



The Chalkboard

CECIL COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL
ASSOCIATION

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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

It has been my pleasure to serve as your President for the last four years. It is, however, time for me to move on. I will continue to serve on the Board and I will remain active with CCRSPA. I am now serving as Public Relations chair for MRSPA.

It is my hope that someone will step forward to help continue the work that we have been doing for our schools and school communities. We offer SO many opportunities to be involved! Please ask how you can help! Remember that the position of president can be held by co-presidents.

Our first evening event was held in October. Those of us who came enjoyed great conversations and appetizers. Unfortunately, the weather did not support our use of the patio – but we did have a private room. I hope this will be an event that is continued.

I am looking forward to seeing you all for our holiday luncheon!

Anne Humphrey

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

I am looking for people who would like to share their retirement memories. As you can tell from the previous articles, everyone is spending their retirement years in different ways. Please let me know if you would like to contribute to this column.

We only need four articles per year.

Gretchen Ginder

CCRSPA MINUTES – September 21, 2019

The group gathered at 11 AM at Schaffer's Restaurant. President Anne Humphrey called the meeting to order at 11:16. Eighty members attended this luncheon meeting.

Everyone participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

First time attendees and guests were introduced.

The minutes from the May 21, 2019 meeting were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report - Tony Mattern reported that we have \$9006.51 in checking and \$11,179.90 in a CD for a total of \$20,186.41. If anyone purchases items for the organization, talk to Tony first, as he will not be reimbursing anyone for sales tax. Voucher forms for reimbursement are available on line.

Benefits - Paul Humphrey stated that active teachers have a concierge package in their wellness program. Retired teachers do not have this access but he will ask about it.

Community Outreach - Paula Cobb reported that the Maryland Senior Citizen Hall of Fame would be honoring MRSPA members for their volunteer service on October 24 in Glen Burnie. Sheryl Taylor will be honored for her volunteer service with PAWS as well as other organizations. If you are interested in attending, Paula will need your check by October 4. Paula has received requests for supplies from 20 schools. Please bring mittens, scarves, and jackets for children to our December meeting. She suggested purchasing children's underwear and sweatpants when they're on sale to donate to the schools.

Constitution - Kathy Mullen stated that there is only one recommended change to our bylaws. All were in agreement to change the name "Coats for Kids" to "Kids' Fund".

Legislation - Linda Elwood shared that our Legislative priorities pamphlets have been updated for better readability with the #1 concern of pension protection on the far left since people read from left to right. January 8 is the opening of the General Assembly. The pamphlets will be delivered to delegates and senators on January 14. Upcoming issues include guns, crime, and funding. Lobby day is March 3, 2020, and all members are encouraged to attend. Wanda Twigg has been appointed to the Governor's Commission to lower insurance costs. The next legislative workshop on Wednesday, November 13, will be held at the Miller Office Building in Annapolis.

Membership - Anne Humphrey reported that our membership is 290-295. We are gaining members through enrollment but losing members due to death. Our goal is 315 members. Please encourage retirees to join. Their first luncheon will be free. The more members we have the more legislators will listen. All members are invited to a membership hour/cocktail hour on the patio at The Wellwood from 5 - 7 PM on Tuesday, October 8. The association will provide fruit and cheese trays in addition to sodas and iced tea. It will be a pay as you go bar. This event will enable those members who aren't able to attend luncheons the opportunity to participate. Shirley Montgomery will send out an email blast about this.

Nominations - We are in need of a nominating chair and a president to replace Anne Humphrey. Anne is in the fourth year of a two-year term and is resigning to take a state position. She encouraged members to consider joining with a friend to be co-presidents of the organization.

She feels it isn't a difficult job because the many committee chairs do a good job of completing their work. There are 4 luncheon meetings a year and 4 executive board meetings that she leads. We also need a photographer to take photos for posting and for the newspaper or for award recognition. Anne is willing to do this if someone will volunteer for the President position.

