



The Bell Ringer

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Here we are, into November already and grateful that we are able to get back to some normal style of meetings and events. It would be nice to see as many members as possible at the Christmas Luncheon. The reservation form with all the details is in this newsletter. The event is Dec. 2, 2021 at the Chester River Yacht & Country Club. The KCRSPA has been meeting as per the Bylaws, but still maintaining distancing.

Of all we do, I think that the greatest thing is the Scholarships that we provide for students to enter the profession. To this end there is a continuing fund raiser, but also special events such as the Basket Raffle.

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at the General Meetings. The General Meetings are scheduled for the first Thursday of October, December, March and June. We had to cancel during the pandemic, but other than that, every attempt is made to have the meetings as scheduled. Please save those dates on your calendar.

The December KCRSPA Meeting asks you to bring nonperishable items for the Food Bank and also gloves, hats, and mittens which go to children in the area.

There are numerous other opportunities for you to get involved. All Committee Chairmen are listed in this newsletter. Seek them out to help.



Editors Notes -

Welcome to another issue of *The Bell Ringer*, newsletter of the Kent County Retired School Personnel Association, KCRSPA. Once again we have gathered all the activities and events that are of interest to the many people who belong to this organization.

You will find the Minutes from the KCRSPA General Meeting held in October at Fishwhistle. The General Minutes are what you will vote on at the next meeting, December 2, at the CRY&CC. I hope you can be there, and will have read the minutes so we can avoid printing out copies to be distributed. If there are corrections that need to be made to those minutes, the December meeting is the time to do that.

Also the reservation form for the December meeting is in this newsletter. Please print out the coupon and respond by **Monday, Nov. 29th to - Kathy Clark 199 Rolling Rd. Chestertown, Md. 21620**. Kathy needs that information to give the head count to the Country Club. The checks should be made out payable to KCRSPA and mailed with your reservation. Kathy will forward them to the treasurer.

By the time you are reading this, our new Treasurer Debbie Smith, will be officially doing the job. Many, many thanks to Debbie for stepping up and taking this task. It is not a full time thing perhaps, but it will take some time. Many, many thanks too to Emily for her work over the years.

We lost a couple of members last month, Elaine Holden and Betty Barbe. Their memorials are in this newsletter and thanks to Karen Dize and Jean Foreman for the writing. We also gained some new members. You can meet them in this newsletter, and welcome Joyce, Karen and Sandy to the group.

I already mentioned the December meeting and it looks to be exciting. Put December 2, on your calendar, send in your reservation, page 11, and see you at the Chester River Yacht and Country Club. We will have the Raffle Baskets again. Isn't it great to be back.... if only somewhat. The raffle ticket sales will operate a little differently. There will not be the dollar ticket, but 6 for \$5, or an arm's length for \$10. Come prepared. Remember the raffle money goes into the Scholarship fund.

For purposes of keeping up to date, I have included a listing of the Executive Committee which lists Committee Chairs and members. For this newsletter I have removed the phone numbers. I have concerns with publishing phone numbers of members in the newsletter. In the days when it wasn't on the website, the numbers were only distributed where the hard copies were, predominantly with the members. Now, the newsletters are on the website so that means that there can be access from anywhere to anyone. I just feel reluctant to put out phone numbers. If you don't know a phone number, send an email, or check your directory.

The Luncheon Reservation Form is purposely set at the last page in the newsletter. It is thus easy for you to just go to the last page, select print this page, and not have to run through the numbers. For hard copy receivers, the page should be easy to take off and send.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MEMBERS

NOVEMBER 2021

Bonnie Smith 11/3
 Herman Gay 11/4
 Sarah Jastram 11/15
 James Lupis 11/16
 Brenda Shorter 11/20
 Edna Phillips 11/23
 Lloyd Taylor 11/24
 Susan Clark 11/25
 Helen Tyson 11/25
 Anna Hurd 11/26
 Becky Glenn 11/30

