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**President's Message *by Linda King***

Now is the time for the concluding days of May to fade into the beauty of June with the hope of seeing the sun shine brightly, and more frequently.

May was a busy month beginning with the MRSPA Annual Business Meeting in Bowie, MD. At this meeting a memorial was held for those members who passed away in the past year. The election of officers was finalized and awards were given for Community Service Projects and for Membership increases in our locals. Lunch was served.

A week later we joined with friends for our May Luncheon at Dutch's Daughter Restaurant. We honored seven of our Emeritus Members, ages 90 to 96, with the reading of a short bio of each of them and a token gift. This part of the agenda was really heart-warming.

Our program speakers were volunteer members of the Catocin Forest Alliance. Jim Robbins and Shelley Smith graciously shared a power point presentation of responsibilities and activities of CAF. There are many activities available for you to attend and opportunities for you to volunteer with this organization.

President – Elect, Tom Slater was installed for the term of July 2018 to June 30, 2019 by Nancy Gordon, current MRSPA Secretary.

You can read more details of these events in the committee reports.

We will conclude this FCRSPA year with our annual picnic at the Jefferson Community Center on July 10<sup>th</sup>. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with friends and enjoy the great food provided for us. To make this get together even more fun we will have special after dinner entertainment. The band of Sarno & Hess will entertain us with their wide variety of music including soft country, classic rock, traditional & contemporary Irish, and folk music. Join us for fun, fun, fun!



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## **FCRSPA Annual Picnic**

July 10, 2018

6 p.m.

(Doors open at 5:30)

at

The Jefferson Ruritan Community Center

Cost: \$13.00 per person

### Menu

Fried Chicken

Cole Slaw

Potato Salad

Baked Beans

Potato Chips

Deviled Eggs

Applesauce

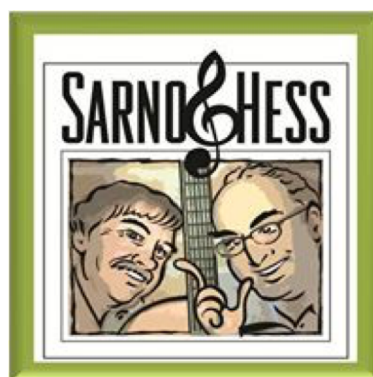
Pickles

Rolls

Iced Tea

Dessert

Entertainment by



## **Insurance/Health**

***By Joe Polce***

### **CareFirst**

All retirees should have received a letter providing information about CareFirst as our new administrator. This takes effect July 1, 2018. Their web site should be up and running that will provide more information about their network. Anytime you ask a doctor if he/she is in the network, make sure you state the correct CareFirst plan. We are in the BlueChoice Advantage plan with FCPS. There will be some minor headaches as we maneuver through the new administration. Just remember, only the administrator of our plan has changed not the plan itself. Benefits were either enhanced or remain the same. The letter you received has the contact information if and when needed.

### **Vision Plan Enhancement**

Beginning January 1 2019, the vision plan allowances will increase from \$1000 to \$1500 and \$2000 to \$2500, depending on which plan chosen. Keep this in mind during the open enrollment period when changes can be made.

### **Hearing Aids**

For the first time, hearing aids will be covered under the medical plan with a limit of \$3500 per a two-year period. Prior authorization is required from CareFirst. CareFirst is to provide a list of reputable providers from which to choose. There are many businesses advertising hearing aids so care must be taken that a wise choice is made.

### **CareFirst Blue Rewards Program**

All retirees will be eligible to participate in the Blue Rewards program. This is an incentive program that offers members with a financial reward for taking an active role in getting healthy and staying healthy. The reward for participating and completing the program is a \$100.00 health savings card that can be used for most health related costs. To participate, a member must complete an online health assessment and a biometric health screening annually. Of course visiting your PCP on a regular basis is also required. More information will be available on the CareFirst web site.

