Do you have any suggestions for the Newsletter?
Contact PghASR by email at pghpasr@yahoo.com or by mail at PghASR, P.O. Box 9056, Pittsburgh, PA 15224. Note that articles, reservation forms, and other information should be sent to Marsha Tharp, 157 Thornberry Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15235.
When You Move...

Have you moved recently, or do you expect to move in the near future? If so, be sure to notify the following agencies of your new address as soon as possible:

**Pittsburgh Association of School Retirees (PghASR)**  
P.O. Box 9056  
Pittsburgh, PA 15224

**Pennsylvania School Employees Retirement System (PSERS)**  
Annuity Payroll Office  
P.O. Box 125  
Harrisburg, PA 17108

**Pittsburgh Insurance & Retirement Benefits Office**  
Board of Public Education  
341 S. Bellefield Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

*All questions regarding retirement benefits should be directed to PSERS. Call toll free 1-888-773-7748 or 1-717-787-8540 or contact the local office at 900 Sarah St., Pittsburgh, PA 15203, 412-488-2031. The Insurance and Benefits Office of the School District does not have information regarding PSERS.*

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**Newsletter Delivery Problems?**  
*Francis Rifugiato*

The August 2010 issue of the PghASR Newsletter had a notice about bulk mail delivery problems that caused some of our members to receive their Newsletters late or even not at all. Changes in the Post Office’s bulk mail delivery system have made the problem worse, not better. Here are some things to keep in mind:

- The Newsletter is prepared and mailed three times each year: April, August, and November. If you have not received your Newsletter by the end of April, August, or November, speak with your Postal Carrier and/or the Postmaster at your local Post Office. The Newsletter is mailed using Bulk Rate. Sometimes that type of mail does not receive high priority for delivery. If that fails, contact a member of the Editorial Board or one of the officers, and a mailing will be arranged for you.

Once the Newsletters are mailed, they are out of the control of the Newsletter Committee. We sincerely regret that some of our members have been inconvenienced.

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**Thanks to Our Donors**

We continue our plea for members to consider making a donation to help defray the cost of printing and mailing the Newsletter. The officers of PghASR and the members of the Editorial Board extend gratitude to all those who have responded to this plea since our last publication. Anyone interested in making a donation should make the check payable to PghASR and mail it to Eileen Gavin, 1120 Fairfield St., Pittsburgh, PA 15201.

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**PghASR Change of Address Form**

Mail to: Pittsburgh Association of School Retirees, P.O. Box 9056, Pittsburgh, PA 15224

Circle one: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr.

Name ________________________________

New Address _________________________

City ________________________________

State _______ ZIP ________________

Telephone ______________________________

Email __________________________________

Check the category appropriate for your new address.

___ Personal Care Home  ___ Nursing Home

___ Retirement Community  ___ Private Residence

Other _________________________________

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**CUT OUT AND KEEP THIS HANDY GUIDE TO IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

Here’s a quick reference guide to important phone numbers for PghASR members.

**PSERS** (Penna. School Employees Retirement System): 1-800-773-7748

**PASR** (Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees): 1-717-697-7077 pasr@pasr.org

**Pittsburgh Public Schools Insurance & Benefits Office:** 412-622-3692

**PASR-Endorsed Dental & Vision Plans Professional Insurance Services:** 1-800-382-1352, ext. 3012

**HOP (Health Options Program) Insurance:** 1-800-773-7725, www.HOPbenefits.com
Spring Luncheon
Host: Allegheny Chapter

Thursday, May 10, 2012

10:30 Region 12 Officers and Committee Chairs Meet
11:00 Social Time
11:30 Meeting
12:00 Lunch

$20.00

CHURCHILL VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB
800 BEULAH ROAD
PITTSBURGH, PA 15235

Entrees (choose one):
Grilled Salmon or Baked Stuffed Pork Chop
Mixed Greens Salad, Red-skinned Potatoes, Vegetable Medley
Strawberry Parfait
Hot/Cold Beverage

