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President's Message *by Linda King*

I wanted to begin this message by thanking all of you for your help in making FCRSPA successful. I am always impressed by the energy and dedication of our members.

Please be sure to let others in your community know who we are and when you meet other retirees, encourage them to join us. Keep in mind one of our goals is to recruit, retain and regain members. FCRSPA now has 767 members.

The next FCRSPA Luncheon Meeting is March 12, 2019 at Dutch's Daughter Restaurant. It's our annual meeting that is dedicated to collecting funds for the scholarships that FCRSPA awards to those engaged in education in public schools in Maryland.

We will also have raffle tickets for MRSPA scholarships for those engaged in public education. The raffle tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Last year, a Frederick County person won the cash jackpot of \$300.

The speaker for the March meeting will be Priscilla Rall. I was extremely excited when she told me her topic, The WWI Diary of PFC Wilbur Baker, From the Farm to the Front. Wilbur Baker was the father of the late Bill Baker, a long time Ag teacher at Catoctin High School. Bill's wife, Wheetie, was the librarian at Thurmont Elementary School. I'm sure Priscilla's talk will bring a smile to many faces. Be sure to get your reservations in early to enjoy good food and to hear Priscilla.

Another exciting event will be a FCRSPA Happy Hour in April. It will be a great opportunity to socialize with friends. More details can be found on page nine of the newsletter.

See you soon,

Linda

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FCRSPA



Luncheon

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Dutch's Daughter Restaurant

581 Himes Ave.

Frederick, MD 21703

Doors open at 11:30 a.m.

Buffet Luncheon at 12:00 noon

Cost: \$25 (Members and guests)

Buffet Menu

Roasted Pork Tenderloin

Hawaiian Chicken

Tossed Salad and Rolls

Au Gratin Potatoes

Green Beans

Dessert – Apple Crisp

Coffee, Tea, Soda

**The reservation form for the March Luncheon is
on the last page of this newsletter.**

**ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER
THAN MARCH 5, 2018.**

Thank you!

Health/ Insurance*Joe Polce***Medicare Changes**

Part B premiums will increase from \$134.00 to \$135.50 beginning January 1, 2019. The premium is income based so some may see a smaller/larger change. The Part B deductible will increase from \$183.00 to \$185.00 beginning January 1, 2019. The deductible for Part B reset January 1. This deductible must be met before claims are paid.

On a positive note there is a 2.8% increase in benefits which began January 1.

Dental Allowance

The dental allowance has increased from \$1000 to \$1500 or \$2000 to \$2500 beginning January 1, 2019. The allowance reset January 1. This was done with no increase in premiums.

Provider Additions

MyEyeDr at Clemson Corner (Wegmans) and Blue Ridge Behavioral Services are in-network effective January 1, 2019. Psychotherapy Services of Frederick became in-network October 1, 2018. It is always good to check the in-network status of a provider before the service is scheduled.

Hearing Aid Issue

A situation occurred with in-network hearing aid providers that has been corrected. The full \$3500 allowable benefit was not being honored due to contractual agreements. CareFirst has been directed to contact any member that was not given the full allowable benefit to correct the issue. I only have knowledge of four retirees that were affected and CareFirst corrected the error. If there are other retirees that did not get the full allowable benefit, the provider and CareFirst should be contacted.

Nominating Committee News*Judy Brandenburg*

The Committee is looking for a volunteer to serve as the President-Elect for two years and then become President. If your interested or have questions, please contact me, Judy Brandenburg, by email judithbrandenburg@comcast.net.

Kirwan Commission*Shirley McDonald*

The Kirwan Commission Informational Meeting will be held on February 9, 2019 at the C. Burr Artz Library in Frederick and opened to the public. Hosting the event are co-chairs, Valerie Dale and Shirley McDonald. Joy Schaeffer, Vice-President of the Frederick County Board of Education, will present along with Dr. Jack Dale, former Superintendent of Frederick County Public Schools.

This is the first of what we hope to be several presentations on the Kirwan Commission, its findings, what the community can do to become more involved in the process. and to understand their findings thus far.

At their meeting on January 15th, FCRSPA Board of Directors voted to support this informational meeting and the work of the Kirwan Commission.

Please join us on Saturday, to see how you can help our fellow educators and students.



Community Services

Irene Bailey, Claudia Harrington, Beryl Long

At the 2018 Holiday Breakfast at Dutch's Daughter restaurant in December, \$70 in cash and checks and 201 toys were collected by the Community Services committee for the U.S. Marines' Toys for Tots campaign. That quantity qualifies FCRSPA to continue to display its logo to the public on the Toys for Tots website. We did not match the number (251) collected in 2017, but the number of people attending the breakfast was much smaller. Two who were noticeably missing were the Marines. When the toys were delivered to the distribution center the Staff Sergeant in charge was surprised and embarrassed that the two who had signed up to attend had not. He was upset that there had been an apparent communication breakdown and/or a scheduling conflict within his group.