## **More Insurance Information**

***By Shirley McDonald***

As of July 1, Carefirst will begin to process the claims for FCPS not UHS. There is a 94% network overlap between United and Carefirst. If your doctor says s/he currently doesn't participate with CareFirst then you can let the FCPS Benefits Office know the doctor's name and they will reach out to them. New insurance cards should arrive at your house around June 15. They should be mailed in a nondescript envelope for privacy purposes. CareFirst will have three dedicated ways for FCPS employees (retirees) to contact them: phone 866-386-2043; web – [www.carefirst.com/frederick](http://www.carefirst.com/frederick); and in person – 510 Buckeystown Pike Suite 215.

## **From the Treasurer, Shirley McDonald**

The president and I have met and after reviewing previous budgets and expenses we are proposing the budget for the calendar year 2018- 2019 (July 1, 2018 through June 30,2019).

<b>Proposed Budget 2018-2019</b>			
<b>Income</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Actual</b>	
Member Dues	6000		
July Luncheon	1400		
October Luncheon	1900		
December Luncheon	3300		
March Luncheon	3000		
May Luncheon	2700		
Donations	0		
MRSPA			
Directory			
	18300		
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>% Used</b>
Membership	800		
July Luncheon	1600		
October Luncheon	2100		
December Luncheon	3500		
March Luncheon	3200		
May Luncheon	2900		
MRSPA scholarship prize	100		
Handbook			
Postage	500		
Community Outreach	1000		
Newsletter	2000		
Sunshine	75		
Bank Charges	50		
Website	16		
certificates			
Garden ESSL	400		
President	59		
	18300		



**Pictures from the May Luncheon at Dutch's Daughter**



Nancy Gordon installs Tom Slater as President-Elect



Catoctin Forest Alliance Speakers: Shelley Miller and Jim Robbins



Door Prize Winners: (L to R): Dottie Lowman, Leo Mims, Lois Kuhn, Dorothy Fogle, George Peet, Rose Graf, Jenny Powell, Carol King, Jackie Dewitt, Marsha Wise

### **Honor Roll of Restaurants** ***By Judy Thompson***

Thirteen (13) Frederick County restaurants donated gift certificates to be used for prizes at our May meeting. We hope you will patronize these restaurants as you enjoy dining out. The restaurant owners and managers are supporters of FCRSPA and education.

The number in parentheses after the name of the restaurant indicates how many years the restaurant has donated to FCRSPA.

In sum, FCRSPA received 14 gift certificates with a total value of \$400, all such nice pats on the back from our community. We hope you will return the favor and dine at their establishments. Be sure to thank them for their support of our organization.

Congratulations to the winners!

#### **Please thank these restaurants for their support of FCRSPA**

**Bollinger's** (2) Thurmont 301-271-3500

**Il Porto** Frederick (1) 301-820-7480

**Madrone's** (1) Frederick 240-439-4010

**The Braddock Inn** (2) Braddock Hts. 301-371-4830

**The Main Cup** (3) Middletown 301-371-4433

**May's Restaurant** (2) Frederick 301-662-4233

**Gladchuk's** (1) Frederick 301-662-7750

**Le Parc Bistro** (1) Frederick 240-651-319

**Mexicali Cantina** (1) Frederick 301-663-3800

**Dutch's Daughter** (2) Frederick 301-668-9500

**Mariachi** (2) Frederick 301-418-6367

**Olive Garden** (2) Frederick 301-663-1801

**Potomac Street Grill** Brunswick (2) 301-969-0548



**More from the FCRSPA Spring Luncheon**



## **Membership Musings by Marsha Wise and Debbie Thackston**

# HELLO

We are entering our busy membership recruiting season with many July 1 retirements. We will be reaching out to them. In the meantime ...

***If you know a July retiree or a recent retiree, please encourage them to join us! Either you or they should contact us using the contact info below. Your personal contact makes such a big difference! The new membership application appears later in the newsletter.***

***Help us to grow our membership!***



**New Member Recruitment Incentive!**  
**Now through October 1, 2018**

Earn a \$10 gift card for each **NEW** member you sign up as a **dues deduction** member. 

