

HEART
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FIRST CLASS MAIL

NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY, March 13, 2018
12 NOON
St. James UMC
Rt. 99 just east of Rt. 32



FYI:

- ❖ Luncheon sign-up – March 13, 2018; due by February 27, 2018
 - Only the first 100 will be seated
 - bring \$\$\$ for MRSPA Scholarship Raffle tickets!
- ❖ In Memoriam
- ❖ Welcome to 11 new members! (If we've missed listing you, please let us know!)
- ❖ Membership application
- ❖ Silent Auction to be held at the May meeting. Contact Gail Phillips as soon as you know what you'll be donating! (301-829-1972 or gail.m.phillips@comcast.net). Even better, bring it to the March meeting!
- ❖ May meeting will be election of new VP and Treasurer. Contact Nomination Committee Chair, Corita Oduyoye if interested in either position.

HEART NEWS

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President's Letter

Hello, friends! I hope you're staying warm and safe this winter. What a roller coaster ride we've had!

Especially with winter driving in mind, I wanted to share some road safety tips with you. My car insurance company gives me a discount for taking a Defensive Driving course. I've done this every three years for about 15 years now, and I continue to learn so much that helps me stay safe on the road. The online course I'm taking is provided by the National Safety Council for a nominal fee. Many excellent tips for all drivers, not just seniors, are provided in an attractive and interesting format.

One safety item that is stressed in this year's version is that the distraction provided by talking on a cell phone – EVEN HANDS FREE – is just as dangerous as that of holding a phone or even texting. This type of distraction is “cognitive” – it takes your mind away from the task of driving.

The current recommendation of the National Safety Council and AAA is that drivers do NOT use any form of cell phone communication while operating a vehicle. AAA has gone further to recommend that the hands-free technology in new cars be disabled unless the car is in Park.

I care about you and your safety on the road, so please consider eliminating the cognitive distraction posed by using your cell phone technology while driving. I'm personally going to ask friends not to call me when they are driving.

Note that face-to-face courses are offered in many areas by a variety of organizations, and there are other online sources as well. I encourage you to check them out.

We had a festive December holiday celebration at Turf Valley. The new Executive Director of MRSPA, Wanda Twigg, and the MRSPA President, Fay Miller, brought greetings and warm wishes to our membership. We enjoyed a delicious lunch and the music of the Glenelg Madrigal singers. Attendance was down a bit this year. If you have any suggestions or comments about this annual event, please contact me or Sue Mascaro. You can do this through the website: www.howardrspa.org

Looking ahead, the May auction is coming up quickly. Please contact businesses that you frequent that may offer items for this event.

I would like to thank Ellen Hill for stepping in as interim Treasurer upon Paulette Woods's resignation. Elections will be held in May for this position and for that of Vice President.

PLEASE – HEART NEEDS YOU. We must have a Vice President since my term as President ends this June, and Sue Mascaro will move up to that office. Contact me, Sue, or Corita Oduyoye, Nominating Chair, to learn more.

It's my pleasure to serve,
Mary

Nominees Needed

Gail Phillips, Constitution Committee Chair

Per the HEART Bylaws and Constitution, in even numbered years, a new Vice President and a Treasurer are elected. The person elected to the office of Vice President agrees to serve for 2 years as VP, and then “ascend to the throne” and serve as President for the next 2 years. At that time, the current President becomes the “Past President”. The position of Treasurer becomes available every two years. We have been blessed to have had the same Treasurer for over 15 years. Whoever agrees to run for this office is NOT expected to stay for that same length of time. We thank Ellen Hill for stepping in and completing Paula Woods' unexpired term. Technically, this is a 2 year term, although, it is nice when someone stays for a while, once they've become familiar with that job. Please contact Nominating Committee Chair, Corita Oduyoye (saintjude8@icloud.com) if you would like more information about either office, or if you are interested in having your name placed into nomination. New officers are elected, and installed at the May “Annual” Meeting, even though the fiscal year runs from July 1 – June 30.

