



The Chalkboard

CECIL COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

My term as President of the Cecil County Retired School Personnel Association (CCRSPA) will end on June 30, 2009. Executive Board Members, you are a knowledgeable and wonderful group of retirees who shared your ideas and skills that helped make my job easier. I would like to thank you and all members for their support and cooperation.

During my tenure as president, I had the opportunity to attend and represent CCRSPA at meetings throughout the state of Maryland. I met with retirees who volunteer their time and energy to keep the local associations informed regarding matters that are important to retirees. I learned how important it is for retirees to join the state and local associations and to keep abreast of legislation that may have an impact on your retirement benefits.

I encourage all members to read your Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA) Newsletter. It has information that is important to all retirees in the state of Maryland. If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact our state association at their new website www.mrspa.org or at their e-mail address mrspa@mrspa.org.

Special thanks to the Nominating Committee for all their hard work. We are still searching for someone to serve as Membership Chairman. Our membership is growing and we want to continue this upward trend. If you are interested in this position or would like to have more information regarding the duties of the Membership Chairman, please contact me.

Additionally, I would like to thank Tony Mattern for volunteering to take the lead in establishing our website and organizing the content for posting. Tony is working with a committee and they have given some suggestions for items to be placed on the website. When the website is operational we will provide more information to you.

I hope to see all of you at our May meeting. Plan to bring another retiree with you or a member who has not attended a meeting this year. Our state convention will be held in Ocean City on September 8th, 9th and 10th, 2009; please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

It's been said that no one can really motivate anyone else; all you can do is instill a positive attitude and hope it catches on.

.....Eddie Robinson



Helen Chapman
President



MARCH LUNCHEON MEETING PROGRAM

Barbara Sanders, Program Chair, has arranged for Nathan Carns, Elkton High Musical Director, to bring small musical group from Elkton High to perform for us at our May 19th meeting. Also the association scholarship winner will be introduced and presented with that award.

Installation of officers will take place during the business meeting.

CCRSPA MINUTES – March 24, 2009

Members met at 11:00 for fellowship at the Perryville United Methodist Church before the meeting was convened by President Helen Chapman at 11:30.

First time visitors Pat Chalmers and Lucille Haddix were introduced. In addition, Anne Sutton, Area Director was introduced and spoke briefly. She congratulated us for our increasing membership once again. She also spoke of the upcoming Annual Business Meeting in May and the Convention in September. Anne reported that her term as Area Director is ending in June and that Dorothy Palmer of Talbot County will be succeeding her. We wished her well.

The minutes were approved and the Treasurer's Report was accepted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Outreach: Jan Yuninger reported that the coats were all distributed through the schools and reminded members to contribute to the Coat Fund.

Volunteer: Helen reminded us that a report of volunteer hours was due to the MSRSPA in early April. A clipboard is being placed at the luncheon tables to encourage members to record their volunteer activities on a regular basis.

Membership: Sandra Holland told us that we had 20 new members, which was the highest number in the state.

Nominating: Elaine Griffin read the slate of Officers and Committee Chairs that will be installed in May and take office in July. A directory of new officers and their addresses will be in the August Chalkboard. Tony Mattern will be added to the Publications Committee.

Health and Benefits: Donna Short reminded us of the upcoming Health Fair at Elkton High School on May 1st. She added that new numbers for the new insurance contract for next year are not yet available.

Scholarship: we have one applicant at this time. We were reminded to contribute to the Scholarship Fund.

We paused for a delightful chicken luncheon prepared by the Ladies of the Church. After the meal, we continued the business meeting with the President's Report. Helen spoke of the upcoming Annual Meeting, at which they will vote on a new President-elect for the State.

At this meeting, there will also be discussion and vote on a possible \$10 increase in dues in 2010. There has not been an increase since 2001. The

budget and by-laws will be voted upon. A discussion was held about the dues increase and it was decided to let the delegates vote after they had heard the discussion at the meeting.

Helen also stated there is renewed interest in trying to shift the cost of pensions onto the counties. This could potentially affect us by causing a shift of money used for health care to pensions. It was suggested that we might want to contact House and Senate members to share our opinions.

