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President's Message by Tom Slater

This is my first opportunity to communicate with you as the newly-installed President of the Frederick County Retired School Personnel Association. I was sworn in by MRSPA President Ann Marie Downey at the May 14 luncheon. I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as your President for the next two years. Treasurer Shirley McDonald and Secretary Sharon Rectanus were also sworn in at the May luncheon meeting. Special thanks to Brenda Banko and Sally McMurry, who have done yeoman service as the Social Committee for the past few years. Due to their busy schedules, they are going to be succeeded by Ann Keyfauver and Mary Straits, who have graciously agreed to take on this responsibility. Our organization is blessed to have so many who are willing to volunteer their time and energy to support teachers and other school personnel in their retirement.

Please put on your calendars the exciting activities that we have planned for the rest of this year. Our picnic will be on July 9 at the Jefferson Ruritan Hall starting at 6 P.M. Sarno & Hess will return as our entertainment. A sign-up form is found later in this edition of the newsletter. At our next luncheon on October 8 at the Lewistown Fire Hall, we will have a fabulous speaker, University of Maryland Baltimore County President Freeman A. Hrabowski III.

Freeman is one of the most sought after speakers in the United States, and you will not want to miss this luncheon. Among his many honors, Time magazine selected him as one of the 100 most influential persons in the world.

On December 10 we will have our annual breakfast at Dutch's Daughter. One of the most significant events for education in Maryland has been the issuance of the report from the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, chaired by Dr. "Brit" Kirwan. Legislation has already been passed by the Maryland General Assembly to implement some of the Kirwan Commission recommendations, but there is still a lot to do. Brit Kirwan will join us on December 10 to let us know what yet needs to be done to make Maryland's education system the best in the nation.

I am sure that I will have more news to report about the FCRSPA coming activities, but as I write this message, we have not yet had the first Executive Committee meeting of my term. More to come later. If you have any suggestions regarding our association, please contact me at tgslawslate@comcast.net.

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FCRSPA
July Picnic

Tuesday, July 9, 2019
6 p.m.
(Doors open at 5:30)

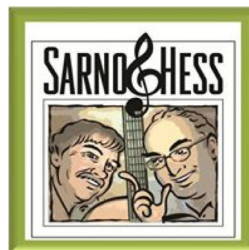
The Jefferson Ruritan Community Center

Cost: \$13 (Members and guests)

Menu

Fried Chicken	Cole Slaw
Potato Salad	Baked Beans
Potato Chips	Deviled Eggs
Applesauce	Pickles
Rolls	Ice Cream Cups
Iced Tea	

Entertainment by



The reservation form for the July Picnic is on the last page of this newsletter.

All reservations must be received by June 20!



MRSPA Annual Business Meeting

May 8, 2019

Bill Price, Sally Smith, Shirley McDonald, Marsha Wise, Nancy Gordon, Tom Slater and Claudia Harrington attended the 2019 MRSPA Business meeting held at the Comfort Inn in Bowie Maryland. The meeting was called to order by President Ann Downey. Minutes were read by Secretary Nancy Gordon and approved. Reports were given by various committee chairmen. Sally Smith, Director of Area 1 East, was among those reporting.

The 2019 budget of \$514,105.00 was reviewed and approved.

George D. Denny, Jr. of Prince George's County was elected as the new President-Elect. Mr. Denny is the author of two books. He served as a teacher and administrator in the PG County Public Schools from 1967 to 2002. He was a town councilman and Mayor of Brentwood, Md. Intermittently from 1970 to 2007.

The morning session included a period of remembrance and honor for departed friends and colleagues. Frederick County had 15 members who passed away in 2018.

The meeting ended with the installation of new officers by Past President Frances "Fay" Miller. A very nice lunch was served to those in attendance.

Legislative Chairman,
Bill Price

Insurance/Health Report

Submitted by Joe Polce

Premiums for FY20

The medical premium for FY 20 has been set to increase by two percent. This will be effective on July 1, 2019 for active employees and retirees. The increase is due to the rising cost of prescription drugs and a sharp increase with medical claims.

Open Enrollment

Open enrollment for retirees will occur in October 2019. Open enrollment for active employees is occurring this month (May). Retiree open enrollment occurs in October because the retiree fiscal year begins on January 1 2020 and ends on December 31, 2020. There will be more information mailed to all retirees in the near future. Open enrollment is the time to make any changes to the medical and dental coverage.

