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## President's Message by Kathy Campagnoli

Dear Fellow Members,

As many of you know, Tom Slater has dutifully served as our FCRSPA President for the past two years and has passed the leadership baton to me during this May's virtual ZOOM general membership meeting and induction ceremony. On behalf of our association, I wish to extend heartfelt appreciation to Tom for his exemplary leadership and the support to members he has provided throughout his tenure, especially his determination to keep our organization strong during the COVID-19 crisis. I am truly honored to succeed Tom in that role and to uphold the worthy goals of our cherished association.

As the former Principal of Urbana and Frederick High Schools, I am confident in my skill set to serve effectively within the FCRSPA leadership team. I am fortunate, indeed, to have the opportunity to work with so many talented and experienced members. Our Secretary, Sharon Rectanus, and our Treasurer, Shirley McDonald, were also sworn into office at our May virtual meeting, pledging to continue their dedicated work for our family of retired school personnel. Close collaboration is, after all, one of the hallmarks of our local organization.

There is a quote from Antarctic explorer Ernest Shackleton that I have continued to contemplate during the COVID-19 crisis: "Optimism is true moral courage." The idea that it takes both optimism and courage to see beyond the crisis as we shape our new normal is a crucial one as our association moves forward. We joyfully begin by focusing on the promotion of good fellowship among our members, especially now as we plan to meet for our first in-person gathering—our annual picnic—this year scheduled for noon on July 13 at a reserved pavilion in the Urbana Park. It promises to be a very special event as so many of us are now fully vaccinated and can enjoy the company of our former colleagues and good friends in an outdoor, socially distanced setting. Further details can be found in this newsletter. Please be sure to make your reservations early to help us with our planning.

Until then, please enjoy this beautiful seasonal weather and continue to maintain a positive mindset about our future. The word "optimism" is originally derived from the Latin *optimum*, meaning "best," so let's all strive to live our best life (and be safe while doing so). I look forward to serving FCRSPA with sincere enthusiasm. If you wish to contact me to share either concerns or kudos for our organization, I can be reached via email: [Kathy2157@comcast.net](mailto:Kathy2157@comcast.net)

*Kathy Campagnoli*

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# Picnic Time!



Thanks, Tom  
for your  
leadership  
and service!

## WE NEED YOUR HELP

### Bring School Supplies to the Picnic! *Irene Bailey, Claudia Harrington*

The Community Services Committee is looking forward to collecting donations of school supplies at the July 13 picnic at Urbana Park. Back-to-school sales will likely be in effect then to stretch your dollars in purchasing anything elementary, middle school, or high school students may need as they go back to their classrooms. The committee will organize the supplies and donate them to a few schools.

Another way to help the community is to assist the FCRSPA community service project by making a donation to the Student Homelessness Initiative Partnership (SHIP), which provides "new clothing, funding for youth enrichment activities, counseling services, and emergency shelter when no other options exist" (from the website [www.shipfrederick.com](http://www.shipfrederick.com) ).

Please **make checks payable to FCRSPA with SHIP on the notation line and bring to the picnic or mail to:**

Shirley McDonald



### Remembrance and Sunshine Committee

Please notify us if you know of any members who are ill, have passed away, or who have had an immediate family member pass away. We will send thinking of you, get well, and sympathy cards.

Brenda Martz

[brmartz@comcast.net](mailto:brmartz@comcast.net)

Faye Buckingham

[buck0107@comcast.net](mailto:buck0107@comcast.net)

Looking for you!



Now that we have installed our current President, we need to install a new "President Elect." Therefore, we need your support and help to keep our FCRPSA strong – we need you!!

If you have questions about the duties of the President Elect or are interested in the position, contact Judy Brandenburg at [judithbrandenburg@comcast.net](mailto:judithbrandenburg@comcast.net)

Thank you for your consideration of the position!

**BRING A FRIEND AND JOIN US AT  
THE 2021 FCRSPA SUMMER PICNIC**

**July 13, 2021 at Urbana District Park**

3805 Urbana Pike, Frederick, MD 21704

From Frederick: 355 toward Urbana, left into park, continue to the end of the park road.

Gather at 12:00 NOON with lunch at 12:30 in Shelter # 3

We have a huge picnic shelter with plenty of room to social distance, renew great friendships and share a delicious BBQ Lunch Catered by P.I.G.S. BBQ in Whittier.



Menu

Rubbed BBQ chicken, Beef brisket, baked beans, coleslaw, cornbread, cookies and drinks

**PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN TABLECLOTH AND PLACE SETTINGS**

**TO HELP US STAY SAFE, CLEAN AND GREEN.**

**\$14.00 per person**

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**Reservations are due to Ann Keyfauver**

**by July 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Name \_\_\_\_\_ Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_**

**Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_**

**Total number attending \_\_\_\_\_**

**Have you become a new member since March 2020? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_**

**Emeritus (90 or older) \_\_\_\_\_**

**\_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed (\$14.00 per person Members and Guests)**

**Please mail the bottom of this form and check to FCRSPA as soon as possible.**

**Deadline for reservations is July 1, 2021.**

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While membership changes have been minimal since the last newsletter, we have been busy with reaching out to new retirees and editing the updated roster. **Please remember to notify us if your contact information changes.**

In the coming months we hope to continue to recognize our Emeritus members. If you are turning 90 by the end of June, or know someone who is, please let us know.

As of May 5, 2021, we had **750 Unified members PLUS 32 local members** for a Grand Total of **782 members.**



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**Dues are Due**

Cash paying members should soon receive their dues notice if it has not already arrived.

Local-only members’ bills were mailed the last week of May.

If you have your dues deducted from your pension check, dues will be deducted from your July 31 check.



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/>



*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.*

At the May MRSPA Membership Committee Zoom meeting, we were reminded that our membership committee is much larger than officially listed. All FCRSPA members are valued as membership spokespeople as you reach out to recruit new members. Thank you! During this past year when things were restructured, FCRSPA has the honor of being recognized for our recruiting efforts.

**Thank you for all your help!**

FCRSPA Membership Rosters are here! Those who requested hard copies to be mailed should have already received them. Electronic copies have been sent to all members with email addresses on file. We will have extra copies at the July Picnic. If you wish to have one before the July meeting, please contact us to make arrangements. Cost: \$3 or \$6 for mailed copies.

**myfcrspa@gmail.com or 301-694-7884**



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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.amrspa.org](http://www.amrspa.org)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Do not share my information with member benefits providers.

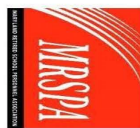
I prefer to receive the MRSPA Newsletter electronically.

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

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

<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*



**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**

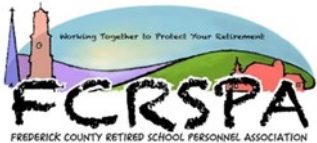
**MRSPA dues \$35\* + Local Association dues \$10 = Total Membership Dues \$45**

\*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

Can't wait to see you at the July picnic!

**Tuesday, July 13 at Noon**

**RSVP by July 1, 2021**

*Look inside for more  
FCRSPA news and  
picnic details!!*

