

The Chalkboard

CECIL COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL
ASSOCIATION

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2022-2023 OFFICERS

President:

Immediate Past President: Anne
Humphrey

Corresponding Secretary:

Recording Secretary:

Treasurer: Tony Mattern

Newsletter Co-editors: Gretchen
Ginder and Signe' Mika

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

October 7, 2022

Dear Fellow Cecil RSPA members,

After 8 years as your President, I find it necessary to give up my position. It has been my pleasure to work with all of you and I will remain an active participant. I will stay on the Board as past-President and continue to work with the Scholarship Committee.

Your Board of Directors and Committee Chairs have been exceptional to work with – many of whom have held their positions for many years. Please consider stepping in to become a committee member or take a leadership position (no experience necessary). There are plenty of caring folks to help you settle in!

At the present time, we are looking for a President or Co-Presidents, nominating chair, assistant Treasurer, assistant web master, social chair (arranging luncheons), and recording Secretary (taking meeting minutes). Please consider the benefits of being involved with this great group! I stepped up after attending one meeting and the group guided me through! Contact any of the officers listed on our website.

I thank all of you for your participation and attendance at meetings/luncheons and look forward to seeing more of you as the group continues to grow.

Sincerely,
Anne Humphrey



Happy
Thanksgiving

CCRSPA MINUTES – September, 2022

The group gathered at 11:00 AM at Elkton United Methodist Church. President Anne Humphrey called the meeting to order at 11:17 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

First time attendees were: John Mazurick, Katharine Mazurick, Becca McCall, and Allison McMann.

Anne stated that being a member of MRSPA is an insurance policy for our pension. MRSPA is standing up for us and helping to protect our pensions.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report - Tony Mattern said the organization has approximately \$20,000 in a CD and checking account. It is still early in the year. He reminded us that we are a tax exempt organization and if anyone is making any purchases for the association to please use the tax exempt number.

Benefits - Paul Humphrey said he would be attending a meeting during the third week of October.

Community Outreach - Paula Cobb Sheldon and Kay DiStefano have been doing a wonderful job purchasing items for seventeen schools. Paula thanked everyone that brought in donations to the meeting. She said the nurses were very appreciative of what we are doing. She announced that Tony Mattern will be honored at the Maryland Senior Citizen Hall of Fame luncheon on October 20, 2022. The luncheon is being held at Ten Oaks Ballroom in Clarkville, MD.

Constitution - no report

Consumer Education - Tony Mattern stated that information can be found on our webpage.

Legislation - Linda Elwood participated in a ZOOM meeting on August 16. The group reviewed legislative priorities. The main focus was on our pensions. Some states are taking pensions away from the teachers. Legislative meetings will begin again on January 17, 2023. Meetings will be held the first and third Thursday of every month. Please think about joining the Legislation Committee.

Membership - Sherry Lewis said we have 269 members. Her goal is for us to have 280 members. Sherry said not as many people are retiring from CCPS. They are leaving the county before they are of retirement age.

Nominating - Anne said we need a nominating chairperson. We also need a president. This is definitely Anne's last meeting as president. Please think about being president or co-president. Some of the responsibilities of the president are: attend two state meetings, complete an end-of-year report, preside over our executive board meetings and our meetings. We are also in need of a recording secretary, social chairperson, assistant treasurer, and an assistant webmaster. Please consider stepping into one of these positions.

Publications - Gretchen Ginder wants all information for the Chalkboard by November 8. Our next luncheon is scheduled for December 6. We are down to 107 newsletters being mailed.

Scholarship Committee - Marie Madron announced that teachers have received the information for mini-grants. All applications are due by October 15. Our organization will be granting three \$200.00 grants. The money must be used for a project/supplies/equipment that is not provided by the BOE, must benefit the students, and must be used in the classroom this year. At the end of the year the teacher needs to send us a write-up and pictures of the project so the committee can display the information. The scholarship committee will also be awarding scholarships in the spring to three CCPS graduates that are entering their junior or senior year of college and majoring in education.

Social Committee - 46 folks signed up for today's luncheon. In the past we have averaged 60 - 70 attendees. Your Personal Chef from Rising Sun is doing the catering for today's luncheon. A location has not yet been set for the holiday luncheon in December.

Travel - Fred Metzger shared a lot of information about the Alaska trip. The group of twelve departed Philadelphia with temperatures close to 100°. The next day in Fairbanks, they could see their breath. They had snow in Denali. They did a 43 mile bus trip through Denali. Some of the things they saw were: sled dogs, grizzly bears, elk, tarragon, the backend of a moose, whales breaching, and a Native American Museum. At Hubbard Glacier they could hear the ice cracking. At Icy State Point they saw several whales, one of the oldest is named Frederick. The food was delicious and they all had a wonderful time. Hill Travel is donating \$179.00 to our scholarship committee.

Program Committee - Mary McCleary announced Mary Ann Jung would be performing a Living History program of Dr. Sally Ride - Reach for the Stars. A high school group will be performing for our December luncheon. Mary also thanked everyone that provided items for today's raffle.

Sunshine Committee - Please let Debbie Pasco know of any members that are ill so she can send them a card. The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 PM.

