

TALBOT COUNTY
RETIRED



SCHOOL PERSONNEL
ASSOCIATION

The Little Red Schoolhouse

President's Message

Dear Members,

I am writing this letter and it is still January. Our weather has had extreme cold temperatures, much rain, ice and fog. We have had school delays. When you receive this newsletter, a month will have passed and we will be in the middle of the month of February.

Our February calendar brings our Pre Retirement Dinner at Easton High School. This event is for those school employees who may be near retirement. A wonderful meal is prepared by Chef Cook students and information is presented to inform retirees about benefits in their pension system. Mary Reeser, Judy Kohn and Mary Hawkins organize, and Mrs. Linda Brown's students serve and prepare the food. A guest speaker from The Maryland Pension System will answer questions.

Our March calendar brings our luncheon at Easton High School (always a favorite and well attended). Tish Raff and Bill Brown will be our guests. They are at work in the legislature and know what's happening in

Annapolis. Also , Judy Zahren our Executive director and Stuart Tucker the current MRSPA president will be speaking to us at this luncheon. This is a luncheon you should not miss. It promises to be very informative.

I hope to see you in March. Stay healthy, and stay warm.

Robert Frost 's take on the coming of spring ...

"The sun was warm but the wind was chill.

You know how it is on an April day.

When the sun is out and the wind is still,

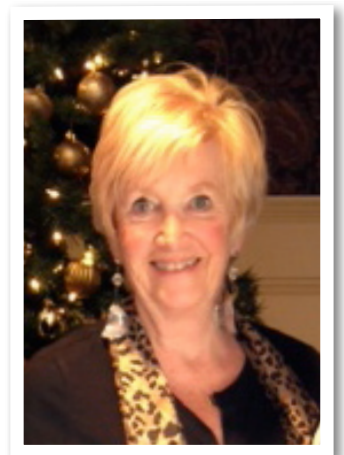
You're one month on in the middle of May.

But if you so much
as dare to speak,

A cloud comes over
the sunlit arch,

A wind comes off a
frozen peak,

And you're two
months back in the
middle of March."



**Executive Board
Meetings for
2013 - 2014
9:30 a.m. at TCEC**

Monday, Feb. 3rd

Monday, April 7th

All members are welcome to
attend.

**Luncheons
for
2013 - 2014
at 11:30 a.m.**

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Tuesday, March 4th
Chef Cooking Class @ EHS

Tuesday, June 3rd
Chesapeake Landing

MARTHA GREEN SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship committee would like to thank TCRSPA members who donated to the scholarship fund so generously at our luncheons.

Each luncheon our Association is asking for donations for this summer scholarship. We are able to collect a few dollars at each one. We are adding this request to our newsletter (4 times a year). If you are not attending luncheons, you may want to consider contributing to this worthy cause. Thanks so much !!!

Please mail your donation (of any amount) to Jan McCrea, our treasurer, or to Dotty Olds.

Addresses: Dotty Olds
7415 Tour Drive
Easton , MD 21601

Jan McCrea
4002 Pine Top Court
Hurlock MD 21643

TCRSPA Spring Luncheon

Date: Tuesday, March 4, 2014
Place: Easton High School Chef Cook Classroom
Time: **11:15 a.m.** Check In and Welcome by Dotty Olds

Because of student schedules, **please try to be there by 11:30.** You do not have to check in at the main office. We will have a list with all of our names and will check you off **as you enter through the door near the cafeteria.**

Guest Speakers:

From the MRSPA Office - President Stuart Tucker, Executive Director Judy Zahren, and Legislative Director Tish Raft.

Program: EHS Music Department Students

Cost: \$ 10.00

Menu:

Soup - Choose One

Cream of Asparagus

MD Vegetable Crab

Salad - Choose One

Mixed Greens with dressing on the side

Fresh Fruit Salad

Entree - Choose One

Open Face Chicken Parmesan Sandwich with a side

Pulled Beef on a Roll with a side

Dessert - Choose One

Lemon Meringue Pie

Brownie with Ice Cream

Fresh Fruit

Beverages: Coffee or Tea

Remember: We voted to stop bringing back a door prize gift. There will be a 50-50 Raffle and a collection for the Martha Greene Summer Scholarship.

