



The Bell Ringer

Kent County Retired School Personnel Association

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It's May and some things are returning to pre pandemic activities, including the Chestertown Tea Party. After an absence of three years, plans are underway to hold the Tea Party reenactment and associated activities including the parade. While the festival generally is held over the Memorial Day weekend, the parade is Sat. These photos are from 2018. With the history of Chestertown and Kent County, this is as much a learning experience as the fun. There is usually entertainment and plenty of good eats too!

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Photos by Glenn Michael



Each year for Memorial Day the Chestertown Rotary Club does a flag display on a prominent corner of the area in memory of fallen. Each flag is displayed in memory of someone, but the effect of all those flags waving in the breeze is quite moving.

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Speaking of the pandemic, it is great that we are able to have our June General Meeting.

KCRSPA is currently seeking a secretary. We thank Winnie for her service, but there comes a time when one needs a break. The job is really not tough, and involves eight meetings. Too often people think being a secretary means trying to write every word. Fact is, one just has to write the motion, who made it and who seconded, and whether it passed or failed. Further, as the secretary reports will be in the newsletter, no reading of the minutes at meetings is needed. Meeting notices will be handled via email, so that task can be reduced considerably. Consider volunteering or encouraging somebody that may be interested.

Also, we still need a Vice President. It is important!!

I want to thank members, Nancy Harrington, Debbie Smith, Terri Mullikin, and Betty Weller for filling in at the MRSPA General Meeting. I'm not interested in crossing the Bridge when I don't absolutely have to do so, and these members did a wonderful job.



Spring comes, finally. I'm ready for the hummingbirds, but haven't seen one yet

Notes from the Editor -

Time for the June issue of the Bell Ringer.

As editor I want to thank, again, the Committee Chairs, and their members for the submissions of material for the newsletter. It certainly makes the job of editor easier knowing the material will come in by deadline and even nicer when it comes in early. This month all the reports were early. Whew, how relaxing is that!

In this issue you will find those aforementioned reports. You will also find the forms for sending your RSVP for the General Meeting. It would be wonderful to have a great attendance, particularly in light of the missed meetings during pandemic conditions. There is some resurgence in Covid numbers, but I think we are being sufficiently careful in the plans for the luncheon and the meal.

Also, in this issue and other issues as well, is the form for making a donation to the Scholarship Fund. I continually encourage making a donation to this very worthwhile fundraiser for our group. That form is on page 10.

Glenn Michael, Editor

HAPPY 2022 BIRTHDAY TO OUR SUMMER AND FALL MEMBERS

KCRSPA celebrates you with a card for your birth date and recognizing the years of your important life.

If your address changes, please contact Sue Coleman by calling 410-648-5252 or email

magpiesuz@gmail.com.

If a member is sick or loses a loved one, contact Sue so she can send a card from KCRSPA.



JUNE

Nancy Harrington 6/7
Carole Lupis 6/11
Larry Adams 6/18
Bud Jastram 6/20
Karen Frison 6/22
JoCarol Miller 6/24
Peggy Brown 6/28
Mary Sieman 6/29

JULY

Robert Tyson 7/1
Ruth Jackl 7/4
William Flock 7/6
Jean Foreman 7/9
Marlene Vosberg 7/12
Emily Massey 7/12
Sue Schauber 7/17
Marsha Miller 7/19
Bonnie Rose 7/23
Sharon Steward 7/24
Nancy McCloy 7/26

AUGUST

Libby Knapp 8/5
Donna Mills 8/8
Bess Engle 8/9
Lee Loller 8/11
Sandy Emory 8/11
Flossie Johnson 8/12
Joanne Clarke 8/22
Tom Groce 8/25
Debbie Smith 8/28
Mary Metzger 8/30
Margie Baker 8/30
Peggy Smith 8/31

SEPTEMBER

Bea Fenner 9/1
Stephanie Lindsey 9/2
Leah Schlenker 9/6
Gwen Swinson 9/9
Dorothy Ringgold 9/16
Linda Fry 9/19
Loretta Freeman 9/23
Amy Crowding 9/25
Cynthia Phillips 9/27

OCTOBER

Doug Walters 10/7
Terri Mullikin 10/7
Sue Coleman 10/7
Tina Johnson 10/12
Kathy Clark 10/21
Ruth Wilson 10/26

