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Membership Meetings

Spring:
Thursday, May 9

Hello Members,

“The Secret at Western Maryland College” will be our program on Thursday, May 9. Jackie Hering, WMC Class of 1951, will speak about her experience. The book about this by Liza Mundy is entitled : **Code Girls: The Untold Story of the American Women Code Breakers of World War II.**

MRSPA's Annual Business Meeting is in Bowie on Wednesday, May 8. If you are interested in being one of our 14 delegates to the state meeting, contact an officer. The state meeting is on Wednesday, so our meeting is changed to **Thursday, May 9.**

We will donate to the **Shepherd's Staff Backpack Project.** Please bring **backpacks, clothing, and school supplies** to prepare students in need for the beginning of next school year.

Present members who now pay by check but switch to dues deduction will receive a one-time **\$10 dues reduction** this year. MRSPA also offers a **\$10 gift card** to the recruiter of a new member who joins, signs up for dues deduction, and gives their recruiter's name.

Remember our motto: **Each One Bring One!** Find retired friends to treat to a lunch with fellow retirees; they may become members.

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

Reservation Form for Luncheon Thursday May 9, 2019

CCRSPA Luncheon Thursday, May 9, 2019
VFW Post 467, 519 Poole Road, Westminster
11:15 a.m. – Business Meeting 12 Noon – Lunch Served
Menu: Roast Beef, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Tossed Salad, Parsley Potatoes, California Blend Vegetables, Dessert, Beverages

Name: _____ Phone Number/email: _____

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

Please detach and return with your payment no later than **Thursday, May 2** to:
Pat Riesner – P.O. Box 1864 -- Westminster, MD 21158



Minutes for February 13, 2019

The Winter **CCRSPA** meeting was held at the VFW in Westminster. **Co-Presidents Naudine Pheobus** and **Bonnie McElroy** welcomed everyone and led the Pledge of Allegiance at 11:25am.

Recording Secretary--*Susan Miller*, October 10, 2018 minutes as published in the newsletter were approved.

Treasurer--*Pat Riesner* stated that the current balance is \$5839.32. Expenses included \$1,800 in donations and \$250 for stamps.

Membership and Necrology—*Bonnie* welcomed our guests to the luncheon, encouraging their membership, and *Althea Miller* introduced them—*Sandy Dutterer, Marsha Lively and Linda Lockard*. *Susan M.* filled in for *Jean Crawl* to light the memorial candle and led the remembrance in honor of *William Paul Kelly, Jr., Shirley Ann Wrightson, Dorothy Furney, Carrie Hann, Audrey Baumgardner, Christine Sigel, Terence Holechek, Mildred Ecker, Rosa Tomarchio, Elizabeth Nickelson, Donald Betz, Catherine Hartman, Rosalie Patterson, Doris MacKenzie, Olivia Devilbis and Catherine Anderson*.

Corresponding Secretary / Communications—*Susan Christenbury* reminded everyone to check the website, www.carrollrspa.com. Newsletters were mailed to all members.

Scholarship Committee—*Zeenie Burns* read a thank you note from *Elizabeth Snively*, scholarship winner.

The Mt. Airy Messenger printed an article about the 2 scholarship winners, and the Carroll County Times printed a picture with information on December 5, 2018. Scholarship applications for 2019 are available on CCRSPA website, and must be post-marked by April 1. CCPS Supervisor of Community and Media Relations *Carey Gaddis* will help with publicity also.

Consumer Education—*Dixie Elmes* shared a handout with information regarding new procedures for renewing Maryland driver's licenses, "Check to see if your ID is REAL". A helpful website www.mva.maryland.gov/realid/index.htm gives additional information about required documents needed for license renewal.

Old Business—*Bonnie* shared that the CCPS Pre-Retirement seminar in February was canceled, and will be rescheduled for April 9 at Winters Mill High School. **CCRSPA** officers will be there to share information with future retirees.

New Business—*Bonnie* told the group that **MRSPA** will hold the annual business meeting on our next scheduled meeting date, Wednesday, May 8. After a vote was taken, it was decided that **CCRSPA** will meet on Thursday, May 9. **CCRSPA** will also donate \$50 to the **MRSPA** Scholarship Fund. Raffle tickets to support the state scholarships were sold--\$2 each or 3 for \$5.

MRSPA held a "Membership March

across Maryland" workshop in Frederick on January 24. **CCRSPA** was represented by *Bonnie, Naudine, Jean and Susan M.* Presentations included the theme "recruit, retain, regain" with ways to promote membership. Each local organization is responsible for submitting an action plan to the state. Discussion included reasons for joining—advocacy, pension security, additional perks with reasonable dues. Members are still encouraged to sign up for automatic dues deduction--\$10 one-time dues deduction. The new member recruitment incentives continues—earn a \$10 gift card for each new member you sign up using dues deduction. Our ongoing motto "Each One Reach One" does work.

Contact *Bonnie* or *Naudine*, if interested in serving as the Legislative Chairperson for **CCRSPA**. A Program Chairperson is also needed.

Before the business meeting adjourned at noon, personal hygiene supplies, cleaners, paper products and trash bags were collected to donate to Shepherd's Staff. Door prizes were drawn: *Betsy Murphy* received a free meal for the next meeting, and **MRSPA** raffle tickets went to *Bill McKenna, Sandy Dutterer and Dixie Elmes*. Our buffet-style meal was served, and everyone enjoyed the time for socializing while eating.

The guest speaker, *Dr. Steven Lockard*, Superintendent of Carroll County Public Schools, was introduced by *Bonnie* at 12:57pm. *Dr. Lockard*, who



attended Robert Moton Elementary, East Middle, and Westminster High, is proud to return and serve this community. After graduation from Frostburg University, *Dr. Lockard* worked in Frederick County, MD as an elementary school teacher, assistant principal and principal, before his position as FCPS Deputy Superintendent. He then went to northern VA as the Deputy Superintendent of Fairfax County Public Schools, 10th largest in the nation. He also filled in as the Superintendent before the opportunity to return to his roots in Carroll County. He is blessed with dedicated employees, a caring community, great mentorship from his father, as well as the strong foundation from retired teachers.

Dr. Lockard shared 2 informational handouts with the group—"Citizen's Guide to the CCPS Budget Process" and "CCPS Strategic Plan 2018-2023". He explained the 4 planning pillars: provide multiple pathway

opportunities for student success, strengthen productive family and community partnerships, develop and support a successful workforce, and establish safe, secure, healthy and modern learning environments. Current issues facing CCPS include budget items such as compensating employees through negotiation, restore/replace positions that have been lost (400 in the last 10 years), especially since additional student support and needs are greater. In order to support teachers in the classroom, 29 new positions have been requested. There will be no talk about closing schools; renovations are planned for the Career and Tech Center, and renovate or rebuild the county's oldest school currently in use, East Middle. *Dr. Lockard* also stated that each school has a security plan in place. There will be school resource officers from the Sheriff's office in each high school by the end of this year to support in the event of

crisis, prevent/diffuse situations from happening and create positive relationships within the school community. When asked about what he had learned from his Fairfax County experience to consider in Carroll County, *Dr. Lockard* commented on re-evaluating the current Gifted and Talented program/advanced academics, and introducing World Languages earlier. He also stressed that **CCRSPA** can help to support CCPS by continuing to volunteer in the schools and advocate for the school system. *Dr. Lockard's* recommendation for weather-related school closures will be to add up to 5 more days at the end of the school year.

After an informative presentation with *Dr. Lockard*, the **CCRSPA** meeting adjourned at 1:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Miller

Recording Secretary

