

# The Chalkboard

CECIL COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

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## 2015-2016 OFFICERS

President: Anne Humphrey

Immediate Past President: Kathleen Mullen

Corresponding Secretary: Betsy Van Culin

Recording Secretary: Sally Habrel

Treasurer: Paul Montgomery

Newsletter Co-editors: Gretchen Ginder  
and Signe' Mika

## MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

In a recent executive committee meeting, we discussed the open positions we have and the fact that our members are hesitant to step forward and volunteer. So, we thought that we would dedicate an issue of the Chalkboard to showing you all of the offices and committees that make our organization great! In newsletters next year, we will highlight these "jobs" by letting the people who are holding the office or lead a committee tell you more about their jobs and the time commitment they make. In my case, I stepped up after attending only one meeting because there was a need that I thought I could fill and I knew that there would be many helpful people around!

I hope that you will take the time to read through our list and see where you see yourself becoming involved. You do not have to take the lead but join in – get to know all of you fellow CCRSPA members and former colleagues while continuing the work we have been doing and perhaps bring in some new ideas!

There will be 12 of us attending the annual meeting of MRSPA in May. We will be voting on a dues increase, (there hasn't been one in many years) and emeritus recognition. If voted in, the new emeritus members will not be given free dues after 2016. Our CCRSPA executive board did vote to continue paying the dues of our emeritus members as long as our budget allows.

I hope you are enjoying some beautiful spring weather and I hope to see you all at the Canal House in May! Our attendance was down a bit in March – lets try to hit 100!

Anne Humphrey

## Useful Web Sites

Consumer Protection:

[www.usa.gov/topics/consumer.shtml](http://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/](http://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 May Luncheon for the **Can-Can Program!**

## CCRSPA MINUTES – March 22, 2016

The group gathered at 11:00 AM at rising Sun Banquet Hall. President Anne Humphrey called the meeting to order at 11:15 AM. She welcomed and introduced our guests: Judy Zahren, Executive Director of MRSPA, Max Muller, president MRSPA, and Emily Kilby, guest speaker. Mary McCleary introduced her guest, Evelyn Kerns. No new members were in attendance.

Anne then introduced Max Muller, president MRSPA. Max shared what was happening at the state level. Only 12 of the 25 local associations have an increase in membership. Cecil has a 5.71% increase. It has been a slow year for Maryland's state legislature. Governor Hogan has kept his promise to put money into the pension and retirement system. We are very grateful for his support. The state organization has a community service scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to an individual working in a school system wanting recertification in another field of education. There are 18 inductees into the senior citizen hall of fame. He encouraged our local organization to submit a nominee. He concluded with how wonderful it is to visit our local organization.

Anne then introduced Judith Zahren, Executive director of MRSPA. Judith is retiring after 25 years as Executive Director. She talked about the increase in MRSPA dues. The last increase was in 2010. She talked about the benefits of being a member, and she talked about the possible change to emeritus members. There will be a membership conference on April 20. Consultants will provide information and ways that the state organization can meet the needs of younger members. She concluded with thanking us for recognizing her retirement. Anne presented her with a \$100.00 gift card from our local organization.

The minutes of the December 8, 2015 meeting were approved by the organization.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### TREASURER

Paul Montgomery reported there is nothing new. Donations have been made and can be made to the scholarship committee. CORRESPONDENCE, CONSTITUTION

No report.

#### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Jean Smith had placed a folder on each table for members to record their volunteer information. No certificates will be awarded at the May meeting. Instead, each volunteer will be given a \$5.00 gift card to Dunkin' Donuts.

#### LEGISLATION

Linda Elwood stated the Death with Dignity Bill was tabled. The Care Act passed in the House, but she was not sure about the Senate. Finally, she said we should all thank Governor Hogan for his commitment to education.

#### CONSUMER EDUCATION

Tony Mattern reported that all information is posted on our web page. If your taxes are not completed, AARP can help you. He requested each committee chairperson to write a job description of the committee and include the amount of time required of the committee. Hopefully, this will get more members involved.

#### MEMBERSHIP

Sherry Lewis informed us we now have 296 members in our organization. Six are emeritus members. Our local organization will pay the dues starting in 2017 of future emeritus members if MRSPA passes the recommendation to eliminate this benefit at their May 10 MRSPA meeting.

