



Pennsylvania Alliance of
Retirement Community Residents

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Welcome to ***THE PARCR POST***'s January 2022 newsletter, featuring the following information:

- **President Nancy Hann** shares her quarterly message regarding the urgency to fill offices on the Executive Committee and the continuance of holding quarterly meetings via Zoom. [Click here](#)
- **Ad: "PARCR Needs Your Help"** [Click here](#)
- **Program Chair Bill Stelger** informs members that the topic for April's quarterly meeting, which will be held via Zoom, will be PARCR's Strategic Plan for the future of the organization. [Click here](#)
- **Membership Chair Susan Martin** requests updated delegate information. [Click here](#)
- **Legislative Chair Gail Stelger** brings readers up-to-date on happenings at LeadingAge PA. [Click here](#)
- **Sharing An Idea:** Read about **PARCR Member Community, Cross Keys Village**, and staff members receiving local awards and recognition. [Click here](#)

And finally, the April 2022 edition of ***THE PARCR POST, Issue 8.4***, will be released in late March 2022. If you would like to share a community idea with our readers, please have your Community's Staff Contact Person email parcrpost@parcr.org for details and guidelines. Deadline for Community articles is March 4.



THE PARCR POST

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FOR

PENNSYLVANIA ALLIANCE OF RETIREMENT COMMUNITY RESIDENTS

President's Message

As I write this letter, the end of 2021 is fast approaching. The beginning of this year we had much to be very optimistic about — the surge of the new Corona virus was starting to subside and the great promise of several new vaccines was on the horizon. So, we on the Executive Committee believed that we had a good chance of getting the membership back together live for our quarterly meetings at some point during the year. But, as we all know, that never happened. Zoom became our only salvation. At least it allowed us to continue to function, to some degree.

Even though we were somewhat hindered, members from the Executive Committee did take this oppor-

tunity to embark on developing a strategic plan for the organization that will help ensure its future for several years to come. That work has been completed and we are anxious to share our plans with you. We have wanted to do this face to face in a live meeting so that we could get your feedback and answer any questions that you might have. As you may know we had scheduled this review for the January quarterly meeting but that was thwarted by COVID. At this point, members of the Executive Committee are looking at alternative ways to effectively share this information given that live meetings of large groups are not advised. We'll keep you posted! *(Continued on page 2)*

January 12, 2022
QUARTERLY MEETING
Via Zoom



KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Daniel A. Seeger
TOPIC

NaCCRA's mission and what the organization has to offer

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VISION STATEMENT

Recognized as an enhanced educational and informational environment for PA CCRC residents



Pennsylvania Alliance of Retirement Community Residents

MISSION STATEMENT

Promote the exchange of ideas, education, and civic responsibilities of CCRC residents and encourage them to aid in decision making within their communities



Bill Stelger
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“THE STRATEGIC PLAN” PARCR’s Future



April 13, 2022
Quarterly Meeting
Via Zoom

Strategic Plan Presentation – Don’t miss it !

President’s Message

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Because it is very vital to the continuation of PARCR, I have one critical issue from the strategic planning work that I want to bring to your attention. PARCR is founded on the principle of **volunteerism**. No one on the Executive Committee gets paid for his or her efforts, but at some point, each one of us on the committee stepped up to fill vacancies when they arose. Our by-laws specify term limits, so openings do come up from time-to-time. No matter if we take action on the strategic plan or just continue with what we have been doing, we need to have members who will step up, get involved and become an active participant on this committee if PARCR is to continue to exist. **At this time, we have three openings to fill:**

- 1) Program Chairperson**
- 2) Secretary**
- 3) Meeting Coordinator**

There is a chance of other vacancies by the end of the current fiscal year in June. So, if you value PARCR and have some applicable skills and the inclination, please

consider stepping up to the challenge. Your help is urgently needed.

It is the Holiday Season, so before I close, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support through this challenging time as we have dealt with the effects of the pandemic and the restrictions that were forced upon us. We still have much to be thankful for in spite of it all. As we share with our family and friends during this season, let's all be grateful for what we have and stop fretting over what has happened. We cannot change the past so look ahead to a bright new year to come. At this point the slate is clean.

From the entire PARCR Executive Committee and myself, we want to wish you a wonderful, blessed Holiday Season and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Sincerely,

Nancy Hann

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Susan Martin
 Membership Chair
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HAVE YOU UPDATED YOUR DELEGATE INFORMATION?

Well, COVID continues to keep us in a virtual world. So, the anticipated face-to-face meeting in January will again be a Zoom meeting. Therefore, the January meeting will be open to all interested residents.

Thank you to all the communities that sent me the updated information for their delegates whose positions begin in January. If there will be changes of the delegates representing your community and you have not sent me the updates, please do so immediately. The update of the delegates will enable me to send *THE PARCR POST* and notices to the appropriate individuals in the new year.

We encourage the delegates and individual members to check out the website (www.parcr.org)

and be sure you have signed in to be certain you have access to the member only information. The member only access permits you to view the upcoming meeting information as well as review previous meetings, *THE PARCR POST*, bulletins, etc. that are available to members.

