

TALBOT COUNTY RETIRED



SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

The Little Red Schoolhouse

President's Message:

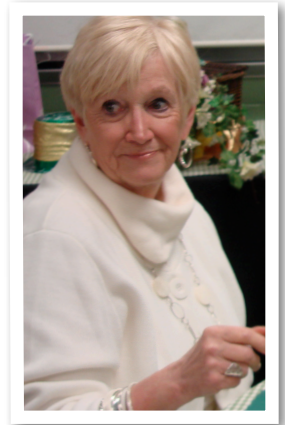
Our membership numbers are holding at 120 members. We are pleased that we are seeing more of our newly retired folks at our luncheons this year!

A special thank you to Mary Reeser and Chic Harrison for continuing to plan our luncheons. They try to attend to details and it shows! We have had some honored guests throughout our year - Dr. Karen Salmon, our school superintendent, Eunice Roberts, our "go to" help for our new retirees, and Mr. Charles Connelly, who wears many hats at the Board of Education office and has been gracious enough to help with our newsletter each quarter. Also at Christmas time, we had as our guests Judith Zahren and Bonnie Brose. In March we enjoyed the honor of having Michelle Shearer come to speak to us about her exciting year as National Teacher of the Year. She was superb! This was a highlight of our year. She received a standing ovation for her presentation. This June we have invited our representatives in the Annapolis legislature, Mrs. Jeanne Haddaway, Senator Richard Colburn, and Mrs. Addie Eckardt, to speak to us.

A check in the amount of \$200 will be given to the Oxford Community Center. This is a new facility that our community will enjoy. An award of \$75 will also be given to the White Marsh Elementary librarian for the purpose of buying some new books for the school library.

Our Pre Retirement committee: Mary Hawkins, Mary Reeser, and Judy Kohn, planned and hosted our pre-retirement seminar and light dinner

buffet in February. Dorothy Palmer spoke, as well as a representative from the pension system. Questions were answered and extra seating needed to be provided for the large group of attendees. We had a wonderful response to this event!



Our Martha Greene scholarship will continue this spring. It will be awarded this June to deserving middle school students for a summer camp.

Our Executive Board has new members. Pat Clark and Carolyn Farrell are members at large. Midge Coppersmith formats our newsletter and Jan McCrea is our new treasurer. It is a true pleasure to welcome these ladies as they take on new responsibilities in their retirement years!

As an exciting end of the year event, we are planning a boat trip to visit Poplar Island, an environmental preserve. Afterwards we will return to Tilghman Island for a lunch at Chesapeake House.

And thanks to Dr. William Brose, our association now has a web site!

We are proud of our accomplishments!

Dotty Olds, President



Dr. Karen Salmon, Dotty Olds and Michelle Shearer at at our luncheon

I received a very sweet note from Michelle today thanking me (us) for inviting her to our spring luncheon and for the bracelet that we bought as a small token of thanks. She has a blog at www.fcps.org/ntoy. That blog has a lot of information about her comings and goings during the months of March and April. Log on to take a look! Dotty Olds

Sunshine Committee submitted by Jan Middleton

As the earth has come alive in rebirth of nature, the Sunshine Committee has been very quiet.

In February a sympathy card was sent to Joyce Shriver. Valentine cards were sent to Lib Dobson, Roscoe Fields, Barb Nichols, Connie Rathell, Agnes Orban, and Bev Brash.

In March a get well card was sent to Jerlean Sampson. A thinking of you card was sent to Jennifer Wheeler.

In April Easter cards were sent to Lib Dobson, Roscoe Fields, Barb Nichols, Connie Rathell, Agnes Orban, and Bev Brash.

I wish everyone a safe and healthy summer.

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

If you ever get too full of yourself, try bossing a cat around. (Anonymous)

The Trip to Poplar Island Is a Go!!!! June 20, 2012

from Mary Reeser

Twenty four members signed up for the “Poplar Island Restoration Trip” planned for June 20, 2012. This is the required number necessary to have the trip. If for some reason you are unable to come, you must notify me (Mary Reeser 410 822 4410), so that others on the waiting list can be called to fill your spot. If you want to be on the waiting list, please call me soon.

