



The Chalkboard

CECIL COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL
ASSOCIATION

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SCAM WARNING

Don't Be Fooled!! When a screen pops up on your computer while performing searches, confetti starts falling, and you may think that you have actually won a prize! There is usually a local person listed as the last person to win, so you may be tempted to think it's a legitimate sweepstakes.

It isn't! The scam is to trick people into believing they were the winners of a 5 billionth search query. Don't click on any of the boxes. If you click, you will likely be diverted to untrustworthy, potentially malicious websites. Close out the screen and don't be tempted.

Consumer Connection, Nov.-Dec, 2021

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Halloween is over and the holiday season is fast approaching! With projected shortages of so many things, I hope to help my family celebrate the real meaning of the holidays, by spending time together and giving what we can to others.

Speaking of giving, we always do a great job with our donations for the kid's fund, scholarships, and AGAPE and we want to continue that tradition. Please check the newsletter to note any specific needs and give as generously as you can!

The other important way that you can give to Cecil RSPA is with your time. We are looking for a nominating committee chair as well as a new President or Co- Presidents. We will provide plenty of assistance!!

Our December luncheon will be on the 7th at the Chesapeake Golf and Country Club in Rising Sun beginning at 11:00. As in September, we'll have a short business mtg and plenty of time to socialize along with holiday music. We look forward to seeing you - bring a guest! Be sure to get your reservations in to Diana as quickly as possible and pay at the door.

Enjoy the fall season

Anne Humphrey

CCRSPA MINUTES – September 28, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Anne Humphrey at 11:40.

Pledge to the flag.

Welcome

New members introduced were Bill Ide, Nicholas Krayner, Lori Coleman, and Sue Hollenbeck.

We have six Emeritus members: Margaret Bailey, Katherine Grubb, Grace McDowell, Mary Terrell, Evelyn Logan, and Betty Mitchell.

Minutes in The Chalkboard were accepted.

Community Outreach program has been well supported.

Legislation had a ZOOM meeting. They revised the Legislative Priorities pamphlet for 2022. Language was added to cover voter protection. Our organization has taken no position on Critical Race Theory. The bill to remove resource officers from schools was defeated. Cecil County has received a large sum of money for broadband service expansion. The Legislative committee will begin meeting again on a regular basis on January 18th. The next Legislative Workshop will be January 26th.

Nominating Committee needs a chairperson and members to serve.

The Chalkboard will be sent out in November.

Holiday program and luncheon will be held in December. Date to be determined.

Scholarship Committee report is in The Chalkboard.

Mini Grants information is in the schools. Three \$200.00 mini grants will be given. Two proposals have been submitted already. The deadline for submission is October 29th. Recipients will be notified by a November 15th.

December luncheon plans. Marie Madron is working on getting Rising Sun banquet hall. Give any ideas for programs to Mary McCleary.

Alaska Trip. The cruise to Alaska will be in 2022. More information is in the newsletter. Twelve people have signed up now. Money from the trip will go to our scholarship fund. MRSPA has trips too.

Raffles. \$200.00 was raised today.

Agape continues to provide food for children for the weekends.

Books for Children is providing books for many children in Cecil County.

Retired Senior Volunteer Program is providing training on Thursdays from 10:00 – 2:00. Volunteer Day is October 2nd.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10. Paul Humphrey offered the prayer for grace.

CCRSPA Officers & Committee
Chairpersons

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COMMITTEE

<u>Community Outreach</u>	Paula Cobb
<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>	Marie Madron
<u>Social</u>	Diana Lohr
<u>Sunshine</u>	Debbie Pasco

CCRSPA TREASURER'S REPORT

BALANCE: June 30, 2017	<u>\$6,618.43</u>
SUB TOTAL INCOME	4,791.64
SUB TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,187.63
Net Balance	9,222.44
CD at Cecil Bank	\$11,430.60
Balance on Hand	\$20,653.04

Anthony Mattern, Treasurer

Birthday Greetings

Reaching 101 years young! Last year we told you about Margaret P Bailey's 100-year birthday celebration and now she's approaching 101. Her special day is Nov 6th another happy milestone, please send a card/note to her at: Peggy Bailey, P.O. Box 117, Rising Sun, MD 21911. Even if you are late, Peggy will still enjoy your cards.

