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DECEMBER 2026

Central Pennsylvania Chapter Newsletter

President's Report

WISHING ALL A HAPPY AND JOYOUS HOLIDAY

I want to thank everyone for the generous donations for TOYS FOR TOTS…..I am sure that you have made the Holidays special for a lot of children…..**THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH.**

With October being the start of the annual membership renewal season, our PARSE State Office President, Kristen Hand, reports that over 14,000 renewals for 2027 were processed during the first month alone! The State Office also shared that the transition to our new MetLife Dental Plan is currently underway. Any questions pertaining to the new dental plan such as coverage, participating dentists, or advocating for adding an existing dental practice are best directed to AMBA, the licensed insurance agent. You may contact AMBA at 800-382-1352 or via email: info@pisibenefits.com at your convenience.

As a friendly reminder for members participating in Aetna's Medicare Open Access PPO: any Healthy Rewards earned during 2026 are said to expire at the end of this calendar year. As stated in Aetna's online FAQ document: "Any unused funds in your Healthy Rewards Wallet will expire after December 31, 2026." Furthermore, Aetna also advised: "Please be sure you confirm you completed the activity **AND** request the rewards funds are added to your Healthy Rewards Wallet by December 15th, 2026 to ensure you have time to receive and spend your rewards funds."

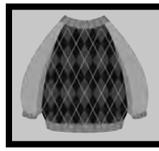
While prior communications about the Healthy Rewards topic have been released by Aetna and also posted online via the PEBTF, should you have any questions pertaining to this program, please reach out to Aetna as soon as possible by contacting them at 844-428-8147 (8AM - 8PM) seven days a week, excluding federal holidays.

As of November 1st, the total membership for the Central Penn Chapter was 10,443 with the State reaching 39,437.

Again, this year we are inviting anyone who wants to wear an ugly sweater to the Christmas Luncheon can do so. Come to the party and scope out your competition...there will be a prize for the best ugly sweater.

Please remember to send in your luncheon reservations 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.



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



Karen Taylor
President,
Central Penn Chapter

Any chapter correspondence is to be sent to:
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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 2027

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE OR CANCELLATION)

The information on the trips has 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.

February 4, 2027	Shear Madness – Comical Mystery	$155	Reservations due 1/4
March 31, 2027	Sight & Sound – Jonah	$185	Reservations due 2/26
April 8, 2027	Enchanted – Magic & Wonder	$143	Reservations due 3/8
April 28, 2027	Penn's Peak/Country Jamboree	$137	Reservations due 3/31
May 15, 2027	Hunterdon Hills/Grease	$186	Reservations due 4/14

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 be 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, DECEMBER 15TH

Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, December 1, 2026
Hostess: Karen Taylor
717-343-1235
Dodge City
1037 Paxton Street
Harrisburg, Pa. 17104

Board of Directors Meetings 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

Tuesday, December 15, 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 – Tomato Basil Soup, Choice of Ham or Roast Turkey w/Stuffing, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Peas and Carrots, Cranberry Sauce and Dessert
(On reservation form choose one (1) meat for each diner)

Ham _____ or Turkey _____ *(Alternate Meat Choice),* Vegetarian _____, Gluten Free _____

Number of reservations: $15.00 ____Members and ____$25.00 for Guests with a Member Total enclosed $_____

Program: Singer Derek Reed

Deadlines: Reservations - Received by December 8, 2026

Cancellations: By NOON December 8, 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:

DOLORES AVERSA GOUNLEY
KENNETH BECK
BRENDA BEERS
PRAGNA DALAL
ROBERT DAVIS
MARK DAVIS
STEPHANIE DIECIDUE
JENNIFER FULKROAD
JOHN GARGER
LORI GLATZ
COLIN GURGANIOUS
ELIZABETH HANLON
SUSAN HEWITT
RICHARD INGRAM
TED JENSENIUS
DORIS KLINGENSMITH
CHRISTINE KREISER
PATRICIA LEWIS
TROY LHIGH
KAREN MCAULIFFE
STEPHANIE MCGARRELL
JOSEPH MCNALLY
IVAN MILLER
BRADLEY MORGAN
GABRIEL ROBINSON
EBIN RUSSELL
ROBERT SHUTT
TIMOTHY SMITH
MARY TALLEY
MELVIN TATUM
HAROLD WANTZ
JEFFREY WHITE