Please call or mail reservations by February 25th to:

Mary E. Reeser Tel. # 410 822 4410
358 St. Aubins Terrace
Easton, MD 21601

Chic Harrison Tel. # 410 822 1209
29300 Will Street
Easton, MD 21601



Holiday Luncheon

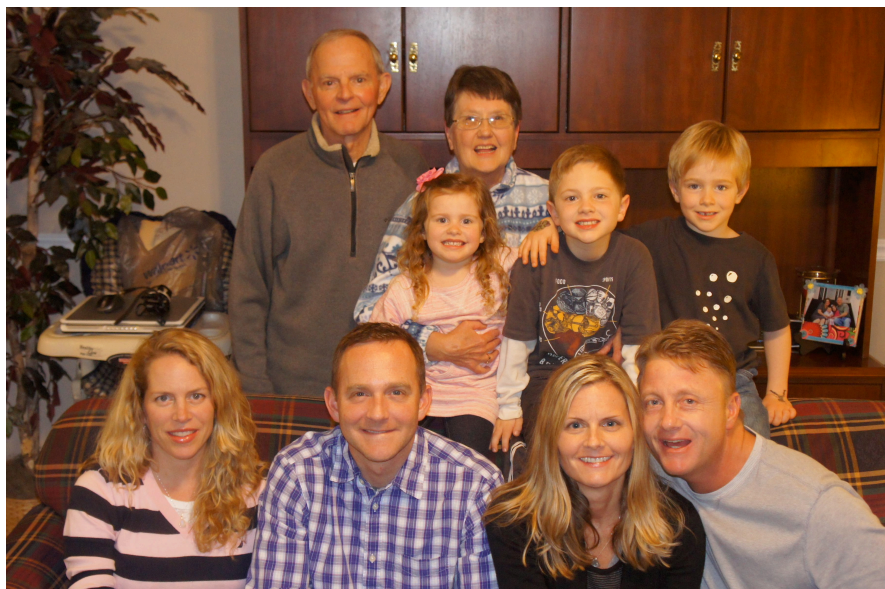


Dotty Olds, Interim Superintendent Kelly Griffith and School Board President Bob Burris at our Holiday Luncheon



Kelly, Dotty and Talbot County Teacher of the Year Robin Werner at Easton Club for the December luncheon

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Ken Evans and his Family
His letter follows on the next page.

Life After Retirement

Dear Friends,

Before I share a little about our present life in Western Maryland, I want to say “thank you” to our dear friends on the Eastern Shore for the love and support we have received over the years. My wife, JoAnne, and I came to the Eastern Shore as newlyweds in 1969. Our life began to center around our church life and my teaching career. Along the way, the Lord blessed us with a daughter, Anne, and a son, Kevin. The support of my wife and children allowed me to work hard and give my students my best effort. My students truly helped to shape my life for who I am today.

After I retired from Talbot County Schools, JoAnne and I journeyed back to our roots to Western Maryland in 2004 and settled in the beautiful, mountainous area of Ellerslie, Maryland. Our children and their families settled into the Baltimore area. Anne and her husband, Jamie, have an eight-year-old son named Zachary. Kevin and his wife, Natasha, have 2 children, Bode and Mischa. Natasha is expecting a child in March. We love and enjoy our family and are so excited for a fourth grandchild in the Spring! Our grandchildren help keep us young, for they are delight of our lives!

Our life in Ellerslie, Maryland keeps us busy! JoAnne and I serve in the LaVale Baptist Church. JoAnne enjoys her church music ministry. I serve in the Deacon Family Ministry, along with many missionary projects, which is very challenging and rewarding for me. One project I enjoy greatly is the “Backpack Ministry”, which reaches out to the surrounding public schools. I also love teaching my Middle School Sunday School Class. It allows me to have the freedom to be a mentor and a counselor to young people. In addition, I have been a part-time employee of Alleghany Public Schools for several years now, as I have enjoyed substitute teaching at a few middle and high schools in the area. I will always enjoy working with young people for as long as I am able to do so.

JoAnne and I reach out to my brothers and sisters, along with our many cousins, in Cumberland and the surrounding areas. We also enjoy the luncheons with our high school classmates. Our travels have taken us many places, including Europe, Israel, the Caribbean, Alaska, Hawaii and various other U.S. states.

In closing, we are thankful to be in good physical and emotional health to still enjoy our family, friends and life. We wish everyone on the Eastern Shore much good health and happiness!

God Bless ~ Ken Evans

A Blast from the Past

Past TCRSP Minutes

by Jerlean Sampson, Archive Chairperson

For our TCRSPA Birthday Celebration in June, we are printing up a pamphlet of archive items from the last 50 years. Many thanks to Jerlean for all of her hard work in researching this material! Here is a sampling - enjoy!

1964 ~ Erma Stewart presides as the first president of TCPSRPA (was TRTA). She served from 1964 - 1966. Membership : 31.

