



# The Chalkboard

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## 2022-2023 OFFICERS

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## Consumer Connect on CCRSPA Website

May 2022 *ConsumerConnection* is here!

Inside this issue:

- Spring Cleaning, Spruce Up & Scams
- Donate Safely to Ukraine Relief Efforts
- How to "Freeze" Your Credit
- Summer Road Trip Safety Reminders
- GasBuddy.com - Find Cheap Gas
- May is National Mental Health Awareness Month

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At the time of this writing, COVID numbers are beginning to rise again. We are going to remain on the optimistic side and keep planning for our May 17<sup>th</sup> luncheon! We will advise you if anything changes. Masks are optional at this point.

We are sparking up our luncheon with "hat day". In honor of the Preakness, baseball, gardening, fishing, or anything outdoors that you love – wear your favorite or create your own! We will give awards for the hats that are from farthest away, most creative, and funniest. Don't have a hat? Pull out your scarves, bandanas, or anything that you can put on your head. Participation is optional – you can always be a judge!

You will notice that we have had to increase the price of our luncheon. I'm sure that you have noticed the cost of everything has gone up with food being close to the top of the list. We have been working hard to keep our cost under \$25 but it isn't working. The price of the luncheon will now be \$30. Remember that our cost includes gratuity as well as the space to hold our group. If you need a vegetarian option, please contact Diana Lohr at least a week prior to the luncheon. If you have any suggestions for the future, please let us know.

I'd like to thank our terrific executive board for all the work they have done during the pandemic. We have continued with our committees – legislative, health care, scholarships and mini grants, as well as meeting the needs of our students. I appreciate all their continued support!

Hope to see you at the luncheon/meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

*Anne Humphrey*

## CCRSPA MINUTES – March 22, 2022

Cecil RSPA Executive Meeting 3/22/2022

We began the meeting with a discussion of meeting dates for the 2022-2023 year.

Exec mtg	Chalkboard	Luncheon
3/22/22	4/10/22	5/17/22
8/2/22	8/23/22	9/20/22
10/18/22	11/8/22	12/6/22
1/10/23	1/24/23	2/21/23
4/4/23	4/25/23	5/23/23

Discussion of the proposed budget:

There are a few changes that need to be made. We have promised to give \$500 to Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. It does not show up in the budget. Perhaps we need an expense line for "projects". We expanded our scholarship budget last year to include three \$1,000 scholarships and three \$200 mini grants. This number was cut and should not be. So far this year, Charlene has only received 1 application, but the deadline has not been reached. Even though Kathy has done the decorations and favors for the luncheons, she has not turned in receipts. Is there a line item to cover the cost? We have a line item for "Gifts" which shows that \$41.80 has been spent. What was that for?

We propose that the cost for lunches be raised to \$30 beginning in May, but we would like to try to stay a bit under that for the actual cost, hoping to have money to help with the cost of guests. We would like to provide a meal like we had in December – more of a dinner if we can.

We cannot raise dues and lunches this spring, but dues should be raised for the 23/24 year.

We feel that the budget should indicate taking from our reserves to balance this coming year's budget.

Discussion about donations for the May 17<sup>th</sup> luncheon:

In view of the changes with AGAPE, we are requesting donations to kid's fund or Scholarships. Paula will make sure there is a specific list in the Chalkboard and Shirley will send out an e-mail blast. There will be a display set up to show our various projects at the luncheon created by Betsy.

Legislative update:

Linda shared a summary of the legislative concerns that she will also share with the members at the luncheon.

Healthcare:

Paul has a meeting on 3/23. It was brought up that the AETNA insurance does not pay for rehabilitation care at any of the quality choices here in Cecil County where Blue Cross does. Paul will ask about this at the meeting.

At the Wednesday meeting, Paul brought up concerns about rehab care being limited to lower quality care by AETNA. Committee said that didn't sound right. Anyone with a concern should contact AETNA.

Recognition by MRSPA:

Paula is putting us in for "kid's fund" – Community Service  
Kay DiStefano – individual volunteer  
Tony Mattern – Senior Citizen's Hall of Fame

Meeting ended at 11:30.

**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 &amp; 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

**SCHOOL NURSES' NEEDS**

Many CCPS school nurses are relying on our donations to help them meet their students' personal needs. We are all well aware of how limited school budgets can be, so this is one of many opportunities where our donations are appreciated so close to home! At the end of this message is the current list of requested items.

Of course, you may bring any of these kinds of items along with you if you are coming to the luncheon on May 17th.

There are 2 houses available for no contact porch deliveries. Then Kay and Paula will be able to deliver items to the schools as soon as possible since the luncheon is 3 weeks away.

