President’s Report

November 2015

Happy autumn! Happy Thanksgiving!

State office should soon mail out your membership renewal forms so get your checks back to them before 2016. If two members, or a member and an associate member, reside together and have both received separate mailings, don’t worry. Just return one check for both members with both forms in one envelope to the State Office. Remember, no self-addressed, stamped envelope should be included as no membership cards will be provided. Not all members renewals are due at this time as it depends on when you joined PARSE.

Central Penn PARSE finished 2015 with 5928 members. We have already received 13 renewals and 42 new members for 2016! Yippee!

Please note the Holiday Luncheon (December 16th) flier is inside your newsletter and also note the turkey luncheon this month! We hope you will join us for both! As you can see, the Holiday luncheon is $15 per member and we will enjoy quite a feast and wonderful entertainment. CASH door prizes will be given out, as well as, all the 50/50 monies collected at the Holiday luncheon. Please come and have some fun!! The Central Penn Board and Directors voted to charge $15 for all luncheons starting in January 2016 on atrial basis in order to attract more members!! Hopefully, this will allow some more members to attend.

November is Toys for Tots month and we will be joined by U.S. Marines to collect new and unwrapped toys that will be given to the less fortunate children in this area. These US Marines are part of the PARSE family and we look forward to donating presents or money for their worthy charity!! If you cannot join us at this luncheon, please mail donations to: Marine Corps Reserve, “Toys for Tots”, Company E, 2nd Battalion, 25th Marines NMCRC, 2991 N. 2nd St., Harrisburg, PA 17110.

At the September luncheon, PARSE members and guests donated 185 soup cans and 45 non-soup items for the Central Penn Food Bank. Since only 96 of us attended the meeting, you really showed how important your community is to you. Way to go. Thanks so much! We will be collecting soup cans at each luncheon. We also collected quite a few school items and money for the ECYEH (Education for Youth Experiencing Homelessness) in September and Ms. Sonia Pitzi was thrilled with our donations. We will collect for these unfortunate children through December of this year. A list of the items, needed by the students, can be obtained at the luncheons. The entire 50/50 collection, $135, was given to lucky ticket holders at the September luncheon.

As I promised in the October newsletter, I will give a synopsis of the 43rd Governing Board Meeting held on September 29th and 30th. An updated State and Chapter Officer Directory was included with the minutes of the meeting. On September 29th there were 19,916 members in State PARSE. The new Government Relation Advisor, John Baughman was introduced and promised to keep us apprised of news from the legislators. He also stated he would be willing to develop talking points for PARSE members who wish to contact their elected representatives. Per Treasurer Class, 2015 expenses to date are $152,000. Tara Long, from the Office of Administration, offered a retiree’s health benefits presentation. Douglas Hassenbein, of the PA Dept. of Banking and Securities, discussed some situations in which seniors could become fraud victims. He advised that no one should give out financial or personal information to callers they do not know. He also reminded us to “investigate before you invest.” Garrett Mowery from PISI thanked PARSE for the long-standing relationship. The preventive incentive that became part of the dental coverage this year excludes from part of the yearly maximum benefit ($1500) 2 cleanings, 2 exams, and 1 set of x-rays. The Bylaws were still being corrected as the first approved motion states: “State Officers are Members at Large,” it added “the state officers are President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Immediate Past-President.” The second motion was modified to read: “Article X. Duties of State Officers. Section 6) Regional Vice-Presidents / Item 1) Regional Vice Presidents shall be a member of a chapter within the region they represent. The third motion to amend the bylaws changes the title of Article X from “Duties of State Officers” to “Duties of Officers.” Two other motions were withdrawn and defeated. The proposed budget was discussed next and it included pay increases for the State Officers to increase their pay from $600 per biweekly to $1000. Also State Officers will no longer receive the $600 per year that was entitled “Executive Committee Fees”. We also voted on the yearly salary for John Baughman of $26,400. The final business item was the vote on officers beginning in 2016. The following were the results: Central Region Vice President - Carol Moyer (Yea!), Northeast Region Vice President-Tom O’Neill, Northwest Region Vice President- Joe Molitierno, Southeast Region Vice President – Kathy Beitchman, Southwest Region Vice President-Tom Buhrke, PARSE President – Tom Judge, and PARSE Secretary – Tom Judge.

