



The Chalkboard

CECIL COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Happy winter to everyone! It certainly has been pleasant so far as winters go. It was good to see everyone at our December meeting. Thank you to the Program Committee for arranging the choral group from Elkton High to perform holiday music for our enjoyment. I would also like to thank everyone who supported our Community Outreach Committee's collection of shoes, books, and food. It's always good to give back to our community. Remember to bring your canned goods to our next meeting as well.

I'd like to share a couple of things from the MRSPA Consumer Education Committee. Maryland's Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) recently announced it has added an emergency contact option to Maryland driver's licenses. Maryland drivers can now add up to three emergency contacts to their driver's license so police will know whom to call if an accident occurs. The emergency contact information is stored electronically on an individual's driver's license and will be available only to authorized personnel.

You can go to MVA's website at www.mva.maryland.gov and add three emergency contacts in less than 10 minutes.

You will need to have your driver's license number. Go to the website and on the right find "Do It Online." There, you must click "Emergency Contacts." In the next menu, again click on "Emergency Contacts" in order to add your emergency contacts.

I also received from the Consumer Ed Committee a sample "Consumer Ed F.Y.I. folder." It is a summary record of financial information, your legal documents, and investments and insurance. Inside the folder is a card for referral in case of medical emergency and/or 911 response to be filled in and kept in a handy place. I've ordered 25 of these folders to have on hand at our next meeting. Please feel free to take one per family.



Community Service

Everyone has been very busy with many different kinds of community service projects and the community service committee would like to hear about what you've been doing. Award certificates will be handed out at our spring luncheon and one name will be submitted to the state for consideration for state winner. Please come to the next luncheon prepared to let us know what you've been doing (briefly) and approximately how much time you spend on these activities. There will be forms at each table for you to record your information.

Thank you for everything you have been doing to help your community. There are schools, hospitals, churches and scout groups that appreciate your help.

Jean T. Smith
Community Outreach

Welcome to our New Members

Betty Krischbaum
Gail Crawford
Elizabeth Goodale
Colette Webster
Charlene Metzger

CCRSPA MINUTES – March, 2012

Minutes from the CCRSPA Dinner Meeting on December 6th, 2011

The Christmas themed luncheon/meeting was held in the Rising Sun Fire Hall banquet room. Fred Metzger called the meeting to order with the pledge to the American Flag and the reading of a Christmas poem. There were 4 new members who introduced themselves to the group.

- The committee reports were as follows: The Treasurer's Report- the account stands at \$6000.00. Correspondence – no report at this time. Community Out Reach- The committee is going to shop for coats and accessories for the Middle/ High School aged students. Constitution- no report at this time. Legislation- Helen Chapman reported on the trip she took with Linda Wade to Annapolis in the fall, and talked briefly about state budget spending. For the time being our retirement checks are safe, which is very good news! Helen also mentioned there was to be a state budget spending meeting to be held on the evening of December 12th, 2011 in Baltimore City. Membership- reported that we currently have 254 members and there have been 14 new members since March 2011. Nominating Committee- Looking for members willing to serve on our various committees. Pre-retirement- no report. Benefits- Collette Webster is going to be the committee chairperson to represent us since Donna Short has moved to the Wilmington area. Publications- Gretchen Ginder wanted to be sure that everyone is receiving the Chalkboard newsletter and that no duplicates are being sent to any members. Scholarship- Sally Haberal said everything is ready for the spring scholarship awards, and there will be raffle tickets for sale at our future meetings to support the scholarship fund. Fred also mentioned that there are state raffle tickets available to support the state's scholarship program. Social Committee- Joann Barrett thanked everyone for all raffle items for today's meeting. Program Committee- Programs are planned for March and May of 2012. If anyone has any suggestions for possible programs in the future, please contact Dottie Arbogast.

Mary McCleary told us about Ellie Crossan being honored at a dinner held at St. Michael's recently, when she was inducted into the Maryland Senior Citizen Hall of Fame because of her outstanding volunteer work.