DECEMBER 2021

Linda Porter 12/5
 Ray Clarke 12/7
 Eileen Hahn 12/7
 Judy Gunter 12/8
 Doreen Schivley 12/16
 Richard Walters 12/17
 Joan Wise 12/17*
 Judy Ames 12/27*
 Charlotte Potts 12/30



JANUARY 2022

Jacqueline Scout 1/11
 Carole Coleman 1/12
 Ann Thomas 1/27
 Christine Hackett 1/31
 Glenn Michael 1/31

FEBRUARY 2022

Paul Blumberth 2/3
 Susan Crooks 2/4
 Edwin Walters 2/7
 Ellen Van Culin 2/12
 Betty Weller 2/20
 Terri Bostic 2/21
 Cheryl Saunders 2/28

MARCH 2022

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

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 losses a loved one, contact Sue so she can send a card from KCRSPA.

Note from the President -

Our Bylaws, state -

Article IX - Meetings

- There shall be four (4) meetings a year on the first Thursday of October, December, March and June.

- The Executive Committee shall meet prior to each Association Meeting on the First Thursday in September, November, February and May.

- The June Meeting shall be considered as the Annual Meeting of the Association.

So - Unless something occurs to cause a change, the General meetings will be - Dec. 2, 2021, March 3, 2022, and June 2, 2022.

Executive Committee Meetings will be February 3, 2022, May 5, 2022.

Location of the Executive Meetings will be Salem UMC hall in Fairlee

General Meeting venue will vary and will be announced in the newsletter.

KCRSPA Treasurer's Report

Starting Balance as of November 4, 2021 \$9,054.94

Income:

10/13/21	1 MRSPA / 1 County	\$45.00
10/25/21	1 MRSPA / 1 County	\$30.00
Total Income:		\$75.00

Expenses:

No new expenses as of last checkbook balance.

Total Expenses: \$0.00

• Starting Balance:	\$9,054.04	
Total Income:	+ 75.00	
	\$9129.94	
• Total Expenses.	- 0.00	

Ending Balance as of November 4, 2021 - \$9129.94

*** American Music Theater Bus Trip

• 46 reservations (@\$110.00 each)	\$ 5060
• AMT Tickets	<u>- \$ 1800</u>
	\$ 3260
• Chesapeake Charter	<u>-\$ 1565</u>
	\$ 1695
• Miller's	<u>-\$ 1439</u>

Towards Scholarship \$ 256

KCRSPA Scholarship Fund

Starting Balance as of November 4, 2021 \$ 1323.78

Income:

10/1/21	Fay Miller Rick Walters Edwina Walters Jean Wright	
	Total	\$150.00

10/8/21	Betty Weller Margie Baker Karen Dize Christina Johnson Paul Blumberth Nancy Harrington Ray Clarke Gertrude Anderson Raffle Becky Glenn Linda Spry Fry	
	Total:	\$418.00

Starting Balance:	\$1323.78	
Total Income:	\$ 568.00	
	\$1891.78	Ending Balance as of November 4, 2021

**Kent County Retired School Personnel General Meeting
October 7, 2021**

We met at The Fish Whistle at The Granary.

Call to Order: By our President Glenn Michael at 11:20 am.

Pledge and Welcome.

Presented the Agenda: Betty Weller made motion to approve and Kathy Clark seconded.

Minutes from last meeting: They were in newsletter, so Glenn asked for approval, and Kathy Clark approved and Betty Weller seconded.

Treasures Report:

Presidents Report: Glenn told us we needed a Vice President and a Treasurer.

Membership: Nancy Harrington

Travel: Nancy Harrington reported we had a full bus for the trip to American Music Theater and We would have \$250.00 towards our Scholarship Fund.

No other reports were given.

Unfinished Business: Jean Wright was to go into Hall of Fame, but has been canceled because Covid and not rescheduled. The group presented her with Halloween Flower arrangement.

New Business: Catherine Durham and Edna Phillips recent retirees attended our luncheon as our guest. Catherine with 40 yrs. of service and Edna with 48 yrs. Next General Meeting will be December2, 2021, no place scheduled yet.

Motion for Adjournment: 11:45.

