

FCRSPA  
Christmas Breakfast  
December 10, 2019

**Welcome:** Thomas Slater

**Pledge/Prayer:** Bill Price

**Music:** Susan Delaney on the guitar

**Speaker:** Brit Kirwan, chairman of the “Kirwan Commission” that has made recommendations for improving Maryland’s public schools. Officially, this program is called the “Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education”. Brit Kirwan is a former chancellor of the University System of Maryland and former president of the University of Maryland.

Mr. Kirwan shared the following highlights of the recommendations:

- Expanding pre-K programs.
- Increasing the standards to become a teacher and raising teacher salaries.
- Revamping high schools to offer student training for well-paying jobs after graduation
- Establishing more community schools with additional service for students and their families.
- Benchmark curriculum.
- Creating an accountability program to make sure money for education goes where it’s supposed to.

**Membership:** Debbie Thackston, Marsha Wise shared and recognized new members to FCRSPA.

**Photography:** Jacob and Victoria from the media program at FCPS Career Tech.

**Final Comments:** Thomas Slater recognized Sargent Brian Langton representing the Marine Corp and Toys for Tots.

Mr. Slater also described the theme for next year to include speakers that are former FCPS students. Linda Singh, a retired major general of Md. Army National Guard will be our speaker for our next meeting.

Happy Holidays!  
Sharon Rectanus  
Acting Secretary

