



The Chalkboard

CECIL COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL
ASSOCIATION

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2021-2022 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

Consumer Connect on CCRSPA Website

Topics Covered:

- Watch Dog Alerts – Crypto - Same Scan /Different Currency
- From AARP – The 10 Worst Things to Carry in Your Wallet
- Did You Lose Your Vaccine Card?
- Quick tips to Avoid Falls
- National Glaucoma Awareness Month
- Stay Safe and Healthy During COVID 19
- Great Deals to Save Money in 2022
- Good Rx

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We were all excited to think that we were seeing "normal" in our future again after our luncheons in September and December! Reality has once again caught up to us. With the Omicron Strain creating havoc once again, we do not want to put any of our members at risk. We have cancelled our February luncheon and have scheduled the May luncheon for the 17th. Hopefully the future will look much brighter at that point, but we will keep everyone updated.

Meanwhile, are still looking for a nominating chair and committee members, an assistant to the treasurer, and president, president elect, or vice president. These positions can be held by more than one person. Please consider volunteering with a buddy!

Take care through the cold winter weather and wear your masks. See you in the spring.

Anne Humphrey

February Luncheon canceled due to Omicron variant.

May Luncheon is scheduled for May 17, 2022 at Chesapeake Bay Golf Club in Rising Sun, MD.

CCRSPA MINUTES – December 7, 2021

The group gathered at 11:00 am at Chesapeake Bay Golf Club in Rising Sun. President Anne Humphrey called the meeting to order at 11:19 am. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

New Members: Dale Kerns, Penny Boas, Sue Hollenbeck, and Maureen Quinlin introduced themselves.

Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Tony Mattern said we have money. The report is in The Chalkboard.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Correspondence – Corresponding secretary, Betsy Van Culin thanked everyone who donated to the Kids Fund and Scholarship Fund.

Benefits - Paul Humphrey attended a meeting in November. He said the health care is a self-sustaining fund based on usage. The cost of Aetna for 2020 went down due to a decline in usage in 2021 and the number of people having Aetna. Our health care benefits begin on January 1. Dental and eye benefits go along with the school year and begin on July 1.

Community Outreach – Kay DiStefano said that requested items were taken to 16 schools at the end of September and beginning of October. The nurses greatly appreciated the donations and said there are a lot of needs in the schools. Leggings and sweat pants ranging from size small to adult are needed. Kay thanked everyone for the donations and said to keep up the good work. She also said monetary donations are appreciated.

Consumer Education – Tony Mattern stated consumer education information is posted online every two months. He asked if anyone was doing an activity for the association, to please take pictures and email them to him. He needs and wants photos of our group. He also announced the new website is posted online. There are many changes. The reimbursement voucher can be found in the first column. He requested that the voucher be used. He said it is workable and usable.

Legislation – Linda Ellwood said our pensions are still secure. Being a member of MRSPA is our insurance policy that our pensions are being protected.

Membership – Sherry Lewis said we have lost several members. We currently have 267 members. She has dropped off brochures at the Board of Education.

Nominating – Anne said we still do not have a chairperson for the Nominating Committee. Please consider stepping up to be a chairperson or join any committee. We need some new faces on the different committees. None of the committees take a lot of time.

Public Relations – Betsy Van Culin said there was an article in the Cecil Whig about our mini-grants for classroom teachers.

Publications – Gretchen Ginder requested that if you move to please send her your new address. She also said the February luncheon will be around February 8.

Scholarships – Charlene Metzger said the second annual mini-grant applications were offered to teachers through an email blast. Seventeen people applied. We were originally offering three \$200 grants. We were able to award four mini-grants. Jennifer Berry, an art teacher, received \$100 for a weaving loom to teach children how to weave. Amy Ide, a 5th grade teacher at Kenmore Elementary, is using her \$100 for a microscope. Bridget Brennan, a chemistry teacher at NEHS, received \$200 to purchase trade books that would explain different discoveries in chemistry. Kyle Gruber, art teacher at RSMS, received \$200 for animal skeletons and scientific illustrations. Charlene announced we will be offering our annual Memorial Scholarships this spring. Cecil County Public Schools graduates entering their junior or senior year of college majoring in education are eligible to apply.

Social – Diana Lohr and Marie Madron were thanked by Anne for finding the location for today's luncheon and for the hard work they did in organizing it. Kathy Mullen was thanked for the centerpieces that were purchased from the School of Technology and Marie Madron was thanked for the gift bags.

Travel – Fred Metzger said a 6night land/7night cruise is planned for this summer to Alaska. Currently twelve people are going. There is still time to sign up if you are interested.

Program – Mary McCleary said our entertainment was a brass quintet comprised of former CCPS music teachers. If you have any ideas for future programs, please contact Mary. She would like to have Mary Ann Jung return. Mary also thanked everyone for buying raffle tickets and for bringing in raffle items.

