



The Bell Ringer

Kent County Retired School Personnel Association

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I give thanks that the storm, Sandy was not as bad as first predicted, just a lot of rain and wind. We have much to be thankful for.

Our October luncheon at the Country Club was very nice with delicious food and service. I'm sorry our attendance was down but those who were there enjoyed being together. Two new retirees attended and a retiree from earlier joined us. Barbara Gillin presented a wonderful program, showing slides and a narration of her trip to England this summer. She and her husband chaperone a group of students from Washington College each summer.

Our American Music Theater trip to see the Christmas show was on November 7. A large group attended. The show was wonderful, with a delicious meal afterwards at The Bird In Hand restaurant. We were blessed with good weather and a great bus driver from Dawson bus company.

On December 6 we will gather at Ford's in Rock Hall for lunch and to celebrate Christmas together. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Food Pantry and join in the fun. Helen Tyson will give some thoughts on raising money to increase our scholarship fund.

We extend our sympathies to the family of Dottie Leap and to Peachie Moore on the loss of her husband, James Moore.

I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas. Please remember the reason we celebrate this season.



Kent County Retired School Personnel Association 10/04/12

The KCRSPA met at the Chester River Yacht and Country Club on Oct, 4, 2012 at 11 a.m. There were 21 members and guests present. Table decorations inspired an autumn theme with appropriately colored mini-baskets of Halloween candy, created by Hospitality Co-chair, Winnie Walters. Door prize tickets were enclosed in the basket favors. Co-chair, Faye Miller, sold Raffle Tickets. Publications were distributed on Consumer Education, Federal Nutrition Programs in Kent County, and Member Benefits. ID tags and entree choice cards were available. President Jean Wright opened the meeting at 11:15 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Program Co-chair, Barbara Gillen, narrated a marvelous slide program of her trip to England accompanied by a group of students. A special feature was the Kiplin Hall Estate, ancestral home of the Calvert family, which has been restored for historical purposes. George Calvert, also known as Lord Baltimore, became the first proprietor of Maryland, dating back to the 1600's. Barbara was thanked for her knowledgeable presentation.

Jean Wright offered the Blessing. Lunch was served at noon. Door prize winners were Sue Quinn and Peggy Smith. Each one will be treated to a free lunch at the next meeting.

Faye Miller shared information on the "No Child Goes Hungry" campaign, a topic discussed at the Leadership Workshop held in September. "Federal Nutrition Programs in Kent County" provide food supplements for children and adults as well. She also pointed out the advantages of Abenity, a web-based program overflowing with discounts offered by businesses and services for the benefit of MRSPA members. Chairperson of the Consumer Education Committee, Ann Sutton, called our attention to the Consumer Connection publication which covers topics of interest to all of us.

President Wright introduced Charles Cotton, custodian of the Middle School, the former Betty Munyan, Eva Ersts, and Bonnie Rose, retired educators. Eva Ersts won the 50/50 Raffle drawing which amounted to \$52.00. She donated her share to the Scholarship Fund.

Ann Sutton reminded us of the Music Theater trip scheduled for Nov. 7, 2012. Cost is \$65.00 per person for the bus, show and lunch. Five seats are still available. Bus leaves 7:15 from the theater parking lot.

President Wright reported the sudden death of Peachie Moore's husband and the illness of Judy Goodman. Faye Miller emphasized the need for a list of members to facilitate mailing the Newsletter. After a show of hands, co-program chair, Donna Mills reported that the December meeting will be held at Ford's in Rock Hall.

Meeting adjourned 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Freeman
Secretary

Kent County Retired School Personnel Association

The KCRSPA Executive Committee met on Nov.1,2012 at the Library Annex. There were 10 members present and 3 guests. President Jean Wright opened the meeting at 10 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Secretary Betty Freeman read the minutes of the last meeting held on Oct. 4, 2012. Minutes were approved as read. Treasurer Jean Foreman reviewed the Treasurer's Report which showed a current balance of \$6,300.35 in the regular account and a current balance of \$2,608.86 in the Scholarship Fund. Treasurer's Report was approved for audit.

Committees Reporting:

Cliff School

Chair Jean Foreman reported that Cliff School continued to be open the 3rd Saturday in September and October with a larger attendance than the summer schedule. Recent donations included an old wind-up record player, 70 year old records, old hymn books, and some old Weekly Readers dating back to the early 1900's. Due to the distance, care, and maintenance, there is a pressing need to relocate the Cliff School to the Kent Museum grounds at Turners Creek where it might be more accessible to visitors. Jean Foreman would like to hear your opinion concerning this proposed change.

Representing Cliff School at the Sassafrass Fall Festival, Billie Lynne Roberts and Terri Bostic served as docents with the Port of Chester Questers at Knocks Folly.

Community Service

Chair Billie Lynne Roberts led a discussion on the Lion's Club Christmas Club Basket Project. Our help is pending this year due to additional help forthcoming from other sources. Ann Sutton made a motion for us to continue to donate \$50.00 to the Lion's Club . Nancy Harrington seconded. Motion carried. We are also reminded to bring Food Pantry donations to the December meeting. Community Service Award nominations are due in April.

Consumer Education

At this time, Ann Sutton reported that Betty Ann White, an MRSPA Community Service Advocate, passed away. A Memorial Service will be held on Oct, 6th at the Presbyterian Church in Annapolis. She plans to attend.

