



NEWS

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"To serve others in need and help one another enjoy retirement"



Ronald Headlee, JM retiree, Waynesburg, PA
Mary L. Brown, associate member, Holbrook, PA

ALL THINGS CHRISTMAS



December 1-6, 9:30 AM-7PM, "ALL THINGS CHRISTMAS", Carmichaels Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. This seasonal activity will benefit the Hall. Winners are announced on FB live Saturday, December 6th at 6 PM. GCASR has participated in this for several years in memory of Carol Bolz, who initiated the project. Our tree theme is "Harold and the Purple Crayon". Thank you to everyone who donated books and stuffed animals. Pictured here are the GCASR volunteers who put up the display; Irene Jacobs, Margaret McCombs, Charlene May, Donna Dolan and Donna's daughter, Kaylee Magee in front. Please support the effort and vote for your favorite entry. You may win a tree or other special entry!

GCASR CHRISTMAS PARTY



The annual GCASR Christmas gathering will be on Tuesday, December 2 at 12 noon at Back Bay, Ceylon Road, Carmichaels. We always have an enjoyable time. Bring a \$10 gift for the gift exchange, if you wish. There is no charge for active members. We do need to limit the attendance to 75 due to space restrictions.



GCASR 2025 VOLUNTEER of the YEAR

BJ Grimes was the GCASR Volunteer of the Year with more than 1500 volunteer hours. Thank you to all members who volunteer and submit their hours to the Community Service Committee.



VOLUNTEER BELL RINGERS NEEDED!

Ring a bell...help change a life

'Tis the season for Salvation Bell Ringing! This year GCASR volunteers will be ringing the bell on Friday, December 5th and Friday, December 12th at Giant Eagle in Waynesburg: Door #1 by the Masonic Lodge and Door #2 by the Giant Eagle pharmacy side.

Barb Ruschak (barb480@gmail.com, or text at 724-833-5779) has diligently recruited volunteers for the time slots. Our day starts at 10 am and will conclude at 5 pm. It gets dark early at this time of the year, and we want our volunteers to be safe.

If you are not volunteering, you may drop off your donation during these times. GCASR will receive the credit as a part of their totals collected. Donations collected locally remain in Greene County.

This monthly news is sent to you as an annual or lifetime member of the Greene County Association of School Retirees because you have an email contact address. For address changes or submissions related to the GCASR mission, goals or activities, send an email to:

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Colleen Valosen – Treasurer

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OUR MEMBERSHIP CONSISTS OF RETIRED TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS, SUPPORT PERSONNEL, CAFETERIA WORKERS, CUSTODIAL STAFF, AND BUS DRIVERS WHO WORKED IN A GREENE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL OR THE GCCTC. WE WELCOME THOSE WHO WORKED IN OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS OR IU1. MEMBERSHIP IS ALSO OPEN TO ASSOCIATE MEMBERS [AGE 50+] WHO SUPPORT EDUCATION AND THE GCASR MISSION

CONTACT: Nora Coldron, OUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIR at ncoldrengcasrm@gmail.com

GCASR SHUT INS AND NONAGENARIANS

We have members who are shut in and/or are over 90 who are not able to be out and about as some of us are. Here is a list of them with their addresses. This is an optional activity to give or send someone a smile with a seasonal card and joyous wishes. The GCASR SSMHF committee will be hand delivering Christmas greetings to these members from GCASR.

Please contact Myleen or Lori for the names and addresses or consult your newsletter.



A thank you was sent from **Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center** in Clarksburg, WV to **PASR Region 7**: "...we extend our sincerest gratitude and a very special invitation to celebrate a major milestone: our **75th Anniversary Celebration!** The beautiful light display you donated brings joy to our campus."

Viewing time ~ Wednesday, December 3, 2025 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. ~

GCASR SPRING LUNCHEON Thursday, April 23, 2026
hosted by West Greene School retirees
at The First Church of the Nazarene, Waynesburg, PA