Central Pennsylvania Chapter Newsletter

President's Report

Happy Valentine's Day!!

We had a wonderful Holiday party in December! Over 400 people attended and the whole ballroom was opened for our party. It was again a sea of red!! We wish to personally thank PISI and PSECU for their generous gifts for the party. We gave away $1600 from all monies received through the 50/50 drawing to many of the 439 attendees. Also, another $2000 was given to persons, at the luncheon, whose names were drawn for $20 prizes. What a wonderful present for many!! We listened to the Jacob Bros perform and owe an apology to those who thought the group was too religious for our venue. We will attempt to be more secular in our choices of entertainment in the future as we want members of all religions and beliefs to feel comfortable at our meetings. Our members also saved quite a bit on the luncheon itself as the actual cost of the meal was $25/person; $2350 for the veggies, fruit, and cheeses trays; $2964.29 for tax and gratuity; and a nominal fee for the performers. To receive all of that for $15 was quite a saving! The cost of it all was $13,000.

December donations for the soup can memorial included 185 cans of soup and 24 non-soup items. Thanks again for all you do for your community! We appreciate all you give to the Food Bank. If each attendee would bring one can of soup, we would have over 100 at each luncheon.

Central Penn membership was 6463 for 2017 and so far for 2018, we had 5461 members at the end of December. Please remember: we will offer a free luncheon to any current member, who brings a current state retiree, who is not a current member of PARSE, to one of our luncheons AND that guest becomes a member of PARSE.

The 15 people, who will receive a free lunch in February, for having attended all 12 luncheons in 2017 are: Larry Danley, Mary Goetz, Pete and Betty Hardy, Joyce Duncan, Barbara Holmes, Linda Kinsey, Michael and Carol Kolbaugh, George Paige, Robert Satko, Jean Saltzer, Karen Taylor, Sharon Wentling, and Shirley Miller. Congratulations to them!! I want to include a picture of these persons for the March newsletter.

In February, we will celebrate all members 66 years or younger. Don’t forget, all luncheons are $15! Please come and see what you’ve been missing! If you are handicapped or in need of a ride to the luncheons, please let Jerry Pinkerton know. His phone number is: 717-448-8269.

Since the January meeting was cancelled due to wintery weather, we will transfer payment, for all members who paid ahead for that luncheon, to February or another month. However, it is incumbent on you to send in your reservation noting that you wish to use the payment from January. Be sure to always send reservation forms so we can call you with cancellation information, give the Radisson an accurate count, and know whether you choose the chicken instead of the meat/fish offered. We really need the form to be submitted monthly, thanks. If we ever have another cancellation, we will call you (if you have provided your telephone number on the reservation form and submitted it before the cut off date) and place the cancellation on Channel 27, as we did this time.

According to the last PARSE Executive meeting minutes, a new 2+ year contract with United Concordia for dental has been negotiated and there are no premium increases. It will run through the end of October 2019. Davis Vision is in the final year of the 4 year contract. Even though the company has been sold, we have been assured there will be no impacts on our members. Since no one has submitted their paperwork for the PARSE Secretary position, it still remains open and the State office will decide what to do with the position.

Please note Cheryl Goldman of deaths of members, especially if the obituary is not in the Patriot Newspaper. We will then get the information in a timely manner. Her number is: 717-678-2399.

Be a model to our society by remembering that Americans and people, in general, are more alike than different! Look forward to and pray for positive changes in our ever changing world.

Sincerely,

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President
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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 & 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 luncheon, show ticket, and taxes. Driver gratuity is extra. Cost: $115 P.P.

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

May 28–June 1, 2018 – Summer in Cape Cod: Trip includes: Motorcoach transport, 4 nights at the Holiday Inn Hyannis, Round trip luggage handling of one bag per person, Guided tours to Provincetown, Boston, Plymouth, Hyannis, and Sandwich, Visit to Cape Cod National Seashore Visitors Center, Admission on a Whale Watch Excursion and JFKennedy Hyannis Museum, 4 breakfasts, 2 dinners (1 lobster), Meal taxes and gratuities, Room taxes and Maid Gratuities. Cost: $699 P.P. double/ $899 P.P. single

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

July 23, 2018 – Odyssey Cruise & Arlington National Cemetery: This day trip is going to take you to our Nations Capital - Washington, DC! Upon arriving in DC, you will board the Odyssey for a luncheon Cruise celebrating the history and beauty of our decorated Potomac River bank. After the cruise, visit Arlington National Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier during the Changing of the Guard. Trip includes: Transportation, Luncheon Cruise, Tram Service, Meal Gratuities, Taxes. Cost: $124 P.P.

August 13, 2018 – Steamtown & The Lakawanna Coal Mine: Join PARSE on this fun day trip to the Lakawanna Coal Mine! During this tour you will descend approximately 300 feet beneath the earth in old Slope #190! Trip includes: Transportation, Coal Mine Tour, Steamtown Admission, Luncheon and Taxes. Cost: $125 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, 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 P.P. Double/ $4636 P.P. Single. Call: Jeanne Morrison for information.

Welcome New Members

Chapter Members —
DONNA MOONEY ........................................... Corrections
PAUL RUDEWICZ .................................. Transportation
PATRICIA GUSTIN........................................... Governor's Executive Offices
DAVID ISER ................................................................ Education
ELISE JUERS ................................................................ Environmental Protection
DAVID KRAIL .................................................................. Transportation
DIANE KRAIL ............................................................... Department of Human Services
ROBERT KRUBITZER ........................................... State Police
NICHOLAS LAMBERTI ........................................... Revenue
MICHAEL LAPIANO .................................................. Transportation
DORREEN LEITZEL ........................................... Transportation
ANTHONY MAISANO ............................................ Environmental Protection
MARY LOU MACY ........................................ Public Welfare

Associate Members —
JOANNE BAKER .................................................. Transportation
MARY BERTODINO .................................................. Transportation
DONNA BETTIO .................................................... Transportation
ROBERT DANNER ............................................................ Transportation
JOHN DURBOW .......................................................... Transportation
CAROLE FLURE .......................................................... Transportation
JO FRY ............................................................... Transportation
DENNIS GERKIN .................................................... Transportation
DEBRA LAUVER-JONES ........................................... Transportation
NANCY MAISANO .................................................. Transportation
KAREN MOONEY ................................................... Transportation
JOY RUDEWICZ .................................................... Transportation