



# Inside PARSE

Fall 2024

## Message from the President

Dear PARSE member,

**A**utumn has arrived; daylight is waning, but our Phillies and Eagles are steaming forward. Meanwhile, our PARSE Fall Luncheon is right around the corner. We will meet at noon on Wednesday, October 23rd at The Felt Factory, 1523 E Wingohocking Street, Philadelphia, PA 19124. Members will be charged \$30.00 per person; non-members will pay the full cost of \$38.00 per person.

Our guest speaker will be Joe Maddalon from PISI/AMBA, our insurance agent. He will discuss various insurance options available to PARSE members at discounted rates. He will gladly be available for questions.

In the social sphere, our casino trip was successful again but was under attended. In the future we may only require one bus for the chapter to break even.

This year's meeting is of utmost importance since we will be electing chapter officers and board members to serve for the next two years. Any member in good standing is free to run for any office.

Our membership has been hovering around 2,000 for the last three years. By mid-September we recorded 1,966 paid members. By year's end, we should definitely top the 2,000 level and probably break 2,100. Statewide, our numbers have doubled in the last six years and are now at 36,000. We should always look to recruit new members.

*"Strength in Numbers"*

Sincerely,

Leon Cerullo  
PARSE Philadelphia-Bucks Chapter President

## Executive Board:

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

## Members

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Fred Bostwick            | Sonia Mendez             |
| Eugenia Bradley (A)      | John Molinari            |
| Kathleen Carroll         | Patricia Ann Philson (I) |
| Mike Gart                | Frances Powell (A)       |
| Lee Horne (A)            | Linda M. Rapp (A)        |
| Daniel Loftus            | Carol Roberts            |
| Raymond Martinez         | David Rosner             |
| Deborah A. McKnight (A)  | Barbara Taylor           |
| Ozie Washington-Ivey (A) |                          |

(A)=Acting (I)=Inactive

## President Emeritus

Leo J. Burke, Jr.

## **2025 Membership Dues!!!**

**\$20.00**

## ***Notification will come from State Office***

Please go to the PARSE website [www.parseofpa.org](http://www.parseofpa.org) and select the "Pay Dues Online!" tab at the top right of the home screen and follow the prompts or

Write a check made out to "PARSE" and mail to:  
Pennsylvania Association of Retired  
State Employees  
5000 Ritter Road, Suite 105  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055



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## **Learn about Over-the counter (OTC benefits) – OTC Health Solutions (OTCHS)**

**Over-the-counter (OTC) benefit** –Spend up to \$30 per quarter on approved health and wellness products such as bandages, aspirins, incontinence supplies, vitamins and minerals and much more. Any unused benefit amount each quarter will not roll over into the following quarter. Calendar quarters begin in January, April, July, and October. You will use your plan member ID to confirm benefit eligibility, confirm benefit amount, and make purchases. There is no insurance, co-payment, or deductible for OTC items. This benefit includes certain nicotine replacement therapies.

Approved OTC products can be found in the OTCHS catalog and how to purchase products can be viewed at [cvs.com/otchs/myorder](https://cvs.com/otchs/myorder).

Three ways to purchase:

1. Over the phone at 1-833-331-1573 (TTY: 711)
2. Online: [cvs.com/otchs/myorder](https://cvs.com/otchs/myorder)
3. In Store: Use catalog in store for guidance. Also check for items with blue shelf tags and match the SKU number to the items in the catalogue. Present your member ID card to the cashier before product is scanned at checkout.

### **NOTE:**

- You cannot exceed your quarterly benefit amount and pay the difference.
- Reimbursement is not allowed for any item purchased without the benefit.
- There is no OTC order form to mail in for this benefit.
- This benefit is for Aetna Medicare plan members only.
- There is no quantity limit per any single item, with some exceptions.

## **Learn about Personal emergency response system**

You are eligible to receive a medical alert system through LifeStation which includes the monthly monitoring fee at no cost to you. This medical alert system can help you call for help in an emergency, 24/7. You have a choice of technology that provides around-the-clock protection.

- An in-home base station and waterproof pendant
- Mobile LTE devices with GPS that works anywhere in the United States

Lifestation's fall detection is offered upon request. You can get a medical alert system by calling Lifestation directly at 1-855-798-9948 to sign up for a device.

***All of this information and additional information has been provided by Aetna and was mailed to all members late last year or earlier this year!***

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*The Felt Factory, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> right onto E Butler St, turn right at Frankford Ave, turn left at E Hunting Park Ave, turn right at Castor Ave, take the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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