



The Newsletter of the Pennsylvania Association of Retired State Employees
Philadelphia-Bucks Chapter
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Spring 2015

Message from the President

Dear Fellow State Retiree,

As we leave winter's cold, spring has finally arrived. That means that everyone's fancy turns to the PARSE spring luncheon. We will be meeting at noon on Wednesday, May 20th at Romano's Caterers, Castor Ave. and Wingohocking St.

Our featured speaker will be Lynn Herman, our government relations consultant. He will give us updates on the new administration and the legislative agenda. Mr. Herman has spoken to our chapter many times and has always been very informative.

During 2014 our membership rose by over three percent (4%) to reach 1,441. Statewide membership rose to nearly 20,000 (19,883). Through mid April of this year, locally, over 1,200 members have paid their dues, representing over 84% of last year's total. On the downside, PARSE membership represents only 1 in 6 retirees. Recruitment of new members remains a priority.

On the social scene we are reviewing various events. These include but will be explained further on the reverse side, a trips to the Horseshoe Casino, Baltimore, MD and again to Maryland Live, Hanover, MD. Locally we are looking at the Duck Boat tour and lunch as well as an excursion and lunch on the Spirit of Philadelphia. Your input will be appreciated at our luncheon.

Let's all have a safe and joyous spring and summer and continue to recruit new members. As I have said many times,

"THERE IS 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 **2015 dues** of \$20.00 per person, 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 May 20, 2015
INFORMATION LUNCHEON reservation at
\$20.00 per person***

In Memory of WILLIAM "Bill" BOND

Mr. Bond, who passed away at age 94, was a patriot for his country and PARSE. During World War II, Bill participated in the "*Battle of the Bulge*" and became a Prisoner of War. After various endeavors, he was employed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for decades by the Liquor Control Board. Upon his retirement, he became an ardent PARSE member for over 25 years and was the Vice President for the Philadelphia-Bucks Chapter for the past two decades. His counsel was always wise and direct, and stood for the betterment of retirees.

Options for Future Social Activities

Casino and Shopping Trip

1. Horseshoe Casino, Baltimore, MD near the Baltimore Harbor - \$20 incentive
2. A return to Maryland Live Casino, Hanover, MD – amount of incentive to be determined

The tentative date is Tuesday, August 4, 2015.

Spirit of Philadelphia

Cruise and Lunch: The cost will be at least \$50 per person.

Philadelphia Duck Tour and Lunch

The Duck is an 80 minute tour, (60 minutes in the city and 20 minutes in the water), \$25 per person. For lunch there will be an addition charge. They partner with “Hard Rock Café”.

Please go to our website www.parsephilabucks.org or call 215-755-1786 to record your 1st and 2nd choices. Please respond by 06/20/2015.



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