This allows automatic renewal, so no membership interruption while

saving trees  time  and postage  !

Write your name on the membership application, as recruiter. Return the completed application to MRSPA at 8379 Piney Orchard Parkway, Suite A, Odenton, MD 21113 by October 1.

Questions: Email MRSPA at [mrspa@mrspa.org](mailto:mrspa@mrspa.org) or call MRSPA at 410-551-1517



***Protecting. Connecting. Making a Difference***

... **Marsha Wise, Membership Co-chair; [myfcrspa@gmail.com](mailto:myfcrspa@gmail.com)**

... **Debbie Thackston, Membership Co-chair; (301) 694-7884**

As of May 1, 2018, we have 749 members! At the MRSPA Annual Business Meeting, FCRSPA was recognized for gaining the most new members in the 200-899 member category. This is the second year in a row that we have been recognized for our growth.

### **Dues are Due**

If you are a cash paying member you should soon, if not already, have received your dues notice. If you have your dues deducted from your pension check, dues will be deducted from your July 31 check.

 **Switch and Save** 

MRSPA has extended an invitation to cash members to switch to dues deduction for 2018-2019. If you make the change, you are eligible for a one-time \$10 reduction in state dues. You would pay \$35 for state dues for 2018-2019, plus your local dues amount. You need to complete and return the 2018-2019 Dues Deduction Authorization Form, which is available on the MRSPA website under Switch and Save (<https://www.mrspa.org/switch-and-save>).

***The deadline for the July 2018 dues deduction is June 15, 2018.***



*To our new members!!*

**Nancy Dietz ~ Paul Hargett ~ Martin Munday ~ Paula Oden ~ Judy Wright**

Member Roster Additions/Changes

**NEW MEMBERS**

Nancy S. Dietz  
4317 Millwood Road  
Mount Airy, MD 21771

Paul W. Hargett  
30113 Tammy Court  
Selbyville, DE 19975

Martin Munday  
7058 Catalpa Road  
Frederick, MD 21703-7134

Paula D. Oden  
12 North Wisner Street  
Frederick, MD 21701

Judy Wright 30113  
Tammy Court Selbyville,  
DE 199

**ADDRESS CHANGES**

Dorothy J. Cressler  
210 Big Spring Avenue  
Greenridge Village  
Newville, PA 17241

Barbara McCutcheon Martin  
P.O. Box 184  
Braddock Heights, MD.  
21714

Charles (Buddy) Phillips  
Kate Phillips  
30 Watson Dr.  
Carlisle, PA 17015

Phyllis Houck Smith  
7401 Willow Rd. Apt. 366  
Frederick, MD 21702

John Thompson  
5905 Edenton Court  
Frederick, MD 21703

Larry Williams  
8114 Laurel Ridge Rd.  
Frederick, MD 21702

**IN MEMORIAM**



Suzanne Bricker–Bartley  
8/18/1941 ~ 3/25/2018

Joyce MacKellar  
3/2/1952 ~ 3/24/2018

Donald O'Boyle  
7/15/1947 ~ 3/12/2018

Edith Wars  
2/12/1924 ~ 3/30/2018

Max White  
6/21/1948 ~ 4/9/2018



**??New Contact Information??**

**Address Change?**

**Phone Number Change?**

**Email Address Change?**

Please remember to contact us if your contact information changes so that we can update our records.



***Emeritus Membership?***  
**Do We Have Your Birth Date?**

If you turn **90** on or before *June 30, 2018*, you are eligible for *Emeritus* membership beginning on July 1, 2018.

Congratulations! **No more dues!**

We must have your birth date in order to award your *Emeritus designation*.