Fred asked if there was an interest in a bus trip for May to take a trip as a group and suggested several places to visit and took a vote by show of hands. New York City won the majority of votes and more information will be forthcoming about the details. The meeting was adjourned. Helen Chapman gave the blessing before the food was served and everyone enjoyed the buffet luncheon catered by Blue Marlin Catering. During dessert the Elkton High School choral group, under the directions of Nathan Karns, entertained us with a collection of Christmas Carols. Door prizes were then awarded. Canned goods were collected for a local food pantry. Used shoes were donated to Elkton Middle School to be refurbished for the needy. Donated children storybooks were sent to Elkton High School's library.

Respectfully submitted,
Libby McCullough

Memorial Scholarship

The Cecil County Retired School Personnel Association announces its 25th Annual Memorial Scholarship program. The scholarship is funded through the generous contributions of the members, in memory of a family member or friend. To date the fund has awarded a total of \$24,100. Contributions can be made to the fund, using the form found in the Chalkboard.

To be eligible, students must be graduates of a Cecil County Maryland public high school, majoring in the field of Elementary or Secondary Education, and entering their junior or senior year of college. The value of the scholarship is up to \$1000.00. It will be awarded at the Association's Annual Memorial Luncheon, to be held on Tuesday, May 24, 2012.

A description of this scholarship and instructions for applying can be found on the Cecil County Retired School Personnel Association web site at <http://CCRSPA.ccps.org>. Official application forms are available on our web site.

College and university education departments throughout the tri-state area are sent an announcement about the scholarship. Eligible college students should contact their Dean of Education's office to obtain more information and an official application form.

The completed application form, along with **all** official college transcripts are to be placed in one envelope, and postmarked by March 30, 2012. Address the envelope to CCRSPA Scholarship Committee, Attention: Mrs. Marie D. Madron, 115 Wyatt Lane, Coloma, MD 21917.

Benefits News

Colette Webster attended the Benefits Advisory Committee Meeting on Dec. 8. Consultants reviewed our vision coverage and shared comparisons of plan details and costs of a few other vendors. After much discussion within the committee, it was determined by a unanimous vote to remain with Eye Med Vision Insurance. The last half of the meeting was regarding Met Life changing some of the available investment funds, which pertains to active employees only.

May Alfree has a new secretary and her name is Deidre Hairston, email: dhairston@ccps.org. The new secretary would answer any of our retiree questions.

In Remembrance

Robert E. Hickman

October 24, 1934 – October 12, 2011

Cecilia "Ceal" Grace

September 28, 1928 – October 26, 2011

William G. Fraser

Member CCRSP

October 25, 1944 – October 29, 2011

Rose A. Kist

1931 – November 3, 2011

Robert A. Gibson

Member CCRSP

August 12, 1918 – November 4, 2011

Elizabeth G. Money

Member CCRSP

October 14, 1918 – December 11, 2011

Diane Sprout

April 10, 1947 – December 15, 2011

Dorothy Reynolds

1930 – December 21, 2011

Herbert Adkins

November 26, 1939 – December 21, 2011

John Gillespie

November 19th, 1949 – December 25th, 2011

Immediate School Needs

There is a drastic need for personal items at the Middle and High Schools in Cecil County. The need is for both clothing and feminine hygiene items. This information came directly from the school nurses. We will shop if you care to send a donation check. Send to Paul Montgomery, 1434 North East Road, North East, MD 21901. You may want to shop on your own but check with the school nurses or call Jan Yuninger (410-398-4450) or Jackie Kelly (410-398-5670) to get a specific list of things needed.

Thank you for your help and support.

