



# 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: Tony Mattern

Newsletter Co-editors: Gretchen Ginder and Signe' Mika

## 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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are halfway through the fall season and we are still waiting for some beautiful foliage! I do hope that you are enjoying the wonderful dose of warm weather!

This is the time of year that MRSPA is providing training for leadership and coming up in November is the annual legislative training. There is also a local meeting with CCPS on healthcare. We will have reports at our meeting in December.

I know you have heard this request before but we do need some help on the executive board – and we are looking for you! We need a President Elect, an Assistant Recording Secretary, and a Nominating Chair. Please talk with any of us at the luncheon where we will also be treated to the sounds of a Cecil County High School Chorus!

This will be our last luncheon at the Rising Sun Banquet Hall – in March we will be at Bomba's in North East. We will certainly miss working with the staff in Rising Sun – they have served us well!

We really enjoy seeing all of our “regulars” at luncheons – please consider contacting a retired friend to join us. Remember there are raffle tickets to be awarded! Think about all of the benefits of membership with both MRSPA and CecilRSPA – spread the word to all of the retirees who have not joined us.

See you in December!

Anne

## CCRSPA MINUTES - October 3, 2017

The group gathered at 11:00 AM at Schaefer's Canal House. President Anne called the meeting to order at 11:23 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Introduction of guests: Robin Schaible, Sharon Vaudry, Lynne Calehoff, Karen Hammond, and Vickie Cebula

### **Business Meeting**

The May 23, 2017 minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report was presented. Tony Mattern will be the new treasurer. Forms for reimbursement can be found on the CCRSPA website. An executive board member must sign reimbursement forms before submitting to Tony. Send any web links to Tony to be used on Facebook. He needs someone to proofread anything he puts on our site. He would like to have someone to work with him to learn the treasurer's position.

We will give Paul Montgomery a gift card to recognize his many years of service to the Association.

Members are still needed to fill officers' positions and committees.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Fred Metzger reported that 34 people went on the trip to Ireland. It was a great trip. Another trip will be planned for 2019. Ann Hill presented a check for \$2605.16 for our scholarship program.

**Community Outreach.** Some supplies were donated to Generation Station. Books collected may not be given to the library. There haven't been as many requests for coats as in the past. Schools need clothes, such as pants, shirts, and shoes. School nurses have been contacted. We received a thank you note from Cecilton Elementary.

**Legislation.** Legislative training meeting set for November.

**Membership.** We have over 290 members. Seven new members have signed up. There are 16 members who have not paid their dues. Seven members have died this year. We have four members with emeritus status: Margaret Bailey, Robert Murphy, Edith Ranieri, and Rebecca Smith. Becky Smith, who will be 103 in December, made comments.

**Preretirement.** There will be a preretirement meeting on November 5, 2017. MRSPA is our voice for pensions at the state level.

**Communications.** Have articles to Gretchen Ginder for the December Chalkboard by October 15, 2017.

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

March luncheon meeting place has changed to Bomba's on Route 40. It was suggested that we purchase shirts with CCRSPA logo to wear when representing the association. More information will be provided at the December meeting.

**Benefits.** Audits reported finding that bus drivers were paid more than was budgeted. Jobs were performed without bids going out. Advisory Committee has said the retired teachers are no longer part of the meeting. We can have a representative but that person is not allowed to speak. See detailed information under Benefits Advisory Meeting.

**Programs.** For the December meeting Mary will contact Nathan Carns for music program. March will feature Mary Ann Jung. Mary McCleary thanked us for help with raffle prizes and ticket purchases. Food pantry drawing for the Can-Can Program went to St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Perryville. Business meeting closed at 12:00.

Paul Humphrey asked the blessing.

Luncheon was served followed by a program presented by Pete Whiteford, the Milk Bottle Man.

Raffle Drawing.

Respectfully submitted by Gretchen Ginder for Sally Habrel.

