



# The Chalkboard

CECIL COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL  
ASSOCIATION

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## 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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Mother Nature has been good to us this year – the beautiful snow in my backyard this morning was a pleasure to see without affecting the roads or driveways. Hope the next 5 weeks will be as kind!

I want to give a big thank you to Paula Cobb who has offered to be our community service chair – Please be sure to fill out your volunteer logs at the March meeting! If you know of someone from CCRSPA who deserves special recognition for their service, please contact us – there are award deadlines coming up quickly.

We still need a president elect, president, and nomination committee chair. Please search your heart and volunteer for these positions or to help on any committee. Check our website for a list of current committees and contact people.

I'm sure that you have been watching current events as they unfold related to education. We spent our careers in public education and only wish the best for our children, grandchildren and fellow educators. They will need our support. I would like to see us broaden our support in the next year. If you have suggestions for projects to help the schools and children in Cecil County, I would love to hear them.

I look forward to seeing you at the March luncheon at the Rising Sun Banquet Hall. Please make every effort to come out and show support for our organization!

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



Cecil Retired School Personnel Association

## CCRSPA MINUTES- December 6, 2016

The group gathered at 11:00 AM at the Rising Sun Banquet Hall. President Anne Humphrey called the meeting to order at 11:25 AM. Anne and Paul Humphrey led The Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction of prospective new members attending the meeting were: Cathy Carter (Conowingo Elementary), Marilyn Bennett (Perryville High), Dolores Murson (Charlestown Elementary) and John Kelly (Board of Education). Faye Miller, MRSPA president and a new member of our organization, was introduced along with Shachar Weisman, Executive Director MRSPA.

Shachar Weizman presented information about the new website for MRSPA. The website is more user-friendly, has videos of committee chairpersons, provides information about travel programs and has an e-commerce section containing branded items from the MRSPA organization. The legislative section is restricted to members only. He also discussed new benefits that were going to the board-of-directors for approval.

### Business Meeting

The September minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report - Paul Montgomery presented the report as printed.

Community Outreach – Jan Yuninger reported schools have a need for clothes. Perryville Middle was the recipient of our can-can collection in September, and they were most appreciative. Food is sent home every day and on weekends with children.

Constitution – Kathy Mullen called for a vote for the bylaws changes and constitution changes. A vote was taken, and the changes were passed.

Legislative – Linda Elwood talked about Cecil Night in Annapolis. Information can be found on our Facebook page about Cecil County night in Annapolis. She also stated that health care costs were increasing and the teachers' union was filing a grievance. There are two legislative priorities for 2017: a task force is looking into long-term health care, and the other priority is tax cuts for the elderly. She shared information from the legislative meeting by David Brinkley, who is in budget management at the Governor's office. Education and school construction are the top priorities for the state. The governor, speaker-of-the-house and the senate have agreed to give money back to the counties to help offset what counties pay toward retiree benefits.

Membership - Sherry Lewis stated that our local's membership is 290. We have 6 emeritus members. Our two new members are Elyse Hudson and Charlene Powell. Sherry attended the pre-retirement meeting at the Board of Education

Corresponding Secretary – Betsy Van Culin received a thank you note from Perryville Middle. They received our can-can donations from our September meeting. Our contributions went to 75 families.

Scholarship – Marie Madron shared that two \$1000.00 scholarships were awarded in May. She thanked everyone for purchasing raffle tickets at our meetings and to the group traveling to Ireland with Fred. Hill Travel will make a donation to the scholarship committee. Check our website for information about this year's scholarship and the application process. Anne Humphrey shared that MRSPA provides scholarships each year for teachers and staff members in Maryland schools wanting to change or reach certification.

Travel - Fred Metzger shared that 34 folks have signed up for our trip to Ireland next year. CIE opened up four more spots for our group. The trip is scheduled for September 14 -26.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10.

Paul Humphrey led us in prayer.

### REMINDER

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

**COMING EVENTS**

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 TREASURER’S REPORT**

**BALANCE:** Sept. 30, 2016 \$8565.70

RECEIPTS

Dues	\$240.00
Interest	0.89
Coats	250.00
Scholarship	125.00
December Luncheon	1600.00
Raffles	<u>437.00</u>

\$ 2652.89

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$11,218.59

Expenditures:

Coats	\$276.06
Supplies	76.02
Mileage	98.50
MRSPA	10.00
Chalkboard	112.80
September Luncheon	<u>1664.98</u>
Total Expenditures	\$2238.36

Balance on Hand December 31,2016 \$8,980.23

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

Paul Montgomery, Treasurer

**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 Habel
<u>Treasurer</u>	Paul Montgomery

**COMMITTEE**

<u>Community Outreach</u>	Paula Cobb
<u>Education &amp; 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 &amp; 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

**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**

**MARCH LUNCHEON  
REMINDER**

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**MARCH LUNCHEON  
MEETING**

Mark your calendar! Plan to attend and keep in touch with CCRSPA friends at the March 21st 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).

