

**PASR****Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees**

*February is here! It is moving this year along very quickly.*

*During the January Executive Board Meeting, the date for submitting any information that is to be placed into the newsletter for the next month is now the 16<sup>th</sup> of the month. For example, for the February newsletter the information to be placed in that newsletter should have been submitted by January 16, 2019. If you have information that you need to put into the newsletter, please be sure to submit that information to [reddingermartha@gmail.com](mailto:reddingermartha@gmail.com) by the 16<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to that newsletter.*

*Michael Sullivan, Director of*

*the Presque Isle Lighthouse was the speaker for the January meeting. He gave us the background of the lighthouse and then let us in on how they are updating the home by taking the interior back to the 1920's look – plumbing and all!*

*This month we are having a Bingo party after a short meeting. Plan to come, call Pat Crist ( 449-3509 Cell, 449-3509 Home, [pcrist331@yahoo.com](mailto:pcrist331@yahoo.com)) for a reservation, and bring a friend!*

*Marty Reddinger*



## **PASR Programs for Spring**

**February: Bingo**

**March: Domini Allison,  
Financial Director**

**April: INSPIRE and  
Diana Armstrong**

**May: McDowell  
Vocal Group With Leslie  
Webber**

**June: Fran Rosiak,  
Master**

**Gardener, with a friend,  
Gardening with Your  
Grandchildren**

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
JANUARY 10, 2019

President Marty Reddinger welcomed everyone to the meeting. She reminded members with January birthdays to put a slip in the birthday box. Marty said today's charity is the Presque Isle Lighthouse, and that Diane Grzelak would pass the donation jar. She thanked Janet Krack for today's music. Connie Walker gave the invocation.

Following lunch Betsy Trocki introduced today's speaker, Michael Sullivan, Director of the Presque Isle Lighthouse. We learned many facts about the lighthouse and how it was acquired by the society and opened to the public. He also explained how work is being done to restore the lighthouse to the 1920's. Marty thanked Michael and remarked that she had taken her daughter and granddaughter to the lighthouse in the summer and all had enjoyed their tour and going up to the top of the tower.

Marty called the meeting to order following the program. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Sally Zill led us in singing the Star-Spangled Banner. The winner of the birthday drawing was Sandy Schultz. Jane Heineman made a motion to approve the minutes as printed. It was seconded by Sally Zill. The motion passed. Pete Ogden made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as printed. Mike Hall seconded the motion. The treasurer's report was filed for review.

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**RECREO:** Pat Zalas remarked on how marvelous the Christmas party was. She thanked everyone who attended and especially those who took part in the entertainment. There are 3 seats available for Jersey Boys on February 24<sup>th</sup>. Information on a trip to Buffalo for lunch at the Anchor Inn and a performance of The Book of Mormons on May 1<sup>st</sup> will be in the newsletter that has been mailed. She also had information on a cruise on the Danube for the Christmas Markets. There will be a meeting about this trip at the Millcreek Mall library on Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>.

**EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT:** Betsy Trocki explained about the Helen Page Clark Scholarship. She read the requirements to be eligible for the scholarship. Members relatives will have the first opportunity to apply, with a deadline of February 15<sup>th</sup>. After that date Betsy will approach one of our local universities and offer the scholarship to one of their students.

**LEGISLATION:** Phyllis Rzodkiewicz explained that PSERS recommended changing our COLA bill that would include automatic increases based on the rate of inflation rather than a percentage. PSEA will support the bill for all retirees; but if we are only able to get an increase for Pre-Act 9 retirees, they will still support it. PASR is taking the lead in getting this bill presented. It must be approved by Senator Pat Brown as no bill gets out without his approval. She also said that Cathi Zelazny is still looking for members willing to be filmed about the hardships they are facing without the COLA.