Please contact

Debbie Thackston at 301-694-7884

OR

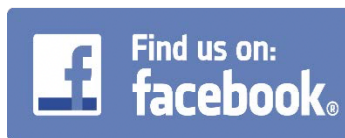
Email: [myfcrspa@gmail.com](mailto:myfcrspa@gmail.com)

*Because the change goes through the Retirement System, no refunds can be made after the fact.*

***Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!***

Thank you to **Kayla Littleton, a CTC media arts student**, for photographing our May luncheon. It is gratifying to see FCPS students developing and honing their skills. Kayla's volunteer service allowed all our members to enjoy the fellowship of the gathering.

Also, a **BIG THANK YOU** to **Jenny Powell** for coordinating photography and news publications.



If you are a Facebook member, you can find our page by searching ***Frederick County Retired School Personnel Association***. All requests will be vetted against our membership roster.

**Remembrance and Sunshine Committee**

Please notify us if you hear of or know of any members who have illnesses or deaths.  
We will send thinking of you, get well, or sympathy cards.

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**IN MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS**

**MARCH 1, 2017 ~ FEBRUARY 28, 2018**

**THEY MADE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE**

**A Better Place**

By  
Faith Elizabeth Brigham

my heart is strongly set  
to do what good i can do  
and when i leave this world  
i hope to have made a difference  
to have made the world  
a better place in my own way  
even if it is in a small way  
by having tried to be kind

to all whose path has crossed mine  
by treating others with respect  
helping those in need of encouragement  
to reach their goals  
or perhaps by writing something  
that helps someone in some fashion  
if i have accomplished this  
then i have completed my soul's work

**William E. Barry Jr.**

7/28/1932 ~ 4/3/2017

**Patricia E. Brown**

9/28/1944 ~ 12/17/2017

**Alice S. Charity**

1/21/1926 ~ 6/9/2017

**Patricia E. Deener**

8/31/1939 ~ 1/8/2018

**Lorraine G. Disque**

5/8/1932 ~ 11/22/2017

**Marie Fahnestock**

5/18/1929 ~ 1/2/2018

**Paul E. Fogle**

7/11/1926 ~ 3/25/2017

**Nancy M. Gates**

9/9/1939 ~ 8/22/2017

**John T. Griffin**

7/13/1927 ~ 5/29/2017

**Henry A. Groff Jr.**

8/27/1926 ~ 4/21/2017

**Darl W. Hinkle**

10/5/1936 ~ 4/20/2017

**Doris R. Ifert**

10/1/1928 ~ 1/18/2018

**Anita C. Jones**

6/6/1926 ~ 3/26/2017

**James W. Schafer**

10/31/1945 ~ 9/1/2017

**C. Odessa Thornton**

6/1/1926 ~ 2/18/2018

**Margaret N. Turner**

7/22/1928 ~ 2/8/2018

**Peggy F. Warfield**

9/14/1949 ~ 6/8/2017

**Peter T. Whitby**

7/25/1961 ~ 3/5/2017

**Charlotte B. Woodrow**

6/14/1927 ~ 8/25/2017



## Spotlight on Emeritus

Albertine H. Baker  
Fred Brown, Jr., PhD  
Betty W. Clem  
Dorothy J. Cressler  
Herbert L. Doggett  
Carolyn B. Dorsey  
Kathyrn R. Fagan  
Catherine S. Feaga

Pauline T. Flanagan  
Dorothy T. Fogle  
Nancy N. Franck  
Charlotte S. Holter  
George D. Kendrick  
Shirley L. Lakel  
Barbara M. Martin  
Mildred C. Nicodemus

Evelyn Orndorff  
Jean Oxley  
Kenyon R. Parker, Sr.  
Beulah Pennington  
James F. Reed  
Helen W. Schley  
Phyllis H. Smith

FCRSPA is blessed and fortunate to have confirmed 23 members who have reached the milestone of their 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. While we list the roll of our Emeritus members once a year, over the next few newsletters, we will be featuring mini biographies of each of them. If you know of anyone who should be on this list but is not, please notify Debbie Thackston, Membership Co-Chair.