#### NOMINATING

The president-elect position and Jean Smith's position on community outreach need to be filled.

#### BENEFITS

Step Mika's wife, Signe, reported that members 65+ would choose from Blue cross or Aetna as their supplemental health insurance for next year. Members younger than 65 will choose the best coverage from the public exchange or blue Cross as their insurance carrier. A one-on-one meeting with someone from the Benefits Department at the BOE can be scheduled starting October 1.

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS

Tony Mattern has CCRSPA business cards available if a member wants any. He gives them to Cecil County School employees close to retirement.

#### PUBLICATIONS

Committee chairpersons are to submit to Tony Mattern and Gretchen Ginder a description of their committee and the amount of time the committee involves by April 4, 2016.

#### SCHOLARSHIP

Marie Madron announced the deadline for our Memorial Scholarship is April 1. The scholarship is awarded to a Cecil County Public School high school graduate entering his or her junior or senior year of college majoring in elementary or secondary education. Raffle ticket sales along with member donations support the scholarship.

#### SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Diana Lohr thanked everyone for his or her presence at today's meeting.

#### SUNSHINE

Marie Madron had placed on each table with Pat Murray's address at Lorein. The address is Pat Murray, Lorein, 1909 Emorton Road, Room 308A, Bel Air, MD 21015. Debbie Pasko has sent cards to Jan Yuninger and Doug Dunston.

OTHER BUSINESS

Jan Yuninger reported there have been no requests for clothes from school nurses. Anne Humphrey suggested that perhaps a letter should be sent to principals and nurses of each school informing them we have funds available if there is a need.

TRAVEL

Travel Coordinator, Fred Metzger, announced we have received another check from Royal Caribbean cruise lines in the amount of \$450.01 for our scholarship committee. Our next trip will be to Ireland from September 14-26, 2017. He showed a PowerPoint presentation of the trip itinerary and had brochures available for any interested persons. Final payment for the trip is due May 15, 2017.

Program

Our next speaker was Jacob Zebley, Cecil County's Teacher of the Year. Jacob teaches 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade social studies at Elkton Middle. He shared that moment when he decided to go into education. He is an enthusiastic speaker and plans to be a Cecil County teacher for life.

NEW BUSINESS

MRSPA raffle tickets are available for purchase. The drawings will be held at the State meeting at Turf Valley on May 10. Our local chapter can bring 12 members.

Paul Montgomery briefly spoke about CASA organization. The members are advocates appointed by the courts for foster children. A representative will be present at our May meeting luncheon to speak about the need for volunteers.

During lunch, Tony Mattern introduced Cameron Brown and Clare Campbell, two Maryland attorneys and former Cecil County High School graduates who did pro-bono work for our association. They helped set-up our 501C nonprofit status.

After lunch, Mary McCleary introduced Emily Kilby. Emily provided an interesting PowerPoint presentation on Life on Big Elk Creek in the 1850's.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church was the recipient of our can-can program.

The meeting ended with our raffle. Mary McCleary thanked members for providing items for the raffle.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10.

Next meeting, May 24, 2016 at Schaefer's in Chesapeake City, Maryland.

**Responsibilities of CCRSPA Officers and Committees**

**Officers**

President:

- plan and lead all meetings
- appoint committee chairpersons
- call executive meetings
- appoint an audit committee
- confer with other association officers and members
- follow the constitution and bylaws
- attend state/area meetings and report back to membership

President Elect:

- preside at meetings and assume the duties of the President in the absence of the President
- work with the Program Committee
- work with Treasurer to develop an annual budget plan
- attend state/area meetings

Corresponding Secretary:

- read correspondence at executive and association meetings as requested by the President
- check with President regarding letters to be written - some letters may need President's signature and contain special wording as directed by the executive board or association action.
- other letters will be promptly written and signed by the corresponding secretary following general instructions - Thank You cards will be sent for donations to the Coat/Scholarship fund when the amount is over \$50.

