

The Bell Ringer

Kent County Retired School Personnel Association

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Folks are busy planning for our holiday celebration at our December meeting on Thursday, December 5, 2019, at Heron Point beginning at 11:00 am. We hope you are planning to join us. To support our scholarship fund members will have the opportunity to bid on several gift baskets prepared by members of the Executive Committee.

We will have the opportunity to help with the annual Christmas basket project on December 16th. Volunteers are encouraged to meet at the Community Center in Worton to participate in this project supported by the Lions Clubs of Kent County. Drivers are also needed to help distribute the baskets.

Congratulations to Nancy Harrington on her induction into the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame. Eleven members were able to join Nancy and her husband Mike at the ceremony and luncheon. A special thanks also goes to Nancy for our first Little Library located at Worton Park. A large donation of books will be most helpful in keeping it full of books.



The scholarship committee and its chair Billie Lynn Roberts will be meeting to review the application process and to identify strategies that will help to encourage Kent County High School seniors to apply for this annual scholarship sponsored by the Kent County Retired School Personnel Association and supported by annual donations from its membership.

Don't forget to bring canned goods, hats and gloves/mittens for the food pantry to our luncheon on December 5th.

Seasons Greetings to all and a healthy New Year.

Scholarshp Fund

In the past, KCRSPA has asked members to contribute a gift of \$25 each year to help support the scholarship fund. Last year we received some generous donations. Many thanks to those who made a contribution. Your gifts make it possible for our group to support students entering the field of education. **Please think about supporting our fund this school year and use the form provided.** Educators need to be in the forefront of supporting education. This is a major goal of our organization.

Scholarship Donation Form

NAME _____

DATE _____

Amount _____

In honor or memory of:

: _____

Thank you for your support.

Emily Massey
24704 Chestertown Rd.
Chestertown, MD 21620

Is your house ready for cold weather?

Have your furnace inspected. Have a professional check for leaks, heating efficiency, and change the filter.

It's a good idea to install a Carbon Monoxide detector in your home as well if you don't already have one.

Our Scholarship recipient for this year, Kaitlynn Willis, is attending Ursinus College in Collegeville, PA. A career in secondary education is her goal. We received a note of thanks for the \$3000.00 award she received from our group last May. We feel extremely proud to be able to grant such an award from a small group of retired teachers. Kaitlynn is sincerely grateful. She wrote, "Thank you for believing in me and my ability to succeed..."

The scholarship committee will be meeting to discuss our plan and strategies. We would like to attract more applicants in the future and hope to present some new ideas to the students and teachers at KCHS.

Check for drafts around doors and windows. If necessary, seal and caulk.

Winterize your air conditioner. You may need to cover your outdoor unit if you have central air conditioning. If you use window air conditioners, remove them, or cover them to prevent air leaks.

CHRISTMAS CHEER

Come join us for great food and lots of fun! Begin your holidays with our luncheon buffet at Heron Point. As we did last year, we'll have themed baskets to raffle off (limit: one win/person), and of course our "Mystery Member" must be identified. Our guest speaker, Kay MacIntosh, will be filling us in on all the special events happening in Chestertown in December, including the "Dickens of a Christmas" in historic downtown.

We will also be welcoming Debbie Chance, the MRSPA Area Coordinator for the Eastern Shore. She will give us an update on happenings at the state level.

Remember to bring your "spare" books for the Little Library at Worton, and the Food Pantry greatly appreciates all our donations (food, gloves, hats, scarves, etc.) at this time of year. So come make merry with friends and colleagues on Thursday, December 5th!

Sunshine

Sue Coleman will send out birthday cards to KCRSP. If your address has changed, please contact her by calling 410-648-5252 or email magpiesuz@gmail.com.

If a member is sick or has a loss, contact Sue so she can send a card from the KCRSPA..

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

DECEMBER

Elaine Holden 12/1
Linda Porter 12/5
Ray Clarke 12/7
Eileen Hahn 12/7
Doreen Schivley 12/16
Richard Walters 12/17
Charlotte Potts 12/30

JANUARY

Jacqueline Scout 1/11
John Wilson 1/11
Carole Coleman 1/12
Carol Lupis 1/12
Ann Thomas 1/27
Christine Hackett 1/31

FEBRUARY

Paul Blumberth 2/3
Susan Crooks 2/4 Thelma O'Grady 2/5
Edwin Walters 2/7
Ellen Van Culin 2/12
Terri Bostic 2/28
Cheryl Saunders 2/28



Minutes of The KRSPA Association General Meeting & Luncheon

October 3, 2019

The meeting & luncheon was held at The Fish Whistle, at The Granuary. We had 37 member's and guests present. Call to order at 11:15 am after a visitation, by the President Fay Miller. Welcome and all standing for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretaries Report: The report was presented as it was in the Bell Ringer, and it stands approved as read.