Paul Humphrey said the grace before the serving of our meal.

**CCRSPA Officers & Committee
Chairpersons**

OFFICERS

President

Past President Anne Humphrey

Corresponding Secretary

Recording Secretary

Treasurer Tony Mattern

COMMITTEE

Community Outreach Paula Cobb

Education/Protective Services

Tony Mattern

Legislation Linda Elwood

Membership Sherry Lewis

Nominating

Benefits Tony Mattern

Programs Mary McCleary

Public Relations & Communications

Betsy Van Culin

Publications Gretchen Ginder and Signe'

Mika

Scholarship Charlene Metzger

CCRSPA TREASURER'S REPORT

BALANCE: June 30, 2022	<u>\$6,628.14</u>
SUB TOTAL INCOME	4465.30
SUB TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2220.97
Net Balance	8872.97
CD at Cecil Bank	\$11,454.00
Balance on Hand	\$20,326.97

Anthony Mattern, Treasurer



Mary McCleary is in touch with a Cecil County High School choir to sing for us at the December Luncheon.

What Would We Do -

If there were no MRSPA or CCRSPA organizations to represent us because no one is willing to take leadership roles, then:

We will not have a voice at the table when negotiating the cost of health care and pension benefits

We will not have any one to advocate for those things that are important to retirees: dental, vision, hearing, retiree discounts, travel, etc.

We will not have "watchdog" accountability over our pension funds at the state level

We will not have a strategic think tank to stay connected and informed

We will not be a resource of information and encouragement to those who follow us nor be in touch with current retiree issues

If no one volunteers to help keep the organization functioning, then we will have no one compelled to consider our perspective and represent our interests, to negotiate on our behalf, and I think our interest and/or perspective needs to be considered.

**Borrowed from Barbara Woolford
Nominating Chairperson of DRSPA**



December Luncheon Meeting

Elkton United Methodist Church

219 East Main Street, Elkton, MD 21921
December 6, 2022- 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Menu

Turkey w/ stuffing
mashed potatoes. green beans
salad rolls
cupcakes
iced tea, coffee, hot tea

Catered by Your Personal Chef

Cost per person \$25.00

RSVP by November 28, 2022

Payment will be at the door. Please pay by check or have \$25.00 in cash. Email or call by November 28, 2022. Reply to Shirley Montgomery at shirlnems@gmail.com or 302-731-5371

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



Senior Citizen Hall of Fame

Tony Mattern was honored at the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame at a luncheon on October 20 at Ten Oaks Ballroom in Clarksville, Maryland.

Membership News for December

Membership total is 261.

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

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 MEMBERS

Allison McMahon

Dale Kerns

Mary Ellen Butkiewicz

In Memoriam

Nancy Kilby (3/5/1945 – 9/8/2022)
Teacher for CES

Marian Wells (8/3/1930 – 9/14/2022)
CCPS Bus Driver for the Prototype
“Classroom on Wheels” in 1970’s and
“Pony Express” delivering

Clyde Brammer Jr. (2/26/1935-9/16/2022)
School Bus Driver for CCPS

Edith Startt (12/20/1939 – 10/4/ 2022)
Cafeteria Manager for CCPS (30 years)

Janice Gilbert (10/25/1941-10/6/2022)
Bus Driver (Bus 32, Bus 59 for 35 years)

Sterling Reynolds Jr. (12/21/1929 - 10/14/2022) Head Custodian at NEHS for
25 yrs.



S. Gayle Mayo (8/27/1943 - 10/21/2022)
Guidance Counselor at BMHS, coached
volleyball and girls’ basketball

Betsy Van Culin (5/13/1948 – 10/24/2022)
MRSPA and CRSPA member
Elem. School Counselor for CCPS and
Secretary & Public Relations Chair for
CCRSPA

(One possible memorial contribution was
to our CCRSPA Scholarship Fund)

<p>CCRSPA Donation (Please Clip and retain for your records)</p> <hr/> <p>Name _____</p> <p>\$ _____ Ck # _____</p> <p>Amount _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Kids Fund <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship Fund</p>	<p>CCRSPA Scholarship or Kids Fund Donation – 2022-2023. Make check payable to <i>CCRSPA</i>, 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)</p> <p>Name _____ Amount \$ _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> In Honor <u>or</u> <input type="checkbox"/> In Memory of _____</p>
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*REMINDER: A separate check for donations to the *Scholarship* or *Kids Fund* may be sent to Tony Mattern, 160 Willard Drive, North East, MD 21901-1631

<p>Coming Soon !</p> <p>Happy New YEAR</p>	
 <p>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.</p> <p>Purchasing Luncheon raffle tickets help support <i>Kids Fund</i> and the <i>CCRSPA Memorial Scholarship</i>. You benefit as well as a child who receives a new coat or scholarship because your donation\$ are <i>taxdeductible</i>.</p>	<p>MOVING?</p> <p>Don't forget to update address and phone info!</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>New Address _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>New Phone # _____</p> <p>E-mail address _____</p> <p>✉ Mail to: Sherry Lewis, 4793 Telegraph Road, Elkton MD 21921 or via email at chickeeewis@mac.com</p>