

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

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

Signs of spring are everywhere these days! Trees, flowers, allergies! Hope you are all enjoying the season. I am looking forward to planting my flowers and brightening my garden view.

We are getting ready for celebration at our May luncheon. We will be recognizing our volunteers and our scholarship winners. We are proud of the many contributions made by our members to our community and we are happy to foster the new blood coming into our chosen profession!

On May 8th, six of us will be attending the MRSPA Annual Meeting. We will hear about changes to our organization and recognize scholarship recipients at the state level. These winners are currently employed with a school district but want to further their education or change their certification.

Remember that we have switched our food donations to Agape for weekend meals provided for our Cecil County students. This does require a little more thought as you gather items to donate. Please refer to the article in the last Chalkboard to see a list of needed items.

Many thanks to all of those members who have served on the executive board of CCRSPA. Your volunteer time is so appreciated!!

See you on the 21st at Schaefer's!

Anne Humphrey

CCRSPA MINUTES – February 26, 2019

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 – Anne stated we have money. The report will be in the newsletter and if anyone has questions to please see Tony Mattern. We are on track with the budget. The treasurer's report was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Benefits - Paul Humphrey stated that new retirees would only have Aetna Medicare Advantage to choose for their healthcare provider. If you already have Care First, you will be able to keep that as your provider.

Community Outreach - Paula Cobb had a folder on each table with forms for members to record their volunteer hours. Coats, hats, gloves, scarves and underwear were purchased for students at Holly Hall Elementary. Nominations for the Senior Citizen Hall of Fame are due to Paula by April 8. Your nominee does not need to be a CCRSPA member. Gretchen Ginder was inducted into the Hall of Fame last year.

Constitution - Every two years our constitution needs to be looked at for any changes or additions that may need to be made. A meeting to look at the constitution will take place this summer. If you are interested in participating, please notify Kathy Mullen or Anne Humphrey.

Consumer Education - Tony Mattern reported that the information was on Facebook and the web. If you need information about AARP tax preparation, Tony can provide you with a phone number. The CCRSPA reimbursement voucher form is available on the web. The form requires one signature along with the signature of the individual submitting the form.

Legislation - Linda Ellwood presented information about legislative committee meetings held. Our pensions are in good shape. We're at 74% for full funding. Governor Hogan and MRSPA are protecting our pensions.

Membership - Sherry Lewis said membership is the same. Please consider receiving your Chalkboard via email. Contact Gretchen Ginder, Shirley Montgomery or Sherry Lewis if you want to change from receiving your Chalkboard by mail to receiving an email copy. Folding, stamping and labeling the Chalkboard takes about two hours for three individuals. Those of you that receive your Chalkboard by email are greatly appreciated. A reminder that if you bring a retiree from CCPS to a meeting, you'll get free raffle tickets. We want our membership to grow.

Scholarship - Any Cecil County Public High School graduate that is entering his/her junior or senior year of college and is majoring in education, is eligible to apply for a CCRSPA Memorial Scholarship. Charlene Metzger said the Deans of Education at various Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania Colleges, Cecil County Library branches, CCPS employees, and the Cecil Whig have been notified.

Social - Diana Lohr and Marie Madron would like to hear from you if you have a suggestion for a location that can accommodate 90 people for our CCRSPA meetings. We may need to raise the price of our luncheon depending on the menu. Diana thanked Marie for going to MacGregors to meet with Cindy, the catering manager.

Travel - Fred Metzger said there are spaces still available for the Canyonlands National Parks trip in September. Check out the website for more information or contact Fred.

Program - Mary McCleary thanked everyone that contributed to the raffle table and to everyone that purchased tickets. Mary Ann Jung provided the entertainment as Grace O'Malley, the Pirate Queen of Ireland. Our May meeting will be a busy affair. Mary is hoping Dr. Lawson, Superintendent of CCPS, will attend, scholarships will be awarded, volunteers will be recognized and the CCPS Teacher-of-the Year may attend.