Walkersville Eye Care

It appears that Walkersville Eye Care is now complying with all the aspects of our vision plan. Davis Vision intervened and provided WEC with the basics of the plan. Again, if WEC is your provider make sure that you understand all the benefits of our plan before any service is rendered.

New Vision Benefit

Davis Vision has added a new benefit to the vision plan. An anti-reflective coating called Blue Light is now available. The Blue Light lens coating is to reduce eye strain while working on computers or other electrical devices. A flat rate of \$60.00 is the cost of the coating with in-network or out-of-network providers.

Membership Musings by Marsha Wise and Debbie Thackston



The membership committee is busy working to support MRSPA’s focus to recruit, to retain and to regain members. While we have gained five new members, we have lost six to the Memoriam roster, putting us down a member for this count. If you know someone who is no longer a member, please reach out and ask them to come back as well as inviting those who have newly retired to join. MRSPA and FCRSPA work hard to protect your retirement benefits and provide numerous benefits.

You should have received your bill for 2019-2020 dues. If you pay via dues deduction, your annual dues will be deducted from your July 31 pension check.

We continue to contact FCPS retirees as they set off on their retirement journeys. We need to put (and keep) FCRSPA/MRSPA in the retirement vocabulary.

As of May 1, 2019, we have **735** Unified members PLUS **39** Local Only members for a Grand Total of **774** members.

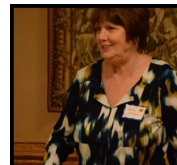
The \$10 Gift Card Incentive is BACK! Any member who signs up a NEW member via DUES DEDUCTION will receive a \$10 Gift Card from MRSPA. Make sure your name is on the application form before it is sent to the MRSPA office. The application is printed later in the newsletter.

Also, if you are a cash paying member and convert to dues deduction, you will receive a \$10 discount on your 2019-2020 membership dues. Just think! No more bills and notices!

Help us to grow our membership!

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

... Debbie Thackston, Membership Co-chair;



New Members Billie Hickman and Billie Laughlin joined us for the May Luncheon.

To our new members!!

- | | | |
|---------|------|------------------|
| Leigh | | Brownell-Currens |
| Gale | L | Grams |
| Kathryn | T | Zepp-Imhoff |
| Alma | D | Moore Palm |
| Rebecca | Jane | Mann |



In Memoriam



Clotene Barrett
4/6/1934 ~ 4/23/2019

Carolyn Dorsey
5/7/1922 ~ 4/28/2019

Sandra Koontz
7/15/1940 ~ 5/14/2018

Peggy Carter
1/19/1929 ~ 4/12/2019

David Eigenbrode
9/27/1933 ~ 10/28/2018

Jean Smith
10/8/1940 ~ 4/18/2019

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??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 and forward to MRSPA..
myfcrspa@gmail.com



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
Debbie Thackston 1-800-201-7001 OR Email:
myfcrspa@gmail.com

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



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

 **Switch and Save** 

MRSPA has extended an invitation to cash members to switch to dues deduction for 2019-2020. 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 2019-2020 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 2019 dues deduction is June 15, 2019



Thank you to **Lori Sorreno and Caleb Snyder, CTC media arts students**, for photographing our March Luncheon.

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.



IN MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS

MARCH 1, 2018 ~ FEBRUARY 28, 2019

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

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

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

Suzanne K. Bricker Bartley
8/18/1941 ~ 3/25/2018

Peggy Fairfax Cosley
10/16/1948 ~ 4/25/2018

Herbert L. Doggett
6/25/1926 ~ 9/3/2018

David Eigenbrode
9/27/1933 ~ 10/28/2018

Marie Fahnstock
5/18/1929 ~ 1/2/2018

Frances Gilbert
11/28/1924 ~ 9/19/2017

Charlotte S. Holter
6/24/1925 ~ 6/25/2018

Edward J. Kerns Jr.
11/7/1933 ~ 1/16/2019

Richard T. Kreh, Sr.
8/3/1928 ~ 6/24/2018

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

Donald O'Boyle
7/16/1947 ~ 3/12/2018

Francis (Jack) Patterson,
10/15/1939 ~ 8/2/2018

Patricia F. Spann
3/2/1948 ~ 6/29/2018

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

Edith L. Wars
2/12/1922 ~ 3/30/2018



Spotlight on Emeritus

Albertine H. Baker
Warren Brake*
Fred Brown, Jr., PhD
Robert Byers*
Betty W. Clem
Roy Clever*
Dorothy J. Cressler
Kathryn R. Fagan