Treasurer's Report

Debbie Smith - Treasurer

KCRSPA Treasurer's Report

Business Checking

*Starting Balance as of February 1, 2022	\$9023.62
Income	
None	
Expenses	
Kent County Christmas Baskets (Donation #1967)	\$100.00
Starting Balance	\$9,023.62
Total Income	0
Total Expenses	- \$100.00
Ending Balance as of February 28, 2022	\$8923.62

*Starting Balance as of March 31, 2022	\$8923.62
Income	
03/07/2022 Raffle	\$70.00
Total Income:	\$70.00

Expenses	
03/07/2022 Charlotte Potts (Raffle Winner #1968)	\$70.00
Total Expenses	\$70.00
Starting Balance: \$8923.62	
Total Income: +\$70.00	
\$8993.62	
Total Expenses: -\$70.00	
Ending Balance as of March 31, 2022	\$8923.62

KCRSPA Scholarship Fund

Business Savings

Starting Balance 01/31/2022	\$3798.36
Income: \$75.18	
Total of 2 Donations	
Starting Balance: \$3798.36 + Total income \$75.18 = \$3873.54	
*.18 is interest compounded	
Ending balance as of February 28, 2022	\$3873.54

Income: \$245.21	
03/07/2022 Scholarship donations	\$195.00
03/22/2022 Scholarship Donation	\$50.00
03/31/2022 Interest Compounded	.21
Total income:	\$245.21
\$3873.54 + \$245.21 = \$4118.75	

Ending Balance as of March 31, 2022: \$4118.75

**Kent County Retired School Personnel Association
Chester River Yacht & Country Club
December 2, 2021**

Welcome & Call to Order: Glenn Michael

Pledge of Allegiance

Present of Minutes from last General Meeting

Installation of New Treasurer Debbie Smith by Betty Weller Our DS

Treasurer's Report: Debbie Smith
Report was in newsletter

President's Report
Glenn reminded us we still need a Vice President

Committee Reports
Archives – Olythea Hunley
Bylaws-Policies – Margie Baker

Community Service – Billie-Lynn Roberts
Terri Mullikin reported that her Girl Scout Troop in Rock Hall had made and placed two Little Libraries, one in Rock Hall and one in Tolchester. KCHS needs Mentors and Substitutes

Legislative – Betty Weller
Betty reported that the Legislature will be meeting in January.

Program- Hospitality – Kathy Clark will explain our basket's I audition later in Program.

Membership- Nancy Harrington introduced three new members.
Ed Silver who worked for KC for 31 years. Has retired to Del. Beaches
Ruth Reed worked at KCHS for 11 years and for the State Md 34 years, She also has been Mentoring at KCHS.
Linda Reed a school Health Nurse worked for KC Schools for 20 years, welcome to all.
Nancy reminded us to be looking for new membership cards and Directory, in January.
Trips / Social Events – Nancy Harrington, she reported our trip American Music Theater was lovely and we had a Bus full. We had \$413.00 to go towards our Scholarship Fund. We have a date for next year November 16th, we had a refund from Millers of \$156.00.

Newsletter – Glenn & Terri If you are not receiving your newsletter please see them. We are not posting phone numbers.
Sunshine – Sue Coleman.
Unfinished Business. None

Announcements - Jean Wright told us about a Christmas Program her Granddaughter has put together for Christmas at Kennedyville Methodist Church on Dec. 17th sounds like a great line up.

Program – Kathy Clark introduced our quest speaker to talk about our new Health Ins. and prescription co. Express Scripts, she told us we should be looking for information in the mail, with new Insurance Cards and a welcome kit within the month.

Gift Baskets: If you haven't brought your tickets please do so. Know place tickets in cups by the baskets, we have 8 baskets, tickets will be drawn. Tickets are &1.00
A piece or an arm's length for \$10.00. Money from baskets goes to Scholarship.

Editor's Note - As we didn't have a Meeting in March, I am posting these minutes as they are the ones that will be voted on for approval at the next General Meeting. in June.

Executive Committee Meeting Thursday, May 5, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Glenn Michael at 10:00 a.m. We said the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance: Glenn Michael, Debbie Smith, Charlotte Potts, Sue Crooks, Margie Baker, Terri Mullikin, Nancy Harrington and Kathy Clark

***Treasurer's Report:**

Debbie Smith reported that, as of March 31, the treasury balance was \$8923.62 and the scholarship fund balance was \$4118.75. A motion to accept the report was made by Kathy Clark and seconded by Sue Crooks.

