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Presidents' Message:

Co-Presidents' Letter Fall 2022

Dear Friends,

Welcome to Fall! We hope you have successfully endured the intense heat this summer. This is a good time of year to celebrate our retirement!

We are happy to announce that we are once again having an in-person meeting at the Westminster VFW on Thursday, October 20. Unfortunately, the price has risen to \$25 each with two entrees. Just another result of inflation, but we do hope to see current members and new retirees at the luncheon. We may discuss another location for our February meeting.

Our business meeting will include an official vote for treasurer and secretary. Susan Miller is willing to step into the

position of treasurer and Laurie Whitley Gouker has offered to fulfill duties as recording secretary. The position of vice-president is still open.

Shepherd's Staff is asking for supplies for "Senior Sacks"—Christmas gift bags for Carroll County senior citizens in need. If you are able, please bring a bag with gifts (gloves, socks, scarves, toiletries, etc.). We will also vote on this year's CCRSPA donations to Carroll County groups.

We hope to see you in October. Please encourage retired friends to attend: Each One Bring One!

Sincerely,

*Naudine Pheobus & Bonnie McElroy,
Co-Presidents*

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Membership Meetings:

Winter:

Tentative date: February 15

Spring: TBA

Reservation Form for CCRSPA Luncheon Thursday, October 20, 2022

VFW Post 467

519 Poole Road, Westminster MD 21157

11:00-11:15 Social Time 11:15 a.m. – Business Meeting

Luncheon \$25 per person: Chicken Cordon Bleu, Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, California Blend Vegetables, Tossed Salad, Dessert, Beverages

Name: _____ Phone Number/email: _____

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I have enclosed \$25.00 for each luncheon reservation. Total \$ _____

please detach and return no later than Thursday, October 13, 2022 to:
CCRSPA Dinner Reservation – P.O. Box 1864 – Westminster, MD 21158



Minutes for May 18, 2022

The meeting was called to order at the Westminster VFW at 11:15 a.m. by Co-President Bonnie McElroy, who opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. We were delighted to FINALLY meet together in person, after two years of pandemic quarantine!! There were 14 in attendance. A card was signed for Zeenie Burns, our Scholarship Committee Chair, who is ill. Minutes from the last meeting, held in 2019, were discussed, rather than read.

Sadly, we lost our beloved treasurer, Pat Riesner, during the pandemic last October and remembered her today with fond oral tributes. Susan Miller has agreed to move into the Treasurer's position and Laurie Whitley Gouker volunteered to move into Susan's previous post as Recording Secretary.

The Treasurer's Report noted that our current account balance is \$1,910.40. The State Scholarship money has been paid. We do need to increase our funds, however, and will be discussing ways to do that in the future.

We have a total of 297 members, and are hoping that more will

come out to our next meeting. Currently, 179 members use the MSRSPA dues deduction; all members are encouraged to do the same. There is a one-time \$10 dues reduction for signing up for automatic dues deduction online.

Membership Chair Jean Crowl offered a tender memorial presentation honoring the 14 members lost since 2021: Barbara Stevens, Francis E. Smith, Kathleen Schaffer, Stan Chase, Gail Nolte, Helen Minnich, Hilda Schnauble, Kenneth Haulsee, Sr., Judy Lindsay, Allen Keller, Bessie Gaines, Paul Rill, Robert Haines and Pat Riesner

Co-President Naudine Pheobus reported for the Scholarship Committee. Last year's recipient was Emily Hancock. Our CCRSPA sent \$1,000 to the USDE for her scholarship. Dixie Elmes gave a short, timely presentation of tips detailing what one should do if his/her cell phone is lost. Dixie reminded us that, FIRST, we should all do some quick PREvention by adding a password to our phone, enabling the Find My Phone Feature, and knowing our phone's "unique ID number" (found in

our settings or by calling #06#). Thanks, Dixie, for alerting us to these tips!

Naudine and Bonnie reported on the MSRSPA meeting that they, Susan Miller, and Jean Crowl attended in Upper Marlboro. Carla J. Duls, the new MRSPA president was introduced and 22 of the 24 counties were represented. Two of the State Scholarship winners discussed their plans for using the award monies in their classrooms.

Bonnie and Naudine also attended a legislative meeting with a group from CCEA several years ago, and felt that they were not warmly received as reps of CCRSPA. One of our members stated she believes that we are not well-publicized and urged us to improve our visibility. Some additional discussion about the CCEA-sponsored retirement group compared to our group ensued.

A prayer was offered before the meal, and the meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Whitley Gouker