

**Central Penn Chapter
Pennsylvania Association of
Retired State Employees**

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President's Report



DID YOU KNOW?

Saint Patrick's Day is often associated with two primary colors: green and orange.

Green – is the most recognized color, symbolizing Ireland's lush landscapes, the shamrock, and the Catholic population. It represents the national identity and is linked to the folklore of Saint Patrick, who used the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity

Orange – represents the Protestant population in Ireland, particularly those who follow the Orange Order, which commemorates the Protestant King William of Orange's victory over the Catholic King James II. This color reflects the historical and political divisions in Ireland.

PARSE is again doing a Senators Baseball Game for Father's Day. The game is scheduled for June 21. There will be a flyer in the April Newsletter with all the details and a reservation form to be filled out for your reservation. Hope to see you there. **"GO SENATORS"**

Should any unplanned event cause a last-minute cancellation or result in a no-show, your payment will be retained and credited to the next month's luncheon, on a one-time only basis.

Effective with the March luncheon....guests attending the luncheons with a member will now be paying \$25.00.

Please remember to send in your luncheon reservation as soon as possible so that we can give the Penn Harris a correct count. You must have a reservation---there are no walk-ins.

Remember----no \$20.00 bills will be accepted at the 50/50 table unless you are buying \$20.00 worth of tickets. The 50/50 tickets.....no tickets will be sold after 11:50am so that the ladies can finish their tasks and have lunch on time.

Please send Jean the names of members whose deaths have come to your attention. If possible, please include an obituary or other formal notice of death. You must also notify the State PARSE Office and AMBA to:
Jean Kresge
223-240-1412
jeankresge@verizon.net

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| Robert Calaman | Doris Heintzelman |
| David Cole | Lois Herman |
| Eugene Council | Patricia Hoch |
| Leslie Deibler | Elizabeth Johnson |
| William Dempster | Minta Johnson |
| Elaine Devitt | Carolyn Karge |
| John Ewell | Arlene E. Lowe |
| Brenda Fallon | Albert A. Masi |
| William Guse | James Monaghan |
| Douglas Lee Haney | Marshall Osborne |
| William Hartman | Barbara Peters |
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Calls will only be accepted by officers and directors between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

For inquires on Membership, Dues, and Insurance notifications:

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**Reservation Table & Doors open at 11am
Lunch at 12pm**

Karen Taylor
President,
Central Penn Chapter

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Any chapter correspondence is to be sent to:  
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# PARSE Travel

TRIP FLYERS ARE AVAILABLE AT: [www.parsecentralpenn.com](http://www.parsecentralpenn.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 Non-members welcome!

**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.

## TRIPS FOR 2026

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE OR CANCELLATION)

The information on the trips have been updated on the WEB site ([www.parsecentralpenn.com](http://www.parsecentralpenn.com)) as the Newsletter will only show the trip, date and price. You need to go to the WEB Site to see the full information on the trip, print the flyer, and make your reservation with the form at the bottom of the flyer. You must click on the trip to print the flyer. If you cannot print the flyer, contact Karen at 717-343-1235 for a copy of the flyer you want. Keep checking the WEB site as the flyers will appear there sooner than in the Newsletter.

West Shore pickup for Travel is...Penn Harris---Camp Hill Bypass.

East Shore pickup for Travel is...At Home Store-- Jonestown Road, Harrisburg.

- March 25, 2026**.....DC Blooms...\$185...Reservations due 2/20
- April 15, 2026**.....Colonial Annapolis...\$151...Reservations due 3/13
- April 27, thru May 5, 2026**.....Mini European Getaway...\$2,599-DO \$3,499-SO...Reservations due 2/27
- May 20, 2026**.....Bill Haley Jr. & the Comets...\$112...Reservation due 4/17
- June 24, 2026**.....Ned & Nancy See America...\$135...Reservations due 5/2
- June 28, 2026**.....Tall Ships & Blue Angles...\$164...Reservations due 3/25
- July 8, 2026**.....Sight & Sound – Joshua...\$177...Reservation due 6/5
- July 23, 2026**.....Choptank Crab Feast Cruise...\$179...Reservation due 6/19
- August 5, 2026**.....Dear Solider Boy...\$135...Reservations due 7/3
- August 20, 2026**.....Dutch Apple – Pretty Woman...\$133...Reservation due 7/17
- September 9, 2026**.....Arlington & DC Memorials...\$169...Reservation due 8/5
- September 24, 2026**.....Forever George & Tammy...\$125...Reservations due 8/21
- October 7, 2026**.....Salute America...\$249...Reservations due 9/4
- October 11/15, 2026**.....I Love Lucy & Autumn Leaves..Double \$949–Single \$1,249...Reservations due 8/7
- November 5, 2026**.....Revolutionary History.....\$174.....Reservations due 10/2
- December 9, 2026**.....Holly Jolly Holiday.....\$133.....Reservations due 11/6