Agape Update from Char Metzger

As it has with everything else, Covid has impacted the Agape program. We can no longer pack bags and deliver them to schools to be handed out to students. The current alternative is placing large metal cabinets outside school buildings that can be accessed by parents to feed hungry families. These have been purchased for Gilpin Manor, Thomson Estates, and Holly Hall, with plans to expand from there. (NEES started this last year on their own and the staff are currently keeping it stocked.) Since children won't be carrying bags, we can donate larger containers of food than before, and a wider variety of items. In addition to food, they are stocking things such as shampoo and soap. A local dentist is supplying toothpaste and toothbrushes. They also need financial donations that will help expand the areas that are being served. We will have to decide as a group if this is a community outreach that we will continue to support. Fred and I are willing to continue collecting the donations and get them where they need to go if the group chooses to do this.



December Luncheon Meeting

Chesapeake Bay Golf Club

128 Karen Drive, Rising Sun, MD
(Turn off Biggs Highway)

December 7 , 2021 - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Menu

Mixed greens salad with balsamic vinaigrette dressing
Herb roasted turkey with stuffing and gravy
Seasonal vegetable medley Mashed potatoes,
Dinner rolls
Assorted pies
Coffee, iced and hot tea.

Price per person \$25.00

RSVP by November 30, 2021

Payment will be at the door. Please pay by check or have \$25.00 in cash. Email or call by November 30, 2021.

Diana Lohr - Phone Number 443-765-4497 or email: dklohr@verizon.net

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

Legislative Report

The Legislative Committee reviewed and revised the Legislative Priorities pamphlet for 2022. Language was added to cover voter protection. Our organization has taken no position on Critical Race Theory. School safety was discussed. The bill to remove resource officers from schools was defeated. Cecil County has received a large sum of money for broadband service expansion. Training will be held to find out how monies will be distributed to residents/members who need it to get access to broadband. The Legislative committee will begin meeting again on a regular basis on January 18th and will meet every two weeks on Tuesdays at 10:00. Anyone interested in joining this committee are welcome to do so. The next Legislative Workshop will be January 26th.

Membership News for November

Membership total is 290. There are 19 local only members.

*** If you are a member who pays yearly dues by check, through mail and never followed through, you were dropped on November 1 this year. The dues remained \$55.00. It is through your membership that helps our fight for benefits and increases to our pension each and every year. I will help you to renew if needed.

*Thank you to all who have contacted us to make a change to receive the Chalkboard using your email? Feel free to continue to contact us if you wish a change.

**If there is a reason as to why you would like/need to continue getting your Chalkboard newsletter by mail, PLEASE contact us, too. (By phone or email)

**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.

New Member

Bill Ide

In Memoriam

Lillian Cebula (12/10/1931 – 8/11/2021)
Teacher's Aide for CCPS, mostly at TEES

Geraldine Loving (2/2/1960 – 8/31/2021)
CCPS Teacher's Aide for Special needs Students

Linda Cooper (passed 9/1/2021)
Teacher's Assistant for CCPS, 15 years

Peggy Pyle (7/25/1941 – 9/5/2021)
Worked for Cecil County Bd. of Ed., CCES and
BMHS

Donald Roberts (8/11/1944 – 9/11/2021)
CCPS Custodian

Georgina Anderson (passed, born 7/18/1934)
Retired from CCPS System in 1994

Charles Wheatley (9/16/1944 – 9/10/2021)
Science Teacher at BMHS

Nellie Moore (11/18/1936 – 9/29/2021)
Cafeteria worker for 28 years at NEHS

Dorothy Neely (no information given)