Recording Secretary:

- take minutes at the Executive Meeting and the Association Meetings
- provide copies of the minutes to President and Chalkboard Editor

Treasurer:

- collect and Deposit all money
- keep accurate records and present a report to members at each meeting
- reimburse the officers for Association expenses after these expenses have been approved by the President
- provide the President with a copy of the monthly bank statement
- develop the annual budget plan with the President Elect
- insure that all accounts meet bank regulations and that the signature cards are current

Assistant Treasurer:

- performs the duties of the Treasurer in their absence
- assists in preparation of the legal documents needed to meet the state and federal requirements

**Committees**

Community Outreach:

- coordinates requests from schools and community organizations for coats and other items funded by CCRSPA
- information is collected from members as to their volunteer commitments to the community - this is turned in to the MRSPA with any recommendations for state or MRSPA awards each year
- recognizes volunteers at the May luncheon

Constitution and By-Laws:

- review and revise (if needed) our constitution and by-laws on an annual basis to assure that they align with state requirements

Legislation, Education, and Protective Services:

- reviews and analyzes legislative proposals and administrative regulations
- disseminates legislative information to members
- seeks input and opinions of members on legislation to better represent their interests
- attends legislative meetings and meet with state delegates to assure that member concerns are heard
- shall encourage association to hold a legislative breakfast with delegates to discuss proposals and member interest

Membership:

- the contact person to CCPS Benefits Office for new retirees
- contact by mail the new and past retirees with information and membership materials for joining MRSPA/CCRSPA - act as a contact person for our membership, if any questions
- work with Publications Committee, providing new member info, notification of deaths, and a brief summary of membership for each of the 4 issues of the Chalkboard
- deliver any information pertaining to membership at the state level, MRSPA, and have access to their state website data - update member information and retrieve reports provided by MRSPA.
- attend a regional meeting in September of each year

Nominating:

- composes ballot for election of open position for officers to be voted on at the March meeting
- participates in the installation of officers at the June meeting

Pre-Retirement:

- attends informational meetings held by CCPS to inform future retirees of the benefits of belonging to MRSPA/CCRSPA

## COMING EVENTS

May 3, 2015 – Executive Board Meeting  
 May 10, 2015 – MRSPA Annual Meeting  
 May 24, 2016 - Luncheon Meeting  
 September 6, 2016 – Executive Board meeting  
 September 20, 2016 – Luncheon Meeting

### CCRSPA Officers & Committee Chairpersons

#### OFFICERS

President Anne Humphrey  
Past President Kathleen Mullen  
Corresponding Secretary  
 Betsy Van Culin  
Recording Secretary Sally Habrel  
Treasurer Paul Montgomery

#### COMMITTEES

Community Outreach Jean Smith  
Education & Protective Services  
 Tony Mattern  
Legislation Paul and Linda Elwood  
Membership Sherry Lewis  
Nominating Donna Brown  
Benefits Step Mika  
Programs Mary McCleary  
Public Relations & Communications  
 Betsy Van Culin  
Publications Gretchen Ginder  
 Signe' Mika  
Scholarship Marie Madron  
Social Diana Lohr  
Sunshine Debbie Pescoe

## CCRSPA TREASURER'S REPORT

<b>BALANCE</b> January 31, 2016	<u>\$9609.80</u>
<b><u>RECEIPTS</u></b>	
Interest	0.67
Coats	45.00
Scholarship	145.00
Raffle	309.00
Dues	20.00
Cruise Reimbursement	450.01
March Luncheon	+1420.00
	<u>\$2389.68</u>
<b><u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u></b>	<b><u>\$11,999.48</u></b>
<b><u>Expenditures:</u></b>	
Coats	63.57
Postage	10.51
Website	60.00
Chalkboard	110.25
Gift	104.94
Luncheon Reservations	200.00
March Luncheon	+ 1524.56
<b><u>Total Expenditures</u></b>	<b><u>\$2073.83</u></b>
<b>BALANCE</b> March 31, 2016	<u>\$9925.65</u>

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

Paul Montgomery, Treasurer

## *In Remembrance*

**Katherine Ann Anders**  
**September 15, 1962 – February 4, 2016**  
 (School Bus Driver)

**Ronald A Hines**  
**April 8, 1928 – March 17, 2016**  
 (Custodian)

**Martha A Palmer**  
**October 3, 1930 – March 26, 2016**  
 (Kindergarten Aide)

**Thomas F Yonts, Jr.**  
**1937 - March 29, 2016**  
 (Coached Football for North East Indians)

**David Webster**  
**February 7, 1936 – April 4, 2016**  
 (Teacher in Cecil County Schools)

## Community Service Volunteers

A big Thank You to all of the people who shared their volunteer information with the Community Service Committee. There were 21 people who reported with 12 different kinds of services. Many people reported more than one activity, which must have kept them very busy. Other than schools and churches people supplied time to museums, hospitals, Meals on Wheels, libraries and local town activities. That's not the entire list. Others included coaching and taking a therapy dog to nursing and assisted living facilities.

