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President's Corner

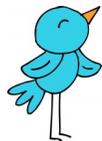
May 2022

CCPASR
Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees

We hope you can join us for our first general membership meeting since October 2019. It is lovely to once again have use of Highland Oaks at Water Run. The meeting room is free when we have lunch in The Bistro. Guests are always welcome, and we enjoy the involvement of our associate members. If you know any new school retirees, please invite them to come with you.

One thing that drew me to CCPASR was the mission statement: *To serve others in need and help one another enjoy retirement.* As I look at membership lists, I find myself smiling. We are privileged to be sharing this stage of our lives and new experiences add to the richness of our memories.

Another appealing aspect of CCPASR is an active Educational Support Committee. I am forever an advocate for public schools and that is a focus of the organization. We will be awarding our Loretta Woodson Award to two current school employees at our meeting. It is important to honor exceptional educators. We will also announce



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. Park out front of building. When you come in the front doors, sign in at the front desk and go left to our meeting room. You will sign out at the end of day.

our 2022 Educational Enhancement Mini-Grants. As I write this, they are still to be decided.

When I agreed to be President-Elect in 2017, I felt like I was helping friends. I had visions of visits to venues in all parts of the county. I hoped for greater involvement of new members from all the school districts. I have been humbled the last five years and it is time for new leadership and changes.

What does the membership want from CCPASR? We will be having a discussion of this topic at our meeting. If you have suggestions but are unable to attend, please forward your comments to one of the officers. Our by-laws state that we will elect President, President-Elect, Treasurer, and Secretary every two years. We have an obligation to life members. So where do we go from here?

I treasure the friendships in my life and CCPASR has provided avenues to new friendships. Please consider joining us on May 19th.

Spring 2022 General Membership Meeting.
Thursday, May 19, 2022
Highland Oaks at Water Run

Choose one of the following entrees and email (suezamzow@ccpasr.org) or message me (814.227.8464) by May 12th.

1. Baked Lasagna with fresh mixed vegetables
2. Baked Haddock with fresh mixed vegetables
3. Pot Roast with braised vegetables

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

Lunch Price (without tip) \$12.00 payable to CCPASR. If you plan to have provided refreshments during the morning, that is an **additional \$3.00.** Please bring \$15.00 or mail to our treasurer: Debbie Whisner, 321 Liberty Street, Clarion PA 16214.

Spring General Membership Meeting 2022

Guest Speakers:

Pine Creek K9 Rescue

Information submitted by Lyndsey Kepner,
Secretary/Public Relations



Pine Creek K-9 Search Unit (PCK9SU) is an organization that assists in locating lost and/or missing persons. Pine Creek K-9 Search Unit has been in operation since 2016 and currently has 16 human members and 11 K-9 members. PCK9SU currently covers 7 counties but will travel statewide and nationwide upon request. PCK9SU can only be requested through Jefferson County Dispatch. Pine Creek K-9 Search Unit certifies through the International Bloodhound Training Institute (INBTI) using the Kocher Method in Man-Trailing. The unit has Man-Trailing K-9's as well as Air Scenting K-9's. These K-9s are also introduced to HRD (Human Remains). Pine Creek K-9 Search Unit gathers weekly in surrounding communities to practice making sure all members can assist and provide services when needed. The unit also does local events to discuss the services provided and to socialize their K-9's. PCK9SU hopes to be part of your community in discussing more about Search and Rescue services!



Thank you

Donations will be collected at our meeting to benefit this organization. We appreciate their willingness to share with us their mission and methods.

Program

9:30 - 10:00 a.m. Registration and Social

10:00 - 10:50 a.m. Business Meeting

11:00 - 11:50 a.m. **Guest Speakers:**
Pine Creek K9 Rescue

11:50 a.m. **Lauretta Woodson Awards**
Lorna Ondrask, Clarion-Limestone
Kathleen Wise, Keystone/IU6

Noon Lunch in The Bistro prepared by
Chef Dennis Snyder and staff



If you would like to donate but are unable to attend our meeting, please send to our treasurer, Debbie Whisner, 321 Liberty St. Clarion PA 16214 and we will forward.



