

HEART

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NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY, October 10, 2017
12 NOON
ST. JAMES UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

FYI...

- **Welcome 34 new HCPSS Retirees!** Please consider joining **HEART and MRSPA**. Information on joining both **HEART and MRSPA** is in this issue.
- **HEART 2017 Scholarship Awardees named**
- **President's Letter**
- **Member Dues Due!** Please be sure your 2017 - 2018 dues have been paid to continue receiving this newsletter. This newsletter is one of the "perks" of membership.
- **Larry Cohen Honored**

HEART NEWS

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Dear Friends,

As I begin my second year as President, I'm thrilled to see all we've accomplished! First of all, you will have noticed our new logo. We also revised our brochures and will have copies at the October meeting.

Last September, I published my goals, and I'm pleased to say that with the help of the Executive Board, all of them have been met!

- **Increase membership in HEART and MRSPA**—Let's continue this growth!
- **Develop a HEART website**—The website has been live since last winter, and so far, 287 separate devices have viewed it. I'd love to see more of our members going to the website for current information on HEART news and events. Here's the address: <http://www.howardrspa.org> and the Members Area password is HEART2017.
- **Broaden participation in HEART committees**—A couple of committees have expanded their members, so we're moving ahead. I've prepared a "Come-up File" which documents all the events and tasks that our officers and committee chairs are responsible for throughout the year. If you'd like to help, I'd be glad to share the file so you might find an activity that interests you.
- **Expand our service to the community through volunteer activities and provide additional opportunities for members to meet and socialize**—Many thanks are due to our Vice President, Sue Mascaro, for organizing Howard County Food Bank volunteer days, collecting food donations at our meetings, and organizing a Toby's matinee. Look for more events to come this year!

Achieving goals does not mean we can sit back and relax. *With your help*, HEART will continue to recruit new members, sponsor additional service and social events, and support the needs of retirees in Howard County.

In May, we will elect a new Vice President so that Sue Mascaro will be able to become President, and I can move to Past President! I'm telling you about this now, because I want you to think about how rewarding it would be to work with the wonderful people in our organization. Please call or email me if you'd like more information on the position. 410-750-7505 or marteal00@gmail.com

It is *truly* my pleasure to serve!

Mary



HOWARD COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED TEACHERS

Minutes from the General Meeting, May 16, 2017

Mary Teague, President, opened the meeting at noon with the Pledge and an introduction of our guests: Dr. Michael Martirano, Acting Superintendent; Fay Miller, MRSPA President; and Maddy Halback, ARL Finance Academy, Teacher of the Year. Gail Phillips gave instructions for our annual silent auction, Donna Brackins gave the invocation, and lunch was served.

Fay Miller reported that they are looking at applications for a new Executive Director and the interview process should start in mid-June. Ms. Miller told members, "You are our strength and you help us in more ways than you know." She announced a Leadership Workshop on September 28 and a Legislative Workshop on November 14. Finally, she told us that Pauline Baek of Murray Hill Middle School was one of recipients of the MRSPA scholarship.

Mary Teague announced that HEART received a MRSPA award for our increase of 41 new members last year. She also thanked Gail Phillips and her assistants for their hard work in preparing the auction. She noted that more members are visiting the website, and she expressed her appreciation.

Sue Mascaro, Vice-President and Acting Community Service/Social Committee Chair, said that she had responded to the results of the December survey by having a Medicare spokesperson at the last meeting and the *Beauty and the Beast* trip to Toby's on May 24. She also organized the first Food Bank volunteers for May 30, and she started a non-perishable food collection for the Salvation Army at each HEART meeting.

Nancy Scoville, Secretary, asked that the reading of the March 21, 2017 minutes be waived, since they were published in the April newsletter. Since there were no corrections and/or additions to these minutes, Gail Phillips moved for their approval, Paula Woods seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved. Paula Woods, Treasurer, reported that the checking account has a balance of \$10,391.78 of which \$5,881.42 is scholarship money, and the business account has a balance of \$24,881.61.

