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Membership Meetings

February 19, 2025
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Hello Members,

Our next meeting will feature **Stephanie Rauen**, our "guru" of CCPS retirements. We will meet at Bullock's on Wednesday, February 19 at 11 a.m. Purchase your meal and enjoy it in the company of friends. The meeting will begin at 11:45.

Shepherd's Staff is requesting **Easter baskets or buckets** filled with any of these items: coloring books, Christian story books, crayons, stickers, puzzles, sports balls, jump ropes, small toys, bubbles, Play Doh, games, school supplies, non-candy snacks. No Easter grass! Please donate if you are able.

Members who now pay by check but switch to dues deduction will receive a one-time \$10 dues reduction. MRSPA also offers a \$10 gift card to the recruiter of a new member who

signs up for dues deduction and gives their recruiter's name.

Encourage anyone you know who is still working for CCPS to apply for our scholarship. Details and application at carrollrspa.com. Also, be sure to enter the MRSPA Raffle. Last year we had two winners: Jean Crowl won a basket loaded with gifts and Mike Hoover won \$300 cash! Just send a check to **MRSPA Foundation. Details at mrspa.org.**

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

Sincerely,
Naudine Pheobus and
Bonnie McElroy, Co-Presidents

CCRSPA Luncheon Wednesday, February 19, 2025

Bullock's Country Family Restaurant
2020 Sykesville Rd
Westminster, MD 21157

Arrive and dine at 11:00 Business Meeting 11:45

Payment will be when you place your order.

However Bullocks would like us to notify them in advance of how many people to expect. By Friday, February 14, 2025 please either email or text how many in your party will attend.

- 1) Email Bonnie at: mrsmacwc@yahoo.com
- 2) Send a text message to: 443-536-9036 (Begin with: CCRSPA)



Minutes for October 16, 2024

The Fall CCRSPA meeting was held at Bullock's Family Restaurant in Westminster, starting at 11am. Everyone had an opportunity to enjoy their meal and socialize before **Co-Presidents Naudine Pheobus** and **Bonnie McElroy** greeted the group and led the Pledge of Allegiance at noon to begin the business meeting.

Treasurer—The May 15, 2024 Minutes prepared by *Susan Miller* were approved as published in the newsletter. *Susan M.* stated that the current balance in the checking account is \$4,788.28.

Membership and Necrology—*Jean Crowl* lit the memorial candle and led the remembrance in honor of *Evelyn Furry, Bonnie Newcomer, Bonnie Kahline, Lois Shipley, Patricia Redmer, Virginia Kolpack, Mary F. Smith, Mary Upman, Donald Miller, Joseph Loveless, Jr., Deborah Walsh, Martha Freeland, Patricia Morrison, Gloria Eaves, Robert Breeding, Barbara Yingling, Steven Thomson, Carl Welsh, Sr., Teresa Eckard, Carol Richardson, Ruth Volkman and Nancy Myers.* A special tribute to *Terry Eckard* who always created our beautiful CCRSPA name tags was shared by *Bonnie.*

Communications—*Susan Christenbury's* efforts of coordinating the mailings, plus maintaining the website and sending out email reminders to the group are greatly appreciated! *Susan C.* reminded everyone that past CCRSPA newsletters are listed as Archived and the current newsletter is shown as Newsletter on the website, www.carrollrspa.com

Consumer Education—*Dixie Elmes* shared a letter from CCPS concerning the first time offerings of vision and dental coverage. Check deadlines carefully. It was suggested to ask to be included on a waitlist or cancellation list when trying to schedule a doctor's appointment. *Dixie* also commented that digital shelf labels are coming by 2026. Although this reduces

the time required for changing shelf prices, stores can automatically change prices based on demand! Use the store app to check for current prices.

Old Business—*Bonnie* shared that 105 CCRSPA recruitment letters and newsletters, with an application for MRSPA membership were mailed, thanks to *Susan C.*

New Business—*Naudine* spoke about past CCRSPA donations: Shepherd's Staff Back-to-School \$250; Big Band Concert Access Carroll \$250; Literacy Council \$250; Boys & Girls Clubs of Carroll County \$250; Carroll County Food Sunday \$250. *Betsy Murphy* gave the motion to continue donations as listed, so funds are kept local.

Zeenie Burns commented that since there were no applicants for the CCRSPA scholarship, perhaps informational flyers to each school will attract more attention for the upcoming year. This \$1,000 award is open to anyone employed by CCPS. *Jean* suggested sending the scholarship information to new CCPS hires. *Iris Wingert* made a motion to reinstate, and *Ellen Baker* seconded this motion, so the group approved the reinstatement of the CCRSPA scholarship for 2025.

Bonnie shared information from a Zoom MRSPA leadership meeting. As retired educators we are fortunate to have legislative representation in Annapolis. Topics of concern include ER wait times, eldercare and the preservation of benefits/pension.

Contact *Bonnie* or *Naudine*, if interested in serving as the Recording Secretary, Program, Nominations or Legislative Chairpersons. More members are needed who are willing to participate in leadership roles. Consider filling a position, which can be shared with a friend. Remember our goal "**Each One Bring One!**"

Guest speaker, *Sally Smith*, MRSPA Area 1 East Director, grew up on the same street in Westminster as *Terry Eckard's* family, so she shared several personal memories. *Sally* congratulated CCRSPA as one of five counties in the state with increased membership! MRSPA continues to offer a variety of benefits and discounts to members. 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. She also reminded everyone to vote on November 5, and thanked the group for the invitation to meet with CCRSPA.

Ronda Robinson shared an update on Shepherd's Staff plans to build a new facility to better serve the local community. Thanks to *Ronda* for suggesting a monetary collection for hurricane disaster relief in North Carolina.

Thanks to everyone who contributed Senior Sacks for Shepherd's Staff. We appreciate *Ronda's* willingness to deliver the donations. *Sally* selected names for door prizes at the end of the meeting: *Dixie* received a variegated Philodendron and *Susan M.* received a \$10 Bullock's gift card.

The next CCRSPA meeting will be at Bullock's Family Restaurant on Wednesday, February 19, 2025. Group consensus likes Bullock's for the variety of food choices. Other locations discussed were CCCTC, Fairhaven, Carroll Lutheran, Baugher's and VFW.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Miller, Treasurer