

# The Chalkboard

CECIL COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

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## MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

### 2016-2017 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

It has certainly been a hot summer! I'm sure you join me in hoping for a long, pleasant fall. Please put the date of our luncheon on your calendar – September 20<sup>th</sup> and remember to RSVP on time. Bring a canned good and money for raffles, as we are sure to have many wonderful fall items.

I want to thank our Area III Director, Debra Chance, for attending our luncheon in May and look forward to seeing her again this year. There is new leadership at MRSPA. Shachar Weizman has taken over as Executive director and our new President is Francis Miller. We welcome them and look forward to having them attend one of our meetings this year. I also want to congratulate Diana Lohr on her election to the state nominating committee and I plan to continue on the Public Relations Committee. A big thank you to Jean Smith who has resigned as our community outreach chair – we need someone to step forward and take over her role.

I look forward to seeing you all on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Please call and invite your retired friends, especially those newly retired – let's have a great turnout!

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.



Cecil Retired School Personnel Association 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 September Luncheon for the **Can-Can Program!**

**CCRSPA MINUTES – May 24, 2016**

Our President, Anne Humphrey, called the May meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and the minutes were approved. The treasurer's report was approved and it was reported that coat fund donations were down. Jan Yuninger suggested a new name and it was decided that " necessity items" would be used.

The corresponding secretary reported that we had received thank you notes from St. Mark's for our donation and Max Muller and Judy Zahren for our gifts. There was no report from the constitution committee. The Legislative committee reported that this is the first year that the state is fully funding and the CARE act passed.

Consumer Education is posted on our web page. Constitution and By-laws need forms to be tax exempt. Our membership is at 297 and should go up in September. We have been challenged by the state organization to keep younger retirees. The nominating committee reports that the officers are in place, but we will need a president-elect and community outreach chairs. The social committee urges EVERYONE to send in reservations on time!! The Program Committee asked if we would like the actor to come back. The scholarship recipients are Megan Kammerer and Brittany Craig. They are both Cecil County grads and are currently Education majors who plan to come back to Cecil County to teach. Fred reported that 27 people have signed up for the 2017 trip to Ireland. There are 34 spots available so there are only 7 left. Paul Humphrey led grace.

Our new regional director is Debbie Chance,  
There will be a dues increase of ten dollars and it was decided that emeritus members will still have to pay dues.  
Our new Executive Director is Shachar Weitzman.

Volunteers were recognized and given a gift card of five dollars to Dunkin Donuts. The volunteers are: Jan Yuninger, Kathy Mullen, Sally Haberal, Debbie Kain, Chris Bradford, Karen Ware, Barbara Buck, Anne Bates, Lana Garrea, Debbie Pasco, Gail Crawford, Anne Humphrey, Paul Humphrey, Diana Lohr, Cheryl Taylor and Winston, Shirley Montgomery, Gretchen Ginder, and Dot Rice. A twenty-dollar gift card was given to our local volunteer with the most hours who is Janna Romanski. Our Maryland Senior volunteer is Paul Elwood and our own Marie Madron was inducted into the Maryland Hall of Fame.

Moore's Chapel received our cans. Anne adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Lohr

## Responsibilities of CCRSPA Officers and Committees

Two current openings for committees and chairs:

### President Elect

- Presides at meetings and assumes duties of the President in the absence of the President
- Works with the Program Committee
- Works with Treasurer in developing an annual budget
- Attends local and state meetings

### Community Outreach Chair

- Coordinates requests from schools and community organizations for coats and other items funded by CCRSPA
- Collects information 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 in the spring
- Recognizes volunteers at the May luncheon/meeting

