

**Central Penn Chapter
Pennsylvania Association of
Retired State Employees**

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President's Report

DID YOU KNOW?

The idea of Leap Year was created back in the first century BC, when Julius Caesar and his team of astronomers noticed that their Roman calendar had somehow slipped out of sync with the seasons. They devised a 365-day calendar that would sometimes add an extra day to the last month of the year, which was February. The purpose of adding an extra day to February every four years was to align the 365-day Gregorian calendar with the solar calendar, which spans 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, and 46 seconds long- almost precisely matching the duration of Earth's orbit around the sun.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

We heard this week that the Department of Aging has a key initiative titled "Aging Our Way PA". This program is broadly defined as a "Master Plan for Aging" or (MPA) as more described on its website: <https://www.aging.pa.gov/publications/MasterPlan/Pages/default.aspx>. We also found out the comment/feedback was to be done by March 20th. I am sure if you want to read this and want to still make any comments you could contact the Department of Aging and let them know your thoughts and tell them you did not hear about this until the comment date had passed.

The membership for the end of February 2024 for the Central Penn Chapter is 8,576.

We are planning a Senators Ball Game on June 16 th . A flyer is in this newsletter, and also will be in May's newsletter. Also, we will be doing a back-to-school supplies donation again for the Salvation Army in June and July. A flyer for this will also be in this newsletter and also in May's newsletter.

If during the winter months, we must cancel a luncheon, please check on ABC, Channel 27 or CBS, Channel 21 for the notice of cancellation. We do not have the cancellation on the radio. For those who have face book, we will try and put the cancellation on face book. For the safety of the membership, if the luncheon is not cancelled due to the time frame of the weather and/or the cancellation notice to the Penn Harris, we are leaving the decision up to the member as to whether they will attend. Please call if you are not coming. If you have already paid for that luncheon and cannot attend due to the snow/ice, your money will be held only until the next monthly luncheon (no longer). You will still need to let us know if you will be attending that next month.

A reminder on your reservations for the luncheons. Send them in as soon as you can after receiving the information as Tom does not get his mail until late in the day. Also, please keep in mind the reservation date listed on the reservation form as the Penn Harris orders the food after we give them a count, so we cannot keep adding to the count.

Since the Chapter cannot make changes to your records, if you have any questions regarding your vision, dental or other benefits you need to contact PISI at 1-800-382-1352. If you have any questions on your membership, dues, address change, etc. contact the State PARSE office at 717-731-9522. Also, if a member passes away, the spouse, significant other, or children must notify both the PARSE office and if they had the benefits, the PISI office.

*Sara E. Bender
President,*

Central Penn Chapter

Any chapter correspondence is to be sent to:

Central Penn Chapter PARSE

264 Rutter Road • Halifax, PA 17032 | auntsarab@comcast.net | (717) 580-4586

www.PARSECentralPenn.com

Officers & Directors 2024
www.parsecentralpenn.com

In Memoriam

Mildred Gould
Susan Piper
Harold Price
Frances Roberto

Please send Lisa the names of members whose deaths have come to your attention. If possible, please include an obituary or other formal notice of death. You must also notify the State PARSE Office and PISI.

Lisa Page
llpath@comcast.net
717-574-1213
4607 Hamlin Lane,
Harrisburg, PA 17110

For Inquiries on Benefits PISI

Garrett Mowery
800-382-1352

Officers & Directors 2024
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Calls will only be accepted by officers and directors between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

For inquiries on Membership, Dues, and Insurance notifications:

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PARSE Travel

TRIP FLYERS ARE AVAILABLE AT: www.parsecentralpaenn.com or call Jan or Karen to send one to you at the numbers listed on the back page of this Newsletter. Mail all reservation forms to: PARSE c/o Jan Moran at 621 Mallard Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011 Non-members welcome!

PARSE Travel - Budget Friendly: A full refund is provided 30 days prior to the trip unless otherwise stated. If you purchase travel insurance, you will get your money refunded.

