December 2018
Central Pennsylvania Chapter Newsletter

President's Report

Happy Holidays!! As the year ends, we have so much for which to be thankful. May your holidays be blessed and your family by your side. Please be safe and pray that our year will start peacefully.

So far for 2019, we have 72 members and 68 renewals, for a total of 140 members at the end of October. The ending balance for 2018 was 6667, 285 more members than 2017. I know you just received your renewal notices but thanks for always being so prompt with your renewals. If you did not receive a renewal form, please send your name, address, and $20 check to the State Office. If your address was incorrect, please correct it before returning the renewal to the state office. If you have questions about your dues, please call the state office as they maintain the database with that information. The address and phone number, for the state office, can be found on the last page of this newsletter. Caution, all dues must be paid before 1-31-19 or your benefits will be discontinued.

Guests are welcome at our luncheons, as long as they are accompanied by a member and have paid ahead. Remember, this month is the Holiday Luncheon. We will give away $2000 in cash prizes, the entire $5050 jackpot, and great food and entertainment for only $10 for our members/associate members and $20 for their guest. The poinsettias, on each table at the luncheon, will be given out per the manner chosen at the luncheon. You must be here to win when your ticket or name is called and you must be wearing a name tag for verification.

At the October luncheon, members, who attended, donated $115 to the Food Bank through the $5050 drawing. Lucky $5050 ticket holders won $115. How wonderful to aid the needy members of our community. Don’t forget to bring cans of soup for the Food Bank to each luncheon!

Hopefully, you remembered to donate an unwrapped gift to the “Toys for Tots” project at the November luncheon. If you forgot or did not attend the luncheon, please send a check to: Marine Corps Reserve, “Toys for Tots”, Company E, 2nd, Battalion, 25th Marines NMCRC, 2991 N. 2nd St., Harrisburg, PA 17110-1229. This is a wonderful, holiday-sprited project.

New trips for 2019 are listed in this newsletter. Be sure to make plans to travel with us. Information is also on the website and flyers can be printed from there as well.

Our Regional Director, Carol Moyer, has shared some items from the recent Executive Board meeting:

1. In response to Tom Judge’s mailing and ads in the Central Penn newsletters, several members applied for the vacant Secretary and Treasurer positions. The Board voted to appoint Vickie Bailey as Secretary. She appears to be qualified and eager to take on the role. No Treasurer has been selected. Craig Staller will remain as Administrative Assistant.

2. Membership renewals are coming in at a fast pace. The new bar-code system is allowing renewals to be processed quickly and accurately.

3. As you know, John Class will be departing at the end of December after many years of valued service. We appreciate your hard work.

4. John Baughman, our Government Relations Officer, is recovered and wishes to return from his leave of absence. John will be contacting all newly elected state legislators and would like to develop a plan of action for PARSE advocacy. In this regard, State Office is once again reaching out to all chapters for volunteers to serve in a proactive role in furthering our Government Relations initiative.

5. PSI/AMBA - Garet Mowery attended the meeting to update the Executive Board on new membership initiatives that PSI would like to undertake as part of their new affiliation with AMBA. They are proposing an aggressive direct mail outreach initiative for 2019 that the Board will need to consider. They also want to continue to attend as many chapter meetings as possible and even hope to help sponsor some meeting costs.

If you attended eleven luncheons in a row, starting in February 2018, you will receive a free lunch at the February luncheon meeting. Please look into your name in the January newsletter. So far 20 people have made all meetings this year!

Sincerely and for the last time,
Jeanne Morrison
President,
Central Penn Chapter

www.PARSECentralPenn.com
February 11, 2019. Sands Casino Resort - Bethlehem. Come spend the day with PARSE on this Day Trip to Sands Casino Resort and Outlets at the Sands (Premiere shops and eateries)! Trip includes: Transportation, $30 Slot Play. Driver gratuity not included. Cost: $55pp

March 27, 2019. The Cher Show in NYC. Join PARSE on this day trip to the Opy City Stage in New York City for a luncheon buffet and The Cher Show musical! Trip includes: Transportation, Luncheon Buffet, Orchestra Seats, Taxes, Meal Gratuities Cost: $189pp. (Accepting back-up list)


Welcome New Members

2018 Membership Luncheon Meeting/Program

2018: 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: Karen Taylor - (717) 763-2088
Tuesday, December 4th, 2018 - 11:30 A.M.

VFW Post 6771: 22 Franklin Street • Dillsburg, PA 17019

Board of Directors Meeting 2019
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.