

The Bell Ringer

Kent County Retired School Personnel Association

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Message from the President:

Greetings to all the members of the Kent County Retired School Personnel Association. We look forward to seeing many of you at our first luncheon meeting on October 3, 2019, at the Fish Whistle at the Granary at 11:00 am. Our guest speaker will be Rosemary Curlett, Amy Lynn Ferris Senior Center.

We are pleased to join with our state organization, Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (www.mrspa.org), in our efforts to keep retired school personnel informed of matters that affect their retirement. Our website (www.kcrspa.org) is a tool we use to keep our membership informed of activities within our organization. Our leadership looks forward to working with our members as we work to keep our Association alive and active in support of the members, the community and the students in the Kent County Public School System.



We continue to donate to the local food bank, giving food, books and articles of clothing at each of our quarterly luncheon meetings. We are planning to soon have our first “little library” placed in the Worton area. This project is being led by Nancy Harrington and volunteers are needed to keep things current.

We are very proud to announce that Nancy Harrington will be inducted in the Senior Citizen Hall of Fame on October 24th at Michael’s 7th Ave. in Glen Burnie.

We are most proud of our efforts to provide scholarships for Kent County High School students annually. Donations from each of our members continue to support

this project. Our pending 501c3 application now assures these donations are tax deductible.

Hope you can join us on October 3rd.

Fay Miller, President.

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.

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:

Jean Foreman

8531 Broadneck Rd.

Chestertown, MD 21620

October Luncheon

Join us for fabulous food and great camaraderie on Thursday, October 3rd at the Granary. Our guest speaker will be Rosemarie Curlett from the Amy Lynn Ferris Senior Center, who will present an overview of the numerous activities/opportunities available through the center to "the over 55 crowd."

We'll also have more information and a schedule for those of you who want to be volunteer readers at Garnet Elementary. There is still time to participate in this project, and there will be a sign-up sheet at the luncheon.

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!

SEPTEMBER

Stephanie Lindsey 9/2
Leah Schlenker 9/6
Catherine Swinson 9/9
Rosemary Brown 9/11
Larretta Freeman 9/23
Elizabeth Barbe 9/25

OCTOBER

Douglas Walters 10/7
Terri Mullikin 10/7
Sue Coleman 10/12
Tina Johnson 10/19*
Kathy Clark 10/21
Ruth Wilson 10/26

NOVEMBER

Margaret Larson 11/2
Bonnie Smith 11/3
Herman Gay 11/4
Sarah Jastram 11/15
James Lupis 11/16
Brenda Shorter 11/20



Lloyd Taylor 11/24
Susan Clark 11/25
Helen Tyson 11/25
Anna Hurd 11/26

MEMBERSHIP INFO

WELCOME BACK

MEMBERSHIP to a new year! Hope your summer was an enjoyable one.

We will be inviting the newly retirees to our October 3rd Luncheon as our guests. They are Lisa Orem, Donna Gorman, Patricia Johnson, Cynthia Phillips, Sandra Sheahan, and Robin Cannon. There are several other retirees we will be inviting. They are Lynn Beauchamp, Nancy Adams, Becky Glenn, and Karen Dize.

KCRSPA has 97 members that belong to both state and local associations. We have 5 fantastic emeritus members and 3 local members. This is great but let's try to increase our membership. If you

see a retiree invite them to join us on October 3rd.

Be sure to bring food items and books for the Community Food Pantry.

. LANCASTER TRIP

KCRSPA will be heading to the American Music Theater in Lancaster, PA on November 6th to see the Christmas Show called "JOY to the World." We will have lunch at Hershey Farm Restaurant. We will be leaving Chestertown at 7:15 and Galena at 7:30. The cost is \$89. At this time, we have 5 available seats. If you would like to go on our trip contact Nancy Harrington.

