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President's Message by Tom Slater

I hope you all are managing to survive the COVID 19 pandemic that we are experiencing. Predictions are that things will get worse before they get better, so be careful. Your Executive Board is trying to keep the Association on as normal a footing as possible, but that is difficult when in-person meetings are inappropriate. We have decided to cancel the scheduled December breakfast but are going to have an all-member ZOOM meeting after the first of the year, on January 5, 2021. This will be a chance for our members to see some other friendly faces and hear from Sheri Scher about the activities of the Children of Incarcerated Parents organization. More information about this activities is found later in this newsletter including a practice session on the 4th of January for those less familiar with the ZOOM process. In regard to other activities, we have made donations to Children of Incarcerated Parents, SHIP, and to our scholarship activities. Don't forget to drop off donations at Frederick High School on December 4 for Toys for Tots or send a check to make a donation.

After the first of the year we will assess what the situation looks like in regard to COVID 19 and announce future activities. Sometime things will return to normal.

Keep safe.
Tom



As we head into the holiday season, we know it continues to be a difficult, challenging and often lonely time due to the on-going pandemic. Please know you remain in our thoughts and look forward to the time when we can share our smiles and hugs in person. Until that day arrives, and it will, stay safe and take care.

Your FCRSPA Friends

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GOOD BYE 2020! HELLO 2021!



It's high time we say farewell to the dark year 2020 and all of the isolation and shortages that came with it. **WE MISS YOU!** We need to see your beautiful faces and hear your voices. Since it still is not safe for us to get together in person, we are planning **a giant FCRSPA Zoom general meeting on January 5 at 1:00.**

Our guest speaker will be Shari Ostrow Scher, retired Early Childhood Education Coordinator for FCPS, the founder of Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership and winner of the 2020 Wertheimer Fellows Award for Excellence in Volunteerism. Many of you will remember Shari and truly enjoyed working with her.



Although we would really love to host everyone at our first general membership Zoom meeting, we are limited to 100 participants. Sadly, this is a bring your own food event. If you are interested in joining the fun you must be one of the first 100 members to send your email address to Shirley McDonald who will be hosting the meeting.



Don't worry if you have never taken part in a Zoom meeting. All you need to do is click on the invitation that Shirley will email to you. There will be a test meeting on January 4 and the email invitation to the actual January 5 meeting and the test meeting will go out to you on January 3. Shirley will gladly help you and answer any questions you may have.

Looking forward to visiting with you!



FCRSPA Website

The Constitution of the Frederick County Retired School Personnel Association has been revised over the years since October 8, 1996. Have you checked the contents lately? I'm asking the question how many standing committee chairs are represented when the President calls a virtual meeting? Who selects these volunteers?

Just pondering to direct one to the FCRSPA website.

Wishing all a nice holiday,

Carroll Kehne

Community Services

Irene Bailey, Claudia Harrington



Drive-By Toys, Food, Checks

With our Holiday Breakfast being cancelled, we have come up with another way to gather toys for the Marines' Toys for Tots campaign and to benefit the Frederick food bank. **We will host a drive-by donation opportunity on Friday, December 4 from 10 AM to 1 PM in the Frederick High School parking lot.** Several masked volunteers will be there to accept unwrapped toys and/or non-perishable food items from you as you stay in the warmth and safety of your vehicle. If you prefer, please make checks payable to FCRSPA and write on the notation line either Toys for Tots or Food Bank.

There will also be a Toys for Tots donation box in the vestibule of Tom Slater's office at 129 W. Patrick St., Suite #9, Frederick.

The amount you would have spent on the cancelled lunches and breakfast can do a lot of good in our community!

S.H.I.P.: Student Homelessness Initiative Partnership

So far, \$555 from the membership plus \$250 from the FCRSPA Community Outreach fund for a total of \$805 has been donated to SHIP.



The organization's goal is to "provide new clothing, funding for youth enrichment activities, counseling services, and emergency shelter when no other options exist" (from the website www.shipfrederick.com). This is our FCRSPA community service project and it's not too late to contribute. Please **make checks payable to FCRSPA with SHIP on the notation line and mail to:**

Shirley McDonald

***Still have new, unused toiletries to donate? A box has been placed in the vestibule of President Tom Slater's office for collection. The address is 129 W. Patrick St., Suite #9, Frederick. Products will be given to SHIP for homeless FCPS students.

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
Faye Buckingham



HELLO

Membership Musings

~ Debbie Thackston & Marsha Wise

Since our last newsletter, we are pleased to welcome **16** new members. We had received an updated list of an additional **11** new members after the August/September newsletter went to press. We emailed an Addendum with that list to members for whom we have email addresses. Those **11** are included in the new member list.

It has been a sad year as we have added more members to the Memorial Roster so far this membership year than we did in all of last year. Several of those we learned had been eligible for Emeritus, but we were unaware until we read their obituary. During our drive to secure birth dates for all members, we learned of several others who should have been Emeritus for several years. If you know of anyone who has celebrated the milestone 90th birthday and is not listed on the Emeritus page, **PLEASE** let us know.

As of November 1, 2020, our numbers were down. We had **743 Unified members PLUS 32** local members

for a

Grand Total of **775** members.