When submitting a reservation for a PARSE trip, you need to use the reservation form at the bottom of the flyer. Using this form makes it easier to keep track of who is going on the trip, where they want to be picked up, your telephone number, and it also helps us keep track of any special needs or requests. When just sending a note with your payment it does not always give us all the information we need. If we do not receive all the information on your reservation form, we will cbe returning the entire package (form and checks) for you to update. A new reservation form will be included. If you don't have access to the internet or printer, call Karen at 717-343-1235 and she will send you a flyer.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Since the seating on the bus is based on when you submit your money/deposit, and you are traveling with other people, everyone needs to submit their reservation form at the same time in order to be seated together. Please make a note on your reservation forms the names of those who you are traveling with. Seats are assigned two to three weeks before the trip and then the seat assignment and itinerary are mailed out. Checks are not cashed immediately upon receipt and if you don't hear about your check within a timely manner, contact Jan Moran or Karen Taylor.

## 2026 Membership Luncheon Meeting/Program

TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH  
MONDAY, APRIL 20TH  
MONDAY, MAY 18TH  
MONDAY, JUNE 15TH

### Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, March 3, 2026  
Host: Jim Williams  
717-503-8931  
Dodge City  
1037 Paxton Street  
Harrisburg, Pa. 17104

### Board of Directors Meetings 2026

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| 03/03/2026 | 07/07/2026 | 11/03/2026 |
| 04/07/2026 | 08/04/2026 | 12/01/2026 |
| 05/05/2026 | 09/01/2026 |            |
| 06/02/2026 | 10/06/2026 |            |

## Monthly Chapter Meeting

**Tuesday, March 17, 2026**

Doors and Registration Table Open at 11:00 AM  
Lunch at 12:00 Noon

Reservation for Lunch at Chapter Meeting ~ The Penn Harris Hotel  
**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED- NO WALK-INS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of others on your check payment:

2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

### **MENU – Beef Tips over Noodles, Green Beans and Carrot Cake**

(On reservation form choose one (1) meat for each diner)

Plain Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ (Alternate Meat Choice), Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_, Gluten Free \_\_\_\_\_

Number of reservations: \$15.00 \_\_\_\_ Members and \_\_\_\_ \$25.00 for Guests with a Member Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### **Program: Baby Kangaroos**

**Deadlines: Reservations - Received by March 10, 2026**

**Cancellations: by NOON March 10, 2026**

**You must make out separate checks for your luncheon to PARSE and the donation to Central PA Food Bank.**

Central PA Food Bank Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:

LINDA ANSTINE  
MARK BURKEY  
TETIANA CHAPLYNSKA  
LISA CLEMENS  
LARRY COFIELD  
MICHELLE CROUSE  
HEATHER DEPPEN  
STEVEN HARRIS  
CHRISTINA LAUVER  
BARBARA SANCHEZ  
KEVIN LEITENBERGER  
HUI LIA LIAO  
SANDRA SMITH  
HOLLY MASUCCI  
BRENDA OREN  
MITCHELL STEIN  
KIM TRAN  
DAVID TROSTLE  
PAMELA VANCE

### CHAPTER MEMBERS:

TIMOTHY ANSTINE - REV  
RONALD BIXLER - CWLTH  
SHARON BLOUCH - PSU  
KENNETH CHASE - LCB  
DAVID CLEMENS - DEP  
JUDY COFIELD - DGS  
THOMAS CROUSE - AGR  
WENDY FREET - PUC  
CHRISTINA GAULT - CMWLTH  
DARLENE GRATKOWSKI - PSU  
JUDY HARNER - STATE  
LOIS HARRIS - CORRECTION  
BRENDA HORST - SHIP  
JOSEPH LAUVER - HEALTH  
VIRGINIA LAWSON - DOT  
KIMBERLEY LEITENBERGER - TREAS  
CRAIG LEITZEL - TURNPIKE  
CHAO LIAO - DEP  
CRAIG LEITZEL - TURNPIKE  
TERESA MARTIN - DOT  
GERARD MASUCCI - CORRECTION  
BETH MOWERY BURKEY - DPW  
JOHN OREN - DEP  
JUDITH ROSEBOROUGH - SERS  
DINO PREMICI - LCB  
SELENA RUNK - CORRECTION  
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JEFFERY SNYDER - SERS  
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MELODY STEIN - PHEAA  
SHARON TROSTLE - DEP  
ROBIN WALLACE - OA  
DANA YODER - HEALTH