



The Chalkboard

CECIL COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL
ASSOCIATION

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2016-2017 OFFICERS

President: Anne Humphrey

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Recording Secretary: Sally Haberl

Treasurer: Tony Mattern

Newsletter Co-editors: Gretchen Ginder and Signe' Mika

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I can't believe that it is time to think about the fall newsletter already! Our luncheon has been changed from September to October this year due to the Ireland trip and state meetings. Please make note of the date and join us at Schaefer's Canal House.

I would like to welcome our new MRSPA Executive Director, Wanda Ruffo Twigg, effective July 1, 2017. In the 1980's, Ms. Twigg worked as a Mental Health Associate at the Thomas B. Finan Center in Cumberland, Maryland. She then returned to school, earned her Advanced Professional Certificate and taught social studies in Baltimore County and then in St. Mary's County. As she became active in school-based leadership, Ms. Twigg became involved in her local teachers' association, serving as president of the Education Association of St. Mary's County for eight years. In that capacity, she also acted as an elected member of the MSEA and NEA Boards of Directors, advocating for education and school personnel in numerous venues. In her most recent role, Ms. Twigg was the Executive Director, ACE-AFSCME Local 2250, representing the support staff employees of Prince George's County Public Schools. Sounds like she will be a great fit for MRSPA! We hope that she will attend one of our luncheons this year.

Thank you for being a member of CCRSPA – let's make this a great new year by bringing a retired friend into our group! Remember, they do not have to attend luncheons to be members but if they come, their first luncheon is free!

See you soon!

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 - May 21, 2017

The group gathered at 11:00 AM at Schaefer's Canal House. Past President Kathy Mullen called the meeting to order at 11:15 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Business Meeting

Introduction of Guests Deborah Chance from MRSPA and Georgia Renk from Mount Harmon Plantation were introduced. New Retirees introduced were Connie Davis, Bert Brown and Ron Hazel.

Deborah Chance reported that the state was in the process of selecting a new Executive Director. There were 124 applicants, with 24 meeting requirements. A selection will be made by July.

Georgia Renk represented Mount Harmon Planation. She explained it is a nonprofit organization. There is a need for volunteers who can act as docents, can add to school programs with many colonial activities, and can help with on day festivals. Over 1000 students visited this year. A Revolutionary War Re-enactment will be held in October 2018. There will be a Lotus Blossom Festival in August 5, 2017. It will be closed from October 31, 2017 through April 30, 2018. Mount Harmon has a website and is on Facebook.

The March 21, 2017 minutes were approved.
Treasurer's Report was presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislative. Linda Elwood reported that our pensions are secure. SB 540 was opposed and went nowhere. HB 415 – essential generic drugs was passed. Waiting for governor to sign. HB 1 - Health Leave Family Act was passed giving 5 days of sick leave if more than 15 employees are employed. Governor has not signed yet. Call and ask governor to pass by Thursday. Call 844-284-6884, and give name and zip code. Generic Drug Act to prevent price gouging.

Membership. Sherry Lewis said we had one new member, Fred Barrett. We have 292 members with two more coming and eleven local members. Lorraine Newman is a new Emeritus Member.

Nominations. Cards were on the table for nominations for President, President elect, Secretary, and Nominations Chair.

Pre-retirement Benefits. Paul Humphrey reported that changes have been made in Mutual Funds. There is nothing to report on Health Care yet.

Communications. Have articles to Gretchen Ginder for the September Chalkboard by August 7.

Social. Call or email Diana Lohr if coming to the luncheons. Payment can be made at the door.

Programs. For our May meeting there is no formal program due to recognitions. The first luncheon in the fall will be October 3 due to the length of the Ireland trip. Mary will contact Mary Ann Jung to perform at the March meeting.

Wellness Day. Will be held at Elkton High School on Friday, May 25, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Everyone is invited. We will have a booth to provide information and a hold a raffle. We are targeting those planning to retire within the next two years.

