



The Newsletter of the Pennsylvania Association of Retired State Employees

Philadelphia-Bucks Chapter

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Message from the President

Dear Fellow State Retiree,

Summer has arrived and we are reaching out to you because we have missed our regular communication. Covid won't disappear, but a return to normalcy is on the way.

Our Board has scheduled a business luncheon and membership meeting for Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at 12:00 PM. at the Felt Factory formerly known as Romano's Catering, 1523 E Wingohocking Street, Philadelphia, PA 19124. Although luncheon costs have increased, member charges remain at \$25.00, non-members \$35.00. We will continue to follow CDC guidelines.

Our guest speaker will be Carrie Nice from NOVAK Strategic Advisors. They represent us in our relationship with the Governor's Office and the State Legislature. They have been instrumental in halting the implementation of state taxes on our pensions.

Election for chapter officers will be held at this meeting. Officers serve for a two year term. Any officer may be re-elected for additional terms. Any member in good standing is free to run for office.

The Covid pandemic has played havoc with our daily lives and our PARSE meetings and activities. It has not derailed our membership. At the close of 2021, we recorded 2,006 members, an all time high, up nearly 10 percent from 2020. Through the first half of 2022, our membership stood at 1,838, about 92 percent of last year's total. We will likely exceed the 2021 figure. During the pandemic, our membership has increased by over 26 percent. Statewide membership has reached nearly 32,000.

Now let's talk about dues. Starting in 2023, membership dues will be collected by PARSE state office. They will send renewal notices in the Fall. Dues may be submitted by check or electronic methods that will be forth-

coming. Any unpaid 2022 dues should be paid through our chapter treasurer, Edward Finfer, 189 Harmony Court, Bensalem, PA 19020. If there are any questions, please contact Mr. Finfer at (215) 244-1330.

The executive board wishes you continued good health and safety.

Sincerely,

Leon Cerullo
PARSE Philadelphia Bucks Chapter President

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