**COMING EVENTS**

November 28, 2017 Executive Board Meeting  
 December 12, 2017 Luncheon Meeting (RS)  
 March 6, 2018 Executive Board Meeting  
 March 20, 2018 Luncheon Meeting  
 May 1, 2018 Executive Board Meeting  
 May 22, 2018 Luncheon Meeting (CC)

**CCRSPA Officers & Committee Chairpersons**

**OFFICERS**

President Anne Humphrey  
Past President Kathleen Mullen  
Corresponding Secretary Betsy Van Culin  
Recording Secretary Sally Haberl  
Treasurer Tony Mattern

**COMMITTEE**

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

**CCRSPA TREASURER'S REPORT**

**BALANCE:** June 30, 2017 \$6474.82

**RECEIPTS**

Trip Donation	\$2605.16
Kids Fund	93.06
Membership Dues	1890.00
Raffles	1787.00
MRSPA Postage	46.74
Interest	<u>2.64</u>
	\$6,424.60
<b><u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u></b>	<b><u>\$12,897.15</u></b>

**Expenditures:**

Gifts	\$108.94
October Luncheons	2132.73
Kids Fund	666.43
Chalkboard	329.00
Postage	<u>23.22</u>
Total Expenditures	\$3260.32

Net Balance September 30, 2017 \$9636.83

CD at Cecil Bank \$11,061.06

Anthony Mattern, 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.

**MARCH LUNCHEON  
MEETING**

Mark your calendar! Plan to attend and keep in touch with CCRSPA friends at the March 20th luncheon at Bomba's Restaurant on Route 40 in Northeast.

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 [ContactUs@CecilRSPA.org](mailto:ContactUs@CecilRSPA.org)

*December Luncheon Meeting*

*Rising Sun Banquet Hall*

Rising Sun, MD 219

December 12, 2017 - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

*Menu*

Penne Pasta with Alfredo Sauce

Chicken Italiano

Stuffed with Basel and Mozzarella topped with Marinara Sauce

Mashed Potatoes and Steamed Vegetable Medley

Tossed Salad

Rolls and Butter

Assorted Cookies and Brownies

**Price per person \$20.00**

**RSVP by December 5, 2017**



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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 **December 5, 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 DECEMBER 12, 2017.**

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



## September's Raffle Report

Thank you, our members, for donating to our prize table! We appreciate your support. We also would like to thank the Fair Hill Liquor store for their donation of the wine. We also thank the Corner Garden, located at the intersection of 273 and 213, for their mums and pumpkin.



## Sounds of Christmas

Jingle bells, jingle bells...jingle all the way...

The Perryville High School Chorale, under the direction of Nathan Carns, will be performing at our Christmas meeting/luncheon.

## Benefits Advisory Meeting

Delta Dental and Aetna – everything okay.

CCPS will be issuing Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for the PPO medical plan, prescription drug plan, and the vision plan. Mae will do as much as possible to prevent provider disruption. (Care First, Aetna, and United Healthcare are the big players in the medical insurance market.)

**PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN** – End of three-year contract. Most implementation problems were with Catamaran; however, some were related to Care First and Aetna not providing Catamaran with accurate data related to member prescription utilization. There have been very few issues over the past two years, but if you do have problems you can contact Liz Miller in the Benefits Office. She will help you resolve the issue and may be able to provide for a 30-day fill of the medicine while you work through the authorization process. If CCPS changes prescription drug providers, there may be some prescription tiers change.

**Vision: Eye Med** – The RFP will be issued with no recommended change to the plan outline.

No plan change for retirees with Medicare. Pre 65 retirees will no longer be with Aetna. Highmark or CareFirst are covering most of the state exchange plans. Aetna has submitted two renewal rates for Medicare Advantage plan.

