TALBOT COUNTY RETIRED



SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

The Little Red Schoolhouse

President's Message:

I want to begin by thanking Mary Reeser and Chick Harrison for planning what I understand was an outstanding luncheon at Chesapeake College on October 3. I was sorry to miss it, but Dotty Olds stepped up and jumped back in the saddle to run the meeting and the program in her usual effective and efficient manner. Debbie Urry, from Chesapeake College, once again made all of this possible. Sincere thanks to all of you for your hard work.

On September 23, Dorothy Palmer, Dotty Olds, and I attended the area MRSPA Leadership Workshop held in Cambridge. It was a very informative meeting which focused on recruiting, engaging, and maintaining memberships in each local and the State associations. As a result of the brainstorming and breakout sessions, a Resource Manual will be developed and disseminated to all of the local associations to help in their efforts to increase membership. Max Muller, MRSPA President, and Judith Zahren, Executive Director, both spoke of the importance of our strength in numbers for supporting the rights and benefits of current and future retirees. More information will be forthcoming after the November 13 Legislative Workshop which will be held in Annapolis.

I am happy to welcome three new members to our TCRSPA Board of Directors. Brenda Davidson, Pat Chapman, and Peggy Ford will be joining us



in our efforts to provide resources and activities for our students, teachers, community, and association members for the 2014-15 school year. We look forward to their new ideas and expertise as we move forward as an organization. Welcome!!

Lastly, please put our December luncheon on your calendar. On December 2, we will be having our Annual Holiday Party at William Hill Manor, a new venue for this year. It is always a festive occasion, so plan on attending to "catch-up" with old friends and to make new ones. I look forward to seeing all of you on December 2!

Joyce Schriver, President

TCRSPA Holiday Luncheon

Date: December 2, 2014

Place: William HIII Manor, 501 Dutchman's Lane, Easton Maryland

Time: 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$18.00

Our Christmas Luncheon will be held in the spacious auditorium of William Hill Manor.

As you drive up to the main building, please take the first right before reaching the main circle. The auditorium is located just behind the main building and has a separated side door entrance. You can park anywhere on the street and walk directly into the auditorium. It will be beautifully decorated for Christmas. You can also enter from the main entrance but it will be a longer walk.

Menu Selections:

Both choices will have a Tossed Garden Salad with Assorted Dressings, Rolls, Ice Tea or Water, and an Assorted Dessert Buffet Table with Hot Tea or Coffee.

Entrée # 1 **Chef's Catch**: Lemon Herbed Baked Salmon Filet served with Roasted Asparagus and Red Bliss Potatoes.

Entrée # 2 Roast Tenderloin of Beef: Twin Petite Medallions of Slow Roasted Tenderloin Served with Jus to the side, Whipped Sweet Potatoes and Green Beans Amandine.

Please call or mail reservations by Nov. 24, 2014 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



New Board Members Pat Chapman, Debbie Chance, Peggy Ford, Betty Wagner and Brenda Davidson (and Doris Valliant, not pictured)

Luncheons for 2014 - 2015

Tuesday, December 2nd
William Hill Manor

Tuesday, March 24th
Chef Cooking Class @ EHS

Thursday, June 4th Chesapeake Landing

Meetings for 2014 - 2015 9:30 a.m. at TCEC

Monday, Feb. 2nd

Wednesday, April 29th

All members are welcome to attend ~



Liz Wildasin presents The Performing Arts Award to Amy Martin of St. Michaels Middle and High School

National Documentary Premiere

submitted by Shari Powers

IN PLAIN SIGHT

ST. MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
100 PEACHBLOSSOM RD.
EASTON, MD 21601
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2014
6:30PM DESSERT
7:00 – 9:00PM PROGRAM

The documentary film, narrated by Natalie Grant, Grammy Nominee and five-time Gospel Music Association Female Vocalist of the year, features six extraordinary women who are providing care for survivors and stopping sex trafficking. Filmed in Nashville, Baltimore, Washington D.C., Little Rock and Sacramento, the documentary is focused on the power of hope, the people who are making a difference, and the transformational stories that are emerging. A panel question/answer session will follow the documentary. The production is very positive, highlighting hope and love.

