

TALBOT COUNTY RETIRED



SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

The Little Red Schoolhouse

President's Message

Dear Retirees,

It's a sunny day in April and the temperature is in the high 70s. Life is good here on the Eastern Shore of MD. Crabbers are out and it won't be long before restaurants are serving hot steamed crabs! March came in like a lion and went out like a lion but T.C.R.S.P.A. had a beautiful luncheon at Easton High School. Our MRSPA president and vice president were our guests. They visit each county. They were very impressed with Linda Brown's chef cook students, and the Easton High School choral group. I was proud to say that I was a teacher in Talbot County. Try to come to that event next spring. It's so worth your time and \$\$.

Put May 2nd on your calendar. This is the date for our County Council to come to Easton High School to discuss the budget for our Board of Education. We want the county council to know that the retirees support the budget! As retirees who live and worked and pay taxes here in Talbot County the council needs to hear us. Numbers talk!

We have a new directory with addresses and phone numbers of all our TCRSPA members. Thank you Jan Mc Crea and Brenda Davidson. Everyone will receive one at our June luncheon.

Eileen Kuehn is working now, through the middle school guidance department, to choose two sixth graders for our camp scholarship. Eileen will give you details at the June luncheon. We do good work, don't you think?! Hats off to our organization.

On May 9th a group of board members will be attending a state wide MRSPA meeting at Turf Valley Country Club. Pat Clark, Brenda Davidson, Peggy Ford, and Debbie Chance will join me for a nice day. I couldn't be in better company!

Happy Springtime Everyone!

Dotty Olds, President



**Education is the most powerful
weapon which you can use to
change the world.**

Nelson Mandela

Spring Luncheon at Easton High School

From Debbie Chance

On March 21, 2017, the T.C.R.S.P.A. held their annual Spring Luncheon at Easton High School. The state president, Ms. Fay Miller (pictured on the right below with Lorraine Johnson, MRSPA Vice President) greeted the group and shared the latest news from the state organization. The EHS choral group, under the direction of Ms. Andrea Davis, entertained those in attendance. A delicious lunch was prepared and served by the Culinary Arts class under the leadership of Ms. Linda Brown. As part of their ongoing community service projects, TCRSPA presented a check for \$200 to Ms. Francesca Wiseman in support of Imagination Library of Talbot County.





Poplar Island Field Trip in April



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Community Service Committee

Many thanks to all who donated dog and cat food to the Humane Society. The foods were delivered and greatly appreciated.

At our next luncheon, we will be collecting recreational items for the summer program at the Neighborhood Service Center. They are in need of Hoola Hoops, jump ropes, card games such as Old Maids and Go Fish, cartoon DVDs, and games such as Twister and Toss Across.

If you have questions, please call us.

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Life after Retirement: Joyce Schriver

submitted by Dee Rein

Joyce Schriver, past president of Talbot County Retired School Personnel Association, is still active on the board of our organization and on the go around the country as well. Family interests personally and in the community have motivated her throughout her life.

Joyce began her teaching career with thoughtful observation of her tenth grade homeroom teacher, who was a Special Education teacher. This teacher dealt with a homeroom that included young people needing Special Education services at a time long before mainstreaming was the norm. Joyce watched the kind treatment all received and decided then that she'd like to be a Special Education teacher. California University of Pennsylvania trained her in her dual major, Secondary Special Education and Elementary Education, and student teaching in both areas convinced her that Special Education was her calling. Recruited by Prince Georges County, Joyce was one of 28 new teachers out of a staff of 32 in the new Benjamin Foulois Junior High School. "Not much professional modeling there!" she comments. While there she met soon to be husband Harold. His assumption of a supervisory position in Talbot County Public Schools brought both educators here where Joyce taught Special Ed., a high school resource room program and served as an administrator. Joyce's good memories from those days focus on the students as well as her motivation to keep learning in order to serve them better. Autism and learning disabilities that hindered learning for brilliant students drove her educational search. As an administrator, especially at the elementary level, Joyce sought resources to help families in need. High school positions allowed her to enjoy the family connections that occur with extra curricular activities. Joyce's resourcefulness benefited many over the years.

