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***Kent County Retired School Personnel Association***  
- Newsletter -

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From Your President:

Greetings to all Kent County Retired School Personnel and welcome to our new retirees. I certainly hope you have had an enjoyable summer and are now ready to join your friends at the Fall Luncheon and all our activities throughout the year.

The KCRSPA thanks Ray Clake for all his hard work during his term as president. He certainly guided us well and kept our ship on course. He is to be commended for a job well done.

Thanks also go to Ruth B. Wilson for hosting our June picnic. Her beautiful yard was so enjoyable. We had a good turnout but yet were disappointed that more did not attend. The food was plentiful and delicious!

The Executive Board has met and welcomed new members to the Board. It is our hope to have more involvement by adding co-chairmen to many committees. (See your list enclosed in this *Newsletter*.)

Our Fall luncheon will be held October 6, 2005, at the Granary. The program "Back To School" holds many surprises. We will meet and welcome our new retirees and offer door prizes, favors and good fellowship. We look forward to hearing from Mrs. Frances Miller, Assistant Superintendent in charge Of Finance. She will provide us with an update

on school happenings, on our insurance plan, and with answers to the many questions that we may have.

We encourage you to come and bring another member. Let's remember: "Each one bring one." Also, friends and family members are always welcome.

Ann W. Sutton  
President

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- Sept. 27 - Leadership Workshop  
Centreville U.M. Church
- Oct. 6 - KCRSPA Luncheon - Granary
- Oct. 25 - Legislative Day - Annapolis
- Oct. 27 - MD. Senior Citizens Hall of Fame
- Nov. 2 - KCRSPA Bus Trip to Lancaster
- Nov. 3 - KCRSPA Exec. Mtg.
- Dec. 1 - KCRSPA Christmas Luncheon
- Dec. 7 - MRTA Board Mtg. (President)
- Dec. 15 - Kent County Superintendent's  
Christmas Breakfast 8:30- -10:30  
(place to be announced)

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(To be appointed)

### **Trips/Social Activities**

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The KCRSPA Exec Committee met at the Board Office on Sept. 1, 2005. There were 15 members present.

President Ann Sutton opened the meeting at 10:04 a.m. welcoming everyone and recognizing new faces. She emphasized working together with input of new ideas. Self-introductions followed.

Secretary Betty Freeman read the June minutes. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer Jean Foreman handed out copies of the Treasurer's report. Current balance in the regular account is \$3632.82. Current Savings/Scholarship Fund is \$1575.61. Report was approved for audit.

### Committee Reports as follows:

#### Archives

Chair Nellie Greenwood received "picnic pictures" which, when added, will bring the scrapbook up to date.

#### Cliffs School

Chair Dick Morlock attended a County Museum meeting in August at the Mainstay. Discussion centered around a Port-a Potty need at Cliffs School. No action was taken due to maintenance expense. The VanSant Memorial Plaque is still pending installation decision.

#### Community Service

Chair Jean Foreman reported on docent activity at Cliffs School on July 19 and 26 for Horizon and Camp Discovery children respectively. There were a number of volunteers from our association. Certificates of recognition have been given to eligible volunteers. Special acknowledgement was given to Dr. Melvin Metzger and his wife Mary for their various volunteer services at Seaford Manor House.

#### Constitution

Chair Dottie Leap was unable to attend. No changes.

#### Education and Protective Services

Chair Lauretta Freeman was unable to attend.

#### Hospitality

Co-Chair Betty McIntyre has planned an exciting "Back to School" theme for the Oct. 6,

2005 luncheon meeting. Canvas bags filled with surprises, apple favors, and fall decorations are in store. Betty Cooper will bring the Door Prize.

#### Legislative

Chair Ray Clarke reported on meetings coming up. Oct. 25 is Legislative Workshop Day in Annapolis. On Jan. 24 there will be a United Senior Rally in Annapolis at St. John's. Details to be announced.

#### Membership

Chair Joe Massey mailed letters to 9 new retirees. Special guest invitations for the October luncheon meeting will be sent to new retirees. President Sutton requested that an update of our Directory should be considered.

#### Newsletter

Chair Elaine Holden set Sept. 12, 2005 as the deadline for news items.

#### Nominating

Chair Miriam Cronshaw reported no activity.

#### Pre-Retirement

Chair Florence Dorsey had no report except to say the 5 yr. notices to potential retirees are recommended.

#### Program

Co-chairs Betty Simperts and Jean Wright have engaged the Granary for our Oct. 6 "Back to School" luncheon meeting beginning at noon. The cost is \$12.50, which includes taxes and gratuities and a choice of 4 entrees. Dessert will be Crème Brulee. Faye Miller will be the keynote speaker. Reservations forms are in this Newsletter.

#### Scholarship

Chair Elaine Holden reported that our annual scholarship was presented to Kara Frison, who is now enrolled at Hood College, majoring in Spanish with the goal to teach that subject. Elaine read a thank-you note written by her mother.