## In Memorium

**Ivy F Cantler**  
4/4/1925 - 2/26/2016  
(Food Services )

**David M Webster**  
2/7/1936 – 4/4/2016  
(Teacher)

**JoAnne Kennedy**  
2/22/1941 - 4/7/2016  
(Cafeteria Worker)

**James C McGarvey**  
8/26/1942 - 5/18/2016  
( CCRSPA member, Teacher/Coach )

**Doyle Wilson**  
10/5/1943 – 5/26/2016  
( Maintenance )

**Donna Brown**  
1942 - 5/30/2016  
( CCRSPA member,  
Music Teacher )

**Kelly L McLaughlin**  
12/7/1984 – 6/6/2016  
(School Based Therapist)

**Dorothy A Hudler**  
3/18/1937 – 6/13/2016  
(School Bus Driver)

**Alice L Price**  
12/5/1925 – 6/16/2016  
(Teacher's Aide)

**Gary Chatham**  
3/2/1950 – 6/26/2016  
(Teacher)

**Carolee S Brown**  
1938 - 6/30/2016  
(Teacher)

**Catherine G Holmes**  
10/23/1930 – 7/4/2016  
(Instructional Assistant)

**Patricia E Murray**  
1933 - 7/13/2016  
(CCRSPA member, Teacher)

**Nancy S Holmes**  
passed 7/17/2016  
(Instructional Assistant)

**Bertha J Sager**  
1/16/1918 – 7/16/2016  
(Exec Secretary for BOD)

**Daniel J Schnatz**  
12/12/1948 – 7/20/2016  
(CCRSPA member, Teacher/Coach)

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The CCRSPA was proud to present two \$1000.00 scholarships recently. The two recipients were Brittany Craig and Megan Kammerer.

Brittany is a graduate of Rising Sun High School. She is a junior at Towson University where she is majoring in early childhood education/special education.

Megan is a graduate of Rising Sun High School. She is a senior at Towson University where she is majoring in early childhood education.

Thank you to all those who participated in any of the fund raising activities.

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## MEMBERSHIP for SEPTEMBER

We have a total of 296 CCRSPA/MRSPA members, and 12 associate members (local only).

There are 23 members who pay by check. If the state has yet to get your renewal of dues, you will receive a reminder in August. Don't panic. Wait and see if it is you that gets the reminder, then please respond to them.

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 MSRPA.

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## NEW MEMBERS

Caryn Zelasko

Deborah J Kain

Rose Clark

Lydia Klukewicz

Shirley Hicks

Mary Ann Sekowski

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## Community Service

The Community Service committee provides services to those who need it. As an organization we donate coats and other needed clothing to schools in Cecil County. Our members donate funds to buy these items as well as provide financial support in the way of \$1000 scholarships to students to help with college expenses. Each year we recognize those individuals who spend their time and money on many different kinds of volunteer activities. Last year people reported donated time on many different kinds of activities; including schools, hospitals, churches, museums, libraries, senior centers and more.

All of this time means that these organizations can provide more services than if they did not receive your help. Your efforts are very much appreciated, Thank You.

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## HELP WANTED

Seeking motivated individuals to proctor assessment sessions with 4th- and 8th-grade students in schools for the National Assessment of Educational Progress. Must be available to work January 30 –March 10, 2017. SEE our website <<http://cecilrspa.org/CecilRSPA.htm>> for more information.

## COMING EVENTS

September 6, 2016 – Executive Board Meeting  
 September 20, 2016 – Luncheon Meeting (CC)  
 November 15, 2016 – Executive Board Meeting  
 December 6, 2016 – Luncheon Meeting (RS)  
 March 7, 2017 - Executive Board Meeting  
 March 21, 2017 - Luncheon Meeting (RS)  
 May 2, 2017 - Executive Board Meeting  
 May 23, 2017 - Luncheon Meeting (CC)

## Save Green By Being Green

Re-use (everything): Check Freecycle.org before you buy supplies for that one-time project. It's free to join, and people give away everything from tools and building supplies to appliances they no longer need. You might also want to rent power tools if you won't use them regularly (search HomeDepot.com or Lowes.com for "Tool Rental.")