Treasurer Report: Emily Massey will have detailed report at the next meeting of The Ex. Comm. Meeting in November.

Presidents Report: Fay Miller

New Patient Rights Bill, important for all over 65 as of January, Fay spoke with Ed Silver at the board office yesterday, there will be a minor increase, a letter will be coming out in the next month. Network for hearing as well, like our eye coverage. Fay thanked Nancy Harrington, Sue Crooks, Kathy Clark for attending the Leadership Workshop for the state.

Community Service: Billie Lynn Roberts, was not present but Fay reported that Nancy Harrington will be inducted in the State Hall of Fame. There will be 11 members and guests attending.

Membership: Nancy Harrington/Sue Crooks

We have several guests with us today, Lynn Beechman, Karen Dize, Betty Glenn, Glenn Micheals, Judy Stap, Linda Frye, Cindy Philips. They were given a goodie bag and told to sit back with a cup of tea read a book. They also received a table arrangement, they were Halloween or fall arrangements. Nancy also reported our first Little Free Library has been placed at Worton Park, and has been refilled once. Each book has a bookmark with the KCRSPA logo in it and address. Present today is Mrs. Brown an Emerilus member, she is 92 and still going strong. Character Counts needs more volunteer's. Each person entering KCPS's has to go though a security check, paper work. The bus trip to American Music Theater On November 6, 2019, cost \$89.00 We have 47 paid, and 2 seats available.

Legislative Committee: Betty Weller briefed us all on The Kirwan Report. It's for

under funded schools, she is concerned for our rural schools, our Governor does not support this bill. We all need to contact our local Representatives. Dr. Couch serves on this Commission. There will be

more

information to follow.

Program: Our guest today is Rosemary Curlett from The Amy Lynn Ferris Center in Chestertown. She gave us an over all view of what they do and offer there and what they offer Senior's. They can always use volunteers.

game

She brought us a monthly calendar and other literature. We also played a new game which will be played at each luncheon. It was called know your member's, we

were

given several clues, our first member was Margie Baker, 41 yrs.of service at our Middle Schools. Laretta Freeman was our first winner, she won an apple.

The blessing was shared by Margie Baker and lunch was served at 12:00 PM.

Announcements: Fay suggested we need a better way to keep our records.

Adjourned: 1:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by your Secretary

Edwina Walters

Kent County Retired School Personnel Assoc. Executive Comm.
November 7, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by our President Fay Miller at the Library annex in Chestertown

We all rose and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda was presented and Terri Mullikin made the motion to approve and seconded by Kathy Clark.

Those in attendance were Fay Miller, Marge Baker, Sue Coleman, Terri Mullikin, Emily Massey, Betty Weller, Charlotte Potts, Billie Lynne Roberts, Jean Wright, Nancy Mc Cloy, Nancy Harrington, Kathy Clark, Sue Crooks, Edwina Walters.

Minutes from May 2, 2019 meeting presented as they were in The Bell Ringer . Emily Massey moved adoption and approved by all.

Treasurer' s Report: Emily Massey

\$255.41 profit from the bus trip from yesterday, and it will go into the scholarship fund. Balance in checking \$8,699.75.
balance in scholarship fund \$ 3,392.92, report stands as presented.

President's Report: Fay Miller

Fay reported there will be a small increase in our Health Ins. she suggested that we should keep our rate sheets from year to year to be able to compare. The increase comes down to \$9.33 per individual and \$16.25 per spouse, which works out to \$112.00 per year. On going "IRS" years ago when changed the name of our group to KCSPA, the bank did not require the resolution proof we changed or let the IRS know. Next week Sue Crooks, Jean Wright, Betty Weller will be going with Fay to a meeting in Annapolis, leaving Millington at 7:30 am.

Standing Committee Reports

Bylaws / Policies: Margie Baker no report.

Community Service: Billie Lynn Roberts, reported that Nancy Harrington had been inducted into the Hall of Fame For Senior

Citizens. We had eleven members and guests in attendance. On December 16th at 8:30 am the Lions clubs will be at the Comm. Center in Worton , putting together CHRISTMAS Baskets, they need volunteers. And we need children's books for the Food Pantry. The scholarship comm. will meet to discuss our plan and strategies. We would like to attract more applicants in the future and hope to present some new ideas to the students and teachers of KCHS. Our scholarship recipient this past year was Kaitlynn Willis, she is attending Ursinus College. She has set high goals for herself.

