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President's Message by Kathy Campagnoli

Wishing you a happy New Year 2022! We are grateful for all the memories we have created this past year and are excited for the ones we will make in the new year. It was so wonderful to see so many members in attendance at our December holiday breakfast in the ballroom at Richland Golf Club in Middletown. Special guests included the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association's President George Denny and Executive Director Wanda Twigg. Our members were treated to heartwarming holiday music from the Homewood Madrigal Singers under the direction of Gail Slezak. We are hopeful that the spirit of the recent holidays extends throughout the new year. At this time of year, many of us make New Year's resolutions. As your president, I would like to share some of my suggested resolutions and urge you to adopt as many of them as you can as your own.

Whereas, membership in a strong retirees' association helps to keep the legislation focused on continuing, funding, and strengthening our defined benefits retirement plan, **I hereby resolve** to maintain and promote membership in FCRSPA and MRSPA as the best "Retirement Insurance Policy" we can have.

Whereas, membership in a strong retirees' association helps to keep the Frederick County Board of Education and County Government focused on continuing and improving our retiree

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March Luncheon Cancelled!

Out of an abundance of caution due to the rising number of COVID cases,
our annual March lunch is cancelled.

We hope to have a luncheon in May. Stay tuned.

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health benefits, **I hereby resolve** to maintain, promote, and participate in active membership in FCRSPA.

Whereas, we are committed to assisting FCPS in providing the best possible educational experiences for all children, **I hereby resolve** to increase my volunteer support of our county schools and programs.

Whereas, our association continues to actively support the scholarship program (through the Community Foundation), **I hereby resolve** to increase my financial support.

Whereas, being an FCPS retiree allows me to have the time to participate in fun-filled travel and social events, **I hereby resolve** to take full advantage of the social and educational opportunities provided by our local and state association's trips, luncheons, happy hours, and other social events.

Whereas, none of the above can continue to occur without the dedicated time and effort of FCRSPA members volunteering to serve the association as Board members or volunteers for special projects, etc., **I hereby resolve** to increase my participation in the operation of our association.

I encourage you to peruse this newsletter to find specific ways you can accomplish many of these resolutions for 2022. More detailed information can be found on our FCRSPA Facebook page or on our website @ FCRSPA.org

With kind regards,
Kathy



Looking for a way to enact an FCPSA Resolution? We're looking for YOU!!!

President-elect: This officer acts as assistant to the President for a two-year term and shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of that officer. The President-elect is installed as President at the May meeting of the association. It is the expectation that this officer will step into the full leadership role as President for the subsequent two-year term.

Nominating Committee Co-Chairperson: The nominating committee presents a slate of officers on a two-year basis. The officers include a President, President-elect, Treasurer and Secretary. Current chair Judy Brandenburg is seeking assistance from a fellow association member to assist her in seeking qualified candidates to serve in these officer positions. The President will be elected in even years and the Secretary and Treasurer in odd years.

Please contact our President, Kathy Campagnoli if you are interested in either of these positions: Kathy2157@comcast.net

Insurance Updates

Joe Polce

Medicare Update



In the November newsletter I reported on impending changes with Medicare premiums and deductibles for 2022. That information was incorrect. The 2022 Medicare deductible is \$233.00 which is an increase from the 2021 deductible of \$203.00. The deductible is a one-time expense and must be paid before Medicare starts to pick up 80% of the cost of a claim. The Medicare Part B premium for 2022 is \$170.10 per month which is an increase from the 2021 premium of \$148.50. I apologize for the incorrect information.

Medicare eligible retirees did get a 5.9% increase which won't go very far given the above increases and the continued rise in inflation.

Vision Provider Update

Costco is now an in-network provider for the Davis vision plan.

To our 2021 Frederick Fair Volunteers:

Kudos to our members for their outstanding commitment to serve as volunteers at the 2021 Frederick Fair this past September! 50 of 58 volunteer positions were filled by our caring retirees in 11 agricultural learning stations. Kudos to the Agricultural Educational Committee for coordinating this endeavor, chaired by Jim Ferrant and assisted by Dr. John George.

Remembrance and Sunshine

Know of a member who is ill, has passed away or has had an immediate family member pass away? Let us know so we can send them a card.

Brenda Martz

brmartz@comcast.net

Faye Buckingham

buck0107@comcast.net

FCRSPA Scholarship Fund



Nancy Gordon, FCRSPA Scholarship Chair

FCRSPA continues in its practice to fund scholarships through the Community Foundation of Frederick County. Decisions on how many scholarships to award from the FCRSPA and FCRSPA/Richard and Pat Petre funds are dependent on the amount of money available from the investments of these accounts and the additional contributions made during the year. Five scholarships will be awarded in 2022, two from the Richard and Pat Petre funds and three from FCRSPA funds.

