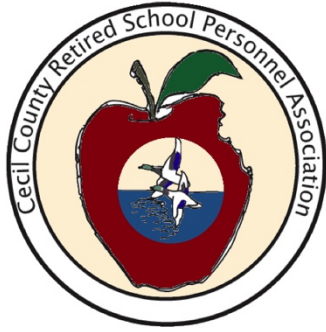




The Chalkboard

CECIL COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

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Elkton, Maryland

February 2025

2024-2025 OFFICERS

President: Mary Ellen Butkiewicz

Immediate Past President: Anne Humphrey

Corresponding Secretary: Joan-Marie Parker

Recording Secretary: Signe' Mika

Treasurer: Tony Mattern

Website: <http://www.cecilrspa.org/>

MD State Website: <https://www.mrspa.org/>

FUTURE MEETINGS

Tues, January 21, 2025 - Executive Meeting 10:00 am

Tues, February 18, 2025 - Luncheon 11:00 am

Tues, April 22, 2025 - Executive Meeting 10:00 am

Tues, May 20, 2025 - Luncheon 11:00 am

Elkton United Methodist Church
219 E Main St
Elkton, MD 21921



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It appears I had the same observation last year - yes, this is what WINTER looks like! The frigid temperature led us to use ZOOM for our executive meeting on January 21st. Hopefully we can all gather safely for our luncheon on February 18th.

January sees the return of the Maryland General Assembly. One of the items to be discussed is the budget, which impacts our pension. Linda Elwood, our local representative, works tirelessly to be our voice on many important issues. Many thanks.

Nominations for the Maryland Senior Citizen Hall of Fame are being accepted through early April. Cecil County has had excellent honorees in the past. I'm sure we have more members that can be recognized for their outstanding volunteer contributions. Is that you?

I recently participated in the state membership meeting. Across Maryland, as well as Cecil County, there is a growing need for new members. I feel the best thing for us to do is reach out to any retired friends and have them join us at our luncheon on February 18th. Great food and fellowship! Hope to see you then.

MaryEllen Butkiewicz

CCRSPA MINUTES – December 17, 2024

Our meeting was called to order by our president, Mary Ellen Butkiewicz, at 11:20. New members were introduced. Included were Maria Cannava, Pat White, and Jennifer Saubier. Welcome, Ladies!

TREASURER: Report can be found in The Chalkboard.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Thank-you notes for contributions to schools and The Kids' Fund were sent by Joan-Marie Parker. School nurses have thanked our group for donations to the schools. The nurses said some needed items are bottled water, individually wrapped snacks, sweatpants (size 4T to XL ADULT), and varied sizes of male and female underwear. It was mentioned that we are the only county that provides this.

MEMBERSHIP: Sherry Lewis stated that we currently have 255 members, and 4 new local members.

NOMINATING: New officers are elected in February, installed in May, and take office in July 2025. Recommendations for new officers are needed. Tony Mattern will be vacating the treasurer position, so we need a new treasurer, and co-presidents. Recording secretary will be filled by Cheryl Lee (thank-you), corresponding secretary will continue to be Joan-Marie Parker. Bill Ide has already taken over in the publications position. Thank-you all.

SCHOLARSHIP: Mini grants have been given to 32 qualifying teachers since 2019, totaling \$6,330. For more information, check the website. There will be a display at our May luncheon.

SUNSHINE: Cards were sent to Anne Humphrey and Sally Haberl.

TRAVEL: Fred Metzger reported that their trip included 21 members and 2 Canadian travelers. Hill Travel awarded our group with a check for \$875.00 to be added to our scholarship/grant accounts.

Other Items of Interest:

- There were copies of our by-laws at each table, showing changes that were approved by our executive board.
- There have been requests for Reading Buddies at our local library. Participants will need to be fingerprinted.
- Debbie Weller, president of MRSPA, thanked us for welcoming her to our meeting.
- North East High School chorus presented a lovely concert.

Our meeting was adjourned at 11:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Signe Mika

IN MEMORIAM

George Larson

9/19/1949 - 12/20/2024

George retired after giving 40 years of his life to the Cecil County Public Schools, having worked as a teacher, Athletic Director, Assistant Principal, and Principal, at NEMS, RSMS, and RSHS.

