

The Chalkboard

CECIL COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL
ASSOCIATION

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2023-2024 OFFICERS

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Humphrey

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Parker

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Newsletter Co-editors: Gretchen
Ginder and Signe' Mika



The annual MRSPA Business Meeting, including a luncheon and program, will be held at Valley Mansion by Martin's, 594 Cranbrook Rd., Hunt Valley, MD 21030 on Tuesday, May 9, 2023.

Members attending the MRSPA Annual Meeting are MaryEllen Burkiecicz, Kathy Mullen, Anne Humphrey, Penny Boas, and Gretchen Ginder.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring brings new life and our association has experienced newness with an excellent slate of officers. Many great projects have helped our schools in several ways. Paula and Kay have supported nurses in 18 schools with much needed supplies. Six teachers have received mini grants to enhance their instruction.

We are also able to again enjoy the company of our members at this year's luncheon. EUMC has been our gracious host and we have a local caterer supplying delicious meals at a reasonable price. The Spring Luncheon will be Tuesday, May 23 with a picnic theme. There will not be a program, which will allow time to socialize and view the mini grant reports.

On May 9, five members will be attending the MRSPA Annual Meeting. This will be a great opportunity to hear first-hand the state business reports.

There is still time to join other members on a trip to the Scottish Isles & Glens on Sept. 20, 2023. Another great trip organized by Fred Metzger!

MaryEllen Butkiewicz

CCRSPA MINUTES – February 21, 2023

Past president, Anne Humphrey called our meeting to order at 11:25 am at Elkton United Methodist Church. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. New members were introduced and welcomed. These included Nancy Yerkes, Liz Orr, and Jan Yuninger. The minutes from our previous meeting were approved.

Carla Duls from MRSPA officiated the swearing in of new officers and photos of each were taken. Our guest speaker, Sheila Murphy, from Community Wellness Division, gave a humorous and informative presentation on aging.

Tony Mattern reported on the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, and shared a thank-you note for the check received from one of our members.

There will be a Presidents' Meeting on March 14th as Zoom. At the state level there will be an annual business meeting in Hunt Valley on May 7th. We need attendees. There is room for 11 representatives. from our chapter. All those who attend must be vaccinated. The deadline to sign up is the beginning of April.

Our next luncheon will be held at Elkton United Methodist Church on May 23rd. Our group will be checking out other locations for economical choices, since paying per person can be pricey. Our May luncheon may take the form of a picnic.

BENEFITS: Paul Humphrey discussed coverage for dental and eyes.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: Kay DiStephano read a thank-you note for donations made to schools.

NOMINATIONS: This committee needs members. Kay DiStephano, Barbara Buck, and Sally Haberl have worked on this committee, but would appreciate help. Anne Humphrey has nominated Kathy Mullins for the MD State Service Award. Mini grants and scholarships were discussed. Members were encouraged to report their service hours.

CONSUMER ED: Tony will post pictures of new officers

LEGISLATION: Shirley Montgomery read the report in place of Linda Elwood. Sixteen hundred bills were submitted in the House of Delegates. House Bill 0461 dealt with the Retirement Tax Elimination Act, while Senate Bill 0274 is concerned with excessive waiting time in Emergency Rooms.

MEMBERSHIP: Sherry Lewis reported that we have 263 members, 19 local only members, and 7 possible new ones. She will be in contact with our possible new members.

PUBLICATIONS: Please contact Shirley or Sherry with changes in phone number, address, or emails.

Please send information for the Chalkboard to Gretchen by April 21st. Suggestions were made to include information, like birthdays and other news, on individual members.

SCHOLARSHIP: There will be three \$1,000 scholarships awarded to students who fulfill the qualifications. Kelly Keaton has emailed the necessary information to schools. Applications are due April 23rd. Refer to the Website for details. In addition, eight teachers will be awarded \$200.00 each in mini grants. They will be asked to display their ideas at our May luncheon.