Publications - Gretchen Ginder reported that she needs newsletter information for the next newsletter by November 5. 120 people are still receiving a hard copy of the newsletter. Gretchen expressed her appreciation to everyone who has been willing to give up his or her hard copy and read the newsletter online.

Scholarships - Charlene Metzger reported that MRSPA is offering four \$250.00 classroom grants to teachers across the state. Any active teacher who completes an application will be considered. Anne Humphrey announced that Cecil County would like to do the same thing on a smaller scale and give out three \$100.00 classroom grants to Cecil County teachers. Information will be available in early October and teachers must apply by November 1. The Cecil County winners will be announced in December and the teachers must use the money before the end of the school year.

Social - Diana Lohr reported that we are going back to the Rising Sun Banquet Hall in December. Thank you to Marie Madron for making this possible by arranging with the new owners for the hall rental fee to be waived for CCRSPA. We are hoping the February meeting will be held at the CC School of Technology.

Travel - Fred Metzger announced that 10 people are going on the Grand Canyon trip, which leaves this Saturday, September 14. The results of the survey, which was distributed at our last meeting regarding recommendations for a day trip, resulted in St. Michaels being selected as the destination. The runner up was Cape May, New Jersey. The St. Michaels day trip will be spring 2020.

Additional Information:

Consumer Education - Tony Mattern is interested in getting a Car Fit initiative in Cecil County. This program ensures that people "fit" in their cars properly for maximum comfort and safety.

Charlene Metzger thanked everyone for their food donations. The food donations support the Agape program in CC schools. Charlene's committee meets weekly to pack bags for delivery to 12 elementary schools. Their school counselor identifies students who participate due to food insecurity. Approximately 250 students take home a food bag on Fridays to help them through the weekend.

Anne Humphrey adjourned the meeting at 11:59. Paul Humphrey gave the blessing for our luncheon.

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

November 19, 2019 Executive Board Meeting
December 10, 2019 Luncheon Meeting
February 4, 2020 Executive Board Meeting
February 25, 2020 Luncheon Meeting
May 5, 2020 Executive Board Meeting
May 19, 2020 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 Sheldon
<u>Education/Protective Services</u>	
Tony Mattern	
<u>Legislation</u>	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>	Charlene Metzger
<u>Social</u>	Diana Lohr
<u>Sunshine</u>	Debbie Pasco

CCRSPA TREASURER'S REPORT

BALANCE: June 30, 2019	<u>\$6,839.53</u>
SUB TOTAL INCOME	\$4456.65
SUB TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$3707.15
Net Balance	\$749.50
CD at Cecil Bank	\$11,195.09
Balance on Hand	\$18,784.12

A BIG THANK YOU!!!



Thank you for your generous donations to the raffle table in September. Our members continue to give to our amazing raffle table. Santa and his elves are busy in their workshop to provide us with an array of Christmas raffle gifts for our December's meeting. See you there!

Mary McCleary

December's Musical Program



"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas..."

Our holiday music will be provided by the Perryville High School chorus/chorale under the direction of Ms. Danielle Crosby!

Mary "Christmas" McCleary
Program Chairperson

REMINDER

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



MEETINGS

DECEMBER LUNCHEON
REMINDER

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FEBRUARY LUNCHEON
MEETING

Mark your calendar! Plan to attend and keep in touch with CCRSPA friends at the February 25th 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

December Luncheon Meeting

Rising Sun Banquet Hall

Rising Sun, MD 21911

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

Menu

Assorted fruit with cream cheese dip

Tossed salad

Roast beef au jus

Alfredo vegetable lasagna

Mashed potatoes with beef gravy

Green beans

Vanilla ice cream with assorted sundae toppings

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

RSVP by December 3, 2019



Clip and Send

Price per person is \$20 at the door, but you must RSVP. Email, call or send reservation by **December 3, 2019** 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 10, 2019. DO NOT SEND MONEY. PLEASE PAY AT THE DOOR

MY NAME _____ MY GUEST _____

Retirement Memoir

Hello, my name is Sherry Lewis, your membership chairperson. I retired July 1, 2008. I taught 4th grade at Cecilton Elementary for 5 years, was transferred to Cecil Manor Elementary, where I stayed the rest of my 33 years. I taught 3rd grade, 2nd grade and got involved with the computer program when it first started in the county, which lead me to being a TUST Rep for CMES and still teaching 2nd grade.

