



# The Chalkboard

CECIL COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL  
ASSOCIATION

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## 2022-2023 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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I watch my daughter get her children's school supplies, new clothes, and coordinate schedules for "meet the teacher" nights, I am reminded of the back-to-school excitement of being a teacher! A new class of students to challenge and watch them grow! As an administrator, I also had the good fortune to watch novice teachers come through the door with enthusiasm and plans to change the world!

Looking at predictions for this year, I see teachers who are overwhelmed and students who are behind. As a retired educator, I feel the need to boost the morale of the teachers who will be giving their all - a new CecilCRSPA project for this year?

I am hoping to see many of you return to our luncheon/meetings this year! We are trying very hard to keep the costs to a minimum. Our fall luncheon will be held at Elkton United Methodist Church and will be catered by Your Personal Chef from Rising Sun. Entertainment will be provided by our favorite historical interpreter! The date is September 20<sup>th</sup> but, we need your R.S.V.P. no later than September 10<sup>th</sup>.

I am again pleading for you to consider stepping up to be an officer or committee chair - President, co-President, Recording Secretary, Nominating Chair, Assistant Treasurer, or join a committee. Check out our website.

See you on September 20<sup>th</sup> at EUMC!

Anne Humphrey



## CCRSPA MINUTES – May 17, 2022

The group gathered at 11:00 am at the Chesapeake Bay Golf Club in Rising Sun. President Anne Humphrey called the meeting to order at 11:17 am. We opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. New member, Karen Hartranft, introduced herself. The minutes from the December 7, 2021 were approved.

Treasurer's Report - Tony Mattern stated that we had \$7980.22 income and \$1889.37 expenditures. Any member who takes photos at a CCRSPA event is asked to send the photos to Tony for the website. Please notify Tony if you notice errors on the website. Tony quizzed the members on information regarding the website.

Correspondence - No report

Benefits - Paul Humphrey reported the cost of Aetna for 2022 went down due to a decline in usage in 2021 and will most likely go back up to that same 2021 level next year.

Community Outreach - Anne Humphrey presented a certificate to CCRSPA from MRSPA for the 2019-2020 Community Service Award Local Association Project Winner (200-899 members) for the Agape Program coordinated by Charlene Metzger. Anne presented a certificate from MRSPA for the 2021-2022 Community Service Individual Award - Honorable Mention to Kay DiStefano. Paula Sheldon thanked everyone for their donations of items requested by the school nurses as well as financial donations for the Kids Fund.

Constitution - No report

Consumer Education - Tony Mattern reminded members that a Car Fit event is occurring this Thursday in Rising Sun.

Legislation - Linda Elwood reported that this committee met biweekly from January through April. There were 18 members on the committee which included Jan Fraser and Shirley Hicks. This year 2596 bills were introduced. The committee reviewed select bills and supported 71 bills. Bills of significance that we supported and passed are: HB 420 Retirement Tax Elimination Act of 2022. There will be a tax reduction of \$10,000 in 2023 and an additional \$1000 each year until 2026. Single paying tax returns must make less than \$100,000 to qualify and a married couple less than \$150,000. Of concern was a billion-dollar deficit coming into the state resulting in less money going to the counties. Some members felt this might reduce that amount of healthcare coverage retirees receive. HB 0148 Criminal Law Stalking - Definition - This bill changes the definition of stalking to include using a device (computer, cell phone, GPS) that can pinpoint a person's location without their knowledge. Many seniors may not be aware that such devices exist or that they can be used for this purpose. HB 743 - Teachers' Retirement and Pension Systems - Reemployment - This bill allows school systems to hire retired teachers. Systems can now hire 25 retirees and they may return to the school where they worked. HB 166 Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia - Council and Coordination Services - This council will issue and publish an update to the State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias and establish the position of Director of Dementia Service and Brain Health to facilitate communication about service in the state. Our pensions are fine. This year's COLA for pensions will be 3% and members in the old retirement system will receive 4.698%. AARP and the Legislative Committee continue to warn our members about third party electric suppliers. Unregulated portions of the bill will increase over time costing customers up to \$700 more per year. They are targeting the older population.

**CCRSPA Officers & Committee**  
**Chairpersons**

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<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>	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 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, 2022	<u>\$6,628.14</u>
SUB TOTAL INCOME	2240.26
SUB TOTAL EXPENDITURES	37.18
Net Balance	8831.22
CD at Cecil Bank	\$11,449.62
Balance on Hand	\$20,280.84

Anthony Mattern, Treasurer

**To Be Honored**

Tony Mattern will be honored at the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame at a luncheon on October 20, at Ten Oaks Ballroom in Clarksville, Maryland. The social hour will begin at 11:00 a.m. with lunch scheduled for 12:00 noon, followed by the induction ceremony. Luncheon reservations are \$29 per person. No reservations will be accepted after Friday, September 30. Please email Paula at [mahkila@verizon.net](mailto:mahkila@verizon.net) if you are planning to attend.

