

READY...SET...RETIRE!

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6TH ANNUAL COUNTY RETIREE HOLIDAY CELEBRATION



You and a guest are invited to our 6th Annual Holiday Buffet Luncheon for Lycoming County Retirees on Tuesday, December 13, 2011, 11:30 a.m. at the Villa Restaurant, 2016 East Third Street, Williamsport. Cost: \$10 per person.

- Instead of grab bag gifts, we ask that you bring a donation of canned goods that will be distributed to a local food pantry.
- Please mail your check and the completed reservation form (below) by: **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28**



County Retiree Holiday Celebration - 12/13/11

**Mail to: Lycoming County Human Resources - Retiree Holiday Party
48 West Third Street, Williamsport, PA 17701**

Your Name _____

Guest's Name _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____ (\$10 per person)

PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO: Lycoming County Retirees

MINUTES OF MEMBERSHIP MEETING-PICNIC

AUGUST 9, 2011

Officers present: Alice Bair - Chairman Barb Thomas - Co-Chair
Ann Kilburn - Treasurer Esther Crawford Cohick - Secretary

There were 36 members and guests present at the Lycoming County Retirees meeting/picnic this year again by invitation at Russ and Marie Reitz's farm, "Gracious Meadows" on Tuesday, August 9, 2011 at 11:30 a.m. Motion by Russ Reitz and seconded by Marie Reitz to accept minutes as reported in quarterly newsletter of August, 2011. Retirees present approved.

NEW BUSINESS: Ann Kilburn gave her final Treasurer's report and it was accepted. Nomination for our new treasurer was Barb Thomas, made by Ralph Lukens and seconded by Patty Fawber. All members present approved.

A delicious meal of London Broil, corn-on-the-cob (donated by Dick Snyder - Snyder's Farm on Route 87 Highway), baked potatoes, salads (with Marie's special dressing), beverages and desserts (including a sheet cake for Ann Kilburn as she is resigning as our treasurer) was enjoyed by all. The picnic tables were set up on the barn floor as the weather was unpredictable.



PROGRAM: Russ Reitz gave a demonstration on an old-fashioned "Hayfork" like the kind used with horses some time ago. Very interesting.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Alice Bair advised the group that she is working on a Christmas Show trip to Sight & Sound - watch for details in the newsletter.

Russ Reitz requested the secretary send a thank you to Dick Snyder as he donated the corn.

Motion made by Patty Fawber and seconded by Richard Wehler to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Esther Crawford Cohick, Secretary

PS - Esther Crawford Cohick (Secretary) mailed thank you to Dick Snyder on Monday, August 15, 2011.

MINUTES OF MEMBERSHIP MEETING

OCTOBER 13, 2011

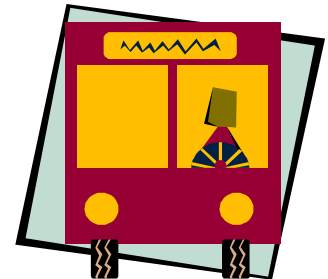
Officers present were: Alice Bair – Chairman and Barb Thomas – Treasurer
The Lycoming County Retirees met at Hoss' Restaurant on October 13, 2011. There were 16 members and guests present. Alice called the meeting to order. Secretary's report and report approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Since August picnic, bill of \$88.24 paid and \$70.00 dues deposited. Balance of \$1,559.96 in Treasury. Moved to accept: Ralph Lukens Seconded: Connie DeWald



NEW BUSINESS: Because of the low attendance at many meetings, it was moved that we send postcard reminders for each meeting to the dues paying members and new retirees for the year, with the cost coming from the Treasury. We will do this for a year and revisit after the year. Moved: Charlie Brewer Seconded: Ralph Lukens

UPCOMING EVENTS: Alice reported a **bus trip** to Sight and Sound for the Christmas Show on December 9, 2011 with the cost of \$90.00 per person for 35 people. If more sign up, there will be a refund. Letters are going to those who usually go on the trips. Reservations must be made by November 9th.