<https://rtfoard.com/obituary/george-richard-larson/>

Marilyn McClure

3/18/1950 – 10/3/2024

Marilyn was a Media Specialist at Rising Sun Middle School. She worked for CCPS for nearly 20 years until her retirement on July 1, 2005

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<https://www.pepperfuneralhomes.com/obituary/marilyn-mcclure>

Jane Bristol

3/4/1940 – 1/10/2025

Jane was a substitute teacher for CCPS for over a decade.

CCRSPA OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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COMMITTEE

<u>Community Outreach:</u>	Paula Sheldon
<u>Education/Protective Services:</u>	Tony Mattern
<u>Legislation:</u>	Linda Elwood
<u>Membership:</u>	Sherry Lewis
<u>Nominating:</u>	Kay DiStefano
<u>Benefits:</u>	Bill Ide
<u>Programs:</u>	Mary McCleary
<u>Publications:</u>	Bill Ide
<u>Scholarship:</u>	Charlene Metzger
<u>Social:</u>	Anne Humphrey
<u>Sunshine:</u>	Debbie Pasco
<u>Website:</u>	Tony Mattern



NOMINATING UPDATE

Tony Mattern is vacating the position of treasurer at the end of this year. Paul and Anne Humphrey have agreed to jointly serve as co-treasurers for the coming year. We thank Tony for his many years of service.



CCRSPA TREASURER'S REPORT

BALANCE: June 30, 2024 \$3,985.60

Receipts:

Donations	\$875.00
Kids Personal Needs	\$862.50
Raffles	\$311.00
Scholarship	\$492.50
Interest (from Checking)	\$1.16
Membership Dues	\$2,640.00
Luncheons/Meetings (Quarterly)	\$2,445.00
SUB TOTAL INCOME	\$7,627.16

Management and General Expenses

Chalkboard	164.91
Postage	\$84.14
Supplies	\$36.53
Website	\$95.94

Program Services

Kids Personal Needs	\$675.79
Luncheons/Meetings (Quarterly)	\$1931.35
Programs for meetings	\$450.00
CCPS Teacher Grants	\$2,230.00

SUB TOTAL EXPENDITURES **\$5,668.66**

Net Balance **\$5,944.10**

CD at Cecil Bank 06/30/2024 \$12,194.23

CD Interest – 5.18% \$130.85

Balance on Hand **\$18,138.33**

SERVICE PROJECT

We are continuing our support of CCPS students by helping the nurses have needed supplies on hand in their school health rooms. Bring your donations to the luncheon! Items on their supply lists are:

- personal hygiene items
- snacks
- bottled water - small
- underwear
- gender-neutral sweatpants and tops

WINTER LUNCHEON

Tuesday, Feb 18th - 11:00 AM

Menu

Stuffed Shells, Beef Lasagna, Spinach Lasagna
Italian Bread and Butter
Tossed Salad
Cheesecake, Brownies
Iced Tea, Coffee, Hot Tea

Program - Mullen's Folly

Our speaker for our luncheon will be Jeffrey Ricketts. Jeffery is from North East and owns the East Nottingham Antiques. He has been a collector of early American decorative art since he was nine years old.

In July of 2022, Jeffery took ownership of Mullen's Folly in Calvert, Maryland. Jeffery is currently restoring building to its late 18th century appearance and rediscovering all its lost history. Over 8,000 artifacts have been recovered at the site.



Please join us and hear the history and the trials and tribulations of restoring Mullen's Folly.



Did you know that we have a huge raffle at each luncheon with usually around 30 prizes! The raffle supports our service projects!

Payment will be at the door. Please pay by check or have \$25.00 in cash. Email or call by February 11, 2025. Reply to Shirley Montgomery at shirlnems@gmail.com or 302-731-5371

IF YOU RSVP, THEN YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR LUNCH - EVEN IF YOU DON'T ATTEND.

7 NIGHT BERMUDA CRUISE

June 14-21, 2026

I have arranged group space sailing on Celebrity Silhouette out of Cape Liberty Cruise Port, NJ on June 14, 2026, to Bermuda. We have 16



veranda staterooms, Category V2. Each stateroom total cost (2 passengers) is \$4,163.56 which includes basic wifi and classic beverage package. Other category staterooms can also be booked, such as ocean view or inside. I would need to price those out for you upon request. Passports must be valid 6 months past June 21, 2026.