"This should be a wake-up call for everyone: parents, grandparents and students. Sex trafficking is modern day slavery," says Pastor Missy Rekitzke of St. Mark's Church. Kids are looking for love, care, attention and shelter. Traffickers use those needs and desires to manipulate children, ultimately making profit for themselves. Many children come from broken homes, where they may have experienced sexual abuse, making them highly vulnerable.

A free-will offering will go to supporting victims of trafficking in the residential program at Samaritan's Women in Baltimore.

For more information contact spowers@goeaston.net or view the film trailer at http://www.inplainsightfilm.com/the-project/

Community Service Committee

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Many thanks to the members who made donations at our last luncheon. At our December luncheon we will be collecting non-perishable food for the Neighborhood Service Center in Easton. If you have questions please call us.

Thanks, Bennie Milton and Elois Brown

Bennie: 410-476-3734 Elois: 410-476-3574

Chic Harrison and Mary Reeser join Richard Potter, grandson of Doris Roach, at Easton's Frederick Douglass Celebration.



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Recipes with Class

Talbot County Public Schools collected recipes from administrators, teachers, support staff employees and substitute/home hospital teachers for the first ever TCPS cookbook titled "Recipes With Class." The proceeds from the sale of the cookbook will benefit the Wellness Program for employees. The cost for each cookbook is \$10 and they will be available ay TCEC in early December. Contact Midge Kroll (mkroll@tcps.k12.md.us or 410-822-7557) to place your order. Great Christmas gift idea! Thank you!

Midge Kroll

Consumer Education

Submitted by Doris Valliant

Safety at the ATM

ATMs are a great convenience, but staying safe when you conduct financial transactions is crucial. Here are some safety tips for using the ATM.

(1) Pay close attention to your surroundings. Avoid ATMs that are obstructed from view, poorly lit, in a corner, or are partitioned off. (2) Use ATMs in the daytime. (3) Be wary if anyone offers to "help" you with your transaction. (4) If you see anyone or anything suspicious, immediately cancel your transaction. If anything looks out of place or suspicious, use a different ATM because the one you're about to use may have a card skimming device ready to steal your data. (5) Shield the screen and keypad so that no one sees your PIN or transaction amount. (6) If you are followed after you leave the ATM, go to a crowded, well-lit area and call the police. (7) Put your card, cash and receipt away immediately, and wait to count your money in the car or other secure location. (8) For deposits, have your card, cash or checks in-hand and ready prior to arriving at the ATM.

Is this the IRS Or Another Phone Scam?

The IRS is alerting people about phone scammers who claim to be calling from the IRS. Scammers tell victims that they filed their taxes incorrectly or that they owe the IRS money. The IRS will never call you about taxes without first sending you an official notice in the mail, probably multiple times. The IRS will not demand that you pay the taxes without giving you a chance to appeal, or ever require that you use a certain payment method such as a pre-paid debit card. The IRS will never ask for debit or credit card numbers over the phone, so never give these numbers even if the caller threatens to bring in the police and have you arrested for not paying.

So far investigators have tracked down more than 60,000 of these calls, and scammers have collected more than \$4 million from it. Remember, the IRS doesn't call people without mailing official notices first, and they will never threaten to arrest you.

What if you get one of these phony calls, what can you do? The IRS says that if people know they owe taxes or think they do, they can call the IRS at 800-829-1040 to discuss payment options. If you have no reason to believe you owe the IRS, call the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 1-800-366-4484 to report the incident. You can also report scammers by going online to FTC.gov and use "FTC Complaint Assistant," adding "IRS Telephone Scam" to your complaint. The IRS will not discuss your tax issues via unsolicited email, text messages or on any social media, so be aware that this phone call or other unofficial solicitation is a scammer trying to steal your money.

The Do Not Call List

If you have not done so, register your phone number on the Do Not Call List, (888-382-1222) or re-register it every time you get an annoying sales call. Just be sure that you are calling from your own telephone to block that number from solicitation calls.

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