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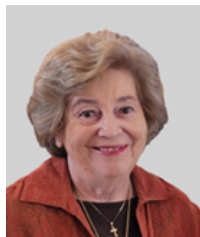
NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Thank you to those PASR members who contacted their state representatives to request a COLA for pre-Act 9 retirees. Eligible retirees will begin receiving their increased monthly benefit in September. Senator Frank Farry championed COLA legislation and worked on funding mechanisms—utilizing revenue streams like internet gaming taxes rather than destabilizing the retirement fund—to break the logjam, ultimately landing the increases in the finalized state budget. Senator Farry plans to attend our Bucks Mont Fall luncheon on October 15. I hope you can attend.

Be sure to check out the Fall luncheon at Sandy Run Country Club details. The location is 1.5 miles from the Fort Washington exit of the Pennsylvania turnpike. I hope to see you there. We are pleased with Sandy Run Country Club's food and services as well as their accessibility.

I especially enjoyed our group tour of BAPS Swaminarayan Akshardham, a landmark of Hindu architecture and culture in Robbinsville, New Jersey in June. We learned it is the second largest Hindu temple in the world. The leader wanted to create a place of worship in North America for followers that could also enable visitors of different backgrounds to experience Hindu spirituality, architecture, and peace. Lynn Majewski did a great job of meeting the requirements for our group to visit. Check out the upcoming planned activities.

Be sure to contact me if you would like to attend a Bucks Mont board meeting which is being held at the Bucks County IU. The board would love to have you join us.

Please invite your retired friends to consider joining PASR. Non-members who attend the luncheon and then decide to join can join for \$10.00. The Bucks Mont webpage has a link to join online <https://buckspasr.org/membership>. They could also join at the luncheon.

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Dear Members of the PASR Bucks-Mont Chapter,

I am pleased to share with you that this year's state budget includes a long-overdue pension increase for nearly 54,000 retired teachers and state employees. I was honored to be a part of the budget negotiation efforts that made this well-deserved increase possible, delivering meaningful financial relief to those who dedicated their careers to serving our community.

As part of the budget signed into law last month, qualifying public school and state employees who retired before July 2, 2001, will soon notice a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) to their monthly retirement benefit payment. Eligible retirees can expect the increase automatically reflected in their first annuity payment after August 1, 2026, or as soon as administratively practicable for your respective retirement system. Your first adjusted payment will include any retroactive increase owed back to July 1, 2026.

The increase to a retiree's monthly annuity payment will be based on their effective date of retirement. Those who retired before July 2, 1982 can expect the largest increase of 24.5%. Those who retired around 2001 will receive an increase closer to 15%. Please review the table below to see the specific increase you qualify for:

Effective Date of Retirement	Percentage Factor
July 2, 2000 – July 1, 2001	15%
July 2, 1999 – July 1, 2000	15.5%
July 2, 1998 – July 1, 1999	16%
July 2, 1997 – July 1, 1998	16.5%
July 2, 1996 – July 1, 1997	17%
July 2, 1995 – July 1, 1996	17.5%
July 2, 1994 – July 1, 1995	18%
July 2, 1993 – July 1, 1994	18.5%
July 2, 1992 – July 1, 1993	19%
July 2, 1991 – July 1, 1992	19.5%

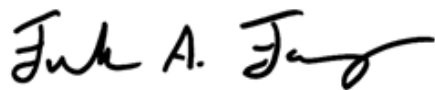
July 2, 1990 – July 1, 1991	20%
July 2, 1989 – July 1, 1990	20.5%
July 2, 1988 – July 1, 1989	21%
July 2, 1987 – July 1, 1988	21.5%
July 2, 1986 – July 1, 1987	22%
July 2, 1985 – July 1, 1986	22.5%
July 2, 1984 – July 1, 1985	23%
July 2, 1983 – July 1, 1984	23.5%
July 2, 1982 – July 1, 1983	24%
Prior to July 2, 1982	24.5%

Eligible retirees should continue to watch for official updates from their respective retirement systems.

I am grateful for this opportunity to fight for you in Harrisburg and deliver this impactful victory for our deserving public servants. Please know I will always be a strong proponent of retirement security and the financial well-being of Pennsylvania's seniors. Thank you for your years of dedicated service.

Please feel free to reach out to me and my office if you have any questions or need additional clarification. We're always happy to help.

Sincerely,



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FALL MEETING LUNCHEON and PROGRAM

October 15, 2026

Come join us to meet, eat, be entertained and serve the community!