The FCRSPA Board of Directors has designated March as the time members are encouraged to contribute to the Scholarship Fund. In past years, those attending the March luncheon brought their contributions to that event with others forward their contributions to the association treasurer. These contributions have helped our scholarship funds to grow, thereby increasing the amount of the award for each recipient. Since the March 2022 luncheon has been cancelled, please consider sending your contributions to: Shirley McDonald, 3677 Ridge Road, Ijamsville, MD 21754. 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.

SMOKETOWN BREWING STATION

On November 17 we celebrated retirement at Smoketown Brewery in Frederick. Those who attended enjoyed delicious food, fine beer and reconnecting with friends.



A huge thank you to Caryn Driebelbies, Liz Brady, Linda Sanders, Barb Ferguson, Kathy Campagnoli, Deb Buckman, Mitzi Smith, Regine Schwab and Sandy Bell for making 10 blankets for Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership. Thanks also to Sally Smith for organizing the event.

We will get together again in the future when it is deemed safe to do so.



Holiday Breakfast at The Vistas at Richland Golf Club on December 7, 2021



Center Picture includes: (L to R) Wanda Twigg, Executive Director MRSPA;
Kathy Campagnoli and George Denny, President of MRSPA





At our December breakfast, members enjoyed a holiday concert performed by The Noteables, part of The Madrigal Singers from Homewood at Crumland Farms.

Gail Slezak is the director.

Community Services

Irene Bailey, Claudia Harrington, Charlie Perry

At the December 7 Holiday Breakfast we gathered 183 toys (fewer than some years) and \$195 in cash and checks (much higher than any other year!) for the Toys for Tots campaign. Thanks to Gny Sgt Wedde and Cpl Galiano for their assistance in counting and packing all the toys and thanks to all who contributed.



Left to right in the photo:

Charlie Perry, Irene Bailey, Marine GnySgt Wedde, Marine Cpl Galiano, and Claudia Harrington.

Traditionally, the March luncheon is dedicated to donations for scholarships. Since COVID has caused the cancellation of our March gathering please send scholarship donations directly to FCRSPA Treasurer Shirley McDonald.

Please continue to accumulate school supplies and toiletries for the next time we meet in person (hopefully that will be in May).

MORE WAYS TO VOLUNTEER FOR OUR COMMUNITY

The Literacy Council of Frederick County needs volunteers, *with or without* teaching experience to:

- *tutor an adult learner in basic literacy or English as a second language
- *help in the Literacy Council Office
- *serve on the Board
- *assist as needed with:
 - computer maintenance
 - event planning
 - fundraising
 - grant writing
 - graphic arts
 - newsletter
 - publicity
 - website



The Literacy Council is located at 110 E. Patrick St., Frederick, MD 21701.

For more information please contact them:

- *visit www.frederickliteracy.org
- *email info@frederickliteracy.org
- *call 301-600-2066.

Meals on Wheels is still looking to grow their meal delivery volunteer team. Delivering meals to homebound neighbors is a meaningful way to contribute to your community. It doesn't take much time and can fit easily into your day. If interested in donating your time or money, please go to one of the websites or contact:

Amy Dell

Volunteer Support Services Specialist

Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland, Inc.

(443) 573-0925

adell@mowcm.org

www.mealsonwheelsmd.org

<http://www.facebook.com/mealsonwheelsmd>

<http://twitter.com/mealsonwheelsmd>

<http://www.mealsonwheelsmd.org/donate>





Working at the Y, you'll make a lasting difference in the lives of children in your community. They need us now, more than ever.

The YMCA is a charitable, nonprofit organization that impacts the lives of many. Come join our team and make a difference! **YMCA employment benefits include:**

- Free YMCA Membership
- Flexible hours (only work a few hours a day; Before Care or After Care)
- Discounts on YMCA programs

Before and After School Enrichment (BASE) for Elementary Children:

Our program consists of homework help, enrichment activities, and social-emotional learning while caring for small groups of children at an FCPS school site before and/or after school daily.

BASE Elementary Schools for 2021-22 School Year:

Ballenger Creek	Myersville	Tuscarora
Blue Heron	North Frederick	Twin Ridge
Carroll Manor	Oakdale	Urbana
Centreville	Parkway	Valley
Deer Crossing	Spring Ridge	Walkersville
Green Valley	Sugarloaf	Whittier
Kempton	Thurmont	Yellow Springs

Salary range: \$11.75-\$18.00 per hour depending on education and experience

Want to learn more? Contact Angela Dudek at adudek@frederickymca.org or call 301-228-9220.

SHIP sends us their Thanks!

On behalf of the SHIP board of Directors, I thank the Frederick County Retired School Personnel Association for supporting SHIP through the donation of hygiene items. Support like this is critical in meeting the wrap around needs of the homeless youth SHIP engages and your donation is very much appreciated!

Peter Brelm



HELLO

Since our last newsletter, we have gained **6** new members. Sadly, though, we have lost 2 members to the Memorial Roster.

We appreciate your assistance in recruiting new members, sharing the names of those who have passed away, and informing us of contact information changes.

