

HEART
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FIRST CLASS MAIL

NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY, May 16, 2017
12 NOON
St. James UMC
(Rt. 99 just east of Rt. 32)

FYI...

- ❖ **Congratulations to 7 newly emeritus HEART members**
- ❖ **Welcome to 4 new HEART members**
- ❖ *****Luncheon/meeting 3rd Tuesday – not the 2nd Tuesday!!!**
- ❖ **Silent Auction to benefit HEART Scholarship fund – bring \$\$\$\$\$**
- ❖ **2017-2018 proposed budget**
- ❖ **proposed slate of 2017-2018 officers and election**
- ❖ **In Memoriam**
- ❖ **HEART to Toby's – reserve your spot, now!**

HEART NEWS

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Association of Retired Howard County Public School Personnel*
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President's Message

Finally, Spring seems to be here! The daffodils are popping out through the cold ground, and by the time you read this, the trees will hopefully begin to show their leaves.

Our regularly scheduled March meeting had to be postponed due to snow, but 76 members were able to join us on the snow date. Happily, the presenters from the Howard County Office on Aging and Independence (love that name!) were also able to attend. Barbara Albert and Barbara Scher spoke about two topics: community resources and Medicare. We learned about many of the offerings of the 50+ Centers which include fitness programs, social opportunities including lunch, health and wellness information, and support for caregivers, among others. There is also a "Loan Closet," which I wish I had known about when I had my hip replaced several years ago. The Closet lends medical equipment, including wheelchairs and walkers, free of charge.

The Medicare presentation was also very informative. I learned about the services of Howard County SHIP (State Health Insurance Assistance Program) which include one-on-one counseling by appointment. (By the way, every county in the U.S. has its own version of this program.) Something you should know is that in order to reduce Medicare fraud, new Medicare cards with randomly generated claim numbers instead of Social Security numbers will be available within a couple of years.

Please jot down this useful phone number to link you to many county resources: Maryland Access Point, **410-313-1234**. I will also put a link to the Office on Aging and Independence on our website.

I attended an MRSPA Presidents meeting on March 22 and received updates on membership, budget, bylaws, and pending Maryland legislation. I'd like to remind you to renew your MRSPA membership – an easy way to pay is by dues deduction from your pension. You can learn about this on the MRSPA website.

Remember to check out our HEART website! Here's how to find it: <http://www.howardrspa.org>. The "Members' Area" password is **HEART2017**. As we approach the end of the school year, if you know someone who will be retiring, please encourage them to visit the website.

It's my pleasure to serve!

*Mary Teague, President
Keep your HEART strong!*

HOWARD COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED TEACHERS

Minutes from the General Meeting March 21, 2017

Mary Teague, President, opened the meeting at noon with the Pledge and an introduction of new members, **Linda Monti** and **Anna Smith**. Mary announced that she would be selling raffle tickets to benefit the MRSPA scholarship fund. **Gail Phillips** gave the invocation, and lunch was served.

Sue Mascaro introduced **Barbara Scher** from the Howard County Office of Aging and **Barbara Albert** from the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). Ms. Scher focused on resources to help individuals age gracefully and Ms. Albert focused on assisting individuals through the Medicare maze. A number of pertinent handouts were available to members after the luncheon.

Nancy Scoville, Secretary, asked that the reading of the December 13, 2016 minutes be waived, since they were published in the newsletter. Since there were no corrections and/or additions to these minutes, **Sue Ann Tabler** moved for their approval and Gail Phillips seconded the motion. **Kim Sullivan for Paula Woods, Treasurer**, reported that the checking account has a balance of \$10,679.85 of which \$5,311.82 is scholarship money, and the business account has a balance of \$24,881.19.

Sue Mascaro, Vice-President, reported that there were 100 responses to her December survey. Medicare/Health Insurance was the highest scoring guest speaker topic, hence today's program. Dinner/Play at Toby's was the highest scoring social activity, hence the March 24 showing of Beauty and the Beast at Toby's; Sue still needs nine people to fulfill the minimum requirement of fifteen participants. In response to the Community Service Project, two dates, April 6 and 13, have been scheduled for up to 15 members to volunteer at a Howard County food bank. Also, **canned goods will be collected at our May meeting for food banks.**

Mary Teague, President, announced that she created a Come-Up File for new people, and that the HEART website was approved and went live in February. Mary invited all members to visit the website at <http://www.howardrspa.org>; in order to access the Members Section use the **password HEART2017**. The website can be used for various purposes including the meeting agenda and any meeting cancellations. Mary noted that a Community Services Chair is still needed; in the meantime, Sue Mascaro is taking on the responsibilities of this position plus the duties of the Vice-President. Mary also announced that **Larry Cohen** was nominated to the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame; **Patti Neidig, Remembrance Chair**, asked members to share any information that could be used in Larry's nomination; forms are available. Mary thanked the HEART members for their generosity in buying all of the MRSPA raffle tickets and asked for more delegates to attend the Annual MRSPA meeting on May 20. She also reminded us that our May meeting is the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Committee Reports were as follows: **Necrology** - Kim Sullivan reminded members to complete a Personal Data Form so in the event of a member's death, an obituary can be written; data forms previously completed can always be updated. She also reported the following members have passed away: Audrey King, Nancy Begeny, Jean Keenan, Allie "Pete" Corbin, and Roma Slyter. **Nominating** - Corita Oduyoye asked for secretary nominations for this year and vice-president and treasurer nominations for next year. **Pre-Retirement** - Jim Evans said that he had no idea of how many employees will retire in 2017, but he is distributing a number of HEART brochures. No news about future health insurance, but bidding has occurred for health and prescription insurance. **Programs** - Sue Mascaro noted that members were not in favor of the Teacher of the Year program so, instead, we will invite the winners in all areas to lunch only. Our program in May will be replaced by the annual auction which will run while we are eating. Gail asked for volunteers and she requested that members e-mail her with their donations. Cash and checks only will be accepted for winners of the silent auction items and all proceeds will benefit the scholarship fund. **Publication** - Gail Phillips announced that there were extra directories available for those who didn't receive one at the December meeting. The article deadline for the next newsletter is March 31; the assembly date is April 17. Gail noted that it is very important that members confirm receipt of their electronic newsletter; this ensures the accuracy of her e-mail addresses. Nancy Janson won a jar of jam for being the first responder to her February newsletter. Only 12 email members did not respond, so received their newsletters by snail mail. **Remembrance** - Patti Neidig read a thank you note from Solly Ciamacca, a HEART member who recently turned 90; Patti had previously sent him a birthday card. **Scholarship** - Fran Razmus reported that she has received many e-mails from interested high school and college students. Donna Streagle had delivered the applications to all the high schools, but Fran reported that since they could not be found, she has been responding to the requests. The next scholarship committee meeting is April 18 and with \$5800 in the fund, Fran said they could offer five scholarships. Sue Mascaro suggested that we place the scholarship application on the website. **Social** - JoAnne Horan requested that you call her if you have to cancel your luncheon reservation or cannot make the reservation deadline.

Door prizes were drawn for pansies.

The next General Meeting with the silent auction will be on May 16 (3rd Tuesday) at St. James UMC.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

Respectively Submitted,
Nancy Scoville, Secretary

Constitution and Nominating Committee News

Gail Phillips and Corita Oduoye

Per the HEART Bylaws and Constitution, a Secretary shall be elected for a 2 year term in odd numbered years. Nancy Scoville has agreed to serve, again. Her name will be put forward at the Annual May 17, 2016 meeting. Nominations will be accepted from the floor. There will then be an election and installation. Mary Teague (President), Sue Mascaro (Vice President), Ann Ridgeway (Past President) and Paulette Woods (Treasurer) will continue in their current positions. For the 2018 Annual meeting, we will be looking to elect a Vice President (who will become President at the end of his/her 2 year term as Vice President) and a Treasurer. The current President will then become the Past President, and the current Past President will be released from duty! We thank all involved for their service to HEART and its members.



According to our records, 7 HEART members have achieved HEART “Emeritus” status for 2017. \$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!

Katherine Coulson Octavia Carter Patricia Hofer Hazel Rectanus Joan Abdallah
Bernard Edmond William Gretsch

We welcome 4 new members (since the last newsletter). Welcome:

Theda Mayer Deborah Young Margaret Dear Edmund Evans

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

Roma Slyter

Roma Slyter died December 18, 2016, at the age of 81. Born in Springfield, Missouri, on July 7, 1935, she lived also in Texas, Kansas, and Idaho before starting her career in Colorado. She then taught one year at Thomas W. Pyle Middle School in Montgomery Co., MD, before settling into a nearly 30-year tenure as the art teacher at Hammond Middle School here in Howard County. She held degrees (B.A. and an M.A. in art/education) from the Univ. of Idaho. She also trained in and used art therapy to assist inmates in the Maryland Correctional System. Roma moved to Idaho in 2012 to be near her two sons. She is also survived by three grandchildren and by Sammy, her effervescent, apricot-colored poodle.

Jean Warfield Donnelly Keenan

At the age of 89 years, Jean Keenan died on January 24, 2017, in Greeley, Colorado. Born on February 3, 1927, in Salisbury, NC, she lived in Ellicott City, MD, for most of her life. She earned her BSN from the Univ. of MD School of Nursing and MS in education from Univ. of MD. Prior to her teaching career, she worked as a registered nurse. Jean taught for HCPSS for 20 years. The first two years were at St. John's Lane Elem. teaching 2nd grade, and during the remaining 18 years, she was a Vocational Education Nursing Program Teacher at Howard Vocational Technical Center. She was very involved in genealogy, the Univ. of MD School of Nursing Living History Museum, the Howard County Historical Society, and the DAR. Jean is survived by 4 daughters, 9 grandchildren, and 7 great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband and a son.

Allie "Pete" Corbin

Allie Corbin was born on September 2, 1929, in Rectortown, VA. He passed away on February 6, 2017. During his time at Madison College in Harrisonburg, VA, he joined the United States Navy and served from 1948-1952. After leaving the Navy, he returned to Madison College, completed his degree, and then spent his entire teaching career at Howard High School teaching history. After his retirement from HCPSS, he moved to Maryland's Eastern Shore where he worked in a family business and served on Talbot County's Board of Education. Allie was an active member of Grace Lutheran Church in Easton and BPOE #1622. An avid baseball fan, he played, coached, and umpired for many years. Allie was the beloved husband of Evelyn Coates Corbin. He is also survived by two children and six grandchildren.

Joseph "Joey" Adams, Jr.

After a courageous battle with cancer, Joseph Adams died on March 28, 2017, at the age of 67. He was a resident of Rehoboth Beach. He was born in on August 5, 1949 in Baltimore, MD. He graduated from Towson State College in 1972 with a degree in art education; his post graduate studies were also completed at Towson. During his 28 year career in HCPSS, Joseph taught art at Oakland Mills High. While there, he also coached girls' varsity softball and girls' j.v. field hockey. Joseph also taught art at the community college level. Rarely idle, he tended bar at The Last Chance Saloon in Columbia, worked at the Bottle & Cork, and became a partner in the Highway One Group. In 2006, he was a founding board member of Community Bank of Delaware. Joseph loved to travel and enjoyed skiing and golf, as well as rooting for his favorite professional baseball and football teams. He was the beloved husband of Mary Ellen Abendroth and is survived by a sister, a nephew, and his stepfather.

(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

PROGRAM NEWS: General Membership Meeting on May 16th (Sue Mascaro)

As always, the highlight of our May meeting is the Annual Silent Auction in support of the HEART Scholarship Fund. To make time for this important event, we will forgo a keynote speaker. However, we will welcome MRSPA President Fay Miller, who will share brief update on the state association. Hope to see each and every one of you on the 16th!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT THE MARKETPLACE (Sue Mascaro)

Our next volunteer opportunity is just around the corner. On Tuesday, May 30th, HEART will be supporting "The Marketplace," the county's new and improved food pantry. We have been asked to secure a minimum of five volunteers to assist with sorting and stocking donations from 9 to 11 am on the 30th. If you are interested in participating, please let me know via email (scmascaro@gmail.com) or phone (443-878-6883). As of April 5th, we have four members signed up. . . we still have room for you!

FOOD PANTY DONATIONS (Sue Mascaro)

Thanks to the generous donations of our members at the March meeting, we were able to complete our first food pantry "deposit" of 2017 in support of the Salvation Army of Howard County. We will continue to collect donations of nonperishable food items at upcoming meetings. Suggested items include dry cereal, breakfast bars, soup, canned stew or chili, tuna, peanut butter, juice boxes, milk boxes, and canned fruit. Members can drop their contributions in a special donation basket located at the Welcome Desk.

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST AT TOBY'S (Sue Mascaro)

Our first HEART-sponsored social event of 2017, a matinee performance of Beauty and the Beast at Toby's Dinner Theatre in Columbia, is scheduled for May 24th. Tickets are \$54 and include an afternoon buffet complete with salad, entrees, side dishes, dessert, and drinks. To date we have eight members signed up to participate, and need a minimum of 15 to secure our group reservation. Family members are welcome to join us . . . please call (443-878-6883) or email (scmascaro@gmail.com) Sue to secure your ticket today!

Gail Phillips, Newsletter Editor

I would like to thank Barbara Doarnberger, Jackie Lashinsky, Kaye Pryor, Kim Sullivan, Mary Teague, and Paula Woods 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).



2017-2018 HEART Budget

Estimated Receipts	
Scholarship Donations	\$1,500
Dues (750 members @ \$10)	\$7,500
HEART Lunches (240 @ \$18 + 150 @ \$35)	
	\$9,570
Interest	\$ 15
MRTA Postage Reimbursement	\$ 45
First National Bank	\$ 1,645
Total	\$20,275
First National Bank (Business Interest Account)	
	\$24,440.37

Treasurer (Supplies/Postage)	\$ 20
Archives	\$ 50
Audit	\$ 10
Budget	\$ 10
Constitution	\$ 10
Consumer Education	\$ 10
Remembrances	\$ 75
HEART Lunches	\$9,570
Legislative	\$ 10
Membership	\$ 300
MRSPA Contribution	\$ 100
Necrology	\$ 10
Nominating	\$ 10
Pre-Retirement	\$ 10
Professional Relations/Community Ser.	\$ 10
Program	\$ 500
Publications/Directory	\$4,200
Publicity	\$ 100
Scholarships (Emeritus/Necrology)	\$3,900
Social	\$ 350

\$20,275

This proposed budget is to be voted on for approval at the May 16, 2017 Annual meeting.

Estimated Disbursements	
President	\$ 550
President-elect	\$ 450
Past President	\$ 10
Secretary (Supplies/Postage)	\$ 10



Silent Auction to benefit HEART Scholarship Fund



Again at this year's May (Annual) meeting of HEART (Tuesday, May 16), 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.

HEART Luncheon/Meeting Reservation Form

DATE: *Tuesday, May 16, 2017*

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 2, 2017**. 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.)**