



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 Haberl

Treasurer: Paul Montgomery

Newsletter Co-editors: Gretchen Ginder and Signe' Mika

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This spring has certainly brought us some great weather! I look forward to planting flowers and enjoying the summer months. Before you know it, 34 of us will be in Ireland!

We have some important upcoming events in May. Six of us will be attending the MRSPA Annual Meeting on May 9th to represent CCRSPA. Then on May 23rd, we have our last meeting/luncheon for this year at Schaffer's. We will be awarding scholarships and recognizing those who volunteer in our community. Nineteen volunteers will be recognized. May 26th is Cecil County Wellness Day where we will have an information booth.

I'd like to extend a huge thank you to those who are volunteering to serve on our executive board and on our committees! Without them, we would not be able to serve the schools, give our scholarships, and we certainly would miss those raffles, luncheon décor, and great entertainment! Remember that we are in need of help – Vice President, nominating chair and community volunteers.

The MRSPA has advertised the opening for Executive Director. This is a full time position – great for someone who has retired early and wants a **new job**. If you know anyone who might be interested, please direct them to the MRSPA website.

Looking forward to seeing you on May 23rd!

Anne

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 - March 21, 2017

The group gathered at 11:00 AM at the Rising Sun Banquet Hall. President Anne Humphrey called the meeting to order at 11:15 AM. Anne and Paul Humphrey led The Pledge of Allegiance.

Business Meeting

The December 6, 2016 minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report - Paul Montgomery reported that we are in good shape and there are no changes.

Community Outreach – Jan Yuninger reported we have helped eleven different schools, and they are most appreciative of what we do for the current students in CCPS. One school is in need of a cot, and the committee has pledged to purchase it. Paula Cobb has agreed to chair the Community Outreach Committee.

Benefits – Paul Humphrey is our new chairperson, and Linda Elwood will be the alternate. A MRSPA member benefits brochure was provided to everyone present at the meeting. The pamphlet contains information listing benefits and various discounted plans along with information about: Abenity, Dell computer discounts, FUSCO Financial associates, Hear in America, SECU Credit Union, United Legal Benefits, Travel programs and MVCP car buying service.

Legislative – Linda Elwood reported 2800 bills have been introduced in Annapolis. The fight continues for our benefits. A concern is the Public Charter School Act. Employees would not be public school employees, and they would be exempt from having a Maryland teaching certificate. She talked about AARP fraud alerts. If ordering from Amazon, be careful if ordering from a third person. Be sure you are paying to Amazon. There has been an increase in investment fraud. Always verify you are using a registered advisor or investor.

Membership - We currently have 290 full members and 14 local only members. Membership dues are now \$55.00. State dues have increased to \$45.00 and our local dues remain at \$10.00.

Scholarship – Marie Madron shared that currently there are two applicants for the CCRSPA Memorial Scholarship.

Travel - Fred Metzger shared that 36 folks have signed up for our trip to Ireland and there are still two seats available. The trip is scheduled for September 14 -26. The final payment is due July 3.

New Business - Anne Humphrey has agreed to remain as president for another year. Currently an assistant recording secretary is needed, as is a President-elect (there are 4 executive committee meetings and 4 general meetings per year, a president's training, 1 district meeting and 1 state meeting to attend). Tony Mattern does a wonderful job with the web site and Facebook. An assistant is needed in case he is not available. If you have computer skills, please consider volunteering. We always need helping hands on all of our association committees.

The Cecil County Wellness Day is scheduled for May 26 at Elkton High School. CCRSPA will have a table to promote our organization.

The annual MRSPA meeting is scheduled for May 9 at Turf Valley.

Mary McCleary thanked everyone for their support of our raffle, which helps fund the Community Outreach, and Scholarship committees.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40.

Reverend Yuninger led us in prayer.

Following a delicious lunch, retirees provided our excellent entertainment: Christine Bradfield, Paul Humphrey, Debbie Schneider, Jake Schneider and Laurel Wirtz.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Haberl

REMINDER

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

COMING EVENTS

May 2, 2017 - Executive Board Meeting
May 23, 2017 - Luncheon Meeting (CC)
July 3, 2017 – Final Payment due for Ireland trip
September, 2017 Executive Board Meeting
September 14-26, 2017 Trip to Ireland
September, 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 Haberl
<u>Treasurer</u>	Paul Montgomery

COMMITTEE

<u>Community Outreach</u>	Paula Cobb
<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>	Paul Humphrey
<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: January 1, 2017 \$8861.43

RECEIPTS

Dues	\$20.00
Interest	0.78
Coats	250.00
March Luncheon	1400.00
Raffles	<u>345.00</u>

\$ 2015.78

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$10,877.21

Expenditures:

Coats	\$1049.62
Supplies	45.69
Chalkboard	108.38
March Luncheon	<u>1664.92</u>
Total Expenditures	\$2848.61

Balance on Hand March 31, 2017 \$8,980.23

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

Paul Z. 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.



