



The Newsletter

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President's Report

Welcome to the MCC/PASR 2024-25 winter newsletter. I hope you all had a great fall season. The elections are behind us, and I am hoping for a smooth transition.

At this time, I don't know where the COLA stands, but I am also hopeful that it will pass. A big thank-you to all our committee chairs, especially Ways & Means for a very successful bazaar. We are particularly grateful for Lauri Dulis' diligence for our chapter.

Congratulations to Dottie Peiffer for her Board Commendation and Forest Fisher for his Volunteer of the Year award.

Please note that, due to the fact that JP Edwards has to order their food items by the Monday mornings of our luncheon meetings, we will not be canceling luncheon meetings due to school closings. Keep your eye on the weather report.

The House of Delegates will meet in October, 2025 in State College. Region 5 will host the event. There will be opportunities for all of us to get involved.

I want to thank everybody for the cards and condolences to Linda and me on the sudden passing of Miley, our beloved granddaughter. She was a lovely, smiling blessing to all who knew her.

To all, a blessed Christmas season and a wonderful New Year!

On the Calendar

November 21	Executive committee meeting, Downtown OIP, 11 am
December 5	Luncheon meeting, Noon, Birch Hill Event Center, Program: Cantare
December 12	RECREO trip to the American Music Theater
January 2	Luncheon meeting, Noon, Birch Hill Event Center, Program: Val DeVecchis as Dorcas Buchanan
January 30	Executive committee meeting, Downtown OIP, 11 am
February 6	Luncheon meeting, Noon, Birch Hill Event Center, Program: Music by Duke Larson
February 27	Executive committee meeting, Downtown OIP, 11 am
March 6	Luncheon meeting, Noon, Birch Hill Event Center, Program: Beth Myers, Piano

United Way Day of Caring

Our Chapter participated in the United Way Day of Caring in September. Our team members stuffing envelopes were: (L to R, below) Rhonda Carolus, Jan Criswell, Karen Korona, Linda Will, Jake Wagner, Joan Loewen, Betsy Tressler, and Paula Eckley.



← Bob Espigh, Cheryl George, Margy Zook, and Gary Ishler weeded and mulched the flower gardens at the United Way office.

PASR Board Commendation

At the November meeting, Dottie Peiffer was presented the Board Commendation for all the work she has done for PASR and the community. She is pictured with MCC/PASR President, Jacob Wagner.



September Meeting



We had two speakers at our September meeting. The first was Joel Diamond (left) who spoke to us about the progress of the Mifflin County School District Stadium Project. To date, 4.2 million dollars have been raised through private funds, which is approaching the 4.5 million dollar goal. The stadium committee is hoping to raise \$200,000 through community donations. Currently they are 1/3 of the way towards the goal. Two ways the community can help are through a “Buy a Brick” program at \$200 a brick for the first 1000 bricks. The bricks can be inscribed with up to 3 lines with 18 characters per line; and a “\$1000 Club”-a one-time gift that will have a name, chosen by the donor, etched on a 6 inch by 3 inch bronze plaque on a donor board.

Our second speaker was Ashlie Crosson, PA Teacher of the Year, who teaches at MCHS. Ashlie thanked Mifflin County teachers and staff for helping her become successful by their examples throughout her elementary and high school years. She stated that she considered the award as actually an award for the whole of Mifflin County, its educators and staff in the school system. A question and answer period followed in which she explained the process of selecting the Teacher of the Year and shared information about her responsibilities during her 2-year term. Ashlie is now eligible to compete for the National Teacher of the Year Award.





The Volunteer of the Year Award was given to Forest Fisher for all the work he does for the our community. He is shown with Helen Rager, left, our Community Service chair.



The John J. Dillon Award was presented to Karen Galbraith for her dedicated service to PASR at both the local chapter and state levels, in addition to her work in the community. Karen, on the left, is being presented the award by MCC/PASR President Jacob Wagner.





October Meeting

Representative Kerry Benninghoff was the speaker at the October meeting. He has been a representative since 1996 and is the minority chair of PennDOT. He shared that PA has 44,000 miles of roads and 24,000-25,000 bridges and that the majority of the funds for up keep and repair of these comes from the liquid fuels tax. This revenue is dropping because of the use of TVs and mass transportation so there is less available to be used for road repair. A question and answer period followed the representatives’s sharing of information.

At the November meeting a Memorial Service was held to remember the members we have lost the past year.



Menus for December, January, and February

December

- Cranberry salad
- Stuffed Chicken Breast
- Mashed potatoes
- Vegetable medley
- Rolls w butter
- Cheesecake

January

- Mixed green salad
- Meat Lasagna w marinara
- Garlic bread medley
- Fruit cup

February

- Cranberry sauce
- Roasted Turkey
- Stuffing w gravy
- Mashed potatoes
- Vegetable medley
- Brownie

November Meeting

At our November meeting we had our annual bazaar. We earned \$382 for our scholarship fund. Thanks to all the people who brought in items to sell and the buyers who bought them.

Co-chairs: Gloria Richards and Bev Berich

