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Membership Meetings

Winter:
February 13, 2019

Spring: TBA

Hello Members,
Our next meeting February 13 will be at the Westminster VFW. We enjoyed Bull-ock's, but the only area we can use is very public. This can limit our discussion of issues and financial matters.

We can discuss the possibility of holding future meetings there. Attend this meeting and give your input! We will continue to have luncheon meetings instead of dinners.

The October meeting was a dinner so that the scholarship recipients could attend. The application for our \$1,000 scholarship to support an active CCPS educator is on our website. If you know someone who is still working and would quality, share this opportunity with him or her. We will have applications at the meeting.

We plan to have a table at the CCPS pre-retirement seminar. Our group will be represented by the two of us; if you wish to join us, give us a call.

During this winter season, Shepherd's Staff needs help with their Blessings Closet. Please bring donations to the February meeting: shampoo, deodorant, toilet paper, paper towels, laundry or dish detergent, all-purpose cleaner, trash bags, and any size diapers or Depends.

Remember our Motto: Each One Bring One! Find retired friends to treat to a lunch with fellow retirees; they may become members.

We look forward to seeing you in February. Raffle tickets for the state scholarship will be available. Remember: All donations are tax deductible.

Sincerely, *Naudine Pheobus* and
Bonnie McElroy, Co-Presidents

Reservation Form for Luncheon Wednesday, February 13, 2019

CCRSPA Luncheon Wednesday, February 13, 2019
VFW Post 467, 519 Poole Road, Westminster
11:15 a.m. – Business Meeting
12 Noon – Lunch Served
Menu: Stuffed Chicken Breast, Baked Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Succotash, Salad, Dessert, Beverages

Name: _____ Phone Number/email: _____

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I have enclosed \$15.00 per person for luncheon reservation. Total \$ _____

Please detach and return with your payment no later than **Wednesday, February 6** to:
Pat Riesner – P.O. Box 1864 -- Westminster, MD 21158



Minutes for October 10, 2018

CCRSPA Meeting--October 10, 2018

The Fall **CCRSPA** meeting was held at Bullock's Family Restaurant, in Westminster. Starting at 5pm, everyone had a chance to order their own meal, and enjoy good conversation with friends while eating. **Co-Presidents Naudine Pheobus** and **Bonnie McElroy** welcomed everyone and led the Pledge of Allegiance at 5:53pm. **Sally Smith**, new **MRSPA Area I East Director** was introduced, and thanked the group for welcoming her back, since she grew up in Carroll County. She commented on the valuable pension and retirement information, plus benefits offered through **MRSPA** membership.

The focus of this meeting was the introduction of **CCRSPA's** first two scholarship recipients, **Kellsye O'Sullivan** and **Elizabeth Snively**. **Scholarship Committee Chairperson Zeenie Burns**, shared highlights about each recipient before they spoke to the group. **Kellsye** is a 2012 graduate of Stevenson University, and currently teaches STEM and Humanities at Mt. Airy Elementary, grades 4 and 5. She is enrolled at McDaniel College, working towards her certification as a Media Specialist. **Kellsye** encourages her students to have courage and be kind. **Elizabeth** is a 2014 graduate of Stevenson University, and currently teaches Humanities, 5th grade, at Mt. Airy Elementary. She is enrolled at McDaniel College for her Master's in Curriculum and Instruction. **Elizabeth** is inspired by the book

and movie, *Wonder*, teaching her students to "choose kind". Each recipient thanked the group for their \$1,000 scholarship to assist in their education. Both of these young teachers have already been recognized several times with CCPS Outstanding Teacher nominations. Congratulations and best of luck to both of them in the future!

Recording Secretary--Susan Miller, May 9, 2018 minutes as published in the newsletter were approved.

Treasurer--Pat Riesner stated that the current balance is \$7,915.16.

Membership and Necrology--Jean Crowl lit the memorial candle and led the remembrance in honor of *David Gifford, Paul Weidner, Gloria Armacost, Donna Elizabeth Blackburn, Mildred Garrett, Doris Shoemaker, Lucy Harrell, Isabel Jane Arbaugh, Herbert Grabau, Albert Steve Domzalski, Sandra Moore, Thelma Mae Ditman, Gene Vaughn, Daisy Feeser, Rose Hush, Cecil Massie, Donald Vetter, Helen Louise Gaither, Hilda Green, James Reck, and Frances Bosley.*

Corresponding Secretary / Communications

Susan Christenbury reminded everyone to check the website, www.carrollrspa.com

Consumer Education--Dixie Elmes shared a handout with information regarding food expiration dates. Consumers are confused by "use by/best by" dates, so everyone needs to be aware and careful.

Scholarship Committee--Zeenie

said that priority for the 2019 scholarship will be given to new applicants. The application has changed the wording under the award amount "one or more awards of \$1,000/year".

Old Business--Bonnie shared that **CCRSPA's** oldest member is *Dorothy Lowman*, 105 years old who taught for 40 years in CCPS! The new **MRSPA President, Ann Marie Downey**, presented her with a state MRSPA pin.

New Business--There was a discussion regarding the group's 2018-2019 donations. Current donations: Access Carroll—to benefit Big Band Christmas Concert \$250, Literacy Council \$250 and Shepherd's Staff—Back-to-School \$300 and Festival of Trees \$250 will continue. **Ann Horn** made a motion to add Boys & Girls Club of Westminster \$250, Carroll County Food Sunday \$250 and Change, Inc. \$250. The group agreed to these additional organizations. In addition to monetary support, community service ideas are welcomed for **CCRSPA** to be more visible.

Bonnie gave a report on the VIP Luncheon with Frank Abagnale in June, presidents' meeting in July and the Leadership Conference in September. These opportunities allow for inspiration from other counties. Many local groups have a Facebook presence, but there is no interest right now for Carroll County. A representative for Legislation is still needed since this position has not been filled in several years.



Contact *Bonnie* or *Naudine*, if interested. A Program Chairperson is also needed. Members were reminded to vote on November 6, 2018—vote Yes to Question 1 for Education Funding.

Ballots were on the table for members to comment on various locations and meeting times for future **CCRSPA** group meetings. Other

suggestions of ideas for programs and activities are encouraged.

Before the meeting was adjourned at 6:53pm, personal care supplies, socks and underwear were collected to donate to Shepherd's Staff.

Door prizes were drawn: *Charlotte Curry* received a \$25 Bullock's gift card, **MIRSPA** raffle tickets went to *Mark Curry*, *Karen Kotarski* and

Mary Snyder. Additional **MIRSPA** raffle tickets can be purchased for \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

Remember our ongoing goal—
"Each One Reach One!"

Respectfully submitted,
Susan H. Miller
Recording Secretary

Meet Our CCRSPA 2018 \$1000 Scholarship Winners



Kellsye O'Sullivan has been teaching students in 4th and 5th grades STEM and Humanities at Mt. Airy Elementary School since 2012. Her guiding philosophy in her classroom is to "teach a student to be a good person." Kellsye received the Carroll County Outstanding Teacher Nomination in 2014 and 2015. She is currently enrolled in McDaniel College and working toward her certification as a Media Specialist.



Elizabeth Snively has been teaching students in 5th grade Humanities at Mt. Airy Elementary School since 2014. She takes her inspiration in the classroom from the book and movie, *Wonder*, and strives to teach her students to "choose kind." Elizabeth received the Carroll County Outstanding Teacher Nomination in 2015, 2017 and 2018. She is currently enrolled in McDaniel College and working toward a Master's in Curriculum and Instruction.