Reservations are requested no later than Friday, May 4, 2012.
Make checks payable to ACASR and mail with the form below to
Robert Bell, 611 Nordica Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

REGION 12 SPRING LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

Number of Reservations for Grilled Salmon __________ x $20 = __________
Number of Reservations for Stuffed Pork Chop __________ x $20 = __________

Total Amount enclosed: _______________

Name ______________________________________________________________________
Address ____________________________________________________________________
Phone number ______________________________________________________________________
This year PASR is celebrating its 75th Anniversary (1937-2012) and we are throwing a party! If you’re wondering how PghASR got started, here’s the background information: In 1950 retired Pittsburgh teachers formed a charter under the name of PITTSBURGH RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION with 1,047 members. The charter for this organization was granted on June 22, 1964. The following persons were the officers: President, Oscar W. Demmler; Vice President, Laura T. Eckstein; Secretary, Anna G. Kelley, and Treasurer, May E. Zink. Only two annual meetings were held! Since that time, the name of the charter has been officially changed to PghASR to welcome all retirees of the Pittsburgh Public Schools. To date, we have registered approximately 1,340 members, and we continue to grow! Not only has our membership grown, but also our meetings, activities and commitments have flourished.

One of the many hallmarks of PASR is that it strongly supports education and believes that demonstrating support for public education and employees is the common thread amongst all chapters. A belief of PghASR is that the Pittsburgh Public Schools should continue encouraging students to choose careers in public education as a way to attract and maintain employees who eventually will take the place of those who retire! Along with many other chapters, PghASR offers scholarship opportunities to help students wishing to pursue a career in the field of education. The State PASR has graciously given chapters $500.00 to add to their scholarship funds. This year we are offering two $1,000 scholarships to seniors in the Pittsburgh Public Schools who plan to follow an education career path. The 2012 applications have been sent to all Pittsburgh secondary schools via the Student Services Office under the supervision of Jan Ripper, Chief Executive Officer. We have set a deadline of Friday, May 4, 2012, for all applications to be submitted. The Scholarship Committee will evaluate all applications, and the winners and their families will be honored at the June 6 General Membership Meeting.

As an educational organization representing all retired employees of the PPS, we encourage members to continue to contribute to our Scholarship Fund. Your contributions enable us to present scholarships to deserving students of the Pittsburgh Public Schools. You can honor an individual by making a contribution in his or her name.

Now back to our 75th Anniversary party! The State PASR is encouraging all chapters to celebrate the anniversary by renewing charters, holding special recognition events, having parties and gathering as many members as possible to enjoy the festivities. We are a proud organization and want to share that pride with all of you!

On October 17, PghASR will be hosting a 75th Birthday Celebration to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of PASR. Our party will take place at The Rivers Casino on the North Shore from 11:30 to 12:45 with 75 minutes of food, fun and folly! If you’re a member who is 75 years young, we hope you’ll be there to share stories, experiences and memories! More details and information to follow, but mark your calendars now!

### DIRECTIONS TO JAMES STREET GASTROPUB

**From I-376 or Rt. 65:**
Take I-279 North to Exit 1D, Rt. 28/East Ohio Street. The off ramp is the beginning of Rt. 28. Take the East Ohio Street left exit. Make a left at the end of the ramp onto East Ohio Street. Go three blocks and make a right onto James St. The James Street Gastropub is in the next block at the intersection of Foreland St.

**From I-279 south:**
Get off at Exit 2B, East Street. Go seven blocks and make a right at Foreland St. at the Key West Tavern. The James Street Gastropub is in two blocks at the intersection of James St.

**From Rt. 28:**
Take the East Ohio Street exit near the Heinz plant. Stay straight at the end of the ramp onto East Ohio St. Go four blocks and make a right onto James St. The Gastropub is in the next block at the intersection of Foreland St.

### General Membership/Benefits & Services Meeting—Exciting News!

**Lillian Carpenter**

We are blossoming into new and beautiful things! Our General Membership/Benefits & Services meeting on June 6 is going to be a great start. First, we have engaged Attorney Carolyn Russ, who specializes in Elder Law, to be our speaker. Second, we are going to a new venue—**James Street Gastropub & Speakeasy** on the North Side. Now that you are bubbling with excitement, let’s get to the details.