This trip goes rain or shine! After crossing Tilghman Bridge onto the Island, you take a left on Chicken Point Road. You will see signs on the left for the Md. Environmental Dock and Parking Lot. The boat leaves the dock promptly at 9:00 a.m. **You must be there at 8:45 a.m.** to allow time for loading the boat.

Our tour will start by boarding a Maryland Environment Service Boat at their dock at 21548 Chicken Point Road, Tilghman Island. From there we will go through Knapps Narrows to the Poplar Island Environment Center. There we will board a bus for a tour of the island. (It is not a walking tour.) The guides are very knowledgeable and present it in a very interesting way. The boat will return to Tilghman by 12:00 p.m.

For those who would like to car pool, please let me know if you can drive or just need a ride. We will meet at the Easton Volunteer Fire Co. parking lot at 7:45 a.m. Many of us will be staying for lunch at the Harrison’s House. We will have tables reserved, but you will be ordering from the menu and having separate checks. Let me know if you will be joining us for lunch. Call me if you have any questions. It should be a great trip!



A kindergarten student measures a baby turtle
from Poplar Island.

**Last
TCRSPA Luncheon
June 4th, 2012
at the
Newly Renovated Oxford
Community Center
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Cost: \$15.00**

Our last luncheon for this year will be at the newly renovated Oxford Community Center at 11:30 a.m. There is parking in the front circle as well as behind the building. Everyone who has visited the center describes it as “masterfully researched and absolutely beautiful.” We can’t wait to tour the new facilities! The food will be catered by the staff from Latitude Restaurant.

Please make your reservations with Mary by May 29th. (Chic is away on vacation until the luncheon.)

If you won a door prize last time, please bring another gift in the bag for a new winner at our luncheon.

Menu

Soup: Minestrone

Entrée Choose One:

___ Ham & Vegetable Quiche
w/ Fresh Fruit

___ Tuna Salad Plate w/ Fresh
Greens, Tomato and Fresh Fruit

Dessert: Lemon Cake w/
Vanilla Icing

Beverages: Coffee and Tea

**Please call or mail
reservations with your
check (\$15)**

by May 29th to

Mary Reeser

358 St. Aubins Terrace

Easton, MD 21601

410-822-4410

(Chic is away on vacation
until the luncheon.)

Telephone Tree

Please call your Telephone Tree Members to remind them of the luncheon and information above. If they want to carpool, they should tell Mary when they call. 410-822-4410



MRSPA Service Award

At the MRSPA Annual Business Meeting in Glen Burnie this month, Elois Brown (above) was awarded the [2012 MRSPA Outstanding Individual Community Service Award](#). She is a retired teacher's assistant from our county. She serves our community as a volunteer in many capacities, including the After School Program, the Neighborhood Center in the Easton Summer Program, the Homeless Shelter, the local YMCA, the Children's Enrichment Program of Scotts Methodist Church in Trappe, the Children's Center, and the Food Pantry. We are very proud of her and applaud her dedicated service to our community. Congratulations, Elois, on this prestigious statewide award!

Travel Packages from MRSPA

The MRSPA Travel Committee has tentatively planned 6 exciting trips for 2013-2014. Information will be coming by email and regular mail in May or June. They will include a South African Safari, a trip to India (2014), including the Taj Mahal of course, a Great Rivers of Europe small ship cruise, the Holland Tulip Festival and Mackinac Island (Michigan), Lake Tahoe, and Splendors of the Hawaii Islands. We hope that you might be able to join one of the groups next year, so watch for more information!!

Membership Report

Our membership has grown to 120 members that belong to our state retirement system. Paul Smith has recently retired and joined ! Congratulations to Paul and we hope to see him attend some of our luncheons. We have 4 emeritus members: Jane Barton, Elizabeth Dobson, Mary Jarrell, and Agnes Orbin. These ladies are all over 90 years young!!! Our Local only membership is a total of 16; 136 in all !! It will soon be time to welcome new retirees. If you know of anyone getting ready to retire, tell them we would love to have them join us.

