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Hello Friends! Normally this space is reserved for a message from our Presidents. Unfortunately Bonnie is home recovering from a stay in the hospital. While she rests at home, I agreed to complete the newsletter and get it to our printer.

As is highlighted in the Minutes from the last meeting, May 7 is the MRSPA Annual Business Meeting in Annapolis. If any of our members would like to join our officers as representatives, please send an email to Bonnie by April 28: mrsmacwc@yahoo.com



Thanks to the many members who contributed baskets at our February meeting at Fairhaven. These were distributed by Shepherd's Staff in time for Easter.

As Bonnie says, each one bring one to our next meeting.

Happy Spring

Susan Christenbury,
Corresponding Secretary

CCRSPA Luncheon Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Bullock's Country Family Restaurant
2020 Sykesville Rd
Westminster, MD 21157

Arrive and dine at 11:00 Business Meeting 11:45

Payment will be when you place your order.

However Bullocks would like us to notify them in advance of how many people to expect. By Wednesday, May 8, 2024 please either email or text how many in your party will attend.

- 1) Email Bonnie at: mrsmacwc@yahoo.com
- 2) Send a text message to: 443-536-9036 (Begin with: CCRSPA)



Minutes for February 21, 2023

Recording Secretary—The October 18, 2023 Minutes prepared by *Laurie Whitley Gouker* were approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer—*Susan Miller* stated that the current balance is \$2,975.04. Donation checks were mailed in November 2023 to Shepherd's Staff Back to School \$250, Big Band Concert/Access Carroll \$250, Literacy Council \$250, Boys and Girls Club \$250, and Carroll County Food Sunday \$250.

Membership and Necrology—*Jean Crowl* lit the memorial candle and led the remembrance in honor of *Geraldine Poole, Annette Arbaugh, Ruby Hersberger, Dorothy Benedict, Alice Rider, Shirley Altvater, William Shafer, Cindy Myers, Walter Bupp, Arthur Jenne, Henry Lichtfuss, August Allen, Jean Jordan, and Angela Borucki* from 2023. Additional names honored include *Clara Thimsen, June Maring, Thomas Hepler, Herbert Sell, Philip Lawyer, Hazel Rupp, Leona Dell, Rocklyn Harman, Linda Shields, Patsy Hannah, Virginia Covington, and JoAnn Clark* in 2024.

Additional names to be honored and remembered: from June-October 2023: *Betty May, Richard Ebersole, Barbara Rippeon, Janet Jump, Richard Duvall, Bonita Blizzard, Nancy Summers, George Brundage, Betty Jo Cornes, Lois Shawver, David Robinson, June Hale, Joyce Thomas, and Carol Wright.*

Jean stated there are currently 301 CCRSPA members.

Communications—*Susan Christenbury* commented that since the newsletter arrived in poor shape to many members, envelopes will be used again in the future for mailings. Kudos to *Susan C.* for coordinating the mailings, as well as maintaining the website and sending out email reminders to the group!

Consumer Education—*Dixie Elmes* reminded the group to be careful about the variety of scams to steal personal information—especially from phone calls, texts and emails. *Susan C.* commented that Google is a useful tool to search the validi-

ty of unknown addresses or phone numbers. *Dixie* also reported that Consumer Reports has a petition for the government to pass legislation to give total costs, instead of additional fees added to purchases, travel, tickets.

Old Business—*Bonnie* explained that *Laurie* has resigned her position, due to family health concerns/caregiving and other obligations. Although the group was thrilled when she agreed to serve as Recording Secretary, another volunteer replacement is now needed.

New Business—*Bonnie* shared forms for MRSPA dues deduction, including a special incentive to join for \$10 through July. State dues will be increased to \$50 this year, and county dues remain \$10.

CCRSPA agreed to the MRSPA scholarship foundation donation of \$50 and \$25 for officers' insurance coverage.

MRSPA scholarship raffle tickets are available for purchase--\$10 each or 3 for \$25.

Zeenie Burns shared that the CCRSPA \$1,000 scholarship information is now online, open to anyone employed by CCPS. Application deadline is April 1. A proposal was made to include information in the upcoming newsletter to ask for individual donations towards the CCRSPA scholarship.

Naudine reported that the **MRSPA Annual Business Meeting**, will be held on Tuesday, May 7 at Turf Valley in Howard County. CCRSPA members are encouraged to attend as representatives, so contact *Naudine* or *Bonnie*, if interested. The annual luncheon meeting includes state officer elections, presentation of scholarship recipients and raffle prizes.

Contact *Bonnie* or *Naudine*, if interested in serving as the Recording Secretary, Program Chairperson, Legislative Chairperson or Vice-President. Consider filling a position, which can be shared with a friend. Remember our goal "**Each One Bring One!**"

MRSPA continues to offer a variety of benefits and discounts to members. Take advantage of your membership with your member card number on the state website <https://www.mrspa.org>, access with your member number and click on Member Benefits.

Names for door prizes were selected: *Ann Horn, Karen Kotarski, Sandy Dutterer* and *Susan C.*

Thanks to everyone who contributed Easter baskets/basket fillers for Shepherd's Staff. We appreciate *Dixie's* willingness to deliver the donations.

The next CCRSPA meeting will be on Wednesday, May 15, 2024. Group consensus likes Bullock's for the variety of food choices. *Bonnie* will also check with CCCTC as a possible location for the upcoming luncheon meeting.

A delicious buffet meal was served at 12:05pm, and enjoyed in a beautiful location at **Fairhaven**. At 12:45pm the Senior Manager of Community Sales and Marketing at Fairhaven, *Janine Hume* presented promotional information on the not-for-profit Acts Retirement Life Communities, where the future is to be embraced and not feared, since people retire from working, not from living. Community living is an investment in yourself. There was a video highlighting life with Acts "where loving-kindness lives". The Acts Signature Experience with committed staff includes hospitality, person-centered living and wellness of mind, body and spirit. More information can be found at actsinfo@actslife.org. Time was allotted for questions before the presentation ended at 1:20pm. CCRSPA members, *Ellen Baker* and *Barbara Morey*, are residents at Fairhaven, and shared experiences with everyone. Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Miller, Treasurer