

The Chalkboard

CECIL COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

With the exception of one little blizzard, we should all be enjoying this warmer than normal winter! I hope you have been able to get outside and enjoy it. But, even so, we will hope for that "early spring"!

We had our largest luncheon attendance in December – just under 90 guests! We enjoyed a concert by the Rising Sun High School Chorale, great food, raffles, and friendship. Let's see if we can match that number in March. Don't forget to bring canned goods for donation. Max Muller and Judith Zahren from MRSPA will be joining us and there is a wonderful program planned.

We would like to invite you all to get more involved with CCRSPA – we need a president-elect as well as a few new committee chairs and members. See Donna Brown if you are interested in working more closely with a great group of people!

MRSPA holds the annual business meeting in May and will be voting on two important issues. They will vote to increase dues by \$10 beginning in 2017 and also to stop funding new Emeritus Members as of 2017. In our executive meeting, we will discuss what we plan to do here in Cecil County. All current Emeritus members will be grandfathered in.

Raffle tickets will be available at the luncheon to support the MRSPA scholarship fund - \$2 each or 3/\$5.

Stay up to date with CCRSPA by checking out our website as well as our Facebook page.

See you at the March Luncheon!

Anne Humphrey
President

Useful Web Sites

Consumer Protection:

www.usa.gov/topics/consumer.shtml

<http://www.weather.com/weather/hurricanecentral> Information to help you plan for bad weather

www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/ Up-to-date information from the FDA on cosmetics, dietary supplements, drugs, vaccines, etc.



You can scan the new QR code with your smart phone to access the CCRSPA website.

REMINDER

Please remember to bring a canned good or non-perishable food item to the March Luncheon for the **Can-Can Program!**

CCRSPA MINUTES – December 8, 2015

Anne Humphrey opened the meeting and the minutes were approved from our September meeting.

All committees were asked to report. The Community Outreach committee reported that fifty dollars was donated toward the school fund. Jean Smith said the volunteer hours paper would be passed around at the next meeting in March. Jean also notified the group that she plans to resign her post at the end of the year so we will need a replacement.

There was no report from the Financial, Constitution, Nominating, Pre-retirement, or Public relations.

The Publication committee notified everyone that the deadline for the next Chalkboard is February 15, 2016.

The Scholarship committee reminded everyone that the money for our scholarships comes from the raffle and the cruise. All scholarship recipients receive one thousand dollars. A mailing goes out in January to junior and senior education majors who were educated in Cecil County Public Schools.

Debbie Pasco is now chair of the Sunshine committee whom people can contact regarding anyone who is in need of help.

Fred reported that due to our last trip Hill Travel and Royal Caribbean donated \$1483.69 to our group. He also said that the next trip would be to Ireland. MRSPA newsletter is now available on line.

Jan Yuninger reported that there have been no requests from schools for coats. However, coats will be sent to Deep Roots.

The Legislative committee reported that news would be reported in the next newsletter. Pensions are still an issue.

Tony Mattern reported that Consumer Education is posted on our web site. If anyone notices anything wrong with the site they should contact Tony. That also applies to anyone who is having a problem with receiving the newsletter on line. Be sure, everyone, to give our business card out to people and businesses in the area. We were praised by the state on our website.

Membership reported that we are one of the few counties in the state whose membership is going up. One of our newest members, Melanie Schriber was present and the rest will be mentioned in the next newsletter.

After our lunch, Rising Sun's Chorus treated us to a wonderful Christmas concert.

The next meeting will be on March 22 at the Rising Sun Fire Hall.

Respectfully submitted by Diana Lohr.

Legislative Action

The 2016 Legislative Session has begun. MRSPA is closely following the work of the General Assembly and Governor as budget talks begin.

It is important that our members contact our state delegates and senators to let them know the importance of our pensions to the economy of the state. Other items of concern are to secure choice retirement plan, to provide school construction money, and to pass a property tax credit bill.