Retirement has provided more time for family connections with all the Schriver children and their progeny. Joyce and Harold travel frequently, visiting their four children's growing families and, of course, enjoying some golf wherever they go. The biggest challenge in retirement she says is, "finding time to do everything you want to do." Now living in an active adult community in Delaware, Joyce and Harold try many activities: game nights with neighbors, a trip to the Biltmore, pickle ball, bocce and exercise classes. "Do what you're able to do as long as you are able," is their mantra for a happy retirement.

Joyce concluded by noting the enjoyment of working as board member and president with Talbot County Retired School Personnel Association. State level meetings and legislative updates were particularly board members work hard and have. Joyce encourages retirees touch with other educators. community family of educators.



TCRSPA Summer Luncheon on Thursday, June 1, 2017

Place: Chesapeake Landing Restaurant, 23713 St. Michaels Rd., St. Michaels

Time: 11:30 am. Carpooling from EVFD parking lot, leaving at 11:00 am

Menu: Each person will order from the restaurant lunch menu and receive a separate check. TCRSPA will pick up the tip for the entire party. Dessert will be provided by the Social Committee: Mary, Chic and Pat.

Program: Presentation of Library Award

Reservations: Please call Mary at 410-822-4410, or Chic at 410-822-1209, to confirm your attendance and need to carpool no later than Friday, May 26.

Chesapeake Landing Lunch Menu

SOUP~Cup \$5, Bowl \$7 (Cream of Crab, NE Clam Chowder, MD Crab Vegetable)

SALAD~Garden \$5, Spinach \$5, Caesar \$5, Chef \$8 (Add Ons available for additional cost)

PLATTERS~served with choice of potato salad, cole slaw, fries, or onion rings

Shrimp Salad \$10, Crab Salad \$13, Fried Shrimp \$10, Scallops \$12, Fish \$11, Crab Cake \$13, Chicken Tenders \$7, Soft Crab \$10, Chicken Salad \$8

SANDWICHES~served with choice of bread and chips

Crab Cake \$12, Crab Melt \$13, Soft Crab \$10, Fish \$10, Grilled Tuna \$9, Shrimp Salad \$9, Club \$7, Tuna Salad \$7, Chicken Salad \$7, Turkey \$7, Roast Beef \$8, Hamburger \$7, Cheeseburger \$8, Reuben \$7, Chicken Breast \$8, BLT \$6, Cheesesteak \$7, French Dip \$8

WRAPS~choice of wheat, sun dried tomato or old bay with chips

Chicken \$8, Shrimp Salad \$9, Turkey, Bacon & Ranch \$7, Tuna or Chicken Salad \$6, Fish Tacos \$8

There will also be a 50/50 raffle, door prizes and a collection for the "Martha Greene Summer Scholarship."

CONSUMER EDUCATION

Submitted by Doris Valliant

Better Business Bureau Alerts MRSPA about a New Phone Scam

“Can you hear me?” is a question asked on a growing phone scam that can make you a victim if you utter just one word: “Yes.” According to the BBB, an automated call makes an introduction and identifies a business or agency. After this intro, the recording will ask if you can hear clearly. If you answer, “yes,” the scammer behind the call may have recorded you, may plan to use your simple affirmation to sign you up for a product or service you never knew about, and then will demand payment. If you refuse to pay, the scammer may produce your “yes” response to confirm your purchase agreement.

The BBB advises that you hang up on ANY unsolicited robocall. If you are on the Federal Do Not Call List and a company calls out of the blue to ask questions, it’s likely a scam. Avoid responding with “yes,” “sure,” or “OK.” Hang up if you are asked to press a button to be placed on the Do Not Call Registry. Doing anything else could help scammers identify an active phone number. No government agency will ever solicit for the Do Not Call Registry. Write down the scammer’s phone number and file a scam report with the BBB Scam Tracker and the Federal Trade Commission’s Do Not Call List.

