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President's Report

It's really summertime! Enjoy!! Divisiveness continues in our country and morality, honesty, and loyalty, and compassion are at an all-time low. It takes very little effort to treat one another as we would like to be treated. Smile at each other and appreciate your differences, as well as, your shared beliefs. Hope you celebrated with us at the June "picnic"? We gave away $2000 besides the 50/50 winnings and enjoyed "Musically Yours."

Central Penn PARSE will elect: three Directors, President, Executive VP, two VPs, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer for the two year term beginning on January 1, 2019. Anyone interested in running for any of these positions should send their name, address, telephone number, and position they are interested in to Pete, Jean Chilson, and Mary Beckey. We will permit all those interested in running to speak at the luncheon in September if that information has been received by September. Those nominated, from the floor at the luncheon on September, will not be permitted to speak at that meeting. We will be voting for Central Penn positions at the October luncheon. Please get your nominations in to Pete as soon as you can. We are always interested in having new volunteers hold these positions! Don’t forget, we always need your help; this is your association!!

The total Central Penn membership is now 6399 at the end of May with 25 renewals and 35 new members!

At the May luncheon, $1500 was given to the lucky 50/50 ticket holders from the 50/50 drawing. $19 was also donated to the Food Bank from the bag on the 50/50 table. Soup donations equalled 138 soup and 25 non-soup items. Thank you so much for all the soup and non-soup donations throughout the last four years. It has been noted that approximately 14 members regularly donate to this worthy cause. Couldn’t each of us bring at least 1 can of soup to each luncheon?

Sara Bender and Pete Hardy were nominated as voting members at the Governing Board Meeting, with me as the alternate. The Annual Governing Board Meeting for 2018 will be held at the Radisson on 9-11 and 12. The meeting will start at 2:00 on the 11th with business and a presentation by the Office of Administration. It will reconvene at 9 on the 12th and conclude by noon. PSSI will provide a social hour on the 11th and breakfast on the 12th. Hear in America’s rebate to the State Office will cover the lunch on the 12th.

The approved March 13th Executive Committee meeting minutes were received and the following is a synopsis:

It was reported for all chapters the State office collects dues, 18,000 members have paid the 2018 dues. 660 letters were sent to members who had been made inactive due to failure to pay their membership dues.

The Gunn/Mowery Insurance Co. would cover Property, D&O, Workers comp, CGL, Umbrella clause with the Chapters paying a pro-rata share. This proposal was accepted unanimously. A discussion was held to assist the chapters in covering any losses that they may have incurred during the course of business. This is to be reviewed by the PARSE attorney and would be in lieu of bonding for officers of the chapters.

The TF vendor plan was passed by the Executive Board unanimously. Executive Committee Meetings for 2018 are May 15, July 10, September 11, and November 13th.

Apparently, our Lobbyist was visiting both representatives and senators in order to share PARSE’s support of: HB1401 which would provide that the Public School Employees’ Retirement Fund and the State Employees’ Retirement Fund share any funds collected by the Marcellus Shale extraction tax in excess of $150million AND SB1137 which would eliminate the residential school property taxes in an expansion of the HB1285 homestead exclusion program approved by the voters in HB 1285. Senator Scavello’s bill would relieve the tax burden of the school property tax, which vexes many retired individuals. His proposal would increase the personal income tax by 1.98%. This would benefit most of the PARSE membership, but each individual would have to calculate the different costs in their own situation.

The state office will continue to collect dues and send out invoices for all members of Central Penn as it has in the past.

The Cape Cod trip was delightful and the weather was perfect! Don’t forget to travel with PARSE Central Penn. The baseball game/picnic were also very nice and well attended.

The State Office will be electing a Vice President and Treasurer at the September Annual Governing Board Meeting. Please see me if you would like to apply for these positions.

Have a safe, healthy summer!

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

**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**

~ RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED ~

**Reservation for Lunch at Chapter Meeting – The Radisson**

**Tuesday, July 17, 2018**

Name: ___________________  Address: ___________________________________  Phone: ______________

Number of reservations @ $15.00 Member ___________ / @ $20.00 Guest ___________  Total enclosed $ __________

Payment is requested by personal check only. Please make checks payable to PARSE

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 reservation verifiable at the desk.

**Welcome New Members**

**Chapter Members**

WILLIAM RUESSKAMP… Environmental Protection

CATHY SCHUMACHER…..Revenue

JOHN URICH…. State Police

DOLORES ZLINSKI……..Public Welfare

**Associate Members**

Gary Boose

DESTINY S R BROWN…………Revenue

ROBERT BROWN………………Transportation

EDWARD COSGROVE… Department of Human Services

ROSEMARY COSGROVE… Department of Human Services

GEORGE DEFRAIN… State Police

EDWARD GROSS… Transportation

VALERIE HUBER… Department of Human Services

LINDA JOHNSON……………. State Police

FRED KEPNER……… Department of Human Services

DENISE LUCE……… Department of Human Services

DENISE MALONE……… Game Commission

SHAMUS MALONE…… Environmental Protection

JUDITH MERRILL……… Senate

MARY MILLER…………..Labor and Industry

WILLIAM MILLER………… Office of the Budget

JAMES MORTON……… Corrections

JOSEPH MUSHALKO…. Agriculture

JOANNE PRICE…… PA Higher Educ Asst Agency

SANDEE RENNIGER………Transportation

REGINA ROBINSON BROWN…Public Utility Commission

LAWRENCE RUANE…… Environmental Protection

LORI RUESSKAMP…… Environmental Protection

**2018 Membership Luncheon Meeting/Program**

2018: 7-17, 8-21, 9-18, 10-16, 11-20, 12-11

2019: 1-15, 2-12, 3-19, 4-16, 5-21, 6-18, 7-16, 8-20, 9-17, 10-8, 11-12, 12-10

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

**Board of Directors Meeting**

Host: Shirley Miller  - (717) 458-8802

Tuesday, July 3, 2018 – 11:30 a.m.

VFV Post 6771

22 Franklin Street, Dillsburg, PA 17019

**Board of Directors Meetings 2018**

2018: July 3, Aug. 7, Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6, Dec. 4

2019: 1-8, 2-5, 3-5, 4-2, 5-7, 6-4, 7-2, 8-6, 9-3, 10-1, 11-5, 12-3.

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**Trip Flyers are Available at:** www.parsentralpenn.com

or call Jan or Karen to send one to you at the numbers listed on the back page of this Newsletter.

Mail all reservation forms to: PARSE c/o Jan Moran at 621 Mallard Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011  for non-members welcome!

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**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: $140 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.


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**November 13-14, 2008, Donna Summer Tribute at the Dover Downs Casino, Delaware.** Included in trip: Transportation , 1 night lodging, $50 Slot Play, Donna summer Tribute Show, Breakfast Buffet, Luggage Handling, Taxes. Driver gratuity is not included in the cost. Cost: $149pp/Double and $199pp /Single.


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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.