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Spring 2025

Message from the President

Dear PARSE Member,

Spring is here again and that means the PARSE Spring Business Luncheon is on the horizon. The 2025 luncheon will be held on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, 12:00 PM at The Felt Factory, formerly known as Romano's Catering. Although many costs have risen, members will be charged only \$30.00 per person; non-members will pay the full cost of \$38.00 per person.

We will have two guest speakers this year, Carrie Nace from NOVAK Strategic Advisors, our government relations firm that represents us in our relationship with the Governor's Office and the State Legislature. She will discuss any potential legislative or governmental actions that may affect PARSE members. Jen Sotlar, the market leader for Pennsylvania, will represent AMBA, (Association of Member Benefit Advisors) to update us on various types of insurance available at special PARSE rates.

For the past few years, our membership has hovered around 2,000. During 2024 we showed an uptick of 3.6%, reaching 2,073 members. By mid-April, 2025, we recorded 1,868 paid members, over 90 percent of last year's total. By year's end, our membership will likely top 2,200. Statewide, by the end of 2024, our membership was over 38,000. By mid-April we topped 35,000 paid members or over 92 percent of last year's total. Reaching 40,000 members in 2025 is probable. As we always say, there is *"Strength in Numbers"*.

Your PARSE Board is in the process of planning social activities for 2025. At this time, a casino trip is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, August 5, 2025. A second activity is a trip to Shady Maple Smorgasbord and shopping, Thursday, September 11th.

Let's all have a safe and joyous spring and summer.

Sincerely,

Daniel Loftus
PARSE Philadelphia-Bucks Chapter President

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2025 Membership Dues!!! \$20.00

Notification will come from State Office

Please go to the PARSE website 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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TOP SENIOR SCAMS

Mail

Don't send any personal information through the mail to anyone who you don't know, no matter what they are offering or promised.

Never respond to a sweepstakes letter by sending a check to claim a prize.

Only send checks to charities with which you are familiar.

Don't leave bill payment envelopes in your unsecure mailbox for pickup. Take them to the post office.

If merchandise arrives that you did not order COD (cash on delivery), do not open it, but send it back.

Telephone

Don't give any personal information on the phone.

Don't trust that people are who they say they are. Good guys will not ask for sensitive information.

Beware of statements like: "You must act 'now' or the offer won't be good." "You've won a 'free' gift, vacation, or prize.

Don't buy over the phone from an unfamiliar company.

Computer

Make sure your computer has all the security it needs and a security updating system.

Don't respond to emails from people you don't know or to emails you haven't expected to receive.

When making online purchases, don't give out your credit card number on line unless the website is secure and reputable.

Make sure you are purchasing merchandise from a reputable source.

A local police department has provided this information.

Directions to:

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 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