Barb Sanders introduced our guest speaker, Jean Moran, Director of Volunteer Programs at Union Hospital in Elkton. She spoke of particular programs staffed by volunteers, such as the Joint Program, Lobby greeters, gift shop and Patient Representatives. There are also volunteers who give hand rubs to patients and those that bring dogs for pet visitations.

The meeting ended after the door prizes were awarded and the raffle was held. We adjourned at 1:40.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Bennett
Recording Secretary



CCRSPA Treasurer's Report

BALANCE January 1, 2009	\$6,673.21
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	
Interest	3.71
Dues	10.00
March Luncheon	857.00
MRSPA Incentive	23.00
Raffle	87.00
Coat Fund	110.00
Scholarship Fund	<u>335.00</u>
	<u>+1,425.71</u>
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	9,908.92
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Postage	264.60
Coats Purchased	536.29
Supplies	44.62
March Luncheon	798.00
Convention Door Prize	50.00
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>-1,693.51</u>
BALANCE	<u>\$6,405.41</u>

Paul Z. Montgomery
Treasurer

Certificate of Deposit – Cecil Bank
\$8,500 Due August 2009

BENEFIT UPDATE - APRIL 2009

Thank you, Henry Shaffer!! I think that I am expressing the sentiments of all of our retirees. Mr. Shaffer has agreed to lead the school system for another four years. I had a conversation with him recently and expressed my appreciation for his decision. He was ready to join our ranks as a CCPS retiree when he was asked to accept the position of Superintendent of Schools. As many of you are aware, Mr. Shaffer has always been an advocate for those of us who are retired from the school system. He has remained vigilant in making sure that our benefits are safe.

The Maryland Retired School Personnel Association has distributed literature regarding proposed legislation that could pass on the cost of retirement to local entities, referencing "retirees could lose their health care benefits". In Cecil County that is not the case. Our health care benefits are part of the negotiated agreement with all employee groups. We will continue to have health insurance, and we will continue to have a subsidy to help offset the cost of our premiums. Mr. Shaffer was instrumental in appointing a retiree representative to the Benefit Advisory Committee; so we also have a voice and a vote on all benefit issues.

At a recent meeting of the Benefit Advisory Committee, Mae Alfree, Benefits Manager, advised us that the claims experience for all groups (active and retiree) were up. The consultants will make rate recommendations once they determine if the claims increase is a spike or a utilization trend. The Board understands affordable healthcare is important and will continue to offer the best possible benefit offering to all CCPS retirees and employees.

Don't forget the CCPS Employee's Wellness Fair on May 1st....all retirees are invited. It will be held at the Elkton High School from 8am to 4pm; however, there will

be a break from 11:30 – 12:30. Union Hospital will provide: stroke center, eating healthy, GI health, sleep services, chest program, skin screenings, diabetes awareness, joint replacement and other services. There will be several massage therapists and reflexologists.

A large number of informational booths will include: CareFirst, Coventry Healthcare, Delta Dental, Eye Med, American Cancer Society, Blood Bank of Delaware, Fun & Fit 4 Life, and lots more. There will be workshops in the morning and afternoon, to include: Emotional Aspects of Financial Management, How to Make the Most of Your Life, Jazzercise, Chess Demonstration, Energy Presentation, Healthy Cooking, Yoga, Zumba, Tai Chi, Cyber Safety. So, it is free, it is close by, and it will provide a great opportunity to see old friends while taking advantage of a wealth of "Wellness" information.

I hope to see you at the Fair.

Wishing you well,

Donna Short
Benefits Chair



In Remembrance

Ella Mae Boddy Kane

May 23rd, 1921 – January 14th, 2009

Roland L. "Monty" Jackson

On April 1st, 2009 at age 66

Vernon P. Nicks

May 13th, 1932 - April 15th, 2009

Geraldine A. Titter

September 12th, 1937 – February 25th, 2009

Mae Johnson Vansickel

January 28th, 1911 – February 26th, 2009



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

LORRIS H. CLAY

CATON VAUGHN

Thank you for becoming a CCRSPA member!
We welcome you and look forward to meeting
and greeting both of you at future luncheon
meetings and association activities!



