

The Bell Ringer

Kent County Retired School Personnel Association

From Your President:

Dear Members,

The last time you heard from me we were getting ready for the Holiday Season; now we are looking forward to Spring!

We had a very good turnout at our December luncheon and I thank you for your support - we had a very good time! Margie Baker and Cheryl Saunders always have fun things for us. They have been helping us to celebrate members' retirement by the number of years they have been retired. At this luncheon, we will honor those who have been retired for 8-17 years. You had better be there!

There are several activities in the planning stage, such as a crab feast, a cruise on a paddle-wheeler out of Suicide Bridge Restaurant, and a trip to the Christmas Show in Lancaster, PA. Plan to be with us...togetherness keeps us strong. We'll keep you posted!

At the Executive Meeting, we voted to increase our dues by \$5.00 for the year 2008-2009. The costs of operating continue to rise.

On March 6th we will have our luncheon at the Granary. Please plan to attend! Carl Burke, Executive Director of Upper Shore Aging, will be bringing us up to date on issues very important to us.

Make your plans now, and if you need a ride, please call and I'll see what I can do to get you there. My number is 410-778-3453.

Until I see you at the March Luncheon, stay well and happy!

Your President,
Betty Simperts

Notes from Area III North Director's Report

● The E and PS Committee announced that plans are in place for the Spring Workshops. Area III North will be held at the Denton Library on April 7, 2008. Focus will be on exercise and healthy food, with a hands-on approach. Culinary skills will be included, providing demonstrations on healthy foods for everyday use.

● It was recommended that the Association have a Convention, to be held in the Fall of 2009. Committees are being appointed and volunteers are needed. Can Kent County get involved? I suggest we offer our services and let our interest be made known soon.

-Ann Sutton
Area Director

Happy Birthday

Wishes go out to
the following members:

February

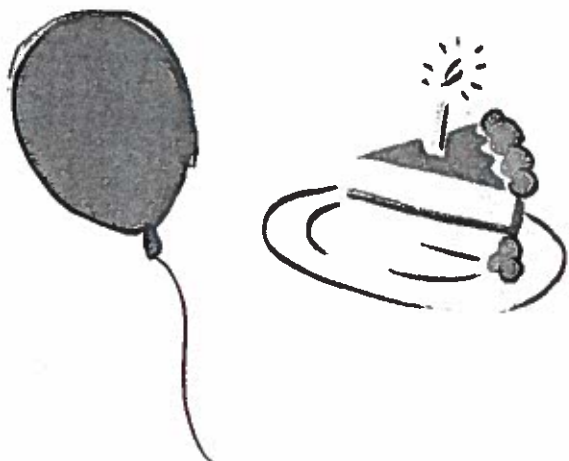
- 5- Miss Thelma O'Grady
- 8- Madison Brown
- 12- Florence Dorsey
- 12- Ellen van Culin
- 17- Herb Mills
- 28- Betty Cooper
- 28- Cheryl Saunders

March

- 6- Janice Graham
- 7- Lynne Stokes
- 14- Patsy Reihl
- 21- Clarence Hawkins
- 21- Geraldine Pauls
- 22- Betty Blankenship
- 26- Sylvia Maloney
- 26- Lois C. Wood

April

- 1- Helen E. Shallcross
- 2- Ben Hirsh
- 3- Alta Moore
- 11- Jean Lusby Wright
- 25- Lorraine Costella
- 25- Art Engle



KCRSPA Scholarship Fund

I am enclosing my donation to our Fund.

Name _____

Street _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Make Check Payable to:
KCRSPA Scholarship Fund

Mail to:
Mrs. Jean Foreman
8531 Broadneck Rd.
- Chestertown, MD 21620



Many thanks for your contributions to
our KCRSPA Scholarship Fund, which
continues to grow because of your generosity.

(The above form is being included in this Newsletter
just in case you had intended to contribute
this year but hadn't gotten around to it.)

Kent County Retired School Personnel Association Ex. Minutes 2-07-08

The KCRSPA Executive Committee met at the Board Office on Feb. 7, 2008 with 15 members present. President Betty Simperts opened the meeting at 10:06 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a hearty welcome. Secretary Betty Freeman read the minutes of the Dec. Meeting. Minutes were approved as read. Treasurer Jean Foreman handed out copies of the Treasurer's Report for review which showed a current balance in the regular account of \$985.65 and a balance of \$3335.66 in the savings/scholarship account. Treasurer's Report was approved for audit.

