



The Bell Ringer

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Hello all,

It is now November and our adventure with COVID continues. I was hoping that by now things would be calm and that we would all be moving about and going on with our lives without worrying about contracting this virus. I am indeed thankful that my family is adjusting to our new normal and carrying on as best we can. I pray all of your families are doing the same.

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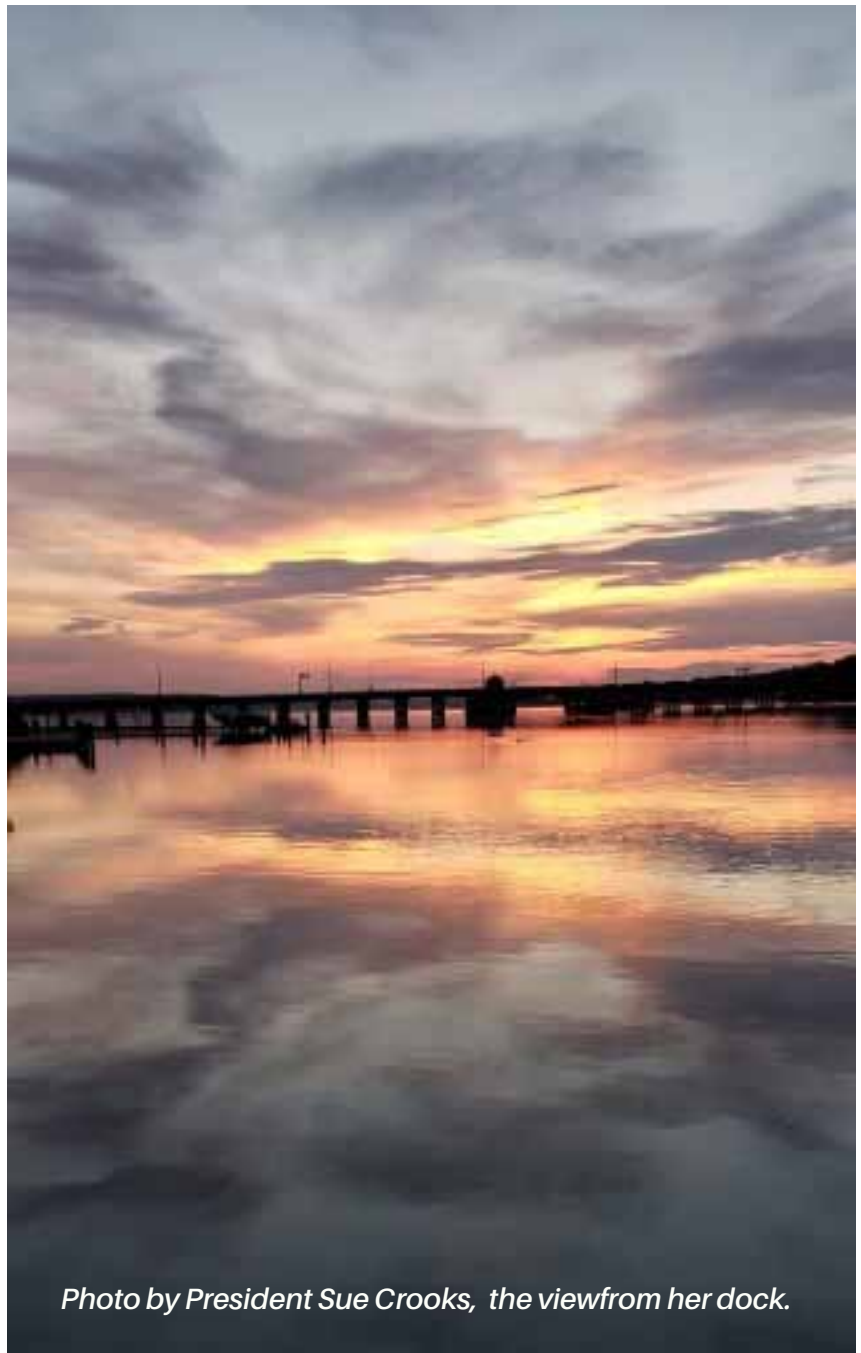


Photo by President Sue Crooks, the view from her dock.