Christmas Party: December 13, 2011 at the Villa, with the cost to be \$10.00, according to Patty Fawber, who is in charge of the arrangements. It was moved that if the fee is over the \$10.00, it is to be picked up by the Treasury, as in past years. Moved: Ray Holland, Seconded: Nancy Toles. Also voted to bring canned goods to the Christmas party for the food bank: Moved: Connie DeWald Seconded: Jocelyn Hartley

REMINDER: Position of Vice-Chairman is vacant since the former Vice-Chairman is now the Treasurer.

Ray Holland moved to adjourn. Seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Thomas, Acting Secretary



Reserve your spot today for the upcoming bus trip
to Sight and Sound for their Christmas Show

- MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS -

December 9, 2011

COST: \$90.00 per person

If more than 35 people sign up, there will be a refund.

Reservations must be made by Wednesday, November 9th

Call Alice Bair at 322-6052

As the Wise Men and shepherds did so long ago, follow the star to witness the miraculous truth of the Savior's birth! Journey back in time and experience the bustling village of Bethlehem as camels, horses, donkeys and villagers surround you. Witness the beauty and majesty of angels worshipping in heaven, and proclaiming to shepherds, "The Savior is born!" *Miracle of Christmas* has become a family tradition, so this holiday, follow the star and arrive early to enjoy an interactive experience !

Held at the Sight & Sound Millennium Theatre, *Miracle of Christmas* showcases the touching Nativity story, offering an impressive and appropriate show for the holiday season. You'll be directly immersed in the story as the stage comes to life with vegetation, live animals and even a thirty-foot Christmas tree! The beginning of the show will get you ready with general Christmas cheer before delving into the story of Jesus Christ's birth. This Christmas season, reflect on what the holidays are really about with the entertaining and enlightening *Miracle of Christmas*.

CONGRATULATIONS NEW RETIREES



Dayton Mitstifer
(RMS)

retired on September 30, 2011
after over 13 years of
service to the county



Richard Buss
(RMS)

retired on October 3, 2011
after over 7 years of
service to the county



James Bigger
(RMS)

will retire on November 7, 2011
after over 22 years of
service to the county



William Burd
(Prothonotary)

will retire on December 30, 2011
after over 27 years of
service to the county

From the Lycoming County

Controllers Office...



- The retirement board will be considering cost of living adjustments in late November. We will send notifications as soon as the Board makes its decision.
- 1099-R income statements will be mailed no later than January 31, 2012.
- If you have an address change, phone number change, beneficiary change, or changes to w-4 tax withholding, please contact our office (Krista Rogers at 570-327-2300 or krogers@lyco.org or Miriam Miller at 570-327-2298 or mmiller@lyco.org)
- If you have a power of attorney in place, we should have a copy for your file.
- If you have an estate plan in place, it would be helpful to have contact information for your executor and/or attorney on file.

THANK YOU!

2012 DUES NOW DUE!

In order to continue receiving copies of this newsletter, you must be a dues-paying member! Please mail your \$10 check made payable to "Lycoming County Retirees" to your treasurer:
Barb Thomas, 1045 Rural Avenue, Williamsport, PA 17701

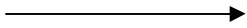
OR

You may pay your 2012 dues at the Holiday Celebration on December 13.

ABBEY TALES

Abbey's first camping season is almost over. There are two Halloween party weekends for her to dress up and there is a Halloween costume contest.

She loves getting "dressed up" so she will enjoy going trick or treating.



A sneak peak at her costume.

Submitted by
Nancy Stugart



A NOTE FROM JOAN BLANK

When I was hired in March 2006, one of my first duties was to contact local County retirees to offer help in organizing the group and provide a newsletter to keep you informed about upcoming meetings, bus trips, and other events as well as info about recent retirees, birthdays, recipes, and the latest news about Abbey (see above)! During the past five years, I have enjoyed meeting all of you as we ate lunch together, cruised the Susquehanna on the Hiawatha, and celebrated the holidays.

My time working for the County will soon come to an end as my husband, Steve, and I look forward to making a permanent move to our new home in South Carolina by the end of the year. It has been a pleasure getting to know you and I wish you all good health and happiness.

