

The Chalkboard

CECIL COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL
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www.usa.gov/topics/consumer.shtml

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Cecil Retired School Personnel Association

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope that you have been keeping cool and enjoying your summer!

I have news to share with everyone who was not in attendance at our May luncheon. I am now starting my 5th year of a 2-year term as President of the Cecil County Retired School Personnel. It has been a pleasure to work with and for all of our members. I have been asked to serve as the Public Relations Chair for the state organization (MRSPA), which puts me also on the Board of Directors for the state. This will mean extra responsibility and meetings at the Odenton, MD office.

I have decided that it is time for me to step down as your President so I can still have time to spend with my family and the other things I enjoy being a part of. Paul and I are both very active at church and we are participating in the PAWS for PEOPLE program with our dog, Sybil.

I will keep the position until December and then I will still serve as Past-President on the CCRSPA executive board.

Please consider either running for the presidency or asking someone you know who would be a great leader. We can have co-presidents (several other counties have shared positions). Please give some deep thought to this!! You can contact me, or any of the other board members.

Hope that we will see you in September – bring a retired friend!!

Anne Humphrey

CCRSPA MINUTES – May 21, 2019

The group gathered at 11:00 AM at Schaeffer's Restaurant. President Anne Humphrey called the meeting to order at 11:15 AM on May 21, 2019.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

First time visitors were introduced.

The minutes from our February 26, 2019 meeting were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report - Anne Humphrey reported for Tony Mattern. We have money. The treasurer's report was approved.

Benefits - Paul Humphrey stated there are no changes to our insurance coverage.

Constitution - Every two years our constitution needs to be looked at for any changes or additions that need to be made. If you are interested in helping, please let Kathy Mullen, chairperson, or Anne Humphrey know you can help.

Legislation - Linda Elwood reported that one-third of our state delegates and senators are women. Our pensions are secure thanks to the support of Governor Hogan and MRSPA. Governor Hogan has done a very good job of supporting education.

Membership - As of May 1, 2019, there were 287 CCRSPA members. Sherry Lewis thanked everyone that provided an email address to receive the Chalkboard electronically.

Publications - Gretchen Ginder thanked everyone for receiving the newsletter via email. Currently 197 folks receive the Chalkboard by mail. It is Gretchen's goal to decrease that number to 100.

Scholarship - Five applicants applied for our Cecil County Retired School Personnel Memorial Scholarship. Charlene Metzger and Marie Madron introduced this year's recipients. Taylor Edwards, a graduate from Perryville High School, will be a senior at Wilmington University this fall majoring in early childhood education. Helen Hartman graduated from Rising Sun High School. She is entering her senior year at the University of Maryland majoring in elementary special education. Since 1987, our association has awarded 48 scholarships. The purchase of raffle tickets along with donations fund these scholarships.

Social - Diana Lohr stated our next meeting would be held on September 10, 2019, because of the trip to the Canyonlands.

Travel - On each table, Fred Metzger had placed papers listing possible day trip destinations for our members to vote on. Write-in suggestions were also requested. Ten people are going on the Canyonlands trip this September.

Guest Speakers - There were three guest speakers. The first to present was Debbie Chance, MRSPA Area 3 director. She stated this was a year of "moving and shaking" for MRSPA. The paperclip chain at the state meeting was incredible to see. Our state legislature passed many bills that MRSPA supported. She concluded by saying that the members of our organization are a wonderful group of people.

The next to speak was Staci Lamb, CCPS 2018 Teacher of the Year. She began by thanking everyone present for their many years of teaching and she is in awe of what we do and have done for education. She is an English teacher at Elkton High School. Before introducing our third presenter, Dr. Jeffrey Lawson, Anne explained the many things our organization does to support Cecil County Public Schools. She described how we provide clothes, shoes, and supplies to school nurses for the children. Our members bring food to our meetings for Agape to send home with students on Fridays, and finally she explained our scholarship program and the scholarships available to former Cecil County graduates planning to become teachers. Dr. Jeffrey Lawson, Superintendent of Cecil County Public Schools, was our final speaker. He is completing his 35th year in education. Dr. Lawson has been in our county for the past 10 years. He said there is a great level of need in our schools and there is a level of high performance we haven't seen before. He is focusing on the professional culture and communication. He is trying to be accessible, and he wants to spread the good work that is being done in CCPS. He concluded with answering various questions asked by members.

President's Report - Anne Humphrey announced that Nick Moon, Cecil County Parks and Recreation Director, is looking for individuals wanting to provide academic support and goal setting help after school Monday - Friday. Please see Anne if interested.

Anne described a possible project for next year could be supporting the Pregnancy Center. We could provide supplies and books to new moms to use with their babies.