May Luncheon Meeting

Moore's Chapel

392 Blake Road - Elkton, MD
Tuesday, May 19th 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Menu

Fruit Cup

Choice of Entrée

Ham or Chicken

Fresh Asparagus - Scalloped Potatoes
Deviled Eggs

Rolls & Butter - Coffee, Tea, Water
Sherbet/Cookies

RSVP by May 11th - Form on April Insert



DIRECTIONS TO MOORE'S CHAPEL

FROM RISING SUN: Take Rt. 273 East, turn
Left onto Blue Ball Road, *

FROM NEWARK DE: Take Rt. 273 West, turn
Right onto Blue Ball Road. *

FROM ELKTON: Take Rt. 213 North to Fair
Hill Intersection, turn Left onto Rt. 273
West, turn Right onto Blue Ball Road. *

FROM NORTH EAST: Take Rt. 272 North to
Calvert Intersection, turn right onto Rt. 273
East, turn Left onto Blue Ball Road. *

FROM OXFORD, PA: Take Rt. 272 South to
Calvert Intersection, turn Left onto Rt. 273
East, turn Left onto Blue Ball Road. *

***Once on Blue Ball Road, at first Stop
sign, turn Right onto Blake Road, proceed
1/2 mile to Moore's Chapel.**

CLASSIFIEDS
HELP WANTED
- POSITIONS OPEN -
CCRSPA Position Openings: Assistant Treasurer and Membership Chair. Interested or know someone who might be? Please contact Elaine Griffin at 302-368-5949 for details.
- MEETINGS -
SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON MEETING: Plan ahead! Mark your calendar! Be there! Tuesday, Sept. 24 th , 2009. Where? Wesley's Restaurant, Fair Hill, Elkton.
- INFORMATION NEEDED -
Shirley Montgomery continues to request e mail addresses of members so important notices may be sent between newsletter issues. Please use "CCRSPA" in subject line. E mail to smmontgomery@verizon.net
MISCELLANEOUS
- HAVE YOU WON A DOOR PRIZE? -
You have indeed if there's a red, white and blue United States of America flag sticker on the Luncheon RSVP form in this issue. Return the form, include your check for the meal and arrive at the meeting on May 19 th .
- MAY RAFFLE ITEMS-
Thank you Capt. Ralph H. Hazel, Jr. & Mrs. Claire Hazel, of <i>MISS CLAIRE CRUISES</i> for a gift certificate for an hour cruise for two on the <i>Miss Claire</i> out of Chesapeake City.
Thank you to anonymous CCRSPA members for donations of a framed Eagle print and a cooler filled with goodies for a male or female winner.
ELECTRIC STAPLER w/supplies by CCRSPA Publications Committee. Sealing <i>The Chalkboard</i> for mailing is a big NO-NO! per the U.S. Postal Service
<i>In the event of.....</i>
.....the hospitalization, illness, death or other significant event concerning a CCRSPA member from the Rising Sun, Conowingo, Port Deposit, or Perryville area please notify Patricia Murray at 410-939-5168; all others Vivian Timmons at 302-731-4796 or Margaret Pepper at 302-454-1243. An appropriate card will be sent.

CECIL COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION
Proposed Budget – 2009-2010

To be presented for approval during the Business Meeting - May 19th

INCOME

Dues (247 members @\$10.00 each)	\$2,470.00
Payment for quarterly meeting meals (280 @ \$18)	5,040.00
State contribution for mailing.....	37.00
Member contributions:	
Coats for tots	1,200.00
Scholarship	1,000.00
Raffles	350.00
Interest	20.00
State Incentive	23.00
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$10,140.00</u>

EXPENDITURES

Meeting costs:	
Cost of meals, including guests (280 @ \$17).....	\$4,760.00
Contingency to meet guaranteed attendance	150.00
Flowers, decorations, and door prizes	300.00
Travel and convention:	
Travel (600 miles @ \$.45).....	270.00
Convention expenses of President or designee	300.00
Convention door prize	50.00
Mailing and office supplies:	
Chalkboard	
Postage.....	500.00
Stationery	300.00
Supplies (Cards, stationery, paper, etc.)	200.00
Program Committee	1,000.00
Major contributions:	
Scholarship	1,000.00
Coats for Tots	1,200.00
Gift Certificates	50.00
Miscellaneous	110.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$10,140.00</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Montgomery
Treasurer



THINGS TO REMEMBER

Silence is often misinterpreted, but never misquoted.

