

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

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Camp Hill, PA 17011

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*President's Report*

**DID YOU KNOW?**

While the role of the first lady is traditionally filled by the president's spouse, other family members have stepped in several times in U. S. history. Though there's no constitutional requirement to have a first lady, it has always been the tradition, and in cases where the president has been widowed or unmarried, someone else has always filled the role. The first instance was Martha Jefferson Randolph, the eldest daughter of Thomas Jefferson. When Jefferson took office in 1801, he had been a widower for about 20 years, so Martha took on the first lady duties, which at the time largely entailed hosting social events. Future First Lady Dolley Madison also lent an unofficial hand during the Jefferson administration while her husband, James, was serving as Secretary of State.

**TRIVIA:**

Who was the first U. S. President to be born in a hospital?  
(for those that do not know the answer.....you can find it somewhere in the newsletter)

If anyone has any unusual trivia information they would like to share in the newsletter, please e-mail them to me at:  
hbh11cc@gmail.com

As of December, the membership for Central Penn Chapter was 10,022. The total membership for PARSE was 38,000.

**Regional Vice President Report - John Collins**

- 1/ **COLA:** Ongoing advocacy for the introduction of new Bills during this legislative session; incredibly important to the ongoing viability of Commonwealth retirees.
- 2/ **BENEFITS:** With members actively checking-in, seeking clarification about the latest 2025 programs, links to new coverage and benefits are made available via the PARSE website. PARSE, AMBA, and AETNA have dedicated recourses to support member inquiries.

We are asking our members that if you want to speak with any officers or directors, you can call them between the hours of 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM. We appreciate your consideration.

*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.*

*Karen Taylor*

*President,  
Central Penn Chapter*

*Any chapter correspondence is to be sent to:*

Central Penn Chapter PARSE  
2312 New York Avenue, Camp Hill, PA 17011 | hbh11cc@gmail.com | (717) 343-1235

**www.PARSECentralPenn.com**

**Officers & Directors 2025**  
[www.parsecentralpenn.com](http://www.parsecentralpenn.com)

**In Memoriam**

Lynn Aikens  
James Barrick  
Vicki Confair  
Frances Gruzza  
Edward Halpern  
Dorris Kepler  
Mildred Lehman  
Margaret Morris  
Sylvia Noel  
Vaughn Pugh  
Sharna Shell  
Alexander Units

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 AMBA**  
Garrett Mowery  
800-382-1352

**Officers & Directors 2025**  
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**President:**  
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**Events - Senators Ball Game:**  
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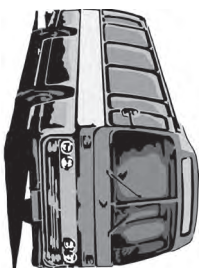
*Calls will only be accepted by officers and directors between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.*

**For inquiries on Membership, Dues, and Insurance notifications:**

**PARSE (State Office)**  
5000 Ritter Road, Suite 105  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055  
717-731-9522  
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Tom Judge.....717-731-9522  
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**Regional Vice President**  
John Collins.....717-456-0609



# PARSE Travel

TRIP FLYERS ARE AVAILABLE AT: [www.parsecentralpenn.com](http://www.parsecentralpenn.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 2025 (SUBJECT TO CHANGE OR CANCELLATION)

The information on the trips have been updated on the WEB site ([www.parsecentralpenn.com](http://www.parsecentralpenn.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.

For those who request the pickup for our trips at the Weis Market, due to construction at that location, we will be temporarily parking at the Bosco's parking lot at the Colonial Park Mall. You will need to park closer to Colonial Road, not the store itself. A map indicating the location of parking will be included with your itinerary. Also, for overnight trips the pickup location will be at the Penn Harris only.

- February 26, 2025..... Toby's Dinner Theater, 9 to 5...\$144
- March 13, 2025 ..... Hunterdon Hills Playhouse, Irish Celebration...\$159
- April 6-11, 2025..... Belles and Rails, Chattanooga, Tennessee...\$1825 Double - \$2325 Single
- April 24, 2025..... The Great Gatsby, New York...\$259
- May 1, 2025 ..... Highwater & History of Johnstown...\$140
- May 21, 2025..... Penns Peak, Neil Diamond Tribute Show...\$135
- August 28, 2025..... Tropicana Casino, The Doo Wop Project...\$150
- August 15, 2025..... Choptank Crab Feast Cruise...\$175

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. Seats are assigned two to three weeks before the trip and then the seat assignment and itinerary are mailed out. Checks are not cashed immediately upon receipt and if you don't hear about your check within a timely manner, contact Jan Moran or Karen Taylor.

