

**HEART**

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**NEXT MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, October 9, 2018**  
**12 NOON**  
**ST. JAMES UNITED**  
**METHODIST CHURCH**

**FYI...**

- Welcome from our new Co-Presidents, Sue Mascaro and Addie Kaufman
- **Welcome 36 New Members!**
- Check out multiple activity options
- **Sign up for the luncheon/meetings**

# HEART NEWS

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the Association of Retired Howard County Public School Personnel*  
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## Message from the Co-Presidents...

It is with excitement and enthusiasm that we begin a new year with our retired colleagues from the Howard County Public School System. To begin our official term as Co-Presidents, we attended a training at the MRSPA headquarters in July where we networked with other Presidents from Maryland. The new MRSPA President, Ann Marie Downey, shared her vision and motto: *Connecting, Protecting, and Making a Difference*. In alignment with the MRSPA goals, we have identified two objectives for the 2018-2019 school year.

Our first goal is to increase membership, and to do so, we need the help of existing members. It is our hope that you will contact friends/colleagues who have not yet joined and bring them to a meeting or event. If every member encouraged one person to join HEART, we would significantly increase membership. We also realize it's important to think outside the box and try new ideas. With this in mind, the Executive Team has agreed to host two "happy/social information hours" for prospective members; one event will be local and one will take place in Rehoboth Beach, DE, an area many HCPSS retirees now call home. Executive Team members will attend both events to greet guests and provide information about HEART. Through these two events and most importantly, with your help, we hope to inspire and motivate both recent and past retirees to join our organization.

Another way to connect members is through events such as the day trip to Longwood Gardens and attendance at Toby's Dinner Theater shows. Last year over eighty (80) members took advantage of one of our HEART-sponsored social activities, and we hope to increase that number this year! As of print time, we have already secured tickets for another show at Toby's, the award-winning musical *Ain't Misbehavin'* on November 1, 2018. Additional information about the show can be found in this newsletter, on the HEART website, and on our Facebook page.

The second goal is to expand our service opportunities, through both volunteer activities and scholarship awards. Members of HEART are already involved in volunteering their time and donating items to several community organizations, including the Howard County Food Bank and the Salvation Army of Howard County. This year, we would like to add **Comfort Cases**, an organization whose mission is *inspiring communities to bring dignity and hope to youth in foster care*. Additional information about all of these service opportunities will be provided at our first General Meeting on October 9th. More details regarding the upcoming meeting can be found in the *Program Section* of this newsletter.

Finally, we are excited to share important, up-to-date information on our website and on Facebook. Please like us on Facebook and/or log onto our website: [www.howardrspa.org](http://www.howardrspa.org) (password - HEART2017). Don't forget to mark your calendars for the annual winter meeting at Turf Valley Resort and Spa on December 11<sup>th</sup>, with a snow date of December 18<sup>th</sup>. We know this is always a popular meeting for our members, and this year we hope to increase attendance at this informative and festive event. To that end, the Executive Team has approved a decrease in the cost of tickets; check out the meeting order form on the last page of the newsletter.

We look forward to an outstanding year with HEART where we all have the opportunity to connect with each other, protect our benefits and pension, and make a difference in our community.

Warmest regards,  
Addie & Sue



## HOWARD COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED TEACHERS

Minutes from the General Meeting May 15, 2018

Mary Teague, President, opened the meeting at noon with the Pledge of Allegiance. Gail Phillips gave instructions on the Silent Auction. Mary gave the invocation, and lunch was served.

Sue Mascaro, Vice-President, introduced Dr. Michael Martirano, Superintendent of Howard County Public Schools. Dr. Martirano introduced Board of Education candidates Robert Glascock and Robert Miller, and Jane Schuchardt, a former Board of Education member. He also thanked Larry Cohen for his dedication to HEART. He continued to thank HEART members for their years of service and noted that we are “highly respected.” Sue also introduced Kim Pratesi, Howard County Principal of the Year, and principal at Hammond Elementary School for thirteen years. She thanked everyone who made her who she is and noted that LaRue Yaskowitz and Fannie Avery were her teacher mentors when she student taught, and Gail Phillips was in the school where she first became a principal.