### **Dorothy Cressler**

Our eldest member, Dorothy Cressler, turned 97 on January 28. She began her career as a librarian at Middletown Elem and retired from the same school with a new title of Media Specialist! In her retirement, she enjoyed travel, artwork and making sterling silver jewelry. Presently, Dorothy is a resident at a total care nursing home in Neville, PA where she enjoys visits from family and her sister's two Boston Terriers.

### **Dorothy Fogle**

Dorothy Fogle turned 96 on January 8. She started her career in the cafeteria at Walkersville Elementary and spent thirty-six years serving FCPS as a cashier and secretary finishing her career at the Instructional Materials Center at Hayward Rd. She reminds us all that the IMC moved a total of five times during her career! Dorothy enjoys making crafts, playing cards and loves special visits with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

### **Beulah Pennington**

Beulah turned 95 in January! She began working for FCPS as the Secretary to the Principal at Yellow Springs Elementary and concluded her journey as a Secretary in the Transportation Department. During retirement, Beulah has enjoyed travel, painting pictures and visiting friends. Her hobbies include crocheting, playing games like Skip-Bo, Phase 10 and Dominoes. She always enjoys visiting her friends in Homewood's Meadows community.

### **Mildred Nicodemus**

Mildred started teaching for FCPS at the age of 19! Because the war kept many of the men from enrolling and finishing college, school systems were in great need of trained teachers. Due to that dilemma, Mildred graduated in three years and three straight summers from Towson State Teachers' College. At the beginning of her student teaching semester, she was concurrently hired by FCPS, taught that semester and **then** graduated from Towson in late January of that year.

Mildred's first school assignment was at a two-room school in Buckeystown in 1943 & 1944. She then taught at Parkway Elementary before accepting a transfer to Middletown Elementary in 1952-54. During those years at MES, she and three colleagues were transported to and from school by their principal because they wouldn't have transportation to work otherwise!

In her retirement, Mildred likes playing Bridge, knitting blankets for babies, having lunch out with friends and being with her family. Mildred wants us to know that she enjoyed her years working with children. She ended her career teaching thirty years at North Frederick Elementary!





#### **James Reed**

James Reed started his 31 year career at Elm Street School in 1952 and finished at Frederick High School in 1981. Jim received credit for military service as he served in World War II as an advanced surgical technician stationed in China, Burma and India. During his retirement, James has traveled to Europe, Asia and Africa, while managing to stay physically active and spend time with his grandchildren. James turned 94 on December 8, 2017.

#### **Jean Oxley**

Jean began teaching Home Economics at Walkersville High School in 1942 and retired from Governor Thomas Johnson High School in 1976. She will turn 93 in October of this year and enjoys reading, needlework and traveling.

#### **Catherine Feaga**

Catherine Feaga worked in the Food Service Department of FCPS for 18 years beginning in 1975 and retiring in 1993. Catherine celebrated her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday on January 17. During her retirement, she has enjoyed taking bus trips, babysitting her grandchildren and enjoying her great grandchildren.

#### **Nancy Nicodemus Greenwood Franck**

Nancy taught for FCPS for 24 1/2 years starting at Walkersville Elem, in 1956, in the same exact classroom where she attended second grade! Her final assignment was at Emmitsburg Elem in 1981. In her retirement, Nancy has enjoyed crafting, gardening with helpers and chairing the Gifts and Greens Holiday Sale at All Saints Episcopal Church for the past 13 years.

#### **Barbara McCutcheon Martin**

Barbara began her career working in Washington D.C. in 1943 and finished at Middletown High School in 1990...working a total of 31 years for FCPS. She enjoys visiting her daughters who live in Utah, Baltimore and Middletown, but also enjoys golf, skiing, the beach and going to luncheons! Barbara is getting ready to turn 92 this August.

#### **Shirley Lakel**

Shirley Lakel spent 26 years as a secretary for FCPS. She began her career at Frederick High School in August 1961 and ended at the Central Office in 1987. Shirley will turn 91 on July 7!

