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Presidents' Message:

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Good news: CCRSPA now has a full slate of officers for 2018-2019, so you can relax—we will no longer be twisting arms at meetings for officer candidates.

Also, as a result of discussions and suggestions, we are changing the venue for October's dinner meeting. We will dine at Bullock's Country Family Restaurant in Westminster beginning at 5:00 on Wednesday, October 10.

We are having a dinner instead of lunch so that the scholarship recipients will be able to join us. A menu is not provided on the reservation as to have a buffet would leave us financially responsible for a minimum of 35 members. If fewer members signed up, we

would still be charged for 35 members. Instead each of us will select and pay at that time for our own meals. For anyone needing assistance, your meal will be delivered by one of our member volunteers. We hope to see many of you there to enjoy a new location.

We are asking to send your reservation form for the meeting or call Bonnie at 301-829-2686 to register. (Don't be confused by the male voice on my answering machine. My son Tony recorded it.) We do need a count to reserve tables at Bullock's.

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Membership Meetings:

- Fall:** October 10, 2018
- Winter:** February 13, 2019
- Spring:** May 8, 2018

Reservation Form for CCRSPA Dinner Wednesday, October 10, 2018

CCRSPA Dinner Wednesday, October 10 — Bullock's Country Family Restaurant

2020 Sykesville Road, Westminster MD 21157

5:00 p.m. – Dinner

5:45 p.m. – Business Meeting Send **no money** now—pay when you make selections

Name: _____ Phone Number/email: _____

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Please detach and return with your reservation no later than **Wednesday, October 3, 2018 to:**

CCRSPA Dinner Reservation – P.O. Box 1864 – Westminster, MD 21158

Or to make your reservation by phone, call Bonnie McElroy at 301-829-2686

Or e-mail us at *CarrollCountyrspa@gmail.com*, subject line: *Fall Reservation*



Minutes for May 9, 2018

The May **CCRSPA** meeting was held at the VFW Post 467, in Westminster. **Co-Presidents** *Naudine Pheobus* and *Bonnie McElroy* welcomed everyone and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recording Secretary--*Susan Miller* thanked *Pat Riesner* for taking notes at the previous meeting, and the March 14, 2018 minutes as published in the newsletter were approved.

Treasurer--*Naudine* shared the following totals: \$7713.75 in performance checking and \$602.30 in the debit card account.

Membership and Necrology—*Jean Crowl* led the remembrance in honor of *Nancy McFarland*, *Aubrey Maring*, *Francis "Sam" Dorsey*, *Steven Hahn*. *LeAnne "Peach" Marie Eltz* and *Ruth Shaw*.

Nominations—*Althea Miller* commended everyone who "stepped up" to serve **CCRSPA** with a full slate of officers, after hours of phone calls to contact prospective candidates for leadership positions. *Althea* led the installation of the following officers:

Co-Presidents—*Naudine Pheobus* and *Bonnie McElroy* / **Vice-President**—*Muriel Sabo* / **Recording Secretary**—*Susan Miller* / **Corresponding Secretary**—*Susan Christenbury* / **Treasurer**—*Pat Riesner* / **Membership and Necrology**—*Jean Crowl* / **Consumer Education**—*Dixie Elmes*. Thank you to everyone who volunteered!

Old Business—The **MRSPA** Annual Business Meeting was held in Bowie on Tuesday, May 8, with 4 **CCRSPA**

representatives, *Naudine*, *Bonnie*, *Jean* and *Susan M.* New state officers were introduced, and ongoing community presence was stressed. Current members who recruit new **MRSPA** memberships with automatic dues deduction will be eligible for a \$10 gift card, through October 1, 2018. Continue to check the updated **MRSPA** website for additional state news.

New Business—Scholarship Chair *Zeenie Burns* reported that scholarship applications were received from 2 deserving and hard-working teachers at Mount Airy Elementary School. *Zeenie* proposed that both candidates receive the scholarship, and *Terry Eckard* made the motion that each will receive a \$1000 scholarship. The group approved, and the recipients will be invited to the **CCRSPA** fall membership meeting. It was also decided to re-evaluate funds to determine how many scholarships to provide in the future.