**2025 Membership  
Luncheon Meeting/Program**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>  
MONDAY, MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
Tuesday, February 4, 2025  
Host: Tom Hoffman  
717-652-3435  
Gilligan's  
987 Eisenhower Blvd.  
Harrisburg, Pa. 17111

**Board of Directors Meetings 2025**  
2/4/25, 3/4/25

# Monthly Chapter Meeting

Reservation for Lunch at Chapter Meeting ~ The Penn Harris Hotel  
**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED - NO WALK-INS WILL BE ACCEPTED**  
Tuesday, February 18, 2025  
Doors Open at 11:00 AM ~ Lunch at 12:00 Noon

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Names of others on your check payment: \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

**MENU -Garden Salad, Chicken Cordon Blue, Plain Chicken with Chef's Choice Starch, Honey Glazed Carrots, Cherry Pie.** (On reservation form choose one (1) meat for each diner)

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: Mary Bach - AARP

Deadlines: Reservations -Received by NOON February 10, 2025

Cancellations - by NOON February 10, 2025

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) 692-3435  
Lunch tickets are not issued, but there must be a reservation verifiable at the desk.

# Welcome New Members

### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:

- JULIE BAILEY
- ELEANOR BURD
- TRAVIS BYERLY
- JOSEPH CECERE
- RAJ DAS
- JAMES DEANGELO
- JONI DEATHERAGE
- DONALD DECKER
- FREDERICK FLURY
- BETH FREY
- LOIS JOHNSON
- STEVEN KNOWLTON
- CHARLES LEMON
- GEORGE LIGHTNER
- LIN LIN
- DAVID MCCAUGHEY
- MICHELE MCFARLAND
- TERRY MILLER
- ROSEMARY MOYER
- ANTOINETTE NATALE
- CHARLES NEEDHAM
- XUWEN PENG
- EDWARD PICCOLO
- ANTHONY PINTI
- JACK PREDIX
- ROXANNE ROTH
- JAN SCHERRER
- PATRICIA SHAFFER

### CHAPTER MEMBERS:

- SHAWNA SMEDLEY..... REV
- EDNA SMITH..... DGS
- RALPH SPOTTS..... PSU
- ALYCE STEWART..... PSU
- MICHAEL WYCKOFF..... SERS
- STUART BAILEY..... AUD GEN
- OLGA BODNARCZUK..... DCNR
- THOMAS BURD..... L&I
- REBECCA CECERE..... PSU
- ZHAOYUAN CONG..... PSU
- SHARON CULHANE..... CWLTH
- JANE DANDO AUD..... GEN
- KAKALI DAS..... OA
- LINDA DEANGELO..... AUD GEN
- STACIE DECOCK..... CWLTH
- SHERRI EBERLY..... GAME
- LINDA FETCHEN..... PHEAA
- CHRISTINE FLEISHER..... PHEAA
- ANN FLURY..... PHEAA
- MARY JANE FORTNEY..... FISHRBOAT
- BART FREY..... TURNIPIKE
- MELANY FROLO..... L&I
- JOSEPH GASS..... REV
- GREGORY GELNETT..... OA
- JOCelyn HARPER..... DOT
- RACHEL HORA..... CWLTH
- EDWARD JOHNSON..... DOT
- KIM KAehler..... REV
- JAMES KEMBLE..... DGS
- PAMELA KNOWLTON..... PSU
- C MAX LANG..... PSU
- EMILY LEMON..... SERS
- TERRI LIGHTNER..... DOT
- PAUL LLOYD..... L&I
- HUAGUANG LU..... CWLTH
- EMMA MCCAUGHEY..... INS
- DAN MCFARLAND..... PSU
- NANCY MILES..... HEALTH
- PATRICIA MILLER..... OA
- MARLENE NAILOR..... OB
- MICHAEL ODOMS..... EDUC
- YVETTE PICCOLO..... PHEAA
- SHERRY PREDIX..... DPW
- GEORGE ROTH..... TURNIPIKE
- THOMAS SCHERRER..... PHEAA
- LISA SCHUMBER..... DHS
- DANIEL SHAFER..... L&I
- MARK SIMKOVIC..... TREAS
- MONICA SKEES..... DEP
- JAMES SMEDLEY..... DOT
- SUSAN SNYDER..... SERS
- MARGARET THOMPSON..... CORRECTION
- FRANK TOKARZ..... DCED
- STARLETTA TOLIVER..... OA
- YOLANDA WATERS..... EDUC
- ELLEN WYCKOFF..... CWLTH