



The Chalkboard

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President: Anne Humphrey

Immediate Past President: Kathleen Mullen

Corresponding Secretary: Betsy Van Culin

Recording Secretary: Sally Haberl

Treasurer: Tony Mattern

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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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hope you are all looking forward to spring as much as I am! Our MRSPA President, Fay Miller and Executive Director, Wanda Ruffo Twigg will be joining us for lunch at Bomba's on the 20th of March. They will update us on the latest happenings at the state level. We will also have volunteer forms for you to complete and sample CCRSPA shirts to check out and order. One of our favorite entertainers will bring history alive so plan to be there!!

In May we have the annual state meeting on May 8th in Bowie, MD. We can have 12 delegates. Anyone who is a member can be a delegate so if you are interested, please send a note to any officer or see us at the luncheon in March. There will be carpooling to get to Bowie. I have MRSPA raffle tickets to sell - 3/\$5 - you do not have to be present to win - buy them at the March luncheon.

I am trying to set up an evening get together at the end of May – more information should be available at the luncheon. I hope you are thinking of retirees who may not be able to attend daytime luncheons but would like to come to an evening event. Ask your retired friends if they are members, encourage non-members to join and bring them along!

In the coming weeks, I'll be attending a President's meeting – a good chance to network with other Presidents and get an update on MRSPA plans.

Looking forward to seeing you all at Bomba's!

Anne Humphrey

CCRSPA MINUTES - December 12, 2017

The group gathered at 11:00 AM at the Rising Sun Banquet Hall. President Anne Humphrey called the meeting to order at 11:20 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Anne announced that we had 93 persons in attendance, which is our largest group in attendance at a meeting. New members and guests were introduced. A correction was made to the September minutes. Paul Humphrey, our representative to the Benefits Advisory Committee, explained that we do have a voice and a vote at the benefits meeting.

Treasurer Tony Mattern reported that we are in good financial shape. We currently have \$21,118.96. Tony is treasurer and Paul Montgomery will act in an advisory capacity. Paul was recognized for 24 years of service and was given a gift card as a sign of our appreciation. He began as treasurer in 1993. Anne added we now have a two person required signature on each check.

Benefits Committee Report – Paul Humphrey stated the contract for health care ended this year. The Board of Education had to rebid the contracts. Two out of four companies responded with bids. Aetna and Care First will remain as the two health care options. Express Scripts will replace Optima for prescriptions for Blue Cross participants. The eye and dental plans remain unchanged. Just a reminder that eye and dental plans begin September 1 and medical plans begin January 1. For the under 65 retirees that are on the open market, if things change and there is no longer the Affordable Care Act, the BOE is trying to be proactive.

Corresponding Secretary, Betsy Van Culin, received a thank you note from the tutoring group for the school items provided by Paula Cobb. Jan Yuninger read a thank you note she received from Nurse Val at Kenmore Elementary for the donated items and clothing. Mary McCleary said Jan saw a 5th grade boy with his shoes taped together. Jan went out and bought the child a new pair of shoes.

Community Outreach chairperson, Paula Cobb, contacted school principals to inquire if there were afterschool programs we might assist with. Cecil Manor has a need for volunteers.

Sherry Lewis, membership chairperson, reported we have about 288 members. Our state goal has increased from 300 to 308 members. There has been an increase in the local member only group. An address for Becky Smith was provided so cards could be sent to Becky in recognition of her 103rd birthday on December 21.

Legislative chairperson Linda Elwood's report follows in the Chalkboard.

Anne Humphrey reminded us of our four lunches a year and is thinking it would be nice to do something in the evening during late spring or early summer involving hors d'oeuvres. A person is needed with helping to set it up. There is still a need for a nominating chairperson. The nominating committee is active from December thru May. Elections are in May. We need an assistant recording secretary and a president-elect. Please consider giving your time and volunteering for one of these positions.

Social Committee Chairperson, Diana Lohr, said our next luncheon would be at Bomba's Restaurant, 2360 Pulaski Highway, North East, on March 20, 2018.