Anne has accepted the chairperson of Public Relations position at MRSPA so she is resigning as president

Additional Information

Our organization is in need of a president, president-elect, and a nominating chairperson. Please consider volunteering for one of these positions. We would like to thank Joan-Marie Parker and Kay DiStefano for volunteering to be a substitute recording-secretary.

Anne stated that MRSPA is our voice for protecting our pensions. If you are interested in serving on the Legislative Committee with Linda Elwood, please consider volunteering.

If you have a camera and enjoy taking pictures, please contact Anne Humphrey. A designated photographer is needed to take pictures at our meetings.

Many association members were recognized for their many hours of volunteering.

Cheryl Taylor's name was submitted for the Maryland Senior Citizen Hall of Fame.

Watch for information about a social hour to be held in the evening early in October. There are many people that want to join us but can't attend a meeting during the day due to other obligations.

Please contact Gretchen Ginder if you wish to receive your chalkboard in the mail. We are working to get our newsletter emailed instead of mailing them to members. The cost and the amount of time to prepare the newsletters for mailing are the main reasons.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:12 pm. Anne Humphrey gave the blessing for our luncheon.

Agape was the recipient of our canned goods.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Haberl

OFFICERS NEEDED

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

COMING EVENTS

- August 27, 2019 Executive Board Meeting
- September 10, 2019 Luncheon Meeting –(CC)
- September 14 – 24, 2019 Canyonlands Trip
- 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

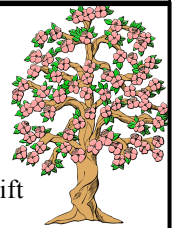
COMMITTEE

<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>\$6,839.53</u>
SUB TOTAL INCOME	\$1740.00
SUB TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$0.00
Net Balance	\$1740.00
CD at Cecil Bank	\$11,157.65
Balance on Hand	\$19,737.18

It's Raffle Time!



Thank you for your past donations! Please bring a gently used item for our table. Gift cards are always welcomed! Sometimes people ask me, "What are you looking for?" Here are some ideas from past donations: Candles, books, tea towels, candy dishes, live plants/floral displays, soaps, puzzles, memo pads, a themed baskets, etc.

You can contact me at mmcdairy@comcast.net for pick up for items. (Ex. Betsy Van Culin and I meet at the Elkton Library.)

Raffle Chairperson
Mary McCleary

Program for September

Our speaker for September is JoAnn S. Dawson. JoAnn currently owns and operates Fairwinds Farm & Stables in North East, Maryland with her husband Ted. Come and hear how establishing a bed and breakfast has its issues, some good and some not so good! JoAnn has even written a book about this adventure titled, *Bed, Breakfast & Beyond: Twenty years of Kooky Guest, Gentle Ghosts, and Horses in Between*. (You will be able to purchase this book and her award-winning *Lucky Foot Stable* series for ages 8-12).
Program Chairperson
Mary McCleary

REMINDER

Please remember to bring a canned good or non-perishable food item to the September Luncheon for the

Agape Program!



MEETINGS

**SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON
REMINDER**

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

**DECEMBER LUNCHEON
MEETING**

Mark your calendar! Plan to attend and keep in touch with CCRSPA friends at the December 10th luncheon.

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

September Luncheon Meeting

Schaefer's Canal House

Chesapeake City, MD 21915

September 10, 2019 - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Menu

Grilled Chicken Breast

Meatloaf

Tossed Salad

Green Beans Roasted Redskin Potatoes

Warm Apple Cobbler

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

RSVP by August 27, 2019



Clip and Send

Price per person is \$20 at the door, but you must RSVP Email, call or send reservation by **AUGUST 27, 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 SEPTEMBER 10, 2019. DO NOT SEND MONEY. PLEASE PAY AT THE DOOR

MY NAME _____ MY GUEST _____

CHICKEN _____ MEATLOAF _____

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Retirement Memoir

In 2014, I went on a mission trip from my church to Nicaragua to help preschool and Kindergarten teachers set up their classrooms for the upcoming school year at Nicaragua Christian Academy Nejapa. We were able to visit the Masaya Volcano in Masaya Volcano National Park.

We have taken summer trips with family members to the Outer Banks, Corolla, North Carolina, the Isle of Palms, Charleston, South Carolina, and Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.

My most exciting trip was to Egypt and a 3 night Nile Cruise last year. We were in Cairo, Aswan, and Luxor. We saw the Giza Pyramids, Citadel of Saladin, toured the Egyptian Museum, Edful Temple, and Valley of the Kings. I also got to ride a camel!

I have done lots of volunteer work, am on the Junior Board for Christiana Care Hospital and volunteer at the Glass Box, a gift shop, and the Information Desk. At the Newark Senior Center, sing with a chorus called the Songbirds. We sing at nursing homes and retirement centers in the local area. Also I am the Bible Studies leader at my church, **Ogletown Baptist Church**. I am the Community Outreach Coordinator for our organization. Served on the Board of Trustees for Building Families for Children.