Attorney Russ provides legal representation on Elder Law, Estate Planning and Administration. She will give us an understanding of what and how we should make good final life decisions, whether for ourselves or for our loved ones. With her years of experience, she is extremely knowledgeable and will give us a clear understanding of the tools available and what we should review and have completed to ensure that our final wishes are carried out. What a comfort preplanning can be, especially with the right information.

Our new venue is the **James Street Gastropub & Speakeasy** at 422 Foreland Street, North Side, 412-904-3335. It is easy to reach. The directions are given above this article. And yes, the restaurant has free parking at the rear lot off Moravian Way. There is on-street parking and a public lot a block away. The food is American fare, very tasty and affordably priced.

Good food, an interesting speaker and easy access are awesome reasons why you should attend this event. You will find the reservation form on the next page of this Newsletter. We will be looking forward to seeing you there!
PghASR General Membership/ Benefits & Services Meeting

422 Foreland Street, Pittsburgh PA 15212 (See directions on page 4 of this Newsletter.)

Wednesday, June 6, 2012
11:30 a.m.

$16.25
Price includes one of the following entrées, dessert, coffee/tea/soft beverage, tax and gratuity.

Entrées (select one)
Tequila Lime Marinated Grilled Chicken Breast served with Vegetable Fried Rice. Served with House Salad
Pulled Pork Sliders served with Cole Slaw & House Cut French Fries
Fish & Chips—Hand Battered Cod served with Cole Slaw & House Cut Fries
Steak Salad topped with House Cut French Fries and Shredded Cheese
Egg Salad Sandwich on Croissant with Cup of Soup & House Cut Potato Chips

Our speaker will be Attorney Carolyn Russ, who specializes in Elder Law and Estate Planning and Administration. She will give us an understanding of what and how we should make good final life decisions.

Reservations are requested no later than Friday, May 25, 2012.
Make checks payable to PghASR and mail with the form below to Gerry Silverman, 6498 Monitor Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15217.


Number of Reservations for Grilled Chicken Breast @ $16.25 _____ Total $__________
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Number of Reservations for Fish & Chips @ $16.25 _____ Total $__________
Number of Reservations for Steak Salad @ $16.25 _____ Total $__________
Number of Reservations for Egg Salad Sandwich @ $16.25 _____ Total $__________

Total amount enclosed: $__________________

Name ________________________________________________________________________________________________________________
Address _____________________________________________________________________________________________________________
Phone number ______________________________________________________________________________________________________
PghASR Welcomes its New Members!
(as of March 1, 2012)
Paula Berrillo  Scott Grosh  Peter Mamula
Willa Booker  Barbara Kalin  Gertrude McGuire
Carolyn Davis  Donald Lancaster  Lynne Tumquist

In Memoriam

DOROTHY BLUMENFELD
MARY FERONS
LEONA LIFTZ
DONALD MACKEY
WILLIAM NICE
GERTRUDE O’BRIEN
FLORENCE PALUMBO
SARAH WELLINGER

Memorial Honor Fund

In Memory of  Contributor
Pete Dimperio  Tim Landers

Educational Support
Joseph Poerio

This year, thanks to the State PASR’s celebration of 75 years of excellent service to retired school employees throughout the state of Pennsylvania, each local chapter received $500 to add to their scholarship fund. Therefore, we are able to give two $1,000 scholarships to seniors interested in entering the field of education.

The 2012 scholarship applications have been sent to all Pittsburgh secondary schools via the Student Services Office, Pittsburgh Public Schools, under the supervision of Jan Ripper, Chief Executive Officer. We have set a deadline of Friday, May 4, 2012, for all applications to be submitted. The scholarship committee will evaluate all applications, and the winners and their families will be honored at the General Membership Meeting on June 6 at the James Street Gastropub.