Anyone interested in joining can call me at 410-770-9372 for forms and information.

Dotty Olds



TCRSPA delegation at the MRSPA Annual Business Meeting

Dotty accepting the Unit of Excellence Award for TCRSPA at the annual MRSPA meeting in Glen Burnie



What Are Grandparents ?

(Taken from papers written by a class of
8-year-olds)

Grandparents are a lady and a man
who have no little children of their own.
They like other people's.

A grandfather is a man, and a
grandmother is a lady!

Grandparents don't have to do anything
except be there when we come to
see them... They are so old they
shouldn't play hard or run. It is good if
they drive us to the shops and give us
money.

When they take us for walks, they slow
down past things like pretty leaves and
caterpillars.

Usually grandmothers are fat but not
too fat to tie your shoes.

They don't say, "Hurry up."

They show us and talk to us about the
colors of the flowers and also
why we shouldn't step on "cracks."

They wear glasses and funny
underwear.

They can take their teeth and gums out.

Grandparents don't have to be smart.
They have to answer questions like
"Why isn't God married?" and "How
come dogs chase cats?"

When they read to us, they don't skip.
They don't mind if we ask for
the same story over again.

Everybody should try to have a
grandmother, especially if you don't
have television because they are the
only grownups who like to spend
time with us.

They know we should have a snack
time before bedtime, and they say
prayers with us and kiss us even when
we've acted bad.

It's funny when they bend over; you
hear gas leaks, and they blame
their dog.

GRANDPA IS THE SMARTEST MAN
ON EARTH !! HE TEACHES ME
GOOD THINGS, BUT I DON'T GET TO
SEE HIM ENOUGH TO GET AS
SMART AS HIM !!

Consumer Education
Submitted by Joyce Schriver

The following information has been provided by MRSPA “Consumer Connection”:

Beginning January, 2012, you must purchase savings bonds such as the Series EE bonds on-line. They are no longer available at banks. The government expects to save money by eliminating the paper bonds. You must open an account to purchase savings bonds by creating an account at www.treasurydirect.gov/.

Don't waste your money buying theft protection for your credit cards. Your liability by federal law is \$50.00. Just be sure to check your statement each billing period and report any errors promptly.

By 2014 you won't be able to purchase incandescent light bulbs. As of January 2012, 100 watt bulbs are no longer made or imported; 75 watt bulbs will be gone by 2013. The new CFL bulbs should last longer and save you money.

As you begin to downsize, you may be amazed what you will find. The antique bottles that you thought were different or pretty may be more valuable than you think. A rare one can sell for hundreds or thousands of dollars, but most can be bought for \$30.00 or less. Check out your old whiskey flasks or bottles, medicine bottles, and old perfume bottles.

Useful website: www.insure.com/articles gives you detailed information on auto, health, home, dental, disability, flood, long-term care, pet, and other types of insurance.

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The Power of the New Generation !!



GRANDPARENTS ANSWERING MACHINE

" Good morning . . . At present we are not at home, but please leave your message after you hear the beep.

beeeeeppp ...

If you are one of our children, dial 1 and then select the option from 1 to 5 in order of "arrival" so we know who it is.

If you need us to stay with the children, press 2

If you want to borrow the car, press 3

If you want us to wash your clothes and do the ironing, press 4

If you want the grandchildren to sleep here tonight, press 5

If you want us to pick up the kids at school, press 6

If you want us to prepare a meal for Sunday or to have it delivered to your home, press 7

If you want to come to eat here, press 8

If you need money, press 9

If you are going to invite us to dinner, or are taking us to the theater, start talking - we are listening !!!!!!!!!!! "

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Community Service Committee

Many thanks to all who donated items for the Pines. They were delivered and were greatly appreciated. At our next luncheon, we will be collecting items for a summer program sponsored by the Neighborhood Service Center. The program is in need of the following items: pocket folders, paper clips, transparent tape, crayons, and dry erase boards, markers, and erasers. Please call us if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Bennie Milton and Elois Brown

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