This September I returned to my job as a Title 1 Reading Tutor at Rock Hall Elementary School. We began welcoming students back in small groups in mid September. I was so excited that I felt like jumping for joy and clapping for each student as they entered the building! RHES now has a bit over 50% of their students back and I know each of the other Kent County Schools have students back in some capacity. Dr. Couch is planning on keeping the schools open to students for as long as possible. She is looking at trends and working with the Kent County Health Department on a daily basis to determine if a return to all virtual learning is necessary.

I am pleased to say that our Little Library located in Worton Park continues to be used. I love the whole idea of having Little Libraries located around the county. I contacted Terri Mullikin who is involved with Girl Scouts of America and she is having several more Little Libraries built by the Rock Hall troops. A big shout out to Terri for this effort. When these new libraries are ready, Nancy Harrington and I are hoping to get permission to place them in other areas around the county.

The trees are now almost devoid of their leaves and houses are beginning to look a lot like Christmas....Where have I heard that before! Please stay healthy, be thankful, and enjoy this season. As you get involved in the business of the season please take time to look for the beauty God bestows upon each of us each day. **Sue**

Editorial Comments -

Here is issue 2. I will work the bugs out as we progress, including deadlines. I do want to thank the members who submit reports, and on time. It's wonderful working with all. But then these were school personnet, right? They turn assignments in on time.

I have started to have some 'fun' with this and will have more as I work through it. I have made some refinements to the logo. More work possibly to come. Not intending to make significant changes, just some graphic changes that probably weren't possible when it was first drafted.

I call your attention to some things that need your quick attention. The 50-50 Raffle for the Scholarship Fund is taking the place of the baskets fundraiser that is normally done at the December meeting. This needs your support and is time sensitive, so go to page 8 and fill out the form and send it in fast.

While I'm plugging that fund raiser, don't forget the regular Scholarship donation and that form is on page 6.

Finally, but not any less important, the state asks the locals to post our state level Raffle in the local newsletter and that is on page 9.

All this may sound like a lot, but it really isn't. Besides it's the Christmas season and you can't really go out and spend as normal. Consider all the good done by these small donations.

Glenn Michael, Editor

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

These are the celebrated KCRSPA members

DECEMBER

Elaine Holden 12/1
Linda Porter 12/5
Ray Clarke 12/7
Eileen Hahn 12/7
Joan Wise 12/17
Judy Gunter 12/8
Doreen Schivley 12/16
Richard Walters 12/17
Joan Wise 12/17
Charlotte Potts 12/30

Happy 2021 Birthday!!



JANUARY

Jacqueline Scout 1/11
John Wilson 1/11
Carole Coleman 1/12
Ann Thomas 1/27
Christine Hackett 1/31
Glenn Michael 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
Betty Weller 2/20
Terri Bostic 2/20
Cheryl Saunders 2/28

MARCH

Jed Howell 3/5
Patsy Reihl 3/14
Olythea Hunley 3/19
Virginia Newlin 3/20
Geraldine Pauls 3/21
Dale Atkinson 3/24
Sylvia Maloney 3/26
Trudy Anderson 3/26

APRIL

Peachie Moore 4/3
Lynn Beauchamp 4/4
Jean Wright 4/11
Linda Wesley 4/15
Joanne Coveney 4/22
Lorraine Costella 4/25
Kathleen Jones 4/28
Sue Bedwell 4/29

If you see any errors or omissions, please contact Nancy Harrington or Sue Coleman. Also, if there is a member who is sick or who has a loss in their immediate family let Sue know by calling 410-648-5252. May we all have a safe and enjoyable year.