CHAPTER MEMBERS:

JOHN BARNI - EXEC OFF
BARBARA BECK - PSP
DAVID BEERS - PHEAA
LISA BRANDT - OB
JEFFREY CROSS - DGS
LISA CRUZ - PHEAA
KIRIT DALAL - DEP
KIMBERLY DAVIS - DOT
THOMAS DIECIDUE - GAME
KARAM ELBAYOUMY - PSU
BETH FELTENBERGER - GAME
JAMES FLANAGAN - DHS
MARYLINDA FREYERMUTH - DCNR
JAMES FULKROAD - PHEAA
JAMIE GALLATIN - OB
DEBORAH GARGER - HOUSE REP
LISA GARR - DOT
WILLIAM GLATZ - OA
NICHOLAS GOUNLEY - TREAS
JUDITH GURGANIOUS - CWLTH
ANTHONY HANLON - DOT
WILLIAM HARPEL - HERSHEY MED
THOMAS HEWITT - PHEAA
HELEN HOSLER - CWLTH
DEBORAH INGRAM - L&I
KATHY JENSENIUS - OA
CHRISTOS KATSAOUNIS - REV
HOLLY KEISTER - OB
HAROLD KREISER - PHEAA
SHARON LEHIGH - DGS
YVONNE LEMELLE - DCED
MARGARET LESNIAK - L&I
STEVEN LEWIS - TURNPIKE
MICHAEL MCAULIFFE - DEP
CHARLES MCGARRELL - DEP
JANET MCNALLY - PSU
GARY MILLER
TAMMY MILLER - EXEC OFF
CINDY MINAYA - L&I
DELORES MORGAN - ATT GEN
PAUL OPIYO - REV
STEVEN PRISBE - DHS
RICHARD RADEL - DGS
JEFFREY REYBITZ - AUD GEN
GLYNIS RUSSELL - DEP
GERETTA SHUTT - PSP
YVONNE SMITH - PHEAA
PATRICIA TATUM - DPW
PAYANNE TREGEA - REV
CHRISTINE WELTMER - HEALTH
STACEY WHITE - EXEC OFF



Central Penn Chapter PARSE

Holiday Party Luncheon *Tuesday,* December 15, 2026 Lunch at 12:00 noon

Where: **Penn Harris Conference Center, 1150 Camp Hill Bypass- Camp Hill**
Time: Door opens at: **11:00 A.M.** Lunch at **12:00 Noon**
Cost: **$15.00 for Members and $25.OO for Guests Attending WITH a Member**

DOOR PRIZES!! ***Cash door prizes and one-half of the 50/50 kitty!!***
SPECIAL PRIZE!! ***Prize for Ugly Sweater Contest***

Entrée

Tomato Basil Soup, Choice of Ham or Roast Turkey with Stuffing, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Peas and Carrots, Cranberry Sauce
(On reservation form, choose one (1) meat for each diner)

Dessert / Beverages

Entertainment

Reservations Due: Tuesday, December 8, 2026
Deadline for Cancellations is December 8, 2026
Pick up your tickets at the door. **They will not be mailed.**

Reservation for Lunch at Chapter Meeting The Penn Harris Convention Center on **Tuesday, December 15**
Name:_____ Name of others you are paying for:
(2.)_____(3.)_____(4.)_____
Meat choice and how many Turkey ____# Ham_____#
Plain Chicken _____# Vegetarian _____# Gluten Free _____#
And Dessert
Number of Member Reservations _____@ $15.00 / Guests with Member_____@ $25.00 = _____Total

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 paid reservation verifiable at the desk.