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President's Message by Linda King

Our summer months are full of activity and this summer we spent an enormous amount of time trying to stay cool. In retrospect, the months of June and July just sped by and August seems to be doing the same.

We ended our organizational year with a great picnic at the Jefferson Ruritan Center. That evening we enjoyed good food, socializing with new friends and seeing friends we had not seen for a long while. We honored two of our Emeritus members, Pauline Flannagan and Helen Schley. Following that we enjoyed awesome music by Sarno & Hess. A terrific evening!

I attended a MRSPA President's Meeting in July at our headquarters in Odenton, Maryland. The majority of our day was spent discussing ways to increase our membership. Our new MRSPA President, Anne Marie Downey, reminded us to think about the reasons for joining MRSPA. Her slogan for her term is "MRSPA – Connecting, Protecting, Making a Difference". We Connect socially with our co- workers, communities, and elected officials. We seek to Protect our benefits that we earned in our careers, and we volunteer in our connumities to make a difference.

The FCRSPA Board of Directors met August 7, 2018 to discuss our past and future endeavors. What worked and what needs to be changed to make our organization better? What new things can we try to entice and convince more retirees to join us?



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FCRSPA Fall Luncheon

October 9, 2018

Reservations are due to Brenda Banko by September 20, 2018 Please respect deadline.

(Reservation Form is on page 17 of this newsletter)

12 p.m. (Doors open at 11:30 a.m.)

Lewistown Fire Hall 11101 Hessong Bridge Road Frederick, MD 21701

Cost: \$17.00 per person

Menu
Baked Ham and Fried Chicken
Scalloped Potatoes
Green Beans
Cole Slaw
Apple Pie
Iced Tea, Coffee, and Rolls

Guest Speaker: Elaina Lyons Community Living



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The E-mail, Membership and Publications Committees recently completed an audit of contact information.

To ensure that you receive communications from FCRPS and MRSPA, please contact us with any changes to your address, phone, or e-mail.

If you know of anyone who is not receiving communications, please have them contact us. We want to hear from you!



FCRSPA Board of Directors Meetings 2018-2019

The FCRSPA Board of Directors Meetings are held at the Career and Technology Center on the campus of Frederick Community College. All members are welcome to attend these meetings. All meetings begin at 2:00 pm. The CTC has a new security policy beginning at the start of the school year. Everyone must enter through the front door. You will need to push the enter button, show your driver's license, sign in at the front office and get a name badge. The dates for these meetings are:

October 16, 2018 January 15, 2019 March 19, 2019 May 21, 2019

FCRSPA General Meeting Dates 2018-2019

Date	Time	Place	Speaker or Program
October 9, 2018	12:00 Noon	Lewistown Fire Hall Lewistown, MD Doors open 11:30	Elaina Lyons Community Living
December 4, 2018	8:30 am	Dutch's Daughter 581 Himes Avenue Frederick, MD Doors open 8:00 mam	ТВА
March 12, 2019	12:00 Noon	Dutch's Daughter 581 Himes Avenue Frederick, MD Doors open 11:30	ТВА
May 14, 2019	12:00 Noon	Dutch's Daughter 581 Himes Avenue Frederick, MD Doors open 11:30	MRSPA President Installation of Officers
July 9, 2019	6:00 pm	Jefferson Ruritan Jefferson, MD Doors open 5:30 pm	Annual Picnic and Scholarship Awards

Remembrance and Sunshine Committee

Submitted by Faye Buckingham

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, or sympathy cards.

Brenda Martz Faye Buckingham

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Community Service Update

Submitted by Irene Bailey, Claudia Harrington, and Beryl Long

The Community Services Committee distributes school supplies to county schools for needy students. An overflowing tub and two large boxes of supplies were collected at the Jefferson Ruritan at the July 10 picnic. Monetary contributions amounted to \$40 and will be used as sales appear at local retailers. Supplies will be delivered (probably in October) when the surplus of community back-to-school donations has started to dwindle.