TRIPS FOR 2024 (SUBJECT TO CHANGE OR CANCELLATION)

The information on the trips have been updated on the WEB site (www.parsecentralpaenn.com) as the Newsletter will only show the trip, date and price. You need to go to the WEB Site to see the full information on the trip, print the flyer, and make your reservation with the form at the bottom of the flyer. You must click on the trip to print the flyer. If you cannot print the flyer, contact Karen at 717-343-1235 for a copy of the flyer you want. Keep checking the WEB site as the flyers will appear there sooner than in the Newsletter.

- May 15, 2024**.....Brothers of the Heart at American Music Theater...\$138
- June 13, 2024**.....Wine & Roses...\$159
- June 29, 2024**.....American Music Theater – Original Beach Boys (limited tickets)
- August 22, 2024**.....Honor & Valor...\$195
- September 24, 2024**.....Jim Thorpe Adventure...\$179
- October 9-10, 2024**.....Corning & Canyons Fall Foliage...\$489 Double, \$559 Single
- October 23, 2024**.....Penns Peak, The Jersey Beach Boys...\$121
- December 11, 2024**.....American Music Theater – 2024 Christmas Show...\$116

When submitting a reservation for a PARSE trip, you need to use the reservation form at the bottom of the flyer. Using this form makes it easier to keep track of who is going on the trip, where they want to be picked up, your telephone number, and it also helps us keep track of any special needs or requests. When just sending a note with your payment it does not always give us all the information we need. If we do not receive all the information on your reservation form, we will be returning the entire package (form and checks) for you to update. A new reservation form will be included. If you don't have access to the internet or printer, call Karen at 717-343-1235 and she will send you a flyer.

PLEASE NOTE: Since the seating on the bus is based on when you submit your money/deposit, and you are traveling with other people, everyone needs to submit their reservation form at the same time in order to be seated together. Please make a note on your reservation forms the names of those who you are traveling with.

2024 Membership

Luncheon Meeting/Program

MONDAY, APRIL 15TH,
MONDAY – MAY 20TH,
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19TH

Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

Hostess: Jim Miket

717-561-1871

Skyline Family Restaurant, 7510 Allentown Blvd.,

Harrisburg, PA 17112

Board of Directors Meetings 2024

4/2,

5/7, 6/4

Monthly Chapter Meeting

Monday, April 15, 2024

Doors Open at 11:00 AM – Lunch at 12:00 Noon

Reservation for Lunch at Chapter Meeting ~ The Penn Harris Hotel
RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED – NO WALK-INS WILL BE ACCEPTED

Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____

Names of others on your check payment:

2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

MENU – Salisbury Steak, (Plain Chicken), Oven Roasted Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetable Medley, New York Style Cheesecake.

Plain Chicken _____ (Alternate Meat Choice), Vegetarian _____, Gluten Free _____

Number of reservations: \$15.00 _____ Members and _____ \$20.00 for Guests with a Member Total enclosed \$ _____

Program: Forgotten Friend Reptile Sanctuary – live reptiles

Deadlines: Reservations - Received by April 7, 2024

Cancellations - by NOON April 7, 2024

Central PA Food Bank Donation \$ _____ You must make out separate checks for your luncheon to PARSE and the donation to Central PA Food Bank.

Payment is requested by personal check only. Please make checks payable to PARSE

Mail to: PARSE c/o Tom Hoffman, 7855 Skyline Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17112 Phone: (717) 652-3435

Lunch tickets are not issued, but there must be a reservation verifiable at the desk.