Additional Information

- John Weaver, assistant principal at Thompson Estates, made a short presentation about the mentor program at his school. They have a need for mentors for the children. If interested, you would need to commit to ½ to 1 hour a week to meet with a child. Contact information was left with Anne.
- The MRSPA annual meeting is scheduled for May 8 at the Comfort Inn in Bowie, MD. Our organization is entitled to eleven delegates. It is an opportunity to hear about what is happening at the state level. Three scholarships will be awarded at the meeting. Anne has raffle tickets (\$2.00/ticket or 3 for \$5.00) for the raffle that will be held at the meeting.
- Anne brought to our attention that a rally sponsored by Maryland State Education Association would be held in Annapolis on March 11.
- Anne reminded everyone that has not done so, to add a paperclip to the chain for MRSPA. Our chain will be taken to the MRSPA meeting in May.
- In early October, we are planning a social hour for retirees. Due to other obligations, some retirees are unable to attend our scheduled meetings. More information will be available at a later date.
- Charlene Metzger provided a brief presentation about Agape. At our last meeting, it was voted on that Agape would be the recipient of our can goods. Agape provides weekend breakfast and lunch meals for students. Some suggested items to bring to our meetings are: ramen noodles, single serve cereals, envelopes of oatmeal, pop tarts, and beefaroni.
- Our next meeting will be held on May 21 at Schaefer's Canal House.

OFFICERS NEEDED

Our organization is in need of a President-elect, nominating chair and an assistant recording secretary. Please consider volunteering for one of these positions.

COMING EVENTS

- May 7, 2019 Executive Board Meeting
- May 8, 2019 State Annual Meeting
- May 21, 2019 Luncheon Meeting - (CC)
- August 27, 2019 Executive Board Meeting
- September 10, 2019 Luncheon Meeting –(CC)
- November 19, 2019 Executive Board Meeting
- December 10, 2019 Luncheon Meeting

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

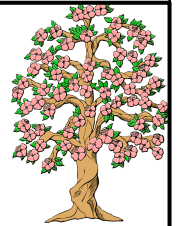
COMMITTEE

<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 & 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

CCRSPA TREASURER’S REPORT

BALANCE: June 30, 2018	<u>\$6,753.02</u>
SUB TOTAL INCOME	\$8811.51
SUB TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$6524.41
Net Balance	\$2287.10
CD at Cecil Bank	\$11,120.82
Balance on Hand	\$20,190.20

Program News



In March, we sailed the Seven Seas with Gracie O’Malley, the Irish pirate! We learned how to pull the rigging on our ship, and talk like a pirate. Great fun had by all! May’s program will consist of meeting and hearing the 2018, teacher of the year, Staci Lamb. Our Superintendent, Dr. Lawson, is also planning to attend.

See you there!



Thank You



We thank everyone who donated items for the raffle table! What an assortment of prizes! Your support is greatly appreciated. Just bring your raffle item, and add it to the table. Any questions, email me at mmcdairy@comcast.net, thanks.

REMINDER

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



MEETINGS

MAY LUNCHEON
REMINDER

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

SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON
MEETING

Mark your calendar! Plan to attend and keep in touch with CCRSPA friends at the September 10th 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 or to Tony Mattern at ContactUs@CecilRSPA.org

May Luncheon Meeting

Schaefer's Canal House

Chesapeake City, MD 21915

May 21, 2019 - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Menu

Parmesan crusted Mahi mahi with lemon butter cream sauce

or

Pork tenderloin with honey rosemary sauce
Roasted potatoes Green beans

Tossed salad

Chocolate mousse for dessert

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

RSVP by May 14, 2019



Clip and Send

Price per person is \$20 at the door, but you must RSVP Email, call or send reservation by **May 14, 2019** to: Diana Lohr at 8810 Walther Blvd., Apt. 2201, Parkville, MD 21234, Phone Number 443-756-4497 or email: dklohr@verizon.net

Be sure to let Diana know your entrée choice.