And lunch was served and enjoyed by all.

Respectively Submitted:

Edwina W. Walters, Secretary

Editor's Note - These are the minutes that will be voted on for approval at the General Meeting in December. By putting them here we can avoid running them off for distribution at the meeting. Yeah, it's a little bit of homework, but it saves paper and therefore also saves the environment.

MEMORIALS

Elaine Carol Holden

December 1, 1942 - February 13, 2021

Elaine Holden was the kindest, most generous person I have ever known. A family person, she was a devoted daughter, a loving sister and a doting "Aunt 'Laine." And there was always a beloved cat to share her Betterton home.

Intellectually curious, she was an avid reader, a world traveler and a dedicated teacher of French and English...yet always a student at heart. At Kent County High School she accompanied several exchange groups to France and was yearbook advisor for many years, a role that no doubt contributed to her uncanny ability to recall legions of students by name and year of graduation.

Her love of music included playing her piano and singing in the choir at Christ United Methodist Church in Chestertown where she also served on the Altar Guild. She worked for decades with the Friends of the Kent County Public Library and, of course, with our Retired Teachers group.

Thoughts of her warm smile, her infectious laughter and her loyal friendship serve as models for us to emulate and honor her memory.

Karen Dize



Elizabeth 'Betty' Barbe

September 25, 1936 - October 13, 2021

Elizabeth Kathleen Munyon Barbe (Betty), 85, of Massey, MD, died on Wednesday, October 13 in Longmont, Colorado. The daughter of Margaret Beck Munyon and James Munyon, Betty was born in Bridgeton, New Jersey, on September 25, 1936. She spent her childhood years in Salem, NJ and in high school moved to Massey, Maryland where her parents purchased a farm. After graduating from Galena High School, she earned her undergraduate degree from University of Maryland and her Masters from Catholic University. She was a longtime member of both Gamma Phi Beta (Beta Beta chapter) and Sigma Alpha Iota (professional music sorority).

Betty married David Barbe in June, 1965 and moved to West Laurel, Maryland, where they raised their two children, John and Jane. Betty has five grand children and one great grandson.

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Elizabeth was a devout catholic throughout her life. She was a member, organist, and choir director for Saint Mary of the Mills Catholic Church in Laurel. Later, she served as the music director of the Interfaith Center in Columbia and after retirement, she returned to her home parish, Saint Dennis in Galena.

Professionally, Betty devoted her 39 year career to primary music education. She taught elementary music and choir in both Prince Georges and Montgomery Counties until her retirement in 2012. She was an avid supporter of and volunteer for the Mid-Atlantic chapter and the National American Orff Schulwerk Association.

Betty was passionate about music, reading, history, travel, gardening and after moving back to the family farm in Massey, she spent her golden years traveling to Europe, attending history classes at Washington College in Chestertown, participating in garden club, singing in the Chester River Chorale and KCRSPA, serving as Legislative Chairman. Also devoted to volunteering and charity work, she was inducted into the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame for "lending her time and talent to eight different organizations which help others with the goal of improving the quality of life for people and being a tireless supporter of the poor, education and the arts."

Betty has been my friend since 1955 when we worked as waitresses in the Hotel Rigby. She left to attend the University of Maryland and I went to Towson State Teachers. We reconnected when she joined the KCRSPA 2013. We have enjoyed fun times on her farm, Clearview, and swimming in my pool. I'm so glad she touched my life.

She lived her last three years near her family in Colorado, where she was a member of the Longmont Chorale. She returned to her beloved Eastern Shore for her funeral service at St. Dennis and burial.

Jean Foreman



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE - Nancy Harrington

KCRSPA welcomes new members Joyce Bridles, Karen Frison, and Ruth Reed. We now have 93 unified members and 9 local members. Sadly, we lost one member---Betty Barbe. Betty was an active member in our association as our Legislative Chair.

Below are changes and additions to our directories..

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Edna Phillips and Catherine Durham - newly retired members give their thoughts at the October Luncheon held at Fishwhistle.