As an educational organization representing all retired employees of the PPS, PghASR encourages its members to continue to contribute to our Scholarship Fund. Your contributions enable us to present scholarships to deserving students of the PPS. Remembering friends and relatives and honoring individuals are positive ways to let our members share your thoughts, good news and support.

Checks should be made payable to PghASR. Indicate that the check is a donation to the scholarship fund. Contributions may be sent to our treasurer, Eileen Gavin, 1120 Fairfield St., Pittsburgh, PA 15201.

If you would like additional information, please contact Joseph Poerio at pjpoerio@comcast.net.

The Pittsburgh Association of School Retirees
Would like to acknowledge, celebrate and congratulate the following members for having reached the milestone of 20 years in retirement:

George E. Bissell
Dorothy S. Buchanan
Helen J. DeFebo
Alfred D. Diggins, Sr.
Richard G. Fallon
Fred Holyfield, Jr.
Shirley H. Jones
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Dr. Dorothy Rothbart
*Shirley T. Shratter
Erma Thompson
Adolfo Vaccarello
Mary Wakelin
John Q. Williams
*Mautez G. Wilson
*retired in 1990

The members of the Association wish you all the very best in 2012.

Donations
Thank you, Rich Bassett, for your generous donation to the PghASR Scholarship Fund in honor of Betty Rhodes and Louis Kriston Jr.

Thank you, Van Hughes and Marlene Eckman, for your generous donation to the PghASR Social Services Memorial Fund.

Calling All Members!

Send us news about what you are doing in your post-PBOE years so we can print them here in the old Reporter format.

Joe Poerio writes, “The past seven years have been filled with travel, visiting our children and grandchildren in Nashville and Minneapolis. We have also taken cruises to Alaska, the Mediterranean, New England, and Hawaii. We have traveled to Knoxville, Orlando, and Waikiki, Hawaii, for weddings and to Las Vegas to try to win money to pay for all the traveling. We all know how that went.

Besides volunteering on the board of PghASR and PASR Region 12, I also volunteer at Marian Manor Corporation, a senior citizen facility in Green Tree, and for Family Hospice in Mt. Lebanon for Marian Manor only. This past summer we were blessed with our third grandchild, Nicholas, born to our daughter Lisa and her husband Cody. Our son
2012/2013 Dues can be paid at NOW

Dues for the fiscal year 2012/2013 are being accepted at this time. Check your address label on this newsletter for your membership status. Your status appears to the right of your name. If your status is:

EXPJun2012 – Please complete the form below. Your dues for the 2012/2013 can be paid now. (Our fiscal year runs from June to June.)

Life – Your dues are paid. Please do not complete the form.

Life Partial – The second half of your dues ($50) is due within 6 months of joining. If your dues are payable, please complete and mail the form below with your payment. If you have questions about your status, please write or email the organization at pghpasr@yahoo.com. Your continued support of the Pittsburgh Chapter is appreciated!

We have not raised our annual dues in 11 years!

PghASR 2012/2013 Dues Renewal Form

Check one:

_____ Enclosed is my check for $10 for 2012/2013 dues. (Only for members with EXPJun2012 on their mailing label)

_____ Enclosed is my check for $50 for the 2nd installment for life membership. (For members with Life Partial on their label, due within 6 months of joining)

Title (circle) Dr. Mrs. Ms. Miss Mr. Name ________________________________

Address ________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

City/State/Zip __________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Email address __________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Make your check payable to PghASR and mail it with this form to PghASR, PO Box 9056, Pittsburgh, PA 15224.

Bryan and his wife, Emily, have two children, Anna, 7, and Alexander, 4. Life is great, and thanks to 38 years with the Board, I am able to enjoy my family and touch the lives of others through volunteering.

Adrienne Thomas writes, “I just celebrated my one-year retirement. Love my freedom! I see my children and grandchildren more, read more, go to the gym more, sleep more, have less stress and look better. My general overall health is great. I have volunteered with the OASIS intergenerational tutoring program. I have lunch more frequently with my fellow retirees. When you work 50 to 60 hours a week, there is little time to do much else. Life is good. I just celebrated my 65th birthday and am eligible for Silver Sneakers and a free bus pass. How can you beat that!

