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NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY, March 10, 2020
12 NOON

NEW LOCATION!!!
The Meeting House
Oakland Mills

FYI:

- ❖ Luncheon sign-up – March 10, 2020; reservations due by February 18, 2020
 - *** New Location!***
- ❖ In Memoriam
- ❖ Welcome to 5 new members! (If we've missed listing you, please let us know!)
- ❖ Membership application
- ❖ Look for service and social opportunities!
- ❖ Bylaw change proposed

HEART NEWS

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From the Presidents' Desk...

We hope you had wonderful holidays and a very happy new year. Spending quality time with family and friends is a gift we appreciate, so it was nice to see so many HEART members at the Holiday Luncheon at Turf Valley. A little less than 200 people attended; we continue to grow and flourish as an organization. Still small enough for the room, we were able to obtain the same room for December 2020! It's a lovely area and when entering the hallway to the banquet room, members heard the beautiful sounds of the jazz band from Glenelg High School, and of course, our meal would not be complete without hearing the Madrigal Singers; this time they were from Reservoir High School. Thank you to music directors from both schools; their willingness to share their craft adds a special touch to the luncheon. A big thank you goes to JoAnne Horan, the HEART luncheon chairperson; she always exceeds expectations. What a treat!

After the luncheon, Addie's car was filled to the brim with donations for Comfort Cases. Thank you to the members who brought such wonderful items to make a foster child happy and feel more comfortable in their new home. Five people joined Addie at Comfort Cases in Rockville where they sorted and folded pajamas for the backpacks. The staff was truly appreciative and look forward to our continued work with them. For the March 10th meeting, we will support the Food Bank with donations; bring your canned goods and non-perishable items.

Because we all enjoy spending time with our retired friends, the HEART social events continue to be popular. A group of 55 people attended *A Christmas Story* at Toby's and enjoyed the show and the company. With such rave reviews, 70 people will be attending *Kinky Boots* in February; HEART filled its ticket sales and is now looking forward to *Shrek*. And we also have a spring trip to Longwood Gardens on May 27th. Look for the article on social events for details on purchasing tickets for both events; you don't want to miss out!

The next HEART luncheon will be in the new venue, *The Meeting House* at Oakland Mills Interfaith Center. Thanks to you, HEART's numbers are increasing, and the business meeting/luncheon participation is over 100 strong. At our October luncheon, we shared a heartfelt goodbye and thank you to the ladies and gentlemen of St. James. They have hosted the HEART luncheons for over 25 years, and their generosity and home cooked meals will be missed! We simply outgrew the venue, as both parking and table space became increasingly limited. Needing to find a larger site, Executive Board members visited several venues in Howard County. The Executive Team ultimately decided to move to a central location in the county, and the space at *The Meeting House* meets our needs. You will find plenty of parking in front of the building, a spacious meeting facility with room to grow, and onsite technology for meeting presentations. We look forward to seeing even more of you at the luncheons on March 10th and May 19th.

Thank you to all the HEART volunteers and members who participate in HEART activities. You are the reason this organization thrives, and we hope you will continue to invite friends and colleagues to join us at events.

Sincerely,

Addie & Sue

Program News from your Co-Vice Presidents (Linda & Ronnie)

We hope you can join us for HEART's next General Membership Meeting, scheduled for **Tuesday, March 10th**. This will be the first meeting at our new location, *The Meeting House* at the Oakland Mills Interfaith Center (see address below). We are quite excited about this new venue that features plenty of seating, ample parking, and excellent audio/visual accommodations.

On our most recent member evaluation, many of you requested information on healthcare. Therefore, we are pleased to announce that our guest presenter for the March meeting will be *Joe DiMaggio* of Kelly & Associates. Joe, a lead consultant for HCPSS healthcare, will be on hand to discuss current healthcare options and the outlook for the future. Finally, HEART Legislative Liaison Gene Streagle will provide the latest news regarding legislation important to us as retirees.

Does your pantry need spring cleaning? At the March meeting, we are collecting canned goods for the Howard County Food Bank. Please consider donating; items can be placed in one of the many donation baskets located at the entrance to the meeting room.