General:

Linda Ellwood said we donated \$500.00 to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library for Cecil County. Currently 600 children between the ages of 0 and 5 years receive a book each month. It costs approximately \$13,000/year for the children to receive the books.

Charlene Metzger talked about the Agape food program. Food is provided to students who are food compromised. In the past, bags of food were sent home with the children. Because of COVID, that procedure can no longer be used. Holly Hall, Thomson Estates, and Gilpin Manor have unlocked structures with food in them. A wider variety of food items can now be donated. A local dentist is providing toothpaste and toothbrushes. Fred and Charlene will take donated items to Agape participants who will then deliver the items to the buildings. Anne said we were recognized by the state for participating in the Agape program.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:56.

Paul Humphrey said grace before the serving of our meal.

CCRSPA Officers & Committee
Chairpersons

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<u>Treasurer</u>	Tony Mattern

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 & Signe' Mika
<u>Scholarship/Mini Grants</u>	Charlene Metzger

<u>Social</u>	Diana Lohr
<u>Sunshine</u>	Debbie Pasco

CCRSPA TREASURER'S REPORT

BALANCE: June 30, 2021	\$6,618.43
SUB TOTAL INCOME	7,343.81
SUB TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,920.92
Net Balance	9,041.32
CD at Cecil Bank	\$11,430.60
Balance on Hand	\$20,471.92

Anthony Mattern, Treasurer

**I WEAR MY MASK IN PUBLIC
FOR THREE REASONS:**

1. **HUMILITY:** don't know if I have COVID as it is clear that people can spread the disease before they have symptoms.
2. **KINDNESS:** don't know if the person I am near has a child battling cancer, or cares for their elderly mom. While I might be fine, they might not.
3. **COMMUNITY:** I want my community to thrive, businesses to stay open, employees to stay healthy. Keeping a lid on COVID helps us all!

Cook County Department of Public Health

NEW MEMBERSHIP CARDS

New permanent plastic membership cards are delayed in production. They have not yet been mailed from the company creating them to all members who paid their 2021-2022 dues by November 1, 2021. MRSPA is doing everything they can to expedite the process, but it is out of their control. They will let us know when the cards have been mailed. The cards will be attached to a letter in a business size envelope with the MRSPA logo in the return address. Please be watching for this important piece of mail so it is not thrown away as junk mail. Multiple copies of individual cards can not be made. Members who pay dues after November 1, 2021, will receive their new card quarterly beginning in the spring of 2022. We will inform you when the next round of cards will be issued. New members will receive a paper membership card until their plastic one is produced in the next quarter. These plastic membership cards will be kept from year to year with no expiration date.

Membership News for January

Membership total is 269 . There are 21 local only members.

***** If you are a member, and know a retiree(old or new), welcome them to come and see what we are all about. We would love to add to our membership at any time of the year.**

*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.

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NEW MEMBERS

Maureen Quinlan

Robert Patterson

Mary C Amos

In Memoriam

Donald Truitt, Sr. (11/24/1932 -11/3/2021)
Treasurer of NEHS Band, member of PTA

Wanda Webber (7/20/1930 – 11/6/2021)
CCRSPA Member, MRSPA Member,
Teacher, Assistant Principal,
Supervisor of Guidance Counseling for 32 years

Maurice Potts (12/5/1937 – 11/6/2021)
President of the EHS Alumni Association, had
provided oversight in selection process of
scholarships for each graduating class

Roberta Struble (9/7/1931 – 11/13/2021)
CCRSPA member, MRSPA member
Physical Education Teacher at EHS for
30 years, Coached softball & field hockey

Flora Shellendar (11/8/1936 – 11/15/2021)
Worked in Cafeteria for CCES till retired

Hobart Blanchard, Jr (11/12/1933 – 12/18/2021)
CCPS Maintenance Division

Donna Robbins (died 12/5/2021)
Retired from CCPS, Guidance Counselor

Marsha Ahern (2/28/1944 – 1/2/2022) Worked
for CCPS Board of Education

CCRSPA Donation
(Please Clip and retain for your records)

Name _____

Amount

\$ _____ Ck # _____

Date: _____

Kids Fund Scholarship
Fund

CCRSPA Scholarship or Kids Fund Donation – 2022.
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 _____

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

We had requests from 22 schools for this round of donations. Kay and I appreciate your donations, along with your monetary ones. Together, we purchased over 60 pairs of gender-neutral wear sweatpants that were requested. We have delivered underwear, socks, leggings, long sleeve shirts, personal hygiene items, snacks and cases of water. We are receiving thank you notes for how appreciative they are of our organization helping out with the needs for children of Cecil County Public Schools.
Paula Sheldon



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