



President's Corner

Susan Zamzow

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CCPASR
Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees

When I first became involved with CCPASR a decade ago there was a steadfast presence in the Membership Chair, Paula Bowersox. She was cheerful, competent, curious, and always helpful. We will all miss her in our many ways. Rest in peace, dear friend.

I have a deep belief in public education, and I was first drawn to our Educational Support Committee. Over the years, I have enjoyed reading grant proposals from current educators and having contact with our awardees. It has been rewarding to select and meet our Lauretta Woodson Award recipients.

The first major job I had with CCPASR was Newsletter Editor in Fall 2017. With this newsletter I have completed six years and twelve newsletters. I do enjoy desktop publishing and I think that Publisher is a fun program to use.

In 2017, when state headquarters pushed for all chapters to have a website, I created one. I had never done it before, so I enjoyed the process. The maintenance? Not

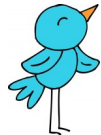
so much. I do not think that having the website contributes to our organization. We will discuss this at the May meeting.

I did not really want to become President in 2018 but I felt that I could do two years to help the organization. The pandemic convinced me to keep going since there were no new volunteers. Folks, please understand that the entire time I have served as President I have also done the jobs of secretary, newsletter editor, web master, public relations, and educational support.

Therefore, I resign as President of CCPASR and I resign from all other roles with the organization effective June 30, 2023. I will not do another newsletter. I will not plan another meeting. I will continue to send emails as requested for this calendar year only.

I value the experiences and the friendships I have made the years with CCPASR leadership. I wish the organization well and I look forward to seeing its continuation with more people involved. Whoever takes over

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Spring 2023 General Membership Meeting.
Thursday, May 18, 2023
Highland Oaks at Water Run

Directions to Highland Oaks at Water Run

Coming from Clarion: Take 5th Avenue south toward the mall.

Right on Water Run Rd. just after Computer Support.

Coming from I80 on 68: Left on Water Run Road just before Computer Support.

Both follow to Highland Oaks.

Please use the westside entrance by the gazebo. (left entrance) **DO NOT** use the front door as we have in the past.

Choose one of the following entrees and email (suezamzow@ccpasr.com) or message me (814.227.8464) by May 15th.

1. Chicken Stir Fry Dinner
2. Lasagna with Garlic Bread

All include salad, rolls/butter, dessert, coffee, tea, and water.

Lunch Price (without tip) \$12.00 payable to CCPASR.

Please bring \$12.00 or mail to our treasurer: Debbie Whisner, 321 Liberty Street, Clarion PA 16214.

Spring General Membership Meeting 2023

Member Show & Tell

Following the business meeting, there will be a Member Show & Tell where members have a tell about projects and passions that they have been able to continue, pursue, or develop. If you want to show pictures and do not want to bring a computer, I will be bringing my laptop.

Therefore, if you message me (814.227.8464) or email me (suezamzow@ccpasr.com) your pictures, they will be ready to project. Last time, we did this eight years ago, people brought many props. We would love to have some of our talented musicians to perform for us.

Program

10:00 a.m. Registration and Social

10:30 a.m. Business Meeting

11:00 a.m.
Member Show and Tell

11:50 a.m. **Lauretta Woodson Awards**
Scott Kindel, Union
Joni McCauley, RBV

Noon Lunch by The Bistro prepared by
Chef Glenda and staff

*Change your opinions, keep your principles,
change your leaves, keep intact your roots.*

Victor Hugo

*If you are a state member, you could represent the Clarion County chapter – **Save the Date:***

The **2023 Meeting of the House of Delegates** is scheduled for **October 15 – 17, 2023!** More information will be forthcoming on registering and a more detailed account of planned events.

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will have electronic files as well as hard copies of important documents.

Special thanks to Past President Barb Speer for picking me up for meetings and luncheons in the early years of my membership. Becoming acquainted with Kathy Dinger has been a joy of a lifetime. Her steadiness with her chair positions is inspirational. Thanks to Debbie Whisner for stepping in as Treasurer as soon as she knew that Alex was sick and resigning. We need more such volunteers.

I believe that I have done my duty. If I participate in CCPASR in the future, it will be simply as a participant. All the best to you and yours.



Left: April 2023 RECREO social luncheon, Cousin Basils, Clarington.



*Do you have unwanted books?
How about unused shoes ?
Recycle.....*



Kathy Dinger will again collect books at the May meeting and take them to Elk County to recycle. They do need to be separated by hard cover and soft cover.

The center also takes electronics—Kathy has taken TV's and computer monitors. If you have a need, please call Kathy ahead of time, [814-856-2078](tel:814-856-2078) or [814-715-0007](tel:814-715-0007) and leave a message. She may then "schedule" her truck space. Kathy does not want to look like Granny from The Beverly Hillbillies!