Lunch Bunch at Rock Bottom on April 24!
Lillian Carpenter

April is the month of showers, and we have a great idea to shower yourself with good food and fun. Come and have lunch with the PghASR Lunch Bunch at Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery at the Waterfront in Homestead on Tuesday, April 24, around 11:45. Rock Bottom is just off East Waterfront Drive near the Homestead Grays Bridge (412-462-2739). Just ask for the PghASR group. Sit and chat with former colleagues and make new friends.

How this works is very easy—just come! No reservations are necessary. The food is very good, prices are reasonable, and the menu is full of selections that will please your taste buds. Separate checks will be provided and the gratuity is included. PAT routes 53, 59, 61D and 64 stop near Rock Bottom. So after you have voted in the primary election, drop on over to Rock Bottom and meet up with the Lunch Bunch. We’ll look for you starting at 11:45 and save a seat especially for you!

Retirement Study Opportunity

Carnegie Mellon University is looking for people who are about to retire or who have retired within the past two years to participate in a study seeking to understand the thoughts and feelings that couples commonly experience while on the path to retirement. This research is being funded by the National Institute on Aging and has been approved by the Carnegie Mellon University Institutional Review Board. To qualify:

• Both you and your spouse must be able to participate.
• One of you must be on the verge of or recently retired (within the last 2 years).
• You must be able to attend two sessions at Carnegie Mellon University, each of which will last about 2 hours.

You will receive $80 as a couple for participating! Contact us ASAP to learn more.

Jennifer.tomlinson@cmu.edu
Phone: (412) 268-4193
Using our Talents for Others

Marsha Tharp

One of the perks of retirement is being able to indulge in our favorite hobbies. To me, the joy of knitting, crocheting and especially quilting as much as I want whenever I want fulfills my creativity. For many of us our newly found freedom sparks so many projects that within a few years we have given most of our families, friends and the ongoing arriving next generation one of our creations. Although we may be running out of recipients, we still have the urge to produce more projects.

Many worthy groups, however, would love to reap the benefits of our talents. Here is a sample of some local organizations:

• **Wrapped in Love**—quilts and afghans for cancer patients, babies through adults
• **Chemo Caps**—knitted/crocheted caps for all ages of cancer patients
• **Lap Robes for Veterans**—smaller quilts/afghans for wheelchair bound veterans in local VA hospitals
• **Tassel Caps for Homeless**—knitted caps for local needy children

Some local libraries and knitting stores sponsor sessions for crafters to produce projects. You may know of other groups to suggest. If you are interested in making projects, please contact me at 412-241-7273. With enough interest, we can plan a course of action and choose projects and organizations to serve. I look forward to hearing from you as we volunteer to use our talents for others.

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Volunteering Opportunities in the VA Healthcare System

*Dr. Barbara Paskewitz and Helen Wilson*

Many volunteering opportunities are available in the VA Healthcare System at all three locations: the Heinz Division on Delafield Road, the University Drive Division in Oakland, and the Highland Drive Division. Volunteers are needed to assist the nursing staff with patient care, help in the library, escort patients to various clinics, answer phones, assist with art and crafts projects, play bedside games, work in the office, and help with many other tasks. Training is provided. Cash donations are welcome, too.

For more information, call 412-822-3098 or go to www.pittsburgh.va.gov/giving/

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Volunteering Opportunities

PghASR Volunteers Make a Difference!

From time to time the PghASR Newsletter staff receives information about local volunteering opportunities. If you know of any, please let us know so we can publicize them in the Newsletter.

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Heartland

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Give the “Gift of Presence”

Volunteer for Heartland Hospice

Be a friend to a patient with a life limiting illness. Volunteers are the heart of the hospice team. We depend on our hospice volunteers to help us provide the extra love and care our patients and their families need at this time in their lives. Volunteers are needed to engage patients in life review and other meaningful activities. They are also needed to sit vigil with patients during their final hours. Vigil volunteers help create a peaceful setting through prayer, music, poetry, candles, and most importantly presence. Training is free and tailored to your schedule.