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

LUNCHEON RSVP FOR MAY 21, 2019. DO NOT SEND MONEY. PLEASE PAY AT THE DOOR

MY NAME _____ MY GUEST _____

MAHI MAHI _____ PORK _____

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Retirement Memoir

I am now in my seventh year of retirement and my life has only gotten busier!! Though I still miss working and being with students and teachers each day, I have two beautiful grandchildren and I am so happy to be able to visit their schools on special days and be available when they are not feeling their best. Paul and I are involved in t-ball games, swimming lessons, and ice-skating. Brendan had his first concert this spring! We are so grateful to be living so close. We have also been blessed to be asked to join the crew on vacations.

In my spare time, I am the CCRSPA President, serve on the Public Relations Committee for MRSPA, a member of the Administrative Council for Elkton United Methodist Church, a member of the chancel choir, and a member of two church circles. These are things that my working schedule did not permit!

I hope you are enjoying your “quiet retirement” as I am.

Anne Humphrey

Community Service

Congratulations to the following members for outstanding community service from our organization are:

Anne Bates, Barbara Buck, Paula Cobb, Kay DiStefano, Lana Gorrera, Sally Haberl, Anne Humphrey, Paul Humphrey, Marie Madron, Charlene Metzger, Betty Moore, Debbie Pasco, Diane Peirce, and Barbara Sanders.

The volunteer to be recognized for Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame and Individual Nomination for Community Service is Sheryl L. Taylor. I presented her name for both nominations.

Paula Cobb

Community Outreach

AGAPE PROGRAM

Items we need to include:

Most needed items are breakfast items such as, Pop tarts, breakfast bars/granola bars, and individual cereals.

Other items needed are canned beef and pasta (Beefaroni, spaghetti & meatballs, etc.) Ramen noodles

Individual fruit servings (applesauce, mandarin oranges, etc.), canned soup (currently have a good supply) and individual snack bags (Goldfish, pretzels, etc.)

With much appreciation, Charlene Metzger

Membership News for May

Membership total has dropped to 286. Several members did not renew this year and we had some members pass away. There are **22** local only members.

******We are continuing the process of encouraging members to receive their Chalkboard using their contact emails.** Due to postage raising their price again, we need to find a way that is more cost affective 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 our newsletter as one.

***If there is some reason as to why you would like/need to continue getting your Chalkboard newsletter by mail, PLEASE contact us soon. Thank you to those members who have done so already!!

******Members receiving The Chalkboard by mail,** Please make contact. Tell us no, (continue paper form) or yes, (here is my email address). Thank You

**Contact info

Sherry Lewis 410-398-1337, chickeelewis@mac.com
 Shirley Montgomery 302-731-5371, smmontgomery@verizon.net

* Moving, let us know, Gretchen Ginder or me (Sherry Lewis) if you should change your **address, I will make sure that MRSPA receives it as well.**

* **Members** are still taking 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. All CCPS employees are welcome to join, the more the better.” We hope that once they come and find out all about what we do, visit with members, enjoy the meal and possibly be a prize winner, they will consider joining us in helping to support our community, too.

NEW MEMBERS

Karen L Fleetwood

Karen Hartranft

Karen Emory

In Memoriam

Patricia Herd
 (9/9/1941 – 1/16/2019)
 Worked at Elkton Middle School

Gemma Davis
 (12/18/1926 – 1/31/2019)
 Worked in Cafeteria at Gilpin Elem.

Doris Trimble
 (5/1/1931 – 2/19/2019)
 Substitute teaching, Bay View Elem.