Of course, the most important part of the program is always your participation! Please join us on March 10th for what promises to be a lovely membership luncheon.

New Luncheon Location: *The Meeting House* 5885 Robert Oliver Place Columbia, MD 21045

HOWARD COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED TEACHERS

December 10, 2019 General Meeting Minutes

The **Glenelg High School Jazz Band** performed a musical prelude for today's meeting. In addition, the **Reservoir High School Madrigals** performed seasonal musical selections.

JoAnne Horan was acknowledged for her hard work in organizing today's luncheon. The Executive Board was recognized for "behind the scenes" work. **Kim Sullivan**, Necrology Committee, stated that since our last general meeting, three (3) H.E.A.R.T members passed: John A. Aquila, Allan Starkey, and Arlene Kutz. She announced that in the past year since our December 2018 meeting, seven (7) H.E.A.R.T members passed. The seven members include John, Allan, and Arlene mentioned above and, Linda Chrest, Rovern Goins, Kristine Jacobs, and Vic Scharf. Kim read *A Life Well Lived* in remembrance of our members.

Business Meeting

(1) **Addie Kaufman**, Co-President, called the business portion of the meeting to order at 1:24 pm. (2) **Janet Zimmerman**, Secretary, reported the minutes from the October 9, 2019 general meeting were published in the November 2019 newsletter. **Gail Phillips** made a motion to approve the minutes; **Paula Woods** seconded the motion. The members approved the minutes. (3) **Ellen Hill**, Treasurer, reported that the H.E.A.R.T bank accounts contain the following balances: Scholarship: \$1,208.78; Checking: \$7,687.34; Other Checking: \$18,994.46. (4) **Anne Marie Downey**, President of MRSPA, shared some State initiatives to make the organization more visible. There was a leadership workshop about visibility in September. This year the State initiated "mini grants" to current teachers to allow teachers to create special projects. One recipient for each of six areas is designated to receive \$300.00 for their special projects. MRSPA received 110 applications. While it helps the teachers and students, it also promotes MRSPA as the prizes are awarded at a faculty meeting for the recipient. MRSPA is celebrating 75 years of service. Information on MRSPA-sponsored trips may be found in their newsletters. (5) **Wanda Twigg**, MRSPA's Executive Director, mentioned that Howard County had the largest mid-sized county increase with a 6.9% increase. Currently we have 45 new members, only a 2% increase. It is important to join both H.E.A.R.T and MRSPA. State dues are \$45.00 per year. If you sign up for dues deduction through your pension check, your first deduction will be \$35.00 for the first year; then \$45.00 for subsequent years. MRSPA dues helps fund a paid lobbyist, a legislative committee in order to take positions on our pension, prescription medication, long-term care insurance, and other issues important to retirees. (Editor's note: \$10 of that dues money is then sent to HEART, making you a joint member of both organizations: MRSPA and HEART.)

Connecting:

(1) 56 members will see *A Christmas Story* at Toby's. (2) Feb. 13 the performance will be *Kinky Boots*. (3) SHREK will be a future performance. (4) Another bus trip to Longwood Gardens will take place in the spring. (5) Our future luncheons will be held at *The Meeting House* at the Oakland Mills Interfaith Center. Ed Salazar at the Board of Education will cater our luncheons. The price will remain the same. There is plenty of parking, including many handicapped accessible parking spaces. Our next meeting will be held on **March 10, 2019 at The Meeting House in Oakland Mills in Columbia.**

Protecting:

Sue described how H.E.A.R.T.'s goals mirror the goals of MRSPA.

Making a Difference:

(1) This Friday H.E.A.R.T. will return to *Comfort Cases* to turn in today's donations and assemble some of the cases. The cases are made for foster children throughout the country. There are seven spots open to help with the Comfort Cases on Friday. (2) H.E.A.R.T. worked at the Howard County Food Bank at Thanksgiving and will return in March. Details may be found on the website. (3) In April we will begin assisting with Community Food Drops to help our community members in need.

Today's 50/50 raffle collected \$620.00. **Fannie Avery** won \$310.00.

Anne Ridgeway was acknowledged for always bringing the door prizes to each general meeting.

Our next meeting will be held on **March 10, 2020 at The Meeting House in Oakland Mills in Columbia.**

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Zimmerman, Secretary

HEART NEEDS YOU!

HEART is in need of candidates for two Board Positions: Vice President & Treasurer. There are also several committee chairperson vacancies: Newsletter, Budget, and Website Master. HEART thanks current Treasurer, Ellen Hill, for allowing her name to be put into nomination!

Please consider sharing your talents & expertise with our organization. The Job descriptions and responsibilities are listed in the Bylaws of HEART, which can be found on the HEART website.

If interested, please contact: Corita Oduyoye, Sue Mascaro, or Addie Kaufman.

Newsletter News

Gail Phillips, Editor

As has been noted, earlier in this newsletter, the position of Editor is available at the end of this "school" year. I will not be continuing in this position. Please feel free to contact me for more information about this job, if you think you might be interested in taking over this job for HEART.

The following HEART members have had their newsletters returned. If you can assist by notifying any of them to send us their correct "snail mail" address, or if you can provide it, that would be most appreciated. The "lost" members are: Elaine Saddic, Richard Adelsberger, Robert Childers, Lillian Brandau, Carmella Antonino, Patricia Thorne, Ramona Williams, and Norma Miller.

SERVING with HEART (Sue Mascaro)

To meet our goal of "serving," HEART supports three local service organizations. These organizations, Comfort Cases, the Howard County Food Bank, and the Salvation Army of Howard County, provide much-needed support to children and families in both our local community and throughout the state.

To support the Comfort Cases organization, we collect items for children entering foster care. At our December meeting, members donated fourteen bags of items to fill foster children's backpacks and duffel bags... literally, a car full! Also in December, a team of HEART volunteers visited the Comfort Cases office to prepare items for distribution.

To support the Food Bank and the Salvation Army, we collect nonperishable food items and personal care items. **At our March meeting, we'll collect donations for the Food Bank. Items of need include cereal, peanut butter, tuna, healthy snack foods, and infant products (e.g. formula, baby food, diapers).** HEART also sends volunteer teams to the bank to sort donations and stock shelves. Our next visit will be in April; be sure to check the website and our Facebook page for the specific date.

What's next? In Spring of 2020, we'll be adding yet another opportunity for members to serve with HEART. Specifically, we'll be inviting members to support the Salvation Army's "Community Food Drops." Open to Howard County residents, the events provide fresh fruit and vegetables to community members in need. More information will be available at our March meeting.

GET SOCIAL with HEART (Sue Mascaro)

TOBY'S Dinner Theatre: What's Up Next?

On Thursday, December 19th, 55 HEART members enjoyed a beautiful rendition of *A Christmas Story, The Musical* at Toby's. Attendees young and old (yes, children and grandchildren are always welcome) delighted to the sounds and the songs of this feel-good story.

And on Thursday, February 13th, seventy (yes, 70!) HEART members and their families will be at Toby's

to enjoy a sold-out showing of *Kinky Boots*. Winner of six Tony Awards including Best Musical and featuring a Grammy Award winning score by Cyndi Lauper, it's sure to be a blast!

But wait, it's not too late to get in on the fun... We still have tickets for our spring show! **Join us on April 23rd for *Shrek, The Musical***. Everyone's favorite ogre is back in this hilarious stage spectacle based on the Oscar-winning, smash hit film. And of course, let's not forget the wisecracking Donkey, a feisty princess who resists her rescue, and a cookie with an attitude!

Seats for *Shrek* are going fast, so be sure to contact Sue via email (scmascaro@gmail.com) or cell (443-878-6883) to reserve seats today! Tickets for HEART members and their families are only \$40, a significant discount over the box office cost.

In Memoriam

Donna Brown

Donna Brown's life began in Baltimore, MD, on July 1, 1938. In Roanoke, VA, she passed away on September 30, 2019, at the age of 81. She graduated from Towson State Teachers College with a bachelor's degree in education. Later, she received her M.Ed. from Loyola College of MD. Donna began her teaching career in Baltimore County where she taught at Westowne Elementary for 5 years. For the next 30 years until her retirement in 1995, she served HCPSS as reading teacher at Ellicott City and Guilford Elementary Schools; Title I resource teacher for one year at Worthington, Elkridge, Ellicott City, Guilford, West Friendship, and Lisbon Elementary Schools; and teacher of 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grades for 28 years at Lisbon Elementary. Donna was predeceased by her husband (Edward Brown). Her daughter, son-in-law, and two grandchildren survive her.

Forrest "Pop" Kelly

Forrest "Pop" Kelly was born on October 22, 1929, in Rogers City, Michigan, and grew up in Philippi, WV. He passed away on January 22, 2020, at the age of 90. He was a graduate of Fairmont State with a BA in education and completed postgraduate studies at University of MD and Towson State. Prior to beginning his career as an educator, he proudly served in the U.S. Navy. Forrest's service in HCPSS spanned 34 years. During seventeen of those years, he taught industrial arts for 2 yrs. at Ellicott City Jr. High and 15 yrs. at Glenelg High School. During the remaining 17 years, he was a supervisor of pupil transportation for the county. He retired in 1988. Forrest is survived by his wife (Mary Lou Kelly ... also a HEART member), two sons, five grandchildren, and a great-grandson.

Arlene Kutz

On November 25, 2019, Arlene Kutz passed away at the age of 78. She was born on June 6, 1941, in Jersey City, NJ. Arlene earned a bachelor's degree with a dual major in home economics and English from University

of DE and received a M.Ed. from Univ. of MD with additional coursework at Loyola College of MD. Prior to teaching in Howard County, Arlene taught in Delaware for two years at DeLaWarr High School. Twenty-eight of her 30 years as an educator were spent in service to HCPSS at Wilde Lake and Oakland Mills High Schools. She retired in 2001. For a number of years, she was Coordinator of the Howard County Chapter of Project Linus. Arlene is survived by her husband (Dr. Frederick Kutz), her son, her daughter, and four grandchildren.

Hazel Mack

Hazel Mack was born on February 10, 1927, in Princess Anne, MD. She passed away on August 8, 2019, at the age of 92. She began her teaching career in 1949 after earning a BS in elementary education from Bowie State College. In addition to completing coursework at Temple and Morgan State, she held a master's equivalency from Johns Hopkins University. In service to HCPSS, Hazel taught grades 1-3 at Highland Elementary, followed by first grade at Atholton Elementary, and then second grade at Guilford Elementary. She retired in 1975 after a 27 year teaching career. Hazel was predeceased by her husband (Milton J. Mack). Ten loving nieces and nephews along with a host of other relatives survive her. Hazel is fondly remembered by many friends and former students, as well.

Francis "Lee" Noel

Francis "Lee" Noel's life began in Edgemere, MD, on March 31, 1931. He passed away on December 23, 2019, at the age of 88. He graduated from Maryland State Teachers College at Towson with a BS in 1959 and earned a M.Ed. from Loyola College of MD in 1964. Lee began his career in the Baltimore County Public School System where he spent 9 ½ years teaching history at Parkville High School. During the next 20 ½ years, Lee served HCPSS as a school administrator. He was assistant principal at Glenelg and Atholton High Schools

and then principal of Glenelg, Centennial, and Oakland Mills High Schools. He retired in 1986 after thirty years in education. Lee is survived by his wife (Lillian Noel), a daughter, a son, and three grandchildren.

Allan Starkey

On November 6, 2019, Allan E. Starkey passed away at the age of 77. He grew up in Highlandtown. He earned a bachelor's degree in speech and drama from Towson State College in 1965. Allan went on to earn two master's degrees (one in education administration & supervision from Morgan State College and the other in

liberal arts from Johns Hopkins University). He was an English and writing teacher at several Baltimore County High Schools, held central office positions in Baltimore, Anne Arundel, and Howard County Public School Systems, and taught courses in the education departments at Towson University and Johns Hopkins University. In service to HCPSS, Allan was Coordinator of Language Arts from 1987 to 2000. While he had no immediate family members to survive him, he is fondly remembered by his friends, colleagues, and former students.

