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Hello Members,

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Upcoming Events

Winter Meeting

March 14, 2018 VFW

Executive Board

Meeting March 28, 2018

Spring Meeting

May 9, 2018 TBA

Our next meeting March 14 will feature Stephanie Rauen, CCPS Employee Benefits and Insurance Administrator, as guest speaker. Many of us consider Stephanie to be the "guru" of retirement benefits. She will present current information and take questions, so come prepared with any concerns about your benefits.

Applications for our \$1,000 scholarship to support an active Carroll County educator have been distributed. And is now on our website. If you know someone who is still working and would quality, share this opportunity with them. We will have information and applications at the meeting.

The CCPS pre-retirement seminar January 29 at Winters Mill High School was attended by potential retirees from the school system. Our group was represented by the two of us and Susan Christenbury. We enjoyed talking to attendees and recruiting possible future members. If any of you know school employees who are retiring, encourage them to join CCRSPA available. Remember: All donations are tax deductible.

We would like to support Shepherd's Staff with their Easter Basket project. Bring donations to the March meeting. Details on page 3.

Requests have been made for all meetings to be luncheons instead of evening dinners at Career and Tech. Some retirees have trouble driving after dark, and we would like it to be more comfortable for them to attend. We will discuss this in March, so please think of suggestions of locations to meet.

Our organization needs more participation from members to survive. Please consider serving as an officer or member of one of our committees: Nominations, Programs, Legislation, There are many ways to contribute, and your help would be sincerely appreciated.

Remember our Motto: **Each One Bring One!** Find retired fellow retirees; they may become members. We value all members. As the saying goes, "The more the merrier!"

We look forward to seeing you in March.

Raffle tickets for the state scholarship will be available. All donations are tax deductible.

Sincerely,

Naudine Phoebus and Bonnie McElroy, Co-Presidents

Reservation Form for Dinner Wednesday March 14, 2018

CCRSPA Luncheon is at the VFW Post 467, 519 Poole Road, Westminster

11:15 a.m. – Business Meeting 12 Noon – Lunch Served Cost – \$15 per person

Menu: Stuffed Chicken Breast, Potatoes au Gratin, Succotash, Salad, Dessert, Beverages

Please send reservation form or facsimile no later than **Wednesday March 7, 2018**

Name(s): _____ Phone Number/email: _____

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

Send your check, payable to CCRSPA c/o Nancy Griesmyer

PO Box 1864 Westminster, MD 21158



Minutes for October 11, 2017

The Fall **CCRSPA** meeting was held at the Carroll County Career and Technology Center in Westminster. **Co-President Naudine Pheobus** welcomed everyone and led the Pledge of Allegiance. *Althea Miller* shared an inspirational reading and gave a blessing before the meal which was prepared by students in the Culinary Arts program. Their teacher, *Tim Norwood*, is a graduate of Francis Scott Key High School and the Culinary Arts program at CCCTC.

Naudine started the business meeting with introductions of two new members: *Darlene Peterson* and *Darlene Woods*. Get-well cards were sent around for **Co-President Bonnie McElroy** and **Recording Secretary Susan Miller**.

MRSPA President Fay Miller was unable to attend since her sister was very ill, so the new **MRSPA Executive Director Wanda Twigg** addressed the group, updating state-level news. *Wanda*, a former teacher in Baltimore County and St. Mary's County, who retired in 2012, is excited about her new position. Three leadership workshops were recently held, and 11 standing committees have been working. These committees include the State Scholarship Committee with available \$2000 annual scholarships, funded by raffle tickets. Spread the word so eligible candidates can apply for this state scholarship. *Naudine* has raffle tickets for purchase. The Legislative Committee will hold a workshop on November 14. Legislative updates will be received through the website and emails. The Community Service Committee is looking for nominations from each local chapter. Membership is an ongoing concern—each one is encouraged to think of five people to approach about joining. The Member Benefits Committee has been reviewing benefits also.

Committee reports were then shared: The minutes prepared by **Recording Secretary, Susan Miller** from the previous

meeting on May 10, 2017 were published in the newsletter, and they were accepted as printed.

Treasurer, Nancy Griesmyer—discussed income and disbursements, with a current balance of \$9370.30. The debit account has \$662.10.

Consumer Education, Dixie Elmes—shared information that Monday is the best day to buy gasoline. She also distributed information regarding nutrition food labels. The Trump administration has delayed these new regulations for several years.

