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welcome to Pikes Peak School and Public Employees Association (PPSPERA)

Many of you are getting this newsletter for the first time and others are members that have been with us for a long time. We are excited that we will be able to reach so many of you in the Pikes Peak area. PPSPERA has regular meetings each year where we connect with each other and participate in activities that benefit our communities.

The year 2018 was a year of many transitions for PPSPERA and CSPERA. We now have unified dues across the state and with unified dues there have been organizational changes with more to come in 2019. These changes make PPSPERA and CSPERA more efficient and able to protect our PERA retirement benefits.

The next meeting will be February 21st, at Valley Hi Golf Club, 610 Chelton, Colorado Springs, 80910. You will receive a flyer in the mail asking you to send the cost of lunch and the number of reservations to John Kerr, Treasurer of PPSPERA. Also in that flyer is an opportunity to donate to the scholarship fund.

The Scholarship Fund is one of the outreach activities we do as a group in the region. Many of our members volunteer for other organizations. Those hours of volunteer work are collected and sent to CSPERA. Those hours are used to demonstrate to legislators how valuable public employees are even after we retire.

COME AND JOIN US on February 21st!

Co-Presidents

Rose Enyeart

Jan King





President's
NOTE

As we move into a new year, we need to remember that we are closely tied to whatever the state legislator decides. We need to build a stronger association that is informed and involved in the legislative process. I know that it isn't one of the things that we have focused on in the past, but we are in a new time.

If you can make the time, we need your presence at meetings and in committees that keep us moving. We hope to see you soon at our next meeting and get to know how to support our local organization.

Rose Enyeart

President



CSPERA is Updating By-Laws

Following the implementation of Unified/Unified Dues it is very obvious that the CSPERA By-laws need to be updated. In September 2018, President Nancy Carlson appointed and expanded the By-laws committee to review the entire document and make recommendations that will be presented to the Board of Directors at the June, 2019 meeting.

The goal of the committee is to insure that the By-laws reflect policy while the Standing Rules are the procedures to implement policy. Major areas being considered for change are governance of the association since we have had two strategic plans recommend streamlining management of CSPERA; process for the dissolution of the association should we ever be faced with that and the process for amending the By-laws.

Watch the CSPERA communication vehicles for more information on the By-law changes. The committee will begin work on Standing Rules yet this spring and summer. PPSPERA representatives on the committee are Elaine Naleski, LuAnn Long and Sandy Patton.

Pre-Retirement Seminar 2019

Terry and Jennifer Alley

For the past several years PPSPERA has sponsored a Pre-retirement Seminar for individuals expecting to retire in the next 1-5 years.

This year's seminar will be held on April 11th from 4:30 until 6:30 PM at the District 11 Tesla Center. A representative from PERA as well as other organizations will be there to present information and to answer questions. Employees from area school districts, the City, and State are invited to attend.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship applications and information will be mailed February 1 to local public high schools. There are two scholarships of \$1,500 each, honoring distinguished local educators Bill Brandenburg and Wayne Bricker. If you know a worthy student graduating this spring from a public high school in El Paso or Teller County who plans to enter an education or public service field, please encourage them to visit our website at PPSPERA.org for more information and an application form, or to check with their school counselor. Applications are due no later than March 29.

Last year's scholarship recipients will be notified in May of the requirements and deadline to apply for a second-year award of \$500. Our scholarship recipients historically do very well in their first year of college and readily qualify for the second year award.

Charlotte Brummer and Barbara Watt



Your generous contributions to the scholarship fund make these scholarships possible. If each PPSPERA member will contribute just \$10 or \$20 to the scholarship fund each year we will be able to continue this very valuable service to our community. Thank you!

NEEDED - YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS



PPSPERA members reported a grand total of 1666 volunteer hours for the year 2018. Good job, members. However, the number of hours were down by a little over 1300 hours from 2017, so I will hold off reporting these hours to the CSPERA Volunteer Office for a few weeks. Please send your volunteer hours not yet turned in to: rogerlouden340@yahoo.com or Roger.Louden@d11.org. Or, mail to me at 12611 Pensador Drive, 80921.

