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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.weather.com/weather/hurricanecentral> Information to help you plan for bad weather



Cecil Retired School Personnel Association

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At this writing, we have just enjoyed a beautiful fall week! We had great temperatures and leaves turning beautiful shade of orange, red, and yellow. It has been wonderful! As we approach the last of fall, we are reminded of the beauty of our world and the many gifts we celebrate this season.

I looked over the November newsletters from the last 10 years to look for changes and what I found was a chain of similarity. We have written about collecting e-mail addresses, looking for officers, successful raffles, new and lost members, help for kids (coats to kid's fund), canned goods, and luncheon prices (still \$20!). There have been occasional articles about our members, which I am happy to see returning! We still have one of the best newsletters in the state thanks to Gretchen and Siggy and their persistence in getting contributions!

As we look forward to having our luncheon/meeting in December, I would like to remind you that you respond (e-mail or phone) to Diana and pay at the door when you arrive. This is a change that we think will make things flow better. Thank you for working with us. We will be at Minker Banquet Hall in Perryville to celebrate the holidays. Don't forget to bring raffle items and canned goods!

If you are thinking of going on the Enchanted Canyonlands, make your reservation early to receive the discount!

It was a pleasure to attend the Maryland Senior Citizen Hall of Fame luncheon in October where our own Gretchen Ginder was recognized and inducted into the hall of fame. Don't be shy about sharing all of the work you do for the community!

One thing I did not read in our past Chalkboards was a BIG jump in our membership. Remember that this year's goal is to connect members to each other as well as reaching out to new members – invite a retired teacher or school employee to join us for the luncheon and talk up the benefits of membership!

See you on December 11th.

Anne Humphrey

CCRSPA MINUTES -September 18, 2018

The group gathered at 11:00 AM at Schaefer's Restaurant. President Anne Humphrey called the meeting to order at 11:25 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Anne Marie Downey, MRSPA president, accompanied by Wanda Twigg, Executive Director of MRSPA, brought greetings from the state. Anne Marie's remarks focused on ways to grow membership and building blocks to increase communication. We should capitalize on what we are doing, not do something extra. Emphasize that MSRPA works to protect our pension.

MRSPA is focusing on increasing our membership. Membership brochures list the many benefits available to members. Membership incentive for signing up for dues deduction is \$10.00 deduction in dues for the first year. This has two weeks to go. Fall recruitment mailing will be in November to those who retired in the last three years. MRSPA scholarship went to a Cecil County paraprofessional from North East. She will become a teacher. Her photo is in the MRSPA newsletter online.

Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report - We have money. \$8996.21 in the checking account and \$11,090.90 in the CD. Remember to fill out a voucher for reimbursement and attach your receipt.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communication - Cecil Whig printed our scholarship photo. Thank you notes were received from Paige Bradford, Elkton Presbyterian Church and a thank you from MRSPA to Sherry Lewis for her work on membership.

Benefits - Prescriptions are still part of Cecil County Healthcare.

Community Outreach - Eleven schools have been served. Nurses sent requests to Stephanie Gorman at the Board. All requests were filled. Maryland Senior Citizen Hall of Fame will induct Gretchen Ginder at a luncheon in October.

Legislation - Linda Elwood needs to resign from the committee due to Paul's illness.

Membership - 291 state and local members. There are 18 local members only. Tina Bolte, Ruth Young, Bob and Nancy Mitchell are new members. Sherry attends Pre-Retirement meetings. The folders on retirement have a note from Sherry. She sends follow-up letters by November 1st. We created a paper clip chain of members present at the luncheon. Additional clips will be added for other members as they come to meetings.

Publication - Information is due to Gretchen By November 1. Let Gretchen know if you are willing to write a Retirement Memoir.

Luncheons - Diana would like reservations emailed or called in to her. Send no money, as payment will be made at the door.

Trip - Reservations for Canyonlands trip to national parks in September 2019 must be paid by November 27, 2018 in order to get the 10% discount. Send to Fred Metzger.

Program - Mary McCleary thanked Corner Gardens and Milburn's Orchard for raffle donations. Future programs are December - North East High School concert choir, February - Irish pirate, May - scholarships. There is a job opportunity to conduct guided tours at Milburn's Orchard.

Barbara Wheeler passed away from brain cancer.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15.

Paul Humphrey asked the blessing for our luncheon.

LUNCH

Program - Kim Burton, from Mental Health Association of Maryland, presented information about Brain Health.

St. John's United Methodist Church received the food from the Can-Can program.

COMING EVENTS

November 27, 2018 Executive Board Meeting
December 11, 2018 Luncheon Meeting -
(Minker's Hall in Perryville)

February 12, 2019 Executive Board Meeting
February 26, 2019 Luncheon Meeting -
(School of Technology)

May 7, 2019 Executive Board Meeting
May 21, 2019 Luncheon Meeting - (CC)

CCRSPA TREASURER'S REPORT

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| BALANCE: June 30, 2017 | \$6753.02 |
| SUB TOTAL INCOME | \$4,797.06 |
| SUB TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$2844.24 |
| Net Balance | \$1952.82 |
| CD at Cecil Bank | \$11,098.43 |
| Balance on Hand | \$19,796.74 |

Anthony Mattern, Treasurer

CCRSPA Officers & Committee Chairpersons

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COMMITTEE

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| <u>Community Outreach</u> | Paula Cobb |
| <u>Education/Protective Services</u> | Tony Mattern |
| <u>Legislation</u> | |
| <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> | Charlene Metzger |
| <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.

