

VENANGO CHAPTER

Spring Newsletter 2024
Welcoming

PASR Venango is getting ready to end the winter hibernation and welcome all members to the PASR Venango 2024 year. Those with email have been receiving electronic newsletters. All members and those interested in joining can read our newsletters exclusively on our website at: vpassr.org If your email has changed, please contact John Kolojchick at jkoloj@comcast.net

On Page 2 of this newsletter is the tentative calendar. Hang it on your wall or by your calendar. We will meet again at Hoss's Steak House in Cranberry They allow everyone to order off the menu and pay their own lunch tab. No reservations are required. You may attend and simply order a drink.

At the May 9th meeting, we will be voting on our financial report, finding out what has gone on since our December 2023 Christmas party. We have a picnic at Morrison Park in the last Pavilion near the Pond on June 24 and again when school starts. Our meetings feature a Program speaker. Still working on the Summer and Fall program speakers. All Hoss's meetings are to begin at 11:30 AM and end no later than 2 PM. Picnics will be from 4 to 6 PM

PASR-V has scheduled a Holiday/ Christmas Party Luncheon on December 5 from 11:30 AM to 2 PM at Hoss's Restaurant. Hoping the weather cooperates and understanding that many snowbirds will be in Florida by that date, we will welcome all available members and guests to this social event. No formal meeting, just a lunch (order off the menu and pay your own tab), some entertainment, news, and socializing. The only requirement is you must **dress festively**.

Looking forward to a great year with healthy members!

A Warm Welcome Back From President Beverly Hartzell!



AFTER THE WINTER COLD, THE FLOWERS WILL BE BOLD!

DATE	Venango Calendar 2024 EVENT	LOCATION AND TIME
May 20, 2024	Lauretta Woodson Awarded	Board Meeting at Cranberry S.D.
May	SSMHF Month of Giving	Confined & Ill Members
May-June	MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN	Pay \$10/year dues to remain active
May	Members canvas neighborhood	USPS Stamp Out Hunger Collection
May 9, 2024	PASR Spring Meeting	Hoss's 11:30 AM to 2 PM
June 13, 2024	New Retirees Meet and Greet	1 -2 PM Log Cabin, Seneca
June 24, 2024	Picnic at Morrison Park	4:00 PM to 6 PM preordered
July 18, 2024	PASR Summer Meeting	Hoss's 11:30 to 2 PM
Aug	Back to School Supplies Project	Community Services/ Local Radio
Oct. 3, 2024	PASR Venango Fall Meeting	Hoss's 11:30 AM to 2 PM
Oct/Nov	Educational Grants Awarded	Franklin S.D. Board Meeting
December	SSMHF Month of Remembering	Ill and Confined members
Dec. 5, 2024	PASR-Venango Christmas Party	Hoss's at 11:00 AM-2PM

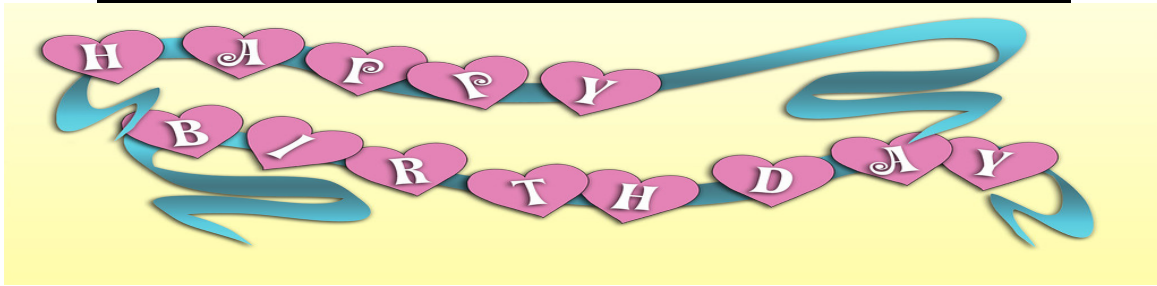
A Warm Welcome to two new members of PASR-V's "Ninety and Older Club" who will join the club when they turn 90 years old in 2024.

Consider sending them a birthday card!

**PAULINE CASE on March 20th Oil City School District
2323 Edinboro RD, Unit GH8, Erie, PA 16509-349**

**ELEANOR ENOS on May 6th Oil City School District
1435 Russell Corners Rd, Pleasantville, PA 16341**

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY IN 2024!



Special wishes to all members of the Ninety and Older Club! Listed after the School District is the Very Special Elf who provides cards to each Ninety-year and older member. Cards are sent at least four times a year; gifts are sent in May and December. PASR-Venango is so proud of its members.

OIL CITY -DOTTIE VALIMONT
EDITH BELL
SALLY LOCKHART
MARILYN KARNS
DUANE PRITCHARD
MARILYN KARNS
PAULINE CASE
JEANETTE THOMPSON
ELEANOR ENOS
MARYLYN BELL

FRANKLIN- SANDRA HOMER
JODI SCHMIDT
IDA CARDAMONE
LENORE DALMASO
JULIA ECKEL

CRANBERRY- DIANE JACKSON
ELEANOR HRINYA
MARY LOU LAZAR
MARILYN BRANDON
CAROLYN MARSH

ROCKY GROVE- GLORIA STEVENS

These elves service other confined members with cards. If you hear about a member who is hospitalized, had surgery, or has moved to a nursing facility, please call VP Fesenmyer at 676-6442 and leave a phone message with the information. I promise to call you back in a day unless I am traveling. I will notify the elf about the details.



PASR Venango has documented loss of members since our last meeting in the Fall.

Keep these members and their families in our prayers!