Program

Co-chair Donna Mills distributed copies of the menu at Ford's Restaurant. Luncheon reservations are in this News Letter. The cost is \$16,00 payable to KCRSPA and mailed to Barbara Gillen's address. To celebrate the occasion, Ann Sutton suggested that we consider a program of seasonal music to usher in the Holidays. She will look into available resources.

Legislation

Chair Ann Sutton announced that the MRSPA Legislative Workshop will be held in Annapolis on Nov.13th. Fay Miller made a motion for us to absorb the cost for Nancy Harrington to attend. Margie Baker seconded. Motion carried.

Newsletter

Deadline for news items was set for Dec. 15th.

Scholarship

Chair Billie Lynne Roberts stated that numerous donations come in to the office , making scholarships available, but they are not being used. Helen Tyson made a special appearance to enlist support for increasing the amount of our association's Scholarship Award, currently set at \$1,200.00, to an ultimate goal of \$5,000.00 over a reasonable amount of time. To justify her cause, she handed out researched publications on "List of Scholarships in Maryland" and "Tuition of Maryland Colleges". Helen contributes generously to our Scholarship Fund. She will make a presentation to the membership at the December meeting.

Trips-Social Activities

Ann Sutton reported a full bus scheduled for the Music Theater trip on Nov.7th. All the money is in.

President's Report

Jean Wright's report is in this Newsletter.

New Business

Carol Cordes and Maggie Smith, representatives of the Port of Chester Questers, outlined the reasons for relocating the Cliff School to Turners Creek Park. Besides reasons already mentioned concerning care, maintenance, and distance, they informed us that Preservation Inc. Owns the property and they would like to get take it off of their hands. The School could be transported by water to Turners Creek. The Questers would still maintain it as their P & R project and schedule visitations. The discussion conjured up mixed feelings on the part of our members.

Meeting adjourned 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Freeman
Secretary



REMINDER : Scholarship Fund

Please consider a donation to the college scholarship fund . Your kindness will help us provide an award to a qualified KCHS student. What a great gift - helping a young person enter the field of education. Thanks to those who already made a contribution.

Please mail checks made out to KCRSPA to Jean Foreman.

Ford's Seafood Restaurant

Rock Hall, Maryland

Thursday, December 6, 2012
11 A.M.

Salad Bar or Vegetable Crab Soup
Crab Cake with French Fries and Green Beans

OR

Turkey with mashed potatoes and Green Beans
Iced Tea or Water

Cake Coffee Tea

Detach below and mail with your check.

Name _____
Phone Number _____

Soup or Salad
(Circle one)

Crab Cake or Turkey
(Circle one)

Send checks to:
Barbara Gillin
5665 Quaker Neck Landing Road
Chestertown, Maryland 21620

Checks for \$16 payable to KCRSPA
Checks must be received by Thursday,
November 29. We cannot accept
reservations after Nov. 29.

Scholarship Donation Form

NAME _____

DATE _____

Amount _____

In honor or memory of: _____

Thank you for your support.

Checks may be made to KCRSPA and mailed to:
Jean Foreman
8531 Broadneck Rd.
Chestertown, MD 2162



The Cliff School continued to be opened the 3rd Saturday of September and October. Visitation was better with 20 visitors in September and quite a few in October. Thank you Ruth Wilson, Jean Foreman, Winnie Walters and Fay Miller for being docents along with the Port of Chester Questers.

In September the children wee fascinated with the old record player and the 70 year old records, given by Emily Massey. The record player belonged to her aunt, Mrs. Edna Faulkner. The records were given by Sue Coleman and also by Mrs. Marge Diamond. Sue also had some old hymn books belonging to James W. Coleman. Jean Foreman has some old Weekly Readers from the estate of Robert and Nellie Foreman, which will be donated to the school.

Billie Lynne Roberts and Terri Bostic were docents along with the Port of Chester Questers at Knocks Folly for the Sassafras Family Fall Festival. They were promoting the Cliff School, playing games and handing out information about the old one room school.

The Questers fare concerned that the school is too far for visitors to travel to. They are also concerned about the care and maintenance of the building. They proposed moving the Cliff School to Turner's Creek so that it could be used more. Please let Jean Foreman know your feelings about moving the Cliff School



Community Service Committee Report
Community Service Project -
Please Help!

The Food Pantry needs our donations of non-perishable food items. Take the following items to the Methodist Church in Chestertown on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 10:00 - 12:00.

These items are needed:

- * Non-perishable food**
- * Winter coats and outer wear (children and adults)**

Birthdays (If I've missed your name, please let me know so I can correct our records. Thanks.

November

02 Margaret Larsen
03 Bonnie Smith
04 Herman Gay
07 Sylvia Crews
15 Sally Jastram
15 Nancy Miller
16 Jim Lupis
24 Lloyd Taylor
25 Helen Tyson

December

01 Elaine Holden
04 Ann Sutton
07 Ray Clark
07 Eileen Hahn
09 Nancy Bennett
16 Doreen Schivley
17 Richard Walters
30 Charlotte Potts

January

11 Jackie Scout
11 John Wilson
13 Cathy McCall
27 Ann Lee Thomas
31 Christine Hackett