Enchanting Canyonlands

September 14-24, 2019

I hope you're planning to pack your bags and join us on this great trip visiting our Nation's canyon lands in September 2019. The price is \$3359.00 pp not including air/insurance/gratuities. Deposit will be \$250 pp plus \$289 travel insurance pp for a total deposit of \$539 per person. **Remember, to get the 10% discount, you must deposit on the trip before November 27, 2018."**

Thank you!!
Fred Metzger



December Luncheon Meeting

Minker's Hall

Perryville, MD 219

December 11, 2018 - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Menu

Virginia Baked Ham, Turkey Breast, Roast Beef

Sliced Cheddar, American, and Swiss Cheese

Assorted Breads and Condiments

Potato Salad, Pasta Salad, Lasagna

Cookies and Brownies

Coffee Iced Tea

Price per person \$20.00, Please Pay at the Door

RSVP by December 4, 2018



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.

FEBRUARY LUNCHEON MEETING

Mark your calendar! Plan to attend and keep in touch with CCRSPA friends at the February 26th luncheon at Minker's Hall (Fire Hall) in Perryville, 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 December 4, 2018 to:

Diana Lohr at 8810 Walther Blvd., Apt. 2201, Parkville, MD 21234, Phone Number 443-756-4497 or email: dklohr@verizon.net

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

LUNCHEON RSVP FOR DECEMBER 11, 2018. DO NOT SEND MONEY. PLEASE PAY AT THE DOOR

MY NAME _____ MY GUEST _____

Raffle Ramblings

Thank you, the members, for donating items to the raffle table in September! We also would like to thank the following businesses:

The Corner Garden (corner of Rte. 213 and Rte. 273, Fair Hill, Maryland - Mums

Milburn's Orchard - donation of apples

Can't wait to see what Santa and his elves will be bringing to our December raffle table.

Mary McCleary, Raffle Chair



Christmas Program News

Our guest musicians for the December meeting at Minker Firehouse in Perryville will be the North East High School's Concert Choir. This ensemble is an auditioned, select group of students. The group is comprised of sophomores, juniors, and seniors. This choir participates in events like the Cecil County Choral Festival, All County Honors Chorus, and All State Choral Ensembles.

The director, Ms. Caroline Haar, has been the Choir Director at North East High School for the past year. She is very busy teaching Concert Choral Choir, Chorus, Music Keyboard 1 and 2, and Theatre. She is an alumnus of West Chester University.

Please come and enjoy the music of the holiday. (I know there will some proud grandmothers in the audience!)

Saint John's United Methodist Church at Fair Hill was the recipient of the Can-Can food donation program.

THE MARYLAND SENIOR CITIZENS HALL OF FAME, INC

Gretchen Ginder was one of the 43 nominees inducted into the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame for the year 2018.

The induction ceremony and luncheon was held on Thursday, October 25, 2018 at Michael's Eighth Avenue in Glen Burnie, Maryland. Each inductee received a membership certificate, a lapel pin, and a copy of the Blue Book that includes his/her volunteer summary and picture taken at the luncheon. A copy of the Blue Book is kept in the archives at the University of Baltimore Langsdale Library.

The Senior Citizens Hall of Fame, Inc. is a private, all volunteer organization that has been functioning since 1987. The sole purpose of the organization is to publicly recognize and honor each year individual senior citizens who are at least 65 years of age. Nominees must live in Maryland and have performed outstanding service in their communities.

Thank you to the members of CCRSPA and friends who attended the luncheon in support of Gretchen.



Membership News for December

Membership total is now 296. There are **18** local only members.

*If you did not renew your dues (check payers only) and got reminders from me and the state) you were dropped November 1. **Remember, MRSPA** is our **only voice** in Annapolis when there is talking about our pensions. You can contact me or MRSPA to be reinstated.

***Also**, Remember to contact Gretchen Ginder or me (Sherry Lewis) if you should change your **address**. Contact Shirley Montgomery/and or me, Sherry Lewis, if you change or create **email that you use**. I will pass it on to MRSPA for you.

*We want to be sure you don't miss any chalkboards, luncheons or information from us/or MRSPA.

***Contact us at

Sherry Lewis 410-398-1337, chickeeleelewis@mac.com

Shirley Montgomery 302-731-5371, smmontgomery@verizon.net

**** Members continue to take advantage of getting **free raffle tickets**. "YOU CAN, TOO!" Just bring a prospective new member(s) 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 with members, enjoy the meal* and possibly *be a prizewinner*; they will want to join us and help support our community, too.

New Members

We welcome our new members. We are pleased to have them as part of our membership.