If you are a cash paying member and convert to dues deduction, you will receive a \$10 discount on your 2020-2021 membership dues.

Just think!

No more bills and notices!

The Switch and Save form is printed later in the newsletter.

Please encourage your fellow retirees to join us!

MRSPA and FCRSPA work hard to protect our retirement benefits and provide numerous other benefits

The Membership Application form is printed at the end of the newsletter.

You can access both Switch & Save and New Membership Applications at the end of this newsletter

OR

<https://www.mrspa.org/why-join-mrspa>



Catharine Anderman
7/7/1926 ~ 10/17/2020

In Memoriam

Marvin Laws
5/11/1932 ~ 10/2/2020



James Reed
12/8/1923 ~ 8/28/2020



New Members

Kimberly	Anderson
Kelli	Autz
Kathleen	Bussard
William	Derbyshire
Candace	Etson-Sprague
Robert	Griffin Jr.
Ken	Kerr
Kathleen	Leatherman
Sara	Levine
Karen	Locke
Kim	Long
Jennifer	Perry
Donna	Putnam
Cyreasa	Sprankle
Denise	White
Margaret	Williams



Member Changes
Noted in bold font



Name	Address	Main Phone	Cell Phone	Email
Helen Barry				
Jon Evans				
Sally Grove				
Nusret Hisim				
Marilyn Ivascu Change surname to Marrero				
Carol Krajewski				
Elizabeth Myers				
Nealda Jeanne McClung-Morris				
Margaret Perry				
Judy Stup				
Beth Wood				
Marie Ziniewicz				

Spotlight on Emeritus

Audrey Asbury*
 Albertine H. Baker
 Warren Brake
 Bernard Brown*
 Fred Brown, Jr., PhD
 Betty W. Clem
 Roy Clever*
 Ruth Collins Dredden*
 Kathryn R. Fagan

Catherine S. Feaga
 Pauline T. Flanagan
 Dorothy T. Fogle
 Nancy Franck
 George D. Kendrick
 Shirley L. Lakel
 William Luzier*
 Kenneth McGolerick*
 Donald Koons
 Barbara M. Martin

Mildred C. Nicodemus
 Evelyn Orndorff
 Jean Oxley
 Barbara Pasike*
 Beulah Pennington
 Helen W. Schley
 Grace Sheetenhelm*
 Phyllis H. Smith
 John Thompson*

FCRSPA is blessed and fortunate to have confirmed 27 members who have reached the milestone of their 90th birthday, adding seven (*) 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.

Catharine Anderman, 94 years old, would have been honored as one of FCRSPA's Emeritus members, but sadly, she passed on Oct. 17, 2020. She spent her entire career teaching fourth graders, first in Carroll County and then for twenty-four years at Thurmont Elementary. In her retirement, she resided at Homewood at Williamsport where she enjoyed reading, puzzles, pinochle, and afternoon games with her friends. Her greatest joy in life were her grandchildren.

Kenneth McGolerick celebrated his 90th birthday five years ago on March 11, 2015! Ken served Frederick County Public Schools for thirty years, retiring from New Market Middle School in 1981. He stays busy reading the great classics, following current events and playing Bingo at Homewood, where he resides. Ken's favorite hobby is listening to his collection of opera and symphonic music. He has traveled to all fifty states and taken two trips to Europe.

William Luzier turned 90 on November 21, 2019. He began working for FCPS as a Speech Therapist in 1958 and ended his career as the Vice Principal of Rock Creek School in 1985.

Ruth Collins Dredden turned 90 years old on February 24, 2020. She began her career in 1951 at North Street High School in Washington County and then spent the next 38 years working as a Pupil Personnel Worker with FCPS. In her retirement, Ruth spends time with her children and granddaughters and also enjoys reading. She received her undergraduate degree from Morgan State College. She has been very involved in her church, St. John's Catholic, and as a charter member of NBPW Club, Inc. She is also involved in other civic, charitable and fraternal organizations.

Grace Sheetenhelm celebrated her 90th birthday on June 24, 2020. She began her career with FCPS as a Front Office Secretary, in 1967, and ended as a Library Secretary and Visual Aide in 1992. During her retirement, she has enjoyed reading and traveling through the U.S.A. Grace shares that after retiring from Detrick, her husband became a bus driver for Linganore High School. At Christmas time, he would dress up as Santa Claus for their neighborhood and the students and families at Linganore High School. Grace was his beloved Mrs. Claus!



If you are new to Emeritus and received a letter from
 Debbie Thackston in September 2020,
 please feel free to send back your survey even now.
 She will collect the information and share it in the next newsletter.

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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.amspsa.org

Signature: _____ Date _____

Do not share my information with member benefits providers.

I prefer to receive the MRSPA Newsletter electronically.

Referred or Recruited by _____

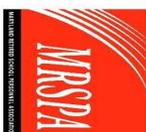
Return completed form to:

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



Drive-in Donation for Toys for Tots	December 4, 2020 10:00—1:00
Blue Rewards Incentive Program Begins	January 1, 2021
General Meeting Zoom Test	January 4, 2021
FCRSPA General Meeting via Zoom	January 5, 2021 at 1:00 pm