Committee Reports are as follows:

Cliff School

Standing in for Dick Morlock, Jean Foreman gave the report. After certain qualifications were met, the Port of Chester Questers asked for permission to obtain a grant for funding restoration of the "outhouse". On that basis, Ray Clarke made a motion that a letter be written to give the Questers permission to alter the building as needed, but ,not to hold us responsible for the cost. Ann Sutton seconded. Motion carried. Secretary Betty Freeman was instructed to send a letter at Carol Keyser, P&R Chair, granting permission as stated in the motion with a copy to be sent to Dorothy Martin.

Community Service

Chair Jean Foreman thanked retirees who served as docents at the Cliff School during the Holiday Tour. Twenty retired personnel volunteers helped with the Lion's Club Christmas Basket Project. A total of 548 hrs. have been reported so far. She needs your hours by Mar.1 for credit. Special recognition in this edition was given to Jean Foreman herself. She was applauded for the remarkable job she does as Treasurer and Community Service Chair as well as her involvement in Church ,Questers, community activities, and her beloved family.

Constitution

Dottie Leap, Chair, announced a change in membership dues from 10 dollars to fifteen dollars. The Constitution and By-laws have been amended to reflect this change. We each got a copy to replace the old one

Program

Co-chairs Peachie Moore and Jean Wright have scheduled our Spring Luncheon for Mar. 6 at the Granary. Ruth Wilson made a motion to charge \$16.00 for the lunch. Miriam Cronshaw seconded. Motion carried. Menu choices and reservation form are in this Newsletter. Ray Clarke will contact Carl Burke, Executive Director of Upper Shore Aging for a program speaker. For fund raiser purposes, Joe Massey recommended Mike Stecher, an investment specialist, as an alternate program speaker. He will give a donation to the association for the privilege of speaking on topics of interest.

Hospitality

Co-chair Margie Baker thanked the donors, Ray Clarke and Peachie Moore, for the Dec. Door Prizes. Elaine Holden will provide the Door Prize in March. Retirees in the 8 - 17 yr. bracket will be honored this time. The 50/50 Raffle will continue.

Legislative

Chair Ray Clarke attended a meeting in Annapolis on Jan. 22, 2008. Speaker Bush covered various topics including the lack of health care funding even though Maryland is the wealthiest state in the nation and has a triple (AAA) bond rating. Medicare, energy, and foreclosures were issues of concern. Hopkins is the state's largest employer. Senior Waiver funding for home health care vs. the cost of nursing home care deserves attention. The option preferable for aged seniors is home care - studies show that they live longer.. Ray urges you to voice your opinion by contacting legislators on the list in writing. Letters carry more weight than phone calls!

A "Senior Volunteer List" is an option that will be presented at the library on Feb. 19th.

Membership

Chair Joe Massey reported an enrollment of 83 members. Recruiting new members and reinstating former members is an ongoing effort.

Newsletter

Chair Elaine Holden set Feb. 19th as a deadline for news items.

Nominating

Chair Miriam Cronshaw had no report at this time.

Pre-Retirement

Chair Lynne Stokes reported no meeting scheduled yet.

Scholarship

Chair Elaine Holden stated that applications are available.

Sunshine

June Foster is in the Chestertown Rehab recovering from injuries sustained in a fall. Lynne Stokes will send flowers from the association. Betty Freeman read a "Thank You" note from Shirley Baldwin for flowers sent to her while she was in the nursing home.

Trips/Social Activities

Ruth Wilson reported that the Suicide Bridge trip is being planned for sometime in September. At this point, the Christmas Show at the Music Theater is booked. Joe Massey suggested a Sultana cruise serving as a fundraiser. possibly in April, for a \$10.00 donation. If interested, send money in advance to Jean Foreman payable to KCRSPA. Elaine Holden will make the necessary contact for details.

Old Business

Ann Sutton, Area III Norrth Director, gave a report on the Board Meeting held on Dec. 5, 2007. Ann's report is highlighted in this Newsletter.

President Simperts reported that a large group of retirees enjoyed the annual Black History Program at Garnett Elementary School honoring Elmer T. Hawkins, a former educator

New Business.

President Simperts put out a request for three delegates able to attend the Annual Business Meeting in Glen Burnie on May 13th. Delegates are to be sent in by Mar. 14th. Contact Betty Simperts if interested. Posters are ready for use at the schools. Senior Hall of Fame and Community Service contributions will be presented at the Annual Awards Luncheon on Oct. 23, 2008. MRSPA Basket Bingo raffle tickets are on sale to raise money for their scholarship fund. The ticket price is \$2.00 . The winner would receive a luxurious clothes hamper filled with "goodies". The Basket Bingo charge is \$15.00 to be held in Sykesville. If interested, contact Betty Simperts.

Meeting adjourned 11:50.

Respectfully submitted.

Betty Freeman
Secretary

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