TRAVEL: Fred Metzger told us about a trip being planned for September 20-October 2, 2023. The destination is Scotland through CIE Travel. This will include breakfast every day, and some dinners, with most destinations including two overnight stays. It will leave from Philly. Money will be donated to our scholarship fund. More information will be forthcoming.

SUNSHINE: Deb Pascoe has asked to be notified of illnesses, etc. so that cards can be sent to members.

Prom dresses will be available for those who need them. They will be displayed in the basement of EUMC. The great part is that these beautiful gowns are free. Please call the church for details and times.

Respectfully submitted,

Signe Mika

CCRSPA Officers & Committee
Chairpersons

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COMMITTEES

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <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> | Kay DiStephano |
| <u>Benefits</u> | Paul Humphrey |
| <u>Education/Protective Services</u> | Tony Mattern |
| <u>Programs</u> | Mary McCleary |
| <u>Publications</u> | Gretchen Ginder and Signe' Mika |
| <u>Scholarship</u> | Charlene Metzger |
| <u>Social</u> | Shirley Montgomery |
| <u>Sunshine</u> | Debbie Pasco |

CCRSPA TREASURER'S REPORT

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| BALANCE: June 30, 2022 | <u>\$6,269.81</u> |
| SUB TOTAL INCOME | 8,838.96 |
| SUB TOTAL EXPENDITURES | 8,471.87 |
| Net Balance | 6,636.90 |
| CD at Cecil Bank | \$11,466.64 |
| Balance on Hand | \$18,103.54 |

Anthony Mattern, Treasurer

We're proud to announce our Cecil County nominees for two service awards. Both of our nominees are past Presidents of CCRSPA. Anne Humphrey is our nominee for the MRSPA Individual Community Service Award and Kathy Mullen is our nominee for The Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame. Congratulations to both of our nominees. They're each very deserving candidates.

Community Outreach Report

Thanks to all your donations from our February CCRSPA meeting, we delivered clothing, snacks, bottled water and other items requested by school nurses to 10 elementary, 4 middle, and 4 high schools in our county. The following are just a few of the thank you notes we received:

Thank you once again for the generous donation. The pretty green leggings just made a first grader's face light up.

Thank you so very much! We truly appreciate all you do!!

Thank you for your donations! They're always appreciated.

The nurses expressed their thanks to our organization when we made a delivery. Every item we donate helps to take care of CCPS students. All items are so appreciated by the school nurses as their budgets don't allow for all their needs.

Although we've made our last delivery for the 2022-2023 school year, we'd like to start collecting for our Fall delivery. Please consider bringing a "frequently requested item" to our May 23rd luncheon.

underwear - sizes 4T through adult large

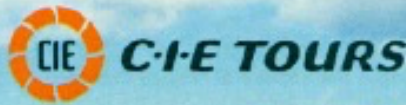
leggings - sizes 4T through adult large

gender neutral sweatpants - unisex - sizes 4T through adult large

unscented baby wipes

cases of bottled water - small or large bottles

individually wrapped snacks - peanut butter or cheese crackers, cereal bars, granola bars... (please check for dates that are fresh through November/December)



Hill Travel Centre

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Sept. 21 – Oct. 2, 2024

12 Days / 11 Nights / 18 Meals

Depart for Edinburgh overnight
September 20th – tour begins September 21st

\$4,693 LAND ONLY per person
based on double occupancy
Single Room Supplement – \$1,096

Tour Highlights:

- Dunrobin Castle
- Inverewe Gardens
- Isle of Skye
- Loch Ness Cruise
- Isle of Bute
- Mount Stuart House and Gardens
- Two Nights on Orkney Islands
- Skara Brae
- Urquhart Castle
- Scottish Evening

To book or for more information contact:

Fred Metzger
HILL TRAVEL CENTRE
443-350-5806

230 Crothers Road, Rising Sun, MD 21911
fmetzger@zoominternet.net

This Fully Inclusive Guided Vacation Features:

- 11 nights in hotels listed
- 11 daily hot breakfasts (B)
- 7 dinners including a lively Scottish evening with dinner and traditional entertainment in Edinburgh.
- Spend two nights on Orkney exploring its fascinating heritage, including the prehistoric monuments of the Stone Age and the surprising role the island played during World War II.