Committee Reports were as follows: **Budget** - Mary Teague acting for Sue Ann Tabler asked for approval of the 2017-18 HEART Budget, which was published in the April newsletter. Prior to any motion, she pointed out that there were two new items in the budget: the cost of the new HEART website and the cost of printing HEART brochures. Gail Phillips moved for the budget approval, Patti Neidig seconded the motion, and the budget was approved. **Necrology** - Kim Sullivan reported that Joseph Adams and Elizabeth McMillen passed away. **Pre-Retirement** - Jim Evans said HCPSS expects few employees to retire. HEART has been invited to the annual Ten Oaks retirement celebration. **Professional Relations** - Larry Cohen announced that our relations with the school system will improve with the new Acting Superintendent, Dr. Martirano. **Publication** - Gail Phillips said that article deadline for the next newsletter is mid-August. Gail also estimated that the auction proceeds will be at least \$708 depending upon the auction winners' generosity. **Scholarship** - Donna Streagle announced that there were fourteen scholarship applications and five of these applicants will receive a scholarship.

Mary Teague asked for nominations from the floor for the secretarial position. Since there were no nominations from the floor, Gail Phillips moved for Mary to direct the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for the officer being elected; the motion was seconded by Paula Woods, and Mary called for the vote. There were no nays or abstentions, so the Secretary recorded a unanimous vote for the election of Nancy Scoville as Secretary. Nancy was installed by Fay Miller; all officers and committee members renewed their commitment to HEART and MRSPA; and members agreed to support their officers.

Door prizes were drawn for vinca plants. The next General Meeting will be in October. The next Executive Meeting TBA. The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 P.M.

Respectively Submitted, Nancy Scoville, Secretary

Welcome, 34 New Members!



The following have joined HEART since our last newsletter:

Ramona Williams, Barbara Tindall, Eileen Stone,
Jennifer Barr, Virginia Stickles, Peach Payne,

Mary Ellen McNamara, Adrian Kaufman,
William Hubal, Monica Cook, Diane Rahnamu-Roland,
Suzanne Kuttas, Maureen Kelly, Elizabeth Factor,
Richard Wright, Wendy Bourne, Patricia Caplan,
Leigh Crouteau, Jane Pace, Donna Dixon,
Ellen Doring, John Jackson, Mary Jennings,
Donna Lisano, Wendy Barkin, Catherine McLin,
JoAnne Miller, Barbara Poling, Lenore Schiff,
Patricia Shifflett, Rena Weinstein, Ann Bracken,
Susan Nickles, Janice King,

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)

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

Elizabeth "Bettie" McMillen

On June 14, 1923, Bettie McMillen was born in Elkins, WV. She passed away on May 12, 2017. She received her degree from Asbury College in 1950. After teaching for 8 years in the Baltimore City Public School System, she came to Howard County where she taught at Hammond Elementary School for 22 years. She was a member of Crossroads Church of the Nazarene in Ellicott City. She was preceded in death by her parents, Frederick and Lena McMillen; a brother; and a sister. Robert McMillen, Sr., her nephew, survives her.

Elizabeth "Betty" Harvey Magagna

Betty Magagna's life began in Philadelphia, PA, on May 2, 1922. She passed away on May 26, 2017, at the age of 95. In 1944, she earned a BS in business education from Beaver College. Years later, Betty earned an MS from University of MD. Her career in HCPSS included 22½ years at Howard

High School where she taught business education classes and served as department chairperson. After her retirement in 1982, she was a substitute teacher at Glenelg and River Hill High Schools. She also taught at Howard Community College for a number of years. She was predeceased by her husband (Albert Magagna) and a son. Betty is survived by her son (Mark), five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Joan Schmidt McCaw

Joan McCaw was born on June 27, 1931, in Tacoma Park, MD. She passed away at her summer home in Lake Gaston, NC, on June 19, 2017, at the age of 77. She earned a BS in elementary education from University of MD at College Park in 1960 and completed post graduate work at Towson State College. Prior to her retirement from HCPSS in 1991, she was a part-time kindergarten teacher at Scaggsville Elementary for 5 years and then taught kindergarten and 1st grade at Hammond Elementary for 21 years. In 1991, Joan was

honored as Teacher of the Year by the Howard County Optimist Club. Surviving her are her husband, Robert; two sons; two granddaughters; a sister; and a brother.

