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Dear Friends,

Are you celebrating your retirement as you see buses transporting students? We welcome you to meet with us in October to enjoy time with your former colleagues.

Our first meeting will be at **Bullock's on Wednesday, October 16**. Arrive 11:00-11:15, go through the line and get your meal, and the meeting will begin when most have finished eating.

Do you know any recent CCPS retirees who do not belong to CCRSPA? Please invite them to join us. Your executive board is mailing **Welcome to Your Retirement** letters to all CCPS employees who retired in 2024. Inviting a friend to a meeting is a very effective method to gain new members.

October Community Service: Shepherd's Staff is asking for supplies for "Senior Sacks"—Christmas gift bags for Carroll County senior citizens in need. If you are able, please bring a bag with gifts (gloves, socks, scarves, toiletries, stationery items, etc.).

At this meeting we will vote on this year's **CCRSPA monetary donations** to Carroll County groups.

We hope to see you in October. Please encourage retired friends to attend: **Each One Bring One!** We both joined CCRSPA when a friend invited us and paid for our first meal.

Sincerely,
Naudine Pheobus and Bonnie McElroy, Co-Presidents

Membership Meetings

February 19, 2024
(snow date: March 19)
May 21, 2024

CCRSPA Luncheon Wednesday, October 16, 2024
 Bullock's Country Family Restaurant
 2020 Sykesville Rd
 Westminster, MD 21157

Arrive and dine at 11:00 Business Meeting 11:45
 Payment will be when you place your order.

However Bullocks would like us to notify them in advance of how many people to expect.
 By Wednesday, October 9, 2024 please either email or text how many in your party will attend.

- 1) Email Bonnie at: mrsmacwc@yahoo.com
- 2) Send a text message to: 443-536-9036 (Begin with: CCRSPA)



Minutes for May 15, 2024

The Spring CCRSPA meeting was held at Bullock's Family Restaurant in Westminster, starting at 11am. Everyone had an opportunity to enjoy their meal and socialize before **Co-Presidents Naudine Pheobus** and **Bonnie McElroy** greeted the group and led the Pledge of Allegiance at noon to begin the business meeting.

Treasurer—The February 21, 2024 Minutes prepared by *Susan Miller* were approved as published in the newsletter. *Susan M.* stated that the current balance in the checking account is \$2,554.81.

Membership and Necrology—*Jean Crowl* lit the memorial candle and led the remembrance in honor of *Charles H. Wheatley, III, Wilma Colburn, Sterling Garrett, Eugene Black, Claire Vey, Ruth Perry, Judith White, Carolene Will, Wayne Hill, Helen Gorman, Roger Steele, Cheryl Grimes, James Young* and *Jacqueline Hering*. *Jean* stated there are currently 306 CCRSPA members. Carroll County is one of only 5 counties which increased MRSPA membership!

Communications—A special thanks to *Susan Christenbury* for preparing the recent newsletter alone since *Bonnie* was in the hospital. Her efforts of coordinating the mailings, plus maintaining the website and sending out email reminders to the group are greatly appreciated!

Consumer Education—*Dixie Elmes* reminded the group to be careful about the variety of scams to steal personal information. She also gave useful tips for cleaning auto headlight covers

which have yellowed over time—options include using baking soda, toothpaste, spraying WD40 on the shade and washing off.

Scholarship—*Zeenie Burns* commented that there were no applicants for this year's CCRSPA scholarship. Perhaps informational flyers to each school will attract more attention for the upcoming year. This \$1,000 award is open to anyone employed by CCPS.

Old Business—*Bonnie* asked for feedback from the February luncheon at Fairhaven. There were positive comments about the buffet meal and a chance to see the location.

New Business—*Bonnie* reminded everyone that state dues will increase to \$50 this year, and county dues remain \$10. *Naudine* reported that the **MRSPA Annual Business Meeting**, was held on Tuesday, May 7 at Turf Valley in Howard County. CCRSPA members *Bonnie, Naudine, Susan M., Jean* and *Karen Kotarski* attended as representatives. *Jean* won a filled raffle basket and *Mike Hoover* was selected as a gift card winner! MRSPA Legislative updates included ER wait times, caregivers, rights for those in assisted living facilities and Social Security.

Bonnie shared a statement from *Karen Kotarski* about her willingness to volunteer for Vice-President to help the Executive Board, but will not take over in the future as President. *Charlie Foreman* made a motion to accept, and *Jean* seconded this motion. Contact *Bonnie* or *Naudine*, if interested in serving as the Recording Secretary,

Program, Nominations or Legislative Chairpersons. Consider filling a position, which can be shared with a friend. Remember our goal "**Each One Bring One!**"

Naudine spoke about possible upcoming bus trips from Eyre's and Rill's, if there is interest from members.

MRSPA continues to offer a variety of benefits and discounts to members. Take advantage of your membership with your member card number on the state website <https://www.mrspa.org>, access with your member number and click on Member Benefits.

