

The Bucks Mont Buzz

Fall 2025 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The summer months are coming to an end, and the Fall season is approaching. Thanks to your support our chapter was able to present four scholarships to 2025 graduates going on to college to prepare to be teachers at the Spring luncheon. Our members have also responded to PASR's request to contact their representatives to share their support for the Department of Education. We continue to push for a Cola for pre-Act 9 retirees.

The Bucks Mont Chapter luncheon is coming up on Thursday, October 23. Please note the change in location. To keep costs down and to encourage our Montgomery members to attend we are having the luncheon at the Sandy Run Country Club. It is located two miles from the PA Turnpike's Fort Washington/Oreland exit. I hope to see you there.

Thanks to Linda Majewski for making the arrangements for our chapter to attend **Tea with George and Martha**. Both George and Martha gave us some insight into their experiences. Participants on our tour of the Moravian Tile Works got to use their own creativity in decorating a tile. The Calamari Sisters had us laughing all afternoon.

We received a thank you from The Baby Bureau in Warminster for all the beautiful donations of baby clothes and books. Thank you for supporting this outreach. Our chapter also sent a \$500 dollar donation to the Family Service Association of Bucks county to help provide children in need with clothing and supplies for the new school year.

Please invite your retired school co-workers to join our organization. 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>.

Arlene Williams

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.

FALL MEETING
LUNCHEON and PROGRAM

October 23, 2025

Come join us to meet, eat and be entertained!
A Community Service Opportunity, too!

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

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

NOTE: There is a change in Venue

LUNCH:

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

Please return the coupon with entrée selection and check by October 9, 2025.

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

LUNCHEON PROGRAM

In coordination with David P. Shallcross, Director of Senior Protection at the PA Office of Attorney General, a representative for the Speaker Series Program will present at our luncheon. The session will cover common schemes, including those involving cryptocurrency, data mining, and AI, and provide practical tools to stay aware, alert, and protected.

LUNCHEON COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY



A new USDA report states that “Hunger in America is getting worse, not better”. That is the reason why we have selected Manna on Main Street in Lansdale as our community service project for the October luncheon. For a list of what is needed, go to <https://mannaonmain.org/give-food/what-is-needed/>.

Bring your non-perishable items to the luncheon. We will deliver them.

EDUCATION SUPPORT

Scholarships are awarded each year at the Spring Luncheon to graduating students in Bucks and Montgomery Counties who demonstrate a commitment to be an educator. Our selection pool had many outstanding candidates making the choice challenging. Here are the five recipients.

John Worthington, Education Support Chair, awarded the Montgomery County recipients.

Avery Samarco and Sofia Incollingo, both of **Lower Moreland High School** were awarded scholarships to attend **Temple University**. Avery is majoring in Education, while Sofia will be an ART Major.

Taneka Odoms (not pictured) of Abington at **Bucks County Community College** will complete her degree in Early Education at **Millersville University**.



Arlene Williams, President, awarded the Bucks County recipients during the luncheon.

Maeve Boyes of **Council Rock High School-South** plans to attend **Millersville University** majoring in Special Education.

Sarah Daugherty of **Central Bucks East** will attend **West Chester University** majoring in Special Education.

Our Spring Program

During our Spring Luncheon Program we enjoyed Jenny Lee Stern, a Bucks County native and Broadway veteran of theater. She presented through story and song some heartfelt tales of the tremendous joys and sometimes struggles of being part of a showbiz family.

SOCIAL SERVICE MEMORIAL FUND

Eileen Sichel



INTRODUCING..... Vivian Haines, Nonagenarian!

It was my pleasure at the Spring Luncheon to introduce our Nonagenarian, Vivian Haines who recently turned 91. She originally lived in Kensington in Philadelphia but grew up in the Chain Bridge area in Bucks County near Penns Park and Richboro where she still resides. She had four sons, though one passed away. With a BA in nursing from Trenton state (now the College of New Jersey), Vivan became a school nurse at her alma mater, Council Rock High School. She went on to earn a MA from Trenton State in health and physical education. Using her experience and education Vivian went on to become President of the National Association of School Nurses. In that capacity, she was sent to Germany to help educate school nurses in that country. Vivian has a sharp mind and even worked the phones for 14 years for PSEA after her retirement . She is happy to be a part of the PASR family! Thank you to Charleen Lindsay for accompanying Vivian to our spring luncheon.

Vivian is pictured with Lyn Majewski, PASR-Region and Local.

If you are **celebrating a 90 or 90+** birthday or know of a member who is, let Eileen know so that we can celebrate those special people at one of our luncheons. **Nonagenarians are welcome as guests to any of our luncheons, free of charge.** Just let us know your status on the attached luncheon coupon.

A coupon can be found in this newsletter to make a contribution to the Service Memorial Fund. It is also possible to donate online. Go to pasr.org/member-donate-ssmhf (member login required). Donations can be made to honor or memorialize someone who has made a difference in your life or to honor a special event such as a birthday or anniversary.

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L/PEC
Legislative and Political Education Committee

As of early August 2025, the state's House has advanced a discussion on a COLA, but PASR notes that the outcome is now in the hands of the Senate. Members are encouraged to contact their local senators to voice their support.

<https://www.pasr.org/legislation/> <https://www.pasr.org/legislative-cola-information/>

Update 8/1/25: From the State *PASR Newsletter The Times* (available to state members)

We wanted to provide you with a quick update on our COLA efforts. As of our last communication on July 14th, there has been no change in the legislative status. The House has advanced the COLA discussion, and we are now waiting for the Senate to take the next step forward.