Scholarship. Marie Madron and Libby McCullough gave background on the scholarship program. Twenty-nine scholarships have been given starting in 1987. The first scholarships were worth \$200.00. The two scholarships presented today are for \$1000.00 each. Thank you to all who make direct contributions and who buy raffles. The trips organized by Fred Metzger also add to the scholarship fund. The two recipients for this year are Courtney Spangler and Liam Rawley.

Members were recognized for their volunteer work this year. At the MRSPA annual meeting, we received a commendation for our volunteer work for this year.

Food pantry drawing for the Can-Can Program went to Trinity United Methodist Church in Chesapeake City.

Business meeting closed at 12:00.

Rev. Al Yuninger asked the blessing.

Luncheon was served followed by drawing for raffles.

Respectfully submitted by Gretchen Ginder for Sally Habel.

REMINDER

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

COMING EVENTS

September 12, 2017 Executive Board Meeting
 September 14-26, 2017 Trip to Ireland
October 3, 2017 Luncheon Meeting (CC)
 November 28, 2017 Executive Board Meeting
 December 12, 2017 Luncheon Meeting (RS)
 March 6, 2018 Executive Board Meeting
 March 20, 2018 Luncheon Meeting (RS)
 May 1, 2018 Executive Board Meeting
 May 22, 2018 Luncheon Meeting (CC)

CCRSPA Officers & Committee Chairpersons

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<u>Recording Secretary</u>	Sally Haberl
<u>Treasurer</u>	Tony Mattern

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>	Tony Mattern
<u>Programs</u>	Mary McCleary
<u>Public Relations & Communications</u>	
Betsy Van Culin	
<u>Publications</u>	Gretchen Ginder and Signe' Mika
Scholarship	Marie Madron
<u>Social</u>	Diana Lohr
<u>Sunshine</u>	Debbie Pasco

CCRSPA TREASURER'S REPORT

BALANCE: May 31, 2017	<u>\$7932.99</u>
 <u>RECEIPTS</u>	
Dues	\$920.00
Interest	0.56
May Luncheon	1280.00
Raffle	338.00
Coats	150.00
Scholarship	<u>130.00</u>
	\$2818.56
 <u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	 <u>\$10,751.55</u>

Expenditures:

Coats	\$79.99
Scholarship	2000.00
Website	15.99
Chalkboard	98.00
Postage	19.60
Supplies	464.01
May Luncheons	1484.30
Volunteer Gifts	100.00
MRSPA Insurance	25.00
MRSPA Scholarship Fund	<u>50.00</u>
 Total Expenditures	 \$4336.89

Balance on Hand June 30, 2017	<u>\$6,414.66</u>
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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

**OCTOBER LUNCHEON
REMINDER**

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

**DECEMBER LUNCHEON
MEETING**

Mark your calendar! Plan to attend and keep in touch with CCRSPA friends at the December 12th luncheon at the Rising Sun Banquet Hall.

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 ContactUs@CecilRSPA.org

October Luncheon Meeting

Schaefer's Canal House

Chesapeake City, MD 21915

October 3, 2017 - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Menu

Choice of Mahi Mahi or Roast Beef

Tossed Salad

Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, and Rolls

Dessert

Iced Tea or Coffee

Price per person \$20.00

RSVP by September 12, 2017



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 12, 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 OCTOBER 3, 2017.

MY NAME _____ MY GUEST _____

Mahi Mahi _____ Roast Beef _____

Mahi Mahi _____ Roast Beef _____



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 businesses that provided prizes for our raffle:

Cherry-Knoll Nursery, Nottingham, PA
Corner Garden, Rte.213/Rte. 273, Fair Hill,
MD Jacquie's Place, Rte. 273, Cherry Hill

Please support these businesses.

See you all in October!

Mary McCleary, Program Chair

(The Ice Man Cometh?)

No, the Milk Bottle Man Cometh!

Yes, Pete Whiteford, the milk bottle man from Street, MD will be our October Program presenter.

Pete is a member of the International Association of Milk Bottle Collectors. He has been collecting since 1980. Pete will bring a display of his Maryland bottles. Some of these bottles are highly scarce and valuable.

