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## Message from PRESIDENT JACK EXLER

Greetings friends! With the cold weather behind us, I am looking forward to summer and the warmer temperatures. The PapPap taxi is washed and ready to go to shuttle the grandkids to T-ball, climbing, lacrosse and summer camp.

We have some exciting events coming up this summer. The ACRA Annual Picnic is on Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at North Park Lodge in North Park. There will be good food, games and fellowship. Also, we will be holding a FOOD DRIVE to support the North Hills Community Outreach Center. Please bring canned goods to make this initiative a great success.

August 19, 2026, we will be attending the new and improved Pittsburgh Pirates. The game is against the Detroit Tigers and is an afternoon game starting at 12:35 p.m.

LET'S GO BUCS!

We have finalized the speaker for the September 16, 2026, luncheon. We are excited to have an FBI Agent from the Pittsburgh FBI Field Office to speak on identity theft and senior scams.

Finally, the ACRA board is looking into having the ability to pay online through the ACRA website to renew memberships, pay for events and luncheons and to join our great retirees' association. So, stay tuned for updates!

Take care and God Bless,

Jack Exler  
President

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# A TRIP OF A LIFETIME

## Milano-Cortina 2026 Winter Olympics

*by Hugh Hachmeister*

I received an unexpected call from my sister last fall inviting me to join her at the 2026 Winter Olympics in Italy. Departing from JFK Airport, we arrived in Milan, which is the financial, fashion & design center of Italy. We began to explore the city, including the Milan Cathedral - also called the Duomo which took nearly 600 years to complete and the neighboring Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, one of the world's first shopping arcades, these two structures anchor the Duomo Square at Milan's city center.

Our first Olympic event was a qualifying Men's Team Pursuit Skating Race & the Women's 500m Gold Medal Race. We quickly got into the Olympic spirit as we were seated among the Dutch fans all decked out in Orange, as they cheered their country's skaters to both the Gold & Silver medals. The following day we got to root the USA Women's Hockey team to a 5-0 Semi-final victory against Sweden. Four of the USA Team members played their youth hockey with the Penguins Elite Girl's Program, here in Pittsburgh.

Our third event is considered by many Olympic fans to be the signature event of the Winter Olympics -Women's Figure Skating. We attended the Short Program where each of the 30 skaters performed their two-minute program. It was amazing to see these graceful, talented skaters compete in person.

Our final Olympic event while we were in Milan was a Men's Quarter-final Hockey Game between Canada & the Czech Republic. Sidney Crosby was injured during the second period and didn't return. You could feel the tension coming from the Canadian bench directly in front of us until they tied the score at 3 with under 3 and a half minutes remaining in the 3rd period. The Canadians were able to score in the first overtime period to move on to the Semi-final round.

One of my favorite memories of the Olympics was meeting fans from around the world, who were enjoying the games, we made new friends from Australia, Mexico, Czech Republic, Austria & England. The Italians were gracious hosts. We enjoyed the homemade pasta prepared many ways along with some amazing pizza. It was truly the trip of a lifetime. Having watched the Olympics all my life on TV, it was an unbelievable experience to be a part of it in person.



## D C BARRICELLA:

### *From Case Worker to Walking Stick Maker, Always Lending a Hand*

*by Guillermo Cole*



D C Barricella retired in 2017 from the Allegheny County Department of Human Services after working 30 years in its Office of Children, Youth and Families.

As a CYF case worker, D C focused not only on protecting children from abuse and neglect but also on working with families to provide a safe and loving home for children.

D C's duties included family services, foster care placement, adoption assistance and help with independent living arrangements when the unadopted turn 18 and finish high school.

"Doing more with less was common in CYF because our funding never seemed to keep up with the growing caseloads and demands that we faced over the years," D C said.

An avid camper and hiker, D C enjoys making walking sticks for herself and family members that hike for recreation and pleasure on trails and natural terrain.

Produced from native tree branches, the walking sticks first made by D C were functional but nothing fancy. She later decided to add various decorative and ornamental touches to customize the sticks and give them a distinctive look.

D C created a specially designed walking stick for her husband Christopher, featuring a treasured piece of jewelry from his first wife who predeceased him as well as dog tags from his fellow Marine and respected former father-in-law. She also made a Lord of the Rings-themed stick for her brother and is working on an Egyptian-themed stick for her niece.

A fan of the Star Trek franchise and D C Fontana who wrote several key episodes of the TV series, D C is planning to create a walking stick for herself with a Star Trek theme.

D C grew up in Millvale with five siblings and attended First Lutheran grade school in nearby Sharpsburg and then Shaler Area High School, graduating in 1977. She received a B.A degree with a major in Psychology and a minor in Fine Arts from Edinboro University and later earned a Master of Social Work (MSW) degree from the University of Pittsburgh.

D C and her husband reside in Shaler Township. She has two sons from her first marriage, one coincidentally named Christopher and James, plus a stepson Brandon from her husband's first marriage. Brandon and his wife Beth recently blessed D C and her husband with their first grandchild, two-month-old Adrian.

*If you know of a fellow ACRA member who has done or experienced something interesting in their retirement, please let us know, and perhaps we can feature them in a Spotlight article*

# Congratulations

## NEW RETIREES LIST

### JANUARY RETIREES

Baillie, Elizabeth  
Cargile, Robertoe  
Collins, Kimberly  
Web-Jones, Bernita  
Maynard, Amy  
Moore, Patricia  
Morreale, Rita  
Palma, Martin  
Pugliano, Anthony  
Shea, Lorna  
Ruckel, Kenneth  
Shea, Lorna  
Shields, Kevin  
Smith, Lisa  
Trexler, Catherine  
Ward, Terry  
White, Theresa  
Wiles, Damian

### FEBRUARY RETIREES

Ashley, Kevin  
Barringer, Alane  
Bodnar, Ronald  
Boose, Vonzale  
Brown, Jeanette  
Brown, Loretta  
Dabrowski, David  
Chontos, David  
Daviston, Derek  
Conrad, Dean  
Donovan, Robert  
Durso, Sandra  
Foerster, Mary  
Garuccio, John  
Gitzen, Cathleen  
Isenberg, David  
Jacobs, Daniel  
Kiefer, Robert  
Kinavely, Patrick  
King, Joanne  
Kowalewski, Michael  
Lawrence, Paul  
Martone, Suzanne

Mason, Thomas  
McCue, Kevin  
McGlynn, Kathryn  
McGrady, William  
Nemeth, Edward Jr.  
Oliver, Michael  
Ostoich, Mark  
Parent, Kurt  
Capatolla, Patrick  
Piso, Linda  
Polachek, James, Jr.  
Riordan, George  
Rokicki, James  
Schlarp, Erik  
Schultz, James  
Scott, Katherine  
Stashak, Brian  
Stevenson, Richard Jr.  
Stubenrauch, Donald  
Tarasi, George  
Thompson, Patricia  
Wateska, Todd  
Wise, Patrick  
Yuretich, Paul

### APRIL RETIREES

Anderson, Barry  
Bateman, Barbara  
Conner, Charles  
Davis, Sandra  
Depasquale, Paul  
Goralczyk, Russel  
Grant, Tammy  
Kerr, Mark  
Lane, Claudia  
Mang, Barry  
McCarthy, Craig  
Miller, Kathy  
Schanck-Musulini, Kathleen  
Pivik, Dennis  
Probst, Nina  
Ranich, Thomas  
Romanelli, Paul

## Come join us at our upcoming ACRA Luncheons and Events

**May 20, 2026** – National Record Mart

**June 17, 2026** – ACRA Picnic

**July 2026** – No scheduled events

**August 19, 2026** – Special Outing to PNC Park - Pittsburgh Pirates vs. Detroit Tigers

**September 16, 2026** – A Representative from the FBI will talk about Scams

**October 21, 2026** – Retirement and Medicare Updates

**November 18, 2026** – LUNA: A Space Odyssey

**December 16, 2026** – ACRA Holiday Party



## DID YOU KNOW

The warm Aloha and the customs of food, dance, and the unique relationship that the Hawaiians have with nature are most endearing. Nevertheless, they often necessitate a deeper level of understanding of traditions that may not be so familiar to our way of life.

One that is particularly heartening is the concept of “Kahu.” In Hawaiian culture Kahu refers to the role of protector that we often choose in life, particularly when it comes to our relationship with our pets. In Hawaiian culture pets are not owned but rather entrusted to our care. A Kahu serves as a sacred guardian in a deeply spiritual relationship. This comes from the belief that our connection to animals is a reciprocal bond that is to be treasured as an extension of the soul, which in turn becomes the embodiment of all our connections in life.