While this is encouraging progress, please remember that nothing is guaranteed; the outcome is now in the Senate's hands.

PASR encourages you to continue the outreach to your local Senators. Your efforts are making a difference. ***Keep making noise, we are being heard.***

How you can help:

1. If you haven't done so already, please complete the message here:
<https://www.pasr.org/legislative-form/?id=14>
2. Ask family, friends, fellow retirees, and neighbors to do the same. **Every Voice Matters.**
3. Continue thanking legislators who have shown support for the COLA.
<https://www.pasr.org/legislative-form/?id=13>

To our PASR members: **Thank you.** You make this work possible—thank you for standing with us. We truly couldn't have come this far without you.

If you're not yet a PASR member, we invite you to join us. Your participation helps strengthen our mission. <https://www.pasr.org/membership/application/>

PASR is the *only* organization that advocates *solely* for retired public school employees — all PSERS annuitants.

Thank you for standing with us, and with each other. PASR will continue to advocate for fairness and dignity for our retirees.

MEMBER BENEFITS and SERVICES

Meg Kramer

PASR state members are being offered two new benefits.



A discount is being given for those who take advantage of ***Life Line Screening***, a mobile unit that comes to nearby locations. They do the following screenings: carotid artery, atrial fibrillation, abdominal aortic aneurysm, and peripheral artery disease.

Another discount is for ***Planet Fitness***. They offer 2 programs. The **Black Card Membership** costs \$24.00 per month, 1st month free, no annual enrollment; commitment fees. The **Classic Membership** is \$15.00 per month, 1st month free, \$49 annual fee and no enrollment; commitment fees. To enroll, go to [PASR.org](https://www.pasr.org), and it is under member discounts.

FYI. The ***Davis Vision by Met Life*** rates will remain the same. The ***United Concordia*** rate increase will affect only the premium level.

Click here <https://www.pasr.org/membership/member-benefits/> to view general Benefits and Discounts available. You would need to be a state member to view them in further detail.

Our Judy Guise !

Judy was spotlighted recently in the ***The Times***, our state newsletter, with a feature article about her work for PASR. She served the Buck County Chapter as a past local President. In addition to her many other contributions for our chapter, she has served at the region and state level of PASR. Your work, knowledge and time are greatly appreciated, Judy!



RECREO
Lyn Majewski

*Please Note: In registering for and/or participating in any PASR event, you hereby give permission to PASR to use your photographic likeness, voice, photographs and videos in all forms and media for advertising, trade, and any other lawful purposes. **If you would prefer that PASR not utilize your likeness, please communicate that to the organizer of the event so that your wishes can be honored.***

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

Mail to: PASR /BMC, PO Box 465, Penns Park PA 18943

Spring /Summer Activities Report:

We enjoyed our June activity touring the Moravian Tile Works. It was especially fun to create our own tile.

We laughed a lot at our July event " Oy Vey! It's the Calamari Sisters" at the Bristol Riverside Theatre.

The trolley tour in August at Valley Forge was very informative.

Consider joining us for the upcoming activities.

Our group at Moravian Tile Works



CHECK OUT THESE ACTIVITIES FOR THE FALL!

Make and Take Flower Arrangements @Flowers by Jennie

Make a fall flower arrangement that you can use for the Thanksgiving season. Class is approximately 1 hour. Space is limited so it will be **on a first come basis**.

When: Thursday, November 20 at 1pm

Where: 100 Trenton Rd. Fairless Hills, PA 19054

Parking is in the rear of the building

Cost: \$40 per person Payment due by October 20

An American Christmas Songbook

It's become our holiday tradition! Singers and musicians take the stage to perform your favorite carols and Christmas songs At the Bristol Riverside theater in Bristol, PA

When: Thursday, December 18 at 2 pm

Where: Bristol Riverside Theatre

120 Radcliffe Street Bristol, Pa 19007

Cost: \$36 per person Payment due by November 24

Travel and Leisure Opportunities

Detailed information on these trips organized through Boscov Travel Services can be found at <https://www.pasr.org/trips/> .



Bonita Barcelona

April 11 – April 18, 2026



Biltmore Christmas (Asheville, NC)

December 7 – December 11, 2026

PASR BMC COUPON PAGE FALL 2025

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Fall Luncheon on October 23, 2025 Sandy Run CC @ 10:00

Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Buffet Style including a dessert

Payment and selection due **October 9, 2025.** **\$30 for members, \$40 for non-members.**
No charge for members 90 or 90+.

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

Flowers by Jennie on November 20 @ 1PM

Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Payment and coupon due **October 20, 2025.** **\$40/person**

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

The American Christmas Songbook on December 18, 2025 @BRST

Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Payment and coupon due **November 24, 2025.** **\$36/person**

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATION

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

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P.O. Box 465 Penns Park , PA 18943

PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL RETIREES
MEMORIAL/HONOR FUND

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

Please inform the following of this loving tribute:

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Make Checks Payable to: Memorial Honor Fund, PASR

Mail to : 878 Century Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055 DATE: _____

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 25, 2025	Region 1 Membership/Luncheon @Manufacture's Golf and CC
Oct. 5-7, 2025	House of Delegates, Penn State
Oct. 23, 2025	Bucks Mont Chapter Luncheon Meeting, Sandy Run CC, Oreland, PA
Nov. 13, 2025	Bucks Mont Chapter Executive Board Meeting Doylestown, PA
Nov. 20, 2025	Make and Take Flower Arrangement @ Flowers by Jennie, Fairless Hills, PA
Dec. 18, 20225	An American Christmas Songbook @ Bristol Riverside Theater, Bristol, PA