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## Presidents' Letter April 2017

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### Upcoming Events

- CCRSPA Spring Meeting at Carroll County Career and Tech Center 4:30 PM May 10, 2017
- CCRSPA Executive Board Meeting August,

Dear Fellow Retirees,

Spring has finally sprung, as the saying goes. We hope you are enjoying the beautiful sunny days and are staying safe on the rainy, sometimes stormy days.

Our spring dinner meeting will be held Wednesday, May 10 at the Carroll County Career and Technology Center in Westminster where our meal will be prepared and served by instructor Tim Norwood and the Culinary Arts students. We will have updates on the scholarship.

The MRSPA Annual Business Meeting will be held Tuesday, May 9 at Turf Valley. We have a delegation attending and will share information at our next meeting.

Bus trip plans are finalized. This is a team effort of CCRSPA and Mt. Airy Senior Center Book Club and will follow the route of the assassin John Wilkes Booth.

Details and a reservation form are on our website under the "Social Events" heading. We will also provide forms at the May meeting. This trip was inspired by the reading of the book *Manhunt, The 12-Day Chase for Lincoln's Killer*. You may want to read the book to make the trip more interesting.

Please consider volunteering for an office. We will remain as co-presidents but we need to find people to become vice-president, treasurer and program chair. Feel free to share a position with a friend to lighten the load as we have done. CCRSPA really needs help to keep our group interesting!

We look forward to seeing you in May!

*Naudine Pheobus and Bonnie McElroy, Co-Presidents*

### **RESERVATION FORM for Dinner Wednesday, May 10, 2017**

CCRSPA Dinner May 10 at 5 p.m., Carroll County Career & Tech Center, 1229 Washington Rd, Westminster

5:00 p.m. – Dinner Cost – \$12/person

5:45-7:00 p.m. – Business Meeting

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number/email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number/email: \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed \$12.00 for each luncheon reservation. Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return with your payment (checks payable to CCRSPA) by Wednesday, May 3, to:**

**Nancy Griesmyer**

**PO Box 1864**

**Westminster, MD 21158**



## Minutes for March 8, 2017

The luncheon meeting began at 11:23am at the Westminster VFW when **Co-President Bonnie McElroy** welcomed everyone, and showed the new CCRSPA banner and magnetic nametags before leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Co-President Naudine Pheobus** asked for committee reports: The minutes prepared by **Recording Secretary, Susan Miller** from the previous meeting on October 26, 2016 were published in the newsletter, and they were accepted as printed.

**Treasurer, Nancy Griesmyer**—discussed income and disbursements, with a current balance of \$10,788.84. Community donations include: Big Band Christmas \$250, Shepherd's Staff Back-to-School \$300, Shepherd's Staff Festival of Trees \$250, Literacy Council \$250, Access Carroll \$250 and the Culinary Arts program at CCTC \$150. A debit card has been added to the account for ease of website payments.

**Corresponding Secretary, Susan Christenbury**—stated that the group's online presence can now be found at [www.carrollrspa.com](http://www.carrollrspa.com). She showed the new website to the group, highlighting community and school information, prior CCRSPA newsletters and a link to MRSPA. Send Susan information that can be added on the website which will be of interest to the group. Online access can reach more retirees, as well as save on newsletter printing and mailing costs. Contact [CarrollCountyrspa@gmail.com](mailto:CarrollCountyrspa@gmail.com).

**Membership and Necrology, Jean Crowl**—The memorial candle was lit, and a moment of silence was observed in honor and remembrance of *Robert Gebhart, Arnie Hayes, Elizabeth Hitchcock, Shelbia Markley, Brian Lockard, Jane Cater, Rosa Lee Mullinix, Bufort Pery, Gareth Lease, Elizabeth Wantz, Gina Tshibaka, Barbara Peck, Patricia Peach*

and *Christina Brockman*.

**Consumer Education, Dixie Elmes**—commented on changing food labels by July 2018. Notice differences with nutritional value and serving size.

**Old Business**, The new CCRSPA logo appeared on the banner used at the CCPS Pre-Retirement Seminar in January at Winter's Mill High School. *Naudine, Bonnie, Susan C. and Susan M.* spoke with potential CCRSPA members.

**New Business**, A rough draft for a possible CCRSPA Continuing Education Scholarship Application was presented by committee members, *Zeenie Burns, Lacye Shank and Terry Eckard*. Criteria for applicants, as well as how much to award are still under consideration. It was suggested to consult the MRSPA website to look at scholarship programs which other counties have already established. Hopefully the CCRSPA scholarship will be available in the fall.

MRSPA dues will increase by \$10 to \$55. *Bonnie* sold MRSPA scholarship tickets, \$2 each or 3 for \$5. These scholarships will be awarded at the MRSPA annual business meeting at Turf Valley on May 9. Contact *Bonnie* or *Naudine* if interested in attending as part of CCRSPA's delegation.

*Bonnie* and *Naudine* have agreed to continue serving another term as co-presidents! However, the group needs to fill the following positions: vice-president, program chair and treasurer. Sharing an office with another person can ease the responsibilities. Volunteers and/or nominations will be appreciated! Lunch was served at 12:10pm, and the business meeting resumed at 12:56pm with a presentation by *June Gordon*, highlighting the upcoming bus trip on

Friday, September 15. CCRSPA members, family and friends will join with Mt. Airy Book Club to follow John Wilkes Booth's escape route, based on the book *Manhunt* by James L. Swanson. If interested, the cost will be approximately \$80—includes charter bus, various stops with guided tours and lunch on your own, departing from Mt. Airy Senior Center, 7:30am-9:30pm. Additional details will be on the CCRSPA website and in the newsletter.

*Susan M.* introduced *Dayna Lane* as a new retiree attending her first meeting. *Naudine* selected the following names for door prizes: *Susan M.* and *Jean* received tickets for Carroll Live On Stage, and *Susan C.* for a free meal at the next meeting, May 10 at 5pm at CCTC. Before adjournment, *Naudine* read the poem "Why God Made Teachers".

An ongoing goal: **Each One Reach One!** Bring a retired friend as incentive to become a new member.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan H. Miller  
Recording Secretary