May Luncheon Meeting

Schaffer's Canal House

Chesapeake City, MD 21915

May 23, 2017 - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Menu

Choice of Mahi Mahi or Pork

Tossed Salad

Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, and Rolls

Dessert

Iced Tea or Coffee

Price per person \$20.00

RSVP by May 16, 2016



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 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.

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 16, 2017** 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 MAY 23RD.

MY NAME _____ MY GUEST _____

Mahi Mahi ____ Pork ____

Mahi Mahi ____ Pork ____



Thank you for our very successful March raffle! We thank all the members who brought an item to share. Donations are welcomed!

We are looking forward to seeing what May flowers and unique items will be presented at our spring meeting raffle.

Mary McCleary
Raffle Chair



Bravo

What a great musical performance we had at March's meeting. **Our musical retirees** are the best! We want to thank Chris Bradfield, Paul Humphrey, Jake and Deb Schneider and Laurel Wertz for their great performance.

Mary McCleary
Program Chair

Legislative Report

As you know the legislative session is over and our pensions continue to be secure at this time. The hearing for the Charter School Act of 2017 was cancelled which is good news since MRSPA opposed this legislation.

SB 415/HB631 - Essential Generic Drugs-Price Gouging-Prohibition passed. This requires a manufacturer of an essential generic drug to submit a specified statement to the Attorney General within 20 days if there will be a substantial increase in price.

SB 540 - State Retirement Choice for the 21st Century Workforce, we opposed and it went nowhere. There was an unfavorable report by Judicial Proceedings.

Earned Sick and Safe Leave passed; however, the governor said he would veto this bill. The committee will continue to meet with him to try to persuade him to change his mind.

Community Service

Nominations have been made for is the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association Community Service individual and for the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame, Inc.

Nineteen CCRSPA members volunteered for the 2016 year with nearly 5000 volunteer hours of Community Service in areas such as schools, churches, hospitals, the library, tutoring, CCRSPA, Elkton Town Board, the Cecil County Fair, skating teams, and the All County Chorus.

We thank the following members for their efforts in volunteering: Debbie Pasco, Barbara Sanders, Dot Rice, Anne Bates, Sally Haberl, Betsy Van Culin, Gretchen Ginder, Jean Smith, Paul Humphrey, Anne Humphrey, Jan Yuninger, Diana Lohr, Christine Bradfield, Kathy Morton, Paul Elwood, Nancy Wallace, Linda Elwood, Paula Cobb, and Cheryl Taylor.

Membership news for May

Membership total is 290. There are 11 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)

BE CAREFUL, We had many members who did not renew last year. I sent a letter to them to see if they would reconsider. I heard from one already, and she paid her membership to another association thinking it was ours. That has happened before. That membership was with NEA.

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 as 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, remember a BIGGER Voice for us!!**

** You can still take advantage of the get free raffle tickets initiative, announced last fall, for our luncheons, again in MAY, “Just bring a prospective new member as a guest to our luncheon. (**Notify someone at the check in table**) Your **guest** 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/or MRSPA.

NEW MEMBER

Fred Barrett

In Memorial

Nellie B. Crothers

1937 - February 21, 2017

Bus Driver

Janet L. Kirkley

January 11, 1944 – February 26, 2017

Lead Secretary

Ann E. Jackson

November 5, 1920 – March 8, 2017

Food Services

Helen M. Spengler

December 7, 1920 – March 18, 2017

Jean L. McMillan

March 18, 1927 – March 27, 2017

Teacher, CCRSPA Member

CCRSPA would like to thank all of our generous donors who have given in the past, present, and in the future to our Coat and Scholarship funds. These worthy contributions have helped numerous students in our schools and our future teachers.

A special thank you for recent contributions goes to: Becky Smith and Paula Cobb in memory of Keener Cobb.

Program Presented by Retired Music Teachers



Paul Humphrey, Chris Bradfield, Laurel Wirtz, Jake and Deb Schneider, retired music teachers, performed a wonderful music presentation.



In charge of the raffles.



Enjoying the program.

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.

Purchasing Luncheon raffle tickets help support *Coats for Kids* and 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

The Can-Can program brought in canned goods and nonperishable food items. Ray of Hope Mission name was drawn to receive the food.