AMERICAN MUSIC THEATRE TRIP

On Wednesday, November 17th, KCRSPA will be traveling to Lancaster, PA to the American Music Theatre to enjoy the Christmas Show “Winter Wonderland.” At this time, there are no available seats. If you are interested in joining the group, there is a waiting list that will be called when/if there are cancellations. Contact Jean Foreman 410-778-3098.



LITTLE LIBRARY

Cadette Scouts from troop 404 in Rock Hall donate two Little Libraries to KCRSPA. The Scouts earned their Woodworking Badge with the help of Bob Pinder, one of the Scout dads. One of the libraries will be placed at the Rock Hall Lagoon ball field; the other at the Tolchester Community Center.

Terri Mullikin

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community service is an important part in the lives of the KCRSPA members. Our members are active volunteers in the communities where they live, and volunteer in several capacities with the local school systems, churches and food pantries. In the past, our members have volunteered in the schools as Character Counts coaches, readers and in March make an annual visit to the elementary schools to read on Dr. Suess' birthday. Restrictions and challenges caused by COVID have limited many of these activities.

At each of our four luncheons during the year we make contributions to the local food pantry, and provide books for young readers to take home from the pantry. We make special donations of coats, gloves and mittens in December.

Currently we are working on a project to provide mini-libraries in parts of the county. Thanks to Nancy and Mike Harrington for maintaining the "little Library " at Worton Park. Book donations, especially Middle School level, are needed. Terri Mullikin and her Girl Scout troop have started similar libraries at Tolchester and the Rock Hall baseball field. They are also working on a mosquito garden in Rock Hall.

If you are interested in volunteering with Home Port contact Sue Coleman.

Due to the uncertainty of the COVID pandemic the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame process has been placed on sabbatical. They will not be accepting nominations this year.

Billie Lynne Roberts
Community Service

Scholarship Committee Report

Nothing new for this report at this time, but we will soon be getting information to the students.

We are hopeful you will continue your support as we strive to make 2022 a good year.

Thank you for all contributions.

Billie Lynne Roberts
Chair, KCRSPA Scholarship Committee



Luncheon Notes - Kathy Clark

Join us on Thursday, December 2nd, for our Christmas luncheon at Chester River Yacht & Country Club. Besides a delicious meal we'll be offering lots of festivities, and information on our new supplementary insurance.

Bryn Kibler, from KCPS board office, will be there to explain the switch in insurance coverages. Hopefully, she'll be able to answer any and all questions.

We will also welcome our MRSPA Area III North Director, our own Betty Weller.

Our Christmas Basket raffle promises to be an exciting one, with themes such as "Chocolate Lovers'," "Italian Dinner," "Wine" and "Puzzler's Challenge" to name a few. Ticket sales are as follows: 6 for \$5, OR an arm's length for \$10. We will use Glenn's arm for the measurement. There will be no single ticket sales for the basket raffle. As in the past, there is only one win per person—if your name is called a second time you must choose which prize you'd prefer.

THE HOLIDAYS ARE UPON US! SEE YOU AT THE LUNCHEON!



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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KCRSPA

DECEMBER LUNCHEON

**Thursday, December 2, 2021
Chester River Yacht Country Club**

Business Meeting at 11:15

MENU

Choice of: *Trio of Shrimp, Tuna, and Chicken Salads on Greens
with Tomato Wedges

OR

4oz. Filet Mignon with Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes
and Green Beans

Dessert: Brownie Sundae

Beverages: Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea, Water

Bring your Christmas spirit and your items for the Food Pantry, plus mittens, and let's celebrate being together again! Please remember that the Food Pantry cannot accept items that are out-of-date. Also, our Little Library can use any books you're willing to donate. Don't forget--we'll have our Basket Raffle again this year!

Make checks payable to **KCRSPA** (\$25/person) and respond by **Monday, Nov. 29th**
to - **Kathy Clark 199 Rolling Rd. Chestertown, Md. 21620.**

Circle One:

S/T/C Salad

Filet Mignon

Name _____ Amount _____

I need a ride _____ I can give a ride _____

Phone _____ Email _____