KCRSPA Treasurers report

October ,2020		
Checking balance		\$10,216.32
Checks	50/50	100.00
	Sunshine	37.96
Deposit	Dues	360.00
		40.00
End balance		\$10,478.36
Savings (Scholarship)		
Balance		\$5,925.40
Interest		.32
Deposit	50/50 B. Smith donation	360.00
	Donation	40.00
End balance		\$6325.72

Emily Massey, Treasurer reporting

WEBSITE INFO -

Here are the Websites for both MRSPA - Maryland Retired School Personnel Association, and KCRSPA - Kent County Retired School Personnel, both of which are now active.

You can access by directly clicking on the link below if you are receiving this newsletter in the email format. Or, you can copy and paste the link from this page into your browser.

If you receive the newsletter via hard copy, then you will have to type the address into your browser exactly as it is written.

MRSPA - <https://www.mrspa.org/>

KCRSPA - <https://www.kcrspa.org/>

OCTOBER RAFFLE



Won by Jean Foreman who says, "I love my beautiful basket of red, white and pink roses. It is beautiful. I am so glad I won the door prize. Thank you for donating it."
Sincerely,
Jean A. Foreman



Karen Dize sends a, "Thank you for the centerpiece and it still has a place on the table, particularly as it will fit in nicely for Thanksgiving."

Charlotte Potts also says. "Thank You for the centerpiece. It is beautiful and much appreciated. "

Despite not being able to meet in person, the membership showed support for the October 50-50 Raffle, with profits to go toward the Scholarship Fund. The amount is in Kathy Clark's report on the coupon for the current raffle.

The money was won by Bonnie Smith, who donated much of it back to the cause. The centerpieces were won by Jean Foreman, Karen Dize, and Charlotte Potts.

Scholarship -

Last Spring we awarded scholarships to three deserving KCHS graduates. Because the pandemic has caused so many disruptions to normal activities these students have been attending classes online.

Cynthia Faber is working at home on classes at Augsburg University in Minnesota. Her \$2000 award was sent in July.

Mirabella Hitzges is attending the University of Maryland. Her \$2000 award was sent in late September.

Yasmine Jiggetts is attending Bowie State University where the financial aid office is not available. Her award is being held until further notice.

Please remember to make your \$25 donation to our scholarship fund so we can continue to support our upcoming seniors at KCHS. Twenty five members have made donations ranging from \$25 to \$100. Thank you to all who have made generous donations. Member donations are expected and even more important this year as our fund raising opportunities are limited by the circumstances of the COVID virus.

Remember: This is a major goal of our organization! We look forward to future gifts that will allow us to continue the scholarship program. Please use the form below and mail your gifts to our treasurer, Emily Massey.

Scholarship Fund

Educators need to be in the forefront of supporting education.

Help us support high school students planning a career in education. Scholarships mean a lot to students and their families. Our scholarships are funded by donations from our members. 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. We have received some generous donations. Many thanks to those who already made a contribution.

Member donations are expected and even more important this year as our fund raising opportunities are limited by the circumstances of the COVID virus. Remember: This is a major goal of our organization!

We look forward to future gifts that will allow us to continue the scholarship program.

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 with this form to:

Emily Massey

24704 Chestertown Rd.

Chestertown, MD 21620

Community Service - Billie Lynne Roberts

Contributions to our local food pantries are ongoing and much needed at this time. Donations of non-perishable food, money, and children's books are appreciated. There is also a need for gently used winter coats along with children's hats and gloves.

As with everything else in 2020, the Lions Clubs of Kent County have been busy rethinking and organizing the Christmas food baskets. The Kent County Christmas Basket Committee has decided to provide food coupons that can be redeemed at either the Cross Street Market in Galena or Bayside Market in Rock Hall. Any donations toward this effort will support these food coupons. We will make our annual \$50 donation to the Kent County Christmas Baskets Committee. The coupons will be delivered to families on December 14th.