The large amount of school supplies donated over the last several months plus those purchased with donated cash were distributed among Thomas Johnson High, Monocacy Middle, and Lewistown Elementary.

Also, three large bags of toiletries were given to Frederick County Public Schools for the Bridges to Success program to assist needy, low-income and homeless students.

The focus at the upcoming March 12 luncheon at Dutch's will be collecting money for scholarships with school supplies and toiletries still being accepted.

Thanks to everyone for your generosity.



We collected 201 toys for the Toys for Tots campaign. Here are some of our collected toys.



Pictured here (L to R) is Claudia Harrington, Irene Bailey and Beryl Long who organized our Toys for Tots campaign.

Travel Size Toiletries

Irene Bailey, Claudia Harrington, Beryl Long

Please bring any small soaps, shampoos, lotions, etc. you have collected from your travels to the March 12th luncheon at **Dutch's Daughter**. Additionally, disposable razors, shave cream, toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant, and feminine hygiene products are needed. The Community Services Committee will deliver them to the Bridges to Success program which will get them to disadvantaged Frederick County students.

FCRSPA Scholarship Fund

Nancy Gordon

FCRSPA continues its practice to fund scholarships through the Community Foundation of Frederick County. Decisions on the number of scholarships to award from the FCRSPA and FCRSPA/Richard and Pat Petre funds are dependent on the monies earned from investments of these accounts and additional contributions made during the year.

If you know of students who may be eligible for these scholarships, the application program will go “live” in early March. Representatives from the Foundation make visits to the Frederick County high schools to explain the process and encourage participation. FCRSPA members, Bonnie Strine and Shirley Stroup serve as reviewers for these two scholarships.

The FCRSPA Board of Directors designates March as the time members are encouraged to contribute to the Scholarship Fund. Those attending the March luncheon at Dutch’s Daughter may bring their contributions to that event. Others may forward their contributions to the association’s treasurer, Shirley McDonald. Checks should be made payable to Community Foundation of Frederick County, FCRSPA Scholarship Fund in the memo. Of course, contributions can be made at any time throughout the year. The Board of Directors appreciates the continued support of association members through their contributions to the funds.

Email Reminder

Your FCRSPA email is now being sent from
Lois Humphrey,
lois_s_humphrey@hotmail.com.
Please adjust your settings to accept your
FCRSPA emails.



Participants: Front row- L to R: Deb Carroll, Debbie Mills, Shelley Miller, and Pattie Komons Back – L to R: Linda Sanders, Rise Lanier, Sally Smith, and Doretta Dorsch

Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership Project

Sally Smith

Thank you to those who came to the no-sew blanket making for Children of Incapacitated Parents Partnership at Career and Tech Center on November 27th.

The next no-sew blanket making get together will be Tuesday, February 5 from noon to 3:00 p.m. at the Spires Cafe at the Career and Tech Center. Anyone who would like to participate should bring sharp scissors and email Sally Smith at simplysally@comcast.net by February 1.

Holiday Breakfast Photos
Jennifer Powell





Volunteer Opportunity*Marsha Wise*

Jamie Thurman, a volunteer with Mary Jo Richmond (Supervisor of FCPS Library Media Services), is offering an opportunity for interested members to **repair**

books for FCPS media centers and other non-profit groups. The group will work with donated books at first, repairing them for donation to schools or nonprofit organizations. After some practice, the group will repair damaged books from public school libraries.

Results of these efforts support the media center budgets by keeping popular books in circulation.

According to MaryJo, Jamie has been dubbed "The Book Doctor" as she fixes books like a doctor would! With media assistants gone from 98% of FCPS schools, the media specialists have little or no time for this task anymore.

The Book Repair Group will meet at Governor T.J. High School, either in the morning or afternoon, depending on the group's preference.

Interested members can contact Jamie at RepairtheBooks@gmail.com

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, and sympathy cards.

Brenda Martz
brmartz@comcast.net

Faye Buckingham
buck0107@comcast.net

**Mark Your Calendar****General Membership Meetings**

Tuesday, March 12, 2019
Dutch's Daughter
Luncheon at 12:00 Noon
Doors open at 11:30

April 11, 2019
Oscar's
Happy Hour
4-7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 14, 2019
Dutch's Daughter
Luncheon at 12:00 Noon
Doors open at 11:30

Tuesday, July 9, 2019
Jefferson Ruritan
Picnic
6 p.m.

