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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A new year---a new president! I'm MaryEllen Butkiewicz and have answered the call to be your CCRSPA president. I retired after teaching for 38 years, the last 29 in Cecil County.

Anne Humphrey has been a remarkable president and I am honored to follow in her grand footsteps.

It is a pleasure to be at the helm of such a devoted group of committee members. The strength of our organization has proven itself in many ways, for many years.

My first duty will be the MRSPA Legislative Workshop. This will be a good introduction to how our state legislature is working for us.

I look forward to introducing myself and several other new committee members at our luncheon on February 21.

Sincerely,

MaryEllen Butkiewicz

If you test positive for COVID-19, get treatment right away

The sooner you act on your COVID-19 symptoms, the better. If you test positive — and are more likely to get very sick from COVID-19 — treatments are available to reduce your chances of severe illness.

Here's what you need to know:

- **Don't delay** — get tested as soon as possible after your symptoms start. Treatment must be started within days after you first develop symptoms to be effective.
- **If you test positive, talk to your doctor or healthcare provider right away** to find out if treatment is right for you, even if your symptoms are mild. There are multiple options for treating COVID-19 at home or in an outpatient setting.
- If you're symptomatic, you may also want to consider using the **Test to Treat program**. With thousands of locations nationwide, it can provide faster, easier access to lifesaving COVID-19 treatments. If you test positive, you can see a healthcare provider, and if eligible, get a prescription for an oral COVID-19 treatment and have that prescription filled all at one location



CCRSPA MINUTES – December, 2022

The group gathered at Elkton United Methodist Church. Past President Fred Metzger called the meeting to order at 11:17 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

New member, Roseann Pasek, was introduced.

The minutes from our previous meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report - Tony Mattern said our organization is solvent with \$17,800 and change in a CD and checking account.

Fred Metzger said we are in need of an assistant treasurer and webmaster. Since the passing of Betsy Van Culin, we are in need of a corresponding secretary. Some of the duties of the corresponding secretary are: take photos at our meetings, put articles in the paper, and respond to letters sent to our group.

Community Outreach - Kay DiStefano thanked everyone that brought in donations to the meeting and also for monetary donations. The school nurses are incredibly appreciative of what we are doing. Checks can be made payable to CCRSPA and on the memo line identify that the check is for the Kids Fund.

Consumer Education - Tony Mattern said our website has not changed much. He will be taking pictures today and will put them on our webpage.

Membership - Sherry Lewis said we have 266 members. Rebecca McCall joined in November and Michael Reidy joined in December. If you know anyone that is not a member, the folks can join anytime during the year. Membership to our local organization only is also an option.

Nominating - We now have a nominating committee. Barbara Buck, Kay DiStefano and Sally Haberl have volunteered to be on the committee. We are still in need of a president, president elect, corresponding secretary, assistant treasurer and assistant webmaster. Signe Mika has volunteered to be recording secretary. Please consider stepping into one of these positions.

Public Relations - If you are not receiving the Chalkboard online, please give Shirley Montgomery your email address.

Publications - Gretchen Ginder wants all information for the Chalkboard by February 1. She said that newsletters for Susan Whitcraft and Betsy Cameron were returned. If you have up-to-date addresses for them, please let Gretchen know

Scholarship - Charlene Metzger said this was our third year to offer mini-grants to current Cecil County School employees. The first year we gave three \$200 grants. Last year, four grants were awarded. Two were for \$100 each and two were for \$200 each. This year we had over twenty applicants from all subject areas apply. The projects were all very worthwhile. Last spring, we had \$1000 of unused Memorial Scholarship funds (scholarships we award in the spring to Cecil County Public School graduates entering their junior and senior year of college majoring in education). Only two Memorial Scholarships were given. The Executive Board voted to apply the unused \$1000 to five additional \$200 mini-grants. The teachers will provide displays for our group to see at our May meeting.

Anne Humphrey thanked the executive board members that helped to set-up the hall for the luncheon. Our group will make a \$200 donation to the EUMC mission committee. The Mission Team will be serving the food and helping to clean up after the luncheon. The food cost for today's luncheon helped to cover this cost. The Mission Team goes out west in August for 7-10 days to do work.

Travel - Fred Metzger said to check out trips through MRSPA. In May, MRSPA has a trip planned to Southern Italy and Sicily. In June, a trip to Iceland and Norway is planned. Contact MRSPA for additional information.

Program Committee - Mary McCleary thanked everyone that provided items for today's raffle. The Providence Brass Players will be providing the music for today's program. The members are former CCPS band teachers.

Benefits - Paul Humphrey has another meeting to attend this week. Aetna Insurance, provided by the Board of Education, is part of the mid Atlantic organization. If you have a question about insurance, ask Brianna in the Benefits Office. She is very helpful.

Hospitality Committee - The members of this committee are: Anne Humphrey, Marie Madron, Libby McCullough, and Shirley Montgomery. They will be choosing the venue for our meetings, taking the RSVPs, and collecting the luncheon cost at the door.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Paul Humphrey said grace before the serving of our meal.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Haberl

CCRSPA Officers & Committee
Chairpersons

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COMMITTEE

<u>Community Outreach</u>	Paula Cobb
<u>Education/Protective</u>	
<u>Services</u>	Tony Mattern
<u>Legislation</u>	Linda Elwood
<u>Membership</u>	Sherry Lewis
<u>Nominating</u>	Kay DiStephano
<u>Benefits</u>	Tony Mattern
<u>Programs</u>	Mary McCleary
<u>Public Relations & Communications</u>	
<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>\$6,269.81</u>
Miscellaneous Donation	179.27
Kids Personal Needs	816.00
Scholarship.	1261.00
Interest(from Checking)	2.04
Membership Dues.	2830.00
SUB TOTAL INCOME	7653.31
MANAGEMENT/GENERAL EXPENSES	520.51
PROGRAM SERVICES.	5339.61
SUB TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5860.12
Net Balance	409.69
CD at Cecil Bank	\$11,454.00
Balance on Hand	\$11,863.69



February 14

Dear CCRSPA Members,

Thank you so much for all of your monetary donations and donations of items for the Kid's Fund. We truly appreciate your help and the school nurses are so thankful for all of the items they receive to help their students. We shop for the CCPS students three times a year and do our best to provide for the needs of each school. In January we delivered to 29 schools. All of the nurses are so grateful for what we provide and ask that we share their thanks with each of you. The nurses often share that they begin to use the supplies the same day they're received. We really noticed an increase in the price of items we frequently purchase while shopping for our most recent delivery. Please consider picking up items for us when you notice they're on sale as you shop for your own family. The following items are frequently requested by nurses and will definitely be used:

- individual snacks such as cheese crackers or peanut butter crackers, breakfast bars or granola bars, fruit snacks, or spearmints
- juice boxes or a case of small or large bottles of water
- sanitary supplies
- unisex sweatpants for children - size S, M, & L
- unisex sweatpants or leggings for adults - size S, M, L, & XL
- underwear - boys and girls - size 5 - 14
- underwear - men's and women's S, M, & L Please consider bringing a donation to our luncheon on February 21. Paula and I will also continue to leave the collection boxes on our front porches for you to make donations at any time. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions. Your donations are definitely making a difference for our CCPS students.

Thank you, CCRSPA Community Outreach

Paula Sheldon - mahkila@verizon.net - 9 Arizona State Drive Newark

Kay DiStefano - khdistefano@comcast.net - 28 Harvest Moon Court Elkton



February Luncheon Meeting

Elkton United Methodist Church

219 East Main Street, Elkton, MD 21921
February 21, 2023 - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Menu

Lasagna, Tossed salad, Fruit, Rolls
Pie and Cheesecake Iced tea, coffee, hot tea

Catered by Your Personal Chef

Cost per person \$20.00

RSVP by February 14, 2023

Payment will be at the door. Please pay by check or have \$20.00 in cash. Email or call by February 14, 2023. 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.

Mini Grant Projects for 2022-2023

Kim Brown, an Elkton High School health and physical education teacher. Her project was about an invention connection. She plans to purchase balls for small groups to invent a game, prepare the game, teach the game, and then evaluate the game. Anne also told us about Kimberly Dyar's project. Kimberly is a media specialist at Rising Sun High School. Kimberly wants to purchase gaming consoles for students to use in the media center during their lunch times. The students will work in groups of 3 - 5 on educational games and puzzles.