Please notify 676-6442 if you are aware of deceased members or family members A.S.A.P. Leave a message and I will call you back.

WE GET THIS INFORMATION FROM THE DERRICK OR FROM MEMBERS WHO CARE!

MEMBER NEWS

- 1. A Cranberry Area School District Professional and a Cranberry Area School District Paraprofessional will be receiving the Laretta Woodson Award on May 20, 2024 at the Cranberry School Board meeting at 6 pm by co-President and Educational Support Chair Diana Fesenmyer. PASR Venango should receive publicity in the Derrick.**
- 2. USPS will be collecting food on May 11, 2024. Please canvas your neighbors and remind neighbors to place nonperishable foods in a bag outside or on their mailboxes if rural or below their mail boxes if in the city.**

REMEMBER THAT MAY DAYS ARE PAY DAYS.

PLEASE PAY YOUR 2024-2025 dues promptly.

June 31st ends our current fiscal term and begins our 2024-2025 year.

2024-2025 PASR Venango Dues of \$10 /year. Mail to John Kolojchick at
1238 Shaffer Run Rd, Oil City, PA 16301
Call 814-676-6435 or email concerns to jkoloj@comcast.net

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zipcode _____

Phone () _____ home () _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Enclosed is a check to VEANAGO CHAPTER PASR for \$ _____
includes

Local Dues (\$10/YR) \$ _____ State Dues (\$60/YR) \$ _____

Local Educational Support \$ _____

Community Service Program \$ _____

Memorial Honor Fund \$ _____

a. _____ Specific Recipient in honor or in memory for Memorial Honor Fund
Donation _____

b. _____ Local Fund

If you are still driving, many places are offering “Seniors for Safe Driving” Courses at no charge. Participants will receive up to a 5% discount multi-years on your auto insurance. You must register by calling 1-800-559-4880 or 1-724-283-0245 or go online at www.SeniorsForSafeDriving.com Anyone 55 years or older may attend. There is no test or behind the wheel driving.

Five dates and 3 locations are as follows:

April 29 and June 24 from 9am to 1pm at UPMC Northwest Hospital

April 24 from 11am to 3pm at Titusville YMCA

April 26 and May 10 from 9am to 1 pm at Cranberry Place Senior Center

Keep Active!

“Love is life. All, everything that I understand, I understand only because I love.”

-Leo Tolstoy



**Please consider
volunteering to help
PASR Venango**

Newsletter Editor
Ed Support chair
Legislation chair
Public Rel. chair
SSMHF chair
Membership Committee
Secretary
Vice President
Member Benefits
Retirement Planning

**Live
today**

**Play
today**

**Care
today**

**We may
earn to
live
another
day after
today!**

“IF YOUR ACTIONS INSPIRE OTHERS TO DREAM MORE, LEARN MORE, DO MORE AND BECOME MORE, YOU ARE A TRUE LEADER.”

2024 Region 9 RECREO TRIP

Have you ever wanted to visit Lancaster, PA and see a show at “THE SIGHT AND SOUND THEATRE? Our Region 9 RECREO chair has booked a bus for October 8 & 9, 2024 with a pick-up in Meadville and a pick-up in Franklin. The overnight event includes a ticket to see **DAVID** at the **Sight and Sound Theatre** in Lancaster on October 9, overnight accommodations, a Dinner Buffet on October 9, a Breakfast Buffet on October 9, shopping opportunities, your roundtrip bus ride, all taxes, baggage handling and gratuities. Your only other cost is lunch on the bus ride to the Lancaster area and dinner on the way home to Venango. We will meet the bus at Farm and Fleet above Giant Eagle on Rt 8 after Sheatz in Rocky Grove. Most bus riders bring treats to share on the ride there and on the way home so you may not be too hungry. You are also welcome to bring a treat to share. Cost is \$480 per person Double in a room and \$560 Single in a room. A \$100 deposit per person is due ASAP by May 30th to Barbara Stockton.

Please call Barb at 814 425-2025 for questions Her address is 194 N. Franklin Street, Cochranon, PA 16314. This deposit will reserve your seat on the bus. We will also tour Kreider Farm and a shopping stop at the Bird in Hand market. You may email Barb at bjsbarb@zoominternet.net

A second trip is offered on September 17-19 to the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum. It also includes a Riverboat Captain’s Dinner and the Cincinnati Zoo. 3 Days and 2 nights are fun-filled with 2 breakfasts, one lunch and 1 dinner, baggage handling and room and admission to the Ark and Zoo. Cost is \$675 pp or \$760 single. A deposit is required to save your bus seat. Guests are invited to accompany you.

Call, write, text, or visit Scott Hutchison and Lee James today to encourage them to support a COLA for all PSERS. There has not been a Cost of Living Adjustment for teachers since 2002 but legislators vote themselves a COLA every year!

P.A.S.R. Volunteer Service Survey

TO ALL PASR Members: — Thank you for being a volunteer in our community!
PASR Chapters are interested in documenting the service that volunteer retirees contribute to their local communities to show the community at large a positive picture of the activities of public school retirees.

Please take a moment to complete this form.

A summary of this information will be shared with AARP, NRTA, and PASR Headquarters.

Service Topic	Hours per year
Education	_____
Youth	_____
Community	_____
Environment	_____
Political	_____
Religious	_____
Total Hours	_____

I have served in special leadership roles as follows:

Chapter: VENANGO

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Phone Number: _____ Date: _____

___ Yes, I want my hours counted, but I DO NOT want to be considered for the Volunteer of the Year Award

Return this form to: Patricia Ralph, 4178 State Route 417, Cooperstown, PA 16317

Please attach another page to this form to clarify or to provide a more detailed description of your involvement with activities that are NOT listed.