



# The Chalkboard

CECIL COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL  
ASSOCIATION

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## 2018-2019 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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I had a lovely view of last weekend's beautiful snow out of my back windows. The pines looked like they have been drizzled with snow! It was the first chance to see the winter birds in our backyard for this year as they helped themselves to the newly filled birdfeeders. As I hear the weather forecasters talking about another possible storm this weekend.....yes we are in the winter season!

Our February meeting/luncheon is right around the corner! We will again be at Minker Hall in Perryville. Our plans to go to the Vo-Tech Center fell through and we appreciate the staff at Minker Hall coming to our rescue! Don't forget to invite your retired friends to come along for our phenomenal entertainer.

After several attempts to involve our county in some recruiting workshops, the state committee is coming to us for our 2/12 executive meeting. Hopefully we will have some new ideas to present to you and I appreciate their offer to come to us!!

A couple of things to remember – volunteer hours must be turned in to Paula at this luncheon. Whether you volunteer through an organization or help a neighbor with groceries, what you do helps our community and we would like to say thank you! The annual meeting for MRSPA is on May 8<sup>th</sup> – the past few years, we have had very little representation. Any member of CCRSPA is welcome to attend. Please sign up with me to attend this lovely event and represent our group!

See you all in Perryville on February 26<sup>th</sup>!

Anne Humphrey

## 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

## CCRSPA MINUTES – December 11, 2018

The group gathered at 11:00 AM at Minker Hall. President Anne Humphrey called the meeting to order at 11:15 AM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

First time visitors were introduced.

Minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report** - Tony Mattern stated we have money. Information will be in the Chalkboard and if anyone has questions to please see him. At the Executive Board meeting on December 27, Tony explained the reimbursement voucher form requires one signature along with the signature of the individual submitting the form. A paper check requires two signatures. Those eligible to sign the checks are Anne Humphrey, Tony Mattern, Paul Montgomery, and Kathy Mullen.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Benefits** – There was a Benefits Committee meeting on December 28. Paul Humphrey stated our coverage would remain the same.

**Outreach** - Paula Cobb thanked everyone for bringing hats, gloves, and canned goods to the Meeting. A folder was on each table containing the forms for members to complete about their volunteering.

**Consumer Education** – Tony said the information is posted on the webpage.

**Membership** – Sherry Lewis said our best tool for getting new members to join our organization is the members themselves. There are many reasons to join the CCRSP. Please invite someone to attend a meeting. If someone joins MRSPA, have your name put on the application form. You'll receive a \$10 gift card for Walmart. The first time you attend a CCRSPA meeting this year add a paperclip to the existing paperclip chain. MRSPA is requesting this to be done throughout the state.

**Public Relations** – If you have not done so, please give your email address to Shirley Montgomery.

**Scholarship** – Charlene Metzger announced letters will be sent to colleges in January or February to announce our Memorial Scholarship. Cecil County high school graduates entering their junior or senior years of college majoring in education are eligible to apply.

**Luncheon**- Diana Lohr thanked everyone for paying at the door. Our next meeting will be held in February at Minker Hall instead of at the School of Technology.

**Social** - Mary McCleary thanked everyone for the raffle table donations and for purchasing raffle Tickets. The money goes to the Kids Fund and the Scholarship Committee. Mary Anne Jung will provide the entertainment for our February meeting.

**Travel** – Ten people have signed up for the Canyonlands trip. Fred Metzger said people could sign up through June.

### Additional Information

- Please contact Gretchen Ginder if you wish to receive your chalkboard in the mail.
- Anne Humphrey said we are working to get all of our newsletters emailed instead of mailing them to members. The cost, along with the amount of time to prepare the newsletters for mailing, is the main reason.
- Again, please provide Shirley Montgomery with your email address.
- Anne also requested that members let us know if a school has a need for anything.
- MRSPA Scholarship Raffle Tickets are available for purchase. See Anne Humphrey to purchase 3 for \$5.00.
- Betsy Van Culin announced Gretchen Ginder was inducted into the Maryland Senior Citizen Hall of Fame.
- Member Betty Moore received a legacy award at a Farm Bureau meeting.
- Our Organization is in need of a President elect legislation chair, nominating chair, and an assistant, recording secretary. Please consider volunteering for one of these positions.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 AM. Fred Metzger gave the blessing for our luncheon.

Agape was the recipient of our canned goods.