Welcome New Members

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:

- DOREEN AURAND
- GLENN BOBB
- KAREN CHORNEY
- VICTORIA DRESSLER
- WILLIAM FEESER
- BARBARA HAWKINS
- MARY KANASKIE
- DAWN SMITH
- MARK WEAVER
- RANDY ZIMMERMAN

CHAPTER MEMBERS:

- LARRY BERRIER.....STATE
- THEODORE BISHOP.....CORRECTION
- BRENDA BOBB.....OA
- MARK CARLEY.....TREAS
- SHERI CHATMAN.....HEALTH
- MICHAEL CHORNEY.....PSU
- RICHARD DRESSLER.....PSP
- ANNE DUGAN.....TREAS
- EILEEN ECKHART STRAUCH.....DOT
- RUTH FEESER.....STATE
- KATHRYN GENT.....STATE
- JEFFREY HAWKINS.....SSHE
- RICHARD KANASKIE.....PUC

- LORI KELLY.....IG
- MUGANE KIBATHI.....OA
- LINDA LAVEZZA.....CORRECTION
- VICKIE MINNIER.....CWLTH
- TERESA PENNINGTON.....OB
- KENTON SHOEMAKER.....CORRECTION
- STEVEN SMITH.....M&VA
- DAWN SPERO.....HEALTH
- ANITA STABILE.....DEP
- ROBERT SWITZER.....LCB
- TAMMYE TUCK.....PSP
- KAREN WEAVER.....SERS
- KAREN ZIMMERMAN.....DPW

June & July Luncheons, 2024

School Supplies for the Salvation Army

Backpacks (16" to 18")
Wooden Pencils – 12 Count Box
Large Pink Eraser(s)
Eraser Caps
Pencil Bag/Pouch for 3-Ring Binder
Crayola Crayon - 24 Count Box
Crayola Colored Pencils – 12 Count Box
Ink Pens (black or blue)
Dry Erase Markers (black)
Highlighters (assorted colors)
Elmer's Washable Glue Sticks
Composition Notebook Wide Ruled
Spiral Notebook - Wide Ruled (assorted colors)
Spiral Notebook – College Ruled (assorted colors)
Filler Paper – Wide Ruled (200 count)
Filler Paper – College Ruled (200 count)
3-Ring Binder – 1-Inch size
2-Pocket POLY Folders (assorted colors)
Graph Paper – 3 Hole Punched (75 count)
Blunt Tip Scissors
12" Ruler
Post-It Notes (100 count pack)
White Ruled 3x5" Index Cards (100 count Pack)
Small Pencil Sharpener (one piece)
Tissue Travel Packs
Earbuds

JOIN PARSE AT THE BALLPARK



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HARRISBURG SENATORS VS BOWIE BAYSOX

Sunday, June 16, 2024 (Father's Day)

PICNIC 12:00-2:00 GAME TIME: 1:00 PM

Tickets are \$30 teen/adults; \$20 child (ages 4-12); (ages 1-3 Free)

and includes a picnic meal!

Giant Picnic Pavilion includes all you can eat buffet from 12:00-2:00 pm

- ❖ Pregame (12:05) Dads & Kids play catch ball on the field. (Bring your own equipment)
- ❖ Straw Hat Giveaway Day to 1st 1200 fans!
- ❖ Kids can run the bases post-game.

- * On City Island **parking is \$5 CASH per car on game days.** **Handicapped Parking** is available only with a placard.
- * **Tickets and informational letter** will be mailed to you approximately 14 days in advance of the game.

Reservation Form: Harrisburg Senators Baseball Game

Harrisburg Senators (Washington Nationals) versus Bowie Baysox (Baltimore Orioles)

Teens/Adults: \$30.00 Child (ages 4-12) \$20 (Ages 1-3 Free)

Name(s) of Adults: _____

Name(s) of Children: _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip Code _____ Phone # _____

Payment is requested by personal check only. **Please make checks out to PARSE.**

Mail check and form: PARSE c/o Shirley Hoffman, 7855 Skyline Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17112

Phone: (717) 652-3435

Total # Adults: _____ **+ Total # Children:** _____ **= Total amount enclosed: \$** _____

Deadline: Reservations are due by Thursday, May 30

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