Nothing is real to you until you experience it; otherwise, it's just hearsay.

Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, Your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are.

CCRSPA NOMINATING OFFICERS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS July 2009- July 2011

LISTED BELOW ARE THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN VOTED IN OFFICE AND HAVE AGREED TO SERVE AS AN ASSOCIATION OFFICER OR AS A COMMITTEE MEMBER ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. THE ASTERISKS INDICATE MEMBERS NEW TO AN OFFICE OR COMMITTEE. THIS SLATE OF NOMINATIONS OFFICERS WILL BE INSTALLED AT THE MAY 19TH LUNCHEON MEETING.

AN UPDATED DIRECTORY OF OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE AUGUST ISSUE OF THE CHALKBOARD.

OFFICERS

CO-PRESIDENTS

*Donna Brown
*Mary McCleary

PRESIDENT ELECT

*Fred Metzger

PAST CO-PRESIDENTS

Helen Chapman
Carolyn Kirk

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

*Betsy Van Culin

ASST. CORRESP. SECRETARY

*Cathy Duckett

RECORDING SECRETARY

Dorothy Bennett

ASST. RECORDING SECRETARY

*Elizabeth McCullough

TREASURER

Paul Montgomery

ASST. TREASURER

Vacant

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Jean Smith
Janet Yuninger
*Jackie Kelly

CONSTITUTION

Sandy Anderson
*Helen Chapman

EDUCATION & PROTECTIVE SVC.

*Betty Maresca

LEGISLATION

*Helen Chapman

MEMBERSHIP

Vacant

NOMINATING

Elaine Griffin
*Susan Moore

PRE-RETIREMENT/BENEFITS

Donna Short

PROGRAMS

Dorothy Arbogast
*Elizabeth McCullough
*Wayne Powell

PUBLICATIONS

Donna Short
Wanda Ward
*Tony Mattern

RAFFLE

*Joanne Barrett

SCHOLARSHIP

Sally Habrel
Marie Madron
*Charlotte Mehosky

SOCIAL

Elaine Griffin
*Joanne Barrett
Katie Sutphin
Lee Mackie
*Carolyn Yonts

SUNSHINE

Patricia Murray
Rising Sun, Conowingo,
Port Deposit, Perryville
*Margaret Pepper &
Vivian Timmons
All Others

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 have also graciously agreed to continue arranging a ride for members in other areas; they can be reached at 410-398-6645.



CCRSPA IS ON-LINE!!

It's official! CCRSPA has a web site thanks to an inquiry from Tony Mattern at our March Luncheon Meeting. His question - "Does the Association have a Web Site?" The answer was "no" and after a short discussion, Mr. Mattern volunteered to help create and maintain one. A motion was made, a vote was taken and Mr. Mattern accepted a CCRSPA position as a member of the Publications Committee and agreed to be Webmaster for the site.

The site - *Chalklink* - has been formatted and will be available to access by the time you receive this issue of the newsletter. Webmaster Mattern would like input to links that other members might find of interest. Any suggestions or improvements are always welcome. The address is <<http://ccrspa.ccps.org/>>.

Thank you Tony Mattern for your initiative in suggesting, creating and maintaining the association web site. And a thank you as well to the Cecil County Public Schools for welcoming our association to their link!



CCPS STUDENT GRADUATE FOLLOW-UP

"Cecelia (Dowdy) Toomer was usually known by her middle name, Dawn, when she graduated from North East High School in 1984. Cecelia continued her education at the University of Maryland and currently resides in Greenbelt MD with her husband of 5 years and their 3 year old son. "

So wrote the individual who nominated Cecelia; she continued, "I am extremely proud of her determination and perseverance to become a romance novelist. She is an accountant by day, but has worked to become a published author for many years, and has 5 inspirational romantic fiction novels published to date, with more coming. She has always been an inspiration to me, and is always willing to share her experiences in becoming published. I would imagine we have some other authors out there who graduated from CCPS too."

Learn more about Cecela at her web site: <http://ceceliadowdy.com/wsn/page2.html>

Her books are published under Cecelia Dowdy.