All CIE Tours Guided Vacations Include:

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- Professional tour director
- All on-tour transportation including shuttles and ferries
- Welcome get-together drink with your group
- Free Wi-Fi on coaches so you can stay connected along the way
- Deluxe documents wallet and backpack to keep you organized
- All local taxes, hotel service charges & handling of one suitcase per person

Hotels – 11 Nights:

Novotel Glasgow Centre Hotel | Glasgow (2)
 Balmacara Hotel | near Kyle of Lochalsh (2)
 The Royal Hotel | Ullapool (1)
 Ayre Hotel | Kirkwall (2)
 Columba Hotel | Inverness (2)
 Apex Grassmarket Hotel | Edinburgh (2)

Please note: On this off-the-beaten path tour, your hotels will match the Highland atmosphere. Most of them are locally owned, family-run, and independent.



NOTE: The features, itinerary and hotels shown for this tour are based on 2023 departures, and may be subject to change for 2024 departures.

This tour is subject to CIE Tours' booking guidelines and cancellation penalties. Refer to General Conditions on your CIE Tours group contract. CST# 2021285-50.

IRELAND

SCOTLAND

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WALES

ITALY

ICELAND

12-Day Scottish Isles & Glens Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Glasgow Arrival

Your tour begins at 2:30 PM at your Glasgow hotel. Enjoy a tour around the city famed for its Victorian and Art Nouveau architecture. A prosperous port city due to international trade and shipbuilding, today it is Scotland's cultural hub. Enjoy a welcome drink with your group and dinner at your hotel. (D)

Day 2: Isle of Bute & Mount Stuart House

Take a ferry to the Isle of Bute for stunning island scenery and a guided tour of the 19th-century Mount Stuart House. Spend some time in Rothesay, the main town on the island. Enjoy a free evening in Glasgow and dine independently. (B)

Day 3: Loch Lomond & Eilean Donan Castle

Travel along the famous Loch Lomond, renowned for its unsurpassed beauty. Journey through Glencoe, often considered one of Scotland's most beautiful regions. Travel through Fort William and visit romantic Eilean Donan Castle, spectacularly situated on an island at the meeting of three lochs. (B, D)

Day 4: Isle of Skye, Dunvegan Castle & Portree

Explore the Isle of Skye and its associations with Bonnie Prince Charlie. Tour Dunvegan Castle, the oldest continuously inhabited castle in Scotland and former stronghold of the Chiefs of MacLeod. Enjoy photo opportunities including stunning Kilt Rock. Stop in picturesque Portree with its brightly painted houses clustered around the bay. Enjoy free time before dinner at your hotel. (B, D)

Day 5: Inverewe Gardens & Ullapool

Take in the Highland scenery as you head to Inverewe Gardens, where a haven of tropical trees and shrubs has been created. Continue to Ullapool, an active fishing and ferry port, and check in to your hotel near the harbor. (B, D)

Day 6: Highland Scenery & Ferry to Orkney

Admire the rugged mountains, coastline, and vast areas of open land of the sparsely populated northernmost section of the Highlands. Learn about the Highland Clearances, a tragic period of history when many peasants were forced off the land and emigrated to the United States, Australia, and other countries. Take advantage of the many photo opportunities along the way. Continue to Gills Bay on the northern coast of Scotland and take a ferry to the Orkney islands, where you will spend the next two nights. (B)

Day 7: Orkney, Ring of Brodgar, Skara Brae & St Magnus Cathedral

Today is an Orkadian adventure, visiting the heart of Neolithic Orkney, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Take a scenic drive around the north of the main island, past the Earl's Palace at Birsay. Visit Skara Brae to see this amazing 5,000-year-old village. Take some free time for lunch in the port town of Stromness. Travel on to the Ring of Brodgar, a ceremonial stone circle. Return to Kirkwall for a visit to St Magnus Cathedral. Your evening is free to explore the town and dine as you wish. (B)

