



The Newsletter of the Pennsylvania Association of Retired State Employees
Philadelphia-Bucks Chapter
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Spring 2017

Message from the President

Dear Fellow State Retiree,

Spring is here; the birds are chirping and the sun is shining! The PARSE spring luncheon is here. We will be meeting at noon on Wednesday, May 24th at Romano's Catering, Castor Ave. and Wingohocking St.

It is our objective to find speakers which are pertinent to our group dynamics. This year our featured speakers will be representatives from AARP and the AARP Foundation. Our members will learn about AARP, its programs, initiatives, etc.

Our anticipated social calendar for 2017: Casino trip to Atlantic City in August, a mural arts tour in September, a smorgasbord and winery tour in October or early next spring. A survey will be distributed to determine member interests and desires for future social endeavors.

Good News! Our membership for 2016 reached and all time high of 1,510, up 5.5 % from 2015. Statewide, PARSE membership topped 21,000, also an all time high. Through the first quarter of 2017, we have recorded 1,251 paid members. This is about four (4) percent ahead of last year's pace. Another record high may be forthcoming.

Let's all have a safe and joyous spring and summer and continue to recruit new members. As our slogan says,

"THERE IS STRENGTH IN NUMBERS!"

Sincerely,

Leon Cerullo
PARSE Philadelphia-Bucks Chapter President

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Dues Reminder!!! \$20.00

If your dues are unpaid, 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

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***Please also include your May 24, 2017
INFORMATION LUNCHEON reservation at
\$20.00 per person***



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Special Alert: Medicare Card Changes Means Opportunities for Scams

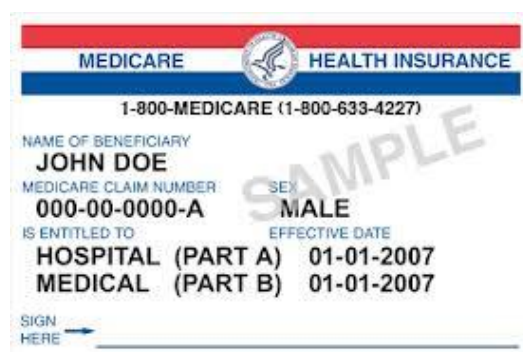
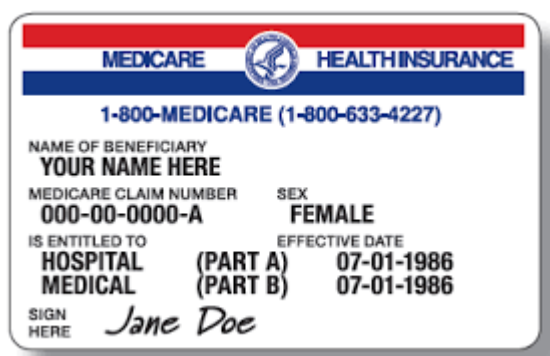
Congress passed a law in 2015 that requires the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to remove Social Security numbers from all Medicare cards, which they will start doing in April 2018. New beneficiaries will get the modernized cards first, and then new cards will be issued to existing beneficiaries. This is an important change to help prevent fraud and protect people's identity, but with any new change, potential confusion exists. Scammers are taking advantage of these opportunities.

What You Should Know:

- Medicare beneficiaries are getting calls claiming to be from Medicare asking for payment to receive their new Medicare card, or asking them to verify their Medicare number.
- Medicare will NEVER call to verify your number because they already have it.
- There is no cost to get your new card.

What You Should Do:

- If you get a call like this, hang up immediately and report it to Senior Medicare Patrol. Find the number to call for your state at www.smpresource.org. The number in Pennsylvania is 1-800-356-3606.



Directions to:

Romano's Catering, 1523 E Wingohocking Street Philadelphia, PA 19124 215-289-2020

From I 76 East and West

Take exit 340B to merge onto Roosevelt Blvd/US-1 N, slight right at Adams Ave, turn right at E Wingohocking Street

From I 95 North and South

Take exit 26 for State Route 90/Betsy Ross Bridge/Aramingo Ave, keep left at the fork to continue toward Aramingo Ave,, turn right at Aramingo Ave, take the 2nd right onto E Butler St, turn right at Frankford Ave, turn left at E Hunting Park Ave, turn right at Castor Ave, take the 3rd right onto E Wingohocking Street

Roosevelt Blvd South/US-1 S Head south on Roosevelt Blvd toward Pratt St, turn left at Pratt St, turn right at Castor Ave, turn left at Adams Ave, turn right at E Wingohocking Street

Roosevelt Blvd North/US-1 N

Head north on Roosevelt Blvd toward Adams Ave, slight right at Adams Ave, turn right at E. Wingohocking Street