



The Newsletter of the Pennsylvania Association of Retired State Employees
Philadelphia-Bucks Chapter
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Fall 2019

Message from the President

Dear Fellow State Retiree,

Autumn has arrived. The leaves are turning red-dish brown and hope abounds for our Philadelphia Eagles. Our PARSE Fall Luncheon is scheduled for **Noon** on October 23rd at Romano's Catering, 1523-63 East Wingohocking Street.

The featured speaker will be Dan Louis representing CARIE, the Center for Advocacy for the Rights and Interest of the Elderly. He will discuss Medicare and Medicaid fraud and abuse. Estimates indicate that between 60 to 90 billion dollars is lost to health care fraud, yearly. Mr. Louis will elaborate. There will also be a report about the Statewide Governing Board meeting.

Our casino and shopping trip to Atlantic City was another successful and enjoyable venture. We filled two buses with enthusiastic travelers.

By popular demand, we are planning another wine tasting tour and smorgasbord for May 2020. Details will follow.

By mid-September our chapter's paid membership stands at 1,520. By year's end, we will undoubtedly top last year's total of 1,545, our all-time high.

PARSE membership shows results. Our medical benefits have been strengthened. Out-of-network charges will be eliminated in January. Our presence could be considered a catalyst - **there is strength in numbers**.

This is your notice for your 2020 dues. Please complete the enclosed membership application/renewal form and return it with your dues no later than January 1, 2020. Whether you plan to attend the luncheon or not, you can submit your dues now.

Spread the Word. Show 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 ***2019 dues*** of ***\$20.00*** per person, per year, 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 October 23, 2019
INFORMATION LUNCHEON reservation at
\$25.00 per member, \$30 per non-member***



How Do Scammers Know So Much About Me?



Many people don't understand how they get on the radar of crooks. Here are some of the ways.

- **I frequently enter contests.** Online contests are gateways to unwanted sales pitches. Not only do marketers collect information like name, age and address, they may learn other things — that you like to travel or are buying a car. Also, they know you believe in luck. That could make you a target.
- **I mail in warranty cards.** Ever notice when you fill out a warranty card for a toaster or coffee maker that it requests information like how much money you make? It is likely that your information is being sold to others, either legitimately or as part of a scam.
- **I fill out lots of surveys.** Did you recently fill out a questionnaire rating your stay at a hotel or the service at a restaurant? Selling survey data is big business, and marketing firms and even criminals can learn a lot about you based on travel preferences, what type of home you own or what car you drive.

Limit who can see your posts and avoid posting real-time updates about your whereabouts.

- **I share personal updates on Facebook.** Scammers turn to social media postings to learn more about those they've targeted. So be prudent: Don't post personal info, narrow who can see your posts and avoid posting real-time updates about your whereabouts.
- **I live in the United States.** Many public records are available at the federal, state, county and city levels, including census data, property information, criminal records, bankruptcies and tax liens. Private companies can pull together all this information on you and sell it to anyone. And it's 100 percent legal.
- **I toss my mail.** Shred all mail that has your name and address, account numbers, or other personal data. If you don't have a home shredder, save your papers for a neighborhood shredding event. (AARP sponsors these in many communities.) Messy garbage won't deter a bad guy.
- **Someone in my family has died recently.** Obituaries are prime hunting ground for scammers, who learn the names of vulnerable widows, widowers, children or grandchildren. Honor the dead, but keep personal information in obituaries to a minimum.

Amy Nofziger and Mark Fetterhoff are consumer fraud experts with the AARP Fraud Watch Network

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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