~ Joan

Effective immediately, **Amanda Winter** will be your contact here at the County Human Resources Office. She will continue to work with Alice, Barb, and Esther as you welcome new retirees into your "family." Please call or email Amanda with newsletter info or if you have questions regarding the retiree group:

awinter@lyco.org - 570-320-2156



Hawaiian Fruit Salad

Submitted by Nancy Stugart

Ingredients

3-1/2 cups cubed fresh pineapple

1-1/2 cups cantaloupe balls

1 cup green grapes

1 kiwifruit, peeled, quartered and sliced

3 cups honeydew balls

1 medium mango, peeled and cubed

1 cup halved fresh strawberries



Banana Dressing:

2 small bananas, cut into 1-inch pieces

1 cup (8 ounces) reduced-fat sour cream

1/4 cup packed brown sugar

1-1/2 teaspoons lemon juice

Directions

In a large bowl, combine the first seven ingredients. In a food processor, combine the bananas, sour cream, brown sugar and lemon juice. Cover and process until smooth. Serve with fruit. Makes 14 servings.

Coconut Bon Bons

Submitted by Esther Crawford Cohick

Ingredients

3/4 cup light corn syrup (Karo)

2 1/2 cups dry macaroon coconut (you can buy this at FreshLife or Ruperts in Montoursville)

Chocolate melting wafers

Paramount Crystals (optional)

Directions

In a small pan, heat the corn syrup to quite hot, but do not boil. Pour into bowl containing the coconut and thoroughly mix the two ingredients with a spoon or spatula. Set aside for 1 hour so the coconut becomes well saturated with the corn syrup.

Wet hands with cold water and roll coconut mixture into balls. Yield: approximately 55 large marble-sized balls or 30 small melon-ball scoop-sized balls.

Air dry for one day then dip balls in melted chocolate. Add a teaspoon or so of Paramount Crystals to the melted chocolate to thin for easier dipping.



Quick and Easy Pumpkin Cupcakes

Submitted by Nancy Stugart

Ingredients:

- 1 spice cake mix
- 1 can (15 oz.) Libby's Pure Pumpkin
- 3 eggs
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 1/3 cup water
- 1 container prepared cream cheese frosting

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350° F. Paper-line 24 muffin cups. Blend cake mix, pumpkin, eggs, oil and water in large mixer bowl until moistened. Beat on medium speed for 2 minutes. Pour batter into prepared muffin cups, filling 3/4 full. Bake for 18 to 23 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool. Spread cupcakes with frosting.



HELP KEEP OUR KIDS WARM

Once again, the County will be collecting all types of clothing for the less fortunate that will be distributed during the upcoming Holiday Season. The main emphasis will be coats, gloves, hats, mittens, and scarves for children grades Kindergarten through 6th Grade.

We will also be accepting any good used or new clothing for all ages of siblings and parents as well. The main distribution point will again be Stevens Elementary School as they have been identified as the building with the most at risk children in the Williamsport Elementary School System.

Collection points will be: Executive Plaza (Voter Services and Coroner's Office), Courthouse (Adult Probation Office), Lycoming County Prison, PRC and the Landfill.

Items collected will be transported to Stevens by Friday December 9th so that their staff can have it sized, organized, and readied for distribution prior to the Holidays. Thank you all for your contributions in making year #4 as successful as the previous 3 years.



Do you have friends or family members who are uninsured or under-insured?

If they are residents of Lycoming County, they are eligible for a prescription discount program that is provided in a joint effort of your local County Commissioners and the National Association of Counties (NACo).

Simply present the discount card and save an average of 20% on your prescription drugs. There are no enrollment or membership fees. You can use your prescription discount card any time your prescription is not covered by insurance. There are no restrictions and no limits on how many times you may use your card.

To obtain a card, stop in to the County Human Resources Office located in Room 104, 330 Pine Street, Williamsport. For questions regarding this discount card program, call 1-877-321-2652.



County of Lycoming Rx

Prescription Discount Card

RXBIN: 004336
 RXPCN: ADV
 RXGRP: RXLYCPA
 ISSUER: (80840)
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Easy Simply present your card, provided to you in a joint effort of your local county government and the National Association of Counties (NACo), at a participating retail pharmacy and save an average of 20 percent on your prescription medicine. Finding a pharmacy is easy; nine out of 10 pharmacies nationwide accept your discount card. No enrollment form, no membership fee, one card. Immediate use.

