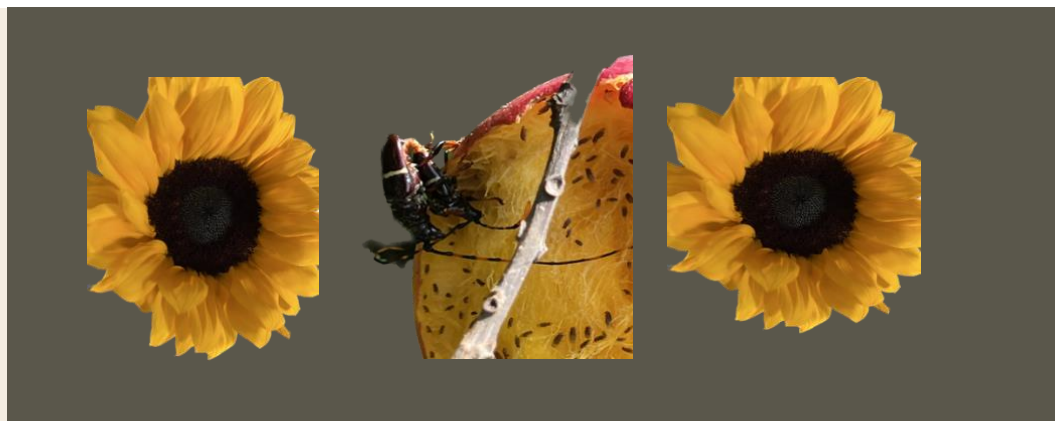


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Insight into the Matters of HEART



RETIREE NEWS >>>

HCPSS Retiree Information: Keeping you in-the-Know

The following links connect you with the Howard County Public School System. From time to time we will publish such links to keep you in the know.

- [HCPSS Retiree Benefits](#)
- [Workday Access for Retired and Former HCPSS Staff](#)
- [HCPSS News](#)
- [HCPSS Employment opportunities](#)



From The Co-Presidents' Desks: Sue Mascaro & Addie Kaufman *Welcoming our 2023-2024 year!*

HEART. Summer is a wonderful time of year, and we hope you were able to enjoy quality time with family and/or friends, whether that was at home or away. (All those fabulous vacation pics on Facebook! 😊) Now we head into the beauty of the fall season, anticipating cooler weather and countless celebrations over the next several months.

Speaking of fall, we hope to see you at our first *General Business Meeting/Luncheon* of the year, scheduled for **Tuesday, October 10th**. Our featured guest speaker for the meeting, Private First Class *Jordan Smith* from the Howard County Police

Department, will provide tips on staying safe. We'll also be sharing new ideas for member recruitment and HEART sponsored scholarships. We encourage you to register for the meeting early; please see additional articles in the newsletter for meeting details and registration guidelines. Our Executive Team met a few weeks ago to begin preparing for the coming year, and we're happy to announce two exciting opportunities for our members.

**ZELLE
IS
HERE!!**

You may recall that one of our goals for this year was to provide members the opportunity to forgo a check when paying HEART dues and/or luncheon fees. Thanks to the efforts of Treasurer *Ellen Hill*, we are excited to offer a new online payment option through Zelle, a convenient and secure mobile banking service. Instructions for using this new payment option are detailed in the newsletter.

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Varying Rates for Retirees July COLA

ELIGIBLE PAYEES (retirees and beneficiaries) of the Maryland State Retirement and Pension System will notice an increase in their monthly allowance beginning in July as the 2023 cost-of-living adjustment takes effect.

This year's cost-of-living rate is 8.003%. However, because this figure exceeds the rate caps prescribed in state law, most retirees will receive a reduced COLA rate for some or all of their benefit. The Retirement Agency pays benefits under several retirement systems. There are plans for teachers, employees, police and other groups. Different COLA laws apply for each system.



Employees' and Teachers' Pension Systems

3% on the portion of the allowance based on creditable service earned before July 1, 2011, and 1% on the portion earned on or after July 1, 2011.