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



Kathy Dinger is collecting shoes and used books from our members at our May meeting. As you go through your house this spring, ready to get rid of “stuff,” set aside those two items. Kathy will bring her truck and load items there.

Shoes do not need to be cleaned or prepared in any way except to band or tie pairs together. Shoes should be matched, wearable, and tied or banded together.

Kathy will take the shoes to her annual church conference in June. These shoes will be sent to third world countries where people will be taught to repair and then to sell the shoes. The shoes may also be dismantled, and the various component materials will be used to create products that can be sold to help people support their families.

This project keeps shoes from reaching landfills – an estimated 630,000,000 pairs each year!

In addition, Kathy is planning to recycle old books at the Elk County Solid Waste Authority. This agency will take books from other counties. It is requested that books are separated by hardbacks and paperbacks. However, all types of books are accepted.

We thank Kathy for these useful and important projects for our chapter.

Support Those in Our Communities

Community Action provides Weatherization & Energy Education, the Job Readiness and Employability Project (JREP), Homeless Assistance, Community Food Bank, Senior Corps Project, low-income housing, and a variety of additional services in support of its mission.

Community Action, Inc.

30 S Sheridan Road Clarion, PA 16214

(814) 226-4785 Office

Thank you for considering a donation to Community Action, Inc. Each year, they serve approximately 7,800 Clarion and Jefferson County Residents.

Their administrative costs are under 10% of the total budget

***Volunteers don't get paid,
not because they are worthless,
but because they're priceless.***

- Sherry Anderson



**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!

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.***

Lauretta Woodson Awardees 2022



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 **Lorna Ondrasik, Clarion-Limestone**, and **Kathleen Wise, Keystone/I.U.6**, for their service to their schools. They will receive our 2022 Lauretta Woodson Awards at the May meeting.

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

My personal story provided by Lorna Ondrasik

I was late to education. I made the choice to stay home with my 3 children until my youngest child was established in school. I then spent 10 years in Social work, a job that afforded me the opportunity to be at every school program and sporting event as my children were growing up. It was at the urging of my good friend John Johnson, that I went to Clarion-Limestone in 2005 and I have been there ever since. I went there on a whim and it has been a joyful experience for me.

I have been the K-12 Gifted Coordinator for that entire time so I have had the privilege of raising children through their entire school experience. I have also been teaching AP US History for the past 12 years.

One year after I started my job at C-L, I inherited the Academic Decathlon team which was in its infancy at the school. The school didn't know much about the program and I knew even less. For the first few years, I did everything wrong. Consequently, we didn't win. But, I started watching the winning teams and coaches and I learned from them. Eventually the kids started to win some medals. The more they won, the more they wanted to win and the rest is history. This team has an incredible work ethic that they pass on to each other year after year. Not only do they enjoy winning, but they understand the value of the program and the life long skills that they gain from their participation. They form bonds with each other that last beyond high school and they report back to me that their college experience is easier because of the skills that they learned from their time in Academic Decathlon at Clarion-Limestone.

It has been my pleasure and joy to coach these young people through this program for the past 16 years.

A bit about Kathleen Wise provided by Keystone secretary Sue Beichner*

Kathy Wise has been employed by the Riverview IU6 in Emotional Support for 23 years (4 yrs at Oil City HS and 19 yrs at Keystone HS). She lives in Strattanville with her husband Kirke. They have two adult sons, Adam and Aaron. Kathy enjoys crafting, playing piano, hiking, traveling, and volunteering at local nursing homes.

**Sue Beichner was our 2019 Woodson Awardee*

We do ourselves and others a

disservice when we make

old age something to be feared.

Life is not a resource too be

used up, so that the older we get,

the less life we have left.

Life is the accumulation of

wisdom, love, and experience

people encountered and

obstacles overcome.

The longer we live,

the more life we possess.