**Maryland Retired School Personnel Association
Community Service Nomination**

Nominee: Nancy Harrington

Local : Kent County Retired School Personnel Association

Phone: 410-348-2281, 443-406-5462

Submitted by: Billie -Lynne Roberts

Nancy Harrington deserves special recognition for her dedicated and active service to our community of Kent County, Maryland. She has participated in many volunteer activities, giving of herself and time to people of all ages, making their lives happier and more comfortable. Since retirement from Kent County Public Schools in 2010, after 37 years of teaching, community service has been an integral part of her life.

Nancy is an important, contributing member to our retired school personnel organization. She has served as president, vice-president, program co-chair and co-chair of membership, dedicating many hours of creative energy. She and her partner researched one-room schoolhouses in Kent and organized a presentation to members. A book of memoirs of Kent County teachers, dating from 1900, was presented to each member. She also helps to organize trips to raise money for our scholarship program. This money helps us present scholarships to students entering the field of education. As membership co-chair Nancy visits and recruits new retirees, encouraging them to join MRSPA. Currently, Nancy is working on a project to create a Little Free Library.

Nancy has given many hours of volunteer service to the public schools. Several days each week she works with individual children and small groups in a Kindergarten class, focusing on basic reading skills. In addition, each week she works with a pre-K and 1st grade class on Character Counts lessons, stressing caring, responsibility, trustworthiness and the pillars of good character. Plus, Nancy meets once a month on the Board of Directors for Character Counts in Kent County where they evaluate and review the progress of the program. In March you will find Nancy reading Dr. Seuss books to different grades at various elementary schools. Her efforts impact the lives of many children where she is gifted in guidance, patience and love of learning.

For many years Nancy has been very involved with the Kent County Food Pantry which feeds about 10% of the county population. She is involved with many aspects of providing food for our "at risk" citizens, such as stocking shelves, filling carts and donating food, books, and winter clothes for families. At times Nancy works at the Community Table, where meals and support are offered for those in need.

An active member of her church, Nancy teaches Sunday School and is the Mission Chairwoman. She organizes, with other churches, and Washington College, a mission project called Rise Against Hunger. This project packaged and sent more than 20,000 meals to food starved areas in the world. To support this effort Nancy organizes Pancake suppers and yard sales with other churches. As co-chair of the Altar Guild, Nancy prepares the altar for each Sunday worship service. All of these efforts make a big difference in peoples lives. Nancy is always willing to give of her time, skills and energy to improve the quality of life for family, friends, and neighbors.

Kent County Retired School Personal Association Executive Committee
September 5, 2019



The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by President Fay Miller.

We all rose and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda, Sue Crooks made the motion and Jean Wright seconded and all in favor.

Minutes from May 2, 2019 Exec. Committee were presented and all approved.

Treasurer Report : Emily Massey wasn't present so Fay presented a report that our books had been Audited by Pat Clarke and all was well. We have fund balance of \$6,751.76 in Checking. Total revenue for the year is \$7,296.00. At this time Fay presented Budget for the year and after a discussion the motion was made and passed and Seconded and all in favor. Then a discussion was had about the cost of our Newsletter and whether we could go electronic. And do we to print the minutes In the newsletter. Scholarship fund is \$5,994.52 which \$3,000 hasn't been paid For this year's gift to Kathryn Wilson, so balance on hand after that will be \$2,994.52. We will still continue to ask member's to donate \$25.00 a year.

President's Report: Fay Miller reported that she and Jean Wright attended the President's meeting. Betty Weller gave a report on Robert's Order of Rules. Nancy , Sue and Kathy Will attend the Leadership Meeting on Sept. 18th, and this has been changed to Changed to once a time instead of for times.

Vice President's Report: Sue Crooks reported she had a busy summer teaching.