To member's who've contacted the Publications staff and nominated a Cecil County Public Schools graduate: we appreciate your participation and interest in these articles. Future issues will continue to highlight nominees as space permits.



Burglar Alert When Traveling by Car

Tourists' cars are prime break-in targets. Thieves know they are likely to hold valuables such as luggage and cameras. Out-of-state license plates, driving a rental car, having visible boxes or bags that could contain valuables are items thieves watch for. Even a map left on the seat makes it look like a tourist.

Empty your car of valuables when you park it. If you have out-of-state license plates, park in a garage or other secure location. Leave local newspapers and store packaging in the car – in plain sight – to make it appear more "local." The thief knows that when you are traveling you often don't take the time to report a burglary. Another tip: Don't leave a message on your answering machine saying you are away from home.

..... E & PS Communicator

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<p align="center"><i>CCRSPA Donation</i></p> <p>(Please Clip and retain for your records)</p>		<p align="center">CCRSPA SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATION – 2009 CAMPAIGN</p>	
<p>_____</p> <p align="center">Name</p>		<p>Make check payable to <i>CCRSPA</i>, write “Scholarship Fund Donation” in lower left corner and mail along with this slip to Mr. Paul Montgomery, 1434 North East Road, North East, MD 21901. Thank you. (*See Reminder Below)</p>	
<p>\$ _____</p> <p align="center">Amount</p>	<p>_____</p> <p align="center">Ck#</p>	<p>Name _____ Amount \$ _____</p>	
<p>Date: _____</p>		<p>In Honor <input type="checkbox"/> or Memory <input type="checkbox"/> of _____</p>	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Coat Fund</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship Fund</p>		

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

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

GOT STUFF?

Putting holiday decorations in storage? Bringing out Spring items and decorations? Have nice things that you just don't need/want/use anymore? If so, CCRSPA Raffle Chairperson, Joanne Barrett wants to hear from you; reach her at 410-398-0456.

Luncheon raffle proceeds are used towards purchasing *Coats for Kids* and 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!!

MOVING?


Don't forget to update address(es) and phone info!

Name _____

New Address _____

New Phone # _____

E mail address _____

 Mail to: Sandra Holland, 129 Walnut Lane,
Elkton MD 21921 OR BY PHONE AT 410-398-2095

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LUNCHEON RSVP FOR MAY 19TH

Price per person is \$16 in advance, \$17 at the door; make check payable to CCRSPA, write "Luncheon" in lower ft corner. Mail to Elaine Griffin, 29 Shull Drive, Newark, DE 19711
 Reach her ***no later than May 11th***. No phone reservations, please.

My Name _____ My Guest(s) _____ & _____

Entrée: ☐ Ham
☐ Chicken

- ☐ Ham
- ☐ Chicken

- ☐ Ham
- ☐ Chicken

Amount Enclosed:

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ELKTON HIGH SCHOOL

Rededication & Fifty-Year Celebration



**MAY 3, 2009
2:00 P.M.**

Please join us in celebrating the completion of the Elkton High School renovation project on the fiftieth anniversary year of the school's opening

Fifty Years of Excellence

CCPS Wellness Day 2009 Retiree Invitation

WHEN: Friday, May 1, 2009,
8:00-11:30 a.m. **or** 12:30-4:00 p.m.

WHERE: Elkton High School,
110 James Street, Elkton, MD

Health & Wellness Booths/Workshops

Retirees enrolled in the Board's health care program are invited to join us at this event to visit informational booths & workshops on various health/wellness topics. Due to the number of employees participating, this invitation is only extended to our retirees.

Cholesterol Screening: Participants must pre-register with Union Hospital by calling: 410-392-7000. Employees must refrain from food and beverage for 12 hours prior to having blood drawn. There will be light refreshments available to those who participate in this screening.

Prostate Screening: Participants **MUST** pre-register by calling 410-392-7000 and identifying themselves as a CCPS retiree. CCPS will cover the \$15 cost of these exams. PSAs/digital exams will be provided on-site in a private screening room in AM & PM sessions at the Wellness Fair. **You may pre-register until 4/30/09.**

Don't delay; register TODAY!



Questions? Contact the Benefits Office at
410-996-5413 or email cwillis@ccps.org.



(See *BENEFITS* Article – Page 3)

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Please Deliver to:
