

HEART
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FIRST CLASS MAIL

NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY, May 15, 2018
12 NOON
St. James UMC
(Rt. 99 just east of Rt. 32)

FYI...

- ❖ Silent Auction to benefit the HEART Scholarship Fund at the May meeting
- ❖ **Elections – still need a VP!!**
- ❖ Bylaw and Constitution proposed changes
- ❖ **2018 – 2019 Budget for approval**
- ❖ Multiple social opportunities

President's Message

Thank you for supporting me over the last four years as Vice President and President. I've enjoyed working with the wonderful Board and members of our association as we have grown in many ways. HEART is now more visible in the community through Facebook and a website that soon will be linked on the HCPSS website. We're serving the community through our volunteer work at the Howard County Food Bank and through providing scholarships. We've been enjoying social events with HEART friends. And, of course, we continue to monitor the status of our health benefits and respond to your requests for speakers at meetings.

Thank you to Ellen Hill and Janet Zimmerman who stepped in to take on interim positions. We're so happy you volunteered!

A very big THANK YOU goes to Vice President Sue Mascaro for her enthusiasm and commitment. I know you will support her as President. And the best way to support her is to volunteer to be the next Vice President (or find a friend and be co-VPs).

It has been my pleasure to serve,
Mary

HEART NEWS

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ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL PERSONNEL

Minutes from the General Meeting March 13, 2018

Mary Teague, President, opened the meeting at noon with the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation. Sue Mascaro, Vice-President, introduced Officer Andre Lingham, the Police Senior Population Liaison, and lunch was served.

Officer Lingham, presented the PowerPoint, "Senior Financial Exploitation: The Crime of the 21st Century." He also provided a handout, "Elder Abuse Awareness."

President's Report - Mary Teague, President, reported that Jim Schuchardt performed an independent audit. As a result of this audit, Jim requested that the name HEART be consistent with our bank records and the IRS. This will require a change to our Bylaws and Constitution. HEART, The Association of Retired Howard County Public School Personnel, will be the new name. The Executive Board approved a draft of the 2018/19 Budget, a copy of which will be published in the April newsletter. The members will vote on the budget at the May meeting. Mary announced that she will be moving to Past President so we are looking for a Vice-President as well as an Interim Secretary. Mary has created a Come-up File so that all of the Executive Board members can understand what each office and chair does. Copies of this file are available to any member who is interested in one of the vacant positions. Mary is looking for delegates to attend the MRSPA annual meeting on May 8 at 8:30AM in Bowie at the Comfort Inn. If you volunteer as a delegate and cannot attend, you will be responsible for finding a substitute. HEART must pay the meal for any delegates who don't show up.

Approval of the Minutes and Treasurer's Report - Nancy Scoville, Secretary, asked that the reading of the December 19, 2017 minutes be waived, since they were published in the last newsletter. She also asked that if there were no additions and/or corrections to these minutes that a motion for approval be made. Mary had two additions to the minutes: "on behalf of the Executive Board" should be added after gift (for Paula Woods) and "Interim" should be added before Ellen Hill's name. With these additions, Gail Phillips moved that the minutes be approved and Patti Neidig seconded. Ellen Hill, Interim Treasurer, reported that the checking account has a balance of \$11,006.49, the business account a balance of \$24,885.79, and the scholarship account a balance of \$3,620.78.

Vice-President's Report - Sue Mascaro, Vice-President, announced the upcoming events: volunteering for the Howard County Food Pantry on March 27; visiting Longwood Gardens on May 21; and seeing *Mamma Mia* at Toby's on June 28. In May she will become President. At the Executive Meeting someone brought up the idea of Co-Presidents or sharing the position. A change in the Constitution is necessary for this sharing which, hopefully, will make it easier to fill the Vice-President vacancy. Gail Phillips, Constitutional Chair, pointed out that a Constitution change requires thirty days advance notice to members prior to voting. Opposition is not expected, but the process has to be followed. Gail noted that all references to "President" must be changed to "Co-President," and the same for the "Vice-President." Gail also suggested we eliminate "Past President," since currently the position of President commits to a six year term. This last change will be discussed at a later time.

Larry Cohen recognized the importance of HEART especially with the health care crisis two years ago. We need people to fill these vacancies. Gail noted that the two year term of the Vice-President will prepare one well for moving into the office of President. Mary noted that the Vice-President is the Program Chair, but it's only the October and March meetings that need programs.

Paula Woods noted that members will have to direct Gail to change the Constitution language and the HEART name. Paula moved that the Chair of the Constitutional Committee be directed to share the renaming of HEART with the general membership and the proposal to allow for the option of Co-President and Co-Vice-President. Kim Sullivan seconded the motion and the membership, in attendance at the meeting, approved it unanimously.

Committee Reports - **Jim Evans, Benefits and Retirement**, reported that there are a large number of potential retirees this year. He also noted that the Benefits Department has all new people. Colleen Morris, the new HCEA President, has been very helpful. A recent meeting with Benefits was cancelled, and Jim believes this raised a red flag. Also, there is a \$50 million deficit in the health insurance fund and this is a major problem. We are in the last year of a three year contract, and it seems they are forcing Kelly Services out; Jim believes they have done a good job. **Kim Sullivan, Necrology**, announced that Eileen Henderson, Mary Kane Paton, and Dr. Gabriel G. Pinter have passed. She also reminded members to complete or update a Personal Data form so that she can write a short obituary upon one's passing. **Gail Phillips, Membership and Publications**, reported 760 members of which 257 are HEART only members. Some members did not receive the last newsletter; Gail noted that this is the fault of the USPS. The fastest way to receive a newsletter is electronically. Articles for the April newsletter are due March 23; collation will be April 6 or 9; and delivery to home will be by April 10, hopefully. Gail requested members to e-mail her what they plan to donate to the Silent Auction. **JoAnne Horan, Social**, reminded us that the lunch reservation deadline is two weeks prior to the event. Continue to call her if your reservation is late. **Anne Ridgeway** purchased the beautiful flowers and reported that Chuck is doing well.

Leah Amato reported that Howard County has a Citizens Police Academy which is a free, interactive, 12 week course that gives participants an inside look into the department's day-to-day operations and training exercises.

Door prizes for flowers were drawn and the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 P.M.
The next General Meeting will be May 15.

Respectively Submitted, Nancy Scoville, Secretary

PROGRAM NEWS: General Membership Meeting on May 15th

Sue Mascaro, VP

As always, the highlight of our May meeting is the **Annual Silent Auction** in support of the HEART Scholarship Fund. Be sure to come to the meeting ready to bid on your favorite items, including **homemade jams and sauces, spring flowers, gift cards**, and various other **"fun" items**. All proceeds from the auction support scholarships to HCPSS students pursuing careers in education.

To make time for this important event, we will forgo a keynote speaker. However, we are thrilled to welcome HCPSS Superintendent *Dr. Mike Martirano*, who will share updates from the school system. We will also have the opportunity to congratulate the county's 2018 Teacher of the Year, *Ms. Elizabeth Waltman*, and the 2018 Principal of the Year, *Ms. Kimberlyn Pratesi*. Both have been invited to join us for lunch.

Hope to see each and every one of you on the 15th!

COMMUNITY SERVICE with HEART : Sue Mascaro, VP

On **Tuesday, March 27th**, **nine HEART members volunteered** at The Marketplace, Howard's County's community food bank. We spent the morning sorting donated food items and restocking the shelves for customers. In addition, thanks to the generosity of our members at the March meeting, we brought four bags of HEART donations!

Although many of our team members are now "experienced" stockers, we always welcome new volunteers. If you're interested in joining us for our next volunteer outing, scheduled for early June, contact Sue at 443-878-6883 or scmascaro@gmail.com.

SPRING BUS TRIP to LONGWOOD GARDENS, Pa: Sue Mascaro, VP

We are headed back to Longwood Gardens! Join your HEART friends and family members on **Monday, May 21st** as we explore the beautiful indoor and outdoor venues in full bloom for the spring. While at Longwood Gardens, members can enjoy lunch at one of two on-site eateries. The full-service restaurant requires reservations; visit www.longwoodgardens.org for more information.

For our participants' convenience, there will be two departure sites for the trip; the Eyre Bus Terminal in Glenelg at 9:00 am, or the Long Gate Park and Ride in Ellicott City at 9:30 am. We are scheduled to leave the gardens at 4:30 pm, with an estimated return time between 6:30 and 7:00 pm.

The reservation deadline for the trip -- April 20th – is fast approaching, so be sure to secure your reservation today by calling (443-878-6883) or emailing Sue at scmascaro@gmail.com. Tickets are \$50 each and include both travel to and from the gardens and admission to the park. (Note - the cost may decrease based on the number of folks who attend.)

SOCIAL EVENTS with HEART: TOBY'S Dinner Theater: Sue Mascaro, VP

It's back by popular demand! Please join us for another evening of food and fun at Toby's Dinner Theatre on **Thursday, June 28th**! What's in store this time? None other than the smash hit musical, **Mama Mia**. Once again, members (along with their families) will pay \$40 a ticket, a considerable discount from the regular box office price.

Tickets are going fast; at press time, only six (6) seats remain! Please let Sue know as soon as possible, but no later than May 11th, if you are interested in attending the performance. If we have more than thirty HEART members interested, we should be able to secure additional tickets. Members can contact Sue via email (scmascaro@gmail.com) or cell (443-878-6883).

Constitution and Nominating Committee News

Gail Phillips and Corita Oduoye

Per the HEART Bylaws and Constitution, a Vice President and Treasurer shall be elected for a 2 year term in even numbered years. Ellen Hill's name will be put forward at the Annual May 15, 2018 meeting for the office of Treasurer. **As of the printing of this newsletter, there was no nominee for the office of Vice-President!** Nominations will be accepted from the floor. There will then be an election and installation. Sue Mascaro will be installed as President. Mary Teague, will become Past President. Ann Ridgeway will be thanked for her years of service, and released from duty! Nancy Scoville, (Secretary) has resigned. Janet Zimmerman has agreed to complete Nancy's 2 year term. For the 2019 Annual meeting, we will be looking to elect a Secretary. We thank all involved for their service to HEART and its members.

There are 2 proposals for a Bylaws and Constitution change. The first is to standardize the name of the organization. The proposal is to change all references to the name of this organization to: "H.E.A.R.T. The Association of Retired Howard County Public School Personnel" wherever it appears in the Bylaws and Constitution. The 2nd is to allow the option to have Co-Vice Presidents and Co- Presidents. The language in the Bylaws and Constitution would then have to be reworded so that every time the term "President" or "Vice President" appears, it will read, "or Co-President" or "or Co-Vice President". Both of these proposals will be brought to the floor for a vote at the May Annual Meeting, prior to the election of the incoming officers since it impacts whether, or not, we can elect 2 people for those positions.



According to our records, 5 (five) HEART members have achieved HEART "Emeritus" status for 2018. \$25 will be donated to the HEART Scholarship Fund in honor of each of them.

Please congratulate the following HEART members for reaching this milestone!

Reva Bryant, Rowena Gardner, Joseph Heaps, Barbara Patterson, and Joan Weatherholz.



We welcome 2 new members (since the last newsletter). Welcome: Carol Tucci and Vincent James

If you turn 85 this year, please contact Donna Brackins or Gail Phillips ASAP so you will not be billed for HEART dues this year, or any future years! If you are over 85 and still being billed, please contact us and give us your birthdate so we can add you to the "Emeritus" list and stop billing your for your HEART membership dues. Your birthdate will not be published in the directory. If you turn 90 before July 1 of this year, or have already done so, be sure MRSPA is informed so you will not be billed for MRSPA dues! Our (HEART's) year runs Jan. 1 – Dec. 31. MRSPA's year runs from July 1 – June 30.

If you know anyone who is retiring, or has retired but not yet joined either HEART or MRSPA, please share this edition of the newsletter with them, or at least, give them a copy of this HEART membership application. **To join MRSPA, they need to contact MRSPA directly.** That can be done by going to their website: www.mrspa.org and clicking on "Member Services" or by calling 1-877-625-6782. (Their address is 8379 Piney Orchard Parkway, Suite A, Odenton, MD, 21113 – 1508.)

There has been some confusion about the paying of HEART and/or MRSPA dues. If you are a HEART only member, you will be billed, usually in May, for the \$10 annual dues. **If you are a member of both, when you pay your dues to MRSPA, your HEART dues are included.** MRSPA will forward your HEART dues to our Treasurer. Those dues are either billed to you by MRSPA, or taken from your July paycheck. **You do NOT have to pay an additional \$10 to HEART.** While the dues year runs July 1 – June 30, HEART counts the "emeritus" status (age 85) from January 1 – Dec. 31. MRSPA (age 90) counts from July 1 – June 30, the same as the dues year.

Application for HEART Membership

Name ((PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)) _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____

Email: _____ Birthdate: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please mail this form with a check for \$10.00 to:

HEART c/o Mrs. Donna Brackins
904 Roller Coaster Court
Mt. Airy, MD 21771

In Memoriam

Dr. Gabriel G. Pinter

At the age of 92, Dr. Gabriel G. Pinter died on October 10, 2017. He was the loving husband of Dr. Vera Pinter. In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Eileen Henderson and Mary Kane Paton

We have also learned that Eileen Henderson and Mary Kane Paton have passed away. There is no other information available at this time.



Silent Auction to benefit HEART Scholarship Fund



Again at this year's May (Annual) meeting of HEART (Tuesday, May 15), there will be a Silent Auction. It will take place during the meal. As you enter the meeting room, you will be given a bidding number and a slip for recording your bids, if you are interested in taking part. The items will already be on display. You will be able to write your bids on the slips with the items before, and during, the meal. There will be about 15 minutes at the conclusion of the meal for any additional/final bids. During the business part of the meeting, the bids will be tabulated. Winners of each item will be announced at the conclusion of the business part of the meeting. So far we have some very nice items donated. It has been requested that we make reasonable bids on these very generous donations. If known, the value of the item will be on the item's bid slip.

Please come prepared to support the HEART Scholarship Fund with your bids. Please bring cash (exact change, if possible) or check. If you don't have exact change, you could always "round up" and consider the difference a donation! **We are not set up to take credit cards.**

Please contact me ASAP if you have items to donate for the auction. Knowing what is coming will make it much easier for us to have everything organized, and ready to go, the day of the auction. We could also use help with the setting up, assigning of bid numbers, tabulating the results, and distributing the items to the winning bidders. Please let me know if you think you could help with any of those tasks. I can be reached at gail.m.phillips@comcast.net or 301-829-1972.

(If you would like to honor any of the above, or anyone else, for any reason, please feel free to use the following form to make a donation to the HEART Scholarship Fund in their memory or honor.)

HEART Scholarship Donation Form

Enclosed is my donation of: \$ _____ Date _____

Name _____ (Phone _____)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please designate: **Honor of** **Memory of:**

Name of honoree or deceased _____

Special Occasion for honoree _____

Send acknowledgement to: Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Donation for Retirement years/ Other: _____

Mail this completed with your check to Scholarship Committee Chair:

Fran Razmus
9221 Maple Rock Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Proposed 2018 – 2019 HEART Budget
Sue Ann Tabler, Budget Chair

DRAFT * HEART BUDGET FY Ending June 30, 2019 *** DRAFT**

Estimated Receipts

Dues	\$7,500	750 members @ \$10
Interest	\$15	from First National Accounts
Total Receipts	\$7,515	

Estimated Disbursements

President	\$250	copying, supplies, postage
Vice President	\$200	copying, supplies, postage
Past President	\$10	
Secretary	\$10	supplies, postage
Treasurer	\$20	supplies, postage
Archives Committee	\$10	

Audit Committee	\$10	
Budget Committee	\$10	
Community Service Committee	\$10	
Constitution/Bylaws Committee	\$10	
Consumer Education Committee	\$10	
Legislative Committee	\$10	
Membership Committee	\$100	brochures are printed free by HCPSS
Necrology Committee	\$50	
Nominating Committee	\$10	
Pre-Retirement Committee	\$10	
Professional Relations Committee	\$10	
Program Committee	\$500	speakers/entertainment, flowers for honorees
Publications/Directory Committee	\$4,200	newsletter and directory printing and postage
Publicity/Website Committee	\$25	\$15.99 a year for MRSPA to host site
Remembrance Committee	\$75	cards, postage
Scholarship Committee	\$20	
Social Committee	\$350	luncheon raffle tickets, plant door prizes (\$50 each lunch), name tags
MRSPA Contribution	\$75	for scholarship raffle prizes at the Annual Meeting based on membership size
Mileage	\$75	incurred while on HEART business @ 40¢ per mile
Luncheon Guests	\$200	speakers, MRSPA visitors, teacher- and principal-of-the-year
Total Disbursements	\$6,260	
Estimated Surplus	\$1,255	

Luncheons (see also the category above of "Luncheon Guests" for whom HEART pays)

Estimated receipts	\$9,570	240 @ \$18; 150 @ \$35
Estimated disbursements	\$9,570	

Scholarship fund ("restricted fund")

Balance forward (as of 2/28/18)	\$3,621	
Estimated receipts	\$1,500	from donations, raffle, auction, emeritus \$10 one time, and necrology \$25
Total Receipts	\$5,121	
Estimated disbursements	\$3,000	
Estimated Balance	\$2,121	keep at least \$1,000 toward the next year

This proposed budget is to be voted on for approval at the May 15, 2018 Annual meeting.

Gail Phillips, Newsletter Editor

I would like to thank Darlene Honaker, Linda Kreitlow, Kaye Pryor, Jane Schuchardt, and Kim Sullivan, for their assistance with the over 600 February newsletters. We were able to fold, label, staple, and stamp them in about an hour and a half. If you would like to join this "Assembly Team", please just let me know (gail.m.phillips@comcast.net or 301-829-1972).

HEART Luncheon/Meeting Reservation Form

DATE: ***Tuesday, May 15, 2018***

PLACE: St. James UMC, Rt. 99 (just east of Rt. 32, Ellicott City)

TIME: 12 Noon **COST:** **\$18** per person (non-refundable)

MENU: Tomato juice Chicken Parsley Potatoes
Broccoli Lettuce Salad Stewed apples with raisins
Rolls and butter Iced tea and coffee *Dessert

*****Please note on the reservation if you need a sugar free dessert.*****



Please complete the following form and send it by **May 2, 2017
with a check payable to **H.E.A.R.T.** to:
JoAnne Horan
17494 Timberleigh Way
Woodbine, MD 21797**

_____ Reservations for Luncheon at **\$18.00** per person \$ _____ Total Enclosed

___ ***** I need a sugar-free dessert**

Name(s): _____ Phone Number: _____

email: _____

Reservations are needed by **May 1, 2018**. Thank you for early reservations! Late reservations cannot be accepted, as a count must be given on this date. **Please call JoAnne at 301-854-6268 if you think your reservation will not get to her in time! (Your contact information is requested in case of an emergency that would necessitate the change of the luncheon date and/or venue. Thank you for providing it.)**