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Membership Meetings:

Winter: February 12, 2020
Spring: May 14, 2020

Presidents' Message:

Our next luncheon meeting Wednesday, February 12 will be at the Westminster VFW. However, the price is a bit higher this year. They now charge \$18 for two meat entrees. We hope you won't mind the increase.

We are planning to have a table at the CCPS Pre-Retirement Seminar at Winters Mill on Wednesday, January 29 at 2:30. We hope to recruit future members.

Good news: Vicky Grant, a South Carroll Special Ed. teacher, won a \$300 mini-grant from MRSPA. The award was presented at the SC faculty meeting December 11 by MRSPA President Ann Marie Downey, Executive Director Wanda Twigg, and Bonnie McElroy. Vicky won the grant for her "Cavalier Coffee and Confections" project. We hope to hear more about this project at our February meeting.

Once again we are asking you to bring donations to this meeting for Shepherd's Staff Blessings Closet. See details in this newsletter.

The application for our \$1,000 scholarship to support an active Carroll County educator is on our website. If you know someone who is still working and would quality, please share this opportunity with him or her.

Our May meeting, like last year, will be changed to Thursday, May 14 since MRSPA's Annual Business Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13.

Naudine and Bonnie attended the MRSPA Legislative Workshop in Annapolis in November. We are grateful for the work our state legislative team does for us, keeping our benefits safe.

Stay comfortable during this rollercoaster weather. We hope to see many of you at the February meeting. As always, invite a friend, keeping our goal in mind:

Each One Bring One!

Sincerely,

Naudine Pheobus and Bonnie McElroy

Reservation Form for CCRSPA Luncheon Wednesday, February 12, 2020

CCRSPA Luncheon Wednesday, February 12 — VFW Post 467

519 Poole Road, Westminster MD 21157

11:15 am. – Business Meeting 12 Noon-Lunch

Stuffed Chicken Breast, Baked Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Dessert, Beverages

Name: _____ Phone Number/email: _____

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Please detach and return . Enclose \$18 per reservation, no later than **Wednesday, February 5, 2020**

CCRSPA Dinner Reservation – P.O. Box 1864 – Westminster, MD 21158

I have enclosed \$18.00 for each luncheon reservation. Total \$ _____



Minutes for October 17, 2019

The Fall CCRSPA meeting was held at Bullcock's Family Restaurant in Westminster, starting at 5pm. Those in attendance were asked to sign in and then enjoy their meal. **Co-Presidents Naudine Pheobus** and **Bonnie McElroy** welcomed everyone and led the Pledge of Allegiance at 6pm. **Zeenie Burns** introduced our 2019 CCRSPA Scholarship Recipient, Kelly Wunder.

MRSPA President Anne Marie Downey was delighted to be with the group despite getting lost on the way, and seeing much of the county in her travels to find the restaurant! She spoke about her connections to our group through various individuals and pastimes, emphasizing her motto of "Connecting, Protecting and Making a Difference". **Ann Marie** spoke about membership and getting retirees to commit to joining and serving in an office--"If you step in to a role, you will learn on the job and enjoy it!" **MRSPA** is offering mini-grants for current teachers—up to \$300 for classrooms. These are offered by the 6 areas, and applications are due by November 1 with the grants awarded the following January. A trivia question for the group—what do **Pepe Le Pew**, **Pippi Longstocking**, **Sam Walton** and ball point pens have in common with **MRSPA**? All debuted in 1945!

MRSPA Executive Director Wanda Twigg explained 4 **MRSPA** brochures brought for the group, including the **MRSPA** scholarships available, and the application process. She also highlighted that the number 1 legislative priority is pension protection. **MRSPA** continues to offer a variety of benefits and discounts to members, including a new benefit, "Stress-Free Solutions for Seniors", owned and operated by 2 South Carroll High School graduates. Take advantage of your membership with your member card number on the state website <https://www.mrspa.org>, access with your member number and click on Member Benefits. **Wanda** stated that the sub-committee for the Kirwin Commission has completed its work, and will be bringing recommendations to the Commission, who then makes recommendations to the State. How might pushing more costs to the counties affect retirees' benefits? **Wanda** also reminded everyone that as of October 1, a Patient's Bill of Rights—a written, printed copy of your rights—should be received every time

you enter the hospital as a patient.