If you would like to honor the above, or anyone else, for any reason, please feel free to use the form in this issue 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 form with your check to Scholarship Committee Chair:

Fran Razmus
9221 Maple Rock Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Celebrate Spring at Longwood Gardens with HEART

In December 2018, HEART hosted a fun bus trip to Longwood Gardens in Pennsylvania. Perhaps you missed the first trip? Not to worry, because we're headed back... Join us on Wednesday, **May 27th** for a spring visit to Longwood's 1,000+ acres of vibrant flower gardens and beautiful woodlands. Recognized as one of the premier horticultural display gardens in the US, the dazzling displays of native and exotic plants elevate the art of horticulture to a whole new level. And don't forget the main fountain garden, built to rival Europe's most celebrated waterworks!

Participants will have the choice of two pick-up sites: the Eyre Bus terminal in Glenelg or the LongGate Park & Ride in Ellicott City. Our approximate departure time is 8:30 a.m., with a return time of 5:30/5:45 p.m. The ticket price, \$48-55 depending on our final number, includes transportation via deluxe motor coach and admission to the gardens. While at the park, guests can purchase lunch at The Café, which serves fresh and seasonal cuisine. Or, for a more upscale culinary experience, guests can make reservations at 1906, a full-service restaurant located in the gardens.

Please let Sue (scmascaro@gmail.com or 443-878-6883) know if you'd like to reserve tickets; we need a minimum of 35 participants by April 25th to host the trip. Help us make the trip a success; we'd like it to be the start of many!



Patricia Banner-Pierce

John Quinn

Susan Archer Van Eseltine

Patricia Zorzi

Gloria Downs



Welcome, New Members!

These are the names provided to us as new members, since the last newsletter, by MRSPA and HEART Membership Chair, Donna Brackins. If you are aware of any errors, please contact Database Manager, Gail Phillips (gail.m.phillips@comcast.net) as soon as possible so the database can be kept up-to-date.

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). If you join MRSPA, and pay by check or payroll deduction in July, your MRSPA and HEART dues are paid for that year. **The form below is for folks who only want to join HEART.** HEART-only members will be billed for their HEART dues in the spring.

***** Emeritus Alert***** If you are a member of HEART, and were born in, or before, 1935 – this is your lucky year! According to the HEART bylaws, **any member age 85 or older, is "Emeritus"**. This means, you get to enjoy all of the privileges of membership, but don't have to pay any dues!!! If you will be turning 85 this year (you were born some time in 1935), please be sure to send Donna Brackins, Membership Chair, or Gail Phillips, Database Manager, your birthdate information before March 31, 2019, so you will not be billed for your membership dues this year. Congratulations to all those who have earned this privilege! (Once you turn 90, you will have earned "emeritus" status for your MRSPA membership, so be sure they know your birthdate, as well. However, MRSPA's "year" runs from July 1 – June 30.)

Application for HEART (only) 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 Donna Brackins
904 Roller Coaster Court
Mt. Airy, MD 21227

Constitution Committee – Bylaw Change Proposed
Gail Phillips, Constitution Committee Chair

After much discussion at the recent HEART Executive Board meeting, the following Bylaw change is proposed. This is your official 30 day notice, per the Bylaws. The proposal is to: **Do away with the position of Past President.** This would require us to remove all language in both the Constitution and The Bylaws pertaining to the position of Past President/Past Co-Presidents. This would therefore create a 4 year commitment, **not** a 6 year commitment, to serve as Vice President (2 years), President (2 years) and Past President (2 years), as the Bylaws currently require.



HEART Luncheon/Meeting Reservation Form



DATE: ***Tuesday, March 10, 2020*** *****New Location*****

PLACE: **The Meeting House, Oakland Mills** **Room 100**
(5885 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia, MD 21045)

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

MENU: **Please choose (circle) one entrée and one dessert. The rest is included for all.**
Entrée: meat lasagna or vegetable lasagna Dessert: cookie or brownie

Available to all: tossed Caesar salad, roll and butter **Beverage:** Coffee, bottled water and canned soda

Please complete the following form and send it by **February 18, 2020**
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

Name(s): _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____
(This is especially important in case of a need to change the date!)

Reservations are needed by **February 18, 2020**. Thank you for early reservations! Late reservations cannot be accepted, as a count must be given on this date. **Call 301-854-6268 if you think your reservation will not get to JoAnne in time!**