**4...3...2...1 BLASTOFF!**

Yes! we are blasting off our 2022 meetings with Sally Ride! Mary Ann Jung is back with her Living History program of SALLY RIDE-REACH FOR THE STARS. This lively program has delighted audiences at the Kennedy Space Center and the National Air and Space Museum. Blast off for adventure with Dr. Sally Ride, America's first female astronaut, and learn about her journey and its challenges. Then in the game show portion the whole audience can guess at odd, surprising facts about the life in zero gravity aboard the space shuttle. It's out of this world fun!



Mary McCleary,  
Program chairperson

# *September Luncheon Meeting*

## *Elkton United Methodist Church*

219 East Main Street, Elkton, MD 21921  
September 20, 2022- 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

(Parking lot in back of church off High Street)



### *Menu*

Stuffed Chicken Breast

Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Garden Salad. Cupcakes

Iced Tea/Coffee/Water

**Cost per person \$25.00**

**RSVP by September 10, 2022**

Payment will be at the door. Please pay by check or have \$25.00 in cash. Email or call by September 9, 2022.

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

## **May Luncheon Attendees**



## Membership News for September

Membership total is 268.

There are 19 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.

Those who pay by check, make sure to renew soon. You still have time! State will drop all unpaid members on Nov 1! The dues do remain the same at \$55!

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](mailto:chickeelewis@mac.com)

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

Teresa Flaughter

Kay Montgomery

Patty Condo

Kathy Watson

## In Memoriam

### Barry Bradfield

(died 3/18/2022)

A School Bus Driver

### Lawrence Wright

(12/6/1944 – 4/11/2022)

Bus Driver for CCPS

### Rosalinda McWilliams

(5/19/1935 – 4/16/2022)

Teacher for CC Elementary Schools  
substitute teacher, then Music Education

### Mary Terrell

(died 4/20/2022)

28 years teaching First Grade at CMES/TEES

MRSPA, CCRSPA MEMBER

### Kathleen Figgs

(2/3/1953 – 4/25/2022)

Library Aid for CCPS

### Steven Wagner

(3/7/1974 – 4/28/2022)

Cecil County School Bus Contractor

### Ronald Thompson

(1/26/1945 - 4/27/2022)

Worked 44 years for CCPS teaching  
Behavioral and Social Sciences

### Grace McDowell

(10/25/1927 – 5/57/2022)

MRSPA, CCRSPA

Wished donations to made to CCRSPA, Personnel  
Scholarship

### Ralph Wachter

(2/18/1928 – 5/23/2022)

Principal of BM Jr.-Senior High School CCPS  
Administrative Staff as Instructional Supervisor  
and Supervisor of the Finance Department

### Judith Storke

(11/19/1945 – 5/25/2022)

Teachers Aid at GMES

### Janice Blanchfield

(3/31/1952 – 6/5/2022)

School Bus Driver

### Barbara Ramsaur

(died 6/26/2022) Librarian for CCPS, moved to  
Reference Librarian at Cecil the

County Public Library

### Carolyn Phibbs

(7/28/1953 – 6/30/2022)

School Bus Driver

# ALASKA TRIP

August 6 - 19 twelve of our group traveled to Alaska on a Celebrity land/cruise tour. We had great weather and saw so many awesome sights! The pictures include Denali, Hubbard Glacier, Mendenhall Glacier, and humpback whales. It was an amazing trip!



CCRSPA Donation

(Please Clip and retain for your records)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Amount \_\_\_\_\_

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

Kids Fund     Scholarship Fund

CCRSPA Scholarship or Kids Fund Donation – 2022-2023.  
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 with your September luncheon reservation and returned to Diana Lohr at 2 Clipstone Court, Baltimore, MD 21236.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

The Legislative Committee held a zoom meeting August 16th, 2022. We reviewed the Legislative Priorities for 2023 and will meet again to finalize possible additions. The Legislative session will begin January 11, 2023 and our first meeting will be January 17th. Then we will continue to meet the first and third Tuesday of each month. This year we will hold hybrid meetings giving members the option of meeting in person or signing on to zoom. Anyone interested in joining this committee can notify me and I will add your name.



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