***President's Report:**

Delegates attending the annual meeting on May 11th will be Nancy Harrington, Terri Mullikin, and Debbie Smith. Also representing KCRSPA will be Fay Miller and Winnie Walters.

Glenn would like to remind the membership that there are vacancies for the positions of Vice-President, and Secretary. Please seriously consider taking a bigger role in our organization.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

***Community Service:**

Terri Mullikin announced there are two new Little Libraries in the Rock Hall area. One is at the Tolchester Community Center, and the other is located at the Denny Kendall Ball Field (the "Lagoon").

***Program/Hospitality:**

Kathy Clark presented the June luncheon menu which will be held at the Country Club. George Denny, our MRSPA president, will be our speaker. We will also host Karen Carty (Kent Co. Teacher of the Year), Peggy Brown (Support Person of the Year), and Katie Boardman (Promising Educator).

***Membership:**

Nancy Harrington announced that we have 97 unified members (belong to both Local and State associations), 9 Local members, and 3 Emeritus members. If you know of anyone who wishes to join, or perhaps renew their memberships, Nancy has the materials needed.

***Trips:**

The American Music Theater trip is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov.16th. The show is titled "Home for the Holidays," and lunch will be at Hershey Farm Restaurant. The total cost of the trip is \$110.00/person. This will give us approximately \$9/ person toward our scholarship fund.

A trip on the Chester River Packet is still being organized. Nancy is looking into an early Fall (Sept.?) date.

***Scholarships:**

Sue Crooks reported there were 8 applicants for the KCRSPA scholarships, from which two were chosen. A discussion ensued about the Lorraine Costella scholarship and its lack of funds this year. It was decided to combine all funds, and emphasize that the Costella monies were included in the two scholarship presentations. This allows us to award each recipient with a \$2000 scholarship.

***Unfinished Business:**

Fay Miller continues to work on our tax number dilemma. Until it is straightened out, we CAN NOT claim our scholarship donations on our taxes.

***Newsletter:**

Glenn suggested that when donations are made in honor/memory of someone, the names of those remembered should be put in the Newsletter.

All news articles and reports are due to Glenn by Thursday, May 12th.

MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY TERRI MULLIKIN, AND SECONDED BY NANCY HARRINGTON AT 11:05.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Clark

These minutes are provided for information and will be voted on by the Executive Committee at their next meeting on September 6, 2022.



Photo provided by Nancy Harrington

The Delegates to the MRSPA General Meeting on May 11, pose for a shot. Debbie Smith, Betty Weller, Nancy Harrington, and Terri Mullikin.



The Value of a few dollars -

The values of being a member of KCRSPA and the state level organization MRSPA are many! However, it is my opinion that the best benefit of the ORGANIZATION is not for ourselves, but what we can do for others in the form of scholarships to help others get into teaching. Encouraging others to become teachers may be even more important in the current climate where too many are leaving the field.

In most issues, the newsletter has printed a form to encourage donations to the Scholarship Fund. That form includes the following, "Educators need to be in the forefront of supporting education. Please help us support high school students planning a career in education because scholarships mean a lot to students and their families..... These awards are made possible by our members who are asked to contribute \$25 annually, though any and all amounts are appreciated."

Some donate the suggested \$25, while some donate more, yet unfortunately others let it slip their mind. The dues for membership are not expensive, so it should be possible for all to donate at least the \$25. The Treasurer's report shows where the money goes, and without individual amounts, where it comes from. Consider making a donation to the Scholarship. The form is on page 10.



AMERICAN MUSIC THEATRE TRIP

The KCRSPA will once again be going to the American Music Theatre to enjoy the Christmas show "HOME for the HOLIDAYS." Our reservations are for Wednesday, November 16th. We will have lunch at the Hershey Farm Restaurant. The cost of the trip will be \$110. This trip supports our Scholarship Fund. Contact Nancy Harrington if you are interested in going on our holiday trip.

MEMBERSHIP INFO

As we end the 2021-2022 year, our membership is at 97 MRSPA/KCRSPA members, with 9 local members, and 3 Emeritus members. We certainly want to celebrate these 3 women...Peggy Smith, Leah Schienker, and Meriam Spriggs. This fall we will add Laretta Freeman. Four amazing women educators!