This year these people will be thanked with a \$5 gift card from Dunkin Donuts at the May luncheon. Two of our members will be honored with a \$25 gift card.

Community Services Committee

Jean T. Smith

Jan Yuninger

Jackie Kelly

## Raffle Committee Report

We would like to thank members and friends of CCRSPA for donating items for the March meeting/luncheon! Another successful raffle was held.

The following are businesses, members and friends that provided gift card prizes/donations for our raffle:

Rookie's (Hilltop Inn)  
825 Hilltop RD  
Elkton/Fair Hill, MD

Chick-fil-a  
E. Pulaski Hwy  
Elkton, MD

Max Muller  
President of MRSPA

Judith Zahren  
Executive Board Director

Generous members of CCRSPA, we thank you.

Please support the businesses.

Hope to see you all in May at Schaeffer's Banquet Hall. We will have many nifty raffle items for you to win!!!

Mary McCleary  
Program Chair

**IMPORTANT CHANGE IN PRICING FOR LUNCHEON. THIS NEW PROCEDURE STARTS IMMEDIATELY**

## Program News

All enjoyed Emily Kilby's presentation of the earlier days of Fair Hill. Emily shared with us some of the history of the area. She shared information about the industries, churches, schools of Fair Hill, when times were definitely different. Who knew that butter was one of the commodities that was produced in the area?

Mary McCleary

You are asked to RSVP by May 17<sup>th</sup>, and then you pay at the door OR mail a check. By following this procedure, you enjoy the lower price of \$20.

However, if you do not RSVP, then your luncheon cost is \$30 at the door.

In addition, your payment is expected, even if you fail to attend. The food must be ordered ahead of time, so we are responsible for the costs of everyone who reserves their spot.

The luncheon is on May 24<sup>th</sup>, but remember that Donna needs to know you are coming by May 17<sup>th</sup>. Donna's email is: [kimbelot@verizon.net](mailto:kimbelot@verizon.net)

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*May Luncheon Meeting  
Schaffer's Canal House*

Chesapeake City, MD 21915  
May 24, 2016 - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**MEETINGS**

**MAY LUNCHEON REMINDER**

Please remember to bring a canned good or non-perishable food item for the Can-Can Program to the May Luncheon Meeting.

**SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON MEETING**

Mark your calendar! Plan to attend and keep in touch with CCRSPA friends at the September 20<sup>th</sup> luncheon.

Members who want to get on our electronic CCRSPA distribution list need to send their email address to Shirley Montgomery at [smmontgomery@verizon.net](mailto:smmontgomery@verizon.net) or to Tony Mattern at [ccrspa@zoominternet.net](mailto:ccrspa@zoominternet.net)

*Menu*

**Not Available at this Time.**

**Price per person \$20.00  
RSVP by May 17, 2016**



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**Clip and Send**

Price per person is \$20 in advance OR at the door, but you must RSVP, make check payable to CCRSPA, Write "Luncheon" in the lower left corner. Email, call or send reservation by May 17<sup>th</sup> to:

Donna Brown  
27 Kimbelot Lane  
Landenberg, PA 19350  
[kimbelot@verizon.net](mailto:kimbelot@verizon.net)  
Phone number 610-255-5365

Diana Lohr  
2 Clipstone Court  
Baltimore, MD 21236  
[dklohr@verizon.net](mailto:dklohr@verizon.net)  
Phone Number 410-256-4228

**IF YOU RSVP, THEN YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR LUNCH EVEN IF YOU DON'T ATTEND.**

**LUNCHEON RSVP FOR MAY 24.**

**My NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**My GUEST** \_\_\_\_\_

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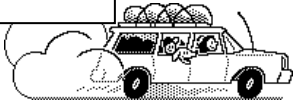
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May Luncheon for the  
**Can-Can Program!**




<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](mailto:chickeelewis@mac.com)

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