MEMBERSHIP INFO

Nancy Harrington

Hope all with well with you and your family!

At this time, William Flook and Debbie Morris have canceled their membership to MRSPA/KCRSPA. We have not received any new members from those who retired this spring. I have sent them membership information and will send them another reminder to join us. Please consider making a personnel connection with anyone of the retirees...phone, text, email, or mask-to-mask. Here are the retirees:

Leon and Karen Frison

Diana Kennedy Jacqueline Bramble

Christine Austin Pat Newman

Laurie Hogans Kathleen Cole Edna Philips

AMERICAN MUSIC THEATRE

The AMT has placed this year's musical "Home for Christmas" on YouTube. It is an 8 part video series. New segments debut on Wednesdays at 10:00 but you can enjoy the show anytime from November 4th to December 23rd.

Have a wonderful MERRY CHRISTMAS and very
healthy HAPPY NEW YEAR!



HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Many, many thanks to those who participated in the October 50-50 raffle —you made it a resounding success. Bonnie Smith, our winner, donated part of her winnings back, and with a few late donations we ended up with \$400 towards the scholarship fund. Way to go, KCRSPA!

Due to the health and social difficulties presented by the Covid virus, we will not be doing gift baskets this Christmas. However, we WILL run the 50-50 raffle again. As before, we encourage you to use the \$20 that would have gone toward lunch to buy your raffle tickets. This appears to be the perfect way to support/increase our scholarship fund during these trying times.

Tickets must be purchased by **December 10th**, the drawing will take place on **Friday, December 11th**, and the winner will be notified immediately.
(Please make sure to include your phone number on the return slip.)

Remember, if you have donations for the Food Pantry, but are unable to deliver them, Nancy Harrington and Kathy Clark are available to pick up your donations and get them to the Church. The "Little Library" at Worton Park needs donated books on the elementary and middle school level. Just place them in the white box at the first parking area inside the entrance.

50-50 RAFFLE TICKETS (\$1 each/ 6 for \$5)



Fill out the information below and return the form and check to:
**Kathy Clark by Thursday, Dec. 10th at:
199 Rolling Rd. Chestertown, Md. 21620.
Make checks payable to KCRSPA.**

Name _____ Phone _____

_____ # of Tickets Am't. Enclosed _____

MRSPA Fund

Request for Donations – Raffle Drawing

The MRSPA Community Service and Scholarship Committees provide tremendous support to students and staff in our schools across Maryland. In the past, funds for these scholarships and mini grants were partially obtained through in-person sale of raffle tickets statewide. This year that option is not available to us due to the pandemic. Therefore, we are seeking donations to the *MRSPA Fund* so that we can continue our work. All donations are tax deductible and come with our thanks and appreciation!

To show our appreciation, your name will be entered into a drawing upon receipt of your donation based on this criterion: Donations of \$10 will earn 1 raffle ticket while donations of \$25 will earn 3 raffle tickets incrementally. MRSPA staff will write your name on the correct number of tickets when we receive your check. The drawing will take place at the May 2021 Annual Business Meeting whether held in person or virtually. You can win the \$300 cash first prize, a Maryland themed basket valued at \$150 second prize, or one of 5 third place themed baskets valued at \$75: Cooking, Spa, Wine Lover, Movie Night, and Sports Lover.

Entering the drawing is fun and easy!

1. Make your **check payable to The Community Foundation of Frederick County**
2. Write **MRSPA Fund Donation** on the FOR line
3. Date and **sign** your check
4. **Mail** check and completed form to MRSPA at 8379 Piney Orchard Parkway, Suite A, Odenton, MD 21113 **before February 28, 2021**

Will you send a donation today? Receipts will be sent via email or US Mail.

If you prefer, you can include this form with your donation.



MRSPA Fund Donation

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address for Receipt: _____