#### **Dr. Fred Brown**

Fred began his career as a CORE teacher at Brunswick High School and later taught English and French before being appointed Principal of BHS. His last assignment was as Assistant Superintendent of Instruction in 1962-63. Following his 16 years with FCPS, Fred served as a Principal in Charles County. He then served as Deputy Superintendent of Montgomery County Public Schools. In the latter part of his career, he held various positions at the Maryland State Department and worked as a professor of doctoral level students at The George Washington University.

In his retirement, Fred and his wife (now deceased) traveled extensively throughout the USA and internationally. They traveled to over 50 countries on all continents except for Antarctica. Now at Homewood since 2012, Fred enjoys participating in local events and outings and spending time with family and friends.

#### **Helen Schley**

Helen celebrated her 90th birthday on Aug 31, 2017. She worked for FCPS for 32 years, beginning at Brunswick High School in 1948 and concluding at Middletown Middle in 1986. In her retirement, Helen has

enjoyed traveling to all seven continents, continuing to exercise and spending time with her five children, eleven grandchildren (all who are college graduates) and ten great grandchildren!

#### **Phyllis Houck Smith**

Phyllis turned 90 this past October and celebrated with a birthday/family reunion luncheon at Dutch's Daughter restaurant. She began her seven-year career at Thurmont High School in 1948 and ended her career at Walkersville High School in 1955. She taught math her entire career.

Phyllis enjoys reading, visiting her grandchildren in Virginia and Florida and watching all sports... but especially baseball. She recently moved to Homewood where she is enjoying renewing friendships with former Frederick County teachers... and even some students!

#### **Pauline Flanagan**

Pauline just celebrated her 90th birthday on Feb. 4. She worked at Elm Street School where she taught 8th grade CORE. She spent the remainder of her 31 year career at Frederick High School as the School Counselor where she really enjoyed helping students. She still enjoys travel, reading and all of the activities at Homewood where she has lived since 2011. Pauline is particularly fond of her four great grandchildren!

#### **Albertine Baker**

Tina is our most recent addition to the Emeritus group celebrating her 90th birthday with family and friends on April 13. Her first assignment was at Harmony Grove, which was a school for disabled students (prior to Rock Creek School). She retired as the Principal at Parkway Elementary after working for FCPS for 28 years. In retirement, Tina has enjoyed travel, her eight great grandchildren and seeing old friends.





We honored our Emeritus members at the spring luncheon. Seven of our 22 Emeritus members were present. Our honorees in attendance were (Clockwise from upper left): Mildred Nicodemus, Tina Baker, Fred Brown, Dorothy Fogle, Phyllis Smith, Nancy Franck, and Barbara Martin.

## **Community Services Update**

**by Irene Bailey, Claudia Harrington,  
and Beryl Long**

The Community Services Committee gathers and distributes school supplies to needy Frederick County students at every level, as well as toiletries for needy or homeless students. A few bags of supplies and products and \$45 in cash and checks were collected at the May 15 luncheon at Dutch's Daughter restaurant. Please remember to bring whatever you can to the July 10 picnic at the Jefferson Ruritan. Summer sales may already be in progress, so some great bargains might be available, or bring your wallet and let us do the shopping for you.

### **Congratulations!**

The FCRSPA Community Service award was presented to Shari Ostrow-Scher in honor of her work with Children of Incarcerated Parents. Shari also received the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association Community Service award at the MRSPA annual business meeting on May 8.

FCRSPA received the state award for a community project: The Great Frederick Fair Field Trip Experience facilitated by Dr. John George.

A Frederick County individual and a community project have been recognized by the state association two years running.

### **Have a community project in mind?**

Do you have an idea for a community project that the members of the Frederick County Retired School Personnel Association could tackle? Or, do you know of an existing project needing the help of the FCRSPA? Please contact Irene Bailey at [braveirene@msn.com](mailto:braveirene@msn.com), Nancy Gordon at [nlg45@aol.com](mailto:nlg45@aol.com), or any officer or board of directors member. We need some fresh ideas and we have many able volunteers.



Left to right: Mitzi Smith, Jodi Herche Sally Smith, Barb Ferguson, Doretta Dorsch, Judy Hood and Dottie Wood.