No Limits You and your family may use your prescription discount card any time your prescription is not covered by insurance. There are no restrictions and no limits on how many times you may use your card.

Learn More Visit <https://naco.advancerrx.com> to look up a participating pharmacy, a price estimate for your prescription, check drug interactions or read news articles from leading health journals. For more information, call toll-free 1-877-321-2652.

Información en Español en la parte atrás del folleto

WE WISH A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR
FRIENDS WHO ARE CELEBRATING IN
NOVEMBER, JANUARY & FEBRUARY:

November

Nov. 3	Cynthia Moore
Nov. 7	Stephen Schopfer
Nov. 12	Kathryn Marquardt
Nov. 12	Sylvia Green
Nov. 15	Harold Olmstead
Nov. 15	Maggie Sockman
Nov. 16	George Kaufman
Nov. 17	Mary Henninger
Nov. 17	Robert Stack
Nov. 23	Sue Snyder
Nov. 28	Alice Bair

December

Dec. 3	Michael Cassidy
Dec. 3	Larue Danley
Dec. 4	Helen Baier
Dec. 4	Julia Manno
Dec. 5	Robert Shearer
Dec. 7	Thelma Weaver
Dec. 8	Janet Day
Dec. 9	Mary Louise Goehrig
Dec. 9	Donna Mathews
Dec. 12	Raymond Walters
Dec. 20	Doreen Eachus
Dec. 21	Beverly Gottschall
Dec. 25	James DeVore

December (continued)

Dec. 25	Karen Myers
Dec. 27	Florence Neuhard
Dec. 30	Wilma Wilson
Dec. 30	Virginia Marchese
Dec. 31	Eleanor Westphal

January

Jan. 3	Esther Crawford Cohick
Jan. 8	Les Gruver
Jan. 9	Margaret Emery
Jan. 11	Raymond Holland
Jan. 12	John Perritt
Jan. 13	Bill Burd
Jan. 14	Joan Deeghan
Jan. 15	James Huggins
Jan. 17	Nancy Stugart
Jan. 18	Florence Hills
Jan. 20	Selma Andrews
Jan. 21	Barb Feigles
Jan. 22	Richard Wehler
Jan. 22	Jeff Thiel
Jan. 28	Joe Hamilton
Jan. 29	Ken Schriner
Jan. 29	Doug Walker
Jan. 30	Lyn Hartley
Jan. 30	Rick Karp

LYCOMING COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

REBECCA A. BURKE
ERNEST P. LARSON
JEFF C. WHEELAND

Retiree Group Officers

CHAIR—Alice Bair
322-6052

CO-CHAIR—VACANT

SECRETARY—Esther Cohick
323-6405

TREASURER—Barb Thomas
322-6460

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NEWSLETTER IN
COLOR !!**

go to: www.lyco.org
and click the link for
“Human Resources”

At the bottom of the page,
you will find the link to the
Retiree Page & Newsletters

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Phone: 320-2156
Email: awinter@lyco.org

Suite 104
Executive Plaza Building
330 Pine Street
Williamsport, PA 17701

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

BUS TRIP TO SIGHT & SOUND



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 11:30 A.M.

**HOLIDAY PARTY AT THE VILLA
\$10 PER PERSON**

COMEDY

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A young man saw an elderly couple sitting down to lunch at McDonald's. He noticed that they had ordered one meal, and an extra drink cup. As he watched, the gentleman carefully divided the hamburger in half, then counted out the fries, one for him, one for her, until each had half of them. Then he poured half of the soft drink into the extra cup and set that in front of his wife. The old man then began to eat, and his wife sat watching, with her hands folded in her lap.

The young man decided to ask if they would allow him to purchase another meal for them so that they didn't have to split theirs.

The old gentleman said, "Oh no. We've been married 50 years, and everything has always been and will always be shared, 50/50."

The young man then asked the wife if she was going to eat, and she replied, "It's his turn with the teeth."