Jean Smith

Jan Yuninger

Jackie Kelly

Community Outreach Committee

CCRSPA TREASURER'S REPORT

BALANCE October 15, 2011 \$6,999.31

RECEIPTS

Interest	1.82
Dues	100.00
Coat Fund	610.00
December Luncheon	1,420.00
Raffle	194.00
Scholarship	<u>285.00</u>
	+2,610.82

TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$9,610.11

Expenditures:

Travel	11.00
December Luncheon	1,296.24
Coats	<u>1,408.21</u>
Total Expenditures	-\$2715.45

BALANCE January 31, 2012

\$6,894.68

Certificate of Deposit – Cecil Bank	\$10,000.00
Due August 2012	

Paul

Montgomery

Treasurer

C.C.R.S.P.A. Member Recognized for her Volunteerism

On October 20, 2011, Mrs. Eleanor “Miss Ele” Crossan was inducted into the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame. Over four hundred people attended the luncheon at Michael’s Eighth Avenue, Glen Burnie, Maryland. Thirty-eight inductees were honored at the twenty-fifth annual luncheon.

A special state selection committee studied and evaluated all the nominations. All inductees approved by the committee and the Board of Directors is entered into the prestigious *Blue Book*. The Hall of Fame corporation seeks to immortalize men and women and to record their names in the Archives of the Hall of Fame for all time because of their caring and volunteer efforts in improving the lives of others.

Congratulations! “Miss Ele”!

MD MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION ADDS EMERGENCY CONTACT OPTION

The Maryland's Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) announced it has added an emergency contact option to Maryland driver's licenses. Maryland drivers can now add three emergency contacts to their driver's license so police will know whom to call if an accident occurs. The emergency contact information is stored electronically on an individual's driver's license and will be available only to authorized law enforcement personnel. You can go to MVA's website at <http://www.mva.maryland.gov> and add your three emergency contacts in just a few minutes. Go to the website, click "On-line Transactions, then click "More" and then click "Emergency Contacts" to add your emergency contacts.

This is a sample of what you will see on the screen. •
Emergency Contacts Management • To perform this Emergency Contact Information transaction, you must be able to provide your Driver's License number, date of birth and PIN or last 4 digits of your social security number. The emergency contact information system is available for individuals to list name, address and telephone number for up to three people. Note: The information provided to the MVA will be available to law enforcement agencies and medical personnel.

March Luncheon Meeting
Perryville United Methodist Church
Perryville, MD
March 27, 2012 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Menu

Fried Chicken Hash Brown Potatoes
Green Beans Fruit Cup
Coffee, Iced Tea, Water

RSVP by March 13 - Form on Insert

Shoe Drive

Thank you to those of you that brought slightly worn shoes to the December meeting. Thirty-four pairs of shoes were dropped off at Elkton Middle School. Mrs. Rhonda Parsons, coordinator, was very pleased with our supporting their Shoes2Share initiative. The shoe drive is continuing through the end of the school year so you may bring shoes to our March meeting.

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NYC Coach Trip

The CCRSPA is sponsoring a one-day motor coach trip to **NYC** on **Wednesday May 2, 2012** from 9:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. The cost of the trip will be **\$26.00 per person**. We have space for 47 people. The money will be **due by April 11, 2012** and will be non-refundable past that date. We will meet at the **North East Plaza parking lot** near the Burger King at 8:45 a.m. so that we can leave promptly at 9:00 a.m. There should be plenty of open space for parking and meeting the bus. We should arrive in NYC at approximately 11:00 a.m. at which time you will be on your own to explore the city. We will be dropped off at 51st & 8th, which is close to Times Square, the theater district, and shopping. If you are interested in attending a show, visit WWW.BROADWAY.COM to see what is available for a 2 p.m. matinee. Such shows as Wicked, Sister Act, and Jersey Boys have matinees. After an enjoyable day, we will gather at the designated spot (same as drop off) at 5:45 p.m. for a prompt departure at 6:00 p.m., getting us back to North East at approximately 8:30 p.m. Join us on a fun group outing! Guests are welcome.