The volunteer sites of PPSPERA volunteer hours touch a wide spectrum of locations and organizations. The following is the list that we have so far. If your site is not listed, please inform Roger Louden. They are: PPSPERA Board and Committee meetings (multiple members), HOA Landscape Committee and Board meetings, Radio Station KCMJ, Salem Lutheran Church and School, New Horizon Band, Colorado Digital Learning, School District 11, School District 49, Artemis, Colorado Springs Science Center, Girls' STEM, CSPERA (multiple members), School District 11 Board of Education, Democratic Party Office, Pillar Institute, American Association of University Women, Palmer High School Alumni Association, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Sons of Norway Lodge, Catholic Diocese of Colorado Springs, Holy Apostles' Catholic Church, Sub City West & Sewing and Ceramic Clubs (both in AZ), Happy Cats Haven, First United Methodist Church, Colorado High School Activities Association, Silver Key, American Cancer Society, Divine Redeemer Church, Villa Sierra Condominiums, Memorial Hospital Central, PERA Ambassador & Training Activities, Pikes Peak Hospice & Palliative Care, Howbert Elementary School, Pleasant Valley Association, Pleasant Street – 300 Block, Jim's Garden, Pleasant Valley Entrance – 31st Street, assisting a blind neighbor and her two sons, assisting a 93 year-old former teacher with meals and shopping, and visiting a nursing home. As you can see, your volunteer hours benefit many organizations, friends, and neighbors and is much appreciated. You help make our community the good one that it is.

Thank you for all you do,

Roger Louden - Volunteer Chair

COMMUNITY AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD NOMINATIONS

The PPSPERA Board of Directors presents annual awards to citizens or organizations that have done notable Public Service activities in our community. Nomination forms will be available at the General Leadership Meeting on February 21, 2019.

The nomination form contains guidelines for these awards for either an individual or an organization. Several other stipulations not included on the nomination form are the following:

- Awardees must be residents of Colorado.
- They must have made a significant contribution to the field of education or public service.
- Teams of people will be considered as one unit.
- Nominators should submit a letter of nomination that must include a biographical sketch and any other documentation which defines the achievements of the nominee(s).
- Awardees will be notified by early April of their selection and be our guests at the April meeting. For this Awards Program to continue successfully, YOUR input is vital.

The deadline for receipt of nominations is March 15, 2019. The recipients of the 2019 Community and Distinguished Service Awards will be announced at the April 18, 2019 General Membership Meeting.

Recent winners include the following: Linda Navarro in 2016 from the Colorado Springs Gazette; Judy Casey in 2015; Colleen F. Weiss in 2014; The Westside Community Center and Happy Cats Haven in 2013. Other organization receiving the award included the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo Auxiliary, the Children's Grief Support Program at Pikes Peak Hospice, Care and Share, the Women's Resource Agency, the Dream Foundation, and the Salvation Army After School and Summer Camp Program. Our 2018 winner was the North Colorado Springs Rotary.

The PPSPERA Board thanks Joe Morin and Production Printing for providing the beautiful and professional plaques that the recipients receive each year.

Send completed nominations to Roger Loudon, 12611 Pensador Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80921 by March 15, 2019. A form is included.

PIKES PEAK SCHOOL AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION 2019
COMMUNITY AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

PPSPERA annually awards up to two Community and Distinguished Service Awards to individuals or organizations that have made a significant contribution to the fields of education and/or public service.

Complete the following information and attach one page that includes specific examples of supporting documentation for each person/organization nominated

.Name of Individual or Organization: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Web Address/Email: _____

Contact Name and Position: _____ Phone: _____

PPSPERA Member making the nomination: _____

Nominator's Phone and Email: _____

Documentation should include but is not limited to:

For an individual: How does this person support education and/or public service in the community?

What makes this person stand out?

What is the impact of this individual in the community?

For an organization:

What is the purpose/function of the organization?

How does this organization support education and/or public service?

Who is the target group of the organization?

How many community members are impacted by this organization?

Questions? Call Roger at 719-246-7841

12611 Pensador Dr., 80921

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DATES TO REMEMBER

PPSPERA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP 2019

Valley Hi Golf Course
 610 S. Chelton at 11:30 a.m.

February 21, 2019

April 18, 2019

June 20, 2019

August 15, 2019

PPSPERA BOARD MEETINGS 2019

The Egg and I
 733 S. Academy N. at 9:00 a.m.

March 21, 2019

May 16, 2019

July 18, 2019

June, 2019

CSPERA Board Meeting –
 Annual Meeting

Pre-Retirement Meeting

Tesla Education – District 11
 April 11, 2019 at 4:30p.m.



If you have questions on PPSPERA or CSPERA, feel free to contact any of the following:

Rose Enyeart, PPSPERA President, rose.eneart@yahoo.com
 Karen Hart, PPSPERA Membership, hartsdale202@q.com
 Sandy Patton, CSPERA Board Rep., pattosl@comcast.net