



The Chalkboard

CECIL COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL
ASSOCIATION

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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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we enter the holiday season, I hope that you are not only enjoying the colors of the season, but also taking time to reflect on the many blessings in your life! Families, friends, and all of the special gifts in your life give you strength and comfort throughout the year. We are blessed to have you as a member of CCRSPA and hope that you will find some time to participate in keeping our organization strong!

We have been stressing the use of technology for the past year – getting your newsletters online and checking our website. We are now in the process of inviting you to join our Facebook group. This is different than our former Facebook page because you must be invited to join and only those of us who do join will see the page. This will enable us to get reminders and current news out to our members in a more timely fashion than our current newsletters. It will also allow you to ask questions or share info with the group (while following our guidelines). Don't worry though – our newsletters will continue and they are always available to view on our website!

MRSPA has recently launched a new “user friendly” website where all state news is posted as well as links to our benefits of membership. Our new executive director, Shachar Weizman, will be attending our December meeting and hopefully will show us the highlights!

As always, I look forward to seeing you on December 6th at the Rising Sun Banquet Hall. Call a fellow retiree and bring them along! Don't forget your canned goods and non-perishable items for donation to a local group who helps those in need.

Anne Humphrey

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



Cecil Retired School Personnel Association

CCRSPA MINUTES- September 29, 2016

The group gathered at 11:00 AM at Schaefer's Canal House in Chesapeake City. President Anne Humphrey called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and a correction was made to the May minutes. There will not be a dues increase for emeritus members because it did not pass at the MRSPA state meeting. New retirees Linda Cox, Karen DiPietro, and Michele Dowdell, along with guest Margaret Mattern were introduced.

Treasurer Paul Montgomery reported that we are in good shape. Our balance on hand as of July 31, 2016, is \$8,086.07. A discussion followed with suggestions made for various projects to benefit CCPS students.

Kathy Mullen reported on the only change made to the CCRSPA Constitution was Article II, section 3: to give back to the community. There are proposed changes to article 6 sections 1 – 4 of the CCRSPA By-Laws. These changes are available on our website. A vote to accept these changes will be made at the December luncheon.

Linda Elwood stated there would be a Legislative meeting in Annapolis on November 10. There will be more talks and updates on the Maryland retirement and pension system. AARP offers a free watchdog alert. Maryland is 9th in the nation for fraud and 4th for identity theft.

Sherry Lewis stated that our local's membership is 294. We will gain 3 new members in October. If you bring a guest to future meetings, you will be given \$5.00 worth of free raffle tickets. This will start at our December meeting. Besides our four luncheon meetings each year, some of the benefits of membership are: free hearing tests and reduced price hearing aids from Hear in America, travel through MRSPA and the representation provided at our State Legislation.

Anne Humphrey reported we always need helping hands on all of our association committees. Currently chairpersons are needed for the Nominating Committee and for the Community Outreach Committee. An assistant recording secretary is needed, as is a President-elect.

Public Relations chair, Tony Mattern, shared information about our new group Facebook page. The group is only for CCRSPA members. If you receive an email from Contact Us Cecil RSPA, it is from Tony. He also reminded us that CCRSPA is a nonprofit. We have a tax-exempt number. The number is available on the web page.

Travel Coordinator, Fred Metzger, shared that 32 folks have signed up for our trip to Ireland next year. There are still two openings available. MRSPA has some good trips planned for next year.

If you received two Eye Med cards, Anne Humphrey said we are to use the second card. The first card mailed out was incorrect.

There was no new business. Anne's husband, Paul led us in prayer.