Please fill out the form below and send it with your check, payable to **CCRSPA** to:

Fred Metzger
230 Crothers Road
Rising Sun, MD 21911

Due by April 11, 2012

The following people will be going on the May 2, 2012 coach trip to NYC:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Cell Phone # _____ **Chocolate Lovers' Red Velvet Cake** _____
Check total _____

REPORT FROM SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The following gift certificates from merchants for our March Meeting have been donated.

Lovely containers of spring flowers
Dragonfly candle
One-of-a-kind totes containing surprises
Bunny salt and pepper set
Bunny basket
Fishing basket and shirt
Vera Bradley purse
Delicious treats in eye-catching containers
Healthy Lifestyles Fitness Center gift certificate

French rooster cutting board
Seascape oil painting
Gift certificates
Two gift certificates for Silver Buckle and
Silver and Sassy
Welcome Spring item from Petal Pushers
Flowers and Gifts

A special thank you from the Raffle Committee to all those members who generously donated items for the December raffle. Your generosity took the experience to another level.

Joanne Barrett
Social Committee

The following businesses making donations were not included in the December *Chalkboard*:

Dove Valley Winery
645 Harrington Road
Rising Sun, MD 21911

Buck's Restaurant
314 East Main St.
Rising Sun, MD 21911

Martin's Food Markets
24 Rising Sun Towne Centre
Rising Sun, MD 21911

MARCH LUNCHEON MEETING PROGRAM

The Program for the March meeting will be John Bennett (Dorothy's husband) talking about the Tall Trees of Cecil County.

Valet parking will be available at the Chesapeake Inn at \$4.00 a car. People might like to car pool.

NEED A RIDE?

No wheels just now? No problem. Lack of transportation should not keep you from attending a CCRSPA Luncheon Meeting or event. Contact Helen Chapman at 410-457-5448 for a ride if you're in the Perryville or Conowingo area. Sid and Katherine Campbell continue to graciously arrange a ride for members in other areas; they can be reached at 410-398-6645.



The Chalkboard

Cecil County Retired School Personnel Assoc.
109 Park Circle
Elkton, Maryland 21921-5443



Special Delivery for:

REMINDER

Please remember to bring a canned good or
non-perishable food item to the
March Luncheon for the
Can-Can Program!

Also bring any gently used shoes for Elkton
Middle School.

410-398-0456 or email jgb43@zoominternet.net

Luncheon raffle proceeds are used towards purchasing *Coats for Kids* and towards funding the *CCRSPA Memorial Scholarship*. You benefit as well as a child who receives a new coat or scholarship because your donation\$ are *tax deductible*!

Don't forget to update address and phone info!

New Address

E mail address

✉ Mail to: Sherry Lewis, 4793 Telegraph Road, Elkton
MD 21921 or via email at chickeeLewis@mac.com

(Please Clip and retain for your records)

\$ _____ Ck# _____

Date: _____

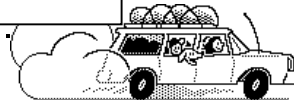
☐ Coat Fund ☐ Scholarship Fund

Make check payable to *CCRSPA*, write "Coat Fund Donation" in lower left corner and mail along with this slip to Paul Montgomery, 1434 North East Road, North East, MD 21901. Thank you. (*See Below)

☐ In Honor or ☐ In Memory of

*REMINDER: A separate check for donations to the *Scholarship* or *Coat Fund* may be sent with your March luncheon reservation and returned to Elaine Griffin, 29 Shull Drive, Newark, DE 19711.

Donation slips for the for the *Scholarship Fund* appear in the Winter and Spring issues of the *Chalkboard*; the *Coat Fund* in the Fall and Holiday issues; however, donations to either may be made at any time during the year as hearts dictate and budgets permit

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LUNCHEON RSVP FOR MARCH 27, 2012

Price per person \$14 in advance OR at the door; make check payable to CCRSPA, write "Luncheon" in lower left corner. Mail to Elaine Griffin, 29 Shull Drive, Newark, DE 19711 to reach her ***no later than March 13***. No phone reservations, please.

MY NAME _____ MY GUEST (s) _____ & _____