COMING EVENTS

March 8, 2015 – Executive Board Meeting, NE Library
March 22, 2016 - March Luncheon Meeting
May 3, 2015 – Executive Board Meeting
May 10, 2015 – MRSPA Annual Meeting
May 24, 2016 - Luncheon Meeting

CCRSPA TREASURER'S REPORT

BALANCE October 31, 2015 \$7406.96

RECEIPTS

Interest	0.89
Coats	200.00
Scholarship	400.00
Raffle	417.00
Dues	210.00
Cruise Reimbursement	1483.00
December Luncheon	<u>+ 1680.00</u>
	\$4391.58

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$11,798.54

Expenditures:

Supplies	9.80
Postage	19.60
Chalkboard	107.80
MRSPA Scholarship Fund	50.00
MRSPA Insurance	25.00
RSHS Transportation	77.34
RSHS Choral Group Contribution	200.00
December Luncheon	<u>+ 1699.20</u>

Total Expenditures \$2188.74

BALANCE January 31, 2016 \$9609.80

Certificate of Deposit – Cecil Bank \$10,000.00
Due August 15, 2016

Paul Montgomery, Treasurer

In Remembrance

Lisa M Wiegand
3/27/1967 – 11/15/2015
(Guidance Counselor)

Doris E Calao
12/11/1925 – 11/28/2015
(General Aid)

Marshall T Biddle
6/23/1932 – 11/29/2015
(Bus Driver)

Viginia B. Howard
7/18/1925 - 11/30/2015
(Teacher)

Ruth L Filippone
1949 - 12/5/2015
CCRSPA Member
(Teacher)

Shirley B Bradley
5/21/1938 – 12/11/2015
(Variety of positions at CCPS)

Find the Best Prices on Medicine

An ABC news report recently gave some useful information about shopping around for prescription medicine. GoodRx and LowestMeds are two websites that are free to use. Both of these websites allow you to put in the name of the medication and the zip code where you live; then they give you a price comparison of pharmacies in your area. You will be amazed to see that some of these medicines are sometimes twice as expensive from one place to the next, so shop around and save some money!

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Community Outreach Jean Smith
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Signe' Mika
Scholarship Marie Madron
Social Diana Lohr
Sunshine Debbie Pescoe

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

*We have a new total of **287** CCRSPA/MRSPA members, and **12** associate members (local only).

*****Remember to contact Gretchen or me if you should change your address. We want to be sure you don't miss any chalkboards, luncheons or information from us and/or MRSPA.

Welcome to New Members

Joseph and Jana Romanski Barbara Kunkle
Melanie S. Schreiber Betty E. Grooms-Baker

Legislative Update

Check out the Legislative Update during the 2016 General Assembly for the latest news. A Legislative Alert will be sent if MRSPA is requesting that you contact your legislators on specific legislation.

To access the February 2016 *MRSPA News* and the Legislative Update

Go to www.mrspa.org

To log in, your user ID is your Member ID.
Your password is your first initial plus your full last name.

Scholarship Announcement

It is time again for the Annual Memorial Scholarship program. The scholarship is funded through the generous contributions of the members, in memory of a family member or friend. Contributions can be made to the fund, using the form found in the Chalkboard.

To be eligible, students must be graduates of a Cecil County Maryland public high school, majoring in the field of Elementary or Secondary Education and entering their junior or senior year of college. The value of the scholarship is up to \$1000.00. It will be awarded at the Association's Annual Memorial Luncheon. If you have a Facebook site, please share this information with your friends.

A description of this scholarship, instructions for applying, and the official application form can be found on the Cecil County Retired School Personnel web site.

College and university education departments throughout the tri-state have been sent an announcement about the scholarship.

The completed application form, along with **all** official college transcripts are to be placed in one envelope, and postmarked by April 1, 2016. Address the envelope to CCRSPA Scholarship Committee, Attention: Mrs. Marie D. Madron, 115 Wyatt Lane, Colora, MD 21917.

Raffle Committee Report

We would like to thank members and friends of CCRSPA for donating items for the December's meeting/luncheon! WOW!! The raffle was a huge success! We sold out of tickets! A big thank you to Santa's elves that helped at the raffle.

The following are businesses/members that provided gift card prizes/donations:

Rookie's (Hilltop Inn) 825 Hilltop RD Elkton/Fair Hill, MD	Elkton Acme Big Elk Mall Elkton, MD	Katie Esh (Amish Restaurant) 161 Stoney Lane Nottingham, PA	Steven's Hair Salon E. Raneri
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Please support these businesses.

