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December 2017

Message from the President

Dear PARSE member,

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 27, 2017 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 Fall Luncheon was another successful endeavor. The guest speaker, Katrina Boyer from the State Department of Banking, was informative in various aspects in banking.

By mid November, our chapter's membership stood at 1,470, marginally down from last year's all time high of 1,511. By year's end, we should top 1,500. Maintaining stability is noteworthy, but let's continue to recruit new members; as we always say,

"There is strength in numbers."

The board is exploring activities for 2018, such as another casino trip and a day at a winery and smorgasbord excursion. This excursion is planned for May 2018. Details will follow. Additional suggestions are always welcome.

I wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season. Let's enjoy our Holiday Party, and the coming New Year!

Sincerely,

Leon Cerullo
PARSE Philadelphia-Bucks Chapter President

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2018 Membership Dues!!!

\$20.00

NOW DUE

Please complete the enclosed membership application and include a check for your **2018 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

(215) 244-1330

Please also include your December 27, 2017

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON reservation at

\$25.00 per member, \$35.00 per quest



Protect Yourself from Interstate Moving Fraud, Bill Johnston-Walsh, AARP Pennsylvania

In a recent prior year, there were over 3,000 reported complaints of interstate moving fraud. The offenses include taking goods hostage, overcharges, loss and damage, and insurance issues.

Rogue movers typically give you a low estimate over the phone or online without ever seeing the goods you want moved. Once your items are on their truck, they demand more money. They force you to pay more if you want your goods back.

Red flags that that you aren't dealing with a legitimate moving company:

- The moving company demands cash or a large deposit upfront.
- The mover does not provide a written estimate.
- The company's website has no local address and no information about registration or insurance.

Do a search on the name of the company you are planning to use to check for complaints, company contact information and safety information.

- Find out if the company you are talking to is the same company that will move you. If it's not, research the actual moving company, too.
- Don't sign a contract until you know who you are dealing with.

The federal government and legitimate moving companies are working together to fight interstate moving fraud. Go to www.protectyourmove.gov for a helpful checklist and to learn more.

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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 Intnat'l Airport and merge onto I-95 S, then follow I-95 South directions above.

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