To find out more about Heartland’s Volunteer Program contact the Volunteer Department at

Heartland Hospice
750 Holiday Dr., Suite 110
Pittsburgh, PA 15220
1-800-497-0575
heartlandvcs@gmail.com

In Search of Therapy Dogs

Have you ever considered offering the comfort and companionship of your dog to hospice patients? The touch of a dog often brings peace and joy to those who may be lonely and brings back fond memories to those who have had a pet throughout their lives. Providing visits to these patients gives them something to look forward to. Would you like to share your furry friend with others and bring a smile to their face?

For more details, please call or email Lorie Lukens, Volunteer Coordinator at Heartland Hospice, 724-776-3933 or heartlandvcs@gmail.com.

OASIS Intergenerational Tutoring

As an OASIS tutor, you can help a child learn to love reading and learning. OASIS volunteers work with the Pittsburgh Public Elementary Schools and the Woodland Hills School District to help young children in grades K-4 build reading skills and positive attitudes towards learning. If you are an adult 50 years of age or older and want to make a difference in a child’s life, please contact John Spehar, OASIS Tutoring Coordinator, for more information at 412-232-2021 or johnspeharoasis@hotmail.com.
BECOME A POLITICAL VOLUNTEER!
By Bob Marko, Region 12 L/PEC Chairman

The 2012 Pennsylvania Legislative Election cycle has now started to develop. This is an excellent time for active PASR members to expand their volunteer experiences and become friends of a candidate for the Pennsylvania Legislature.

There are many activities that PASR members can do to help Legislative candidates of their choice. Some of the volunteer activities include placing your signature on an election petition, asking neighbors and friends to sign election petitions, sending messages promoting a legislative candidate, hosting a meeting with the candidate and offering time to help in the campaign office.

This new PASR Political Volunteer program will develop a strong communication system between the Legislator and the PASR Political Volunteer. Please feel free to contact me at 412-487-1180 or bobandsylvia@verizon.net if you have any questions about this Political Volunteer program.

We are currently seeking donations through the PASR L/PEC program to provide information and skill development to establish positive relationships with local legislators and to provide definitive statements regarding PASR positions on school retiree issues.

All PASR members can celebrate the 75th Anniversary of PASR by making a contribution to L/PEC. This contribution will help us start a new era for PASR and develop a better communication system with our Legislators for the next 75 years. The form below can be used for your donation to L/PEC.

The contribution form is also available on the PASR website, www.pasr.org. Upon arriving at the WELCOME page, enter your name and password, then LOGIN to access the MEMBERS ONLY menu. Under MEMBER LINKS, click MEMBER PUBLICATIONS. Under “Brochures,” click L/PEC Brochure, then print page 2. Clip the CONTRIBUTION FORM from the printed page. Contact me, Bob Marko, at bobandsylvia@verizon.net if you need additional help.

Shred it!
Lillian Carpenter

In last month’s Newsletter, we were reminded about the advice our speaker, Ed Leterri, gave at our General Membership meeting last November about identify security. His advice was to shred everything that had your name, address, account numbers, or any other identifying information pertaining to you on it. Many of us hopefully took his advice and purchased personal paper shredders and starred to organize the bags, boxes and folders of personal papers. Some of us may have discovered we had more paper information that we realized. So instead of spending hours next to the shredder, put the papers in a box and take it to the Shred-It Community Day.

Community Days are scheduled once a month on Saturdays from 9:00 to noon at the Shred-It Company, 16 Commerce Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15239 in Penn Hills off Saltsburg Road. Upcoming Community Days are April 14, May 5, and June 2. This is an easy and safe way to destroy your old documents inexpensively. Don’t have a car? Encourage a friend who has papers to shred to share the ride. The cost is $6.00 per box, with no minimum or maximum amount.

For questions or directions, call Shred-It at 412-798-3800 or go to shred-it.com/pittsburgh. Give it a try! You’ll be glad you did.

