



# Allegheny County

September 2021

## Retirees Association

# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from THE PRESIDENT

### Election of Officers

This year we elect officers for a two-year term. We will be doing something different this year. Instead of mailing ballots to members, the ballot is published in this edition of the newsletter. All members receive the newsletter. Please cut out the ballot, cast your vote and mail it to Bill Meussner, the chair of the Election Committee, at the address noted.

### Picnic

The Association resumed its programming with a picnic in June. The attendance was outstanding. There were over 90 people enjoying themselves at South Park, talking, eating, laughing, and playing trivia. Twelve people went home with a bottle of wine to bolster the deficit to the liquor cabinet caused by the long quarantine.

### Future Programs

We are ramping up luncheons through the end of the year. This month it's lunch with representatives from Sarris Candy. Next month we will have a presentation on the Battle of Homestead, a keystone event for union and management in the steel industry. November we will lunch with a Medicare expert and a representative from our pension system. It will be a Q & A type of day. Our farewell to this year will be the December Holiday Party, with its tradition of gift giving via multiple raffles.

Next year we hope to return to having special events. In the past we have gone to the History Center, the flower show, a Gateway Clipper cruise, etc. If you have an idea for a special event, please, please let us know – at the luncheons, via email or voice mail.

### Pension Plan

The most recent audited financial report has been published. The fund is in pretty good condition. We will be asking the Allegheny County Pension Board to consider an increase in payments to current retirees. We will keep you informed of our progress.

The Association Board hopes you are all in good health and will join in the activities we have planned.

Hope to see you soon.

## 2021 LUNCHEON DATES

**September 15, 2021**

History of Sarris Candies, Inc.

**October 20, 2021**

Battle of Homestead

**November 17, 2021**

Retirement and Medicare Updates

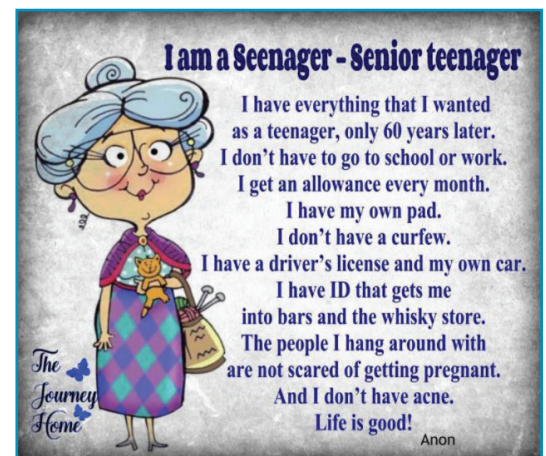
**December 15, 2021**

ACRA Annual Holiday Party

\* Visit our website at

<http://acretirees.org/>

for more information



# ACRA PICNIC



The first ACRA event since December 2019 due to the Coronavirus was held on Wednesday, June 15th. The ACRA picnic was held in South Park at Spreading Oak. The weather could not have been better, sunny and 72 degrees. We had a record number of members attend the picnic this year. The food was delicious, (chicken, sliders, fruit, potato salad, cole slaw, and pasta salad). There were cookies and a welcome back cake for dessert. There were outdoor games to play, card games and a trivia game. The winner of the trivia game received a bottle of wine, and eleven other lucky door prize winners also won a bottle of wine.



## Test your knowledge with a few of the trivia questions.

1. Who beat Babe Ruth's home run record?
2. What type of candy became popular because of E.T.?
3. What television game show first aired in 1956 and is still running today?



*Answers on Page 4*





# BIOS FOR ACRA CANDIDATES

## Candidates for ACRA President



**GUY TUMOLO** - After forty-some years in various management positions with Allegheny County, he retired in 2012 from the position of Deputy Controller. Along the way he served as Director of Budget and Finance, Aviation Director, Director of Administration/Chief Clerk, and Chief of Staff to the new County Council. He was the chief planner in converting the old Kane Hospital into the current four facility modern nursing home system. He served on the management staff that organized and put into operation the Department of Human Services. Prior to coming to the County, he had worked in the City's poverty program and Kingsley House in the '60's. He lives in O'Hara Twp. with his wife of over fifty years, Carolyn. They have two children. Both live in the area. He has been a long-time member of Rotary and serves as an officer on his parish St. Vincent DePaul Society.