- Rabbi Harold Kushner

Conquering Fear, Living Boldly

in an Uncertain World



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 20th.**

Educational Enhancement Grant History

2022

Awards will be announced at our meeting

2021

Bridget Rivers, Keystone Health and Physical Education teacher, fitness drumming project.
 Caitlin Holley, Clarion-Limestone English teacher, games and chess club project.
 Natalie Anderson, Samantha Harling, and Jennifer Knight, Clarion Area Learning Support teachers,
 Cool Kittens Café project.

2019

Deven Laird, Redbank Valley SD science teacher, Pollinators' Habitat project
 Tammi Starcher, Redbank Valley SD kindergarten teacher, Sensory Pathway project
 Dr. Joe Harmon, Redbank Valley social studies teacher, Holocaust Library project. (Members' personal donations)

2018

Erin Hockenberry, Clarion Limestone Area Elementary Counselor, "Ruling Our Experiences" (ROX) for their sixth-grade girls intends to cultivate higher self-esteem and decrease bullying and incidents of relational aggression.

2017

Bradley Kirkwood, Debbie Shirey, and Jake Weckerly, Union SD teachers, 4-12 rocketry project
 Clarion County United Way's Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

2016

Tammi Starcher, Kim Merwin, and Tina Moore, Redbank Valley SD primary teachers, Buddy Bench
 Ed Baumcratz, North Clarion SD art teacher, Glass Mosaic

2015

Bradley Kirkwood, Union SD physics teacher, rocketry
 Bridget Irwin, Keystone SD physical education teacher, body bars for fitness circuit
 Union SD Kindergarten Math/Reading Books

2014

Michelle Higgins, North Clarion SD nurse, before school fitness program
 Tonya Stewart, Union SD math teacher, web cams for instruction/professional development

We make a living by what we get but we make a life by what we give.

- Winston Churchill

From the Vice President:

Hello,

I hope that all of you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year! As I write this the sun is shining and we are having a heat wave of 44° before that next on slot of winter.

As you may already know, at the October House of Delegates meeting I was elected the state Vice President. As such, I am not eligible to be Region 8 Director. At this point in time we have not director for our region. I will keep you informed of any information from state, but without a director our region does not have a voice at state Board of Directors meetings. Please give heartfelt consideration to volunteering to fill this role. Many of the meetings are on ZOOM which makes it a lot easier to attend the meetings without the travel that has been involved in the past.

Until we have a director, please send information to me about what your chapter is doing so that it may be shared with other regions and chapters. We all have good ideas and may learn from each other.

Throughout the past two years the state office staff has worked diligently to keep our organization functioning. They have done yeoman's duty by combining working from home and working at headquarters on a rotational basis. We have a great staff that does a lot for us.

Mark McKillop and the L/PEC committee are continuing to work with TRIAD, our lobbying group, to talk with legislators in regards to a COLA. This is a top priority for PASR.

On March 23rd there will be a Members Benefits and Services event on ZOOM. Watch for more information about this event. It will be taped and available to use when explaining to potential members what PASR has to offer.

Thank you for all of your help during my time as your region director.

Mary K Davis



We salute
Mary K Davis
for her continued service to
PASR.
We have enjoyed her visits to
Clarion County.
We wish her
all the best
in her new leadership role!

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



***Give me a lever long enough and a fulcrum
strong enough and I will move the Earth.***

- Archimedes



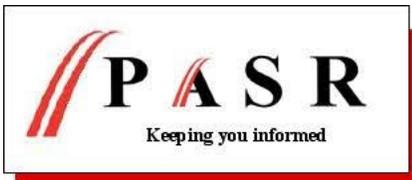
Keeping in Touch

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**

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:

**Paula Bowersox
16 Horizon Heights
Clarion, PA 16214**

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

Below: April 2022 social luncheon at The Clarion River Lodge. L to R Kathy Larimer, Barb Speer, Sue Zamzow, Jean Mills, Dan Carey, Norma Kooman, Debbie Whisner, Laura McConnell, and Madelon Callen.



***The key to retirement
is to find joy in the
little things.***

- Susan Miller



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Open, Secretary
Open, President-Elect

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