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December 2016

Message from the President

Dear Fellow State Retiree,

Once again the holiday season is upon us. That means it is time for our festive holiday party. This year the party will take place on Wednesday, December 28, 2016 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.

By mid November, our Chapter's membership reached 1,506, up 5.6 percent from 2015. This tops our goal of 1,500 members by year's end. Let's continue to recruit new members; as we always say, "There is strength in numbers."

Our Fall Luncheon was another successful endeavor. The guest speaker, John Baughman, our Government Relations Consultant was informative in outlining PARSE objectives. The meeting also included the election of our local officers and board members. All incumbents running were reelected. Since our meeting, two additional members have joined the board as acting board members, Raymond Martinez and Patricia Ann Philson.

The board is exploring activities for 2017, such as another very popular casino trip, another mural arts tour, a winery tour, etc. Any additional suggestions are welcome.

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

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2017 Membership Dues!!!

\$20.00

NOW DUE

Please complete the enclosed membership application and include a check for your **2017 dues** of

\$20.00 per person, made out to:
"PARSE PHILA-BUCKS CHAPTER"

Mail to our chapter treasurer

Edward Finfer

189 Harmony Court

Bensalem, PA, 19020

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Please also include your December 28, 2016

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON reservation at

\$25.00 per member, \$35.00 per guest



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The End of Pennsylvania *Car Registration Stickers*



Beginning in 2017, drivers will no longer need registration stickers. Law enforcement officers will be able to use license plate readers to determine the status of a vehicle's registration. Hopefully this move should save the state more than one million a year in paperwork and administrative costs.

This also should end the practice of "plate clipping," in which thieves steal plates or snip off a corner to obtain a current sticker. Automated License Plate Reader technology will allow an officer to identify the status of registration and insurance. They cost about \$18,000 per unit.

Drivers who renew online can save and print a permanent registration card. Future plans are to allow customers to upload registration cards to their smart phones, eliminating print copies altogether.

Currently, readers are used at a cashless toll point at the Pennsylvania Turnpike Bridge over the Delaware River. It sends "toll by plate" invoices to motorists without E-ZPass who are crossing from New Jersey into Pennsylvania.

The last registration sticker will be issued December 30 and registration stickers on license plates will not be required after December 31.

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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.