In 2014 was the MRSPA Outstanding Individual for the Community Service Award.

I have been a widow for the past ten years, and my next adventure will be **getting married this coming** July to a wonderful man, Thomas Sheldon, who I met at Songbirds. Life is good!

Paula Cobb

Community Service

The Annual Induction Luncheon for the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame will be held on Thursday, October 24, 2019, at Michael's Eighth Avenue in Glen Burnie, MD. The social hour will begin at 11:00 am with lunch scheduled for 12:00 noon followed by the induction ceremony.

If you would like to attend the luncheon, please let Paula Cobb know by October 4. Luncheon reservations are \$28 per person. Our honoree is Sheryl Taylor.

Sheryl is a member of PAWS for People. She has her therapy dog, Winston, that together work providing therapeutic visits for persons in the community who would benefit from interaction with a well-trained loving pet.

They visit the 3rd graders at Bayview Elementary once a week for 1 hour, as well as Charlestown 5th graders. They visit North East United Methodist Church with the Pre-K 4 year olds in their pre-reading program.

Winston and Sheryl provide a reading program at Elkton Library once a month. Readers are scheduled to read with Winston for a 10-15 minute session. These therapy visits ensure interaction with a non-judge-mental person (pet) and give students (children) a chance to improve their reading while they read aloud to Winston.

AGAPE PROGRAM

We will continue to collect food items for Agape. 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.

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, cheese crackers, etc.), and 2 breakfast items. Our volunteers deliver these bags to the schools.

Please remember that children as young as 4 carry these bags home on Fridays. We cannot send regular size cereal boxes, large canned items, or large bags of snacks. All packages are opened and individual bags/boxes of items are sent home.

Items we need include: Canned beef and pasta (Beefaroni, spaghetti & meatballs, etc.) Single-serve cereal Granola bars

Individual fruit servings (applesauce, mandarin oranges, etc.)

Individual snack bags (Goldfish, pretzels, etc.)

Ramen noodles

Pop tarts

Fruit snacks

With much appreciation, Charlene Metzger

Membership News for September

Membership total is 287. There are 18 local only members.

****We still encourage members to receive their Chalkboard using their contact emails. Sending the chalkboard by email will save us a considerable amount of money, to use elsewhere. We hope that all those members who receive emails as a way of communication will add our newsletter as one.

**If there is a reason as to why you would like/need to continue getting your Chalkboard newsletter by mail, PLEASE contact us.

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 you** taking advantage of getting **free raffle tickets?** 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 prizewinner*; they will consider joining us in helping to support our community, too.

NEW MEMBER

Laurel P Jones

In Memoriam

Cordelia Ruley
April 4, 1939 – April 20, 2019
Teacher's Aide, Cecilton, Holly Hall

Rev. Allen Yuninger
July 7, 1936 – April 28, 2019
Mentor for CCPS

Betty R Brewer
May 28, 1966 – May 7, 2019
Bus Driver

Junior D Woodie
July 22, 1930 – June 15, 2019
Bus Driver

Ruth Gambill
November 9, 1930 – June 28, 2019
Worked in Cafeteria

Joanne T Tosh
1930-2019
CCRSPA Member/Teacher at Rising Sun Elem

Nora I Whiteman
February 23, 1939 – July 4, 2019
Worked in Cafeteria

Jayne M Foard
February 22, 1929 – JULY 5, 2019
CCRSPA MEMBER
Teacher, Guidance and Counselor

Aline D Carrion
March 30, 1927 – July 7, 2019
Substitute Teacher, Volunteer at CES

Robert L Davis
July 24, 2019
Teacher

Judge Harry J Goodrick
February 10, 1928 – July 27, 2019
Teacher

The Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation is now hiring Mobile Lab Teachers

Are you a MD certified retired teacher or are you retiring soon? Are you looking for a flexible, part-time teaching job? We have the perfect position for you! We are now hiring part-time teachers across the state for our Mobile Science Lab Program, which brings agriculture education to students across Maryland through hands-on science experiments. Visit our website for more information about our organization and our programs: www.maefonline.com.

Come work with us!

- Part-time
- Flexible schedule
- Work with K-5th grade students
- Openings across the state
- Established curriculum
- Teacher training provided
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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT DIANA TYLER, Outreach Education Coordinator

410-939-9030 DTYLER@MAEFONLINE.COM

Association Members Recognized for Volunteer Work



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.



ATTENTION MEMBERS

Thank you to the 71 members who have had their names removed from the *Chalkboard* mailing list. I know there are at least 20 more who still have their names on the mailing list and have email addresses.

If you receive a hard copy of the *Chalkboard* for September and are able to access it on line, please email me to remove your name from our 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