Nancy Wallace (4/5/1950 – 9/29/2021)
MRSPA Member CES Secretary 27 years

Salvatore Anello (passed 10/10/2021)
Director of Ed for the YMCA
Before/After Program at Conowingo Elementary

Terry Nelson ((5/14/1949 – 10/19/2021)
Taught at Bainbridge, Gilpin Manor,
Kenmore, and Thompson Estates Elem Schools

ALASKA TRIP

As you may have heard, the Alaska 2021 sailings have been cancelled due to covid/Canada closing their ports until March 2022. Therefore, Charlene and I will be doing our Celebrity Alaska 6-day Land Tour/7-day cruise August 6-19, 2022. If anyone would be interested in coming along, please let me know. The price for a balcony, travel protection, gratuities, wi-fi, classic beverage package would be approximately \$4850.00 per person for a Cat. 2C balcony stateroom. An ocean view Cat. 6 would be approximately \$4295 per person. The land portion of the tour would start in Fairbanks. Hotels, tours, & transportation, are included. Your meals and any extra excursions would be at your own expense. Once we join the ship in Seward, your meals become part of the package, but you would need to reserve and pay for any shore excursions that you'd like to do. Alaska is a fantastic state to visit. This will be our 2nd time visiting, and we hope you will want to join us on this adventure. The land tour can sell out early because of limited availability. A deposit of \$500 (non-refundable) will hold the booking for you. You can pay monthly, or any way you like. Final payment would be May 9, 2022. You can also just do the cruise portion of this vacation. You would fly into Anchorage and transfer to the ship. I'd be happy to price that out as well.

You can contact me at fred@hilltravelcentre.com or 443-350-5806.

Here is the schedule:

- 6 Aug. Fly to Fairbanks – Pre-Cruise tour 7B - Fairbanks Hotel
- 7 Aug. Riverboat discovery tour/transfer Fairbanks to Denali/Denali Park Village
- 8 Aug. Denali Natural History Tour/Denali Park Village
- 9 Aug. Rail PM - Denali to Talkeetna/Talkeetna Alaska Lodge
- 10 Aug. Rail PM - Talkeetna to Anchorage/Anchorage Marriott
- 11 Aug. Coach transfer Anchorage to Seward/Seward Wind Song Lodge.
- 12 Aug. Seward Depart 8 PM.
- 12 Aug. Resurrection Bay cruise/transfer to ship - Celebrity Millennium.
- 13 Aug. Hubbard Glacier (cruising) 2-6 PM
- 14 Aug. Juneau 9 AM-9PM
- 15 Aug. Skagway 7AM-8:30PM
- 16 Aug. Icy Strait Pt. 6:30AM-3PM
- 17 Aug. Ketchikan. 9AM-6PM
- 18 Aug. Inside Passage (cruising).
- 19 Aug. Vancouver, British Columbia 7AM Docking & transfer to airport

CCRSPA Donation (Please Clip and retain for your records)	
_____ Name	
\$ _____	Ck # _____
Amount _____	Name _____ Amount \$ _____
Date: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Kids Fund <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> In Honor <u>or</u> <input type="checkbox"/> In Memory of _____

CCRSPA Scholarship or Kids Fund Donation – 2020-2021.
 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)

*REMINDER: A separate check for donations to the *Scholarship* or *Kids Fund* may be sent with your March luncheon reservation and returned to Diana Lohr at 2 Clipstone Court, Baltimore, MD 21236.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PEOPLE OUR AGE

A man went for his second dose of the vaccine at the vaccination center. On his way home, he noticed that his vision had become blurred. When he got home, he called the vaccination center for advice and to ask if he should see a doctor or be hospitalized. He was told NOT to go to a doctor or be hospitalized but just return to the center immediately and pick up his glasses.



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

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