Do you know what a baby face bottle looks like? What is the difference in the embossed bottles and the printed bottles? Who were the early dairy bottlers in our county? Come to the October 3, 2017 meeting, and learn the answers and more through Q and A time.

(Due to a schedule conflict, Mary Ann Jung will perform at our March meeting.)

Community Service

As we approach the new school year, here are several ways that our association can help.

First, the name of the Coat Committee has been changed to "Kids Fund". If you know of a need that our committee can help with at our schools, please let the committee know.

For the October 3rd luncheon, please bring a book that we can donate to the Cecil County Library. This could be in memory of someone.

For the December 12th luncheon, we will be collecting hats, gloves and coats to give away.

Remember to keep track of your volunteer service hours that will be recorded at the March 20th meeting. We want to recognize volunteers by maintaining a plaque at the Board of Education Board Room.

Let's make this a great year as we reach out to the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Cobb

CCRSPA would like to thank Donna Thachick who made a donation to the Kids Fund in memory of Dorothy Shubra (her mother) and to thank Wanda Ward who made a donation to the Scholarship Fund in memory of Lois C. Bannister.

Membership news for September

Membership total is 294. There are 11 local only members.

The MRSPA raised the dues to \$45 beginning 2017. If you haven't received your dues renewal notice yet, it will be in the mail soon, for those who pay by check. The one time deduction will be seen in your Pension statement. The new dues total will be \$55. (\$45/state \$10/local)

You can still take advantage of the **get free raffle tickets** initiative. "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
Susan Whitcraft

In Memorial

Suzanne S. Gordon
12/8/1940 – 5/14/2017
Substitute Teacher/School PTA
President

Esther J Hartman
passed 5/7/2017
Secretary

Avis C. Brown
passed 5/19/2017
Bayside Community Network

Lorene Haynes Newman
5/6/1927-6/1/2017
Health Occupations/CCPS Vo-
Tech School

Richard L. Taylor
8/21/1937-6/2/2017
Administration

Donald H. Ewing
1/4/1970-6/6/2017
Custodian

Bernard H. Snead
2/5/1942-6/24/2017

Loretta R. Helsel
7/16/1934-7/3/2017
Cafeteria Area

Joan V. Russell
3/3/1932-7/21/2017
Special Education Teacher

Karen L. Mueller
5/14/1954-7/24/2017
Art Teacher



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, Dianan Lohr, Christine Bradfield, Kathy Morton, Paul Elwood, Nancy Wallace, Linda Elwood, Paula Cobb, and Sheryl Taylor.

Nancy Wallace is the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association Community Service Individual nominated and Gretchen Ginder is the nominee for the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame, Inc.



MRSPA Annual Meeting

Wellness Day went well. The winners of the plant raffle were Robin Wein from Conowingo Elem School and Keith Willis from Cherry Hill Middle School.



CCRSPA Donation

(Please Clip and retain for your records)

Name _____

\$ _____ Ck # _____

Amount _____

Date: _____

Kids Fund Scholarship Fund

CCRSPA Scholarship or Kids Fund Donation – 2016-2017
Make check payable to *CCRSPA*, write “Scholarship” or “Kids Fund Donation” in lower left corner and mail along with this slip to Tony Mattern, 160 Willard Drive, North East, MD 21901-1631. Thank you. (*See Below)

Name _____ Amount \$ _____

In Honor or In Memory of _____

*REMINDER: A separate check for donations to the *Scholarship* or *Kids Fund* may be sent with your September luncheon reservation and returned to Diana Lohr at 2 Clipstone Court, Baltimore, MD 21236.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The first Scholarship recipient was Courtney Spangler, who graduated from Rising Sun High School. She is a junior at Towson State University. She is majoring in Elementary and Special Education. She has wanted to be a teacher since third grade. She will be a fourth generation teacher. The second recipient for this year is Liam Rawley, who graduated from Rising Sun High School. He attends Cecil College and will be a junior at Towson State University next year. He has wanted to be a music teacher since seventh grade.



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. Trinity United Methodist Church, which is part of the Ecumenical Council in Chesapeake City, received the food in May.