Membership and Necrology, Jean Crowl—The memorial candle was lit, and a moment of silence was observed in honor and remembrance of *Anna Mae Barnes Lovell, Ann S. Garman, Margaret E. Keeney Hann Main, Irma E. Myers, Dorothy Lee Turfle, Anna Louise Zais True, Alice Mildred Shipley, Jean Walker Buckman, Winifred E. Miler, Patricia Kucharski Kureth, Jeffrey Landy, Irene E. Herman, Polly Myers Mazcko, Brenda Alexander, Ann E. Eckard, Vivian Mary Stonesifer Hahn, Genevieve Vivian Hodge, Gloria Kelbaugh Trainor, Donald R. Moore, Catherine R. Chiamonte, Sarah V. Barnes* and *Betty Jean Ridgely*.

Old Business—A huge THANK YOU to *June Gordon* for organizing the September 15, 2017 bus trip to follow the escape route of John Wilkes Booth. *Naudine* expressed her appreciation to *June*, and shared how everyone had such a good time on the trip.

New Business—A report from the MRSPA Area I Leadership Workshop at Hagerstown Ramada on September 28, 2017 which was attended by *Naudine, Bonnie, Susan M. and Jean* highlighted many of the points *Wanda* presented earlier in the meeting. *Bonnie* is hoping to attend the November 14 Legislative workshop; contact her if interested.

Updated criteria for the CCRSPA Continuing Education Scholarship were presented for discussion and approval by committee members, *Zeenie Burns, Lacye Shank* and *Terry Eckard*. The following suggestions were made and approved: include CCRSPA background information, ask for a personal statement from the applicant and add website address to the scholarship information page.

Candidates for **CCRSPA Vice-President, Treasurer, Legislative Chair and Program Chair** are needed. *Naudine* encouraged members to consider these leadership positions, which can be shared with a friend. She also reminded members to explore the **MRSPA** website, **mrspa.org** to explore the site and benefits available to members, including *Abenity*, discounted rates at Fast Park and Relax BWI, pet health insurance and MRSPA Visa card.

Rhonda Robertson was applauded for her volunteer recognition.

The following CCRSPA charitable donations were approved: Festival of Trees \$250, Big Band Carroll Access \$250, Literary Council \$300, Shepherd's Staff Back to School \$300 and Carroll Food Sunday \$250.

Before adjournment, door prizes were awarded, and there was recognition of new members.

An ongoing goal: **Each One Reach One!** Bring a retired friend as incentive to become a new member.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Miller

Recording Secretary

**A special thank you to *Dayna Lane* for taking accurate notes so I could prepare these minutes. Also, I really appreciated the get-well card signed with so many thoughtful wishes! My recovery and healing are progressing well after 4 months.



Community Service Event: *Shepherd's Staff Easter Baskets*

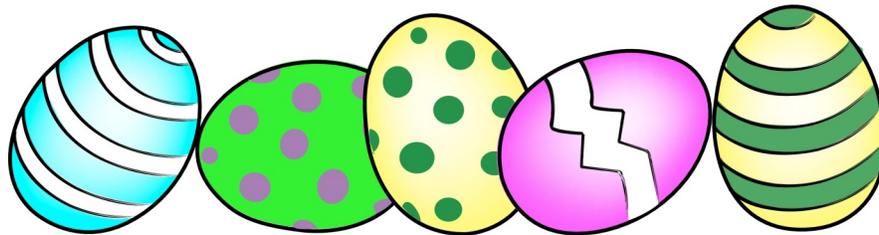
As a community service project, we would like to donate to Carroll County children through **Shepherd's Staff** with their Easter Baskets.

This is a description from the Shepherd's Staff website:

To encourage the Easter Message we need groups to provide assembled Easter baskets. The baskets should reflect the Spirituality of Easter and can contain a variation of the following:, Puzzles, Bookmarks, Small Toys, Bubbles, Play Dough, School Supplies, Non-candy Snacks, Crosses, Christian Coloring Books, or Christian Story Books.



Please bring any of the requested items to the meeting March 7. If you wish to put together a basket on your own and bring it, that would be wonderful. Shepherd's Staff requests baskets with folding handles. Several officers will supply plastic baskets or buckets at the meeting, and we will stay after to fill the baskets and deliver them.



MRSPA Annual Business Meeting

The annual meeting business meeting of MRSPA is scheduled for Tuesday, May 8 at the Comfort Inn in Bowie. The meetings are usually enjoyable. It is nice to hear from scholarship winners and make contact with other retirees from around the state. If any member wishes to attend, please contact an officer.