Here’s how I have avoided these kinds of calls so far. I use Caller ID on my phone, and I don’t answer any number that I don’t recognize. If this is a legitimate caller, this person will leave a message for me to return the call. Often scammers only ring once or twice and then disconnect—another sign it’s probably not a legitimate caller.

Want To Have a Yard Sale, But Don’t Want the Hassle?

Yard sales are very popular these days, especially now that the weather is getting warmer. However, if you’re not interested in selling from your own yard, go online and check out garagesalefinder.com and type in your zip code. You can find flea markets in your area where you can sell, or if you choose to have your own sale, you can post your sale free on this site. Yard sales are a great way to recycle gently used merchandise and put a few dollars in your pocket.

Shop Online and Save \$\$\$

Shopping for home products or fashions you’d like to wear but don’t want to pay a high price? Check out these online sites; they are comparison engines tailored to your shopping needs. For instance, visit ShopStyle for fashion and home products, and Shopping.com and Bizrate for commodity items such as TVs. Gilt and One Kings Lane hold flash sales on designer goods, slashing prices by as much as 90% for a few hours. Use PriceGrabber to find the lowest prices from across the virtual retail landscape. Overstock and 6pm.com are the web’s version of backroom racks. According to the *AARP Bulletin*, these sites offer great deals on closeouts from past seasons as well as reconditioned electronics.

How Children Perceive Their Grandparents

1. I was in the bathroom, putting on my makeup, under the watchful eyes of my young granddaughter, as I'd done many times before. After I applied my lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But Grandma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!"
I will probably never put lipstick on again without thinking about kissing the toilet paper goodbye....
2. My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 72. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"
3. After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice,
"Who was THAT?"
4. A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like. "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods." The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this all in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"
5. My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo and I said, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both old," he replied.
6. A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather's word processor. She told him she was writing a story.
"What's it about?" he asked. "I don't know," she replied. "I can't read."
7. I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me and was always correct. It was fun for me, so I continued. At last, she headed for the door, saying, "Grandma, I really think you should try to figure out some of these colors yourself!"
8. When my grandson Billy and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in. Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, "It's no use Grandpa. Now the mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."
9. When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure" "Look in your underwear, Grandpa," he advised "Mine says I'm 4 to 6." (WOW! I really like this one -- it says I'm only '38'!)

Sunshine Committee

submitted by

Jan Middleton and Brenda Davidson

Aah Spring, warm temperatures, blue skies, blooming flora and birds chirping, a great time to travel. My husband and I enjoy going to Lancaster, Pa. There is so much to see and do. One place we like to visit is Sight and Sounds where they portray productions based on the Bible. Live animals walk up and down the aisles during a live performance, the costumes are colorful and the music is beautiful. It's a great treat. Also they have trains you can ride on. A chocolate factory in nearby Lilitz and close by is Hershey Park. There's something to do for the whole family.

Cards sent since last time :

January 20 Mindy Howell Get Well

February 7 Elois Brown Thank you for service

14 Valentines for Emeritus members - Mrs. Mundt, Mrs. Barton, Ms. Francis, Mrs. Mavity, Mrs. Ramsey

March 1 Family of Mrs. Dobson on her death

1 Jerlean Sampson Thinking of you

2 Judy Kohn Thinking of you

2 Polly Carroll Thinking of you

2 Beverly Brash Thinking of you

16 Jerlean Sampson Sympathy for death of her Mother

We received two lovely "thank you" notes from Jerlean Sampson and Polly Carroll, both appreciative of our cards and messages.

Advice from a Cow

Be outstanding in your field. Eat plenty of greens. Take time to ruminate. Know when to hoof it. Swing your tail. It's OK to be a little moo-dy. Be udderly brilliant.

Advice from a Pig

Eat well. Keep your snout clean and never squeal on your friends. Be curious. Ham it up. Don't wallow in life's difficulties. Go hog wild.

If you know of anyone who needs "A ray of sunshine" call Brenda Davidson at 410-310-9051.

Everyone have a safe and healthy Summer. Stay Cool!!

TCRSPA

c/o Dotty Olds

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