After lunch, *Brenda Meadows* spoke about the generous contributions and support from many volunteers and local groups, including **CCRSPA**, which Shepherd's Staff receives as a small non-profit Christian organization. Their mission is to serve as a beacon of hope, empowering people to make changes and transform lives. There are many volunteer opportunities available to help a changing community demographic with more 18-24 year olds, senior citizens, veterans and families requesting services. This past year, 1283 students

were provided with a backpack filled with school supplies, gift certificates for Payless Shoes, a haircut and an outfit. In-kind and monetary donations are accepted, and tours of the facility at 30 Carroll Street are available, as well as following on social media. She then shared several testimonials, and provided a brochure for the Back-to-School Program.

CCRSPA presented Shepherd's Staff with a donation check and bags filled with school supplies provided by members in appreciation of *Brenda's* presentation.

Before the meeting was adjourned, it was suggested to bring socks, coats, underwear, hygiene and personal care supplies to the fall meeting to donate to Shepherd's Staff.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan H. Miller
Recording Secretary





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This summer we attended two state meetings. Frank Abagnale, of *Catch Me If You Can* fame, spoke at a VIP luncheon at UMBC in June. The Presidents' Meeting in July provided excellent information and inspiration for the coming year.

Our membership is holding the status quo with 331 members. We are grateful for that level of support; however, we hope to recruit new members. Please encourage any retired school personnel you know to join MRSPA and CCRSPA to protect our benefits. Membership forms are posted on <https://www.mrspa.org/join-mrspa> and can be downloaded from our web page at www.carrollrspa.org

Our slogan is still **Each One Bring One** to meetings. The more, the merrier!

One goal for this year is to review our by-laws. They need to be updated. Naudine is spearheading this effort. We would appreciate volunteers to assist in this project.

At the October meeting we will vote on our organization's annual donations. So far, suggestions include Literacy Council, Carroll County Food Sunday, Shepherd's Staff Back to School and Festival of Trees, Access Carroll Big Band Concert, Change, Inc. and Boys and Girls Club of Westminster. Be prepared to voice your opinions and suggestions before we make final decisions.

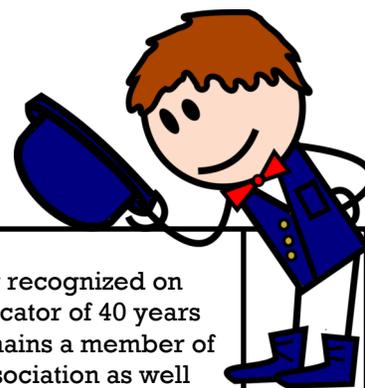
We look forward to seeing you in October!

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

Calendar of Events, 2018-2019

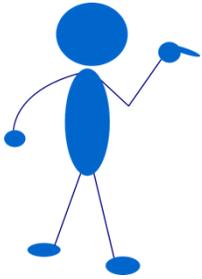
(all are Wednesday dates)

October 10—Dinner Meeting, 5:00 at Bullock's
 November 14—Executive Board Meeting
 February 13—Luncheon Meeting, Location TBA
 Snow Date Wednesday, March 13
 March 13—Executive Board Meeting
 Snow Date Wednesday, March 27
 May 8—Luncheon Meeting, Location TBA
 August 14—Executive Board Meeting



Hats off to Dorothy (Dot) Lowman for being recognized on her 105th birthday as a Carroll County educator of 40 years by the Herold Mail of Hagerstown. She remains a member of the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association as well as Carroll County Retired School Personnel Association.

The link to the article is posted on our CCRSPA web page at www.carrollrspa.com on our **Service** page.



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October 3, 2018

CURRENT OFFICERS:
Co-Presidents: Naudine Pheobus and Bonnie McElroy
Vice-President: Muriel Sabo
Recording Secretary: Susan Miller
Corresponding Secretary: Susan Christenbury
Treasurer: Pat Riesner
Membership: Jean Crowl
Consumer Education: Dixie Elmes
Nominations: Althea Miller



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