Robert Preston
 (5/28/1947 – 3/11/2019)
 School Bus Driver

Mary Burlin
 (3/18/1943 - 3/16/2019)
 Custodian, Rising Sun Middle

Lola Coale
 (5/18/1922 – 3/19/2019)
 Cafeteria, Rising Sun High School

Mary Meredith
 (7/6/1929 – 3/22/2019)
 CCPS 1951-1957

Doris Reed
 (11/25/1928 – 3/26/2019)
 CCPS Food Service

Clifford Peterson
 (9/29/1937 – 4/7/2019) Worked for CCPS

SCAM ALERTS

In the March-April issue of *CONSUMER CONNECTION*, a list of Scams was explained and included suggestions for dealing with these Scams. We have included the kinds of scams discussed. For more information check out this publication of the MRSPA Consumer Education Committee on the CCRSPA website.

IRS Scams: Scammers are sending phony letters that appear to be from the IRS, demanding payment for back taxes.

Suspended Benefits or SSN Scam: A caller claims to be from the Social Security Administration (SSA) with news that your SSN or benefits have been suspended, because your number has been linked to criminal transactions involving drugs or money laundering.

Overpayment Scam: If you're selling an item that gets listed for sale online, a scammer who poses as a buyer, contacts you. He agrees to buy your item and sends a fake check for more than the sale price. He asks you to wire the overpayment to him or to someone else.

Used Car Scam: Scammers advertise a used car for sale at an incredible deal. The scammer will claim the need to sell the car quickly, due to a divorce settlement or an upcoming move out-of-state. The scammer will pressure you to buy the car sight unseen and may ask you to pay with gift cards such as iTunes. Once you send payment, you will never hear from the scammer again.

More good scam-prevention tips from the Maryland Attorney General's office:

Puppy Scams: Scammers advertise puppies for sale and claim to be out-of-state. You agree to buy a puppy and the "seller" agrees to ship the puppy to you. Once you send payment, the scammer will ask for money to cover unexpected expenses such as insurance for shipping. Scammers will also advertise free puppies to a good home, but require you to pay for vet fees, shipping and insurance. You send money and the scammer will ask for additional money to cover unexpected fees. In either case, you never receive a puppy.

Extortion Scam: Thieves are using email to threaten victims into paying a ransom to prevent certain information from being circulated online. Scammers claim that they have hacked into your webcams, smart TVs or other smart device connected to the internet and have embarrassing videos or photos of you or a family member. They threaten to release these videos or photos to your email contacts unless you pay them.

Never pay any money whether through wire transfer, online payment application, gift card, or Bitcoin, to any person or group that claims to have embarrassing videos, audio tapes, or photos of you or your family. Delete extortion emails and never click on any links in them.

Medicare Card Scam: Scammers pretend to be Medicare representatives, who ask to verify your information over the telephone. In another scam, a scammer offers a plastic Medicare card for a fee— even though the real Medicare cards are paper and there are no legitimate plastic cards. Medicare doesn't ask for personal information by telephone or charge a fee for Medicare cards.

Don't be fooled by scammers trying to get information from you!

FREE Resources

Report IRS Scams to the following agencies:

- US Treasury Department 1-800-366-4484
- Federal Trade Commission 1-877-FTC-HELP
- Maryland's Attorney General's Consumer Hotline 410-528-8662 or toll-free 1-888-743-0023

Report scams or find out if something could be a scam by calling MD Attorney General's Office at the number listed above.

The Consumer Education Committee suggests that you speak with your insurance agent about Umbrella Coverage. This is a plan that kicks in after your auto or homeowners liability coverage is exhausted. Because of that, it is relatively inexpensive.

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.

Switch from Hard Copy to Online Copy of The Chalkboard

In the February issue of the Chalkboard, it was requested that anyone getting a hard copy of The Chalkboard switch to an online copy if you are able.

Twenty-five members agreed to stop getting a mailed copy of the newsletter. Thank you to those members. That saves us \$13.75.

There probably are more of you who would be willing to read the newsletter on the CCRSPA website. Just send your name and email address to Gretchen Ginder, geeginder@icloud.com. I will be happy to remove your name from the mailing list.



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 chickeeewis@mac.com