## **Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership Blanket Event** **By Sally Smith**

On April 19 seven members of FCRSPA got together at the Spires Cafe and made 10 no sew blankets for the Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership.

A big thank you to all who helped.

The next blanket making get together is scheduled from noon to 3 p.m. on June 25<sup>th</sup> in the Spires Café at CTC. Anyone who can make it should contact Sally Smith at 301-694-7289 or [simplysally@comcast.net](mailto:simplysally@comcast.net).

## **Website Update** **By Carroll Kehne**

I invite you to check out our [www.FCRSPA.org](http://www.FCRSPA.org) website to review all items posted. If you see a need to change or update any section, please send me your thoughts. We always encourage members and BOD members to keep it updated as much as possible.

What does the FCRSPA provide? Check out our Membership section to get your answer, please.

## **2018 Maryland Legislative Session** **By Bill Price**

The MRSPA Legislative Committee had its final meeting at the state office in Odenton on April 10<sup>th</sup>. The legislative results were impressive as 3,100 bills were introduced, 1,268 in the Senate and 1,832 in the House. The majority of the bills could be broken down into the following categories:

- Income Tax Bills – 166
- State Pensions and Retirements – 35
- Health Care Facilities and Regulations – 48
- Education – 37
- Insurance – 37
- State Debt – 417

Retired teachers had some wins according to Chairperson Virginia Crespo. It was noted that 38 legislators would not be coming back for various reasons. This is higher than normal and seems to be the trend around the nation.

There were three bills of particular interest to our organization:

1. Automatic Voter Registration – Anyone who communicates in any way with the state is automatically registered to vote if you have not done so in the past. However, a citizen may opt out of signing up.
2. School Construction Bill – In the past, school construction was under control of the Governor's office. That responsibility was taken away and assigned to a newly formed committee composed of 12 members including 2 appointed by the Governor, 2 by the President of the Senate and 2 by the Speaker of the House. The following people can't be on this board, lobbyists, other politicians, locally elected officials, law enforcement and state employees. The bill gives much more power to the inter agency commission.
3. Income from the new Tax Law – This bill is called the Windfall Tax Bill which is currently projected to be around two hundred million. This will go to education. Other tax bills are waiting until the new tax law can be studied, and means to benefit from this law can be determined.

A constitutional amendment will be voted on in the November election having to do with commercial gaming and the use of the funds created by this business. There will be an education bill.

Thank you for allowing me to work with the MRSPA Legislative Committee. If you have any questions concerning this session, you may send an email to [billandlynneprice@comcast.net](mailto:billandlynneprice@comcast.net).



**MRSPA Annual Meeting in Bowie on May 8<sup>th</sup>**



Fay Miller, MRSPA President, with Claudia Harrington who accepted the Local Association Community Service Project Winner in the 200-899 members category for FCRSPA's ***Great Frederick Fair Field Trip Experience.***



Officer Installation: Left to Right ~ Fay Miller, Outgoing MRSPA President, Alicia Hardisky, MRSPA Treasurer, Nancy Gordon, MRSPA Secretary, Charles Gable, MRSPA Vice President, Max Muller, MRSPA Outgoing President, Ann Marie Downey, Incoming MRSPA President



Left-Right: Fay Miller, Marsha Wise (accepting the award for FCRSPA as the organization with the greatest membership growth in the 200-899-members category), Representatives from Montgomery and Dorchester Counties who were recognized for greatest membership growth in their respective categories.



Shari Scher accepts the MRSPA Individual Community Service Learning Award for her work with COIPP flanked by Fay Miller, MRSPA President (left) and Henrietta Lease, Community Services Chair

**Updated Directories Available**  
***By Debbie Thackston***

Updated directories will be available at the October luncheon for those who reserve their copy at a cost of \$2.50. If you wish your hard copy to be mailed, the cost is \$5.00. Please email Debbie Thackston at [Deborah.thackston@gmail.com](mailto:Deborah.thackston@gmail.com) to reserve your copy for pick up at the October luncheon or to have a copy mailed.