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www.PARSECentralPenn.com
June 28-July 8, 2016 - Nova Scotia-Two Nation Adventure

Trip includes: Deluxe motorcoach, 10 nights lodging, 10 dinners, 10 breakfasts, 2 box lunches, several tours and outings, port fees, security fees, and all Canada bridge & road tolls, taxes and gratuities, luggage service, souvenirs and so much more!

Cost: $2079pp dbl/ $2745pp sgl.

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, round trip 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 party, group photo (7 per cabin). Price: $1799/ pp inside Cat N, $1929/ pp Cat P. Pitside Cat J $2099pp, Bal. Caa E1 $2224pp.00.

Cost: $499pp double/ $599 single.

Welcome New Members

SALLEN RIEW ............... Public Welfare
NATLAE SANKS ............ Labor and Industry
GEORGE SMILEK ......... Auditor General
JOYCE SORKA ............... Education
LOIS STARR ................. Revenue
STEPHEN STRAUSS .......... Office of the Budget
KAREN WILLIAMS .......... Health
CLAYTON WILSON ......... Public School Employees
SARAH CHELAP ............ Treasury
MAUREEN KYLCE ............ Corrections

December 10, 2015 - American Music Theatre, Lancaster, PA.

Christmas Show and lunch at Huckelberries. Trip includes: Motorcoach transportation, luncheon, show, taxes, meal gratuities, and driver’s gratuity.

Cost: $75pp

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, Cordial Gathering, Mansion Museum, Glass Museum, Winter Fantasy at the Good Zoo, Winter Festival of Lights, Behind the Scenes of the Festival of Lights, Candlesight Tour of the Compass Inn Museum, Merry Ligonier Christmas Show, Overly’s Country 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.

If you purchase travel insurance, you will get your money refunded.
Central Penn Chapter PARSE

Holiday Party Luncheon **Wednesday**
December 16, 2015  Lunch at 12:00 noon

Where:  Radisson Penn Harris Conference Center, 1150 Camp Hill Bypass- Camp Hill
Time:  Door opens at: 11:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.
Cost: $15.00 for Members and $18.00 for Guests

**DOOR PRIZES!!**

**Reception**
Cheeses—Crudités—Fruit Tray

**Appetizer**
Tomato Basil Soup

**Entrée**
Ham, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Peas and Carrots  OR
Roast Turkey with Stuffing, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Peas and Carrots
(On reservation form, choose one (1) meat for each diner)

**Dessert Station / Beverages**
Mixed Holiday Desserts/ Coffee, Decaf, Hot Tea, Iced Tea, Virgin Egg Nog

**Entertainment**
~“Donna Mark/ Dan Miller Duo~” Singing a variety of Holiday Medleys

**Reservation for Lunch at Chapter Meeting** The Radisson Convention Center on **Wednesday, December 16**
Name: ____________________________  Name of others you are paying for:
(2.) ____________________________  (3.) ________________  (4.) ________________
Meat choice and how many Turkey___#  Ham____#
Number of Member Reservations___@ $15.00 / Guests___@ $18.00 = _____Total

Mail to:  PARSE c/o Tom Hoffman, 7855 Skyline Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17112 Phone: (717) 652-3435
Lunch tickets are not issued, but there must be a paid reservation verifiable at the desk.

See back of flier for job vacancy!
VACANCY NOTICE

THE STATE OFFICE OF PARSE HAS A VACANCY FOR SECRETARY. THIS POSITION IS A STATE OFFICER AND A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ORGANIZATION. MUST BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE PUBLIC IN RELATION TO THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP AND INSURANCES OFFERED TO RETIREES OF THE COMMONWEALTH. MUST BE SKILLED IN UTILIZING COMPUTER SOFTWARE SUCH AS WORDPROCESSING, DATABASE ENTRY, COMPILING AND RETREIVING VARIOUS REPORTS. THE POSITION REQUIRES A MINIMUM OF 20 HOURS PER WEEK AT THE STATE OFFICE, ENSURING 5 DAY A WEEK OFFICE COVERAGE. SALARY FOR THIS POSITION IS $1,000 BI-WEEKLY. IF INTERESTED IN THIS POSITION,

SUBMIT A RESUME TO: ALLAN HANSEN, VICE PRESIDENT
2929 GETTYSBURG RD., SUITE 1, CAMP HILL, PA 17011
NO LATER THAN FRIDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2015.