



The Bell Ringer

Kent County Retired School Personnel Association

From Your President:

Dear Friends,

This will be my last newsletter as your President. I would like to thank you all for your help and support. Please be ready to help and support your new President, Lynne Stokes. She will be an outstanding President.

As usual, there is always something to be taken care of. This spring we participated in Clean-up Day at Cliffs School, Lynne attended a membership Meeting in Centreville, and we will be attending the Annual Business Meeting at Michael's Eighth Avenue in Glen Burnie on May 8th.

Margie Baker will be receiving an MRSPA Community Service Award at the Annual Meeting. We are very proud of her! When you see her, please congratulate her on a job well done!

We need docents for Cliffs School. If you can spare two hours once in awhile, please give Jean Foreman a call at 410-778-3098

Remember our Convention on September 8th, 9th, and 10th, 2009 at the Clarion Hotel in Ocean City. We need your support! If you haven't been to the beach this year, this is a good time to go!

I'll be looking for all of you at the June Luncheon. Kitty Knight House has a beautiful view of the river. Also, our State President, Chuck Ridgeway, we be with us. Remember— if you need a ride, please give me a call at 410-778-3453. I'm sure you will enjoy yourself!

See you on June 4th at the Kitty Knight House... and once again, thank you for everything! Be good to your new President!

Fondly,
Betty




KCRSPA Scholarship Recipient, 2009

Our scholarship will be awarded this year to Alycia Lynn Vansant. Alycia's application was impressive and all-inclusive. She will be attending Salisbury University and plans to become teacher in Early Childhood Education. She is currently participating in KCHS' internship program with Worton Elementary School, which enables her to be a teacher's aide in a Kindergarten classroom each day.

Alycia ranks 9th in her class, and her letters of recommendation reflect how highly she is regarded by her teachers and those who have worked with her. We are pleased to present our scholarship to such a deserving recipient!

It's Your Birthday!

May

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- 6- Nellie Greenwood
 - 7- Billie Lynne Roberts
 - 9- Joyce Powell
 - 27- Meriam Spriggs
 - 31- Joe Massey

June

- 3- Robinette Johnson
- 5- Dorothy Leap
- 10- Lucy Daniels
- 11- Carole Lupis
- 18- Jane Ford
- 18- Ann Moss
- 19- Mark Schivley
- 20- Buddy Jastram
- 22- Suzanne Quinn

July

- 1- Bob Tyson
- 4- Ruth Jackl
- 5- Thelma O'Grady
- 9- Jean Foreman
- 10- Betty Simpser
- 12- Carole Hessey
- 12- Emily Massey
- 12- Marlene Vosburg
- 13- Marian Niskey
- 19- Richard Morlock
- 24- Doris Jones
- 26- Thomas Groce, Jr.
- 31- Grace Ann Beckwith

Congratulations!!!

KCRSPA would like to congratulate Margie Baker on receiving an award at MSRSPA's Annual Business Meeting on May 12. Margie, whose volunteer work with the Kent County Community Food Pantry is heartfelt and much appreciated, was awarded a State Community Service Award, Honorable Mention, as first runner-up.

Congratulations and we thank you, Margie, for all that you do!!

You are invited.....

KCTA would like to invite KCRSPA members to their annual "End of the Year" Social. It will be held on Wednesday, June 17, on the Kitty Knight House Deck from 5 to 10 P.M., with a DJ from 6 to 10 P.M. Food and two drink tickets are included, and each member (retired/current) may bring a guest.

F.Y.I. - "Seniors on the Move"

Terry Ober, a retired State Trooper, will be presenting an activities program entitled "Seniors on the Move" at the Kent County Public Library on Thursdays, May 21, 28, June 4, and June 11, from 10 a.m. until noon.

Kent County Retired School Personnel 5-07-09

The KCRSPA Ex. Committee met at the Board Office on May,07,2009. There were 11 members present. President Betty Simperts opened the meeting at 10:06. Secretary, Betty Freeman, read the minutes of the last meeting, Mar.5,2009. Minutes were approved as read. Treasurer, Jean Foreman, reviewed the Treasurer's Report which showed a current balance of \$1,922.19 in the general account and a current balance of \$3,331.85 in the Savings/Scholarship Account. Report was filed for audit.

Committee's reporting as follows:

Archives

Chair Nellie Greenwood had no news to report.

Cliff School

Jean Foreman summarized a Memorandum from the Port of Chester Questers proposing that we abide by their rules in support of their objectives for the Cliff School project. After sufficient discussion, Jean made a motion that we accept the "Memorandum of Understanding" proposed by the Port of Chester Questers. Margie Baker seconded. Motion carried. President Simperts was authorized to sign the document and also get a copy for our records.