REMINDER

Please remember to bring a
canned good or non-perishable
food item to the
December Luncheon for the

COMING EVENTS

November 15, 2016 – Executive Board Meeting
 November 17, 2016 – Legislative Meeting
 December 6, 2016 – Luncheon Meeting (RS)
 March 7, 2017 - Executive Board Meeting
 March 21, 2017 - Luncheon Meeting (RS)
 April 15, 2017 – Final Payment due for Ireland trip
 May 2, 2017 - Executive Board Meeting
 May 23, 2017 - Luncheon Meeting (CC)

CCRSPA Officers & Committee Chairpersons

OFFICERS

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

COMMITTEE

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

CCRSPA TREASURER'S REPORT

BALANCE June 30, 2016 \$6256.07

RECEIPTS

Dues	\$2640.00
Interest	0.84
Coats	50.00
Scholarship	35.00
Website	44.79
September Luncheon	1180.00
Raffles	<u>320.00</u>

\$ 4270.63

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$10,526.70

Expenditures:

History Alive	\$ 450.00
Supplies	68.52
Website	15.99
Postage	19.01
Chalkboard	108.00
September Luncheon	<u>1299.48</u>
Total Expenditures	\$1961.00

Balance on Hand September 30,2016 \$8,565.70

CD at Cecil Bank due August 15, 2017 - \$11,000.

Paul Montgomery, Treasurer

TAX EXEMPT NUMBER

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.



MEETINGS

**DECEMBER LUNCHEON
REMINDER**

Please remember to bring a canned good or non-perishable food item for the Can-Can Program to the December 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 or to Tony Mattern at ccrspa@zoominternet.net.

*December Luncheon Meeting
Rising Sun Banquet Hall*

Rising Sun, MD 21915

December 6, 2016 - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Menu

Beef tips in gravy over noodles, Chicken Kiev

Scalloped potatoes

Mixed roasted vegetables

Garden salad

Cookies and brownies

Iced Tea and Coffee

Price per person \$20.00

RSVP by November 29, 2016



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 **November 29, 2016** to:

Diana Lohr at 2 Clipstone Court, Baltimore, MD 21236
Phone Number 410-256-4228 or email: dklohr@verizon.net

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

LUNCHEON RSVP FOR DECEMBER 6TH.

MY NAME _____ MY GUEST _____

Raffle Ramblings

We thank all the members/friends and businesses that donated items for our raffle. The businesses are the following businesses: Milburn's Orchard Brad's Corner Garden
Can't wait to see what Santa and his elves are bringing to the December 6th meeting!

The Sounds of Christmas!

After enjoying fellowship and a delicious luncheon, please be ready to be entertained by the Perryville High School's Chamber Choir, under the direction of Nathan Carns!

Mary McCleary, Program Chairperson

Craft Show

You are cordially invited to attend an Open House Art Show and Sale of seasonal handcrafted items created by Donna Shubra Thachik. Held in her home at 128 Kirkcaldy Drive, The Highlands, Elkton, MD. On Saturday, November 5th from 10am – 4pm.

Preview party night is Friday, November 4th from 7pm to 9pm. No items will be sold that evening.

Included are a variety of items and unique gifts items suitable for the holidays.

For further information call Donna at 410-398-8331. Guests are welcome - bring a friend.

Refreshments will be served on both occasions.

Crafts Open House

Arts and Crafts open house presented by Anne Bates and Ruth Killian.

Saturday, November 19, 2016

3:00 p.m. - 8:00p.m.

Sunday, November 20th from 9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.

Door prizes and refreshments

Directions: Follow Rt. 272 south through Elk Neck State Park to

Chesapeake Isle, then follow signs. Phone 410-287-6244. See you there.

Membership news for December

As of 10/31/2016 we reached our goal of a membership total being 302!!! Sadly on November 1, it dropped by 16. I will continue to make contact to those members who did not renew by the dead line, to see if they may reconsider. There are still 12 local only members.

There are some members, which pay dues by check, who received an overdue reminder in September from me in their mail. The state has yet to get your **renewal of dues**. If you have not done so yet, don't wait. You may send it directly to them or send it to me and I will mail it ASAP. You will be dropped from the organization on November 1st. To renew after this date, you will find a \$10 increase.

