



# Inside PARSE

December 2015

## Message from the President

Dear Fellow State Retiree,

Once again the holiday season is upon us. That means it is time for our chapter's fabulous holiday party. This year the party will take place on Monday, December 28, 2015 at 12:30 pm. The site will again be the Waterfall Room of Swan Caterers, 2015 Water Street in South Philadelphia.

Our previous holiday parties have been unabashed successes with vast array of foods, desserts, and a cash bar. Come one; come all but respond early because seating is limited to the first 250 reservations.

This epicurean delight with music and dancing is a mere \$25.00 for members and \$35.00 for non PARSE members. Your chapter is absorbing approximately one-third of the total cost. This is a benefit of membership.

Our chapter's membership has been steady through 2015. By year's end, we should equal or top the 2014 total of 1,453. Statewide, membership has topped 20,000. Increases in membership continue to give us a voice in the treatment of retirees by state government.

Our Fall Luncheon was another successful endeavor. Our guest speaker, Katrina Boyer, from the PA Department of Banking was outstanding. She provided a wealth of information on reverse mortgages. She explained that decisions should be made on a case by case basis, as she highlighted the positives and pitfalls of reverse mortgages as a funding mechanism. We heard favorable responses from many of the attendees.

We are researching social activities for the coming year, 2016, another casino trip and an afternoon lunch and boat ride on the Spirit of Philadelphia.

Let's enjoy our Holiday Party, and I wish everyone a happy and healthy Turning of the Calendar.

Sincerely,

Leon Cerullo  
PARSE Philadelphia-Bucks Chapter President

## Executive Board:

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## Members

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## President Emeritus

Leo J. Burke, Jr.

## Member Emeritus

Myrna Brown

## **2016 Membership Dues!!!**

**\$20.00**

## **NOW DUE**

Please complete the enclosed membership application and include a check for your **2016 dues** of

**\$20.00** per person, made out to:

"PARSE PHILA-BUCKS CHAPTER"

Mail to our chapter treasurer

Edward Finfer

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**Please also include your December 28, 2015**

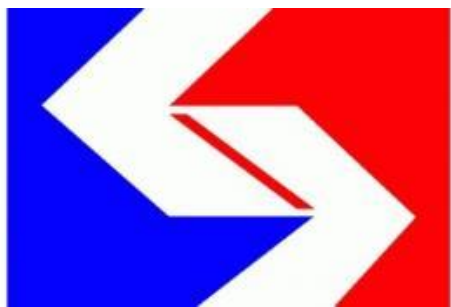
**HOLIDAY LUNCHEON reservation at**

**\$25.00 per member, \$35.00 per guest**



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## New SEPTA Key fare system will not affect free senior service



SEPTA soon will be introducing its SEPTA Key program, a new fare payment and collection system.

It will not affect free senior service on SEPTA.

-- You may still use your PA Driver's License or state-issued ID card to ride free on SEPTA transit. Now and in the future, both forms of photo ID are acceptable for seniors to ride free on SEPTA buses, subways, trolleys and the Norristown High Speed Line. Your Driver's License or state-issued ID must be valid and NOT expired, and can be swiped at the turnstile or onboard a vehicle.

- Seniors can continue to use their yellow-and-blue, SEPTA-issued Senior Citizen Transit ID card until further notice.
- Seniors can also continue to show their Medicare Card until further notice for travel on both SEPTA transit and Regional Rail service.
- Seniors can register and get their picture taken for the free SEPTA Key Senior ID card at SEPTA headquarters at 1234 Market St. and Suburban Station, Room 108 in Philadelphia. SEPTA Key Senior ID cards will be mailed at a future date.

[www.parsephilabucks.org](http://www.parsephilabucks.org)  
*Spread the Word!!!*

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Directions to:

*Swan Caterers' Waterfall Room, 2015 Water Street, Philadelphia, PA 19148, 215-389-2045*  
***There is plenty of parking available under I-95, in addition to street parking.***

**SEPTA:** Broad Street Subway or C Bus to Snyder Ave., Route 79 Bus East to Front St., cross street to Water St. and walk one half block north.

**From I-95 North:** Take exit 20 for Columbus Blvd toward Washington Ave, keep right at the fork, follow signs for Snyder Ave/Oregon Ave, turn right onto S Columbus Blvd, turn right onto E Snyder Ave, take the third right onto S Water St.

**From I 95 South:** Take exit 20 on the left for Columbus Blvd toward Washington Ave, turn right onto S Columbus Blvd, turn right onto E Snyder Ave, take the third right onto S Water St.

**From I 76 East:** Head towards Central Phila, take exit 344 on the left for I-676 E, merge onto I-676 S, continue onto Vine St Expy, keep right at the fork, follow signs for I-95 S/Chester/Phila Intra'l Airport and merge onto I-95 S, then follow I-95 South directions above.

**From I 76 West:** Head towards I-95 N, keep left at fork, follow sign for I-95 N/Trenton and merge onto I-95 N, then follow I-95 North directions above.