Hello! Hope everyone is well and enjoying the last of our summer weather.

Central Penn PARSE will be voting for three Directors (for a two year term, beginning in January). Anyone interested in running for one of these positions, should send/give Howie Plot a letter/note with their name, address, and phone number, as well as, the position of interest, prior to the September luncheon. We will permit all members, who have submitted their letter of intent to run, to speak at the luncheon in September. Those members, who are present and nominated from the floor, at our October luncheon, will not be permitted to speak prior to voting that day.

At the July luncheon, $85 was collected for the Food Bank from half of the $50 that didn’t go to winning members. Way to go!! We are certainly making a difference in the lives of our neighbors!!! We will donate again in October.

Jerry Pinkerton reports that we donated 1825 soup cans and 128 non-soup items for a total of 1953 items from August 2014 through August 2015 for the “PARSE Soup Can Memorial Donations!! How wonderful to donate all those meals!!! Jerry is optimistic we can collect 2500 soup cans this year! That is a challenge!

The Board has heard from Sonia Pitzl the ECYEH (Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness), Region 3 Coordinator. Her program was recommended by member Kathleen Rauhauser of York. We were pleased with her presentation and have asked her to speak at a luncheon. This agency provides homeless school children, from 8 counties in our area, with anything from pencils, backpacks to bus tickets to get to school. We hope to donate to this legitimate, worthy cause and will have a box at our meetings for the next couple of months. Sales on all school supplies are in full swing right now, so, if you can afford to assist students with their needed supplies, please do so. I will have a list of specific needs soon, but any school supplies you see in the stores would be appreciated. Monetary donations are also accepted. There are brochures available.

On July 8th, a PARSE Executive Committee Meeting was held. The Benefits committee met and may look at the Sam’s and BJ’s promotions again. They are looking at a better option than Bio Script for drug assistance. They will meet again in August and PISI will be making a presentation on the various insurance options available to the PARSE members. The dental contract was discussed and now provides for preventive services that do not count toward the $1500 annual benefit maximum. Therefore, cleanings, x-rays, etc. will not be part of the $1500 allotted maximum. Additionally, two prospective lobbyists will be interviewed.

Our membership is growing! We had $853 members at the end of July and there are over 200 members who have not renewed. We had a total of 36 new members last month. Last year, we had 5780 members in Central Penn PARSE and in 2013, we had 5295 members!

I have included the dates of the 2016 luncheons inside so you can mark your calendars! Meals have cost $18.40 for the last two years but have now been raised to $19.00. We have charged $17.00 for most meals and $15 for the picnic and Christmas, which actually cost more. We hope to continue to do so.

On September 29th and 30th, the Annual Governing Board Meeting will be held at the Radisson.

In October, State PARSE will forward 2016 dues invoices to all members. They are again collecting dues for this chapter, as they do for most chapters. Please renew as soon as possible so you don’t forget!

Don’t forget the two events with Shirley Hoffman: Meadowbrooke Gourds tour and workshop on Sept. 9th and the Allenberry Playhouse presentation of “Sleuth” at 1:00 on Oct. 15th! Fliers were in last month’s newsletter. Call Shirley at 652-3435, if interested.

Next month I will include the Christmas Luncheon flier so you can plan to come on Wednesday, Dec. 16th!! The buffet will cost $15 for members!

Jeanne Morrison
President, Central Penn Chapter
**PARSE Travel**

**PARSE Travel - Budget Friendly:** A full refund is provided 30 days prior to the trip unless otherwise stated. If you purchase travel insurance, you will get your money refunded.