If you know of a retiree who may want to join our group, or to be reinstated in our association, or would like to "Switch and Save," I have the applications for you. Please contact Nancy Harrington.

KCRSPA wants to celebrate Peggy Brown – Support Person of the Year. Peggy is a true asset to our County. Congratulations, Peggy!

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Awarding scholarships to deserving Kent County High School Students is an important community outreach of the KCRSPA. Each year members donate money that is put toward this award.

This year the scholarship committee was very excited to receive eight applications for the KCRSPA Scholarship. Three committee members met during April to review each application. After reviewing the recommendations, transcript information, and descriptive paragraphs for each applicant, two deserving students were chosen to receive the award.

The KCRSPA Scholarship will be awarded at the KCHS Awards Assembly later this month. In addition to member donations, part of the scholarship funds come from donations made in honor of Dr. Lorraine Costella, a past Kent County Superintendent. The importance of including her name as the scholarship is awarded was emphasized during the meeting.

Important Meeting Info to Keep In Mind -

The ***KCRSPA General Meetings*** are the First Thursday of the month in October, December, March and June,.

The ***KCRSPA Executive Committee Meetings*** are the First Thursday of the month preceding the General Meeting, thus are in September, November, February and May.

PLEASE put these dates on your calendar so you are able to attend. It's good to get together with past colleagues and friends. Notices may not always be sent

For the General Meeting -

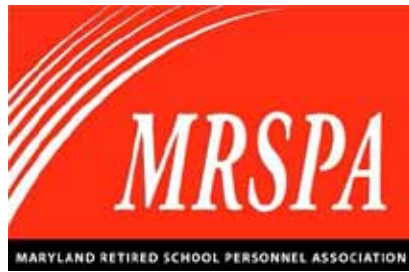
It's good to have a meal while supporting the Scholarship fund.

Locations for the General Meeting are selected just prior to the Executive Committee Meetings.

Specific details on location, menu, etc. will be in the newsletter issued following the Executive

Committee Meeting, and the venue is selected based of a list of specifics, now including safety on Covid precautions

Hope to see as many members as possible at the meetings.



New Member Recruitment Incentive!

Earn a \$10 gift card for each **NEW MEMBER** you sign up as a **DUES DEDUCTION** member.



This allows automatic renewal, so no membership interruption while **saving trees** 🌳 , **time** ⌚ , and **postage** 📧 !

Write your name on the membership application, as recruiter.
Return the completed application to:

MRSPA
8379 Piney Orchard Parkway, Suite A
Odenton, MD 21113

Questions: Email MRSPA at mrspa@mrspa.org or call MRSPA at 410-551-1517





Scholarship Fund

Educators need to be in the forefront of supporting education. Please help us support high school students planning a career in education because scholarships mean a lot to students and their families. In yet another year unlike any other, the need is clear. Your gifts ensure opportunities for success. In the past 16 years our association has awarded more than \$30,000 in scholarships to deserving KCHS students. These awards are made possible by our members who are asked to contribute \$25 annually, though any and all amounts are appreciated. This year we have received some generous donations from our members. Many thanks to those who already made a contribution.

Member donations are encouraged and always important. We are fortunate to be able to meet and have our raffles to help the cause. This is a major goal of our organization! We look forward to future gifts that will allow us to support a brighter future for our students.

One student wrote : “Thank you for believing in me and my ability to succeed...” Please think about a donation to our fund for the next school year and use the form provided.

Thank you for your consideration.
Billie Lynne Roberts
Chair, Scholarship committee

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 :

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Chestertown, MD 21620**

Executive Committee 2021

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KCRSPA
June Luncheon
Thursday, June 2, 2022
CRY&CC
Business Meeting 11:15

MENU

- Appetizer: Cup of Soup (Chef's Choice) with rolls and butter
- Entree: Choice of
- *Seafood salad on a bed of greens with tomato wedges
or
*Turkey melt (avocado, bacon, tomato, cheddar cheese
on English muffin halves) with side of cole slaw
- Dessert: Fruit Pie
- Beverages: Coffee, Tea, Lemonade

Please make checks out to **KCRSPA** (\$25/person) and return to:

Kathy Clark at
199 Rolling Rd.
Chestertown, Md. 21620.

Please have responses back by Friday, May 27th.

(Note: This return due date is Memorial Day weekend, please make adjustments for mail delivery.)

Name _____

No. Attdg. _____ Amt. _____

I need a ride _____ Phone no. _____