#### Sunshine

Chair Frances Barrett reported 39 birthday cards sent - 8 in May, 9 in June, 13 in July, and 9 in Aug. Flowers were sent to Lauretta Freeman, Aileen Moore, and Helen Shallcross. Sympathy cards were sent to the family of Libby Smith and to Catherine Swinson. Frances read a

thank-you note from Laretta Freeman for her flowers.

Jean Foreman led a discussion on a donation to Libby Smith's Wildflower Project in appreciation for her service to our association. Joe Massey made a motion to donate \$25.00 to Libby Smith's Wildflower Project. Motion carried. Jean will take care of this.

#### Trips- Social Activities

Ruth Wilson has 43 reservations for the trip to the American Music Theater on Nov. 2, 2005. The cost is \$60.00, including lunch. There are 4 more seats available. The bus will leave the Super Fresh parking lot at 7:30 a.m. Bus will also pick up at St. Dennis' in Galena.

#### President's Report

President Sutton asked Betty Simperts to read the thank-you note from past-president Ray Clarke for the Speakman's gift certificate which was put to good use.

President Sutton reviewed the highlights of the Board of Directors meeting held on Aug. 3, 2005. (1) Convention Anniversary Programs will feature 60 years of memories. There are 8 members from Kent who will be attending. (2) Frances Barrett was commended for the outstanding job she did on the Kent County display board to be on exhibit at the Convention. (3) The Endowment Committee will award 3 scholarships enabling prospective teachers to become certified. Counties are urged to continue supporting this MRTA project. (4) The Legislative Committee approved the state association's hiring of an aide who will meet twice a month to screen all bills and to pass on to the appropriate committee those impacting MRTA members. (5) A mass-mailing is underway to reach all non-members. Monetary incentives are in place for membership increases and dues deductions in lieu of cash.

#### Old Business

The original Kent County association charter, dated 1965, has been restored and framed, ready to hang in Central Office.

#### New Business

Ruth Wilson led a discussion regarding having a 50/50 fundraiser again. Upon favorable response, Ruth made a motion to reinstate a 50/50 raffle at each of our luncheon meetings. Ray Clarke seconded. Motion carried.

Frances has restored two old scrapbooks, one dating back to 1968, which Ann Sutton found

buried in Central Office storage. A third book has been discovered. Ray Clarke made a motion to give Frances Barrett \$25.00 to continue scrapbook restoration. Motion was seconded and carried.

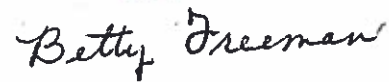
Frances Barrett will work on artistic ideas for a new logo for KCRSPA.

Jean Foreman issued a \$100.00 check to President Sutton for convention expenses, as prescribed in our By-Laws.

We will meet at the Board Office again on November 3, 2005.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Betty Freeman  
Secretary

## KCRSPA COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

The following retirees received **Certificates of Recognition** from the Maryland Retired Teachers Association for volunteering: Jean Wright, Joe Massey, Elaine Holden, Ruth Wilson, Ray Clarke, Ann Sutton, Peggy Smith, Betty Freeman, Jean Foreman, Florence Dorsey, Shirley Baldwin, Lauretta Freeman, Katherine Hill, Jim and Carole Lupis, Emily Massey, Mel and Mary Metzger, Thelma O'Grady, Bonnie Rose and Leah Schlenker. The **Association** received a special **Certificate of Recognition** for their community service project, the Cliffs School and for helping the Lions Club fill Christmas Baskets. We volunteered **7304** hours including **2562** With Our Youth. There are only **8,760** hours in the year. We volunteers have really been busy volunteering in our churches, schools, colleges, hospitals, nursing homes, and various organizations. Give yourself a **BIG HAND!!!**

The summer has been **HOT** but the heat didn't keep the following, Richard Morelock, Betty Simperts, Jean Wright, Frances Clendaniels, Jean Foreman, Joe Massey, Emily Massey, and Betty Freeman, from serving as Docents at the Cliffs School. About 80 children from Horizon and Camp Discovery visited the Cliffs School and learned about the One Room School. They played games, listened to a story while making butter, drew a picture, sang songs and enjoyed cookies and lemonade.

Many of you have been volunteering in various ways. I have received a few hours already. Please continue to keep track of your hours!!

In this newsletter we are recognizing Dr. Melvin Metzger and Mary Metzger for their many volunteer hours at the Seaford Manor House in Seaford, Delaware. Dr Metzger retired in 1985 and Mary in 1993. Dr. Metzger served in the US Navy. He was a Teacher, chair of Math and Science Department for Baltimore County Public schools, Principal in Caroline County and Kent County Middle School, Supervisor of Adult Education for Cecil County and Superintendent of Kent County Public Schools. He served as President of the KCRTA and the MRTA. Mary taught second grade and art in the elementary schools of Kent County. Dr. Metzger helps the residents in Seaford Manor House with their taxes and other financial matters. He also works in the mail room. Mary helps in the gift shop and library. She is treasurer of the auxiliary and drives residents to appointments. We appreciate your many hours spent in helping others and **Thank You** for turning your hours into KCRSPA.