Respectively Submitted,

Sally Haberl

COMING EVENTS

March 6, 2018 Executive Board Meeting
March 20, 2018 Luncheon Meeting
(Bomba's)
May 1, 2018 Executive Board Meeting
May 8, 2018 Annual State Meeting
May 22, 2018 Luncheon Meeting (CC)
September 18, 2018 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>	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
<u>Scholarship</u>	Marie Madron
<u>Social</u>	Diana Lohr
<u>Sunshine</u>	Debbie Pasco

CCRSPA TREASURER'S REPORT

BALANCE: June 30, 2017	<u>\$6474.82</u>
SUB TOTAL INCOME	9508.20
SUB TOTAL EXPENDITURES	6535.09
Net Balance	2973.11
CD at Cecil Bank	\$11,068.57
Balance on Hand	\$20,516.50

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.

DONATIONS

Given to the Scholarship Fund "By Her Big Sister" (Wanda Ward) in memory of Lois C. Bannister.

Given to the Scholarship Fund by W. Lee Mackie.

Given to the Kids Fund by Dorothy Neeley in memory of James Ware.



March Luncheon Meeting

Bomba's Restaurant

2360-2368 Pulaski Hwy

North East, MD 21901

March 20, 2017 - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Menu

- Broasted Chicken Pulled Pork
- Slider Rolls Macaroni and Cheese
- Garden Salad Cowboy Beans
- Fruit Cobbler
- Coffee Iced Tea

Price per person \$20.00

RSVP by March 13, 2018



MEETINGS

MARCH LUNCHEON REMINDER

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

MAY LUNCHEON MEETING

Mark your calendar! Plan to attend and keep in touch with CCRSPA friends at the May 22nd luncheon at Schaffer's Restaurant in Chesapeake City, MD.

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

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 13, 2018 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 MARCH 20, 2018.

MY NAME _____ MY GUEST _____

December's Raffle Report

Thank you, our members, for donating to our raffle table! We appreciated your support. We are looking forward to having another successful raffle in March! The leprechauns are very busy searching for items for the raffle.

Mary McCleary
Raffle Chairperson



Marchin' in with a Mystery Guest

Come and join us as Mary Ann Jung does one of her informative presentations. Won't give anything away, but just a clue of "Up, up and away"!

Mary McCleary
Program Chairperson

Community Outreach – Kid's Fund

1. Jan and I have been in contact with 10 of our public schools for needs that our organization could help provide.
2. Last December, Jan Yuninger took pants, underpants, Clorox and baby wipes for the nurse Valeri Konoski to give out. She also bought shoes for a little boy whose old shoes were taped on his feet!
3. On January 18, Jan took sweat pants, body spray and A&D ointment to nurse Marie Stevens at Elkton High School.
4. The nurse, Joy Grant, at Calvert Elementary received donations of underpants, cough drops, batteries, paper towels, and sponges for ice packs that Jan took for the students.
5. On January 30, Paula Cobb took the gloves, hats, scarfs, socks, and mittens that were donated at our December meeting to nurse, Heather Klockars, at Cecil Manor.
6. The rest of the books donated at our meeting were given to Bridget Cook, media specialist at Gilpin Manor by Paula.
7. Items donated were greatly appreciated.
8. Please remember your volunteer activities to be recorded for 2018 Community Service Nomination. The MRSPA is asking for nomination of one individual member and one association project, which is due by April 2nd. Please contact Paula Cobb if interested. The winning local will receive \$100, unless there is a tie.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Cobb

Membership News for March

Membership total is 290. There are 19 local only members.

Some members are taking the advantage of getting **free raffle tickets**. “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.