There are needy students at every level, pre-K--12. Please bring new, un-used school needs including pencils, pens, erasers, crayons, markers, glue, rulers, scissors, loose-leaf paper, binders, folders, spiral or composition notebooks, etc., or cash, to the October 9 luncheon in Lewistown. If you are unable to attend, please ask a friend to carry items for you. At the December Holiday Breakfast/Brunch (Dec.4, mark your calendars) we'll again collect unwrapped toys to donate to the U.S. Marines' Toys for Tots campaign.

Community Services also helps in gathering travel size toiletries for the Bridges to Success program to distribute to Frederick County students. Hundreds of soaps, shampoos, lotions, toothbrushes and toothpastes, and feminine products were donated at the July picnic.

Thanks to all who assist in providing the basic tools and human necessities to students in Frederick County schools.

Planning ahead, please begin thinking about nominating someone for the annual Community Service Award. You may nominate yourself or any other member of FCRSPA. Last year the nomination was heavily based on volunteer hours, but it does not necessarily need to be this year. Many types of contributions to our community are important and of great value.

Nominating Committee

Submitted by Judy Brandenburg

Thanks to Mary Straits for accepting the offer to be part of the Nominating Committee along with Judy Brandenburg.

Her acceptance is greatly appreciated.

Health/Insurance

Submitted by Joe Polce

CareFirst

There have been some minor glitches with initial change from UHC to CareFirst. Just remember that the basic plan design for both medical and vision have not changed. Plan benefit information is available at www.fcps.org and at www.carefirstfrederick.com. Retirees should register as members of CareFirst to get correct access to all the benefits. The find-a-doctor section may be difficult to manage as it is entirely different that UHC's. I found that putting in my zip code instead of my address when searching for a doctor got better results. This part will continually be updated. It may be easier to call your doctor(s) and ask if in network. Any problems should be directed to either Doris Toms at 301-644-5052 or Evelyn Davis at 301-644-5115.

Open Enrollment

The retiree open enrollment period is from October 15 to October 31. This is the time for retirees to make changes to their health or dental insurance plan. Information will be coming as to time and location.

Dental Plan Enhancements

Effective January 1, 2019 the dental allowance will change from \$1000 to \$1500 or \$2000 to \$2500. This will occur automatically to which ever allowance enrolled. This is at no additional cost to the premium.

Hearing Aids

A hearing aid benefit was added to the health insurance plan beginning July 1, 2108. The benefit is \$3500 once every two years. There is a prior authorization requirement from CareFirst.

Vaccine Coverage

The following vaccines will be covered under our medical plan: Flu shots, Shingles and Pneumonia. CVS does not cover vaccines through our prescription coverage although you can have them administered at the Minute Clinic. CVS will then invoice the CareFirst directly.

United Health Care Claims

There will be claims submitted to UHC after to July 1, 2019 might create a slow processing problem. The Insurance Council has approved a 12 month run out with UHC to process all claims that occur after July 1, 2018. This means that UHC must continue to process and pay claims for a 12-month period. If you are having a problem getting a claim settled by UHC, please notify Doris Toms immediately.

Retiree News and Notes Article

The Rx Alert section of the Maryland State Retirement Agency does not pertain to FCPS retirees. Please DO NOT ENROLL in this Medicare Part D plan. All FCPS Medicare eligible retirees are enrolled in a Medicare Part D plan through CVS which is called SilverScript. NO ACTION is required from us on this matter. The Rx Alert refers to Maryland State retirees.

Homewood Residents

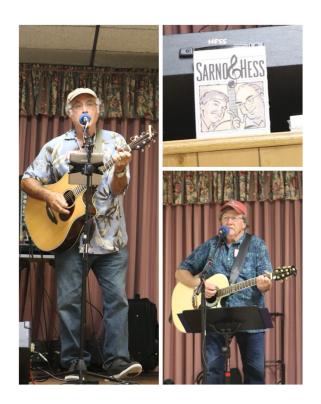
Submitted by Debbie Thackston

Please note that we have worked with Julie Norris, your Activities Director, to provide a shuttle bus to each of our 2018-19 events. A minimum of six residents must sign up for each event to make it possible to run the shuttle. In addition, you will need to mail your reservation form and payment for each event to Brenda Banko, whose address is on the reservation form. Please note the deadline for each event.