A deposit of \$250 per person is due at the time of booking. Travel protection (\$149 pp) and gratuities (\$126 pp) can be added when making the booking. Once booked, you can set up payments with me whenever you like. Final payment will be due prior to March 15, 2026. The last date to make a booking in the group will be February 14, 2026.

Cruise Itinerary:

14 JUN	Check-in between 10:30 AM – 2:30 PM
14 JUN	Cape Liberty NJ, Depart 4:00 PM
14 JUN	Statue of Liberty (cruising) 4:45 PM – 5:30 PM
15 & 16 JUN	AT SEA
17 JUN	Royal Naval Dockyard, Bermuda, Arrive 8:30 AM
18 JUN	Royal Naval Dockyard, Bermuda
19 JUN	Royal Naval Dockyard, Bermuda, Depart 4:00 PM
20 JUN	AT SEA
21 JUN	Cape Liberty NJ, Arrive 7:00AM

I will be arranging bus transfers to/from the cruising port as it gets closer to sailing. You can also drive the 2½ hour trip yourself and park there. The booking form is attached on the next page. If you have any questions, please send an email or give me a call.

Fred Metzger
230 Crothers Rd.
Rising Sun, MD 21911
443 350 5806
fmetzger@zoominternet.net

Celebrity Silhouette June 14 – 21, 2026 7-night Bermuda

1.Name- First _____ Middle _____ Last _____ Suffix _____

Gender- M ___ F ___ Date of Birth- (month/day/year) _____

Passport No. _____ Exp Date (m/d/y) _____

Address- _____ City- _____ State- _____ Zip- _____

Phone- _____ Cell- _____ Email- _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone- _____ Relationship _____

2.Name- First _____ Middle _____ Last _____ Suffix _____

Gender- M ___ F ___ Date of Birth- (month/day/year) _____

Passport No. _____ Exp Date (m/d/y) _____ Citizenship _____

Address- _____ City- _____ State- _____ Zip- _____

Phone- _____ Cell- _____ Email- _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone- _____ Relationship _____

Rooming with _____

Travel protection- ___ yes ___ no, I decline. (\$149.00 pp) with deposit

Gratuities ___ yes ___ no (\$126.00 pp) with deposit

Bus transportation to and from Cecil County to pier- ___ yes ___ no ___ Cost to be determined

Payment details:

Credit card number _____ Exp date- _____ CSC _____

Cardholder Name- _____ Billing address ___ check if same as above

Deposit amount _____ Insurance _____ Total deposit _____

I agree to pay according to the card issuer agreement. I understand and accept the cancellation policy, terms and conditions.

Signature required for acceptance of the conditions and agreement to credit card use.

Name- _____ Date- _____

Send to: Fred Metzger, 230 Crothers Rd., Rising Sun, MD 21911 443-350-5806

fmetzger@zoominternet.net

CCRSPA Donation

(Please Clip and retain for your records)

Name _____

\$ _____ Ck # _____
Amount

Date: _____

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Kids Fund

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Scholarship Fund

CCRSPA Scholarship or Kids Fund Donation 2024-2025

Make check payable to CCRSPA, write "Scholarship" or "Kids Fund Donation" in lower left corner and mail along with this slip to:

Tony Mattern
160 Willard Drive
North East, MD 21901-1631.

Name

Amount

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In Honor of

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In Memory of _____



Have nice things that you don't need/want/use anymore? If so, Mary McCleary wants to hear from you. She may be reached at 410-398-3556 or email mmcdairy@comcast.net.

Purchasing Luncheon raffle tickets help support Kids Fund and the CCRSPA Memorial Scholarship. You may benefit as well as a child who receives a new coat or scholarship because your donation\$ are tax deductible.

MOVING?

Don't forget to update address and phone info!

Name _____

New Address _____

New Phone # _____

E-mail address _____

Mail to:

Sherry Lewis
4793 Telegraph Road
Elkton MD 21921
or via email at chickeelewis@mac.com