Happy Valentine’s Day!! We hope everyone had a Happy Holiday and a good New Years. We want to thank everyone for their continued support of the Central PA Food Bank. The Board of Directors and Officers visited the food bank after the February board meeting. It was eye opening. Everyone should try and visit at some time. If you would be interested in touring the food bank, please contact Jerry Pinkerton and he will make arrangements.

At the end of 2018, we had a total of 6,806 members in the Central Penn chapter. The total for the state was 23,114 members. It has been a terrific year. 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. Don’t forget, all luncheons are $15!!

In January, there were 18 people who received a free lunch for having attended all eleven luncheons in 2018 (January was cancelled due to weather). Those members were listed in the January newsletter. Congratulations to them!! If you feel we missed you, please check with Tom Hoffman and he will check the lists for each month and you will then be entitled to a free meal in February. A picture will be in next month’s newsletter.

Please notify Cheryl Goldman of deaths of members, especially if the obituary is not in the Patriot Newspaper, so we can get the information in a timely manner. Her telephone number is: 717-678-2449.

REMINDER: We need someone to volunteer for the position of Recording Secretary. If you or someone you know would be interested, please let me know. I will gladly go over the duties of the secretary.

Sincerely,
Sara C. Bender
President,
Central Penn Chapter

In Memoriam

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of the following members whose death has been recently reported:

Member

Donald M. Hoskins... Conservation & Natural Resources
James Mitchell.......... Public Welfare
Peggy (Margaret) Scott ....... Health
Ralph Stinling.......... Budget

Please send Cheryl the names of members whose deaths have come to your attention. If possible, please include an obituary or other formal notice of death.

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President’s Report

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Happy Valentine’s Day!!

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Welcome New Members

Governor Tom Wolf today signed Act 14 of 2019, which provides $100 million in funding for the first phase of the Pennsylvania Nature Conservancy’s (PNC) statewide conservation effort known as Nature for All.

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding today thanked PNC and its partners for working with the commonwealth to expand access to open spaces and natural areas for all Pennsylvanians.

The Office of Open Space and Land Use staff will work with the PNC to ensure that all 67 counties have access to protected open space areas. This includes increasing land acquisition and preserving access to land for all ages and abilities. The act will fund open space projects in 37 counties in the Multi-County Conservation Alliance.


Act 14 will include a third-party assessment of the conservation work of the Multi-County Conservation Alliance and the development of a strategic plan.

The PNC, a national leader in conservation and stewardship of land and water, works with partners and communities to prioritize and protect the natural systems and species that are unique to Pennsylvania.

In addition to the funding appearing in Act 14, PNC received $4 million in funding from the Department of Environmental Protection to conduct a statewide assessment of critically endangered species and to develop conservation action plans.

Act 14 also provides $2 million for the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) to complete a statewide assessment of rare and endangered plants and animals in Pennsylvania. The data will be used to inform conservation action plans.

Agriculture Deputy Secretary of Conservation, Paul Ludwig, said the act will provide additional funding for assessing the state’s natural resources, which will provide a strategic framework for the commonwealth.

Act 14 also includes $10 million for the commonwealth’s Open Space Assistance Program. This program assists local governments in acquiring and preserving open space, making it available to the public for public activities and education programs.

“Last year, Governor Wolf signed Act 3 of 2018, which provided $100 million in funding for the second phase of Act 1 of 2018, the Pennsylvania Nature Conservancy’s statewide conservation effort known as Nature for All,” said Redding. “The Multi-County Conservation Alliance, with the support of PNC, worked with the commonwealth to complete the first phase of this project.

“With Act 14, we are now moving forward with Phase II of this historic conservation effort,” said Redding. “This effort will connect communities with open space and provide outdoor recreation opportunities for all ages and abilities.”