Day 8: Italian Chapel, Dunrobin Castle & Inverness

Drive across the Churchill Barriers, causeways created during World War II to deter German submarines. Next explore the tiny Italian Chapel, a beautiful symbol of reconciliation built by Italian prisoners of war. Board a ferry back to the mainland and head to Dunrobin Castle, dating to 1275 and renovated in the mid-1800s. With 189 rooms, this grand castle resembles a French chateau and its gardens were inspired by those at the Palace of Versailles. Continue south to Inverness, the principal town in the Highlands. (B, D)

Day 9: Urquhart Castle, Loch Ness Cruise & Culloden Battlefield

Keep your camera handy as you visit the picturesque ruins of Urquhart Castle and take a cruise on Loch Ness. Stop at the Culloden Battlefield Visitor Centre to learn about the conflict that led to the end of the clan system in Scotland. Walk around the moor and see monuments to the various regiments who lost men. Return to Inverness with time to relax, shop, or walk alongside the river. (B, D)

Day 10: Sheepdog Demonstration, Whisky Tasting, Scottish Evening

Immerse yourself in farm life and watch as skilled dogs round up sheep. Spend some free time in the Victorian town of Pitlochry. Visit The Glentworth Distillery to see how whisky is produced and enjoy a tasting. Travel on to Edinburgh and check into your city center hotel. Enjoy a festive Scottish dinner with lively, traditional entertainment. (B, D)

Day 11: Edinburgh Panoramic Tour & Edinburgh Castle

Discover Edinburgh's highlights including the wide streets and elegant mansions of the 200-year-old Georgian "New Town" and the Royal Mile, the oldest part of the city. Tour the imposing Edinburgh Castle to see the Stone of Destiny and the Scottish Crown Jewels. Enjoy an evening free to explore independently. (B)

Day 12: Tour Ends In Edinburgh

Your tour ends after breakfast. (B)

(B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner

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For reservations, complete the form below and include your non-refundable deposit of \$250 per person payable by credit card only.

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| Full name of passenger (must match passport) _____ | |
| Nationality _____ | Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____ Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F |
| Inbound Flight Arrival Details _____ | Outbound Departure Details _____ |
| Type of Room: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 BED <input type="checkbox"/> 2 BEDS If sharing a TWIN room, provide name of roommate _____ (N/A if no roommate) | |
| Street Address _____ | |
| City/State/Zip _____ | |
| Daytime Phone _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> I am paying via credit card. Please charge \$ _____ |
| Evening Phone _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> Mastercard <input type="checkbox"/> American Express <input type="checkbox"/> Discover |
| Email _____ | Name on Card _____ |
| Emergency Contact _____ | Card Number _____ |
| Emergency Contact Phone _____ | Expiration Date _____ / _____ Security Code _____ |

Email Reservation Form with credit card payment to: fmetzger@zoominternet.net

For more information: Hill Travel Centre | Fred Metzger | 443-350-5806

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May Luncheon Meeting

Elkton United Methodist Church

219 East Main Street, Elkton, MD 21921
May 23, 2023 - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Menu

Fried Chicken and Ham

Potato Salad, Macaroni Salad, Cole Slaw, Potato Chips

Cookies and Cup Cakes

Ice Tea and Coffee

Cost per person \$20.00

RSVP by May 12, 2023

Payment will be at the door. Please pay by check or have \$20.00 in cash. Email or call by May 12, 2023. Reply to Shirley Montgomery at shirlnems@gmail.com or 302-731-5371

Making deliveries to two school nurses.



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



At the February luncheon, Sheila Murphy, Community Wellness Chief for the Department of Community, presented suggestions on how to improve upon your "Golden Years"!!!