Tina Bolte
Rebecca Peterson

Nancy Mitchell
Joyce Roland

Robert Mitchell
Ruth Young

In Memoriam

Paul Elwood
11/16/1942 – 6/23/2018
Teacher/Administrator
CCRSPA Member

Dr. Leroy Manlove
1926 - 9/23/2018
Board of Education President

In an October 2016 post on his own Facebook page, Paul Elwood commented that too many in nursing homes get few, if any, visitors. His post read suggesting readers purchase a throw or other gift and a card and place both in a gift bag. "The staff is quite familiar with those who rarely have visitors and will deliver the gift for you." Dee Marotta has taken up the mantle from Paul collecting new fleece blankets as well as hand lotion, stationary, boxed cards, and tissues. There are 141 residents at Calvert Manor. There is a need for each resident to receive a gift. To donate blankets or other gifts for Calvert Manor or residents, contact Dee Marotta at 410-287-5816 or use the GoFundMe page.

Retirement Memoir

HI Retired Friends!

This retirement chapter of our lives is really great-don't you think? One can go from being too busy to not doing anything at all, but that is OK-right? We are making our own schedules- hooray!! My husband, John, and I enjoy going on day trips, over night trips, and special longer vacations. Sometimes just going to the store will end up being a long ride around the community to see what is going on and maybe even stopping to eat someplace. Being able to help with the grandchildren, as needed, is a special plus in our lives. Retirement is great!

While working, I would often see people busy doing volunteer jobs that were helpful to the community as a whole, and my thought was - someday I will be a volunteer. That is just what happened!!! I retired and after a while, discovered things I wanted to give my time to. At this time, I enjoy helping with the RSHS Alumni Association, the Bainbridge N.T.C Museum, CCRSPA, Union Hospital Auxiliary events, occasional tutoring, and all kinds of activities at my church and special fun outings with my Red Bonnet Sisters. Making new friends is quite rewarding. I know that there are many things that our community needs and there are many things that one can do to help our world be a better place. I am thankful for this retirement chapter of my life.

Sincerely, Marie Madron

Mount Harmon Needs Volunteers

The Mount Harmon Plantation, an historic 18th century manor house and tobacco plantation, is looking for volunteers. Located on a peninsula off the Sassafras River down a 2-mile long drive you can't help but be taken back in time. There are many opportunities for people who enjoy American Indian, early colonial, agricultural, or architectural history. We are looking for all kinds of volunteers; docents for the manor house and colonial kitchen, school groups, crafts people, nature trails and overall general event help. Please visit our website to see all the things going on at Mount Harmon. www.mountharmon.org. Or, contact Joanne Healey for more information and special tour.

Be prepared in an emergency—keep informed


Some of the things you can do to prepare for the unexpected, such as assembling an emergency supply kit and making an emergency plan are the same regardless of the type of emergency. However, it's important to stay informed about what might happen and know what types of emergencies are likely to affect your region. For more information about specific types of emergencies, visit www.ready.gov or call **1-800-BE-READY**.

Be prepared to adapt this information to your personal circumstances and make every effort to follow instructions received from authorities on the scene. Above all, stay calm, be patient and think before you act. With these simple preparations, you can be ready for the unexpected. Hurricane season continues until November 30th. **Many of our members travel during these months when hurricanes are more prevalent. For localized flooding, follow safety instructions. Turn Around Don't Drown®** Don't take chances. Don't guess and think that you can make it! This is true when walking or driving. At night, when visibility is limited, drowning hazards become higher. Don't take chances with your life. **If you're traveling and not sure about road conditions, contact MD 511 or online at www.MD511.org**

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| <p>CCRSPA Donation (Please Clip and retain for your records)</p> <hr/> <p>Name _____</p> <p>\$ _____ Ck # _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Amount</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Kids Fund <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship Fund</p> | <p>CCRSPA Scholarship or Kids Fund Donation – 2018-2019 Make check payable to <i>CCRSPA</i>, 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)</p> <p>Name _____ Amount \$ _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> In Honor <u>or</u> <input type="checkbox"/> In Memory of _____</p> |
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*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 8810 Walther Blvd., Apt. 2201, Parkville, MD 21234

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| <p>Craft Show Donna Thachik November 9, 2018 Preview 7pm – 9pm November 10, 2018, 10am – 4pm 128 Kirkcaldy Dr., The Highlands, Elkton, MD</p> | <p>Crafts Open House Anne Bate and Ruth Killian November 17, 2018 – 12pm -7pm November 18, 2018 – 9am – 4pm Follow signs through State Park to Chesapeake Isle 410-287-6244</p> |
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|  <p>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.</p> <p>Purchasing Luncheon raffle tickets help support <i>Kids Fund</i> and the <i>CCRSPA Memorial Scholarship</i>. You benefit as well as a child who receives a new coat or scholarship because your donation\$ are <u>tax deductible</u>.</p> | <p>MOVING?</p> <p>Don't forget to update address and phone info!</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>New Address _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>New Phone # _____</p> <p>E-mail address _____</p> <p>✉ Mail to: Sherry Lewis, 4793 Telegraph Road, Elkton MD 21921 or via email at chickeelewis@mac.com</p> |
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