Recording Secretary—Dayna Lane for **Susan Miller**, May 9, 2019 minutes as published in the newsletter were approved. Thanks to **Dayna** for taking detailed notes for this meeting's minutes.

Treasurer—Pat Riesner stated that the current balance is \$6098.08.

Membership and Necrology—Jean Crowl lit the memorial candle and led the remembrance in honor of **Charlotte Bauerline**, **Teresa Di-Marco**, **Pamela Sue Sherfey**, **Charles Ohler**, **Linda Lookingbill**, **Ray Martin**, **Regina Roop**, **Dolores Carson**, **Martha Devilbiss**, **Geraldine Garrett**, **Helen Holweck**, **Ann Mann**, **Ethel Crowl**, and **George "Bud" Dorr**.

Scholarship Committee—Zeenie has copies of the CCRSPA scholarship application. See her if you know of anyone interested.

Consumer Education—Dixie Elmes reminded everyone to watch out for scams, especially over the telephone. If you subscribe to magazines, be careful when you are asked to renew because sometimes you lose a month or more, and end up paying more for less.

Old Business—Bonnie explained the display board shared at the state meeting, describing what Carroll County has done over the years to attract members.

New Business—CCRSPA 2019-2020 donations include: Shepherd's Staff Back-to-School \$300 and Festival of Trees \$250; Big Band Concert, Access Carroll \$250; Literacy Council \$250; Boys and Girls Club \$250; Carroll County Food Sunday \$250; Change, Inc. \$250. **Althea Miller** made a motion to approve the contributions as listed above, and **Zeenie** seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Contributions will be sent to the organizations by mail. A representative from each agency will be invited to our February meeting, where each will be recognized, and photos taken for publicity.

There was a report on the Presidents' Meeting in July and the Leadership Conference in September with **Bonnie**, **Naudine** and **Jean**. One of the topics discussed was branding. We are

ahead of many counties with our logo. **Bonnie** reiterated the goal "Each One Reach One". If anyone has programs to suggest, please let **Bonnie** or **Naudine** know. Suggestions to reach more included getting into the schools more and sharing information before people retired; continuing our presence at county pre-retirement seminars; actively searching out other retirees besides teachers. We are fortunate to have good support from **Stephanie Rauen** in keeping us informed of retirees in all areas of the school system.

Contact **Bonnie** or **Naudine**, if interested in serving as the Program Chairperson, Legislative Chairperson or Vice-President. **Muriel Sabo** will not be able to continue as Vice-President due to her health. Consider filling a position, which can be shared with a friend. **Bonnie** and **Naudine** appealed for members interested in attending the Legislative Workshop on Wednesday, November 13 in Annapolis.

Before the business meeting adjourned, door prize winner names were selected: **Althea**, **Sandy Frizzell**, **Susan Christenbury** and **Mary Snyder**.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Miller

Recording Secretary



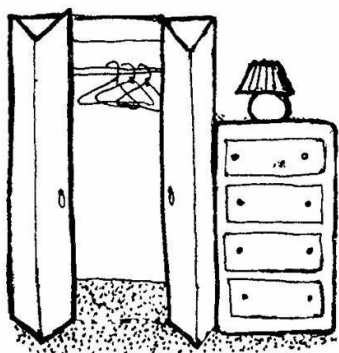
Meet Our CCRSPA 2019 \$1000 Scholarship Winner, Kelly Wunder

Kelly is a resident of Finksburg and has been teaching Science at Northwest Middle School for 9 years. She is currently working on her Master's at the University of Nebraska, and is a mentor teacher for McDaniel College.

Kelly shared her essay on the topic of respect which she submitted for her application, "Something She Feels She Needs to Teach Her Students". She thanked **CCRSPA** for our generosity and kindness in awarding her the scholarship.



Shepherd's Staff Blessings Closet



As a community service project, we would like to donate to Carroll County families through Shepherd's Staff with items for their Blessings Closet.

From the Shepherd's Staff website: Serving 2,500 households each year, our Blessings Closet provides free assistance with non-food essentials for household, hygiene, and personal care.

This resource, supported by schools, clubs, churches, and businesses has helped families, seniors, disabled persons, veterans, working families, single parents, homeless adults and individuals who are out of work.

Blessings Closet Items: Diapers (all sizes), Depends / Adults Diapers (all sizes), Shampoo, Deodorant, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Laundry Detergent, Dish Soap, All Purpose Cleaner, and Trash Bags.