## Candidates for ACRA Vice-President



**MARGE LUBAWY** - After 12 years with the County, she retired from the Allegheny County Department of Human Services Office of Community Relations as a Senior Communications Manager. On retiring, she joined the Allegheny County Retirees Association (ACRA) and has served on the board of directors since 2016. She is a graduate of Temple University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism. Through the years, Marge has enjoyed volunteering with her children's schools and with her church and community. Retirement has given her the opportunity to continue doing so. Presently, she is certified Penn State Master Garden and a volunteer with the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. She is the grandmother of eight and the great-grandmother of three, most of whom she has had the joy of babysitting. Her favorite pastimes are reading, swimming, gardening, attending concerts (especially jazz), the opera, plays and Pirates games and spending time with family and friends.

## Candidates for ACRA Treasurer



**CATHY THOMAS** - She retired in 2017 from Allegheny County Juvenile Court where she worked for 29 years. Cathy was the Supervisor of the Administrative Services Department. This department handled purchasing, restitution payments, payroll, and budgets for Juvenile Court. Since retiring she has obtained a degree in accounting from the CCAC. She continues to be a tax preparer, enrolled agent, and works as an accountant for her brother in his Optometry business. She joined ACRA and have served as the Treasurer since 2019.

She have three children, Tommy, Debbie, and Carrie. The absolute joy of her life are her six fabulous granddaughters. Cathy feels fortunate they all live close by, so she has the privilege of enjoying all school and sporting events, plus those great sleep overs and shopping. She also helps care for her father who recently turned 91 years young. In her spare time she loves to do puzzles with her dad, knit, crochet, read and do crafts.

## Candidates for ACRA Secretary



**JOANNA MCQUAIDE** - BA, SPHR (Senior Professional in Human Resources) is a former Deputy Director of Administration at the Department of Human Services. She began her career as a CYS caseworker during grad school, then moved to MH/MR as a contract monitor, field auditor, fiscal supervisor, budget supervisor, associate director and finally deputy director in DHS. After leaving the County in 1999 with 21 years of service, she continued to work with vulnerable populations for the next 15 years as a service provider in various southwestern PA counties. She also has performed 30 years as a community volunteer. JoAnna has recently moved to Mt. Lebanon following the death of her longtime partner, Will. She has a B.S. from Penn State and an MBA from Duquesne.



## Helpful Tips *for Getting the Most Benefits from Doctor's Appointments*

- Write down your questions/concerns before arriving at the doctor's office and bring them with you.
- Consider bringing someone along to be a second pair of ears.
- Bring a list of all medications you are currently taking.
- Fully describe any symptoms you are experiencing, including frequency, severity, and when they occur.
- If tests or treatments are ordered, ask the doctor to explain the benefits and risks. If you do not understand something, ask for clarification.
- At the conclusion of the visit, briefly summarize your understanding of what was discussed.
- Most importantly, remember to be a proactive partner with your doctor in safeguarding and promoting your health and well-being.

*In the Spotlight:*

## HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY - UTA SCHWAN-ULBRICH

*by Connie Przybyla*



Uta Schwan-Ulbrich retired in 1986, after 8 years working in the Community Service Department as a Financial Officer. Uta celebrated her 100th birthday on June 26th and received proclamations from the Allegheny County Pension Board and one from the Office of the Governor last month.

I recently spoke with Uta, who was quite spry and engaging for her age. She told me that she stayed at home to raise her sons and only went to work when they were older. Uta loves to cook and bake and has a tradition of making an apple cake every weekend.

Uta was married in 1951 to Wolfgang and remained married to him until his death. They had two sons and one grandchild. Uta was an active ACRA member and remembers fondly of attending the ACRA luncheons with her son.

100 years of memories and 100 years of life... Congratulations on this amazing milestone. Congratulations to Uta on her 100th Birthday! Our wish is her birthday year be filled with everlasting joy and pleasure.

If you would like to send Uta a card, please send it to the following address by September 30, 2021, and we will make sure she receives the cards. Uta Schwan-Ulbrich c/o ACRA, P.O. Box 15285, Pittsburgh, PA 15237

## Trivia Question Answers:

1. Hank Aaron, 2. Reese's Pieces, 3. The Price is Right



## RECIPES BY PAM

*by Pam Long*



### ZUCCHINI PANCAKES

- 1 egg
- 1 cup of flour
- 3/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 tablespoon water
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup grated onion
- 1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese
- 1 medium zucchini grated

*Mix batter. Beat well and then add grated zucchini. Drop a spoonful at a time into the hot oil and fry like pancakes.*