As far as shoes go, Kathy will find a home for them. Prepare your shoes by rubber-banding them together. The shoes do need matches, and they need to be in wearable condition. Kathy loves to re-purpose things!

Thank you

We will be taking monetary donations for the recycling program at our May meeting.

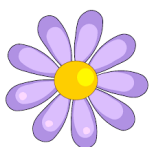
Volunteers operate this recycling center.

Let's show them our appreciation for their services.



Left: Fused Glass Workshop, November 17, 2022

Right: Examples of product



Spring General Membership Meeting

Not sure if you can attend? If your schedule allows at the last minute, don't worry about not responding to the RSVP. You are still welcome!

*Good friends, good books, and a sleepy conscience:
this is the ideal life.*

Mark Twain

Lauretta Woodson Awardees 2023



The purpose of the award is to recognize an educator and a support professional who have exhibited creativity, initiative, or productivity relevant to the learning process and growth of children.

Clarion County PASR will honor **Scott Kindel, Union, and Joan McCauley, RBV/I.U.6**, for their service to their schools. They will receive our 2023 Lauretta Woodson Awards at the May meeting.

Please help honor these two fine professionals with your presence at our May general membership meeting.

In Their Own Words..... Biographies of our 2023 recipients

Joni McCauley

Personal

I grew up in Oil City and moved to many places before calling New Bethlehem home. My husband, Don, and I will celebrate 32 years of marriage in June. Don owns a trucking company and is on the road often. We have three children. Our daughter, Jamie, is a practice manager for a veterinary hospital in Philadelphia, our son, Henry, is a portfolio manager in Columbus and our daughter, Maggie, is a government and community relations specialist in the oil and gas industry in Pittsburgh. We have two grandchildren, Olivia, who recently graduated from the University of New Haven and Nolan, who is in second grade.

Professional

My career in education began in 1983 when I began volunteering in my son’s kindergarten class three days a week. The principal requested assistance because the teacher was 72 years old and had 26 students! The following year, the principal asked me to come back as a substitute in the math learning support classroom. Following that I worked at Head Start before beginning at the Redbank Valley School District in 2002. I worked as a learning support aide for two years before moving to kindergarten. I worked there as a Title 1 aide for 16 years. It is my favorite age of student to work with! The past two years, I have taken on a new role working specifically with special education students. Through all of my job changes, one thing has remained the same - I have the opportunity to work with great kids!

Scott Kindel

Personal

I was blessed to marry Rachel Carmichael 25 years ago this year. Rachel is currently a fifth-grade teacher at Sligo Elementary School. Rachel and I share a passion for the students at Union School District and in our community. We have two children, a daughter Grace who is a senior at Union with plans to attend Penn West Clarion to major in Nursing. Our son Micah is a sixth-grade student at Union and is very active in sports.

Professional

At the end of this year, I will be blessed to have called Union High School my home for 30 years. I am certified in Social Studies and Drivers Education. I currently teach American Cultures II, World Studies, Psychology, Military History, and a History of the Media class. I feel as though I have never worked a day in my life. I love my job and I am proud of our school and community.





A remembrance ceremony will be held at our fall general membership meeting for our colleagues who have passed on. Our fall meeting will be on **Thursday, October 19th.**

2022 CCPASR Educational Enhancement Grants

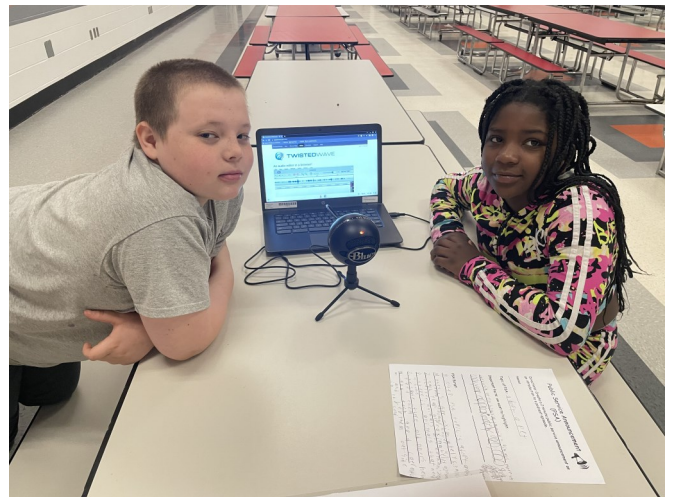
Michele Higgins, North Clarion County School Nurse, Calming sensory Modulation room/space in the Jr-Sr High School setting. The space will be adjacent to the nurse’s office/health room where they may be monitored as they decompress and have a sensory break. Funds were used for lighting/sound accommodations, sensory object items, and inspirational wall art.

