



President's Corner

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We enjoyed being together twice recently with outside gatherings. In August, we had our traditional "Not Back to School" Picnic at the Clarion County Park. In the picture below is our September Deer Creek Winery luncheon. In the middle of the front row is Helen Williams, 97-year-old retired Clarion-Limestone teacher.

We honored Helen at the luncheon as she begins a new adventure moving to Florida. We all admire her great spirit, cheerfulness, and kindness. We appreciate the efforts of her daughter to make her move more comfortable. Helen's new address is in care of her daughter (Helen Williams, % Carole Williams, 849 S.E. Chaloupe Ave., Port St. Lucie, FL 34983). We wish you all the best, Helen, and we have so enjoyed getting to know you. Thanks for participating in many CCPASR luncheons and field trips. We will keep in touch.

We have active members who retired from Redbank Valley School District (or worked there for a time, see page 3). Our RECREO Chair, Barb Speer, invited her neighbor, Val Jacobson, and the RVEA President Kristen Landers to share with us

concerning their current strike. We made a collection for their strike fund and we have received a nice thank note from the RVEA. Mary Kay Arth asked me to thank so many of you for cards, calls, and errands for her. If you would like to contact her, her address is 555 S. 2nd Ave. Clarion PA 16214 and phone number is 814.226.4249.

Since our last luncheon I have asked the membership if they planned to come if we had an indoor gathering for October. Our regular meeting room at Water Run is not open yet. I had replies from thirteen people and the vote was 5 yes and 8 no. Some of the comments were that there was just too much uncertainty about covid. We will plan a hiatus until next year.

We have so little news that we are also shortening the newsletter this time. We wish you and yours a beautiful fall and a joyous holiday season. We are hopeful that 2022 will provide us with more opportunities to be together.



At right

Front: Madelon Callen, Helen Williams, Sue Zamzow

Middle: Nancy Keen, Norma Kooman, Lori Kropp, Jean Freeborn, Lynne Walters, Kathy Dinger, Jean Mills, Kristen Landers

Back: Deb Whisner, Barb Speer, Val Jacobson.

Not in picture: Laura McConnell and Kathy Larimer.



By Paula Bowersox, Chair

As we honor two of our most long-standing members, Helen Williams and Grace Wilkinson as their life circumstances change let us also reflect on the members we have lost in the past year. We all feel the loss of Alex Arth who was one of the members who spearheaded the revival of the Clarion Chapter of PASR and who served in various capacities, from president to treasurer throughout his involvement with CCPASR. Mary Kirkpatrick, who retired from Keystone was also a longtime member who served on many committees in her support of our chapter. Francis Baptist was Professor Emeritus of Art at Clarion University but also served the community widely including community art instruction as well as on various boards. Joyce Lignelli had a long career as librarian of Clarion High School while also serving the community not only through CCPASR but also at the Clarion Hospital and other organizations. Jack Mogle, a former Marine and history teacher at Redbank, took every opportunity to educate his friends, acquaintances and students through his love of American history. They are all greatly missed.

As for our current membership, it is gratifying that everyone has continued to renew their memberships throughout these difficult months of COVID. With fewer activities to attend it can be hard to maintain the relevance of PASR’s purpose and goals. Fortunately our officers and committee members are great cheerleaders for the organization who find ways to keep us engaged. Well done!

A quick count totals 134 current local members, with 82 of us – well over half – also state members. For those still considering joining at the state level, remember: beyond actively supporting the goals of PASR, be aware that the only way to take advantage of some benefits and programs such as the very popular dental insurance plan, is to maintain a state membership. The annual cost has remained at \$60 annually or \$700 for a lifetime state membership.

As we continue to try to grow our membership, don’t forget about an often overlooked membership category: the Associate member. Associate members do not have to have retired under a school retirement system or even be retired. They can simply have an interest in education and the work of PASR. Membership fees are the same as that for active members.



Do you know a creative and productive educator or support professional who demonstrates initiative in the learning process of children?

We are seeking recommendations for our 2022 Laretta Woodson Award.
Please contact suezamzow@ccpasr.com for the brief form.



May you always have work for your hands to do.
 May your pockets hold always a coin or two.
 May the sun shine bright on your windowpane.
 May the rainbow be certain to follow each rain.
 May the hand of a friend always be near you.
 And may God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.
 — **Irish Retirement Blessing**

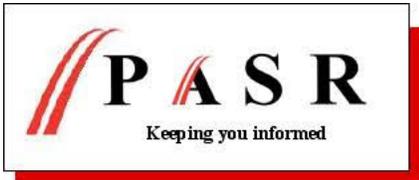
Keeping in Touch

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 Paula Bowersox @ pbsox@comcast.net or Sue Zamzow, suezamzow@ccpasr.com or fill out the form to your right and mail it to Paula Bowersox.

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**

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City/State _____

Zip _____ Phone* _____ Email _____

District from which you retired _____

Year Retired _____

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(July 1—June 30) \$20 _____

CCPASR Life \$100 _____

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STATE PASR 3-YEAR MEMBERSHIP \$150 _____

STATE PASR LIFE \$700 _____

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

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



We will need help to rebuild CCPASR in 2022. We hope you will join us. Word of mouth is our best promotion!



At right

Previous and current Redbank Valley School District teachers: Norma Kooman, Jean Mills, Kristen Landers, Kathy Dinger, Val Jacobson, and Barb Speer.





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