### 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  
Education & Protective Services  
 Tony Mattern  
Legislation Paul and Linda Elwood  
Membership Sherry Lewis  
Nominating  
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 Pasco

### CCRSPA TREASURER'S REPORT

<b>BALANCE</b> March 31, 2016	<u>\$9925.65</u>
<b><u>RECEIPTS</u></b>	
Interest	0.89
Coats	649.00
Scholarship	600.00
Raffle	382.00
Dues	1030.00
May Luncheon	+1620.00
	\$4281.89
<b><u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u></b>	<b><u>\$14,207.54</u></b>
<b><u>Expenditures:</u></b>	
Coats	801.01
Postage	18.80
Volunteer Awards	150.00
Chalkboard	108.10
President's Fee	600.00
Scholarships	2000.00
Social Committee	600.00
Meetings	120.00
May Luncheon	+ <u>1723.56</u>
<b><u>Total Expenditures</u></b>	<b><u>\$6121.47</u></b>
<b>BALANCE</b> July 31, 2016	<u>\$8086.07</u>

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

Paul Montgomery, Treasurer

## **Raffle Committee Report**

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

The following are businesses that provided gift card prizes/donations for our raffle:

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

Sweet Cowoline  
Augustine Hwy  
Elkton, MD

Olive Garden  
Pulaski Hwy  
Elkton, MD

Cherri-Knoll Nursery  
Nottingham, PA

Please support these businesses.  
Thank you to the members who donated items!  
See you all in September

Mary McCleary  
Program Chair

## **PROGRAM NEWS**

### **Who Will Be Our Guest Speaker ???**

Proper ladies of her time were supposed to be quiet, get married, have children, and stay home.

Our guest speaker would have none of that! She defied society's conventions and risked her life in order to help others, thus becoming a true heroine. She was the first woman to work for the Federal Government, its first female department head, and America's first woman ambassador.

Have you guessed who she is? Come to our September meeting to see if you are correct!

Mary McCleary  
Program Chairperson

### **The 25 Worst Passwords: Is Yours On The List?**

According to Splash Data, a password management company which studies millions of breaches to come up with an annual list of the most common and easily exploitable passwords says that these are some of the worst (or rather some of the most hackable): Top on the list again is "123456." In second place: "password." Other perennials on the worst list: football, baseball, letmein and qwerty - the first six letters in a row on the keyboard. "Starwars" is a newcomer to the list, along with "princess" and "solo." SplashData says a password is breached every three seconds. And among those most vulnerable are people age 60 and older, women ages 30 to 45, busy CEOs and politicians, as well as sports fans using the name of their favorite sport or team as a password. Create passwords that are at least 12 characters long and are a mix of letters, symbols and numbers. Make them easier to remember by using short words interspersed with spaces or characters in between, such as "eat cake at 8" or "car\_park\_city." Don't use the same combination of username and password for multiple sites. Avoid using a favorite sport, person's name or birthday.



*September Luncheon Meeting*  
*Schaffer's Canal House*

Chesapeake City, MD 21915  
September 20, 2016 - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

*Menu*

Choice of roast beef or salmon  
Tossed Salad  
Potato, Seasonal Vegetables, and Rolls  
Dessert  
Iced Tea and Coffee

**Price per person \$20.00**  
**RSVP by September 13, 2016**



**MEETINGS**  
**September LUNCHEON**  
**REMINDER**  
Please remember to bring a canned good or non-perishable food item for the Can-Can Program to the September Luncheon Meeting.

**December LUNCHEON MEETING**  
Mark your calendar! Plan to attend and keep in touch with CCRSPA friends at the December 6th 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)

When purchasing items for use by Cecil RSPA use our "Tax Exempt" number to avoid added state sales tax charges. Call Anthony Mattern for more information.

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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 September 13<sup>th</sup> to:

Diana Lohr at 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 SEPTEMBER 20TH.**

**MY NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**MY GUEST** \_\_\_\_\_

Roast Beef \_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_

Roast Beef \_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_

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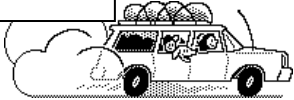
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September Luncheon for the  
**Can-Can Program!**



<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 – 2016-2017</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 September luncheon reservation and returned to Diana Lohr at 2 Clipstone Court, Baltimore, MD 21236.

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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September 14, 2017 – September 26, 2017

Land Price: \$2749 per person (double occupancy room)

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There are 5 spaces still available.

Go to <http://cecilrspa.org/CecilRSPA.htm> for more information and registration coupon or contact Fred Metzger (Tel: 443-350-5806 or Email: [fred@hilltravelcentre.com](mailto:fred@hilltravelcentre.com))