Christan McNeil, Clarion Area K-6 STEAM Teacher, Digital Media project for students to deepen their understanding of digital media projects and their presence in countless industries. STEAM encourages learners to develop pivotal skills such as communication, collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking. Funds were used for microphones for podcasting and Skitbots for animation projects.

2023 CCPASR Educational Enhancement Grants

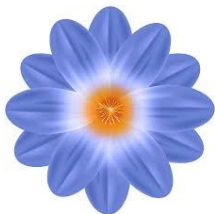
RFPs went out to all administrators April 10th. Proposals are due back May 15th so we will share with meeting participants concerning distribution of school districts, grade levels, etc.

Perhaps we will once again ask you to help evaluate the proposals. I have enjoyed reading the various proposals over the years.



Above: Clarion Area Elementary Students, Matthew and Za'kyha, were working on a Public Service Announcement (PSA). They chose the topic of Adopt-a-pet and created a PSA to raise awareness of the importance of adopting animals and giving them happy homes. Students' completed research to collect facts and statistics to incorporate in their PSAs. The idea was presented as an introduction to podcasting, a form of digital media that informs listeners.

Written by Christan McNeil, K-6 CASD STEAM



CCPASR Fall General Membership Meeting, October 2022, Carriage Inn, Knoxville.

Above: “Grandma” Joy Wilsted sharing her literary talents and life experiences with our participating members.



Relevant Sections of CCPASR By-Laws

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DUTIES

- Section A. The elected officers of the Chapter shall be President, President-Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, and Immediate Past President.
- Section H. Any officer who is unwilling or unable to assume and/or perform the duties and responsibilities of the office shall be immediately replaced by a person selected by the Executive Committee. Such a person shall serve until the next meeting of the Chapter where a special election shall be held to elect a replacement for the expired term.

ARTICLE VII - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Section A. The president-elect, treasurer, and secretary shall be elected to two (2) year terms at the Fall meetings in even-numbered years.
- Section C. The terms of office shall begin January 1 of the year following election and end December 31 of the even numbered year following election. Officers shall continue in office until their successors have been elected.
- Section D. The president and vice president shall not be eligible to succeed themselves. The treasurer and secretary may succeed themselves.

ARTICLE XII– FUNDS

- Section C. In the event the Chapter should dissolve, all assets remaining after the Chapter’s bills have been paid shall be transferred to the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees.

Change in all things is sweet.
Aristotle



Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts. There is something infinitely healing in repeated refrains of nature – the assurance that dawn comes after night, and spring after winter.
Rachel Carson

Membership Information

- State PASR will be reaching out to members during June or on your individual anniversary date to remind you of state dues due.
- Annual chapter dues come due of July 1st Reminders will be sent via mail or email. **You may pay your dues at our spring meeting** or send in the form on page 7.
- We welcome new members! Bring someone to the meeting or to a social luncheon..

June & July are pay days!
Yearly dues are payable to CCPASR.



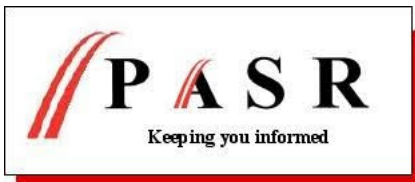
Keeping in Touch

To meet the needs of our retirees, CCPASR is continually researching the best ways to communicate announcements and important information. The email list must be modified to notify our members of timely information (**your email address will NOT be given out.**) If you would like to receive an occasional email from CCPASR, please email your address to Sue Zamzow, suezamzow@ccpasr.com or fill out the form to your right and mail it to Sue.

Please let leadership know of our members in need of some TLC.



*We need accurate emails to keep you better informed.
Have you sent us yours?*



**Membership Application or Renewal
CLARION COUNTY PASR**

Name _____

Address _____

City/State _____

Zip _____ Phone* _____ Email _____

District from which you retired _____

Year Retired _____

CCPASR ANNUAL

(July 1—June 30) \$20 _____

CCPASR Life \$100 _____

STATE PASR ANNUAL \$60 _____

STATE PASR 3-YEAR MEMBERSHIP \$150 _____

STATE PASR LIFE \$700 _____

Please mail this form with your check made payable to
CCPASR to:

Sue Zamzow
401 Liberty Street
Clarion, PA 16214

* This information will NOT be shared with 3rd parties.

*Who could you invite to join
our group?
Word of mouth is our best
promotion.*



Right: Social luncheon on March 16, 2023 at Cozumel's Mexican Restaurant



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Susan Zamzow (CA), President
Nancy Keen (CA), Past President
Open, Secretary
Open, President-Elect

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