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President's Report

DID YOU KNOW?

George Washington being first president decided to declare Thanksgiving a holiday, but it was initially on a year-to-year basis, requiring subsequent presidents to redeclare it annually. Thomas Jefferson, driven by a fervent commitment to the separation of church and state, adamantly refrained from designating Thanksgiving as a holiday throughout his entire presidential tenure, citing concerns about violating the First Amendment. It wasn't until 1863, when Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving a federal holiday to be commemorated each year on the fourth Thursday of every November.

At the end of September, the total membership for Central Penn Chapter was 10,064, and the total for the State membership was 38,212.

Regional Vice President Report – John Collins

PARSE held its 53rd annual Governing Board Meeting in Harrisburg from September 15th – 17th. The agenda included Bylaws, Budget, Audits, Presentations and elections for State and Regional candidates. The 2026 meeting is scheduled for September 15th – 16th.

Again, this year we are inviting anyone who wants to wear an ugly sweater to the Christmas Luncheon can do so. Come to the party and scope out your competition.....there will be a prize for the best ugly sweater.

We are looking for someone to take over the “In Memoriam” (obituaries) in the Central Penn newsletter. Lisa has decided it is time to pass the duties on, anyone interested in taking over her duties please let me know. Lisa and I will walk you thru the process and answer any questions you may have.

Please remember to send in your luncheon reservations and soon as possible so that we can give the Penn Harris a correct count. You must have a reservation-----there are no walk-in.

Remember-----no \$20.00 bills will be accepted at the 50/50 table unless you are buying \$20.00 worth of tickets.

Reservation Table & Doors open at 11am
Lunch at 12pm

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

In Memoriam

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.

Katherine Carrasquillo
L. Robert (Bob) Gerberich
William Hartman
Bach Le

For Inquiries on Benefits AMBA

Garrett Mowery
800-382-1352

Officers & Directors 2025
www.parsecentralpenn.com

President:
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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 inquires on Membership,
Dues, and Insurance notifications:

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PARSE Travel

TRIP FLYERS ARE AVAILABLE AT: 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 & 2026 (SUBJECT TO CHANGE OR CANCELLATION)

The information on the trips have been updated on the WEB site (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.

West Shore pickup for Travel is...Penn Harris---Camp Hill Bypass.
East Shore pickup for Travel is...At Home Store-- Jonestown Road, Harrisburg.

- Dec. 5, 2025**.....AMT- Christmas Show...\$118...Reservation due 11/3
May 20, 2026.....Bill Haley Jr. & the Comets...\$112...Reservation due 4/17
June 24, 2026.....Ned & Nancy See America...\$135...Reservations due 5/2
July 8, 2026.....Sight & Sound – Joshua...\$177...Reservation due 6/5
August 20, 2026.....Dutch Apple – Pretty Woman...\$133...Reservation due 7/17
December 9, 2026.....Dutch Apple–Holly Jolly Holiday...\$133...Reservations due 11/6

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.

Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, November 4, 2025
Hostess: Darlene Cline
717-737-3878
Hoss's
61 Gettysburg Pike
Mechanicsburg, Pa. 17055

Board of Directors Meetings 2025

11/4/2025, 12/2/2025

2025 Membership Luncheon Meeting/Program

MONDAY, NOV. 17TH
TUESDAY, DEC. 16TH

Monthly Chapter Meeting

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

Monday, November 17, 2025

*Doors and Registration Table Open at 11:00 AM
Lunch at 12:00 Noon*

Name: _____ Address: _____ **Phone:** _____
Names of others on your check payment:
2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

MENU –Roast Turkey with Stuffing and Gravy, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Green Beans and Pumpkin 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: Richard Burton --- Vietnam Veteran

Deadlines: Reservations - Received by November 7, 2025

Cancellations - by NOON November 7, 2025

**You must make out separate checks for your luncheon to
PARSE and the donation to Central PA Food Bank.**

Central PA Food Bank Donation \$ _____

*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:

LAWRENCE APPEL
CYNTHIA AYER
MICHAEL BLAKE
MARGARET BRANDT SLADE
CAROLYN DALEY
DEBORAH DONAHUE
ROBERT EICHELBERGER
WILLIAM GASKILL
CARL HALL
WARREN HODGKISS
BRIAN HOERNER
CATHERINE JORDAN
TZVETELINA KACHEV
DOUGLAS KEPLER
JOHN MARTINEZ
PAMELA MURPHY
FLORENCE RYDER
BRIAN WEIT
GERALDINE WRIGHT
PATRICIA YACISIN

CHAPTER MEMBERS:

DARRYL AYER - CORRECTION
KIMBERLY BARTOL - LCB
JAYNE BLAKE - DOT
BARBARA BRADLEY - BANKING
MELINDA BROWN - DHS
JEFFREY BUCHER - DOT
LISA BYERS - BANKING
KIMBERLEY CAMPLESE - TREAS
TAMERA CLEMENS - DHS
GREGORY CZARNECKI - DCNR
BRUCE DALEY - INS
HEATHER DIMEO - EDUC
JAMES DONAHUE - ATT GEN
KARIN EICHELBERGER - PSP
PAUL FERRARI - REV
THOMAS FULCOMER - AUD GEN
MIMA GONZALEZ - TREAS
JUDITH GOOD - DHS
JERRI HALL - DHS
RONNIE HINTON - DGS

DOLORES HODGKISS - HOUSE REP
WENDY HOERNER - CORRECTION
KEITH IVORY - DHS
PAUL JORDAN - L&I
ROUMEN KACHEV - DOT
ANDREA KEPLER - DHS
KATHY LUTZ - CWLTH
KELLIE MAINZER - DHS
JOANN MARTINEZ - L&I
SUSAN MCCLEARY - DPW
KAREN MILLER GASKILL - INS
AVIVA MISKIN - DHS
GLEN MURPHY - HOUSE REP
JEFFREY PAINTER - GAME
HELEN SHAMBAUGH - CORRECTION
CLARKE SLADE - L&I
BETHANY SWEGER - DEP
WAYNE THOMAS - LCB
THOMAS WAGNER - DOT
STEFANIE WEIT - PSP
GARY YACISIN - DOT
HEPING ZHOU - REV