President’s Report

Happy New Year!

Our membership has been growing steadily. Last year, our total membership for Central Penn PARSE was 6425, in 2016, it was 6132 members! This year, we have 3677 members paid or renewed as of last month. Keep your checks coming and thanks for being so prompt with your renewals!! Remember, pay by the 31st of January, unless you just joined in the last few months. We are still offering a free luncheon to any current member, who brings a current retiree (who is not a current member) to one of our luncheons resulting in that guest’s membership to PARSE.

Again, half of our 50/50 drawing, which is not won by luncheon attendees, will be given to the Central Penn Food Bank in the following months: January, April, July, and October. They truly look forward to your donations!! All of the monies, collected through the 50/50 drawings, will go to luncheon attendees on the remaining months: Feb., March, May, June, August, September, November, and December!! Also, luncheons remain $15. So please attend the monthly PARSE Central Penn luncheons!! Happy New Year!

We will be honoring our members, who are 66 years or younger, at our January luncheon. Make sure to mention that you are in this category on the reservation form. We will be taking a picture for the newsletter of all these honored guests!!

In November, we were pleased to welcome the Marine’s Toys for Tots program and actually gave them 5 huge containers of gifts and $580!!! Thanks so much for supporting underprivileged children in our community and showing them we care. We sang “Happy Birthday” to Gladys Woodward, who was 94 years young, enjoyed Teri Novak’s rendition of the Star Spangled Banner, and learned, from the Honor Guard, the meaning of each fold in the flag (at a funeral). Thank you to Alan Ferguson and his group of volunteers who so graciously assisted us this November. Randy Plummer enlightened us on the Indiantown Gap Military Cemetery. We also received 171 cans of soup and 43 other food items for the Foodbank. Finally, $350, the entire 50/50 kitty, went to lucky ticket holders at the Nov. luncheon. I am so proud to be part of Central Penn PARSE!!

Don’t forget to sign up for trips for 2018!! We will have many new trips in the next newsletter.

Let’s start this New Year with good health, happiness, and plans to enjoy family and friends throughout 2018!!

Please call or email with questions or suggestions. I look forward to serving you again in 2018!! Please thank all the Board members and Directors for their work to bring luncheons and newsletters to you each month. Remember, keep an attitude of gratitude!!!

Sincerely,

Jeanne Morrison
President,
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January 31-February 2, 2018 – RESORTS: Winter Escape-Atlantic City: Escape this Winter to RESORTS Casino and Resort with PARSE. RESORTS is one of the premiere casino hotels in Atlantic City with attractions such as Margaritaville, spa treatments, and of course the casino! Trip includes: transportation, 2 nights lodging, $25 Slot Play, 2 Shows, 2x $30 Meal Credits, liquor handling and taxes. Driver Gratuity is not included. Cost: $179 P.P. double/ $259 P.P. single

February 6, 2018 – Sands Casino - Resort Bethlehem: Spend the day with PARSE on a trip to Sands Casino and Resort in Bethlehem, PA! Enjoy your day at the casino and/or visit the Outlets at the Sands. Trip includes: transportation, $20 Slot Play, $5 meal voucher, taxes. Driver Gratuity not included. Cost: $50 P.P.

March 13, 2018 – “Jesus” at Sight and Sound Theaters: Enjoy the performance “Jesus” at Sight and Sound Theaters invites you to experience the greatest rescue story of all time! Jesus is the action-packed musical stage adventure that takes you on a miraculous journey alongside the most famous person to ever walk the earth, and the everyday people whose lives he changed forever. Smorgasboard lunch at Shady Maple. Trip includes: transportation, smorgasboard lunch, show ticket, and taxes. Driver gratuity is extra. Cost: $115 P.P.

May 22, 2018 – Annapolis, MD - Blue Angels Experience: Trip includes: Motor coach transportation. Cruise, and Blue Angels Demo. Drivers gratuity is not included. Cost: $115 P.P.

May 28-June 1, 2018 – Highlights of Scandinavia: Trip includes: Sweden, Norway, and Denmark. Includes Round trip motorcoach Harrisburg to Dutilles Airport; round trip airfare Washington-Dulles to Copenhagen/Stockholm; 10 nights hotel accommodations; 11 Scandinavian breakfasts, 1 lunch, 5 three course dinners; transport on luxury coach with audio sets, sightseeing, and admissions listed on flier; expert travel director and separate driver; gratuities for director and driver; all hotel service charges, local taxes, gratuities, and baggage handling fees; airport transfers airport/hotel; pre-trip meeting. Cost: $4046 double/ $4636 single.

June 12, 2018 – Ellis Island - One World Observatory: Trip includes: Transportation, One World Admission, Ellis Island, Ferry, and Taxes. Drivers gratuity is not included. Cost: $124 P.P.

September 5-16, 2018 – Highlights of Scandinavia: Trip includes: Sweden, Norway, and Denmark. Includes Round trip motorcoach Harrisburg to Dulles Airport; round trip airfare Washington-Dulles to Copenhagen/Stockholm; 10 nights hotel accommodations; 11 Scandinavian breakfasts, 1 lunch, 5 three course dinners; transport on luxury coach with audio sets, sightseeing, and admissions listed on flier; expert travel director and separate driver; gratuities for director and driver; all hotel service charges, local taxes, gratuities, and baggage handling fees; airport transfers airport/hotel; pre-trip meeting. Cost: $4046 double/ $4636 single.

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