Rosemary Dulaney is an 8th grade math and science teacher at Bohemia Manor Middle School, because of significant budget cuts, she wants to purchase: silly putty lab, slime worm lab, bouncy ball lab, and pizza ovens to use in her science class. Marie also told us about Katlyn Ulmer, an 8th grade science teacher at Rising Sun Middle School. Katlyn's plans to purchase six hot plates for an engineering project that allows student to work in groups through the engineering design process to create penguin houses that minimize heat transfer.

Julene Stephan, the media specialist at Perryville High School, runs a book club with the Cecil County Public Teen Librarian at the Perryville Branch every five weeks during each lunch shift. The students discuss a book they are reading, and they recommend to the group other books. The grant money will be used to purchase paperback books.

Dr. Lori Pitcock teaches gifted and talented students at Gilpin Manor Elementary. The grant money will allow her students to be involved in setting up a bird and butterfly habitat that would benefit the entire school population through the environmental standards.

Nicole Heinrich, a 9-12 grade transitional math and career readiness teacher at North East High School. Nicole's students currently re-pot and care for house plants by watering the plants and monitoring the light the plants receive. Nicole plans to get a small indoor greenhouse to expand their collection and build a small floral business for her students to manage.

Jennifer Barry is an art teacher at Cecilton Elementary. Jennifer plans to purchase up to 8 Boogie Board drawing tablets for the students to practice drawing and writing without using paper, pencils, or erasers.

Membership News for February

Membership total is 263.

There are 20 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

Kathleen Carey Jacobs

Michael Reidy

In Memoriam

Richard Coulter (6/21/1945) – (10/12/2022)
School Bus Driver for CCPS

Don Lutte (12/10/1937) – (10/2/2022)
Physical Education and Health Teacher at
Elkton Middle School for 39 years

Diane Dower (6/12/1949) – (11/5/2022)
Substitute Teacher at Cecilton Elementary
School

Ella Mae Heath (8/5/1928) – (11/14/2022)
Retired From BOE in 1993

Carolyn Erikson (4/26/1932) – (11/25/2022)
Kindergarten Teacher

Ardis Comer (01/18/1934) - (11/29/2022)
Teacher for CCPS, and
Began Head Start Program and supervising
helping Teacher

Mary Ulary (2/9/1935 – (1/3/2023)
Teacher's Aide for NEES and PES.

CCRSPA Donation

(Please Clip and retain for your records)

Name _____

\$ _____ Ck # _____

Amount _____

Date: _____

Kids Fund Scholarship Fund

CCRSPA Scholarship or Kids Fund Donation – 2023-2024.
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 to Tony Mattern, 160 Willard Drive, North East, MD 21901-1631



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 chickeeleelewis@mac.com

PROGRAM

In this new year, do you need to improve upon your life as a senior citizen? What can you do to enhance your aging process? Sheila Murphy, Community Wellness Chief for the Department of Community, will present suggestions on how to improve upon your "Golden Years"!!! Come and listen to this highly motivated speaker, Sheila Murphy! She will also inform you of the services that are provided by the Department of Community (at now cost).

See you there. Mary McCleary, Program Chairperson

Scottish Isles & Glens

12 Days/11 Nights

Sept. 20- Oct. 2, 2024

Many of you have expressed interest in doing another group trip. Scotland seems to be a place people would like to visit. So, I've gathered information from CIE Tours International (used with our Ireland trip) which I'll share below so that I can get a feeling of just how many are actually interested before booking space. The cost is an estimate as CIE is using this year's prices. We will have group air once we reach 10 people. The air will be figured as we get closer to our departure date. Passports will need to be current with at least 6 months left past our tour date.

Land only cost est. \$4693 per person. Add approximately \$1096 to travel as a single.

Deposit per person is \$250 nonrefundable.

Trip Mate travel protection plan \$259 nonrefundable. Purchased at the time of your deposit.

Total deposit pp would be \$509.00

Final payments will be due **65 days** prior to departure. If you are interested in traveling to Scotland, please send me an email with the number of people interested.

Thank you,

Fred

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