

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

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President's Report

HAPPY 250th BIRTHDAY TO THE USA

DID YOU KNOW?

The Second Continental Congress, meeting in Philadelphia, voted for the independence of the United Colonies by passing the Lee Resolution on July 2, 1776. The Declaration of Independence mainly written by Committee of Five member Thomas Jefferson, was proclaimed on July 4, the date on which the anniversary of independence is observed.

There was no major government-sponsored 50th anniversary observances on July 4, 1826, which was the day the Founding Fathers and former U.S Presidents John Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died. In 1976 Bicentennial observances and celebrations were held throughout the country.

As of June the membership for Central Penn Chapter was 10,060 which includes 73 new members.

Next month Kristen Hand, PARSE State President, will be joining us to share her vision for PARSE in the coming years. For all members who have questions or just want to hear her plans, please join us. She will be taking questions and asking for any suggestions or any concerns that any member may have... **this is your opportunity to ask the questions.**

The enclosed School Supplies Flyer outlines the items requested for this year's back-to-school donations, distributed by the Salvation Army. We will be collecting donated items at our June and July luncheons.

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 tickets will be sold after 11:50am so that the ladies can finish their tasks and have lunch on time.

**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:  
Central Penn Chapter PARSE

2312 New York Avenue, Camp Hill, PA 17011 | hbh11cc@gmail.com | (717) 343-1235

**www.PARSECentralPenn.com**

**In Memoriam**

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

**James F. Reagan, Jr.  
Carl Leon Smith**

**Officers & Directors 2026  
www.parsecentralpenn.com**

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Karen Taylor.....717-343-1235

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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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# 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.

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| <b>July 23, 2026</b> .....       | Choptank Crab Feast Cruise...\$179...Reservation due 6/19                       |
| <b>August 5, 2026</b> .....      | Dear Solider Boy...\$135...Reservations due 7/3                                 |
| <b>August 20, 2026</b> .....     | Dutch Apple – Pretty Woman...\$133...Reservation due 7/17                       |
| <b>September 9, 2026</b> .....   | Arlington & DC Memorials...\$169...Reservation due 8/5                          |
| <b>September 24, 2026</b> .....  | Forever George & Tammy...\$125...Reservations due 8/21                          |
| <b>October 7, 2026</b> .....     | Salute America...\$249...Reservations due 9/4                                   |
| <b>October 11/15, 2026</b> ..... | I Love Lucy & Autumn Leaves..Double \$949–Single \$1,249...Reservations due 8/7 |
| <b>November 5, 2026</b> .....    | Revolutionary History.....\$174.....Reservations due 10/2                       |
| <b>December 9, 2026</b> .....    | 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

MONDAY, JULY 20TH  
MONDAY, AUGUST 17TH  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20TH  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

*Board of Directors Meeting*

Tuesday, July 7, 2026  
Hostess: Mary Beckey  
717-580-4534  
Lin Buffet & Grill  
4880 Carlisle Pike  
Mechanicsburg, Pa. 17055

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*Board of Directors Meetings 2026*

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

## Monthly Chapter Meeting

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

**Monday, July 20, 2026**  
Doors and Registration Table Open at 11:00 AM  
Lunch at 12:00 Noon

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Names of others on your check payment:  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

**MENU – Roast Top Sirloin, Roasted Red Potatoes, Green Beans, and Peanut Butter Ripple 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: Darlene Murray as Mary Todd Lincoln**  
**Deadlines: Reservations - Received by NOON July 10, 2026**  
**Cancellations: By NOON June 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:

CATHERINE BANKOSKE  
TODD BELL  
STEVEN BROWN  
REBECCA COMMONS  
JERI BETH DETTINGER  
LAURA DEVLIN  
JOHN HASENKOPF  
DANIEL HELFRICH  
TIMOTHY HEIST  
TINA ISHMAN  
RICHARD JOHNSON  
WANDA JUMPER  
CHRISTINE KEMBLE  
WENDY KEMERER  
MELISSA KOSHEBA  
WILLIAM MARING  
LAURENCE MARTICK  
VICKIE MORA  
SOFIA SCOTT  
DAVID SNELL  
GERALD SNYDER  
MICHELLE SPIEGEL  
KENNETH STAUFFER  
DONNA STRAWBRIDGE  
MARK THUMMA  
BARBARA WIGHTMAN

### CHAPTER MEMBERS:

WILLIAM BANKOSKE - LCB  
JOSEPH BARRETT - INS  
KORI BELL - PSP  
EDWARD COMMONS - PSP  
NANCY CORNELIUS - PEMA  
NATINA DAVIS - DOT  
LONNIE DETTINGER - AGR  
GERALD DEVLIN - CWLTH  
SHARON ENDERS - PHEAA  
LONNIE DETTINGER - AGR  
VALERIE ESPELAND - DOT  
LYNN FORD - AUD GEN  
MICHELLE FISHER - DOT  
MARIAN GUYER - LCB  
VIRGINIA HELFRICH - DEP  
MARY HALKIAS- HOUSE REP  
REBECCA HASENKOPF- OB  
GARY ISHMAN - DOT  
ADAM KOSHEBA - PSP  
CECILIA JOHNSON - DHS  
DONALD BRATZ- DCNR  
TONYA HEIST- CORRECTION  
CLARENCE JUMPER- CWLTH  
ANNA CAREY- CWLTH

JEFFREY KEMERER- DHS  
PEDRO MORA- L&I  
MICHELE MOSES- DEP  
SANDRA PATTERSON- OA  
TOBI RUSSO- PSP  
DAWN SMITH- PSP  
BONNIE STAUFFER- PHEAA  
JASON STEELE- DGS  
THOMAS STRAWBRIDGE- DGS  
THOMAS WATSON- TREAS  
LISA MARING- AUD GEN  
KAREN MILLER- OA  
ROBERT SCOTT- HERSHY MED  
JEFFERY SELTZER- DOT  
JANICE SMOYER- DEP  
PATRICIA STEWART- EDUC  
SCOTT TALLEY- DHS  
JAY SPIEGEL- PSU  
PATRICIA STEWART- EDUC  
DARLENE THUMMA- SERS  
NIKI VOVAKES- REV  
PATRICIA WELSH- PSU  
LAVERNE WHALEY- DOT

## June & July Luncheons, 2026 School Supplies for the Salvation Army

|                                                   |
|---------------------------------------------------|
| Backpacks (16" to 18")                            |
| Wooden Pencils – 12 Count Box                     |
| Large Pink Eraser(s)                              |
| Eraser Caps                                       |
| Pencil Bag/Pouch for 3-Ring Binder                |
| Crayola Crayon - 24 Count Box                     |
| Crayola Colored Pencils – 12 Count Box            |
| Ink Pens (black or blue)                          |
| Dry Erase Markers (black)                         |
| Highlighters (assorted colors)                    |
| Elmer's Washable Glue Sticks                      |
| Composition Notebook Wide Ruled                   |
| Spiral Notebook - Wide Ruled (assorted colors)    |
| Spiral Notebook – College Ruled (assorted colors) |
| Filler Paper – Wide Ruled (200 count)             |
| Filler Paper – College Ruled (200 count)          |
| 3-Ring Binder – 1-Inch size                       |
| 2-Pocket POLY Folders (assorted colors)           |
| Graph Paper – 3 Hole Punched (75 count)           |
| Blunt Tip Scissors                                |
| 12" Ruler                                         |
| Post-It Notes (100 count pack)                    |
| White Ruled 3x5" Index Cards (100 count Pack)     |
| Small Pencil Sharpener (one piece)                |
| Tissue Travel Packs                               |
| Earbuds                                           |