Respectfully submitted, Sally Habrel

## COMING EVENTS

February 12, 2019 Executive Board Meeting  
 February 26, 2019 Luncheon Meeting –  
 (Minker Hall)

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

### REMINDER

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

## CCRSPA TREASURER'S REPORT

BALANCE: June 30, 2018	\$6,753.02
SUB TOTAL INCOME	\$7,089.84
SUB TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$5,214.05
Net Balance	\$1,875.79
CD at Cecil Bank	\$11,120.82
Balance on Hand	\$19,749.63

### 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>	
<u>Membership</u>	Sherry Lewis
<u>Nominating</u>	
<u>Benefits</u>	Tony Mattern
<u>Programs</u>	Mary McCleary
<u>Public Relations &amp; 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



### Our February's Program

Set sail for adventure with

**Grace O'Malley, the Pirate Queen of Connaught. This daring leader commanded the West coast of Ireland and an entire fleet of ships in the 1500's.**

**Mary Ann Jung will once again bring history alive through her dynamic acting skills! You don't want to miss this**

### Raffle Ramblings

What a display at our last meeting in December! Thank you, the members, for your generous donations! (Donations are always appreciated.)

Mary McCleary

### The Canned Can Program Update

A change of donating the canned/dry goods was modified at December's meeting. All collected food products will be given to Charlene Metzger's Agape group. They in turn will distribute the foods to local schools.



**MEETINGS**

**FEBRUARY LUNCHEON  
REMINDER**

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

**MAY LUNCHEON MEETING**

Mark your calendar! Plan to attend and keep in touch with CCRSPA friends at the May 21st luncheon Schaefer's Restaurant, 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](mailto:smmontgomery@verizon.net) or to Tony Mattern at [ContactUs@CecilRSPA.org](mailto:ContactUs@CecilRSPA.org)

*February Luncheon Meeting*

*Minker Hall*

Perryville, MD 21903

February 26, 2019 - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

*Menu*

Chicken Mornay

Tossed Salad

Red Bliss Potatoes      Vegetables Medley

Hot rolls and Butter

Hot Apple Pie

Coffee    Tea

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

**RSVP by February 19, 2019**



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**Clip and Send**

Price per person is \$20 at the door, but you must RSVP. Email, call or send reservation by February 19, 2019 to:

Diana Lohr at 8810 Walther Blvd., Apt. 2201, Parkville, MD 21234, Phone Number 443-756-4497 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 FEBRUARY 26, 2019. DO NOT SEND MONEY. PLEASE PAY AT THE DOOR**

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

## Retirement Memoir

As I am sure you will agree, retirement is pretty good. It's a wonderful feeling to have the freedom to do what you like, when you like, and for as long as you like with family and friends. The greatest joy and blessing in our life would be our 7 grandchildren. Attending field hockey and soccer games, choir concerts, school plays, and just spending time enjoying the many precious moments making memories is what retirement is all about.

After visiting more than 40 countries while still working and in retirement it is easy to say traveling is a great way to spend my time in retirement. Our bucket list is still pretty long, so my bags are always packed and ready to GO.

Being on the water is easily the most relaxing way to enjoy retirement for me. It is so peaceful anchoring out in a cove surrounded by nature. Cruising the waterways of the world is full of adventure and discovering the mysteries of the past. I most love the European River Cruises.

Yes, retirement is pretty good!!

Betsy Van Cullen

### AGAPE PROGRAM

All of us at Agape appreciated the food and monetary donations CCRSPA gave us in December. Our organization serves approximately 250 children each week in 12 elementary schools in Cecil County. They are: Thomson Estates, Holly Hall, Gilpin Manor, Bainbridge, Perryville, North East, Conowingo, Elk Neck, Charlestown, Chesapeake City, Leeds, and Cecil Manor. Some schools are assisted by area churches (BV and RS), and some have indicated they do not need our help.

We provide a bag of food for the weekend to each child identified by the guidance counselors. A typical bag contains a can of pasta with meat, 2 soups, 2 fruits (applesauce, etc.), 2 snacks (goldfish crackers, granola bars, etc.), and 2 cereals. Our volunteers deliver these bags to the schools.

Our sources of funding include grants from the Video Lottery Terminal (Perryville Casino), Homeland Security and United Way. This year some local businesses, such as McCool Insurance, gave us large donations.

Our program is entirely volunteer-based. Victorious Life in Zion provides a building free-of-charge where we store and pack food. Our volunteers shop for the best deals on food, and there are occasional food drives to collect items at Grace Bible Chapel. We would be very grateful to receive donations from CCRSPA through the quarterly food collections at our luncheons.

#### Items we need include:

Canned beef and pasta (Beefaroni, spaghetti & meatballs, etc.)      Granola bars      Ramen noodles  
Individual fruit servings (applesauce, mandarin oranges, etc.)      Canned soup (currently have a good supply)  
Single-serve cereals (huge need)      Individual snack bags (Goldfish, pretzels, etc.)

With much appreciation, Charlene Metzger

## Membership News for February

**Membership total has dropped to 285.** Several members did not renew their year and we had some members pass away. There are **22** local only members.