Ron Shriver

At the age of 80 years, Ron Shriver passed away on June 25, 2017. He was born on April 10, 1937. He was a graduate of West Virginia University and Loyola University in Maryland. Ron taught mathematics at Glenelg High School for his entire 30 year career with HCPSS. He also coached the chess team at Glenelg. Post retirement, he continued to develop and maintain his farm in Carroll County. Ron is survived by his loving wife of nearly 55 years, Mary Grace (Mullinix); a son and daughter; 5 grandchildren; and two brothers. He was predeceased by a brother.

Doris Mason Case

On July 21, 2017, Doris Case died at the age of 80. She was born in Washington, DC, on July 18, 1937. She graduated from Northwestern High School in University Park, MD, in 1955, and later studied at University of MD at College Park and Stayer

College. Doris began her 18 years of service in HCPSS as an instructional assistant and then teachers' secretary at Rockland Elementary. Later, she held the position of principal's secretary at Lisbon and Waverly Woods Elementary Schools. After her retirement in 1994, she was a consultant at the Staff Development Center – Mentor Program. Doris is survived by her husband, Bill; two daughters; 9 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; and a brother. She was predeceased by a son, a sister, and a brother.

Joan Bradley Burkart

Joan Burkart passed away on August 26, 2017, at the age of 85. She was born on December 25, 1931, and grew up in Stratford, Wisconsin. She was among the very early residents of Columbia, MD, moving there in the Summer of 1968. During her 23 years of service to HCPSS, she worked at Wilde Lake Middle for 2 years, Wilde Lake High for 9 years, and the Central Office for 12 years. After her retirement in 1992, Joan continued to work in a temporary capacity until 2001. She was predeceased by her husband, Thomas Burkart. Joan's four children, eight grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and one brother survive her.

Congratulations, Larry Cohen!

HEART is pleased to announce that our own Larry Cohen has been accepted into the "Class of 2017" for the Maryland Senior Citizens' Hall of Fame! He will be inducted at a luncheon on Thursday, October 26 at Michael's Eighth Avenue, in Glen Burnie, Maryland. The "Social Time and Cash Bar" start at 11AM. The luncheon is at 12 noon. If you would like to be a part of this celebration, the cost for the luncheon is \$23. Please contact Gail Phillips (gail.m.phillips@comcast.net or 301-829-1972). Gail will need your name, and your check (made out to MSCHF), by Oct. 1, 2017, so that the reservation can be made for our group. MSCHF asks that groups be limited to 30, so get your reservation in early, if you want to be part of Larry's group!

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RESERVATION – GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON/ MEETING

Due to fire department regulations, only the first 100 reservations can be accepted.
Ten [10] Handicapped Parking spaces are available on the eastern side of the church hall.

DATE: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 (In case of inclement weather, follow HCPSS policy. If schools are closed, the luncheon is canceled. If schools open late, the luncheon will be held.)

PLACE: St. James Methodist Church
Route 99, West Friendship, MD (near intersection of Rt. 99 and Rt. 32)

TIME: 12 Noon **COST:** \$18.00 per person (non-refundable)

MENU: Apple juice Chicken Mashed potatoes and gravy
Glazed carrots Lettuce salad Stewed apples with raisins
Rolls and butter 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 **Sept. 26, 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 (non-refundable)

*** _____ I need a sugar-free dessert \$ _____ Total Enclosed

Name(s): _____

(Please indicate your preferred method of being contacted in case the luncheon needs to be rescheduled.)

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Reservations are needed by Tuesday, September 26, 2017. Thank you for early reservations! Late reservations cannot be accepted, as a count must be given on this date. *Once the count has been given, that many lunches must be paid for. Call 301-854-6268 if you think your reservation will not get to JoAnne in time!

USE THE FOLLOWING FORM TO MAKE YOUR LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS FOR THE WHOLE YEAR.

Please provide contact information in case of inclement weather. HEART will follow the HCPSS decision for that day. You will be contacted with information on the make-up date, if needed. Be aware that payments are non-refundable. Please realize that the meals must be paid for, even if you are unable to attend for some reason.