Standing Committee Reports:

- Archives:** Lee Hunley, nothing to report at this time.
- Bylaws /Policies:** Margie Baker nothing at this time.
- Community Service:** Billie-Lynn Roberts not in attendance so Fay gave her report Nancy Harrington will be going into the Hall of Fame in Oct. Many signed up to attend.
- Legislative:** Betty Weller not in attendance.
- Program / Hospitality:** Kathy Clark reported that our October Luncheon will be at Fish Whistle at The Granary on Thursday October 3rd. A social Hour will begin at 11:00 am and a business meeting at 11:15am. A very good menu is offered. In the future we may need to Increase the price of our luncheons. Volunteer readers are Scheduled for the year at Garrett elem.
- Membership:** Nancy Harrington reported that we have 97 paid member's and 5 Emeritus members, with 4 local member's. we still have 8 unpaid. We will send invitation's to the retirees of last year to our luncheon As our guest. We had 6 retirees from KC, 3 from other counties. We will sending a note to the new teachers in the county to offer Any help we may be able to give. Sept. 18th Sue, Kathy and Nancy Will be attending a Leadership training meeting, sharing how we recruit.
- Trips & Social Events:** Nancy Harrington reported that trip to The American Music Theatre on November 6th has 6 available. Leaving CT at 7:15 am 7:30 am at Galena. Show is at 10:30 am and Lunch at Hershey farms Rest. And home by 4:30 -5:00 pm.
- Scholarship:** Bill-Lynn Roberts not in attendance.
- Newsletter :** Terri Mullikin not in attendance.

Sunshine : Sue Coleman will be sending out KCRSP member's birthday cards, if your Address is wrong or needs changing please contact her by calling 410-648-5252 or email maggiesuz@gmail.com. She will also sending cards For other occasions as well.

Unfinished Business : Nancy Harrington reported that The Little Library is ready to be put up this Week in Worton Park it will placed by a BB display case. It will be used from March until November when th4 Park is most used. Need people to monitor It to make sure it is filled and in good shape.

New Business: Winnie read a very nice thank you note from Jean Wright, and from Terri Bostic. Nancy reported that there are 15 new teachers this year. Nancy asked if she could have Note cards printed, Sue Coleman made the motion and Lee Hunley seconded and all in Favor. Charlotte Potts told the group about Miriam Spriggs losing her home to a fire. Charlotte thought we should should make a donation, motion was made for \$100.00 Be sent with a card. Sue Coleman seconded and all in favor.

Announcements: Charlotte Potts made the suggestion that she thought we should buy-Shirts with Our logo ,so when we read or attended other function's we attended they would Know who we were. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Adjournment : at 11:45 AM.

Respectfully Submitted by
Edwina Walters Secretary

Minutes of the KRSPA June 6, 2019 General Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 11:25 am at Luisa's Restaurant in Chestertown, Maryland by President Jean Wright. We said the Pledge of Allegiance. 29 members and 2 guests attended.

Membership chairperson, Nancy Harrington read a memorial poem in remembrance of those members who have passed away since our last June meeting in 2018: Barbara Wheeler; Sylvia Crewes; and Nancy Miller.

MRSPA President, Ann Marie Downey, made remarks which emphasized the importance of our present membership and the need to increase our membership. The MRSPA intends to focus on MRSPA visibility. She congratulated KCRSPA because we achieved the largest percentage increase in our membership in the 2018 -2019 year. KCRSPA had a 4.3% increase in membership this past year. Nancy Harrington and Sue Crooks, our membership committee members, were recognized as instrumental in this increase.

Nancy Harrington and Sue Crooks plan to visit the 2019 retirees, to encourage each of them to join KCRSPA and to invite them to be our guests at the October General Meeting.

The membership presented outgoing President Jean Wright, Treasurer Jean Foreman, and Secretary Terri Bostic with beautiful desktop glass photo frames with a photo of Cliffs Schoolhouse, which had been our community service project until recently.

Billie Lynne Roberts, Scholarship Committee Chairperson, announced that both the KCRSPA Scholarship of \$2000 and the Lorraine Costella Scholarship of \$1000 were awarded to Kaitlyn Willis. She is planning to attend Ursinus College in the fall.

Wanda Twigg, MRSPA Executive Director made remarks.

