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Hello Members,

In this August heat, we are looking forward to the crisp air of autumn. At least our grass has remained green due to the amount of rain we've had. It will be interesting to watch as Maryland reverts to starting school after Labor Day this year. We remember when it was standard practice, don't we?

Our first meeting in October will be a dinner at Carroll County Career & Tech Center in Westminster where our meal will be prepared and served by Culinary Arts students. See the attached reservation form for the menu and specifics. Please remember our goal: **Each One Bring One!** Find a friend, hopefully a new retiree or non-member, to share a good meal and good company. State President Fay Miller and her sister Winnie will join us again this year.

The MRSPA Region 1 Leadership Workshop will be held Thursday, September 28 in Hagerstown. Our delegation includes Jean Crowl, Bonnie McElroy, Sue Miller and Naudine Pheobus.

This is the year to elect officers. If you wish to continue to benefit from state and local protection of retirement benefits, please step up to keep CCRSPA strong! We need one or two vice-president(s) and a treasurer. Don't be shy or overly humble. Now is the time to volunteer to help your organization!! Nancy, Naudine and Bonnie will gladly train you for positions.

Final arrangements have been made for the September 15 bus trip to follow John Wilkes Booth's escape after Lincoln's assassination. Thanks to June Gordon for coordinating this trip. We would appreciate information/suggestions from you for other trips to join, social activities, and community service projects.

Have you paid this year's dues? If not, you will receive a reminder. We would encourage you to sign up for automatic deduction from your retirement check. It's easy and convenient!

Our scholarship has been established to support an active Carroll County educator. The application will be on our website. If you know someone who is still working and would qualify, share this opportunity with them.

We look forward to seeing you in October!

Sincerely,
Naudine Pheobus and
Bonnie McElroy,
Co-Presidents

RESERVATION FORM for Dinner Wednesday, October 11, 2017

Carroll County Career & Tech Center, 1229 Washington Rd, Westminster

5:00 p.m. – Dinner Served

5:45 p.m. – Business Meeting Cost – \$12 per person

Chicken, Beef, Potatoes, Vegetables, Fruit Salad, Dessert, Beverages

Please send reservation form or facsimile no later than **Wednesday, October 4, 2017**

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

Guest(s) _____

Send your check, payable to CCRSPA

to: **Nancy Griesmyer**

PO Box 1864

Westminster, MD 21158



Minutes for May 10, 2017

The Spring **CCRSPA** meeting began at 5:08pm in Westminster at the Carroll County Career and Technology Center when **Co-President Naudine Pheobus** welcomed everyone, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and the invocation 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.

Co-President Bonnie McElroy introduced 2 musicians from Opus, formerly the Carroll County String Project, *Dr. Mark Runkles*, saxophone, and *Tim Hartnett*, keyboard. They shared their musical talents with the group as they performed during dinner.

Co-Presidents Naudine and *Bonnie* led the business meeting, starting at 6:05pm. Committee reports were then shared: The minutes prepared by **Recording Secretary, Susan Miller** from the previous meeting on March 8, 2017 were published in the newsletter, and they were accepted as printed.

Treasurer, Nancy Griesmyer—discussed income and disbursements, with a current balance of \$7563.33. A \$100 donation to the Culinary Arts program at CCCTC, and a donation check to Opus were presented. Other expenses include the Spring VFW luncheon, CCRSPA banner and badges, newsletter printing and postage. A debit card has been added to the account in order to pay for the website, \$125. *Nancy* has served as a wonderful **treasurer**, with great attention to detail. She is willing to train someone to assume responsibility as the new CCRSPA **treasurer**. Please let *Naudine* and *Bonnie* know if interested.

Corresponding Secretary, Susan Christenbury—encouraged members to check out the new website, www.carrollrspa.com. Information can be emailed to Carroll-Countyrspa@gmail.com.

Consumer Education, Dixie Elmes—shared a handout entitled “Scam-Speak—Learn the terms that con artists use—and beware!” from the AARP Bulletin, March 2017. *Susan C* will include these consumer alerts as a blog on the website.

Membership and Necrology, Jean Crowl—The memorial candle was lit, and a moment of silence was observed in honor and remembrance of *Patricia Patterson, Mary Keeney, Sandy Grier, Dorothy Mullinix, Robert Trout, Peggy Stone, Debra Stricker, John McVicker* and *Concetta Miles*.

A reminder was shared with the group that members are still needed to serve as Vice-President and as Program Committee and Legislative Chairpersons, in addition to the above-mentioned Treasurer. A (Co) Vice-President is especially needed to prepare for the leadership role of (Co) President after *Naudine* and *Bonnie* complete their co-presidency in May 2018. Invite other retirees to attend, and become more involved.

Old Business—the annual MRSPA Business Meeting was held on May 9 at Turf Valley Resort. CCRSPA had 6 delegates present for the meeting and luncheon. CCRSPA nominated *Ronda Robinson* for the Community Service award with her active Shepherd’s Staff participation and blood platelets donations. *Naudine* presented *Ronda* her certificate of recognition at the local meeting

New Business—A rough draft of the CCRSPA Continuing Education Scholarship was shared by committee members, *Zeenie Burns, Lacye Shank* and *Terry Eckard*. The committee has been in contact with MRSPA and the Community Foundation of Frederick County for ideas and selection criteria. CCEA will be willing to help publicize this scholarship. A final draft will be presented at the October meeting.

The John Wilkes Booth bus tour is scheduled for Friday, September 15 in conjunction with the Mt. Airy. Senior Book Club. A handout was provided giving details about the trip, following Booth’s escape route from Washington, D.C. This tour was inspired by the book *Manhunt* by James Swanson. There is additional information on the CCRSPA website. *June Gordon* is the contact person for this trip.

Before adjournment, a door prize was awarded to *Karen Kotarski* for a free meal at the next meeting. Other lucky raffle prize winners included: *Charlotte Curry*, hand towels and a fancy bag, *Lacye Shank*, teas and *Deanna Grayson*, corkcicle!

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



Congratulations to Ronda Robinson, Carroll County Community Service Award Recipient!

At the annual MRSPA Business Meeting at Turf Valley Resort on May 9, CCRSPA member Ronda Robinson was honored with a Community Service Award for her outstanding volunteerism. Naudine Pheobus presented Ronda with a certificate of recognition at our local dinner meeting in May.

This award is certainly well-deserved. Ronda devotes much of her life to serving others in numerous capacities, and still finds the time to provide services for her own church.

Here is how she spends her time:

[Strawbridge Shrine Association](#) planning services and giving tours of its various historical buildings.

[Carroll Live on Stage](#), promoting culture by planning and booking four concerts each year as well as scheduling one performance for students at a Carroll County school. Unfortunately the organization has had to close its doors after 31 years of community performances.

[Shepherd's Staff](#), giving four hours each Thursday year-round, but from June to mid-July, 16 hours per week and mid-July to September 1, 35 hours per week for the backpack program. Library Link Program, assisting people five hours each week get library materials. Blood Platelet Donor, going through a three-hour process every two weeks to give blood platelets to the Red Cross.

It is hard to believe how much time and energy Ronda spends giving back to her fellow citizens in Carroll County.

Congratulations, Ronda!



Naudine Pheobus presents award to Ronda Robinson



Coming soon: CCRSPA Scholarship

In the works is our new \$1000 scholarship. The details are still being worked out and, when completed, will be posted on our web page.