Looking ahead for March's meeting/luncheon, come and see what the wee leprechauns will be supplying for the raffle table!

Mary McCleary, Raffle Chair

Program: Forgotten Fair Hill

Meet our local historian, Emily Kilby at our March meeting. Yes, the name Kilby brings to mind the Colora farm that you may have taken/driven students to for a field trip, or maybe you have tasted their delicious ice cream!

Emily has taught school at all different levels of education. She also worked her way up to executive editor of the *EQUUS*, a national monthly publication, dealing with horse issues (her younger day's passion). Different vocations made her move across the state, but finally settled back to Cecil County.

She relocated back to the Fair Hill area. While walking her two dogs on the Fair Hill State property, Emily began to ask herself questions about the former inhabitants of the grounds. Ruins of farm buildings, industrial structures, and homes brought her to wonder who were these people? After five years of research and with the public interest, Emily began her speaking engagements on the Fair Hill area.

Come and enjoy her presentation!

Save on Everyday Purchases from Abenity's Website

Are you signed up for Abenity? If not, go to the MRSPA website to join. It's free and you'll find great deals on a variety of purchases—from cars to movie tickets to local restaurants and for any number of other items that we buy. You can even print grocery store coupons from Abenity's website. Just go to the "Everyday Living" section where you'll see hundreds of free coupons to print. They are even divided by category such as All Categories (specifically Household, Health Care, etc.) or by Brand (Oral B, Old Spice, Kellogg's, etc.) If you're a coupon clipper, you won't need the Sunday newspaper. It's all there on the website by category, and you select what you want to print. Besides coupons, check Abenity for great deals on gift cards and local restaurants.

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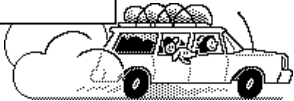
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<p>CCRSPA Donation (Please Clip and retain for your records)</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Name</p> <p>\$ _____ Ck # _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Amount</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Coat Fund <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship Fund</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CCRSPA Scholarship or Coat Donation – 2015-2016</p> <p>Make check payable to <i>CCRSPA</i>, write “Coat Fund Donation” in lower left corner and mail along with this slip to Paul Montgomery, 1434 North East Road, North East, MD 21901. Thank you. (*See Below)</p> <p>Name _____ Amount \$ _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> In Honor of <input type="checkbox"/> In Memory of _____</p>
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***REMINDER:** A separate check for donations to the *Scholarship* or *Coat Fund* may be sent with your March luncheon reservation and returned to Donna Brown at 27 Kimbelot Lane, Landenberg, PA 19350.

Donation slips for the *Scholarship Fund* appear in the March and May issues of the *Chalkboard*; the *Coat Fund* in the September and December issues; however, donations to either may be made at any time during the year as hearts dictate and budgets permit.



GOT STUFF?



Have nice things that you don't need/want/use anymore? If so, Mary McCleary wants to hear from you; she may be reached at 410-398-3556 or email Mary McCleary <mmcdairy@comcast.net.

Luncheon raffle proceeds are used towards purchasing *Coats for Kids* and towards funding the *CCRSPA Memorial Scholarship*. You benefit as well as a child who receives a new coat or scholarship because your donation\$ are tax deductible.

MOVING?


Don't forget to update address and phone info!

Name _____

New Address _____

New Phone # _____

E mail address _____

 Mail to: Sherry Lewis, 4793 Telegraph Road, Elkton MD 21921 or via email at chickeelewis@mac.com

Community Service

For all of you who donate your time and skills to helping others first, *Thank You*. Everything you do is very much appreciated. You spend your time, many various talents and funds to help where it is needed.

It's time to tell us what you're doing, how it helps others, and the amount of time you spend in your efforts. There will be folders with papers to collect that information at the next luncheon. That report is due to the state committee by April first.

If you are not at the luncheon, you can report the information however is easiest for you. Again, thank you for all of your efforts to help others.

Community Services Committee
 Jean T. Smith (302-453-8958, smit0020@comcast.net)
 Jan Yuninger
 Jackie Kelly