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Message from the President

A Dear PARSE member,
As 2024 is ending, our PARSE Holiday Party is right around the corner. I am Dan Loftus the newly elected president of the Philadelphia-Bucks Chapter of PARSE. We will gather on **Monday, December 30, 2024, 12:30 PM** at the Waterfall Room of Swan Caterers, 2015 Water Street in South Philadelphia. Our previous holiday parties have been unabashed successes with a vast array of foods and desserts. Once again, beer and wine are included. All other alcoholic beverages will be available at the cash bar. Come one, come all, but respond early because seating is limited to the first 250 reservations.

Besides the food, the festivities will include music, dancing and a photo booth. The cost will remain just \$30.00 for members and \$40.00 for non-PARSE members. Your chapter will continue to absorb part of the rising cost. This is a benefit of membership.

During our Fall Luncheon, John P. Sabatina, Esq., Register of Wills, spoke on the necessity of Wills. The election of officers and Board members was held. All active members of the Board were re-elected. All acting members were elected as Board members. Our former president, Leon Cerullo, is now a regular Board member.

Our chapter's membership has been hovering around 2,000 for the last few years. At the end of October, membership was 2,031; that's up 30 members or 1.5% from the end of 2023. We are likely to exceed 2,100 by year end, a 5% increase. Statewide membership has topped 37,000, up about 1,000 in the last month and a half. As we always say,

"There is Strength in Numbers"

Before you know it, spring will be here again, but until that time, I wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season and a prosperous new year. In the mean time, let's enjoy our Holiday Party.

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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Battery Basics

Almost all of our electronic devices are powered by lithium ion (Li-ion) batteries. As batteries age, they eventually stop holding a charge for quite as long, producing fewer hours of battery life per charge. For safety, try to avoid exposing your devices to hot sun or temperatures above 95° F., and if any device gets noticeably hot while charging, unplug it immediately. This is one reason you should not charge overnight.

Tips and Tactics to stay powered all day

Concerned about your phone going dead while you're on the go? Here are a few tips to make it last longer on a single charge: (1) Dim the display (2) Turn down background activity (3) Activate the airplane mode when out of WiFi range (4) Use your phone's power saving mode.

Best Practices to Keep Your Battery Healthy Longer

These tips can help you to extend the long-term life of your battery:

- (1) **Avoid extreme temperatures.** Try avoiding leaving your phone or laptop in a parked car or on a sun-drenched dashboard when driving.
- (2) **Go easy on the fast charge.** Fast charging is very handy when you're in a rush, but has a downside. It degrades Li-ion batteries more rapidly than the relatively slow 5-watt chargers.
- (3) **Keep your phone charged between 20 and 80 percent capacity.** Phone makers say your battery will stay healthier longer if you limit the amount of time when it's charged to 100 percent or depleted to 0 percent. Disconnect it from the power source if the battery reaches 100. Try to recharge the battery when you see it getting low instead of waiting until the last minute.
- (4) **Do not charge overnight.** Charging your phone overnight increases the amount of time it spends plugged in, which can degrade the battery's capacity. Also, phone chargers can overheat and cause fires, especially if the phone is left charged on soft furniture, soft surfaces or covered. Keep your phone in a well-ventilated area while it is charging.

To Spot-Check on Battery Health

iPhone: Go to Settings > Battery > Battery Health > & Charging to see a percentage that reflects the battery's capacity now relative to when it was new.

Android: Check with the manufacturer.



All of the above information was collected from various sources.

Directions to: *Swan Caterers' Waterfall Room, 2015 Water Street, Philadelphia, PA 19148, 215-389-2045*

There is plenty of parking available under I-95, in addition to street parking.

SEPTA: Broad Street Subway or C Bus to Snyder Ave., Route 79 Bus East to Front St., cross street to Water St. and walk one half block north.

From I-95 North: Take exit 20 for Columbus Blvd toward Washington Ave, keep right at the fork, follow signs for Snyder Ave/Oregon Ave, turn right onto S Columbus Blvd, turn right onto E Snyder Ave, take the third right onto S Water St.

From I 95 South: Take exit 20 on the left for Columbus Blvd toward Washington Ave, turn right onto S Columbus Blvd, turn right onto E Snyder Ave, take the third right onto S Water St.

From I 76 East: Head towards Central Phila, take exit 344 on the left for I-676 E, merge onto I-676 S, continue onto Vine St Expy, keep right at the fork, follow signs for I-95 S/Chester/Phila Intnat'l Airport and merge onto I-95 S, then follow I-95 South directions above.

From I 76 West: Head towards I-95N, keep left a fork, follow sign for I-95N/Trenton and merge onto I-95N, then follow I-95 North directions above.