If you know a cash paying member who did not renew, please try to recruit them back. They can reinstate their membership through MRSPA at mrspa.org or accessing the application forms later in this email. We would like to welcome them back!

As of January 3, 2021, we had **760 Unified members PLUS 33* local only members**

for a
Grand Total of **793** members.

WELCOME

Timothy	Abercrombie	
Martha	Bauer	
Denise	Flora	
Susan	Gullo	
Cynthia	Maria	
Erik	West	

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☆ It was a pleasure to recognize the following new members at the Holi- ☆
 ☆ day Breakfast in December: Julie Seiler, Cheryl Havenstein, Nancy ☆
 ☆ Doll, and Myra Foreman. We look forward to seeing them at future ☆
 ☆ events as well as more new members. ☆

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New Cards are Coming! New Cards are Coming!

The Fall 2021 MRSPA News announced that members would be receiving new plastic membership cards. **PLEASE**, do not throw it away thinking it is junk mail, as you will not be able to receive a new one. These new cards are permanent and can be kept in your purse or wallet for several years. **HOWEVER**, there has been a delay in production. MRSPA will notify us when these have been shipped. If you have questions please contact MRSPA at mrspa@mrspa.org.



Gunda Chris- ta	Angelone
Sheila	Buscemi
Betty	Clem
Doretta	Dorsch
Candace	Etson- Sprague
Van	Henderson
Jay & Bonnie	Jacobs
Carroll	Kehne
Beryl	Long
Dorothy	Lowman
Margaret	Lutman
Evangeline	Van Tries
Susan	Williams formerly Bartlett



In Memoriam



Albertine Baker

4/13/1928 ~ 12/20/2021

Linda Brown

6/29/1951 ~ 11/30/2021

Everyone Likes a Deal!



MRSPA has extended an invitation to cash members to switch to dues deduction for 2021-2022. 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 2021-2022, plus your local dues amount. You need to complete and return the 2021-2022 Dues Deduction Authorization Form, which is available on the MRSPA website under

Switch and Save link at <https://www.mrspa.org/>

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“EACH ONE REACH ONE”

You know why you belong to MRSPA and FCRSPA. Talk to a retired friend and invite him or her to join us. You know why you are a member. Let your friend know, too! We have learned from new members that personal contact is the most effective approach to recruit new members.

We still have a number of copies available of the **FCRSPA Membership Roster**. If you are interested in purchasing one at the **reduced rate of \$2 (and will pick it up)**, please contact us to make arrangements.



CONTACT Information:
myfcrspa@gmail.com



New Member Recruitment Incentive!

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
8379 Piney Orchard Parkway, Suite A
Odenton, MD 21113

Questions: Email MRSPA at mrspa@mrspa.org or call MRSPA at 410-551-1517





Connecting, Protecting, Making a Difference





Find us on:
facebook®

If you are a FB member, you should be able to find our page by searching for Frederick County Retired School Personnel Association. All requests will be vetted against our membership roster. Currently we have 179 members who have joined our page. Please join us!



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 _____
(Country/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.amrspa.org

Signature: _____ Date _____

Do not share my information with member benefits providers.

I prefer to receive the MRSPA Newsletter electronically.

Referred or Recruited by _____

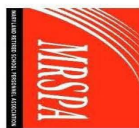
Return completed form to:

MRSPA
8379 Piney Orchard Pkwy Suite A
Odenton, MD 21113

Local and MRSPA Dues

	Local Dues	MRSPA Dues	Total Dues	Total for Dues Deduction Only
Frederick Co.	\$10	\$45	\$55	\$45

The MRSPA Membership year is July 1 through June 30



MARYLAND RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION
8379 Piney Orchard Parkway, Suite A
Odenton, MD 21113-1508

SWITCH AND SAVE!
AUTHORIZATION FOR ANNUAL DUES DEDUCTION

I hereby authorize the Maryland State Retirement Agency to deduct state and local annual membership dues for the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association from one of my retirement checks each membership year. This authorization will remain in effect until cancelled by written notice by me. I understand that my full social security number is required, if I wish to become a dues deduction member.

Print Name _____ SSN: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please mail this form to the Odenton, MD address above.

Local Association Dues
Frederick County ~ \$10

MRSPA dues \$35* + Local Association dues \$10 = Total Membership Dues \$45

*Switch and Save dues deduction members will receive a one-time \$10 reduction in state dues.

MRSPA dues is \$35 the first year and \$45 per year thereafter.

(Recurring Dues deduction is made once/year from the July 31 pension check.)

If you would prefer not to mail your social security number, you may call the MRSPA Office at 410-551-1517 or toll-free at 877-625-6782 to relay your number. You will still need to print and mail the authorization form with your signature.



FREDERICK COUNTY RETIRED
SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

**Look inside to
see what's happening
with FCRSPA!**

Important note:

March 2022 luncheon has been cancelled.

More information in the newsletter.