Annual Picnic Photos Submitted by Jennifer Powell



(Photos continued)



Left: Sarno and Hess performed at our picnic. Pictured here are (L to R): Steve Hess and Gene Sarno. Steve is an FCRSPA member

Below: Winners of our picnic door prizes. Back (L-R): Paul Stull, Debbie Knipe, Jane Mackley, Bob Guyton, Ginny Mohler, Cheryl Miller, Irene Bailey, Liz Brady, Jan Dinterman. Front (L-R): Jean Stine, Marsha Wise, Shirley Stroup



Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership Project

Submitted by Sally McMurry

Please add how grateful we are to these volunteers who completed 9 blankets for Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership.

Our next no sew blanket making will be September 13 in the Squires Cafe at CTC from noon until 3:00. Anyone wishing to participate should please contact me at simplysally@comcast.net or 301-694-7289 by September 7.



Row 1: (L-R) Gail Slezak, Deb Carroll and Lois Kuhn. Row 2: (L-R) Barb Ferguson, Rise Lanier, Sally Smith and Jodi Herche. Row 3: (L-R) Dottie Wood and Mitzi Smith

A Note to All Former Music Teachers

Submitted by Sally McMurry

We are considering a partnership with The Salvation Army of Frederick. We need a few former music teachers that are interested in providing after school instruction with musical instruments, to children of our community. All of the arrangements would be done by the Salvation Army staff. We just need to provide instructors. If this sounds like a service project that would fulfill your need to perform a "random act of kindness," please contact our President, Linda King.



FCRSPA Scholarship Update

Submitted by Nancy Gordon

This year FCRSPA and FCRSPA/Richard and Pat Petre Scholarships gave awards to two recipients through the Community Foundation of Frederick County. Our appreciation to Bonnie Strine and Shirley Stroup who serve on the review panel for the selection of these scholars.

Each year the FCRSPA Board of Directors and Richard and Pat Petre make decisions on the amount to be distributed and the number of scholars to receive the scholarships. Your contributions throughout the year and especially in the designated-giving month of March help the funds to grow. There is interest in finding ways to increase the funds so that more scholarships can be awarded. Any suggestions for ways to do this are welcome!

The two recipients for this year, Brianna Miller and Sasha Pabis, shared a brief bio about themselves and their appreciation for the scholarships.

Hi! My name is Brianna Miller. I graduated from Catoctin High School on May 31st, 2018. I was accepted into the two colleges that I applied to, Hood College in Frederick, Maryland and Mount St Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Both of these places offered amazing financial aid, but I know I couldn't do it without the help of the FCRSPA, whose funds will help with my tuition for MSMU. I chose this college due to my long desire to go there, as it has always seemed like a perfect fit for me (small, private, university, community-oriented). I'm going to double major in social studies and history in order to be a teacher of history (and hopefully psychology) in secondary education (high school). I received four different scholarships from the Community Foundation. So, finally, I just want to thank every supporter and contributor to my college education and want to tell them I promise I will not let any of you down!

Sasha Pabis will be entering her sophomore year at Flagler College in St. Augustine Florida. She will continue her studies with a double-major in Elementary Education & Deaf Education. This fall she will begin her practicum at the Florida School for Deaf & Blind. She enjoys helping students learn & excel and is especially interested in learning more about deaf culture and bridging the gap between hearing and deaf communities. She was on the Dean's List for both semesters of her Freshman year and is excited to continue her education this fall with the help of the FCRSPA scholarship.

FCPS Partnership

Submitted by Marsha Wise

The Asian American Center of Frederick, sponsor of RSVP, has partnered with FCPS to provide classroom assistance or student mentoring. If you are interested in putting your skills to work and wish to volunteer, contact Veronica Poole, Project Director, at 301-600-7900 or email her a vpoole@aacfmd.org

Website: https://rsvp-frederick.jimdo.com/volunteer/ or www.facebook.com/rsvpfc

Remember!

Your FCRSPA is now being sent from Lois Humphrey (lois s humphrey@hotmail.com).

Please adjust your email settings to accept your FCRSPA emails.

Membership Musings by Marsha Wise and Debbie Thackston



We hope that you are enjoying summer activities and continue to find your retirement fulfilling. We continue to reach out to new retirees and gently remind current members to renew their membership. At the FCPS June reception for retirees we hosted an

FCRPA recruiting table. We have also been invited to host a table at the FCPS Retiree Open Enrollment event at Building B, in Walkersville, on September 21 rom 9 a.m. to noon.