HOWARD COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED TEACHERS

Minutes from the General Meeting December 19, 2017

Mary Teague, President, opened the meeting at 12:05 with an introduction of the Glenelg Madrigal Singers. Mary then led the Pledge, Corita Oduyoye gave the invocation, and lunch was served.

Mary introduced Faye Miller, President, and Wanda Twigg, Executive Director of MRSPA. Faye thanked members for their service and told of her travels to different counties throughout the State of Maryland. She also acknowledged Larry Cohen for winning the prestigious GERI Award at the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame ceremony. Wanda asked members to use the new MRSPA handout, "Why Join MRSPA," to recruit new members to MRSPA. She also announced that MRSPA was not expecting any important changes in the new legislative session because this is an election year. All legislative updates will be on the MRSPA website with an opportunity to take action via email.

Kim Sullivan, Necrology Chair, led the members in a "Moment of Remembrance," to honor and remember our deceased members who passed away during the last year. The poem, "A Life Well Lived" was read, and each deceased member's name was read followed by the ringing of a school bell. Those remembered were: Joseph Adams, Nancy Begeny, Inez Blair, Joan Burkart, Doris Case, Barbara Moxley Feaga, Marlene Goode, Jean Keenan, Audrey King, Betty Magagna, Joan McCaw, Bettie McMillan, Selma Meckler, Ron Shriver, and Roma Slyter.

Mary Teague, President, announced that Chuck Ridgeway and Sue Mascaro were unable to attend, but wished everyone a Happy Holiday. She said the HEART website was doing well with over 500 hits. Mary asked that members consider volunteering for the Vice-President's position to replace Sue Mascaro, who in turn will replace Mary. Newly elected officers will be elected, and installed, at the May meeting.

Mary, speaking for Sue Mascaro, Vice-President, noted to members that Sue had followed their requests in the last survey: she got requested speakers, she started a volunteer group to work in the Howard County food pantry, and she offered two social events, Toby's and a Longwood Gardens tour. Another survey is on the table; please complete the survey so that Sue can again fulfill your requests.

Nancy Scoville, Secretary, asked that the reading of the October 10, 2017 minutes be waived, since they were published in the last newsletter. Since there were no corrections and/or additions to these minutes, Gail Phillips moved for their approval, Sue Ann Tabler seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved. Paula Woods, Treasurer, reported that the checking account has a balance of \$7,119.22, the scholarship account a balance of \$3,125.78, and the business account a balance of \$24,884.94. Paula drew the winning name for the 50/50 raffle which benefits the scholarship fund, and since Paula Woods was leaving the Treasurer's position, Mary gave her a gift in recognition for her generous service of over fifteen years.

Committee Reports were as follows: Kim Sullivan, **Necrology**, reported that Inez Blair and Barbara Moxley Feaga had passed. She also announced that Personal Data forms were on the badge table, and requested that HEART members report the passing of any other member to her or to any HEART officer. Larry Cohen, **Professional Development**, announced that he will meet with Dr. Michael Martirano on December 18, 2017. Gail Phillips, **Publication**, asked HEART members if they had any information on Sharon Applegarth, Joan Athey, Lillian Brandau, Thurman Butcher, Christine Krausz, and/or Bonnie Bricker; their newsletters were returned and HEART would like to resolve this. The deadline for the next newsletter is January 26 and the assembly date will be February 12. The new HEART directories were available to each member in attendance; Gail announced that there were some extra copies available for other members after the meeting. Gail Phillips, **Database Manager**, reporting on behalf of the **Membership**, reported 751 total members; 258 of these members are HEART only members. When a member pays the full dues to MRSPA, this includes HEART membership. Gail noted that if dues are not paid by November 1, the member will be removed from the list and will not be in the directory. Fran Razmus, **Scholarship**, announced that since July the Scholarship Fund has received close to \$2000 in donations. Fran thanked Louise Smith for her generous contribution. In January, scholarship applications will be delivered to all the high schools. The application will also be on the HEART website. JoAnne Horan, **Social**, asked for feedback from members regarding the holiday luncheon. She announced that the next meeting will be March 13, 2018.

