

The Bell Ringer

Kent County Retired School Personnel Association

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome back after the hot summer. I hope you had an enjoyable one. Our fall season of events is getting underway, with our first executive meeting on September 6. There is a leadership workshop September 18 in Cambridge which four members are planning to attend.

Our October luncheon will be in Chestertown at the Country Club. Details are included in this newsletter. We hope you will make plans to join us there. On November 13, 2012, a group will be attending the Legislative meeting in Annapolis.

Our Association awarded one \$1200 scholarship to Joanna Lopez, a 2012 Kent County High School graduate. Our scholarship fund makes this possible each year. Please remember to donate. We need everyone's help.

Please attend our luncheons and become involved in the Association's activities which help all of us and others. See you on October 6, 2012 at the Country Club.

President

Jean Wright



Upcoming Events

September 18- Leadership Workshop

October 6- Luncheon at CRYCC

November 7- Trip to American Music Theater

November 13- Legislative meeting

2012 Christmas Show - A Holiday Tradition

Wednesday, November 7, 2012 - 7:15 a.m.

American Music Theatre - Lancaster, PA

It's the most wonderful time of the year. Time to be dazzled and delighted with Christmas musical merriment. A yearly tradition returns to its classic form. The Christmas Show returns with an all new presentation of songs and traditions well known and loved. You will enjoy the spectacular scenery, vocals and dance moves of professional artists including the cast favorites Wess Cooke, Michelle Rajotte, and Todd Mitchell.

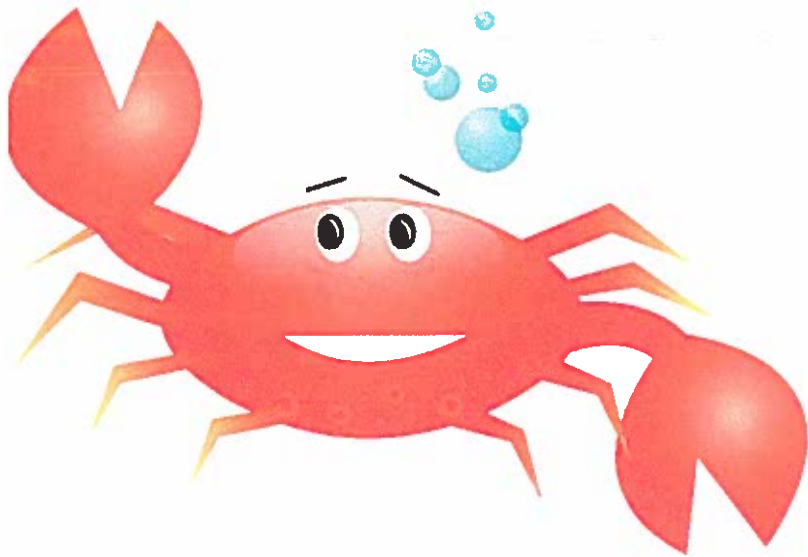
Please come! Enjoy a day with friends filled with the Christmas spirit.

This bus trip will benefit the Scholarship Fund- our only fund raiser. We look forward to many of our association members supporting this bus trip. Call Ann Sutton or Jean Foreman to reserve your seat.

And- about lunch... Following the show we will stop at Bird in Hand Family Restaurant located in the heart of the Amish Farmlands. (5 minutes from the theatre).

Seats are available at \$65.00 per person all inclusive. Please join us and maybe invite a friend!

Ticket money due to Jean Foreman by October 1, 2012. Call soon for tickets. Very few seats available.



KCTA Crab Feast

Friday, September 28, 2012

Turner's Creek Park

4:00 until

Bring a Covered Dish and crab knife

Community Service Committee Report

Thanks to all of you who donate your time and effort to help others in the community. You work with seniors, with children, in the schools, and out in the community. Your efforts are valuable and very much appreciated. Last year our group donated more than 2000 hours to the community! Volunteerism is often referred to as "the new patriotism."

Please continue to keep a record of your volunteer hours on the form provided. Also remember to bring your donations of nonperishable food and egg cartons to our luncheons.

Thank you.

Kent County Retired School Personnel Association 6/07/12

The KCRSPA met at Two Trees in Millington on June, 7, 2012 for their June Luncheon. There were 29 members and guests present. President, Jean Wright, called the meeting to order at 11:25 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. She introduced special guests: Bonnie Brose, State President; Judy Zahren, Executive Director; and Theresa Lochte, Insurance Representative, our program speaker.

Bonnie Brose expressed her thanks for the luncheon invitation. Her term as president expires the end of this month so her presence was a special treat for us too. President-elect, Stuart Tucker will replace her. Bonnie elaborated on her goal, "moving forward" by making use of technological advances in communication. Her leadership enabled us to get on the internet and online with a website connection for all locals. She stated that Facebook opportunities are available now. In closing, she wished us well.

Judy Zahren reviewed the Newsletter coming out in July. She just returned from a wonderful trip to Italy and made note of fascinating trips the Travel Committee is offering in 2013 - 2014 e.g. the Hawaiian Islands. MRSPA supported 2 scholarships this year for deserving recipients. We have 113 new mailing members which reflects our growth in membership. Convention plans are in the hands of an Ad Hoc Evaluation Committee for final adoption measures. We are fortunate to have Fay Miller come aboard as Treasurer of MRSPA. Judy also extended her thanks for the luncheon invitation.

Margie Baker offered the Blessing at 11:35 a.m. At the close of lunch, Insurance Rep., Theresa Lochte, led a discussion on the Pension System involving 60,000 retirees. New changes will take effect July 1, 2012. Employees will be required to work 10 years before getting vested in the pension system. Employees will contribute 7%, county will put in 4%, and the State will kick in 13% to the pension fund. Current retirees are not affected by these changes. Your money is there. Employees not retired yet will be affected by these stipulations. She noted that Maryland is the only state that contributes to teacher pensions. COLA benefits over 3% goes into effect July 1st. Theresa had Resource Publications available for additional information. She also extended her appreciation for lunch and the invitation to share her presentation on insurance.