FCRSPA Board of Directors Meetings

Meetings are held at CTC on
Tuesdays at 2:00 PM
March 19, 2019
May 21, 2019

MRSPA Annual Business Meeting will be held on May 8, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Conference Center in Bowie, MD. FCRSPA has many delegates. If you are interested in attending let Linda know.

Save the date
Tuesday, April 11, 2019

for
FCRSPA
Happy Hour
at



Join your fellow FCRSPA members, and their guests, for an informal Happy Hour!
No cover, plenty of free parking and you run your own tab with your waitress!

Where: Oscar's Alehouse
906 N. East Street

When: Thursday, April 11, 2019
4-7 pm

Happy Hour Specials:
\$2.00 off pizzas
\$2.00 off appetizers
\$1.50 off drinks

Please RSVP to
Debbie Thackston
Deborah.thackston@gmail.com
by **March 31, 2019.**

Hope to see you there!

Membership Musings by Marsha Wise and Debbie Thackston



We hope that you are enjoying what 2019 has offered so far this year. We continue to contact FCPS retirees as they set off on their retirement journeys.

As of January 4, 2019, we have 729 Unified members PLUS 39 Local Only members for a Grand Total of 767 members.

In addition to the 17 members who did not renew, we have also lost 15 members to the Memoriam Roster since March 1, 2018.

If you know an FCPS retiree or a retiree from another Maryland County, but who lives in Frederick County, please encourage them to join us! Either you or they should contact us using the contact info below. Your personal contact makes a big difference! The new membership application appears later in the newsletter.

Please!

Help us to grow our membership!

... Marsha Wise, Membership Co-chair; myfcrspa@gmail.com

... Debbie Thackston, Membership Co-chair;



To our new members!!

- Jessica Bowers
- Gary Brennan
- Patsy Eavey
- Karen Fitzpatrick
- Greta Nettleton
- Pamela Riner
- Barbara Scotto
- Kathleen Thayil

We will acknowledge and welcome these new members at our March 12, 2019 luncheon.

Membership Roster Changes

James L. Kennedy

Kenneth McGolerick



Audrey Baumgardner
7/28/1929 ~ 12/12/2018

In Memoriam

Peggie Bracken
7/31/1936 ~ 12/5/2018



Patricia Turner
11/17/1947 ~ 12/21/2018



??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.

Over the next month we will be updating the **Membership Roster**, revising contact information, adding new members, deleting cancelled members and those who have joined the Memorial Roster since November 1. We publish home address, phone number and email address for each member. The goal is to send electronic copies to all members who have email addresses. We were not able to do this by the end of 2018 as planned but hope to meet our new self-imposed deadline. Please look for an email from either lois_s_humphrey@hotmail.com or myfcrspa@gmail.com. The next hard copy publication will occur after November 1, 2019.



Emeritus Membership?

Do We Have Your Birth Date?

If you turn **90** on or before **June 30, 2019**,
 you will be eligible for **Emeritus** membership beginning on July 1, 2019.
 Congratulations! **No more dues!**
 We must have your birth date in order to award your *Emeritus designation*.
 Please contact

Email: myfcrspa@gmail.com

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



Thank you to **Rachel Harris and Kenneth Landivar, CTC media arts students**,
 for photographing our Holiday Breakfast.

It is gratifying to see FCPS students developing and honing their skills.
 Their volunteer service allowed all our members to enjoy the fellowship of the gathering.

Also, a **BIG THANK YOU** to
Adam Frank, CTC media arts instructor, for helping to coordinate the student photographers
 and 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.

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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

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 NEW Dues Deduction Only
Frederick Co.	\$10	\$45	\$55	\$45

The MRSPA Membership year is July 1 through June 30

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FCRSPA March Luncheon Reservation Form

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY
TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019
PLEASE RESPECT THE RESERVATION DEADLINE.
THANK YOU!**

**Location: Dutch’s Daughter Restaurant
581 Himes Ave.
Frederick, MD 21703**

Time: Doors Open at 11:30 p.m. Buffet luncheon served at 12:00 p.m. noon

Cost Per Person: \$25.00 (same fee for all)

Name: _____ Name of Guest: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Total Number Attending: _____

Have you become a new member within the past 12 months? Yes _____ No _____

Emeritus _____
(90 years or older)

\$ _____ Amount Enclosed (\$25.00 per person – Members & Guests)

★ **Please contact Brenda if you require a special diet.**



**Reservations must be received by
Tuesday, March 5, 2019.
Mail form and check made out to
FCRSPA
to
Brenda Banko**



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PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION
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