1975 ~ TCRTA President : Loleta Callahan. The Retired Teachers Association of Talbot County met on June 23, 1975 at the Little Red School House, Longwoods. 47 members attended. Dues \$4.00.

1977 ~ President : Walter Mooney. Mrs. Martha Greene, Chairman of the Newsletter, proposed the name "Echoes from the Little Red School House," which was accepted. First Publication - June 20, 1977.

1984 ~ President : Dorothy V. Leonard. Mrs. Margaret McCrea presented a suggestion for a Fashion Show Luncheon.

1985 ~ TCRTA Picnic was well attended at Little Red School House. (50 people)

1989 ~ President : Debbie Nelson. TCRTA holds a Fashion Show at Cecille's. Among our models were Bertha Wilson, Frances Cullen, Pauline Dickerson, Kathleen Francis and Carrie Henson Gates.

*Happy 50th Birthday
TCRSPA !!*

Steven Wright ~ Scientist, Comic
Some of his thoughts ~

- 1 - I'd kill for a Nobel Peace Prize.
- 2 - Half the people you know are below average.
- 3 - A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good.
- 4 - All those who believe in psycho kinesis, raise my hand.
- 5 - I almost had a psychic girlfriend ... But she left me before we met.
- 6 - How do you tell when you're out of invisible ink?
- 7 - Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
- 8 - When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
- 9 - I woke up one morning and all my stuff had been stolen and replaced by exact duplicates.
- 10 - What happens if you get scared half to death twice?
- 11 - My mechanic told me, "I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder."
- 12 - If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.
- 13 - A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.
- 14 - Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.
- 15 - The hardness of the butter is proportional to the softness of the bread.
- 16 - The problem with the gene pool is that there is no lifeguard.
- 17 - Everyone has a photographic memory; some just don't have film.
- 18 - If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.

Consumer Education

Submitted by Joyce Schriver

The following information is provided by the "Consumer Connection" which is a publication of MRSPA:

Five Hidden Credit Card Perks:

1. Rental car insurance. Most credit cards include collision insurance, so check before buying extra!
2. Cell phone replacement. Certain cards will pay for replacements for damaged or stolen cell phones, but you may have to pay a \$50 co-pay.
3. Trip cancellation. A Discover card may give you up to \$2500 if you have to cancel your trip due to illness. It has to be a serious illness certified by a doctor or an event like a death in the family.
4. Price (or return) protection. If you buy an item and find the same for a lower price elsewhere within 30-60 days, your card might refund the difference. Check for exclusions.
5. Extended warranties. Visa and AmEx automatically double the length of any manufacturer's warranty. You need documentation and some products aren't covered, but it can save you money.

Save Money with These Quick Appliance Fixes:

1. Refrigerator is not cold: if lowering the setting does not work, check under it to see if the condenser coils need to be vacuumed to remove dirt and dust. Unplug first!
2. Dishwasher is not running: Check to see if the float switch is jammed in the up position from objects like forks.
3. Weak vacuum suction: If cleaning the filters does not work, check the hose for an obstruction. Drop a coin in one end, and if it does not come out, try to dislodge the debris with a broomstick.

Stay Healthy!!

1. Exercise on a regular basis. Try Zumba Gold which is offered at the Senior Center.
2. Cut calories in several ways. Drink nonfat milk; use small glasses for juice; flavor your coffee with spices such as cinnamon instead of cream sugar, or flavored syrup; and eat broth-based rather than cream-based soups. Have a healthy 2014!

If you have a new or updated email address, please send it right away to Jan McCrea at jmccrea7678@gmail.com ~

Thanks!!!



Community Service Committee

Many thanks for your food contributions at our last luncheon for the Neighborhood Center Pantry. They were greatly appreciated!

At our luncheon in March we will be collecting **canned and bagged dog and cat food** for the Talbot County Humane Society. If you have any questions, please call us.

Thanks,
Bennie Milton and Elois Brown
Bennie : 410-476-3734 Elois : 410-476-3574





Sunshine Committee

submitted by Jan Middleton

Ahh... Spring is right around the corner; warmer temperatures, beautiful foliage, and songbirds, something to look forward to...

In November a get well card was sent to Bill Best.

In December Sympathy cards were sent to the family of Janet Mullikin, and to Dola Hayman.

In November and December holiday cards were sent to Lib Dobson, Barb Nichols, Connie Rathell, Audrey Woolston, Pat Mavity, Roscoe Fields, Agnes Orban, and Bev Brash. Also little gifts were taken by those who made visits.

If you know of anyone who needs "a ray of sunshine" call Jan at 410-822-7280.

" The love we give away is the only love we keep "
Elbert Hubbard

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