Catherine S. Feaga
Pauline T. Flanagan
Dorothy T. Fogle
Nancy N. Franck
Josephine Gilbert*
George D. Kendrick
Donald Z. Koons*
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 25 members who have reached the milestone of their 90th birthday, adding five (*) new members to this elite group. Last year we featured mini biographies of those Emeritus members who had provided us information. This year we are featuring biographies of those who are newly-noted Emeritus. If you know of anyone who should be on this list but is not, please notify Debbie Thackston, Membership Co-Chair.

Warren Brake

Our eldest, new Emeritus member is Warren Brake. Warren turned 91 on July 12, 2018. He worked for FCPS for 28 years starting at Foxfield in 1950, as a teacher, and retiring as the Principal at Wolfsville Elementary in 1978. After his retirement from FCPS, Warren moved back to his hometown of Petersburg, WV and served as a teacher and a Principal at several elementary schools for eleven additional years! In his retirement, Warren has enjoyed restoring and showing lawn tractors and spending time with his grand dogs!

Donald Koons

Don worked for Frederick County Public Schools for over 40 years. He began as a Social Studies teacher at Frederick High in 1950 and retired as the Assistant Superintendent in January 1990. Don turned 90 on July 22, 2018 and enjoys reading, playing poker and watching sports on television. On 12/13/18, Don and Kay Koons moved from Independent

Living to Assisted Living at Oak Hammock at the University of Florida, a CCRC community in Gainesville, FL.

Josephine Gilbert

Josephine turned 90 this past January 19th. In her retirement, she has enjoyed traveling to areas like Hawaii, Alaska and overseas. She enjoys reading on a variety of subjects and participates in many activities offered at Homewood Retirement Center, where she has lived for the past 16 years. Her husband died in 2000. Josephine wants us to know that her oldest son, Tom Gilbert, was elected the Walkersville Town Commissioner and that she enjoys her 10 "great" grandchildren. Josephine began her career in 1950 at Liberty Jr/Sr. High School and retired in 1986 from Walkersville Middle School.

Josephine also shared that when she and Doris Dorsey Ramsburg were high school seniors, they were hired

by FCPS to teach English due to a teacher shortage created by female teachers taking leave as their husbands were returning home from World War II. The Principal at that time, Avery Browning, had previously used the two girls to substitute both at the elementary and high school level. They were required to keep up with their studies during their senior year while serving as teachers. By completing this assignment, the girls were guaranteed positions in Frederick County upon their college graduation!



Robert M. Byers

Bob taught for FCPS for 25 years beginning as the School Counselor at Elm Street Jr. High and ending in the same position at New Market Middle. Prior to that, he taught in Mansfield, Ohio. Bob served during the Korean War and also served in Japan. In his retirement, Bob plays golf, travels and serves in the Lions Club. He celebrated his 90th birthday on April 3 of this year.

Roy Clever

Roy will be the last new Emeritus member we celebrate this year as his 90th birthday falls on June 6, 2019. Roy worked for FCPS for 32 years, beginning at Elm Street School in 1958 and finishing at Middletown Elementary. During his retirement, Roy has enjoyed playing golf, volunteering at his church Senior Center and serving on various mission teams.



Above, Warren Brake acknowledges fellow MRSPA members, while below, Robert Byers listens to the program.



FCRSPA sponsored its first **Happy Hour** on April 11 at **Oscars Alehouse**. Those attending enjoyed visiting with friends and connecting with former colleagues.

Members pictured from bottom left clockwise: Jay Bemo (first to arrive!) ; Phil Brohawn; Cathie Duncan & Susan Delaney; Carrie Pierson & Shirley Stroup. Several members continued the evening staying for dinner: Kathy Nichols, Anne Rhodes, Brenda Martz, Becky Cross, Linda King, Judy Kendra, Liz Brady.

THANK YOU, **Debbie Thackston**, for all your hard work organizing this first-time event and documenting with these photos.

