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President's Report

DID YOU KNOW?

During an average day on the moon, temperatures can soar to a blistering 224 degrees Fahrenheit. Meanwhile, nights aren't that much better when temperatures drop to a bone-chilling – 298 degrees Fahrenheit. This drastic temperature fluctuation is a direct consequence of the moon's complete absence of an atmosphere. Without an atmospheric buffer, the lunar surface becomes intensely heated by the sun, with nothing to absorb or moderate the heat. Conversely, when night descends upon the moon, the absence of this protective shield allows temperatures to plummet dramatically.

As of August, the membership for Central Penn Chapter was 10,203.

Executive VP Update:

Pursuant to Act 21 of 2026, and as you may already know, pension increases (COLA) for qualified Pre-Act 9 Commonwealth Retirees who retired on or before July 1, 2001, were approved as a part of the Commonwealth's fiscal year 2026-27 budget.

Following final passage, the Pennsylvania State Employees' Retirement System (SERS) published an informational fact sheet on its website www.SERS.pa.gov accessible by selecting "LEARN MORE" under "COLA Approved". The SERS document may also be downloaded at www.sers.pa.gov/pdf/FactSheet_COLAs-2026.pdf or contact SERS (800-633-5461) for further assistance.

For eligible Pre-Act 9 Retirees seeking more personalized information, SERS noted in their publication, "We are preparing letters with additional details that will be mailed to all members who qualify for this increase."

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



Any chapter correspondence is to be sent to:
Central Penn Chapter PARSE

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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 inquiries on Membership, Dues, and Insurance notifications:

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Kristen Hand 717-731-9522 ext.101
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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

David L. Barrett
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PARSE Travel

TRIP FLYERS ARE AVAILABLE AT: 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) 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.

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

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

Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, September 1, 2026
Hostess: Darlene Cline
717-737-3878
Hoss's
61 Gettysburg Pike
Mechanicsburg, Pa. 17055

Board of Directors Meetings 2026

09/01/2026 11/03/2026
10/06/2026 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, September 21, 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 – Sugar Cured Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Broccoli and Lemon Meringue Pie

(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: Stefan Subotich, Comedian, LaftRx

Deadlines: Reservations - Received by September 14, 2026

Cancellations: By NOON September 14, 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:

LAURA ACHEY
RUTH BOYER
JEANETTE BRUBAKER
JEFFREY ENGLE
TERRI GILDIN
ANTHONY GRAFTON
DORIS HANLON
ROBERT KEISER
ANDREW KONYA
JOE LUCKENBAUGH
GERARD SALLAVANTI
FRANK SCHUBERT
MAKI TRAYNOR
STACY UMSTEAD

CHAPTER MEMBERS:

BRYAN ACHEY - PSU
MARILYN BAKER - PHEAA
DAVID BOYER - AUD GEN
KAREN BROOKS - PHEAA
MARK BRUBAKER - DOT
DENNIS BUCKLEY - PUC
SUSAN CARBAUGH - SHIP
DONNA DIVINS - OA
DENNIS DOMBROWSKI - OA
VICKIE DUNN - CWLTH
CATHERINE ENGLE - LCB
TERESA FAWBER - EXEC OFF
PATRICIA FITZGERALD - TREAS
GARY GILDIN - PSU
VIVIAN GRAFTON - TREAS
SHIRLEY HANFORD - TREAS
THOMAS HANLON - DEP
PAUL HENSE - CORRECTION
GRACE HOLLAND - CORRECTION
LASHAWN JONES - PHEAA
DELEDA KEISER - L&I

ROBERT KLINGER - REV
BRIAN KLUCK - CORRECTION
DAVID KUNIEGA - DOT
LISA LOPEZ - L&I
SHERRY LUCKENBAUGH - AUD GEN
VETA MITCHELL - HEALTH
DEBORAH PALLO - L&I
MICHAEL PINAMONTI - AUD GEN
JAMES ROWLAND - DHS
JODY RUSSELL - CORRECTION
JANICE SALLAVANTI - REV
STEPHANIE SCHUBERT - DHS
CARRIE STONER - OA
KATHY SUNDY - DOT
RYAN TRAYNOR - DHS
TODD UMSTEAD - CWLTH
KELLY WILEY - FISH&BOAT
DERRICK ZIMMERMAN - CORRECTION