(Due to fire department regulations, only the first 100 reservations can be accepted at St. James.)

HEART Luncheon/Meeting Whole Year Reservation Form

Luncheon Date: Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2017

Reservation Due: September 26, 2017

_____ Reservations for luncheon at **\$18.00 per person**

\$ _____ Total enclosed

NAME(S): _____

Send the form and a **check payable to H.E.A.R.T.** to:

**JoAnne Horan
17494 Timberleigh Way
Woodbine, MD 21797**

Luncheon Date: Tuesday, December 12, 2017

Reservation Due: November 28, 2017

Turf Valley Resort and Conference Center

_____ Reservations for luncheon at **\$35.00 per person (Price change!)**

\$ _____ Total enclosed

NAME(S): _____

Send the form and a **check payable to H.E.A.R.T.** to:

**JoAnne Horan
17494 Timberleigh Way
Woodbine, MD 21797**

Luncheon Date: Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Reservation Due: February 27, 2018

_____ Reservations for luncheon at **\$18.00 per person**

\$ _____ Total enclosed

NAME(S): _____

Send the form and a **check payable to H.E.A.R.T.** to:

**JoAnne Horan
17494 Timberleigh Way
Woodbine, MD 21797**

Luncheon Date: Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Reservation Due: May 1, 2018

(*Note that this is the 3rd Tuesday of the month.)

_____ Reservations for luncheon at **\$18.00 per person**

\$ _____ Total enclosed

NAME(S): _____

Send the form and a **check payable to H.E.A.R.T.** to:

**JoAnne Horan
17494 Timberleigh Way
Woodbine, MD 21797**

A BIG Thank You to our Scholarship Auction Donors!

As a result of the generosity of our members, we raised \$999, for the HEART Scholarship Fund, this past May from our Silent Auction! Of that \$999, \$709 was from the winning bids and \$290 was straight donations. Thank you to those who donated items, or solicited gift cards/gifts from local merchants! Thank you, also, to those who bid on the items, and in some cases, just flat out made a monetary donation. This event, alone, will fund 1 full scholarship (assuming that we can come up with 1 (one) more dollar!

Scholarship Committee

Fran Razmus and Donna Streagle, Co-chairs

The Scholarship Committee is happy to announce our winners for the 2017 scholarships. They are :

Kelly Mackin, Messiah College

Han Wagner, Hammond High School

Victoria Green, Centennial High School

Katherine Swanson, Wheeling Jesuit University

Emem Akpan, Reservoir High School

We had 14 applicants this year and with your financial help, we were able to give these five scholarships. We are supporting undergraduates and we are pleased to see some college students reapplying.

The following is taken from the MRSPA *Consumer Connection* newsletter:

IRS Scams Making the Rounds - and Tips to Avoid Becoming a Victim

MRSPA members have reported receiving calls supposedly from the IRS. The caller says the IRS is threatening a lawsuit or legal action against you and to call the number given immediately. The number from which the call originated may look like a local number. You can report a spam caller right on the IRS' website, the Federal Trade Commission's site, and the Better Business Bureau's site. Also notify your local police department.

A Message from the new MRSPA Executive Director

Hello Howard County! My name is Wanda Ruffo Twigg. I am the newly appointed Executive Director of the MRSPA. Born and raised in Allegany County, I moved to Baltimore County for my first full time teaching position. After five years in Baltimore, I moved to St. Mary's County, where I continued to teach social studies, history, and government. I was also very active in my local teachers' association, twice becoming president. During my years in St. Mary's, I was also fortunate to be elected as a member of both the MSEA (Maryland State Education Association) and NEA (National Education Association) Boards of Directors. I was very supportive of the name change of MSEA to more accurately reflect the collective membership, that was championed by a Howard County educator. I retired from teaching in 2012 and have been a member of MRSPA since then!

I look forward to meeting many of you as we work to protect your defined benefit pension/retirement, to ensure your quality of life, to build the capacity of the Association, and to grow our leadership. Thank you for welcoming me to MRSPA!

Wanda Ruffo Twigg