Mary announced that Ellen Hill has volunteered to be our new Treasurer until June 30, 2018.

Door prizes for Poinsettias were drawn and the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 P.M.

The next Executive Board meeting will be on January 11, 2018.

The next General Meeting will be March 13.

Respectively Submitted, Nancy Scoville, Secretary

In Memoriam

Inez Cardwell Blair

On December 12, 1912, Inez Cardwell Blair was born in Grapevine, Texas. She passed away on December 25, 2015, at the age of 102. In 1971, she completed her an A.A. from the Community College of Baltimore. She earned a BA and MA from Antioch College in Columbia, MD. Prior to her retirement from HCPSS in 1974, Inez was principal's secretary at Glenelg High School and then pupil personnel secretary at the Central Office. She was the beloved wife of the late Philip J. Blair, Sr. Four sons, a daughter, nine grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren survive her. Inez was predeceased by a grandson.

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



Welcome, New Members!



Suzanne L. Bunce Carol Anne Creed Mary D. Jennings Janet Jones Paul J. Norfolk Susan Sherman
Patricia C. Browne David B. Ditman Donna Neubauer Howard R. Quinn Penny Gow Zimring

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 \$45 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. *If you are currently paying your dues to MRSPA by check, there is an offer to save \$10 this year if you switch to payroll deduction. Contact MRSPA at the above number for more information.*

***** Emeritus Alert***** If you are a member of HEART, and were born in, or before, 1933 – 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 1933), please be sure to send Donna Brackins, Membership Chair, or Gail Phillips, Database Manager, your birthdate information before March 31, 2017, 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

Newsletter News Gail Phillips, Editor

First of all – a great big thank you to the team. Assisting with the assembly of the November newsletters were Darlene Honaker, Kaye Pryor, Jane Schuchardt, and Kim Sullivan. We assembled over 600 newsletters in a little under 2 hours. More helpers would have shortened that time! If you are willing to join this team, please let me know at 301-829-1972 or gail.m.phillips@comcast.net.



HEART Luncheon/Meeting Reservation Form

(Due to fire department regulations, only the **first 100** reservations can be accepted.

So far, so good. Nobody has had to be "wait listed"!)

DATE: *Tuesday, March 13, 2018 (Snow date: March 20, 2018)*

(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 UMC, Rt. 99 (just east of Rt. 32, Ellicott City)

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

MENU: V-8 Juice Ham Scalloped Potatoes Green Beans
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 **February 27, 2018**
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): _____
*** _____ **I need a sugar free dessert.** ***

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

Reservations are needed by **February 27, 2018**. 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! Remember, only the first 100 reservations can be accepted. Handicapped parking is available in the area between the main lot and the entrance, as well as on the eastern side of the hall.**

HEART Personal Data

Name : _____
 (Last) (First) (Maiden)

Complete Address: _____

Birth date: _____ Place of birth: _____

Graduation:
_____ (name of high school)

_____ (location of high school)

_____ (name of college or secretarial school)

_____ (location of college or secretarial school)

Post Graduate study: (where, when, degree – if any)

Teaching, Administrative, or Support Positions:

Location	Title/Position	No. of Years
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Honors/Special Recognition: _____

Publications: _____

Date of Retirement (Year) : _____

Name of Spouse (give maiden name of wife): _____

Names of children: _____

Hobbies, Talents, Special Interests: _____

Member of Professional Organizations, Civic Groups, Church, etc. :

Please return this completed form to:

HEART
c/o Kimberlie Sullivan
15215 Bushy Park Road
Woodbine, MD 21797