\*\*\*\*We are in the process of totally sharing the Chalkboard each quarter, using your contact emails. Due to postage raising their price again, we need to find a way that is more cost effective for our association. Sending the chalkboard by email will save us a considerable amount of money, to use elsewhere. We are hoping that all those members who receive emails as a way of communication will add this newsletter as one. We will explain more at the luncheon.

\* 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 **an email that you are using**. I will pass it on to MRSPA for you if needed.

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

\*\*\*\*\*Contact info

Sherry Lewis 410-398-1337, [chickeelewis@mac.com](mailto:chickeelewis@mac.com)  
Shirley Montgomery 302-731-5371, [smmontgomery@verizon.net](mailto:smmontgomery@verizon.net)

\*\*\* **Members**, take advantage of getting **free raffle tickets**. Just bring a prospective new member(s) as a guest to our luncheon. (**Notify someone at the check in table or earlier to Diana**) 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 consider joining us in helping to support our community, too.

### NEW MEMBER

Kay Miller

### In Memoriam

Dr. Charles Brandenburg Jr.  
(1/29/1927 – 10/16/2018 )  
CC Board of Education in 1970  
Eugene M Caffey  
(8/27/1947 – 10/23/2018)  
Teacher  
Emma M Wagner  
(8/5/1945 – 11/5/2018)  
Teacher, **CCRSPA Member**  
Shirley G Web  
(11/12/1936 – 11/6/2018)  
Cafeteria Manager  
Margaret S Prigel  
(passed on 11/10/2018)  
Teacher and Mentor

Karen Ware  
(passed on 11/15/2018)  
Teacher, **CCRSPA Member**  
Bettie M Murray  
(3/1/1952 – 11/14/2018)  
Speech/Language, Pathologist **CCRSPA Member**  
Horace A Gallaher  
(4/16/1933 – 12/3/2018)  
CCPS employee  
Dale E Brown  
(1/7/1943 – 12/7/2019)  
CCPS School Bus Driver  
Martin R Biggers  
(1/25/1941 – 1/2/2019)  
Grounds Keeper for CCPS  
Sharon Vaudry  
(9/4/1942 – 12/29/2018)  
Teacher



# **\$1000 SCHOLARSHIP**

## **CECIL COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION**

### **OFFERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

To apply, you must meet ALL of the following criteria:

- ❖ Graduated from a Cecil County Maryland public high school
- ❖ Education major
- ❖ Entering your junior or senior year of college next year

For information and an application form, do one of the following:

- Stop by your College Department of Education Office
- Visit your Dean of the School of Education
- Check out the CCRSPA website at <http://cecilrspa.org/CecilRSPA.htm>
- Write to: Mrs. Charlene Metzger  
CCRSPA Scholarship Committee  
230 Crothers Road  
Rising Sun, MD 21911

**Deadline: Applications must be postmarked by April 26, 2019**

### **CCRSPA Member Recognized**

Recently, at the 2018 Maryland Farm Bureau Convention held at Ocean City, MD. Betty Moore received the Distinguished Service Farm Bureau Award.

Betty served on the county Farm Bureau's Board of Directors, participated on the Women's Education and Outreach Committee, the Scholarship Committee, and helped out with the county Citrus Sales Program.

One of Betty's most notable roles is serving as the auction coordinator for the county's annual banquet. The silent and live auctions raise thousands of dollars each year to strengthen the Cecil county Farm Bureau program.

The Distinguished Service to Farm Bureau Award recognizes the unsung heroes who have dedicated their lives to making Farm Bureau a better and stronger organization. Recipients are long-time members who have volunteered countless hours organizing Farm Bureau events and other behind-the-scenes tasks. Congratulations, Betty!

---Maryland Farm Bureau

CCRSPA Donation

(Please Clip and retain for your records)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Ck # \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Kids Fund     Scholarship Fund

CCRSPA Scholarship or Kids Fund Donation – 2018-2019  
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 to Diana Lohr at 8810 Walther Blvd., Apt.2201, Parkville, MD 21234.

**Electronic Newsletters**

We would like to have as many members as possible read their Chalkboard on line at the CCRSPA website. We have been mailing over 200 newsletters four times a year. It also takes at least 4 of us working for an hour to an hour and a half to fold, label and stamp the newsletters. The cost of mailing The Chalkboard has been \$0.50 per newsletter. The price of first class stamps is going up.

Since the December luncheon eight members have switched to email. I know there are many of you who don't use the computer, but there are many of you who do. We would like to encourage those who live out of state and do use the computer to remove your name from the hard copy list. This would also reduce your footprint on the planet. Please contact Gretchen Ginder at [geeginder@icloud.com](mailto:geeginder@icloud.com) if you are willing to go paperless.



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](mailto: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](mailto:chickeeLewis@mac.com)