Guest speaker, *Erin Bishop*, Marketing Director of **Boys & Girls Clubs of Carroll County (BGCCC)** thanked CCRSPA for our ongoing monetary support. The organization has changed its name from **Boys & Girls Club of Westminster** to reflect the outreach into the wider community and county. There are 5 locations serving 722 county youth—Westminster uses the renovated former bank building on Main Street, Northwest MS in Taneytown, Sykesville MS, Mt. Airy MS, and most recently in part of former NCHS which was repurposed for another satellite campus. All students are provided healthy, supervised after-school programs and activities, including homework assistance, character-building and peer mentorship, with the help of community members, dedicated staff and support from McDaniel College students. Summer camps for ages 6-12 are also available in Westminster. As *Erin* stated, "Leaders aren't born—they're nurtured." The organization's leadership academy,

entrepreneurship program and work-force development using virtual reality are useful tools, especially for middle and high school students as they explore possible career options. Funding comes from 40% grants and 60% from private donations. **CCRSPA** presented a \$50 donation check to **BGCCC** at the end of *Erin's* informative presentation.

Thanks to everyone who contributed

school supplies for Shepherd's Staff. We appreciate *Dixie's* willingness to deliver the donations. *Linda Wittier* received a \$10 Bullock's gift card as the door prize before the meeting ended at 1:10 pm.

The next **CCRSPA** meeting will be on Wednesday, October 16, 2024. Group consensus likes Bullock's for the variety of food choices. Please bring Sen

ior Sacks (holiday gift bags) for Shepherd's Staff donations.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Miller, Treasurer

Election November 5, 2024

Carroll County residents will also be selecting two schoolboard members. Information regarding the four candidates have been taken directly from their respective web sites.

All links identified in this article are underlined and can be accessed in the electronic version of this newsletter, posted on our web page at: www.carrollrspa.com Select: Newsletters

Schoolboard candidates: Select two

Muri Lynn Dueppen (*Information taken from this link. Visit the link for additional information about this candidate.*)

Muri Dueppen is a Corporate Relations Officer at the National Aquarium.

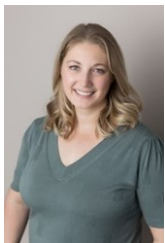


“Over the years Muri has gotten to know dozens of amazing classroom teachers and other educators. Their commitment, expertise, creativity, and resilience should be lauded. Their ideas and input must play a more significant role in how CCPS designs and delivers instruction and makes the important decisions that will keep our school system strong.”



Dr. Amanda Jozkowski (*Information taken from this link. Visit the link for additional information about this candidate.*) Dr. Amanda

Jozkowski is an associate professor at Towson University, an occupational therapist.



“... I believe in building an environment of care and respect for teachers, administrators, and support staff, creating collaborative and proactive solutions to challenges, and understanding and addressing the needs that drive behavior. I aim to help our educators feel appreciated and supported in their crucial roles. Their success will directly directly impact our children's success.”

Muri Dueppen has partnered with Dr. Amanda Jozkowski to run together as the [‘Slate for Student Success.’](#)

Mauri Dueppen and Amanda Jozkowski have been endorsed by the Carroll County Education Association:
[CCEA Letter of Endorsement](#)

Dr. Greg Malveaux *(Information taken from this link. Visit the link for additional information about this candidate.)* Dr. Greg Malveaux is a Professor of English and Literature, and Coordinator of Study Abroad at Montgomery College in Maryland



“I’ll keep Carroll one of Maryland’s top-performing school districts. Every dollar will be fully focused on raising student math, reading, and science scores. Parents will always have the right to opt their children out of controversial, state-mandated topics that don’t align with their values.”

Kristen E. Zihmer *(Information taken from this link. Visit the link for additional information about this candidate.)* Kristen Zimmer is the owner of Windchimes, LLC, a senior living consulting agency.



Kristen is an active member of several business organizations including Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, South Carroll Business Association and North Carroll Business Alliance.Kristen is passionate about education, community, and public service.”

Dr. Greg Malveaux and Kristen E. Zihmer have both been endorsed by ‘Mom’s for Liberty.’ For additional information about this organization, Wikipedia has provided a general overview of its origin, ideology, and political affiliations.

The Community Media Center has provided a 'Video Profiles General Election Voters Guide for additional information about these candidates.

Important Information about Voting in Maryland:

Online information about voting in this election is available at: <https://www.vote411.org/maryland>

Voting: 2024 Register to vote online, in person, or by mail.

- ◆ Early voting is 1 week before November 5. Polls are open 7 am-8pm.
- ◆ Deadline to request mail-in ballots by mail is October 29. Email requests must be received by 11:59 on November 1, 2024.
- ◆ Returning mail-in ballots:
 - By mail, must be postmarked by 8 pm, November 5, 2024
 - Deposited in an approved drop box by 8 pm, November 5, 2024