Jean Foreman announced that the Cliff School will be open for visitors on the 3rd Saturday in May through October from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Port of Chester Questers and retired teachers are scheduled to serve as docents. Jean reported that a generous donation was given in memory of the late Charles Start who was a student there.

Ruth Wilson distributed brochures on "Senior Discounts in Kent County" prepared by the Commission on Aging in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce. Businesses listed indicate the age requirement and the discount provided.

Billie Lynne Roberts reassured us that Michelle Lopez received the \$1200 Scholarship Award in May at the Award Ceremony. She plans to become a Special Ed Teacher. Billie Lynne reminded us to keep track of our volunteer hours. The following members received certificates for their services: Margie Baker, Fay Miller, Sue Coleman, Nancy Harrington, Jean Wright, Jean Foreman, and Betty Freeman. Absent but not forgotten were Ray Clarke and Ann Sutton. Ann Sutton received special recognition by MRSPA for her outstanding community service. In addition, she received an award from our association for her extraordinary work in youth projects.

Fay Miller was in charge of 50/50 raffle sales which yielded \$64.00 Charlotte Potts won \$32.00 and the Scholarship Fund earned an equal amount. Fay informed us that we owe our thanks to the Board of Ed, Our Health Insurance is in the BOE budget. Pension benefits are paid by contract, but Health Benefits are not mandated. Fay presented special flowering plants to our state guests, Judy Zahren, Bonnie Brose, and Theresa Lochte, and each member present received a miniature pot of colorful Impatiens.

President, Jean Wright, led a touching Memorial Service in memory of Madison Brown and Carol Hessy.

Owner of Two Trees and Mayor of Millington, Dennis Hagar, made an appearance and was thanked for accommodating us. The food was very good, especially the dessert.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Freeman

Secretary

KCRSPA Treasure's Report

Balance as of May 3, 2012 \$ 4417.92

Income::

05/04/12 Cliff School Memorial Charles Startt (Susan Collins) (Ear Marked Cliff School)	100.00
05/04/12 12 Membership Dues(15.00 ea)	180.00
06/08/12 Scholarship Fund	1200.00
06/11/12 27 Reservations for Spring Luncheon	432.00
06/11/12 14 Membership Dues (15.00)	210.00
07/14/12 Postage Reimbursement Allowance	42.00
07/14/12 51 Members Dues Deduction	765.00
07/14/12 5 Membership Dues (15.00)	75.00

Total Income: \$ 3004.00

Expenses:

05/03/12 Postage (Betty Freeman)	5.12
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05/07/12 KCRSPA Scholarship Fund (Memorial Carol Hessey)	25.00
05/28/12 David Roberts (sign Post)	18.00
06/07/12 Two Trees Restaurant (27 lunches & 2 guests)	464.00
06/06/12 KCRSPA Scholarship Fund (Mr. Niskey Memorial)	15.00
06/07/12 Chesapeake College Scholarship Joanna Michelle Lopez	1200.00
06/11/12 KCRSPA Scholarship Fund (Memorial Florence Dorsey)	25.00
07/14/12 Frances Miller (Hospitality /Scrapbook)	57.40
08/27/12 Dawson Bus Service, INC (Trip to 2012 Christmas Show)	729.00*
08/27/12 American Music Theater (47 guests 2012 Christmas Show)	1367.00*

Total Expenses: \$ 3910.64

Balance	\$	4417.92
Income		3004.00
		7421.92
Expenses -		3910.64
	\$	3511.28

Balance as of Sept.6, 2012

* 2012 Christmas Show Expenses

Name: _____

KCRSPA Community Service Hours
Record Sheet

date 2012-2013	Activities	Hrs. with youth	Total hrs.
June			
July			
August			
Sept.			
Oct.			
Nov.			
Dec.			

Billie-Lynne Roberts
26661 Old Still Pond Rd.
Still Pond, MD 21667

Thank You!

KCRSPA Luncheon

October 4, 2012

11:00 am meeting

11:30 Luncheon

The luncheon will be held at

The Country Club

Quaker Neck Road

Roasted Salmon with Lemon Butter Sauce

OR

Roaster Chicken with Lemon Caper Sauce

Both meals will come with:

Green salad

Rice Pilaf

Steamed broccoli

Rolls and Butter

Chocolate Mousse with a Sugar Cookie

Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea \$ \$17.00 tax and gratuity included

Name _____

Salmon Or Chicken

Please circle one

Make check payable to KCRSPA for \$17.00 and send to :

Donna Mills

4 Reed Court

Chestertown, MD 21620

Check must be received by Sept 27, 2012.

BUS TRIP TO LANCASTER, PA

American Music Theatre

Christmas Show

Wed., Nov. 7, 2012 - 7:15 a.m. Washington Square

Show 10:30 a.m. - Lunch 1:00 p.m.

Return home approx. 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Cost \$65.00 per person.

Scholarship Committee Report

In the past, KCRSPA has asked members to contribute tax deductible gift of \$25 each year to help support our scholarship fund. Last year we received some generous donations.

Many thanks to those of you who made a contribution to our scholarship fund. Your gifts make it possible for our group to support students entering the field of education. **Please think about supporting our fund for this school year and use the form below.**

Our scholarship for this year was awarded to Joanna Lopez. A check for \$ 1,200 was sent to Chesapeake College. Good Luck to Joanna as she begins her studies.

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 2162

Terri Mullikin
5885 Cottage Avenue
Rock Hall, MD 21661