**L-PEC:** Judith Newlin said that our lobbyist, Jeff Hunsaker, is working with many groups that are getting a state pension because larger numbers make a bigger impact. L-PEC still needs funding as it is expensive to get a bill on the docket. Judith will put a donation form in the next newsletter.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Connie Walker explained that the state organization now requires a signed release from anyone whose picture we publish, even in our own newsletter. She has a form that members will be asked to fill out and we will keep them on file.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Diane Grzelak asked that everyone please fill out the form for their volunteer hours and return it to her. The form is in the newsletter that has been mailed. She then had a ticket drawn for the Community Service raffle. The winner of the drawing was Kathy Koscielniak who received \$92.

Marty reminded everyone that reservations for the February meeting are due the Friday before the meeting which is on February 14<sup>th</sup>. She also asked that everyone use her new email address.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:55.

Respectfully submitted,      Pat Timko

# ANNUAL COMMUNITY SERVICE SURVEY

Covering the 2018 calendar year

To all Erie Chapter Members:

We are interested in documenting the hours of service that our chapter members contribute as volunteers in our community (but not including specific service to PASR in general or the Erie Chapter in particular). In doing this, our volunteers show the community at large a positive picture of public school retirees. Please take a moment to complete the survey below filling in the appropriate number of hours per year that you volunteer. A summary of this information will be shared with AARP and NRTA. This data will also be shared with State Legislators to demonstrate to them our commitment of service to our community. Thank you for being a volunteer in our community.

	# of hours/year
<b>Educational Activities</b>	
<b>Social Service Activities</b>	<hr/>
<b>Political Activities</b>	<hr/>
<b>Religious Activities</b>	<hr/>
<b>Service to Youth</b>	<hr/>
<b>Other</b>	<hr/>

NOTE: Hours worked for PASR are NOT  
to be included in this survey

Total hours from all above Activities 

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Please return completed form to Diane Grzelak - 31114 Contessa Lane—Erie, PA, 16506

Or at our next luncheon meeting

Erie County Chapter of PASR

## The Jersey Boys

The Erie County Chapter PASR invites you to enjoy a wonderful lunch at the Avalon Hotel in downtown Erie and the off to the Broadway Play, The Jersey Boys, at the Warner Theater.

When Sunday, February 24, 2019

Lunch Avalon Hotel 11:00 AM Play The Jersey Boys— Warner Theater

1:00 PM

Cost \$85

\*\*\*\*\* **Contact Pat Zalas immediately if you want tickets.**  
There are currently 2 spots left but additional tickets may be available

Pat Zalas Email: patzalas@gmail.com

Phone 814-833-9532 (home)

814-450-4842 (cell) Make checks payable Erie County PASR

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Money due immediately.

Mail to: Pat Zalas

4903 King Arthur Drive  
Erie, PA 16506

## PASR LUNCH INFORMATION FOR 2018-19

### To make a lunch reservation:

Sign up at a PASR luncheon for the following month's lunch or  
Call, text or email Pat Crist by the Friday prior to the lunch.

- Call (449-3509) and leave a message
- Text (449-3509)
- Email ([pcrist331@yahoo.com](mailto:pcrist331@yahoo.com))

Pat will respond to your message within 24 hours. If she doesn't, please resend your message.  
If you need a vegetarian meal, please tell Pat when you leave your message.

### To cancel a lunch reservation:

If you made a lunch reservation and are unable to attend, please contact Pat Crist by the Friday prior to the lunch meeting. If you do not cancel your reservation you will be billed \$13.00 for the lunch that was ordered for you. See contact information above.