**Opportunity for Retired Teachers**  
**by Joe Polce**

FCPS is looking for retired teachers that may be interested in providing supervision for their interns. The duties would include meeting with the mentor and intern once a week to provide observations and feed back to the intern. The university or college will pay a small stipend. If you are interested, contact April Vierra, FCPS Teacher Recruiter at [April.Vierra@fcps.org](mailto:April.Vierra@fcps.org) or phone at 301-644-5252.



**Mark Your**  
**Calendar**

**General Membership Meetings**

Tuesday, July 10, 2018  
 Annual Picnic  
 Jefferson Community Center at 6:00 PM  
 Doors open 5:30 PM

Tuesday, October 9, 2018  
 Lewistown Fire Hall  
 Doors Open @ 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, December 4, 2018  
 Dutch’s Daughter at 8:30 AM  
 Doors open at 8:00 AM

**FCRSPA Board of Directors**  
**Meetings**

Meetings are held at CTC on  
 Tuesdays at 2:00 PM

May 22, 2018  
 August 7, 2018  
 October, 16, 2018

**Remember!**



Your FCRSPA is now being sent from  
 Lois Humphrey ( [lois\\_s\\_humphrey@hotmail.com](mailto:lois_s_humphrey@hotmail.com) ).  
 Please adjust your email settings to accept your FCRSPA  
 emails.





**MRSPA Membership Application (Please Print)**  
**(New Members Only)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

Your Position at Retirement:

- Administrator/Supervisor                       Non-Certificated/Support Staff  
 Teacher/Other Certificated                       Other \_\_\_\_\_

Retired from \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Retirement \_\_\_\_\_  
 (County/Local)

**Payment Options:**

Dues Deduction from pension authorization. I hereby authorize annual dues deduction from my retirement check or deposit. This authorization shall remain in effect until I revoke it. By authorizing dues deduction, I will receive a one-time \$10 reduction in my state dues. (see chart on the back)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Social Security Number Required) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Forms with Social Security #'s are destroyed when MRSPA is notified of dues deduction.

- Enclosed is a check made payable to MRSPA.  
 I prefer to pay by credit card. Please go to [www.mrspa.org](http://www.mrspa.org)  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

- Do not share my information with member benefits providers.  
 I prefer to receive the MRSPA Newsletter electronically.

Referred or Recruited by \_\_\_\_\_

Return completed form to:  
 MRSPA  
 8379 Piney Orchard Pkwy Suite A  
 Odenton, MD 21113

*Local and MRSPA Dues*

	Local Dues	MRSPA Dues	Total Dues	Total for <b>NEW Dues Deduction Only</b>
Frederick Co.	\$10	\$45	\$55	<b>\$45</b>

*The MRSPA Membership year is July 1 through June 30*

## Annual Picnic Reservation Form July 10, 2018

Reservations must be received by June 22, 2018  
Please respect the reservation deadline. Thank you!

Location: Jefferson Ruritan Community Center  
4603B Lander Road  
Jefferson, MD 21755

Time: Doors Open at 5:30 p.m. Picnic served at 6:00 p.m.

Cost Per Person: \$13.00 (same fee for all)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a new member? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Emeritus \_\_\_\_\_  
(90 years or older)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed (13.00 per person – Members & Guests)

**\*\* For New Members Only:** New Members are those who have belonged 12 months or less. Will you join us at the New Members' Welcome Table or will you be sitting with someone elsewhere?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I will sit at the New Members' Welcome Table.

\_\_\_\_\_ No, I will be sitting with someone elsewhere.



Mail reservation form and check  
(payable to FCRSPA) to

Brenda Banko  
1849 Millstream Drive  
Frederick, MD 21701

Brenda **must** have your reservation no later than  
**June 22, 2018.**



FREDERICK COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL  
PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION  
8009 Ridge Road  
Frederick, MD 21702-3530