Community Service

Jean Foreman reported on a successful clean-up day at Cliff School. Volunteers worked outside and inside to get the school grounds and the building ready for tours. Jean Foreman and Jean Wright served as docents for Worton Elementary first graders on May 1st. Two docents are needed for each split shift on June 20th, hrs. from 10a.m.-12p.m.; 12p.m.- 2p.m.;and 2p.m.-4p.m. on June 20th. Jean Foreman recognized Shirley Baldwin who spent countless hours knitting clothing items for the troops overseas, despite health issues. Special attention was given to Margie Baker for her passionate service, volunteering for the Kent County Community Food Pantry. Margie stands to receive a Community Service Award at the Annual Business Meeting on May 12th at St.Michaels in Glen Burnie. Local awards will be handed out at our June meeting.

Constitution.

Dottie Leap has tendered her resignation as chairperson

Program

Co-chair, Jean Wright, has made reservations at the Kitty Knight House for June 4, 2009 for our next luncheon. Weather permitting, lunch will be served on the deck. Cost is \$16.00. Details and reservation forms are in this Newsletter.

Hospitality

Co-chair Ann Sutton will take charge of decorations and presentation of gifts.

Membership-Necrology

Chair, Joe Massey, reported due to the death of Helen Shallcross, our membership has been

reduced to 88.

Newsletter

Chair Elaine Holden set a May 16th deadline for news items.

Nominating

Chair Miriam Cronshaw reported no activity.

Scholarship

Chair Elaine Holden has one applicant, Alycia Vansant of Galena. Who submitted an impressive resume along with positive teacher recommendarions.

Trips-Social Activities

Final Christmas Music Show cost to be announced at the June meeting.

President's Report

President Simperts full report is included in this Newsletter.

Old Business

In Sue Coleman's absence, Ann Sutton reported that the walking program, "Stepping for Better Health" has been discontinued.

New Business

Ann Sutton reported that tickets for the Annual Business Meeting are available until tomorrow. Convention plans are finalized. Packets will be available at the Annual Meeting. With the Kent County Mugs, the Goody Bags are good to go.

Betty Freeman read a "Thank You" from Bonnie Brose, president-elect, for the invitation to our March Spring Luncheon. Joe Massey announced that MRSPA is urging E-Mail or Snail Mail to campaign on legislation issues affecting retirees. A Food Pantry notice will be in this issue asking for canned goods or money to be collected at the June meeting. Lori Armstrong, "Teacher of the Year" will be invited as our guest to the June Luncheon. Margie Baker announced "Seniors on the Move" classes ,led by Terry Ober, retired State Trooper, will be held at the Library May 21st-28th and June 4th-11th. Fun Day for Seniors is scheduled May 21st in Cambridge. KCRSPA Ex. Committee will continue to meet in the same building where the Central Office will be located.

Meeting adjourned 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Freeman
Secretary

KCRSPA Community Service Report

We are proud of our 17 members who turned in their volunteer hours. We volunteered 4048 hours and 1756 with our youth. Our volunteers will be recognized at our June luncheon. Thank you for volunteering. **Remember start keeping your new volunteer hours as of April 2009 through March 2010!!**

Thank you for helping with the Clean Up Day at the Cliff School on Earth Day, April 23, 2009. The School looked nice inside and out. The AARP Volunteer Day usually in May has been changed until Fall. Please help then! We will be collecting for the Food Pantry at different locations.

A special Thank You to Margie Baker for all her volunteer hours at the Food Pantry and for getting us involved. A special Thank You to Shirley Baldwin who though she has been sick has volunteered 110 hours knitting sweaters and caps to fit under soldiers helmets in Iraq. A Special Thank You Jean Wright & Jean Foreman for serving as docents when the Worton Elementary School First graders visited the Cliff School. Please be available to help as docents for Cliff School during tours and summer children's programs. **Please continue to volunteer and turn in your hours. We are beginning a new year April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010.**

Name _____

What Did You Do? How Many Hours? How Many hours With Youth?

April 2009

May

June

July

August

September

October

November

December

January 2010

February

March 2010

Fill out, give or mail to Jean A. Foreman, 8531 Broadneck Road, Chestertown, MD 21620 or call 410 778 3098 or email jean@dmv.com All hours and services must be in by March 1, 2010 in order to be recognize. Jean A. Foreman, Community Service Chairman

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There are fourteen retired teachers walking and recording their mileage. If you want to be added to the list, call Sue Coleman @ 410-648-5252. Those who have been recording the mileage, bring this form to the May lunch or mail it to me.



Attention, Walkers!!!

Name	under 70		over 70	
	March	April	May	June
TOTAL MILES _____				

Keep your log through July and I will collect your totals. On the county level I will give one prize for Silver walkers (under 70) and one for Golden walkers (over 70). The state is also collecting the data for the top walkers.