Hello! Hope you are keeping warm and free of the flu this winter! Happy St. Patrick’s Day!!

Our Central Region Meeting will take place on Thursday, April 6, at a still undisclosed site. Following the Nov. 13th Executive Committee meeting, received Jan 17th, the following was reported: the payment Hear in America makes to PARSE will be utilized for the expenses incurred at the Governing Board meeting, to be held Sept. 11 & 12th at the Radisson. PISI will also be providing the reception and breakfast for that meeting. The Monroe chapter will be listed with Wayne/Pike and the Lehigh and Northampton chapters will be listed with the Berks chapter. There were 600 members in LEMONO; but, they had no one interested in the Presidency or the Treasurer positions so the chapter dissolved. Executive Committee meetings will be held on Jan. 9th, March 6th, July 10th, and November 13, 2018. The current Receptionist for the state PARSE office has been promoted to Admin. Assistant as there is still no one in the State Secretary position.

At the end of January, we had 5886 members in Central Penn PARSE with 61 new members and 364 renewals that month. The total is about the same as last year at this time. We ended 2017 with 6468 members. The state PARSE membership was 21,996 at the end of 2017. SEKS has not yet given us the names and addresses of new retirees; SOOO, if you know someone retired, please give them our information!!

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. You must tell Tom Hoffman when you bring someone and who they are so we can provide a future free luncheon to you after the visitor becomes a member!! Also, any member, who attends all 11 of this year’s meetings (Jan. was cancelled) will receive a free luncheon in February 2019.

In February, the 50/50 cache was $250 and given out to lucky ticket holders. We also had many cans of soup brought in for the Food Bank at the February luncheon and $32 in the Food Bank bag on the 50/50 table. Please bring at least 1 can of soup to each luncheon. We are truly helping the less fortunate in our areas. We are so fortunate to have extra to help those who do not. We also have a box on the 50/50 table for The Brethren Home Community Stamp Group, 2990 Carlisle Pike, New Oxford. They collect envelopes with cancelled stamps for use by the home for such items as geriatric chairs, a defibrillator, etc. You can help by bringing your cancelled stamps with at least a ½” border around the stamp. Our Program Director, Pat Stringer handles these donations!

I want to officially thank all our Board members who helped call registrants for the Jan. luncheon: Tom and Shirley Hoffman, Fran Hahn, Shirley Miller, Cheryl Goldman, and Karen Taylor. Thanks to all of them!!

Please notify Jerry Pinkerton at 717-448-8269, if you are incapable of driving or need a ride to our luncheons.

We have also added several new trips for 2018; please join Jan and Karen for a delightful time. Please get your money in to them soon. Also, don’t forget the High Lights of Scandinavia trip with me! Shirley Hoffman, our Events coordinator, has set up another Senators game and picnic for Sat. June 30th. The picnic will be from 4:30-6:30 and the Senators play Richmond at 6:00 for $26 (adults) and $16 (under 12). The fliers will be in the April newsletter. If you have any local trips you are interested in taking, or if you have been to a local event or destination that you wish to recommend, please contact Shirley at 717- 652-3435.

I have included three pictures in this newsletter: one is from Ripley’s Aquarium in S.C.; the second is, the recipients of a free luncheon for attending all 12 luncheons in 2017, and the last is members attending the February luncheon, who are 66 years or younger. It’s great to see so many of you attending our luncheons and trips!!

Remember to “PRACTICE AN ATTITUDE” of Gratitude!! Stay well.

Sincerely,

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March 13, 2018 – “Jesus” at Sight and Sound Theaters: Enjoy the performance “JESUS” Sight & Sound Theatres 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.

April 12, 2018 – Oh What a Night – a musical tribute to Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons: at Dover Downs Casino. Included in the price is: transportation, $20 slot play, lunch buffet, show, and taxes. Cost: $99 P.P.

May 22, 2018 – Annapolis, MD - Blue Angels Experience: Trip includes: Motorcoach transportation, Cruise, and Blue Angels Demo. Drivers 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. Drivers 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 – Steatmtown & The Lackawanna Coal Mine: Join PARSE on this fun day trip to the Lackawanna 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.

**Welcome New Members**

**Chapter Members**

VICKIE BAILEY................. Liquor Control Board
JOHN BANKS................. General Services
LINDA BARRETT.............. Gov’s Office General Counsel
MICHAEL BARRETT......... Military and Veteran Affairs
JOHN BAUSCH............. Department of Human Services
TIMOTHY CAVALNAUGH
ARINETA CHASE............. Transportation
LOUIS CRANFORD............. Corrections
JOHN CURRY............... Environmental Protection
JEAN DOWTTORE............ Labor and Industry
ROBERT DOWTTORE........ Education
PAUL NACKO................ Liquor Control Board
MELINDA GINGRICH... PA Higher Educ Asst Agency
SHERRY GREEF............... State Police
COLLEEN GRISINGER... PA Higher Educ Asst Agency
DAVID GRISINGER......... Public School Employees
JAMES HAMMOND........ Department of Human Services
RHONDA HARRIS........... Department of Human Services
CHARLES HARTMAN......... Probation and Parole Board
TIMOTHY HOUK............. State Employees Retirement Sys
ROBERT HOUK................ Liquor Control Board

**Associate Members**

CHERYL BAUSCH
JAMES E. BURR
CATHERINE CAVALNAUGH
VICKIE CURRY
TERRANCE GINGRICH
CAROL HACKMAKER
DAVID HARRIS
RENA HARTMAN
CHARLES HOLLENBAUGH
JOE HOUK
TERRY LAUENSLAGER
PAUL NACKO
SAMUEL PRICE
RICHARD ROGERS
PATRICIA TANKING

**2018 Membership Luncheon Meeting/Program**

**2018:** 1-16, 2-3, 2-20, 3-17, 4-17, 5-15, 6-19, 7-17, 8-21, 9-18, 10-16, 11-20, 12-11

**All these scheduled are on Tuesday and in the Ballroom South**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

Host: Cheryl Goldman - 717-678-2449
Tuesday, March 6, 2018 - 11:30 A.M.
Skyline Family Restaurant
7510 Allentown Boulevard, Harrisburg, PA (717) 652-1780

**Board of Directors Meetings 2018**

2018: Jan. 2, Feb. 6, March 6, Apr. 3, May 1, June 5, July 3, Aug. 7, Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6, Dec. 4

**Monthly Chapter Meeting**

Please register at the door for an accurate count of attendance. 
**DOOR FOR LUNCHEON WILL NOT OPEN BEFORE 11:00 A.M. - LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT 12:00 NOON**

**Date:** TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2018
**Price:** Members & Guests - $15.00

**Menu:** Tomato Basil Soup; Baked Ham w/Sauce; Mashed Sweet Potatoes; Peas and Carrots; Boston Creme Pie

**Program:** Shirley Moore Smeal, Executive Deputy Secretary, PA Dept. of Corrections- Women’s History Month
Radisson Penn Harris Hotel & Convention Center
1150 Camp Hill By-Pass, Camp Hill, PA 17011

**Deadlines:** Reservations - Received by March 15, 2018
Cancellations - by NOON March 17, 2018

- **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED** -