1,200.00 to the Scholarship Fund with the basket raffle, and a generous \$811.00 to the NICU Reading Program. We are most grateful to everyone for your continued monetary support to help others in need. The YCPASR Board listed below does an extraordinary job in each of their areas of responsibility to meet the needs of members and our community. The website, [ycpasr.org](http://ycpasr.org), contains a plethora of organizational information along with updates and travel opportunities. Feel free to contact any board member with suggestions or needs of our community that should be considered in the future.

PASR has set the goal of donating \$50,00.00 to Feeding PA, which is a statewide network of food banks that play a role in providing food to those in need. February is the month targeted to accumulate donations, and if you choose to donate to Feeding PA, please wait until that link is made available by PASR in February. If you choose to donate to a local foodbank such as the York County Food Bank or Community Reach in Red Lion, forward a copy of the receipt you receive to Treasurer, Joel Riedel (2170. Cobblestone Lane, York, PA 17408), who will report the donation to PASR to add to their records.

Moving forward, February is more than a month of love. February 17 is Random Acts of Kindness Day. This is a great time to reach out to someone needing a pat on the back or an unexpected gift to bring a bright smile!

Warmest wishes for a most happy and healthy year ahead!

*Chris Blevins*

### YCPASR OFFICERS 2024

<b>President:</b> Chris Blevins (717-235-7554)	<b>Newsletter:</b> Sharon Smith (717-515-1572)
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<b>Travel/Recreo:</b> Joy Shoffner (717-244-0428)	<b>Information Technology:</b> Eric Mueller (717-428-0454)

**YCPASR Travel News March 2024:****Feb 20:** Andrea Bocelli Concert**Feb 26:** \$200 Non-Refundable Deposit Trapp Family Lodge**March 4, 2024:** Final Payment Due Mackinac**March 7:** Philly Flower Show & Positano Coast; Pickup 4-Point-6:30AM & Ollies-7:00AM; **Space****March 21:** Sight & Sound – Daniel with Bird-in-Hand; Depart 4-Point 9:00AM & Ollies 9:30AM Approx Return 6:00PM **Space Available****March 15:** Payment Due Rights & Sights of NY**April 15:** Piano Men-Dutch Apple; Depart 4-Point 10:00AM & Ollies-10:30AM; Approx Return 5:00PM **Space Available****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****July 16:** Mystery **Space Available****August 15-22:** Wisconsin Dells **Space****Sept 17:** Mystery **Space Available****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 **Space****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 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.**2024 PickUp Locations – Please specify on Reservation for Trip****Wolf's Pick-up Points**

Four Points Sheraton Hotel

1650 Toronita St

York PA 17402

See Parking site on Travel Guide

**OR**

Wolf's Bus Lines, Inc.

200 Old US Route 15

York Springs, PA 17372

**OR**

Ollies Bargain Outlet

1081 Haines Road

East York PA 17402

Park at the side of Ollie's next to Mt Rose Ave.

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



### The Advantage Program

Tavon Parker, a native Yorker and motivational speaker, will introduce The Advantage Program to our members during our March meeting. This program aims at empowering youth, providing mentorships and creating sustainable life plans that will change the narrative surrounding many of today's young citizens.

Tavon will have copies of his book for sale at the meeting. Envelopes to support the Advantage Program will be available on luncheon tables.

### Potential New Benefits for PASR Members

As the PASR Region 4 MB & S Chair, my fellow PASR Region Chairs and I were recently asked to weigh in on two new potential retail benefits. Although not yet confirmed, I can say that pending approval, they will be added to the current five categories of PASR benefits totaling 26 different offerings. All of these can be seen at: [www.PASR.org/Membership/Member-Benefits/](http://www.PASR.org/Membership/Member-Benefits/).

I'll be sure to update everyone on the status of these as soon as I hear something.

Eric Mueller  
YCPASR Member Benefits & Services (MB & S) Chair

### YCPASR By-Laws Review

A committee is needed to closely review our By-Laws to ensure that the document is accurate, up-to-date, and meets the needs of our members. The meeting to do this review will follow the March 11 Membership Meeting at the Wyndham, beginning at 1:00pm. Members not attending the Membership Meeting are welcome to attend.

The By-Laws document is on the website, [ycpasr.org](http://ycpasr.org).