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

Kevin Connelly
Susan White

Kerry Patrick
Cheryl Dawkins Hartwig

Laurel P Jones

New Members Local Only

Lillian Crispin
Linda Gibeck
Michele Dowdell

Kingsley Shaffer
Elizabeth Goodale
Judy Bristow

Mary Ann Loynds
David Brown

In Memoriam

Elinor L Schrack

8/3/1928-10/13/2017
Teacher

Kathryn S Ward

4/3/1922-10/22/2017
Cecil College, Cecil County Board of Education
1976-1986

Genevieve B Seward

8/29/1929-10/24/2017
Title I Teacher's Aide

Betty Kinney

5/9/1941-11/3/2017
Cafeteria Manager

James W Ware

1946-11/9/2017
Teacher- CCRSPA Member

Ella Jourdan

1/2/1919-11/20/2017
Teacher's Aide

Julie M Griffith

7/6/1959-11/27/2017
Clerk

Dorothy Racine

4/9/1949-12/11/2017
Teacher

Edith M Ranieri

4/9/1920-12/21/2017
Teacher's Instructional Aide-CCRSPA Member

Deborah M Miklas

12/18/1955-1/2/2018
Lead Secretary

Margaret H Vansant

6/11/1925-1/14/2018
Gilpin Manor Secretary

Betty A Steele

1925-1/22/2018
Teacher's Aide, Volunteer

Richard D King

8/18/1947-1/28/2018
Substitute Teacher

Elaine Gibney

8/11/1948-1/29/2018
Bus Driver

Betty Jean Dalton

January 22, 1943-February 7, 2018
Thomson Estates Secretary

Legislative Report

As many of you are aware, the Legislative Session has begun. I encourage each of you to become aware of some of the issues that may affect you. Members can sign on the MRSPA site, www.mrspa.org. Sign in using your e-mail address and password and then click on Legislative and Legislative Update. This will allow you to read each bill. If you click the number on the far left it will show a synopsis of the bill along with an analysis of the bill. I encourage everyone to also use the Take Action link and inform our senators and delegates why our pensions are so important to us. If you do not understand the difference between “Defined Benefit and the Defined Contribution Retirement Plan, go back to Legislative and click on Pension Information.

Bills of Interest

SB0031: State Retirement and Pension System - State Employees and Teachers Benefits MRSPA opposed with letter.

SB194 (HB0587): Calculation of Taxable Income - Itemized Deductions - Property Tax

No Position/Monitor. Allows an individual to increase the amount of itemized deductions used to determine MD taxable income.

SB0427: Property Tax Credit - Elderly Individuals and Veterans Eligibility - No Position

Alters the definition of “elderly individuals”. Must live in same county rather than same dwelling for at least 25 years.

HB0308: Maryland Estate Tax - Unified Credit No Position

Alters a certain limit on the unified credit for determining the tax on certain descendants and alters limitations on the amount of the tax.

Several weeks ago, Dr. Torrence resigned her position as the MRSPA Legislative Aide due to a fall resulting in a concussion. Virginia Crespo took over Dr. Torrence’s position and Tish Raff has agreed to chair the committee. We wish Dr. Torrence a speedy recovery.

Scholarship News

The Scholarship Committee has set the stage for its Annual Memorial Scholarship search. A mailing of scholarship information has gone out to college and university education departments in the tristate area. Local newspapers and libraries are also sharing the scholarship information with the public.

Proceeds for the scholarship are made possible through generous personal donations, raffle monies, and revenue generated by CCRSPA sponsored trips. The value of each of the two scholarships is one thousand dollars. In order to apply one must be a former Cecil County Maryland Public high school graduate entering his or her junior or senior college year as an education major. The committee members look forward to introducing the 2018 scholarship recipients during the May 22, 2018 luncheon meeting in Chesapeake City.

The official application with a detailed description of the scholarship can be found at the CCRSPA website <http://cecilrspa.org/>. Completed applications must be postmarked by April 20, 2018.

CCRSPA Donation

(Please Clip and retain for your records)

Name _____

\$ _____ Ck # _____

Amount _____

Date: _____

Kids Fund Scholarship Fund

CCRSPA Scholarship or Kids Fund Donation – 2017-2018
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 March luncheon reservation and returned to Diana Lohr at 2 Clipstone Court, Baltimore, MD 21236.

Puns for Educated & Twisted Minds:

1. The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
2. She was only a whisky - maker, but he loved her still.
3. A rubber - band pistol was confiscated from an algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.
4. No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
5. A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.



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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