



# Inside PARSE

Spring 2020

## Message from the President

Dear PARSE member,

**A**h, it's Spring again! The sun is shining; the days are longer; birds are chirping; the flowers are blooming, but there is "no joy in mudville" or Philadelphia or Pennsylvania or the USA or throughout the world, as the scourge of COVID 19 hovers over all aspects of human life. Our PARSE spring luncheon has fallen victim to this pandemic.

There will be no spring luncheon in 2020. The rest of our social agenda has also been interrupted. The wine tasting and smorgasbord planned for May 5<sup>th</sup> was cancelled before our official announcement. We were planning for a casino and shopping trip to Atlantic City on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Even if casinos are open, the trip is cancelled since the size of our trip would exceed recommended numbers.

The fall luncheon and holiday party are on hold, because the number of members in attendance may preclude our ability to fulfill these events. This is especially true since most of our members are in a high risk classification.

Other casualties of the virus are the annual State Governing Board meeting that is held in September as well as the regional meetings. Our regular board meetings will be postponed until safety requirements can be met. The Philadelphia-Bucks executive staff will address any issues during this period.

The virus has only marginally affected the numbers in our total membership. Through mid May our membership stood at 1,391, nearly 90% of last year's total of 1,589, our all time high. The 2019 total was up nearly 3% from 2018, our previous all time high.

We would like to note that we have lost a long time board member, Gloria Gibson Hamilton due to natural causes. She was a long time vibrant board member for about 20 years and a District Administrator at the Philadelphia County Assistance Office. She will be sorely missed.

For those who have not renewed your membership for 2020, an application is enclosed with this newsletter. Remember our motto is >>>>>>>>

## Executive Board:

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| President      | Leon Cerullo    |
| Vice President | Luticia Gary    |
| Secretary      | Evelyn Y. Trent |
| Treasurer      | Edward Finfer   |

## Members

|                             |                      |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Ernestine Blackston-Brandon | Sonia Mendez         |
| Fred Bostwick               | John Molinari        |
| Mike Gart                   | Patricia Ann Philson |
| Connie Johnson              | Carol Roberts        |
| Sandi MacLaren              | David Rosner         |
| Raymond Martinez            | Barbara Taylor       |
| Faye Matter                 |                      |

## President Emeritus

Leo J. Burke, Jr.

## Member Emeritus

Myrna Brown

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## **2020 Membership Dues!!!**

**\$20.00**

**NOW DUE**

Please complete the enclosed membership application and include a check for your **2020 dues** of

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

**"PARSE PHILA-BUCKS CHAPTER"**

Mail to our chapter treasurer

Edward Finfer

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***"There is strength in numbers."***

I hope that all of us have a safe and healthy summer and can meet before year's end.

Sincerely,

Leon Cerullo  
PARSE Philadelphia-Bucks Chapter President