President’s Report - Mary Teague recognized those who are or have been a Committee Chair. She announced that we still need a Vice-President. She attended her last MRSPA meeting as a delegate, and noted that Ann Marie Downey from Washington County is the new MRSPA President. Also, MRSPA is currently offering a \$10 reduction of annual membership dues if you choose direct payment. She also endorsed United Legal, one of the many MRSPA benefits. The HEART website has a total of 858 hits, and our Facebook site is “moving along.” Ellen Hill invited HEART members to “like us” on Facebook.

Vice-President’s Report - Community Service - Sue Mascaro reported Food bank participation continues and the next dates are September 11 and June 15. Our Longwood Gardens trip was cancelled due to low enrollment, but she is looking into other trips, such as, St. Michael’s, local vineyards, etc. *Mamma Mia* is filled, but there is a waitlist. Sue thanked Mary for her service to HEART.

Approval of the Minutes and Treasurer’s Report - Nancy Scoville, Secretary, asked that the reading of the March 13 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. Patti Neidig moved that the minutes be approved and Gail Phillips seconded. Mary Teague announced that Janet Zimmerman will be taking Nancy’s place as Interim Secretary. Ellen Hill, Interim Treasurer, reported that the checking account has a balance of \$12,007.09, the business account a balance of \$24,887, and the scholarship account a balance of \$3,995.78.

Committee Reports - **JoAnn Horan, Social**, requested prayers for Chuck Ridgeway, who has been in and out of the hospital and hopes to eventually have a knee replacement. She reminded us to mail our reservations early as her mail is slow. Mary Teague suggested members make reservations for all four of the lunches at one time. **Gene Streagle, Legislature**, looked over all the current bills of which four impact members. 1) PBM (Pharmacy Benefits Manager acts as a go-between pharmacist and the prescription drug company.) This bill allows the pharmacist to inform you of other similar but cheaper drugs when you are filling your prescription. Previously, the law prevented this. (Note: Aetna and CVS have merged and this will eliminate the PBM saving members money.) 2) In an effort to contain costs, Maryland wants to monitor the costs of drugs via the Drug Cost Review Commission. 3) Commercial Gaming Law promises money will go directly to education rather than the general fund. Voting for this amendment will be in the fall and bill will start in 2020 providing \$517 million by 2023. Gene Streagle, **Benefits**, reported that benefits are going well. Kelly and Associates will negotiate for Howard County again; in previous negotiations they saved Howard County \$12 million. Joe DiMaggio is doing a good job and Dr. Martirano is on our side. **Kim Sullivan, Necrology**, announced that Marion Osing has passed. **Donna Streagle, Scholarship**, reported five scholarships would be awarded: one high school, and four college students. She thanked members for their donations. Gail Phillips reported that the auction netted \$1,247, which will go to the scholarship fund. **Gail Phillips, Constitution**, asked that members accept the new HEART name, as published in the April 2018 newsletter: HEART, the Association of Howard County School Personnel. The name needs to be consistent for the bank and the IRS. Donna Brackins made a motion to approve the new name and Nancy Mendoza seconded. Gail Phillips moved to allow the option of a Co-President and a Co-Vice-President in the Constitutional language. Corita Oduoye seconded the motion. The attending members unanimously approved both motions. **Sue Ann Tabler, Budget**, asked for approval of the 18/19 budget, which she noted was not balanced in our favor. Paula Woods moved that the budget be approved and Patti Neidig seconded the motion. Attending members voted unanimously to approve the 2018/19 budget. Mary Teague announced that this is Sue Ann’s last year, and Woodie Swinson will be replacing her.