### Treasury Report

as of December 31, 2023

Treasury -- \$38,499.12  
 Of that the accounts are –  
 General -- \$24,962.65  
 Scholarship -- \$11,294.86  
 Social Service -- \$2,241.61

*Joel Riedel*



Joel,

Your organization has been extremely generous, and we can't thank you enough for your support of our NICU reading program which will provide many books to our babies and families. It was a pleasure getting you to know & your members, and I thank you for welcoming us and allowing us to share our program with you yesterday.

Sincerely,

**Peggy Kling**  
 Regional Director  
 Volunteer Engagement, Central Region  
[pkling@wellspan.org](mailto:pkling@wellspan.org)  
 717-851-2182



# Winter Luncheon

*Wyndam Garden, York*

*March 11, 2024*

**9:00 Doors Open**

**9:30 Meeting Called to Order**

**10:15 Compassion Speaker, Tavon Parker**

**10:35 Break**

**11:00 Program Guests, Susquehanna Travelers**

**11:45 Closing Remarks**

**12:00 Lunch**

- Stuffed Chicken Breast with Gravy*
- Whipped Potatoes*
- Peas and Carrots*
- Roll and Butter*
- Lime Sherbet with Oatmeal Cookie*

**1:00 By-Laws Meeting**



**Susquehanna Travelers**

Susquehanna Travelers have performed for over twenty years at some of our nation's most prestigious venues including 7 times at the Smithsonian Institute and the Congressional Medal of Honor National Convention.

Join your Fellow YCPASR members as they celebrate St. Patrick's Day with an Irish Music Fest.

Mark your calendar and reserve a spot for yourself AND a friend at this fun-filled event!

Your reservation should be received prior to **March 1, 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 **March 1, 2024**. 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Renewal Postcards Are on the Horizon!**

We will be mailing dues renewal postcards at the end of March, so be on the lookout in early April for your dues renewal postcard. Your dues cover you from July 1 of this year through June 30 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!!

**New Guidelines Regarding Membership Dues Membership**

According to PASR (our state organization), if a member has not paid the dues for YCPASR, the member's information is to be deleted at the end of the calendar year. If you forgot to pay your dues for this past year, do not worry! Just give Steph Jacoby a quick call to let her know. Steph will take the needed information over the phone. Then, send the \$15 dues for this year to:

Steph Jacoby  
2345 Meetinghouse Road  
Spring Grove, PA 17362

When Steph receives your dues for 2022, she'll add your information back into our data base and you will be covered until June 30, 2023. Please keep in mind that you need to have your dues up to date to attend our meetings and to travel with us. Watch the mail in April for your post card for the 2023 dues.

**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.**

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| Judy Clark       | Kimberly Morris  |
| Loretta Deller   | Linda Myers      |
| Lori Hartman     | Mary Potts       |
| Sandy Heimberger | Christine Runk   |
| Barbara Hoffman  | Timothy Scripko  |
| Joanne Kaune     | Tracy Shank      |
| Ryan Kaune       | Bill Taylor      |
| Jeane Kerr       | Deb Taylor       |
| Lisa Kline       | Heather TeBeau   |
| Sharon Lytle     | Janice Whitcraft |
| Kristen Mikita   |                  |



**Welcome**  
*Glad you're here!*



**Community Service Hours**

PASR chapters are interested in documenting the hours of service that volunteer retirees contribute to their local communities. In doing this, our volunteers show a positive picture of the activities of public-school retirees to the community at large. Please take a moment to complete this form, filling in the appropriate number of hours PER YEAR that you volunteer. A summary of this information will be shared with AARP, NRTA, and PASR headquarters.

Hard copy forms will be available at the March meeting, or you can access the forms on our web page (<https://www.ycpasr.org/forms--links.html>). Please either submit the forms online or return them to Therese Laucks (2727 Joppa Road, York 17403).

PENNSYLVANIA  
ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL  
RETIREES

York County Chapter  
2873 Dove Drive  
York, Pa. 17408

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

DATED MATERIAL

Please deliver  
by  
January 26, 2024

**IN MEMORIAM**



*Wayne Wagaman*  
*Sally Little*  
*Jacqueline Senft*  
*Dick Guyer*  
*Helen Everhart*  
*Jerry Dietz*  
*Wilda Laughman*  
*Burt Shellhammer*  
*Mary Jane Kessler*  
*Barbara Raffensperger*

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

March 18, 2024	9:00 AM
June 3, 2024	9:00 AM

**MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS (Wyndham Gardens)**

March 11, 2024	9:00 AM
May 13, 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](http://YCPASR.org)