The MRSPA is raising their dues portion to \$45 in 2017. It has been \$35 for several years, and our economy has changed. To maintain functioning at its high level for all of us, it was necessary. Also, they are looking for more benefit programs to add to the ones we already have available to us. So this spring the dues total will be \$55. (\$45/state \$10/local)

The MRSPA website has been updated. You will need to log in with your email address and then create your own password. Your ID number is not required unless you want to continue to use it has your password.

Be sure to check it out, so much to see and learn, a Voice for us and to us!

At the September meeting, we announced an opportunity for you to get some FREE raffle tickets. Just bring a prospective new member as a guest to our luncheon. He/she can be someone who retired this year or someone who retired years ago. We hope that once they come and find out all about us, they will want to join and help to support our community.

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.

New Members

Becky Cebula
Linda J Cox

Connie Davis
Karen Di Pietro

Jan Fraser
Frances Miller

Eleanor K Thomas
Nancy Wallace

In Memorium

James A Kline
(7/11/1936 - 7/31/2016)

Patricia S Breza
(6/22/1938 - 8/18/2016) Teacher

Earla R Dollenger
(9/26/1927 - 8/25/2016) Bus Driver

Kathryn A Huffman
(Passed 8/26/2016) Guidance Counselor
Maybelle M Moxey
(1930 - 9/7/2016) Teacher, Assistant Principal, Coordinator,
Supervisor, Director of Curriculum, CCRSPA Member

Nolen J Howell
(11/4/1935 - 9/18/2016) Chief Custodian

Rebecca L Duffy
(11/2/1949 - 9/23/2016) Teacher

NOTES FROM TONY

Our organization is experiencing some changes with needs to improve our organization. Over the summer months a few executive board members noticed that CecilRSPA constitution and by-laws needed updating. This was announced at the September 20, 2016 meeting. Please read over the documents located on our website at <http://cecilrspa.org/About.htm> on the top of the page "Proposed Changes are..." We will be voting on this at our December 6, 2016 Luncheon Meeting at Rising Sun Banquet Hall.

Recently, we requested that you to indicate which form you would want to receive the Chalkboard notice by email or in paper form. Thank you for saving us the cost and time in sending your copy out by requesting email (or by email it mailed or in paper form). If for any reason your desires change, please send an email to us. You will find the email address to send this at <http://cecilrspa.org/Newsletter/Newsletter.htm>.

As the times of the season evolve so do we. After our last executive meeting we discussed the creation of a group Facebook page for members to share important news. The Facebook page is in the process of being **removed** from a page [<https://www.facebook.com/CecilRSPA/>] to be replaced with a group [<https://www.facebook.com/groups/CecilRSPA/>] with limited access for posting by members like you. You can post to that group-shared page if you are a member. The reason for changing is that only Anne (president) and I were able post on the FB page.

Here are some important items to note about Facebook:

- Only items that our members need to know should be posted on this page.
- Message about meetings or concerns that need to be shared. Shirley will continue to send messages.
- IF you are a member of Facebook, you can request membership. This is only open to our members.
- It is a place to post only items that would be related to ALL CecilRSPA members.
- This will speed up notification to you about items for all members.

The group web address is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CecilRSPA/> where you can request to join. We can add you to this group after your request. It may take a few days due to vacations or other obligations. The sooner you join the quicker you can interact with fellow members.

Please complete the following while it is fresh in your mind:

- Look at the proposed alterations to the constitutions.
- Decide if you wish to modify the way you receive our newsletters.
- Consider if Facebook can serve you by joining our group.

If we can provide any assistance, reach out to one of our members or officers. Being involved in the educational process, our only desire is to serve others to meet their needs.

Anthony R Mattern

CCRSPA Donation

(Please Clip and retain for your records)

Name _____

\$ _____ Ck # _____

Amount _____

Date: _____

Coat Fund Scholarship Fund

CCRSPA Scholarship or Coat Donation – 2016-2017

Make check payable to CCRSPA, 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)

Name _____ Amount \$ _____

In Honor or In Memory of _____

***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.



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