**September 15, 2015 - Mt. Airy Resort & Casino.** Barry Manilow Live Tribute! Trip includes: transportation, $20 in slot play, lunch buffet, show, taxes, and driver gratuity. **Cost: $85pp**

**October 22, 2015 - Fall in Bucks County.** Trip includes: transportation and guided tour, admittance fees, lunch, taxes, meal gratuities, and driver's gratuity. **Cost: $139pp**

**November 10, 2015 - American Music Theatre, Lancaster, PA.** Christmas Show and lunch at Huckleberries. Trip includes: Motorcoach transportation, luncheon, show, taxes, meal gratuities, and driver's gratuity. **Cost: $599 single / $599 double.**

**December 2nd-4th, 2015 - Holiday Lights on the Mountain, This is located at Oglebay in the Laurel Highlands.** Trip includes: transportation, 2 nights lodging, 3 buffet breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, welcome reception, Cardial Gathering, Mansion Museum, Glass Museum, Winter Fantasy at the Good Zoo, Winter Festival of Lights, Behind the Scenes of the Festival of Lights, Candlelight Tour of the Compass Inn Museum, Merry Superman Christmas Show, Overly's County Christmas, Lincoln Highway Experience, Latrobe Art Center, Hands on Activity, Christmas Cookies, Frank Lloyd Wright's Duncan House at Polymath Park, Taxes, luggage tags, souvenir, and all gratuities. **Cost: $499pp double / $599 single.**

**December 19, 2015 - Myrtle Beach.** December 20, 2015 - January 2, 2016 - New Year’s Eve Extravaganzas! Trip includes: transportation, 2 nights lodging, 3 breakfasts, 3 dinners, 3 lunches, New Year’s Eve celebration wine taste and tour, show, baggage handling, taxes and meal gratuities. **Cost: $449pp double / $549 single.**

**February 28, 2016 - Hunterdon Hills.** Trip includes: transportation, luncheon, Comedy show, taxes, and gratuities. **Cost: $110pp.**


**April 17, 2016 - Philly Pops - Broadway’s Greatest Hits!** Trip includes: Transportation, orchestra seats, lunch, taxes, and gratuities. **Cost: $171pp.**

**September 30 - October 8, 2016 - 8-Night Pacific Coastal Cruise.** Included in this trip, hosted by Nancy Lagyak: 8 night cruise aboard the Explorer of the Seas, Port charges and departure taxes, roundtrip transfers between Camp Hill and airport, roundtrip airfare between airport and Seattle, roundtrip transfers between airport and ship, tips to drivers and ship board gratuities, meals and entertainment aboard the ship, cocktail reception, group photo (1 per cabin). **Price: $1199/pp Inside Cat N, $1923/pp Cat PR.**

**Board of Directors Meetings 2015-2016**

- September 1, October 6, November 3, December 1, January 5, February 2, March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7, July 5, August 2, September 6, October 4, November 1, December 6

**Meet your Board and Directors**

Tom Hoffman, our Asst. Treasurer, (luncheon reservations person) has served PARSE in various positions for the past 13 years. He served 4 years as Central Penn Director, 4 years as Regional VP and the past 5 years as Central Penn Asst. Treasurer. Tom grew up in Quakertown, Bucks County and graduated from Penn State in 1965, just in time for the Vietnam War. He served 3 1/2 years in the Navy aboard an aircraft carrier (USS Hancock) including 2 cruises to Vietnam. Upon discharge, he and his wife, Shirley, moved to Harrisburg, where he accepted a state job with the Dept. of Public Welfare. Five years were spent at Hbg. St. Hosp. and 25 in various positions in the DPH Headquarters Personnel Office. He retired in 1999. In retirement, he especially enjoys meeting other PARSE retirees, traveling, attending Penn State football games, and working on his 58 Jaguar. He and Shirley have three grandchildren (ages 20,17,13) whose many sport/music activities have provided much enjoyment for their son, his wife and them.

**Welcome New Members**

- **JEAN FENDRICH** ...... Public School Employees
- **ROBERTA RUPP** ...... Public School Employees
- **JULIUS GRAYER** .......... State Police
- **TELENE HARTMAN** ...... Office of the Budget
- **JOAN KARLAVAGE** .......... Treasury
- **DENNIS MATIO** .......... Public Welfare
- **TERRI MATIO** .......... Public Welfare
- **DENNIS MCCAUSLIN** .......... Agriculture
- **DENNIS MCKINNEY** .......... Public Welfare
- **MURILAIN MCKINNEY** .......... Health
- **SUSAN MILLER** .......... Labor and Industry
- **LOVENA NICKLE** .......... Labor and Industry
- **JACQUELINE PUGH** .......... Labor and Industry
- **MICHAEL RUPP** .......... Liquor Control Board