If the state and federal exchanges were to collapse (too late for that to happen in FY18) CCPS would provide retirees with a group-sponsored plan. Retirees who elect coverage through their spouse can still receive the Health Reimbursement Account funds from the Board however the HRA funds cannot be used to pay the spouse's premiums, only non-reimbursable medical expenses per the IRS. If the retiree elects medical coverage through a new employer they forfeit any rights to the CCPS HRA funds.

**Market place** – Can buy from individual carrier using subsidy

## Community Outreach – Kids Fund

Jan Yuninger has reported helping 4 schools with school supplies from nurse request earlier in the school year. A thank you note was read from Cecil Elementary school nurse, Evelyn carry thanking us for children's underwear for boy size XS to L.

Foods like chips, apples, etc. are sent on Friday for food to have for the weekend to some children in Perryville Middle and Northeast Middle.

Paula Cobb has delivered note books, note book paper, pens, pencils, poster board paint, glue, and book bags to the Generation Station, an Out of School Program for students in grades six through nine. They provide a safe environment between the hours of 2:45 and 5:45 pm when most parents are still working. Each program day includes both homework and instructional time to help students reach their academic potential. A healthy snack is provided. Students are picked up at school at dismissal time and transportation home is provided at the end of the program day. It is located near Bohemia Manor Middle School and High School.

Books donated will be given to Union Hospital.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula Cobb

## Membership news for December

**Membership total is 292.** There are 13 local only members.

You may have received a dues renewal **Reminder** notice from me, which was written by the MRSPA. If you haven't already followed through with the payment, you will be dropped off our list November 1<sup>st</sup>. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

\*\* Some members took the advantage of getting **free raffle tickets** in September. YOU CAN, TOO!“ 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 what we do, visit, enjoy the meal and possibly be a prize winner, they will want to join and help to support our community.

Want to THANK all the new people who joined at our September luncheon. It was so much fun to be able to say, “THEY JOINED!”

\*\*\*\*\*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

Tacie Connelly  
Vickie Cebula  
Linda Gubbine

Karen Hammond  
Margaret Lenhoff  
Barb Balog

Ann C. Hill  
Karen McCloskey  
Robin Schaible

## In Memorial

Eleanor B Crossan  
11/23/1922 – 8/5/2017  
Secretary at Kenmore, 38 years  
**CCRSPA** member

Haroldine H N Blevins  
2/27/1939 – 8/31/2017  
Custodian

Alan M Robbins  
Passed – 8/31/2017  
Coach, Perryville Panthers

Kenneth F Dollenger  
9/8/1931 – 9/3/2017  
Teacher, Principal, Supervisor and  
Administration,  
**CCRSPA** member

Daniel Newman  
5/2/1939 - 9/5/2017  
Counselor at Elkton High and CC Vocational School  
**CCRSPA** member

Elizabeth B Bryan  
6/29/1929 – 9/10/2017  
School Bus Aid

James H Ewing  
4/18/1928 – 9/15/2017  
Crossing Guard for North East

Lucinda M Mease  
10/20/1948 – 9/21/2017  
Cafeteria for Bay View

Teresa G DiFilippo  
9/13/1956 – 8/7/2017  
Paraprofessional in Pre-K

Joyce Casson  
March 17, 1943 – October 22, 2017  
Paraprofessional

## **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 11<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 4pm.

Preview party night is Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> 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 18, 2017

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

Sunday, November 19th 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 to 2 Gull Circle. Phone 410-287-6244.  
See you there.

\* Functional pottery, unique garden items, jewelry, and hand knit items.

## **INSURANCE ALERT**

Paul Humphrey has confirmed with the Board Office that retired teachers who are under 65 are eligible to receive help with accessing the health care marketplace. Please contact the Benefits Office if you need assistance. Also, on the Maryland Health Exchange, it is stated that open enrollment for health insurance sign up is from November 1 to November 15, not December 1.

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 December luncheon reservation and returned to Diana Lohr at 2 Clipstone Court, Baltimore, MD 21236.

The kids shown with school supplies that we sent them at Generation Station.



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 *Kids Fund* 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

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