Kathy Clark presented a new phone tree which we will use in case of the need to get information out to members. The new phone tree will appear in the next newsletter.

Kathy Clark also gave a report on Dr. Seuss Day. She also reported that Brenda Rose, principal of HHGES, would like our members to volunteer to read to students on a regular basis.

Outgoing President, Jean Wright, presented gifts to the outgoing officers.

After a delicious lunch, MRSPA President Ann Marie Downey installed the new officers who took the oath of office. The new officers are: Fay Miller, President; Sue Crooks, Vice President; Winnie Walters, Secretary; and; Emily Massey, Treasurer.

KCRSPA nominated Nancy Harrington for the 2019 Maryland Senior Citizen Hall of Fame, which she was awarded. Nancy Harrington will be installed in the Maryland Senior Citizen Hall of Fame on October 24, 2019. Those who plan to attend the luncheon and installation should tell Sue Crooks in September.

Fay Miller spoke about the experience of being the MRSPA President for the last two years. She visited each county in Maryland at least twice and she will continue to be active on the state level. She echoed President Downey's remarks about the importance of the visibility of MRSPA as well as of KCRSPA. Next, Fay Miller and Wanda Twigg demonstrated the use of the MRSPA website and the link to KCRSPA. She mentioned the many things that are on the websites, including out general meeting and executive committee meeting minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Terri Bostic, Secretary




Table 1

			KCRSPA	PHONE	TREE		
		Jean Wright 410-708-8130			Fay Miller 410-275-1208		
Kathy Clark 410-778-2548	Nancy Harr. 410-928-3273	Lee Hunley 410-810-4520	Char. Potts 410-778-4532	Terri Bostic 410-778-1650	Sue Coleman 410-648-5252	B-L Roberts 410-348-2281	Brenda Sh. 410-778-3774
S. Crooks 443-480-1352	J. Foreman 410-778-3098	M. Baker 410-778-2110	N. Newlin 410-708-8844	A. Thomas 410-639-7544	L. Loller 302-883-3109	R. Clarke 410-778-4822	B. Smith. 410-778-2628
N. McCloy 410-348-5753	D. Atkinson 410-241-5148	M. Sieman 410-778-3694	S. Maloney 410-778-3783	A. Hurd 240-351-9717	J. Lupis 410-778-6837	K.G. Jones 410-708-2534	J. Clarke 410-778-5335
C. Saunders 410-348-5259	T. Anderson 410-778-0553	J. Coveney 410-778-1671	G. Pauls 410-778-2043	C. Coleman 410-778-2275	L. Knapp 410-810-0431	S. Bedwell 410-639-9947	M. Miller 410-928-5129
P. Brown 410-778-1102	S. Schaubert 410-699-6312	L. Taylor 410-928-5186	N. Burt 410-778-4146	J. Powell 410-648-5232	S. Lindsey 410-778-5624	L. Freeman 410-778-3247	S. Gordon 410-708-8313
P. Moore 410-348-5821	J. Massey 443-480-3922	B. Engle 410-778-2573	D. Mills 410-778-4480	E. VanCulin 410-928-5182	S. Emory 410-778-9413	L. Wesley 443-406-5056	E. Hahn 410-758-0568
T. Mullikin 410-708-8289	M. Vosburg 443-480-6391	B. Weller 410-810-2570	L. Adams 443-480-8424	T. Johnson 410-708-3441	E. Massey 410-778-6517	R. Wilson 410-708-2027	D. Smith 443-480-6684
P. Reihl 410-778-0171	R. Walters 410-648-5378	T. Groce 410-778-4374	D. Walters 410-708-6451	N. Howard 410-916-6859	J. Howell 410-438-3239	C. Hackett 443-666-3000	L. Porter 443-480-0186
R. Tyson 410-778-1908	R. Brown 410-348-5426	J. Wilson 410-348-5898	D. Ringgold 302-222-3350	S. Deringer 410-708-3473	B. Gillin 410-778-4048	G. Swinson 410-778-0137	B. Rose 410-778-0736