**Please Continue to volunteer and keep track of your volunteer hours.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

What Did You Do?	How Many Hours?	How Many Hours With Our youth?
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April, 2005  
May  
June

July  
August  
September

October  
November  
December

Fill out and give or mail to Jean Foreman, 8531 Broadneck Road, Chestertown, Md. 21620 or call 410 778 3098 or email jean@dmv.com. All Volunteer Time and Services must be in by March 1, 2006 in order to be recognized.

Jean A. Foreman, Community Service Chairman

## KCRSPA MEMBERS SHOW THEIR COMMUNITY SERVICE SPIRIT!!

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Recipients of Community  
Service Awards—First row—  
Jean Wright, Ann Sutton,  
Peggy Smith, Betty Freeman,  
Jean Foreman, Florence Dorsey  
Second row: Joe Massey, Elaine  
Holden, Ruth Wilson, Ray Clarke

Betty Freeman and Jean Wright  
assist in welcoming a group of  
children from Horizons at Cliffs School.



# MRTA CONVENTION

Kent County was well-represented at the MRTA Convention in Ocean City September 6, 7, and 8, with six members and two guests attending. They were Ann Sutton, Betty Simperts, Jean Foreman, Jean Lusby Wright, Ray and Pat Clarke, and Ruth and Bill Wilson.

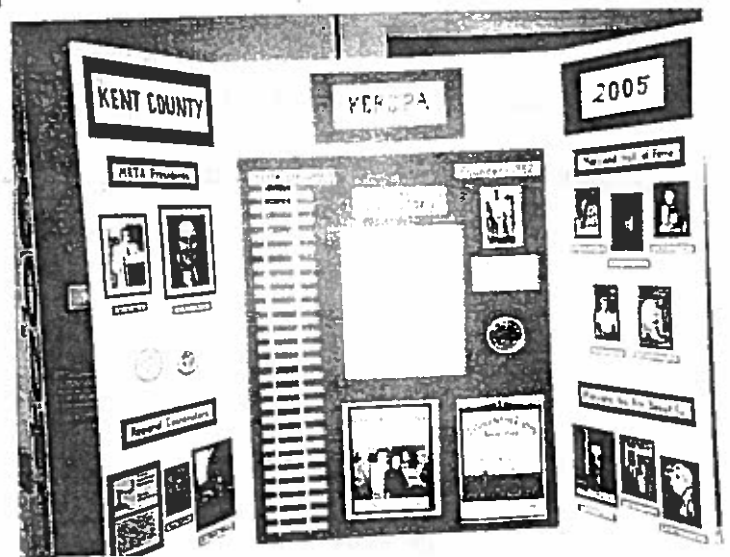
Everyone enjoyed the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. You should have seen these folks at the "Sock Hop"!

KCRSPA's display board was well-received and much-complimented! A special thank you to Frances Barrett for all her hard work!



Our representatives at MRTA Convention, "Celebrating 60 Years of Challenge" - Jean Foreman, Betty Simperts, Jean Wright, Ruth Wilson, Ann Sutton

Our history of KCRSPA on display at Convention, lovingly assembled by Frances Barrett



Ray and Pat Clarke, going "To the Hop"

## ***KCRSPA Scholarship Update***

Once again, our members exhibited great support to the growth of our Scholarship Fund! Contributions and memorial gifts enabled us to offer our annual \$1200.00 scholarship at the Kent County High School Awards Ceremony in June. Dr. Ray Clarke awarded our scholarship to Kara Leonna Frison, a highly-recommended member of KCHS' Class of 2005. Kara will be using this award to help finance her education at Hood College in her quest to become a Spanish teacher. She and her family sent their thanks to us, regretting that she would not be able to attend our June picnic meeting due to a scheduled practice session for the graduation ceremonies.

We are proud to be able to offer such a substantial award to KCHS graduates who aspire to enter the teaching profession. Many thanks for your generous support!

### ***KCRSPA Scholarship Fund***

I am enclosing my \$25.00 donation.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Make Check Payable to:  
**KCRSPA Scholarship Fund**

Mail to:

Mrs. Jean Foreman  
8531 Broadneck Rd.  
Chestertown, MD 21620



## ***2005 Retirees***

Mrs. Debra Cruz  
Mr. Herman Gay  
Mr. Jed Howell  
Mrs. Catherine McCall  
Mrs. Alta Moore  
Mrs. Joanne Mulford  
Mrs. Ellen VanCulin  
Ms. Marlene Vosberg  
Mrs. Cheryl Saunders

We congratulate the retirees and welcome them to Kent County Retired School Personnel Association. Each one has been invited to our fall luncheon. Whom do you know? If there is someone, give him or her a welcoming call, encouraging them to attend our luncheon. Also, contact your friends from back years and encourage them to be a part of our Association. Often a personal invitation is all the encouragement needed!

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## **Spread Sunshine**

If you know of a member who is in need of a kind thought, a get-well wish, or even a happy birthday wish, please call Frances Barrett, Sunshine Chairman, at 410-778-4528.

Did you know that Miss Helen Shallcross is now a resident of the Chestertown Rehab Center? She enjoys receiving cards and visits. Maybe we can help fill her mailbox.



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## **In Memorium**

**Margaret S. Payne**

**Mr. Champ Swinson**

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