If you know a July retiree or a recent retiree, 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.

Help us to grow our membership!



- ... Marsha Wise, Membership Co-chair; myfcrspa@gmail.com
- ... Debbie Thackston, Membership Co-chair; (301) 694-7884

As of August 1, 2018, we have 747 members!



If you are a cash paying member you have received your dues notice. If you have misplaced your notice, you can access renewal information online at www.mrspa.org or contact us for a renewal form.

This will be your **LAST** newsletter should you not renew.

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



To our new members!

Michelle Brooks ~ Susan Burket ~ Kathy Campagnoli ~ Linda Chrisler ~ William Crum Carolyn Crunkleton ~ Susan Devlin ~ Marilyn Dolbeare-Mathews ~ Felacita King Janet Maldonado ~ Candis Manges ~ Gail Picking ~ Pamela Shaw ~ Georgia Staley Irene Viti ~ Bonnie Walters ~ Karen Zimmerman

Michelle Brooks 198 Pheasant Run Lane Hanover, PA 17331

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Kathy Campagnoli 2426 Stoney Creek Road Frederick, MD 21701

Linda Chrisler 6655 Coldstream Drive New Market, MD 21774

William Crum Jr. 8265 Retreat Road Walkersville, MD 21793

Carolyn Crunkleton 4301 Saratoga Springs Court Middletown, MD 21769 Susan Devlin 6123 Kara's Walk Elkridge, MD 21075

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Janet Maldonado 3022 Mill Island Pkwy. Frederick, MD 21701

Candis Manges 8509 Laddie Court Walkersville, MD 21793 Gail Picking 4264 Caladium Circle West Melbourne, FL 32904

> Pamela Shaw 1489 Eden Drive Frederick, MD 21701

Georgia Staley 8133 Claiborne Drive Frederick, MD 21702

Irene Viti 511 Gateway Drive West Thurmont, MD 21788

Bonnie Walters 626 Trafalgar Drive Hagerstown, MD 21742

Karen Zimmerman 10321 McKinstry Mill Road New Windsor, MD 21776



??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



Thank you to **Kayla Littleton, a CTC media arts student,** for photographing our July picnic. It is gratifying to see FCPS students developing and honing their skills. Kayla's volunteer service allowed all our members to enjoy the fellowship of the gathering.

Also, a **BIG THANK YOU** to **Jenny Powell** for coordinating photography and news publications.

Membership Roster Changes

ADDRESS CHANGES

Doris Baker 705 Jousting Way Mt Airy, MD. 21771-4042

> Peggie J. Bracken 704 15th St. Apt.210 Durham, NC 27705

Nancy S. Dietz 185 Timberwood Road Monroe, VA 24574

Judith A.Hubbard 2303 Roe Lane Frederick, MD 21701-5352 Edward & Helen Kerns 500 Pearson Circle, Apt. 1015 Frederick, MD 21702

Margaret Perry 500 Pearson Circle, Apt 2019 Frederick, MD 21702

Kathy Shultz P.O. Box 25 Chewsville, MD 21721-0025

Phyllis Houck Smith 7401 Willow Road Apt 366 Frederick, MD 21702

IN MEMORIAM



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

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

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

Richard Kreh 8/23/1928 ~ 6/24/2018

Francis "Jack" Patterson 10/15/1939 ~ 8/2/2018



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.

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 at 301-694-7884

Email: myfcrspa@gmail.com

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

Since the last newsleter we recognized two more Emeritus members at the July picnic: Pauline Flanagan and Helen Schley. Emeritus members are those individuals who have reached the milestone of 90 years of age, becoming lifetime complimentary members. In her introductory remarks at those recogniztions, Debbie shared that MRSPA is privileged to have over 600 Emeritus members, with 100 of those having reached the age of 100! Our next recognition will occur at the May 2019 gathering.

We have received two more bios from Emeritus members. Sadly, Charlotte Holter passed away since we received her information. It is only fitting, though, to include her information.





