

**Rail Passengers Association
(National Association of Railroad Passengers)
Regional Member Meeting-DE, NJ, PA
Saturday March 9th, 2019 1:00pm-4:30pm
Doors open 12:30 p.m.**

**Fellowship Hall
Zion Lutheran Church
15 South 4th St.
Harrisburg, PA 17101**

Complete hot buffet lunch, catered by Dodge City Steakhouse (sorry, not a steak lunch!). No alcoholic beverages, of course. If you have special dietary needs, please contact Michael (micalexa@uic.edu, 412-417-9457 [c]), well in advance. Doors will open at 12:30 pm.

Registration Rates:

- **Regular** (received by February 27) \$31
- **Late** (received between February 28 and March 6) \$36
- **At-Door** \$41*
- **Registration Form is final page of this document**

Cut-off Dates:

Wednesday, February 27:

- Preliminary headcount is given to caterer
- No refunds
- Checks will start to be deposited

Thursday, March 7:

- Final headcount given to caterer.

*At-door lunch subject to availability

Transportation options and directions:

If you are arriving by train or bus, the church is directly opposite the Harrisburg Amtrak station. This is an intermodal station, also serving as Harrisburg's Greyhound and Trailways bus station. There is a small walking path that puts you directly across from the office entrance at the corner of the alley between the Alva Hotel (19 South 4th St.) and the church. This door will be open for those attending the meeting. At this door there will be information about another door that provides a ramp entrance.

According to the current Amtrak schedule, if you are arriving from Newark, Trenton, Philadelphia, etc., train #663 arrives in Harrisburg at 12:45 p.m. Train #672 departs from Harrisburg at 5:05 p.m. for Philadelphia, Trenton, Newark, etc. Check Amtrak schedule closer to the event for any changes.

If you are arriving from Pittsburgh, Altoona, etc., train #42 arrives at 12:53 p.m. However, there is no return train till Sunday at 2:36 pm. Greyhound provides service to Pittsburgh and eight (!) intermediate stops, leaving Harrisburg at 6:10 p.m., arriving Pittsburgh at 12:55 a.m. on March 10. Megabus has service on March 9 leaving Pittsburgh at 6:50 a.m., arriving in Harrisburg at 12:30 p.m., but be aware that the Megabus stop is a considerable distance from downtown Harrisburg, and taxi service can be very hard to obtain. There would be no return Megabus service till the next day (Sunday).

If you are driving, park at the Chestnut St. Garage (322-26 Chestnut St.), which is located at Chestnut and 4th St., a very short distance from the church. Payment for parking at this garage has now been automated. You will be given a second ticket at the church to be used in addition to the one that you get at the garage. Since we need to let the church know how many of these tickets to have on hand, please indicate on the form whether you will be using parking validation, and please register by February 27.

Enter the church at the main doors, which lead directly to the fellowship hall. There is also a ramp entrance on that side of the church.

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Jan. 24, 2019

To passenger rail advocates in Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania,

We are writing to invite you to the annual regional meeting for the states of Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. This will be held on **Saturday, March 9, 2019, 1:00-4:30 p.m.** Doors will open at 12:30 p.m. The location will be **Zion Lutheran Church, 15 South 4th St.**, in downtown **Harrisburg**, Pennsylvania (<http://www.zionharrisburg.org/>). A hot buffet lunch will be served. If you have any special dietary requirements, please contact Michael directly (micalexa@uic.edu, 412-417-9457 [c]) well in advance. We will have a program that is relevant both to the immediate and long-term issues that face us.

We are putting together a program that should be of interest to all passenger rail advocates. PennDOT Deputy Secretary Jennie Granger will be our featured speaker, and we will also hear a presentation by Mr. Manny DeMutis, who will discuss a project to bring passenger rail to Phoenixville, PA. Amtrak and RPA are also expected to be represented. We will also hear reports from local rail passenger organizations in the states of New Jersey, Delaware, and Pennsylvania, such as NJ-ARP, DVARP and WPPR.

Time will be provided for questions, discussion, and the exchange of ideas.

We very much hope you will be able to join us. Travel information and registration rates are described in the enclosed announcement, with a registration form (p. 3) to be returned to Michael Alexander. Please contact Michael if you have any questions: e-mail: micalexa@uic.edu, 412-417-9457 (c).

Best wishes,

Ken Joseph and Michael Alexander



REGISTRATION FORM

**Please complete this form,
enclose check,
payable to “WPPR”**

(Note: the last two letters are “-**PR**,” not “-RR”,
do NOT make out to Michael Alexander or to RPA or to NARP)
for **\$31** (received by Feb. 27)
or **\$36** (received between February 27 and March 6)

and mail to:

**RPA meeting
c/o Michael Alexander
1831 Murray Ave., Suite #217
Pittsburgh, PA 15217-1656**

Name: _____

Street: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

e-mail: _____

(For those whose responses are received by Feb. 27) I will be parking at the Chestnut St. garage, and will need a parking validation ticket, which I will pick up at the event... Yes ___ No ___

I have special dietary needs. Yes ___ No ___ (If “yes,” please contact Michael directly well in advance.)

Please print legibly.