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Membership Meetings:

- Winter:** February ?, 2022
- Spring:** May ?, 2022

Presidents' Message:

Hello Friends,
 We hope this finds you healthy even though our world is still suffering from effects of the pandemic. We truly miss the socialization with friends at our meetings. While many activities are once again being scheduled as the vaccine makes us feel somewhat safer, we feel it is advisable to delay the first meeting of this year until February.

We are mailing membership materials to 126 new CCPS retirees. If you know any retirees who do not belong to CCRSPA, please encourage them to join. The more members, the better, to protect our pensions and benefits and, of course, to socialize and maintain friendships.

As schools attempt to return to normal, our students and teachers face

challenges. We wish them well as they strive to maintain a healthy environment and complete a productive school year.

Our Executive Board members decided to continue our annual donations to Carroll County groups: Shepherd's Staff Back to School \$300 and Festival of Trees \$250; Literacy Council of Carroll County \$250; Carroll County Food Sunday \$250; Boys and Girls Club \$250; Change, Inc. \$250; and Access Carroll \$250. If you have any objection, please send an email to <https://www.carrollrspa.com>.

Our 2021 scholarship winner is Emily Hancock, a Social Studies teacher at Winters Mill High School. We hope to have Emily as a guest at a 2022 meeting.

Loss of CCRSPA Treasurer Pat Riesner

We lost our dedicated treasurer Pat Riesner on October 5. Those of you who knew Pat realize what a wonderful person she was. She dedicated herself to helping students with problems make it to graduation from South Carroll High School. As Dropout Prevention Specialist, she worked with students who were needy and some who were difficult. She persevered and checked their credentials from every angle. She found ways to reach the tough ones and instill needy ones with hope. She helped students to succeed, and bolstered the spirits of all who knew her.

As a friend, Pat was caring, always ready to help, and had a great sense of humor. When CCRSPA was in desperate need of a treasurer, she stepped into the position even though she did not receive a pension. She was well-loved by many and will be deeply missed.





Meet Our CCRSPA 2021 \$1000 Scholarship Winner, Emily Hancock



When Emily applied for our scholarship award in the spring of 2019, she was enrolled in a program for her Master's Degree at Northeastern University, majoring in Global Studies and International Relations with a concentration in The Global Student.

Since then she has graduated with her Master's so our scholarship will assist her in paying off her student loans.

Her undergraduate degree was earned at Shepherd University, where she graduated in 2016 with a B.S. degree in Secondary Education. Since that time she has taught Social Studies and English, grades 9-12, at Winters Mill High School. Here she has been the CCEA building rep, and received a nomination for the Outstanding Teacher Award several times. She has served as class advisor for the class of 2020 and began as yearbook advisor in 2019. She has been Winter Mill's lead teacher for High School Assessment Bridge Projects for Government. She participates in both school and county profes-

An administrator described Emily "as a dedicated, conscientious, collaborative teacher who works with students' best interests in mind," certainly well deserving of our scholarship!

Zeenie Burns, CCRSPA Scholarship Committee Chair

CCRSPA's 2020 Donations

Each year CCRSPA donates to Carroll County groups.

Our 2020 donations totaling \$1,800 include:

- 1) Shepherd's Staff Back to School \$300 and Festival of Trees \$250
- 2) Literacy Council of Carroll County \$250
- 3) Carroll County Food Sunday \$250
- 4) Boys and Girls Club \$250
- 5) Change, Inc. \$250
- 6) Access Carroll Integrated Health Care \$250.



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