*You can sprinkle with sugar when done or a spoonful of sour cream.*

*Enjoy!*

# IN MEMORIAM\*

APRIL 2021 TO JULY 2021

Name	Date of Death	Name	Date of Death	Name	Date of Death
Contini, Robert P	4/4/2021	Burton, Patricia	4/30/2021	Banks, Betty J	5/28/2021
Hollis, Neddle C	4/5/2021	Stern Jr, Darrell F	5/2/2021	Weber, Mary	6/2/2021
Banks, George	4/6/2021	Manning, Karen A	5/5/2021	Mance, Lydia	6/3/2021
Hobby, Jay	4/6/2021	Greissinger, Theresa	5/10/2021	Kelly, Thomas	6/4/2021
Richardson, Bernice	4/9/2021	Matta, George F	5/10/2021	Walden, William	6/9/2021
Amato, Ronald A	4/11/2021	Torrance, Jay N	5/13/2021	Smarra, August	6/16/2021
Hannan, Ida Mae	4/24/2021	Wojtasiak, Thomas	5/14/2021	Hornyak, Connie	6/17/2021
Astfalk, Ronald F	4/26/2021	Wolfe, Florence M	5/16/2021		
Simcic, Edward V	4/26/2021	Morrow, Howard	5/27/2021		

\*As provided by the Allegheny County Retirement Board

## NEW RETIREES LIST

### MAY

Abbott, Stacey  
Baker, Troy  
Baum, Susan  
Bonomo, Timothy  
Brown, Darnell  
Clapper, David  
Cobbs, Regina  
Cosgove, Robert  
Defelice, Thomas  
DelRaso, Kenneth  
Duffy, Keith  
Dulemba, Bonnie  
Gallagher, Donna  
Gibson, Thomas  
Grimm, Douglas  
Holzwarth, Scott  
Horton, Thomas  
Jenkins, Deborah  
Kalsnick, Michael  
Kelly, Kathleen  
Kremer, Alyson  
Kubicky, John  
Leech, Christine  
McGrath, Edward  
Meerdo, Donald  
Merhaut, Robert

Miller, Barry  
Mitchell, Vincent  
Nelson, Marvin  
Nethen, Patricia  
Odonnell, Ronald  
O'Toole, Joseph  
Parzich, Ronald  
Pomposelli, Joseph  
Serpa, John  
Sladic, Scott  
Thompson, Scott  
Wachter, Renwick  
Wilt, Ronald  
Wosko, Joseph  
Young, Kimberly

### JUNE

Barth, Suzanne  
Bingman, Jeanne  
Chronister, Frank  
Healy, Colleen  
Hegret, Jenifer  
Jugan, Deborah  
Lukitsch, Carl  
MacFarlane, Judy  
Molter, Paul  
Moog, Dennis  
Nadzam, Daniel  
Obrien, John  
Olds, Angela  
Pesognelli, Tony  
Provenza, Matthew  
Rapp, Joseph

Snyder, Janet  
Velez, Lydia  
Wright, David

### JULY

Bloom, Samuel  
Braden-Evans, Debra  
Coccagno, Theresa  
Giesey, David  
Goodrich, Nancy  
Hungerman, David  
Ireland, Christopher  
Jackowski, Anna  
Johns, Margaret  
Kennelly, Colleen  
Kidder, Jeffrey  
King, Lorraine  
Lawrence, Philip  
Mazzocca, Lynn  
Podsiadly, Diane  
Reilly, Dan  
Siniawski, Carl  
Slavick, Beth  
Thomas, Donald  
Thomas, Robert  
Trunzo, Anthony  
Williams, Ahmad



## ACRA BOARD ELECTION 2021 BALLOT

The Association by laws require that all officer positions be presented for election in odd numbered years for a two-year term commencing in January of the following year. The by-laws require that positions on the Board that were filled by appointment be on the ballot at the scheduled election following appointment.

The following is the ballot for 2021. Please vote and mail the ballot no later than **SEPTEMBER 24, 2021** to **ACRA ELECTION BALLOT, Bill Meussner 161 Hornaday Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15210**. The results will be announced at the November luncheon meeting on Wednesday, November 17, 2021.

**BALLOTS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2021**

OFFICE	CANDIDATES - PLEASE VOTE FOR EACH POSITION: PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, TREASURER, AND SECRETARY <b>ONE VOTE PER POSITION</b> CHECK BOX NEXT TO NAME TO VOTE FOR YOUR CHOICE OR WRITE IN A CANDIDATE OF YOUR CHOICE	ONE VOTE PER POSITION
PRESIDENT	GUY TUMOLO	
	Write In:	
VICE- PRESIDENT	MARGE LUBAWY	
	Write In:	
TREASURER	CATHY THOMAS	
	Write In:	
SECRETARY	JOANNA MCQUAIDE	
	Write In:	

RETURN NO LATER THAN **SEPTEMBER 24, 2021**. MAIL BALLOT TO:

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