Legislative: Betty Weller reported on Kirwin Bill, Kent County and Carroll County will not fair well with this because of declining enrollment, and the Governor does not support this bill.

Program/ Hospitality: Kathy Clark reported that for our Dec. meeting we will be going to Heroin Point, with a wonderful menu for our buffet Debra Chance our Area Director will be a guest. Our guest speaker will be Kay McIntosh Economic Development and Mkt.of Chestertown Arts and Entertainment. We will have several Christmas Baskets and they will sell tickets and you will place in a cup in front of the basket you would like to have, tickets will be \$1.00 each. We will also play the " Member Mystery Game"

Membership: Nancy Harrington reported that we have an increase of 1.03%. . Two new members, Karen Dize, Glenn Michael, and Wm Hook renewed. We had one Emeritus member pass, Margaret Larsen. The trip for next years scholarship fund will be on November 4, 2020, the show is called Deck The Halls. The Little Library looks great. Nancy has put advertisement in The Tidewater Trader for Nov. 13th and 27th. and placed it in the community events section to run for a while. She thanked Sue Coleman and Debbie Smith foe volunteering to look after the library. Margaret Gubble, retired Sp. Ed. teacher of PG County gave Nancy a "ton" of books for the library, she has sent thank you note.

Trips and Social Events / Nancy Harrington , Nancy covered this In the above paragraph.

Scholarship / Billie Lynn Roberts, covered under Comm. Service.

Newsletter / Terri Mullikin

Terri needs a new set of labels, newsletters to go out Nov. 15th, send all news electronically by Nov. 13th. We need to send our reservations in by Nov. 25th.

Sunshine / Sue Coleman

Sue had a nice thank you note from Miriam Spriggs, thanking us for the gift we sent her.

Unfinished Business

Margie Baker reminded us that gloves, hats are needed for the food pantry, winter is coming, plus our canned goods.

We had 28lbs. for the month of October.

New Business:

We were reminded of the coming December 5th Luncheon and short business meeting and good fellowship.

Announcements :

Adjournment :

Respectfully submitted

Edwina W. Walters, Secretary

MEMBERSHIP INFO

Welcome these new members into our association. Please be sure to place this new list in your directory.

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Glenn Michael
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Karen M. Dize
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Cynthia Lynn Beauchamp
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Chestertown, MD 21620

Rebecca Glenn
PO Box 48
Rock Hall, MD 21661

Mr./Mrs. Peter Ames
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Chestertown, MD 21620

Linda S. Fry
705 Somerset LN
Middleton, DE 19709



**in
loving
memory** Margaret Larson

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

The KCRSPA has placed a **LITTLE FREE LIBRARY** at KC Parks and Recreation Center. It is located near the volleyball courts. Check it out.....

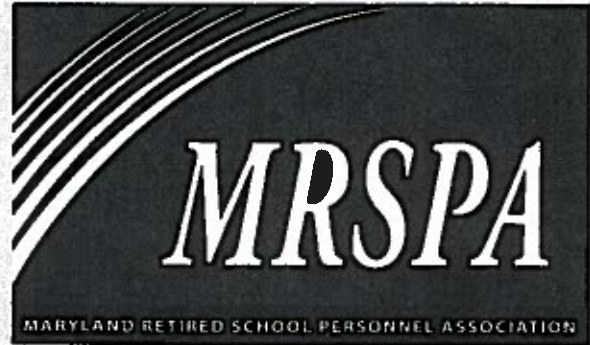
**TAKE A BOOK..READ A
BOOK..SHARE A BOOK**

American Music Theatre Trip 2020

Mark your calendar now for next year's trip to Lancaster. It is scheduled for Wednesday, November 4th.



The Benefit Corner



For each edition of the "Consumer Connection" we will dedicate one page to educating our members about our benefits. There are many great money-saving benefits available to our members and our recent survey indicated that members did not know about the benefits, or did not know how to access them. We hope that this segment of the newsletter will be beneficial to you.

Confused about Long Term Care Insurance?

Academy Financial, Inc. has two plans of coverage for Long Term Care Insurance. They can help you decide which plan is better for you.

There are four quick tips for Long Term Care planning:

- ⇒ **Know when to start planning**
- ⇒ **Consider the cost of care**
- ⇒ **Ways to save**
- ⇒ **Policy design options**



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