# SEEK AND FIND

Hidden within the mysterious grid below are the names of 15 illustrious sports figures that are associated with the Pittsburgh area. Some are horizontal, some are vertical and one of them is even diagonal. See if you can find all fifteen of them. If you can, then you are a true Seek and Find genius.

D	W	M	A	Z	E	R	O	S	K	I	L	N	W
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(BILL) MAZEROSKI

(WILLY) STARGELL

(BEN) ROETHLISBERGER

(MANNY) SANGUILLEN

(DAN) MARINO

(BOB) MOOSE

(FRANCO) HARRIS

(MARIO) LEMIEUX

(KENT) TEKULVE

(SUZY) McCONNELL

(MEAN JOE) GREENE

(JOSH) GIBSON

(TERRY) BRADSHAW

(SIDNEY) CROSBY

(ANDREW) McCUTCHEN

(HONUS) WAGNER

(BILLY) CONN

(ROBERTO) CLEMENTE



# IN MEMORIAM\*

Name	Date of Death
WILLIAM BOYLE	1/2/2026
PATRICK LEHENY	1/2/2026
MABLE WILLIAMS	1/2/2026
JAMES BAILEY	1/2/2026
LAUREEN ZWIPF-FRAZIER	1/4/2026
DANIEL MANNING	1/5/2026
NANCY INGLES	1/5/2026
VLADIMIR HANCZAR	1/5/2026
NANCY STOTLER	1/7/2026
MARIAN DIULUS	1/8/2026
RUBY SUNDBERG	1/9/2026
MICHAEL POTTER	1/10/2026
ROSEMARY CONROY	1/11/2026
KYLE KIMES	1/12/2026
LAVERNE O'CONNOR	1/15/2026
DOLORES APPLGARTH	1/15/2026
DIANE DEPALMA	1/15/2026
CAROLYN LUCKEY	1/16/2026
JOSEPH ZAJAC	1/20/2026
DONALD WILSON	1/21/2026
EVELYN WILCOX	1/21/2026
JANET GRAY	1/23/2026
RONALD BUA	1/23/2026
KAREN STANTON	1/25/2026
FRANK BRUZZESE	1/26/2026
JEFFREY FLETCHER	1/27/2026
JOAN SHOEMAKER	1/28/2026
BERNICE BISHOP	1/28/2026
PAULINE MASSIMINO	1/31/2026
JOHN YECK	2/1/2026
JOSEPH JACOBS	2/4/2026
KAREN SCHUETZ	2/5/2025
ALICE ANNESI	2/7/2026
KEITH CORIGLIANO	2/7/2026
JOHN MCCAMBRIDGE	2/9/2026
PATRICK JOYCE	2/11/2026
JOHN PEZZENTI	2/13/2026
CLIFTON MCINTOSH	2/17/2026
ANNIE MCKINNEY	2/18/2026
EDNA GERNER	2/19/2026
WILLIAM COOGAN	2/21/2026
EUNICE SEIBERT	2/23/2026
FRANK ROSTOSKY	2/25/2026
DENIS MARNEY	2/28/2026
SHIRLEY ROSS	3/1/2026
KEVIN MCFARLAND	3/3/2026
ANCHEL SIEGMAN	3/5/2026
DONALD BRICKER	3/6/2026
BARBARA RABNER	3/10/2026
ALAN SKWARLA	3/12/2026
NORMA O'MALLEY	3/13/2026
RICHARD BENNA	3/13/2026
FRANCES SULLIVAN	3/13/2026
JEAN SKUPNIK	3/17/2026
BARBARA KAHLSON	3/19/2026
PAULA GUERRA	3/21/2026
DOROTHY BARKMAN	3/23/2026
CATHERINE, FILIPCIC	3/24/2026
MARGARET ATKINSON	4/10/2026

\*As provided by the Allegheny County Retirement Board



## RECIPES BY PAM

by Pam Long

### CRUNCHY MARINATED CARROTS

4 carrots peeled and cut into 3" sticks

1 ½ tablespoons cider vinegar

1 ½ tablespoons vegetable oil

1 small garlic clove minced

½ tsp. salt

¼ tsp. sugar

Combine all ingredients. Cover and chill for 8 hours. Drain off all liquid. Sprinkle with chopped parsley if desired.

Enjoy!

### SEEK AND FIND *answer key*

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