**Wishes for a Merry Christmas filled with joy
 and a
 peaceful start in 2022.**



NEEDS YOUR HELP

In order for the PARCR Executive Committee to perform efficiently and provide its members with exceptional value, the following positions need to be filled. Please volunteer.

PROGRAM CHAIRPERSON *(Immediate Opening)*

SECRETARY *(Fiscal Year 2022-2023)*

MEETING COORDINATOR *(Immediate Opening)*

Contact Nancy Hann, PARCR President.

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LeadingAge™ PA

UPDATES & INFORMATION

With great respect, it is time to bid a fond farewell to Anne Henry, Senior Vice President & Chief Govern-



ment Affairs Officer, LeadingAge PA. Anne Henry has ensured that at every Quarterly Meeting for the last seven years PARCR received the latest and greatest news from the Pennsylvania General Assembly and Executive Branch involving all things that effect seniors.

We wish Ms. Henry all the best in her retirement and new adventures in her new home in South Carolina.

There are other changes in leadership at LeadingAge PA. In October, LeadingAge PA announced that its Board of Directors had appointed Robert Bertollette, recently retired president and CEO of Riddle Village retirement community, as Interim President and Chief Executive Officer, effective Nov. 1, 2021. This appointment follows Adam Marles' decision to step down and the LeadingAge PA Board of Directors commenced a search for a permanent CEO.

Anne Henry's replacement has not been announced, as of this writing. For January's Quarterly Meeting, PARCR may have the pleasure of having one of the following provide the LeadingAge PA presentation: Georgia Goodman, Senior Director of Government and Regulatory Affairs or Austin Cawley, Director, Legislative Affairs.

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) COVID-19 vaccination and Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) for employers with 100 or more employees is stayed. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Federal Vaccine Mandate has been stayed by a federal district court judge's order.

Health care and aging services have strongly encouraged everyone to get vaccinated, especially those in long-term care settings because they are disproportionately at risk. Access to COVID-19 vaccine resulted in 59% of staff and 83% of resident vaccinations in Pennsylvania, and LeadingAge PA is working to help increase those rates in member communities by providing education and resources on the efficacy and safety of vaccination.

Mandatory vaccinations as a condition of employment in long-term care facilities have increased in Pennsylvania because their staff are providing daily direct care services to those most vulnerable to the coronavirus. Even fully vaccinated older adults in long-term care settings have shown to be at risk with the new variants of COVID emerging and the presence of unvaccinated staff. These are some of the facts LeadingAge PA has cited as reasons that LeadingAge PA is encouraging its members and all health care organizations, to mandate vaccination for staff. LeadingAge PA supports its members as they make decisions with respect to vaccine mandates with the safety and care of all members of their community at the core. All leaders are respected for making the best possible choice for their communities at this time, given their mission, residents, and staff.

LeadingAgePA is a trade association representing more than 380 quality senior housing, health care, and community services across the

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

www.leadingagepa.org



CROSS KEYS VILLAGE

The Brethren Home Community

CROSS KEYS VILLAGE & STAFF RECEIVE AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Both our local papers hold yearly contests inviting their readers to vote for their favorite businesses and organizations. This fall, as in years past, we were humbled to find out that readers of the **Gettysburg Times** and **Evening Sun** newspapers gave Cross Keys Village – The Brethren Home Community the top spot for care and services.



We won the **Readers' Choice Award** from the **Evening Sun** in two categories: Senior Care/Living and Retirement Community/Assisted Living. **Gettysburg Times** readers voted us number one "Pick of the Counties" in the senior living category. Our Gettysburg and Hanover area is home to several excellent senior living providers, which makes us doubly honored to accept these awards.



We are also honored that our Vice President of Advancement, Vanessa Berger, was recently a recipient of the **Women's Enrichment Award** through the Hanover Chamber



Business Awards. The chamber recognizes women in philanthropic, entrepreneurial, and leadership roles, both in the workplace and in the community. She was recognized and celebrated at the chamber's Business Awards dinner in November.

Finally, President/CEO Jeff Evans was named one of Central Penn Business Journal's **2021 Icon Honors** honorees. Icon Honors recognizes business leaders, over the age of 60, who have left an indelible mark in their fields and whose integrity, vision and selfless service have lifted up the Central Pennsylvania community. Honorees were selected based on community involvement, sustained leadership, as well as professional excellence. Jeff was recognized for his achievement during a virtual celebration in December.



Such honors are gratifying, but we don't let them swell our heads. In fact, we are keenly aware that ever since our humble beginnings, our progress is attributable to our Brethren values of unpretentious, generous, compassionate and highly skilled service. Those values have steered us well, and they will remain the source of many blessings.

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Dan Seeger, Representative



THE PARCR POST INFORMATION

THE PARCR POST is a quarterly newsletter for **PENNSYLVANIA ALLIANCE OF RETIREMENT COMMUNITY RESIDENTS**. Its purpose is to share PARCR information, and ideas/happenings from PARCR member not-for-profit CCRCs. If you are a PARCR Member Community Staff Contact and would like to share an article of interest from your community, email the editor at parcrpost@parcr.org

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