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Pennsylvania Association of
Retired State Employees

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In Memoriam

Please send Jean 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 AMBA to:
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President's Report



Veterans Day is soon approaching and the Board would like to THANK all who served.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Rockville Bridge, located in Harrisburg, is the longest stone masonry arch railroad viaduct in the world. Constructed by the Pennsylvania Railroad between 1900 and 1902, it has forty-eight 70-foot spans for a total length of 3,820 feet. The remarkable design required 300 stone masons and utilized 220,000 tons of stone and 600,000 barrels of cement. The total cost of construction was \$1 Million (remembering the construction was in the early 1900's).

The bridge, which crosses the Susquehanna River, is still in use today, carrying Norfolk Southern freight trains and Amtrak passenger trains. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1975.

This month is **TOYS FOR TOTS**: We will be collecting new unwrapped toys and also monetary donations in the main lobby of the Penn Harris, before the luncheon. Help put a smile on a child's face for Christmas.

As of October 1st, the total membership for Central Penn Chapter is 10,333.

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.

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

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

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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 2027 (SUBJECT TO CHANGE OR CANCELLATION)

The information on the trips has 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.

February 4, 2027 Shear Madness – Comical Mystery..... \$155.....Reservations due 1/4
March 31, 2027 Sight & Sound – Jonah..... \$185.....Reservations due 2/26
April 8, 2027 Enchanted – Magic & Wonder..... \$143.....Reservations due 3/8
April 28, 2027 Penns Peak/Country Jamboree..... \$137.....Reservations due 3/31
May 15, 2027 Hunterdon Hills/Grease..... \$186.....Reservations due 4/14

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.



2026 Membership Luncheon Meeting/Program

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, November 3, 2026
Host: Jim Miket
717-561-1871
Gilligans
987 Eisenhower Blvd.
Harrisburg, Pa. 17111

Board of Directors Meetings 2026

11/03/2026

12/01/2026

Monthly Chapter Meeting

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

Monday, November 16, 2026

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 w/ Stuffing and Gravy, Yukon Gold 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 _____ \$25.00 for Guests with a Member Total enclosed \$ _____