Some of you may remember me presenting some Professional Development sessions with using computers in the classroom. I was able to meet, work with and develop life long friendships being in this profession. I loved the kids, working with the staff and playing the game, "Do you remember me?" when not in school. Still playing that from time to time. It was a rewarding life experience and I carry a good feeling knowing I followed in my mother's footsteps.

It was MY third grade teacher, Margaret Edwards, who talked me into replacing Sandra Holland as Membership Chair. I couldn't say no. Sandra was a neighbor in the Elkwood Estates development where I grew up. It was my way of repaying her for buying all those Girl Scout cookies, Christmas cards and wreaths, popcorn and Halloween treats all those years.

I so enjoy my retirement. There have been sad times, but am blessed with good health and the freedom to spend more time with the ones I love, to do things I want to do or need to do, (like travel to visit/help my daughter and her family, now in CA, spoil grandsons, take road trips and eat out with friends) Retirement gave me the freedom to just be able to do many activities or go somewhere at the drop of a hat. I have many great memories of my time teaching, which others who have retired still do share.

Community Service

Thank you for giving towards the Kid's Fund like you do. We could not do this sort of thing without your help. Janet Yuninger and Paula Cobb Sheldon bought everything from underwear, socks, pants, shoes, leggings, sweatpants, tee shirts, brushes, combs, hair ties, snacks and water to donate from our CCRSPA Community Outreach program to 20 different schools in the county including elementary, middle, and high schools for our nurses to use when taking care of the kids that come to their office. We tried to help with their "wish list" and our donations very much appreciated by all we came in contact with at the different schools.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Cobb Sheldon

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

"Thank you so much for the food drive. What a blessing that every bag was full of things we use every week. Thanks so much!!" - From one of the Agape leaders.

Membership News for September

Membership total is 286. There are 22 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, chickeelee@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 Members

Ellen Buesgen

Donna Rice

In Memoriam

Joan Harrison
(5/26/1932 – 8/23/2019)
Secretary for CCPS

Beverly Chapman
(6/9/1948 – 8/28/2019)
School Bus Driver

Paulette G Harold
(7/20/1952 – 9/14/2019)
School Bus Driver

Jacqueline M England
(8/2/1938 - 9/12/2019)
School Bus Driver

Mary Ann Vannoy
(7/24/2019 – 9/22/2019)
Worked at Federal Credit Union

Robin Schaible
(9/21/1952 – 9/27/2019)
CCRSPA Member
School Nurse, Mentor

Marilyn Scarbath
(12/17/1931 – 10/2019)
CCRSPA Member
Coach, Teacher

Dorothy Maccari
(passed 10/25/2019)
Substitute Teacher



The happy travelers were visiting the Canyonlands in September.

Antelope Slot Canyon, Lake Powell, Glen Canyon National Park

Is your house ready for cold weather?

Have your furnace inspected.

Have a professional check for leaks, heating efficiency, and change the filter.

It's a good idea to install a Carbon Monoxide detector in your home as well if you don't already have one.

Check for drafts around doors and windows. If necessary, seal and caulk.

Winterize your air conditioner.

You may need to cover your outdoor unit if you have central air conditioning.

If you use window air conditioners, remove them, or cover them to prevent air leaks.

October was Fire Prevention Month—did you check out your batteries in home safety devices to make sure they're working properly?

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.

SPECIAL REQUEST

Please remember to bring gloves, hats, scarves, coats, leggings or mittens to the December luncheon for our Kid’s Fund. Your donations are appreciated.

Volunteer forms will be available on tables for you to take home to fill out listing volunteer activities that you are engaged in. Your volunteer work in the area and community is appreciated. Please return forms for our meeting in February.

Thanks,

Paula



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