*March Luncheon Meeting*  
*Rising Sun Banquet Hall*

**Rising Sun, MD 21915**

**March 21, 2017 - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

*Menu*

**Stuffed manicotti, Chicken Kiev  
Garlic smashed potatoes**

**Mixed vegetables**

**Tossed salad**

**Cookies and brownies**

**Rolls**

**Iced Tea and Coffee**

**Price per person \$20.00**

**RSVP by March 14, 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 **March 14, 2017** to:

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

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

**LUNCHEON RSVP FOR MARCH 21ST.**

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



## Raffle Ramblings

The raffle committee would like to thank all of the members who donated items for the Christmas meeting/luncheon!

The leprechaun's are busy getting the raffle items for our March meeting. May the "Luck of the Irish," be with you all!

## Our Musical March Program

How many of you remember the celebration of music in our schools in the month of March?

Get ready to appreciate music and tap your feet to the beat with your retired Cecil County retired musicians!



### Having ICE on Your Cell Phone Might Save Your Life

Have you added ICE (in case of emergency) in your Contacts? If you were in a dire situation, how would someone know whom to contact? By adding ICE in front of one or more of your Contacts, you have designated a friend or family member that can be contacted if you are in a serious situation or medical emergency. For many cell phones all you need to do is (1) select the name of a contact from your cell phone's Contact list. (2) Choose "Edit Contact," and (3) click on that contact's first name and type "ICE" in front of it. Let this person or persons know that you've chosen them as your ICE contacts, and review your medical alerts with them so that they are informed and understand what to do in case of an emergency.

### The Power of Plants

Common household plants such as ferns, palms, snake plants and spider plants not only protect your health but also your wallet. These plants absorb indoor toxins, and this air-purifying punch costs a fraction of commercial units. They may help HVAC systems to work more efficiently and extend air-filter life. Because plants add humidity to the air, you can set your thermostat a few degrees lower. You'll save money and feel healthier.

**Consumer Problems:** If you are having trouble getting a consumer issue resolved, contact the Maryland Office of the Attorney General. There is help at your fingertips for many consumer issues at <https://www.oag.state.md.us/Consumer/index.htm> to find information about your consumer rights, how to file a complaint and how to protect yourself from being the victim of a scam.

## Membership news for March

Membership total is 290. There are 14 local only members.

**\*\*The MRSPA raised the dues to \$45 beginning 2017. It had been \$35 for several years, and our economy has changed. To maintain functioning at its high level for all of us, it was necessary. Later this spring, you will see a change in the dues renewal notice or the one time deduction from your Pension statement. The new 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.

When you are browsing the MRSPA website, you will see some added benefit programs available to us.

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

At the December meeting, some members took advantage of the get free raffle tickets initiative announced at the September luncheon and printed in the Dec. Chalkboard. Again in March, “Just bring a prospective new member as a guest to our luncheon. (**Notify someone at the check in table**) 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 and information from us/or MRSPA.

### NEW MEMBERS

Kathy Thomas

Elise Hudson

Charlene Powels

Vincent A Cariello



The Can-Can program brought in canned goods and nonperishable food items.

### In Memorium

Robert A. Powers

(6/04/1945 - 10/25/2016) Custodian

Helen B. Zdrojewski

(1/30/1950 - 12/03/2016) Cecil County Board of  
Education

Peggy A. Bollender

(10/04/1936 – 12/10/2016) Teacher

Victoria W. Owen

(3/10/1935 - 12/13/2016) Teacher

Nellie C. Hipkins

(12/13/2016) CCRSPA Member, Teacher

Alvyn I Nacman

(1925 – 1/15/2017) Planetarium Teacher

Jean E. Haugh

(5/30/1946 – 1/21/2017) Special Ed Coordinator





**Faye Miller, MRSPA president and a new member of our Cecil County RSPA.**



**Shachar Weizman, Executive Director MRSPA, presented information about the new website for MRSPA.**



**Perryville High School's Chamber Choir, under the direction of Nathan Carns.**

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