A Thought to Consider

PghASR members who heard Ed Letteri speak on identify theft at the PghASR General Membership Meeting on November 9 heard him list some important methods of avoiding having personal information stolen. One thing Ed said was to shred documents that contained addresses, phone numbers and other information that could be stolen and used by identity thieves. Please consider that the PghASR Newsletters contain such information, so please shred or destroy the pages that contain phone numbers and addresses before you discard your Newsletter. Thank you.

Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees
Legislative/Political Education Committee

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Name ____________________________
Address ____________________________
City ____________________________ State ________
ZIP __________ Phone: ( ) __________
E-mail Address ____________________________

Did you know that a campaign to urge passage of a single piece of legislation can cost PASR more than $200,000? Thank you for your support!

Contribution Amount
$10 $25 $50 or $_____

Please make checks payable to L/PEC and mail to 878 Century Drive ■ Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-8406

Note: L/PEC contributions are not deductible for federal income taxes.
The PghASR Recreo Committee brings you some great tours in 2012. The trips are in conjunction with the PNC Bank Retirees Travel Group, a fun-loving group of people to travel with.

Bus pickups are in the South Hills at Crown Plaza Hotel, Fort Couch Road, Downtown on Liberty Avenue. For more information, call Gerry Brill at 412-364-0371.

SWING INTO SPRING—May 10, 2012. One-day luxury bus trip, including dinner and show, $109 per person. Travel to Sugarcreek, Ohio, for a taste of springtime. First stop is Coblentz Chocolate Company, featuring not only chocolate but 200 varieties of bulk candy. Then visit other shops at Walnut Creek. Enjoy a scrumptious buffet and musical review at the Bountiful Table in Berlin, Ohio, featuring Swing Into Spring, with the sounds of Patsy Cline, Brenda Lee, Rosemary Clooney, and others. Afterwards go to the Hershberger Farm and Bakery to load up on made-from-scratch baked goods and other delectables. Final stop is at the Garden Thyme store to meet the Amish owners and learn the secrets of successfully planting flowers, vegetables and herbs.

COME FLY AWAY—June 10, 2012. One-day luxury bus trip, including dinner and show, $107 per person. First, dine at the grand Le Mont restaurant on Mount Washington, then travel to the Benedum to enjoy the Tony-award winning musical, Come Fly Away, straight from Broadway, featuring an on-stage big-band playing the music of Old Blue Eyes, Frank Sinatra. Fourteen of the world’s best dancers tell the excitement of a first dance and the bittersweet moments of a first good-bye in a world of sparkling romance and astonishing beauty.

JONAH AND THE PENNSYLVANIA AMISHLAND—July 11 and 12, 2012. $265 per person. Travel into the Amishlands of Pennsylvania. Have lunch on your own at the Kitchen Kettle Village in the town of Intercourse, then browse the unique specialty shops. Attend an epic presentation of Jonah at the Millennium Theatre, with 48 actors, live animals, a 50-ft. boat and an underwater world of glowing jellyfish and a coral reef. The next day tour the Amish countryside, stopping at a farm and a bake shop. Then attend a dinner theater play, “Legally Blond, the Musical” based on the movie, “Legally Blond” before departing for home.

Complete information for these trips is posted on the PghASR website.

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1. Go to www.pasr.org. When the PASR homepage opens, click on the LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS tab in the top bar to the right of the large PASR logo.
2. The next page shows a map of Pennsylvania. Click on the WESTERN 12 area of the map.
3. On the next page you’ll see information about Region 12. At the right of that page are two categories, LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS and REGION 12 CHAPTER WEBSITES. Click on the Pittsburgh link under REGION 12 CHAPTER WEBSITES to get to the PghASR website.

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With help from many others
Region 12 Spring Luncheon

Host: Allegheny Chapter
Churchill Valley Country Club

Thursday, May 10, 2012

10:30 Region 12 Officers and Committee Chairs Meet
11:00 Social Time
11:30 Meeting
12:00 Luncheon

See the reservation form on page 3.

PghASR General Membership/Benefits & Services Meeting

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

11:30 a.m.

See details and reservation form on page 5.