Election of Treasurer - Mary Teague called for nominations for Treasurer: Janet Zimmerman nominated Ellen Hill and Patti Neidig seconded the nomination. Mary called for nominations for Secretary: Janet Zimmerman was nominated and the nomination was

seconded.. Mary called for nominations for Vice-President, and there were none. Mary called for Co-President nominations and Gail Phillips nominated Addie Kaufmann for Co-President and Bruce Smith seconded the nomination. Attending members unanimously approved all nominations. Gene Streagle, MRSPA Area Director, swore all the officers in: Sue Mascaro and Addie Kaufmann, as Co-Presidents; Ellen Hill, as Treasurer; and Janet Zimmerman as Secretary,

Door prizes for flowers were drawn and the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M.  
The next Executive Meeting will be at Sue Mascaro's house on August 8 at 10:00.  
The next General Meeting will be October 9.  
Respectively Submitted, Nancy Scoville, Secretary

### **PROGRAM NEWS: General Membership Meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup> (Sue Mascaro)**

Our first General Membership Meeting of the new year is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**. Your HEART Executive Team has been busy this summer, and we have a lot of exciting news to share at the fall meeting.

To begin the new year, we will welcome Maryland State Retirement Association (MRSPA) President Ann Marie Downey and Executive Director Wanda Twigg. Ann Marie and Wanda will share important news from the state level, including their plans for the upcoming year. We will also recognize the 2018 HCPSS Teacher of the Year, Elizabeth Waltman. HEART member and AARP Representative Fran Donaldson will share resources from the association. Finally, we look forward to meeting some of our newest retirees.

And the most important part of the program... Your participation! Please join us on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **FOOD PANTY DONATIONS in October (Sue Mascaro)**

Thanks to the generosity of HEART members, last year we donated over five baskets of food items and six bags of winter outerwear to those in need in the community. This year we will continue to serve others, beginning with the collection of nonperishable food items at our October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Suggested items include dry cereal, breakfast bars, canned stew or chili, peanut butter, juice boxes, milk boxes, infant supplies (diapers; baby food), and personal items (deodorant, shampoo, soap, etc.). Members can drop their contributions in the donation basket located at the meeting Welcome Desk.

### **GET SOCIAL with HEART: TOBY'S Dinner Theatre**

Back by popular demand... Join us for another evening of food and fun at Toby's Dinner Theatre on **Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>** for the Tony Award winning musical, *Ain't Misbehavin'*. One of the most popular, well-crafted revues of all time, this American original is full of delightful humor and energy. Bring your dancing shoes, as the joint will be jumping with music made famous from Tin Pan Alley to Hollywood.

And the best news? For this show, HEART members (along with their families) will pay \$35 a ticket, a considerable discount from the regular box office price.

Tickets are sure to go fast. Please let Sue know as soon as possible, but no later than September 25<sup>th</sup> if you are interested in attending. If we have more than 30 HEART members interested, we may be able to secure additional tickets. Contact Sue via email ([scmascaro@gmail.com](mailto:scmascaro@gmail.com)) or cell (443-878-6883) to reserve seats. We hope to see you there!



### **Welcome 36 New Members!**

The following have joined HEART since our last newsletter:



Jacqueline Buist   Deedra Jungers   Helen Mercer   Zeleana Morris   Henry Ward   Earnestine Bronson

Nancy Duffy Carol Fritts Darryl Marsan Jo Anne Miller Clyde Robinette Rebecca Salerno Lenore Schiff  
Susan Shipp Janis Smyers Casey Burns Kathryn Ivey Robert Keddell Winifred McCulloch  
Jacqueline Perez Lorraine Quinn Nancy Miller Jay Berwanger Patricia Browne Carol Levine Kathy Felipe  
Ron Caplan Linda Storey Francis Baranson Margaret Caporaletti Susan Gershman Mary Roepcke  
Melinda Newell Virginia Ober John Perry Elaine Saddic