WHERE: Sandy Run Country Club
200 E. Valley Green Rd.
Oreland, PA 19075

SCHEDULE :
10:00 Registration with Coffee
10:30 Business Meeting
11:15 Program
12:00 Lunch

LUNCH:

Buffet Style Featuring Salad, Potato, Vegetable, Chicken Marsala, Honey Dijon Salmon, Baked Ziti in a cream sauce with dessert.

Please return the coupon with entrée selection and check by October 8, 2026.

Cost \$30/Member \$40/Non-member. Members age 90 and above are free.

LUNCHEON PROGRAM

In honor of the 250th birthday of our great country, we will welcome Herb Kaufman, a retired history teacher, who will do a presentation of the Revolutionary War period, and what they didn't teach you in high school!?!

HISTORY'S MYSTERIES: The REVOLUTIONARY War-1776

Many people love to read historical fiction. This presentation is historical reality. Myths, legends and lore have become a significant part of American history of the Revolutionary War and the colonial era. Among others, historical reality seeks to answer: "Who is Molly Pitcher, and did she really fire a cannon at Monmouth"... "Did George Washington honestly have wooden teeth?"... "Where did Paul Revere actually ride?"... "What really happened on the Fourth of July?"... "What is the true story of the Liberty Bell?"

The history of the American Revolution and the colonial era are full of lore, myths, half-truths and just plain inaccuracies that have become a part of American history. This program focuses on these mysterious, misrepresented and often imagined incidents and events. You will learn the truth about the Revolutionary War that they never taught you in high school.

LUNCHEON COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Our service project for the Fall luncheon is to bring in items for Manna on Main located in Lansdale. Go to <https://mannaonmain.org/give-food/what-is-needed/> to see their requests for food items.

Bring your item to the luncheon. We will deliver them to Manna on Main. Last December, our chapter gave \$200 to Buck's County's Give a Christmas and \$200 to Manna on Main for their Christmas project where they provided a \$75 Visa gift card to all 710 children enrolled in the program. Each family also received a \$25 gift card.



SOCIAL SERVICE MEMORIAL FUND

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We have had members, both locally and also from across the state, who have needed financial support this year due to illness, or age. There has never been a more important time to donate to our Memorial Fund. No funding comes from dues but relies solely on the generosity of members and chapters. **A COUPON CAN BE FOUND IN THIS NEWSLETTER TO MAKE DONATING EASY.** It is also possible to donate on-line. Go to PASR.org/member-donate-ssmhf (member login required). Confidentiality is always maintained. Donations can be made to honor someone who has made a difference in your life or to honor a special event like a birthday or anniversary.

NONAGENARIANS ARE WELCOME FREE OF CHARGE TO ANY OF OUR LUNCHEONS. See the attached luncheon coupon. If you are **celebrating a 90 or 90+** birthday or know of a member who is, let Eileen know so that we can celebrate!

At the Spring Luncheon we celebrated Nonagenarians Barbara Lehman and Ruth Boyer!



Ruth Bower, a retiree from Abington School District, filled her years there with many different positions including starting in the cafeteria, to a secretary in the 9th and 10th grade office and finally responsibilities for child accounting. Quite a busy lady!

Barbara Lehman, a retiree from Strathaven School, loved teaching English for 21 years. She enjoyed working with colleagues integrating English with other subject areas!

Congratulations for 90 plus years of making the world a better place!

Stay in Touch

To update the PASR Bucks Mont CHAPTER and/or receive newsletters by email, please email bucksmontpasr@gmail.com. This email has been changed/updated effective March 21, 2024. Otherwise, the Newsletter will come via mail.

Lost your PASR Newsletter? You can find the information on the web at www.buckspasr.org.

Lynn Majewski, our Bucks Mont Board member in charge of Recro opportunities, has planned numerous activities targeting the USA 250th Celebration! Be sure to check them out!

PASR Playing Around Town

MAY 7 at GROUNDS FOR SCULPTURE

PASR always "Stirring the pot"!



JUNE 25 at BAPS SHRI SWAMINARAYAN AKSARDHAM-Hindu Temple

PASR appreciating the world around us!



JULY 23 – MICHENER ART MUSEUM- THE CROSSING:

*PASR celebrating the
250th birthday of the United States.
Quite the crew!*



PASR “PROUD TO SHARE” ANNOUNCEMENTS



PASR Bucks Mont Education Scholarships

awarded at the Spring Luncheon were presented to two students from Bucks County by Arlene Williams, President PASR- Bucks Mont and John Worthington, Vice President to two students from Montgomery County.

From Bucks County:

Sophia Ogden, representing **Pennridge High School** will be attending *The Pennsylvania State University* majoring in Special Education.

Addison Hopkins, a senior at **Pennsbury High School** will be studying Communication Sciences and Disorders and American Sign Language at *The Pennsylvania State University*.