Program: Down to Earth - Band

Deadlines: Reservations - Received by November 9, 2026

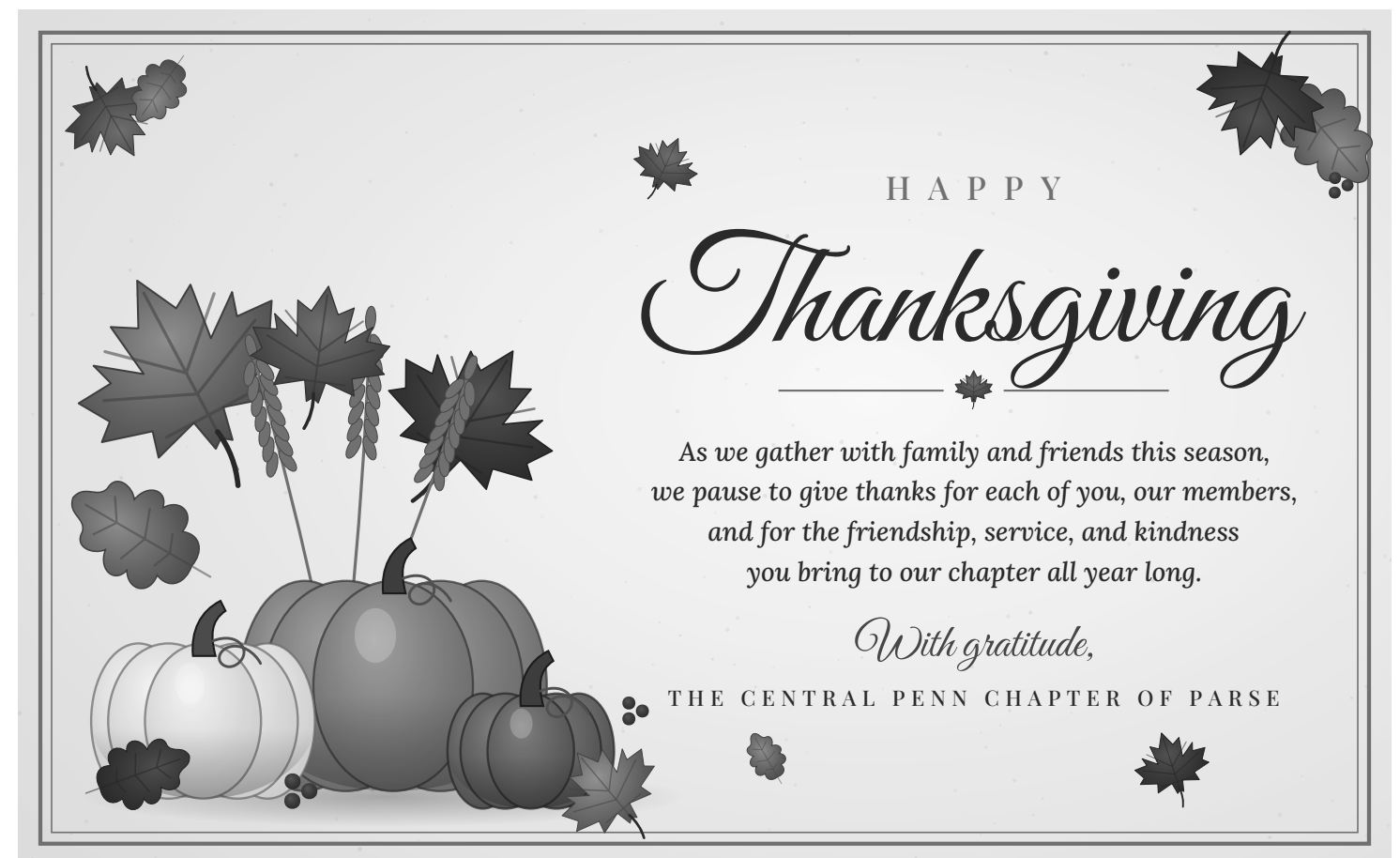
Cancellations: By NOON November 9, 2026

**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.





Central Penn Chapter PARSE

Holiday Party Luncheon *Tuesday*, December 15, 2026 Lunch at 12:00 noon

Where: Penn Harris Conference Center, 1150 Camp Hill Bypass- Camp Hill

Time: Door opens at: **11:00 A.M.** Lunch at **12:00 Noon**

Cost: **\$15.00 for Members and \$25.00 for Guests Attending WITH a Member**

DOOR PRIZES!! *Cash door prizes and one-half of the 50/50 kitty!!*
SPECIAL PRIZE!! *Prize for Ugly Sweater Contest*

Entrée

Tomato Basil Soup, Choice of Ham or Roast Turkey with Stuffing, Mashed Sweet Potatoes,
Peas and Carrots, Cranberry Sauce
(On reservation form, choose one (1) meat for each diner)

Dessert / Beverages

Entertainment

Reservations Due: Tuesday, December 8, 2026

Deadline for Cancellations is December 8, 2026

Pick up your tickets at the door. **They will not be mailed.**

Reservation for Lunch at Chapter Meeting The Penn Harris Convention Center on Tuesday, December 15

Name: _____ Name of others you are paying for: _____

(2.) _____ (3.) _____ (4.) _____

Meat choice and how many Turkey _____ # Ham _____ #

Plain Chicken _____ # Vegetarian _____ # Gluten Free _____ #

And Dessert

Number of Member Reservations _____ @ \$15.00 / Guests with Member _____ @ \$25.00 =
_____ Total

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 paid reservation verifiable at the desk.

CENTRAL PENN CHAPTER PARSE DONATIONS TO TOYS FOR TOTS, 2026



WHEN: Monday, November 16, 2026, PARSE Luncheon

WHERE: Convention Center Lobby, Penn Harris Hotel

WHAT: Any brand new, unwrapped toys. Monetary donations will also be accepted. All donations will be collected prior to the luncheon in the lobby.