Charlotte Holter

Charlotte was born on June 24, 1925 and resided at Buckingham's Choice. She began her career as a teacher at Middletown High School and retired as the Supervisor of Instructional Materials. Charlotte worked for FCPS for 42 years!

George Kendrick

George worked for FCPS for 25 years. During his retirement, he has enjoyed puzzles, stamp collecting, walking, Bingo, cooking and baking. George is also an Orioles fan and a Redskins fan. On November 26, George will celebrate his 92nd birthday.



Newsletter Preference (Circle One) Email Paper

Maryland Retired School Personnel Association

Membership Renewal

8379 Piney Orchard Parkway, Suite A Odenton, MD 21113-1508 410-551-1517 or toll-free 877-625-6782

I would like to renew my membership in the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association. Enclosed with this form is a check for my 2018-2019 membership dues. Name:				
Local: Frederick				
Signature:				
Date:				
Position at Retirement:				
Newsletter Preference (Circle One) Email Paper				
MRSPA State \$45 + FCRSPA County \$10 = \$55				
OR				
Maryland Retired School Personnel Association				
Dues Deduction Authorization				
8379 Piney Orchard Parkway, Suite A				
MANYLAND BETHRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION Odenton, MD 21113-1508				
I hereby authorize the Maryland State Retirement Agency to deduct state and local annual membership dues for the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA) from one of my retirement checks each membership year. This authorization will remain in effect until cancelled by written notice or email by me. I understand that my social security number is required, if I wish to become a dues deduction member. Switching to dues deduction will save you \$10 this year with a one-time reduction in state dues. If you authorize dues deduction, your state dues will be \$35 for 2018-2019.				
MRSPA State \$35 + FCRSPA County \$10 = \$45				
Print Name:				
Local: Frederick				
Signature:				
Social Security Number:				
Date:				
Position at Retirement:				

Fall Luncheon Reservation Form October 9, 2018

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 20, 2018 PLEASE RESPECT THE RESERVATION DEADLINE. THANK YOU!

Lewistown Fire Hall 11101 Hessong Bridge Rd. Frederick, MD 21701

Doors Open at 11:30 a.m. Luncheon served at 12:00 p.m.

Cost Per Person: \$17.00 (same fee for all)

Name:	Name of Guest:		
Street:	City:	State:	Zip
Phone:	_ Email:		
Total Number Attending:	Are you a new member? Yes N	No	Emeritus (90 years or older)
\$ Amount E	Enclosed (17.00 per person – Members & Gues	sts)	

Mail reservation form and check (payable to FCRSPA) to

Brenda Banko 1849 Millstream Drive Frederick, MD 21702

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 20, 2018
PLEASE RESPECT THE RESERVATION DEADLINE.
THANK YOU!

Social Committee Survey

Please take a few minutes to read and respond to our survey. We want to better represent your wishes as we plan for later meetings of our FCRSPA.

Please v	e the most important aspects of or vrite numbers 1-7 in the blanks. g the most important, and #7 being		.		
F	air cost of the meal				
L	ocation of venue				
E	Ease of parking/handicap accessible	e			
E	Enough choices of meals				
F	Plated or buffet style serving				
1	Time of day (breakfast, lunch or dinner)				
[Day of week				
Would y	ou like to add any comments?				
Please c more th		s/venue	s that you prefer. You may certainly check		
	Carriage House in Emmitsburg		Lewistown Fire Hall		
	Outch's Daughter		Morningside Inn		
F	rederick American Legion		Mountaingate in Thurmont		
H	Hood College Dining Hall		Urbana Fire Hall		
J	efferson Ruritan Hall				

Do you usually attend the meetings/meals?	If no, please explain
Do you prefer a variety of venues (the way we have	e always done it) or would you prefer that
all of our meetings are at the same place?	
Would you be interested in having the Social Comm	nittee plan other social events? If so, what
would you like to see happen?	

Further comments may be written on the back of this form.

Please mail this form along with your meal reservation. If you have two FCRSPA members at your address, please feel free to make a copy of this sheet, and mail in two opinions.

If you won't be attending the next luncheon, please mail this form to Brenda Banko, anyway.

Thanks,
Brenda Banko and Sally McMurry
Co-chairs of the FCRPSA Social Committee

Additional Comments: