## TALBOT COUNTY RETIRED



# SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

The Little Red Schoolhouse

## President's Message:

Welcome to all of our new members and to recent retirees! I imagine that you are just beginning to feel that beautiful sense of freedom and zero pressures from schedules, deadlines, and work, work, work!

I taught school for nearly 40 years. It was my life. I lived and breathed teaching and I was fortunate to love my job and proud of what I did. But when I retired I knew it was time and I was ready. Maybe my story is similar to yours. I hope you loved your work with children.

Now, I have the honor of being your president for another 2 year term. I enjoy this work and see it as a privilege. It is not a hard job. It gives me an opportunity to work with fellow educators and to learn some of the workings in Annapolis. And, I have made new friends!

Our local TCRSPA has a great executive board. We have people that have learned (on the job training) new jobs and stepped

up to help our organization. Folks, please know that these ladies do this work for you and me. Come join us! We want your membership and your voices and ideas. You are welcome to join as a a retiree from many positions – teachers, assistants, office personnel, bus drivers, cafeteria personnel, maintenance workers, as well as administrative positions.

I hope that you find your way into this new life called "retirement." I hope that you are breathing in that fresh new feeling of freedom and, most of all, learning to love your new life as a retiree.

### Dotty Olds, President



# **Happy Birthday to TCRSPA!!**

Who would have guessed it??
Our organization is 50 years old this coming year 2014.
Ms. Erma Stewart was the first president.
She served this organization from 1964-1966.



Carol Wheeler from Caroline County after inducting Dotty Olds and Jennifer Wheeler as President and Vice President of TCRSPA for a second term at the June luncheon

### **Membership Report - Fall 2013**

Our TCRSPA membership stands at 134. We have 119 members that belong to both the state association and our local association. We have 15 members that belong to only our local organization. This year, between March 1, 2012 and February 28, 2013, we had three deceased members as reported to the MRSPA office: Earlene Freeman Thomas, Tanya L. Lawrence, and Olivia M. Stanley.

Emeritus Members have celebrated their 90th birthdays! Congratulations! As of April 2,2013, they are:

Mrs. Jane Barton

Mrs. Helen Dettbarn

Mrs. Elizabeth Dobson

Mrs. Mary Jarrell

Mrs. Patricia Mavity

Mrs. Agnes Orban

Mrs. Cynthia Ramsey



Edie Hayman is receiving a MD State Community Service Award from Bertha Wilson at our June Luncheon.



Pat Clark presents the TCRSP \$100 Memorial Books Award to Jannell Walker for Tilghman Elementary Library, in honor of our deceased members Tanya Lawrence and Earlene Freeman.

### TCRSPA Fall Luncheon

Date: Thursday, October 3, 2013

Place: Chesapeake College (Higher Learning Building)

Time: 11:30 a.m. Check In and Welcome by Debbie Urry, Executive
Director of the Eastern Shore Higher Education Center
11:40 a.m. Program: Presentation by Tim Jones, Vice President

of Administrative Services of Chesapeake College, on the new "Health Professions and Athletic Center."

12:00 p.m. Buffet Luncheon

1:00 p.m. Dotty Olds: Short Business Meeting

Jan McCrea: Budget Presentation for 2013-14 Liz Wilderson: Performing Arts gift presentation Eileen Kuehn: Martha Greene Summer

Scholarship report

Door Prizes and 50/50 Raffle

Menu: Buffet Luncheon, NO selection needed, all will be offered.

Maryland Vegetable Crab Soup
Salad Greens with Assorted Dressings

Supreme Chicken Salad with Rolls and Butter
Assorted Pies for Dessert

Coffee, Tea, and Water
Cost: \$12.00

Door Prizes will be given out at the luncheon. Remember if you won a door prize at the June Luncheon, please refill the bag with a small present and bring it to this luncheon. There will also be a 50-50 Raffle with profits going to the Martha Greene Summer Scholarship.

<u>Telephone Tree Volunteers:</u> Thank you for the many calls you made last year - they really helped boost our attendance! Please make your calls to remind members to make their reservations for the <u>October 3<sup>rd</sup></u> luncheon before by Sept. 25, 2013. Let us know if you need a ride! Car Poolers will meet at the Easton Fire House at 10:45 a.m. We will leave promptly at 11.00 a.m.

<u>Directions</u>: Enter Chesapeake College by the main entrance off of Rt. 213. At the stop sign turn right and follow the large circle which goes around the campus. The Eastern Shore Higher Learning Center is the first building on your right and sits outside the circle, facing Rt. 50. Feel free to park in Lot D or wherever you see a parking space. There is handicapped parking in front of the building in the little circle. The main doors to the Center are near the handicapped parking. Come into the lobby and turn left. The main doors to HEC 110 are just off of the lobby by the seating area near the large windows.

#### For the Fall luncheon:

Call or mail Reservations / Check (\$12.00) by September 25, 2013, to Mary or Chic. If by chance you do not get one of us, please call the other. Sometimes we vacation for a few days. We are in close contact with each other and work together to confirm the reservations.

Mary Reeser Chic Harrison 358 St. Aubins Terrace 29300 Will Street Easton, MD 21601 Easton, MD 21601

Tel: 410 822 4410 Tel: 410 822 1209

Luncheons for 2013 - 2014

**Thursday, October 3rd** 

Chesapeake College

Wednesday, December 11th

Riverview at Easton Club

**Tuesday, March 4th** 

Chef Cooking Class @ EHS

Tuesday, June 3rd

**Chesapeake Landing** 

# In Loving Memory:

# 7anya Louise White Lawrence

December 30, 1952 ~ January 7, 2013

Tanya was born in Miami, FL, the daughter of the late Thomas Henry White, Sr. and Gloria Knowles White. She was confirmed at Christ Episcopal Church in Coconut Grove, FL and transferred her membership with her parents to Ascension Episcopal Church. She was a 1970 graduate of Miami Killian Senior High School in Miami.

Tanya loved music and learned to play the piano at a very young age. She became the organist for Ascension Episcopal Church for three years before she left for college. She graduated from Fisk University in Nashville, TN, where she earned her B.A. degree in Elementary Education in 1974. While attending Fisk University, she was a member of the choir there, as well as playing the oboe for the Joint University Center Orchestra, an ensemble of musicians from Vanderbilt, Scarritt, and George Peabody College. While awaiting a teaching position, she worked at Dun and Bradstreet in Nashville.

Shortly after completing her B.A. requirements, Tanya was hired by Talbot County Public Schools, where she was a dedicated teacher for thirty years. She began her teaching career as a fifth grade teacher at Glenwood Elementary School, presently the W. Edward Dobson Building. She completed her graduate work at Bowie State University, receiving a Master's Degree in Elementary Education. She also did post-graduate work at the University of Miami, Coppin State University, Florida International University and Loyola University.

While at Glenwood, Tanya met Cargill Lawrence, and they married on August 12, 1977. They were blessed with one daughter, Catherine Inez Lawrence. At that time she and her husband became members of Scotts United Methodist Church.

Tanya's post retirement activities included being the musician for the Praised Choir at Scotts and later the organist for the Combined Choir, playing also at Mallard Bay Care Center and at other events. She was an election judge and a member of the United Methodist Women. She also enjoyed memberships in the Talbot County Retired School Personnel Association, the Maryland State Education Association, and the General Alumni Association of Fisk University. She was also an Associate Member of the Robert Russa Moton Alumni. She enjoyed being with her family, swimming, traveling, social networking, going to shows, cooking, dining out, watching reality shows and playing the piano.

Tanya leaves a large family to cherish her memory. This includes her husband of 35 years and her daughter; four sisters, Thomacina Brown and Tracy White of Miami, Tamara Gibson of Ft. Lauderdale, and Theresa Watson of Anaheim, CA; and a brother, Thomas White, Jr. of Miami. She also has three aunts and three uncles, as well as a host of in-laws, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. She will be greatly missed.

### LEXIPHILES FOR LANGUAGE LOVERS

To write with a broken pencil is pointless.

When fish are in schools they sometimes take debate.

A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.

When the smog lifts in Los Angeles, U.C.L.A.

The professor discovered that her theory of earthquakes was on shaky ground.

The batteries were given out free of charge.

A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.

A will is a dead giveaway.

You can whip the cream, but you can't beat the milk.

With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.

Show me a piano falling down a mineshaft and I'll show you A-flat miner.

You are stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.

Local Area Network in Australia: The LAN down under.

A boiled egg is hard to beat.

When you've seen one shopping center you've seen a mall.

Police were called to a day care where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.

If you take a laptop computer for a run you could jog your memory.

A bicycle can't stand alone; it is two tired.

When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.

The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine was fully recovered.

He had a photographic memory which was never developed.

Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.

When she saw her first strands of gray hair, she thought she'd dye.

Acupuncture: a jab well done.

### **Consumer Education**

Submitted by Joyce Schriver

The Elks Lodge BPOE #1622 in Easton provides scholarships to students from the five high schools in Talbot and Caroline Counties. Over the past few years, over \$80,000 in scholarships have been provided to these students. This year, the proceeds from the annual Elks Golf Tournament will go directly to the Scholarship Fund. The tournament will be held on October 18, 2013 at Hog Neck Golf Course. If you would like to sponsor a hole, enter a team, or make a donation to the Scholarship Fund, please call Harold Schriver @ 410-822-5724. Please consider helping in any way you can!

### Four False Alarms! These false alarms come from the MRSPA

"Consumer Connection":

- Electronic hotel room keys contain your personal information. *False-they only contain the room number and check-in/out dates*.
- Hide your auto VIN numbers, thieves can get a replacement key. *False* reputable dealers and locksmiths require proof of ownership.
- Your cellphone is being released to telemarketers. *Reality register* your cell if you want, but it is not necessary. Plans for a public cellphone directory were discussed, but scrapped.
- The feds are going to tax every debit card and ATM transaction.

  Reality a bill has been introduced several times, but died every time.

#### Useful Web Sites:

- Consumer Action : <a href="http://www.consumer-action.org/">http://www.consumer-action.org/</a>
- Consumer Reports: <a href="http://www.consumerreports.org/cro/index.htm">http://www.consumerreports.org/cro/index.htm</a>

### Flu Shot Information

The Health Department has not yet set up dates for the Board of Education.

Please call me in October for information.

Thanks,

Chic Harrison 410-822-1209

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# Ty Finney at Ecocamp, compliments of TCRSPA



### **Community Service Committee**

Many thanks to all who donated supplies for the Summer Program at the Neighborhood Service Center. The items were delivered and were very much appreciated.

At our our next luncheon we will be collecting items for CarePacks of Talbot County. They are in need of the following items: oatmeal packets, filled crackers, applesauce cups, cereal or granola bars, toaster pastries, fruit cups, small packages of pretzels, peanuts, or trail mix, and single servings of cereal, canned pasta, soup, or tuna.

If you have questions, please call us.

Thanks, Bennie Milton and Elois Brown

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



Bertha Wilson, Dorothy Palmer, Midge Coppersmith and Dotty Olds attended the Annual MRSPA Business Meeting in Annapolis.

### ABENITY ?????

Have you used this service? Do you know about this benefit?

Abenity is an online discount program offering many discounts from local and national vendors. Members can explore categories in your local area. RESTAURANTS, MOVIES, THEME PARKS, CAR RENTALS

To access Abenity – MRSPA members go to <a href="https://www.mrspa.org">www.mrspa.org</a> and follow the directions under the member access section to login.

Then, click on Abenity in the members only section of the website.

This service has been mentioned in our newsletters before. We hope you have had an opportunity to explore the site.

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

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Monday, Sept. 9th

at TCEC

Monday, Nov. 4th

Monday, Feb. 3rd

Monday, April 7th

All members are welcome to attend ~

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**Sunshine Committee** submitted by Jan Middleton

Ahh... Fall is right around the corner; cooler temperatures, colorful trees and returning geese. Something to look forward to.

In April a get well card was sent to Janet Mullikin.

In May a get well card was sent to Ann Yingling and a thinking of you card was sent to Doris Roach.

In June a congratulations card was sent to Edie Hayman.

In July a sympathy card was sent to family of Mary Steinberger. A thinking of you card was sent to Janet Mullikin. A get well card was sent to Joyce Battle.

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

Advice from a cat
Be frisky!
Pounce on Possibilities
Enjoy the night life
Always land on your feet
Stretch often
Delight in the simple joy
of a long nap.
Create your purr-fect day!

Your True Nature



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