From Montgomery County:

Isabel McMullen, a student of **Educators Rising** from **Central Montgomery Technical High School** and **Lower Merion High School** will major in Early Childhood, Elementary and Special Education at *Millersville University*.

Grant Cardenas, unable to attend the luncheon, is also a student at **Educators Rising, Central Montgomery Technical High School and Lower Merion High School**.

PASR Regional Director **Lynn Majewski** recognized the **Montgomery Chapter** for being established for **60 years**. Accepting the recognition on behalf of the chapter are **Chuck Forsythe and John Worthington**.

Congratulations!

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For ALL activities complete coupon and make checks payable to: PASR /BMC
Mail to: PASR /BMC, PO Box 465, Penns Park PA 18943

FALL ACTIVITIES

OCTAGONAL SCHOOL HOUSE

Visit the last remaining octagonal schoolhouse in Bucks County. Come and hear about it's history. It served as a school from 1802 until 1850.

When: Thursday, September 24 at 11 am

Where: 2091 Second Street Pike Wrightstown, PA
(corner of Swamp Rd & 2nd St Pike)

Parking is accessed via Swamp Rd access.

Cost: free

*Count due by **Sept. 10**, space is limited so it is on a first come basis.*



WASHINGTON CROSSING LANTERN TOUR

It's a 1 hour guided evening walk by lantern light. You'll experience living history with soldiers in period attire.



When: Friday, October 9 at 6:30 pm

Where: Washington Crossing Historical Park **Visitor's Center at 6:15pm**
112 River Rd Washington Crossing, PA

Cost: \$15 per person

Payment due by **September 18**

Flowers by Jennie-Lynne

Make a holiday/winter wreath with artificial materials. You have a choice of your wreath from 12 different designs . Class is approximately 1 hr. Space is limited so it will be on first come basis.



When: **Thursday, November 5 at 1pm**

Where: 100 Trenton Rd.

Fairless Hills, PA 19054

Parking is in the rear of the building

Cost: \$50 per person

Payment due by **October 1.**

The wreath design choices will be sent via email. Indicate your choice by October 8.

An American Christmas Songbook

It's become our holiday tradition. Join us for timeless songs done by fabulous singers and musicians. It's the perfect way to get in the holiday spirit.



When: Tuesday, **December 15 at 2 pm**

Where: Bristol Riverside Theatre

120 Radcliffe Street

Bristol, Pa 19007

Cost: \$36 per person

Payment due by **November 20.**

MEMBER BENEFITS and SERVICES

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For information about all of the many benefits that our organization is offering, go to PASR.org. Remember you must be a state member of PASR in order to take advantage of these offerings.

Among them are discounts for amusement parks like Hershey and Dollywood. Our state organization must have a certain number of members who take advantage of these each year in order for the amusement parks to continue to offer their discounts.

PASR BMC COUPON PAGE SPRING 2026

For ALL activities, complete coupon and make checks payable to: PASR /BMC

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OCTAGONAL SCHOOLHOUSE on September 24th @ 11AM

Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Count due September 10, 2026.

COUNT _____

Washington Crossing LANTERN TOUR on October 9, 2026 @ 6:30PM

Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Cost : \$15

COUNT _____

Coupon due September 18, 2026.

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

FALL LUNCHEON on October 15, 2026 Sandy Run CC @ 10:00AM

Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Buffet Style including a dessert

Payment and coupon due October 8, 2026.

**\$30 for members, \$40 for non-members.
No charge for members 90 or 90+.**

COUNT _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

Flowers by Jennie-Lynne on November 5 @1:00 PM

Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Payment and coupon due October 1, 2026. \$50/person COUNT _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

Watch for an email to select your wreath design and indicate your choice by Oct 8.

BRISTOL RIVERSIDE THEATER on December 15, 2026 @ 2 PM
An American Christmas Songbook

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Payment and coupon due November 24, 2026. \$41/person COUNT _____
Tickets will be mailed.

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATION

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

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A contribution of \$_____ is being made in Memorial _____ or Honor _____
of _____.

Please inform the following of this loving tribute:

Name: _____

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DATES TO REMEMBER

August 27	Bucks Mont Executive Board Meeting Churchville, PA
September 24	Octagonal School House, Wrightstown, PA
October 9	Lantern Tour at Washington Crossing State Park, PA
October 15	Buck Mont Fall Luncheon, Sandy Run CC Oreland, PA
October 22	Region 1 Membership Mtg, Manufacturer's Golf &CC
November 5	Flowers by Jennie-Lynne, Fairless Hills, PA
November 12	Bucks Mont Executive Board Mtg, Bucks IU Doylestown, PA
December 15	American Christmas Song book at BRS, Bristol Boro.,PA