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](http://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 (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 Mrs. Donna Brackins  
904 Roller Coaster Court  
Mt. Airy, MD 21771

*In Memoriam*

**Marion B. Osing**

On March 28, 2018, Marion B. Osing passed away at the age of 92. She was born in Baltimore, MD, on March 26, 1926. She received her bachelor's degree in mathematics from Western Maryland College in 1948. Marion began her service to HCPSS in 1965 as a substitute teacher at Mt. Hebron Junior High School. Subsequently, she joined the full-time math faculty at Mt. Hebron High School and later served as chairperson of the math department. Marion was predeceased by her husband (Frederick C. Osing, Jr.) and is survived by a son, three daughters, ten grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

**Dr. Thurman Butcher**

Dr. Thurman Butcher's life began on October 9, 1031, in Montier, MO. He passed away in Savannah, GA, on May 28, 2018, at the age of 86. In 1953, he received a BA from Central Methodist College. He went on to earn an M.Ed. from Western Maryland College, C.A.S.E. from Johns Hopkins University, and D.Ed. from George Washington University. After teaching for a year in Brunswick, MO, Thurman worked in the Baltimore County Public School System for 16 ½ years at several high schools holding the positions of English teacher,

administrative assistant, and vice principal. During his 14 ½ years in HCPSS, Thurman served as principal of Atholton and Centennial High Schools. After moving to Georgia, he taught Educational Administration courses at Georgia Southern University. Thurman is survived by his loving wife (Jean), one daughter, and four grandchildren.

### John “Jack” O. Wineke

John “Jack” Wineke was born on April 3, 1945, in Landsdowne, MD. He passed away on June 19, 2018, at the age of 73. He earned his BS and M.Ed. from Towson State College and C.A.S.E. from Johns Hopkins University. Jack began his career in the Baltimore County Public School System as a teacher at Johnnycake and Woodbridge Elementary Schools. From 1976 – 2003, he served the Howard County Public School System as a teacher/assistant principal at Longfellow; assistant principal at Northfield and Running Brook Elementary Schools; and principal of Phelps Luck, Northfield, Atholton, and Lisbon Elementary Schools. Jack is survived by his brother, a niece, and a nephew. He was predeceased by Bob Wolfe, his long time friend.

### How to Connect with HEART!



We have a Facebook page that provides information about upcoming meetings, volunteer opportunities and social activities. You can also send us messages and questions.



Be sure to “Like” and “Follow” us to see our latest updates.

Search for: HEART The Association of Retired Howard County Public School Personnel  
@HowardCountyPublicSchoolsRetiredPersonnel

We also have a website that you should bookmark to find information about our organization as well as upcoming events, membership information and other useful links. [www.howardrspa.org](http://www.howardrspa.org)

The screenshot shows the top section of the website. On the left is a heart-shaped logo with the text 'HOWARD COUNTY Retired School Personnel Association' and 'HEART 1975'. To the right of the logo, the text 'HOWARD COUNTY MARYLAND RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION' is displayed in large, bold, red letters. Below this is a horizontal navigation menu with the following items: Home (highlighted in red), Membership, Information for Retirees, Events, Scholarship Application, Links, Contact Us, and Members' Area.

The Members’ Area requires the following password: HEART2017



# HEART



## 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 9, 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 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. 25, 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 (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 25, 2018. 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. 9, 2018**

**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**

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**Luncheon Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018**

**Reservation Due: November 27, 2018**

**Turf Valley Resort and Conference Center; Waterford Room**

(Snow date: Tuesday, December 18, 2018)

# \_\_\_\_\_ Reservations for luncheon at **\$25.00 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**

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**Luncheon Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2019**

**Reservation Due: February 26, 2019**

# \_\_\_\_\_ 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:

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17494 Timberleigh Way  
Woodbine, MD 21797**

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**Luncheon Date: Tuesday, May 21, 2019**

**Reservation Due: May 7, 2019**

(\*Note that this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:

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