Paula Sheldon, 9 Arizona State Drive Newark, Delaware 19713

Kay DiStefano 28 Harvest Moon Court Elkton

**Clothing:**

Gender neutral sweatpants sizes 4 to 14

Adult size gender neutral sweatpants sizes S to XL

Kids shoes sizes 9 to 14

Gender neutral tee shirts for sizes 6 to 16

Leggings XXL

Underwear boy and girl sizes 4 to 10

Women underwear sizes 18 to 20

**Personal Hygiene Items:**

Chapsticks. Spray deodorant

Feminine pads Lysol wipes

Baby wipes

**CCRSPA TREASURER'S REPORT**

BALANCE: June 30, 2021	\$6,618.43
SUB TOTAL INCOME	7,529.89
SUB TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5,815.42
Net Balance	8332.90
CD at Cecil Bank	\$11,436.35
Balance on Hand	\$19,769.25

Anthony Mattern, Treasurer

***WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE??***

*Join us for 55VLP.*

*Discuss community challenges*

*Discover resources and responses*

*Determine ways to connect and serve*

*Registration is now open for the 2022 55+ Volunteer Leadership Program (55VLP). Coordinated by Cecil County Department of Community Services, an AmeriCorps Seniors grantee, 55VLP offers adults ages 55 and older a way to learn about local issues and discover ways to pitch in and help. Classes are conducted on Thursdays from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM beginning May 19<sup>th</sup> and ending June 16<sup>th</sup>. 55VLP is free; registration is required, and a registration packet is attached for your review. Please consider those in your circle of friends, family or neighbors who might be interested in participating. For more information, please contact Krista Gilmore ([kgilmore@ccgov.org](mailto:kgilmore@ccgov.org) or 410.996.8416).*

**Nurses' Needs cont.**

**Snacks:**

Small bottles of water

Small bottles of cranberry juice

Snack sized packages of goldfish crackers, pretzels,

peanut butter crackers, cookies, Gummies

Spearmints

## Membership News for May

Membership total is 270.

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.**

**\*\*\*MRSPA is having *A join as new member or reinstate your membership \$deal,* between March 1, 2022 and May 31, 2022) and get a discount. have any takers that retirees could/would talk to.**

**(MRSPA will only be \$10.00 and our Local stays at \$10.00, for a total of \$20.00)**

**Feel free to continue to contact us if you wish a change, concerning email or paper.**

**\*\*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](mailto:chickeelewis@mac.com)

Shirley Montgomery 302-731-5371 [smmontgomery@verizon.net](mailto: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

## In Memoriam

**Vicki Romberger**  
1963 - 1/6/2022)  
35+ years as a teacher of Kindergarten  
and Pre-K for CCPS

**Pam Hartzell**  
(8/31/1963 – 1/11/2022  
Teacher Librarian and Destination  
Imagination (DI) Manager at HHES,

**Emma Griffith**  
11/12/1932 – 1/14/2022  
Retired Secretary for Cecil County Board  
of Education

**Sara Russell**  
6/6/1961 – 1/30/2022  
Cafeteria Worker

**Laura Foster**  
6/11/1949 - 2/8/2022  
Instructional Assistant, Active in Special  
Education Dept. for CHMS and EHS

**Ann Hillsman**  
5/29/1932 – 2/10/2022  
Taught 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades in CCPS for.  
45 years

**Charlene Green**  
3/22/1940 – 2/20/2022  
At BMHS until 1993



**MEETINGS**

**MAY LUNCHEON**  
**REMINDER**

**Wear a hat.**

**Bring items for school nurses.**

**Do not bring items for Agape.**

**SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON**  
**MEETING**

Mark your calendar! Plan to attend and keep in touch with CCRSPA friends at the September 9, 2022. Location TBA.

Members who want to get on our electronic CCRSPA distribution list need to send their email address to Shirley Montgomery at [smmontgomery@verizon.net](mailto:smmontgomery@verizon.net) or to Tony Mattern at [ContactUs@CecilRSPA.org](mailto:ContactUs@CecilRSPA.org)

**Luncheon Program**

Lynne Robinson is the founder and director of PAWS for People, an organization that provides pet therapy for people in many different situations. Lynne will explain how we can participate or benefit from pet therapy.

*May Luncheon Meeting*

*Chesapeake Bay Golf Club*

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

May 17, 2022 - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

*Menu*

**GOURMET SANDWICH BUFFET**

Assorted Sliced Baguette Sandwiches:

Turkey & Havarti, Lettuce, Cranberry Mayonnaise  
Roast Beef, Tomato, Arugula, Horseradish Spread  
Baked Ham and Provolone, Mustard

Potato Salad, Pasta Salad or American Macaroni Salad

Cole Slaw

Assorted Cookies

Ice Water, Iced Tea

Coffee Station

Payment will be at the door. Please pay by check or have \$30.00 in cash. Email or call by May 10, 2022.

**Diana Lohr - Phone Number 443-765-4497 or email: [dklohr@verizon.net](mailto:dklohr@verizon.net)**

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

**MRSPA REQUEST FROM STATE PRESIDENT**

As you begin to venture out into the world, please keep in mind that all retirees must stick together to retain our pensions and our other benefits. As cash-strapped local governments explore ways to balance their budgets, we want to be sure that their efforts do not take away from our hard-earned benefits. If you only do one thing to help all of us, please make that one thing be to recruit new members into the locals and MRSPA.

George Denny, Jr

CCRSPA Donation

(Please Clip and retain for your records)

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Amount

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Ck # \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor or  In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Kids Fund       Scholarship  
Fund



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

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.

CCST SPRING PLANT SALE

[Come out and support the Landscaping & Horticulture Production Program!](#)

Sales Start April 25 \*Cash or Check Only\*

Monday-Friday 10AM-2PM

Open Saturday, May 7th to coincide with the 1st Annual CCST SPRING SHOWCASE!

10:00am - 2:00pm

Greenhouse Sales, Truck/Car Show, CCST Program tables, Food, Petting Zoo.