As part of MRSPA's focus to recruit, retain, and regain members, FCRSPA's action plan includes adding a Special Events Planner to design opportunities which will meet the needs of our entire membership . The Membership Committee welcomes Sally Smith who has accepted this challenge. Stay tuned as Sally works to offer us new and exciting opportunities.



Community Services

Irene Bailey, Claudia Harrington, 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.

At the May 14 luncheon at Dutch's Daughter Restaurant, a large bag of toiletries was collected and donated to the Bridges to Success program at FCPS.

Please bring school supplies to the July 9 picnic at the Jefferson Ruritan. School lists might be out by then for an idea of what teachers are requesting and summer sales might already be in progress with some great bargains. If you prefer, bring your wallet and let us do the shopping.

Community Projects

Irene Bailey, Claudia Harrington, Beryl Long

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, Claudia Harrington at claudia280@comcast.net, or any officer or board of directors member.

We need some fresh ideas and we have many able volunteers. As with any project, leadership and commitment are key ingredients. Would you be willing to organize and/or lead, or do so with a teammate or two? Let us hear from you.

Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership Project

Sally Smith



On April 15 Doretta Dorsch, Jodi Herche, Linda Sanders and Sally Smith met at the Career and Technology Center and compiled 8 no-sew blankets for Children of Incarcerated Patents Partnership.

Our next blanket making get together will be from noon to 3:00 in the Spires Cafe at CTC on June 18. Please let Sally know if you are planning to join in the fun. : or simplysally@comcast.net

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 July 9 picnic at the Jefferson Ruritan. 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.

May Luncheon Photos

Jennifer Powell



At our spring luncheon, MRSPA President Ann Marie Downey (center) installed our FCRSPA officers: Tom Slater (right) as our President and Shirley McDonald (left) as our Treasurer.



The May luncheon door prize was a gift card to Manalu or Madrones. The winners were: (L to R) Jenny Powell, Vickie Marsh, Shirley Nyswaner, Tom Slater, Diana Ogul, Beverly Long, Debbie Smith and (seated) Warren Brake.



ENDLESS SUMMER

HAPPY HOUR

Thursday, June 20 , 2019

At



Come join the fun at this informal Happy Hour! All members and their guests welcome. No cover, plenty of free parking and run your own tab.

The Capital Crave

5901 Old National Pike (Old FVW Golf Course)

4-7 pm

Happy Hour Specials:

\$3.00 Rail Drinks

2 for \$5.00 Bud, Bud Light, Miller, Ultra, Coors Light

Please RSVP to

Sally Smith

simply_sally@comcast.net

by June 13, 2019

Looking forward to seeing you!



General Membership Meetings

Thursday, June 20, 2019
The Capital Crave
Happy Hour
4-7 p.m.

Tuesday, July 9, 2019
Annual Picnic
Jefferson Community Center
Samo & Hess will entertain
6 p.m.

Tuesday, October 8, 2019
Lewistown Fire Hall
Noon

Tuesday, December 10, 2019
Holiday Breakfast
Dutch's Daughter
Noon

FCRSPA Board of Directors Meetings

Meetings are held at CTC on
Tuesdays at 2:00 PM
August 13, 2019
October 15, 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.

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

FCRSPA July Picnic Reservation Form

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY
Thursday, June 20, 2019
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: \$14.00 (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 (\$14.00 per person – Members & Guests)

★ **Please contact Ann Keyfauver if you require a special diet.** ★



**Reservations must be received by
Thursday, June 20, 2019.
Mail form and check made out to
FCRSPA
to
Ann Keyfauver**



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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

<i>Local and MRSPA Dues</i>				
	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

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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 2019-2020

Allegany County	\$20	Anne Arundel County	\$15	Baltimore City	\$15
Baltimore County	\$15	Calvert County	\$10	Caroline County	\$8
Carroll County	\$10	Cecil County	\$10	Charles County	\$10
Dorchester County	\$10	Frederick County	\$10	Garrett County	\$10
Harford County	\$12	Howard County	\$10	Kent County	\$15
Montgomery County	\$10	Prince George’s County	\$15	Queen Anne’s County	\$10
St. Mary’s County	\$10	Somerset County	\$5	Talbot County	\$15
Washington County	\$10	Wicomico County	\$10	Worcester County	\$10

MRSPA dues (\$35)* + Local Association dues \$ _____ = Total Membership Dues _____

***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.)

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