### LUNCH MENU – COST \$13.00

September 13, 2018	<b>Hot:</b> Stuffed chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, carrots, applesauce & pie <b>Cold:</b> Chef salad, turkey rice soup, applesauce & pie
October 11, 2018	<b>Hot:</b> Swiss steak, sweet potatoes, corn, tossed salad & cake <b>Cold:</b> Italian sub, wedding soup, tossed salad & cake
November 8, 2018	<b>Hot:</b> Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes & gravy, Harvard beets & pumpkin pie <b>Cold:</b> Steak salad, vegetable soup & pumpkin pie
January 10, 2019	<b>Hot:</b> Rigatoni & meatballs, tossed salad & spumoni <b>Cold:</b> Chicken salad croissant, potato soup & spumoni
February 14, 2019	<b>Hot:</b> Baked fish, mashed roasted redskins, seasoned corn, applesauce & cake <b>Cold:</b> Grilled chicken salad, wedding soup, applesauce & cake
March 14, 2019	<b>Hot:</b> Scalloped potatoes & ham, peas & carrots & chocolate pie <b>Cold:</b> Chef salad, turkey & rice soup, chocolate pie
April 11, 2019	<b>Hot:</b> Mediterranean chicken, roasted red skins, buttered carrots, fruit cocktail & pie <b>Cold:</b> Trio salad (tuna & chicken salad, fruit cocktail), chicken noodle soup & pie
May 9, 2019	<b>Hot:</b> Cheese ravioli, California medley, tossed salad & cake <b>Cold:</b> Turkey & cheese pretzel, beef barley soup, tossed salad & cake
June 13, 2019	<b>Hot:</b> Chicken & biscuits, mashed potatoes, peas, tossed salad, strawberry shortcake <b>Cold:</b> Seafood salad croissant, tomato basil soup, tossed salad, strawberry shortcake

## *Retirement Planning*

The Retirement Planning Committee will hold a Retirement Workshop again this year. More information will be announced as soon as the date, place, and times are confirmed. (Most likely mid to late March.) In the meantime, if you know of someone who is a school employee and plans to retire within the next five years, let them know about this workshop. You can send an email to Dave and Cathy Stemmler: [cdstemmler@gmail.com](mailto:cdstemmler@gmail.com) and they will send information about the workshop. This is a workshop that can be attended more than once.

## **PASR RECREO – Christmas Markets On the Danube**

Anyone interested in the River Cruise on the Danube River in Germany and the German Christmas Markets will find the State RECREO trip enjoyable. There was an informational meeting on January 12, 2019, in the Millcreek Branch of the Public Library. Caryl Unseld, Tour Leader, provided information. If you are interested in this trip, please contact the PASR office in Mechanicsburg, PA. There are also information brochures for the trip available.

The Erie Chapter of the PASR RECREO Committee invites you to enjoy

## The Book of Mormon

**May 1, 2019**

Sheas Theatre, Buffalo, New York

**Cost \$130**

Come join the RECREO committee for great eats, wonderful fun, and hilarious laughter for the Tony Award winning, **The Book of Mormon**. “The Book of Mormon, with its deep satirical sensibility, songs that beg to be played on repeat and good natured poking of fun at all things sacred, is the perfect show for local audiences.” (The Guardian).

**NOTE: You must have a sense of humor, not take things too seriously, and leave political correctness at the door. If you are easily offended and insulted about religion, this is not the play for you. But having seen the play, it is hysterical and an equal opportunity insulter!**

### Agenda

**Departure time: Board 2:45 PM** 3:00 PM Bus pulls out from Elevate Church parking lot at the back of the Millcreek Mall (note: departure spot may need to change)

**Arrive: 5:30 PM** Anchor Bar, The Original Buffalo Wing—save your calories for a meal of the Famous Buffalo Wings, Beef on Wick, Pizza, and Salad.

**Depart: 6:45 PM** for Sheas Performing Arts Center for 7:30 PM performance

**Depart for home after the play.**

Reservations: Pat Zalas  
4903 King Arthur Drive  
Erie, PA 16506

Make checks payable to:  
Erie Chapter of the PASR  
Questions: 814-833-9532

Reservations due by March 15, 2019

35 Reservations Available

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Reservations: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amt. Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

\_I would like to sit with \_\_\_\_\_

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***3841 Parkside Ave.***  
***Erie, PA 16506***