Program News

OCTOBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING and LUNCHEON (*Sue Mascaro*)

Our first meeting of the new "school" year (yes, most of us still think in those terms!) is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 10th**. This General Membership Meeting and Luncheon will be held at *The Meeting House* in Columbia, beginning at **12:00** noon. Based on the overwhelmingly positive feedback at our spring meeting, lunch will again feature a selection of mini sandwiches and beverages from Salazar's Catering Services. But there will be one important meal change... more dessert! 😊

There are always important updates to share at our membership meetings, and the October meeting is no exception. At our May meeting, members approved a new budget for HEART and made important decisions regarding the organization's future. At this meeting, we will share the work of the Executive Team as it relates to those areas, including the efforts of several HEART committees. We will also discuss our regular agenda items, including any updates regarding health insurance benefits.

Of course, we have more than business items planned for our first meeting of the year. Like many members of our community, we want to know how best to keep ourselves and those we love safe and secure. Our featured guest speaker for the October meeting, Private First Class Jordan Smith from the Howard County Police Department, will share tips on staying safe.

At the October meeting, we will also have the opportunity to welcome several new HEART members. Thanks to the efforts of HEART's *Recruitment & Retention Committee* and to our members who have been spreading the word about our organization, our numbers are increasing. HEART's strength is in its members, so membership growth is ... yay!! Finally, we'll be introducing a few members who have recently stepped up to assume leadership roles; their ideas for moving HEART forward are inspiring.

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Using **ZELLE** >>>

HEART participants must use Zelle either through their participating bank or via the Zelle app. For now, Zelle use is limited to paying for HEART luncheons and Happy Hour.

1. First, set up an account with Zelle.
2. Then, set up a contact for HEART.
3. To transfer funds to HEART:
 - select your HEART contact
 - select "email" as the means to transfer funds
 - use this email: hocoretired@gmail.com



HEART
Luncheon



Happy
Hour

Sign- Up!!!

If you have not sent your renewal of membership form in.... it is NOT too late!

Our membership dues run from July 1 to June 30. Join MRSPA and HEART for \$65/year or HEART only for \$20.00 per year. The benefits are many.

HEART works to protect your biggest retirement assets - your pension and health benefits. HEART sends representatives to Annapolis to protect your rights. HEART sends newsletters to you to keep you informed. HEART offers quarterly luncheons that allow you to socialize with fellow retirees and keep you informed of the current issues. HEART has professional representatives who negotiate with the Board of Education for better retirement benefits. HEART also gives scholarships to worthy high school seniors pursuing a career in education.

If you wish to renew your HEART membership for 2023-2024 please return your dues and membership form to:

Donna Brackins
904 Roller Coaster Court
Mount Airy, MD. 21771
donnabrackins@gmail.com
301-703-5095

[HEART Membership Form](#)

Recruitment

Because of your good work, our numbers have increased! Every new membership benefits the new retiree, our present membership and those that will join us in the future. Here's what is coming up:

Behind the scenes:

- HEART flyers will be distributed by HR.
- Team members will be attending HCPSS retirement seminars with HEART information.
- HEART members will be present at the June 2024 county celebration.
- Flyers are available at the general meetings for members to take and use.

At the general meetings/luncheon - Look forward to some surprises because you are valuable to HEART:

- A gift for 1st time attendees and the current member if accompanied
- Birthday drawing for those in attendance
- Virtual birthday drawing for members not in attendance

HEART'S Team

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Co - President: Sue Mascaro
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Co - President: Addie Kaufman
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Secretary: Janet Zimmerman
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Auditing: Gail Zitnay
Budget & Finance: Sharon Kramer
Community Service: Sue Mascaro
Constitution: Gail Phillips
Consumer Ed.: Fran Donaldson
Coordinator: Ronnie Bohn
Facebook: Ellen Hill
Health Benefits: James Evans;
Eugene Streagle
Legislation: Eugene Streagle
Membership: Donna Brackins
Necrology: Kim Sullivan
Nominating: Corita Oduyoye
Newsletter: Anne Swartz;
Genée Varlack
Pre-Retirement: James Evans
Remembrance: Patti Neidig
Recruitment: Susan Sellner
Scholarship: Lisa Davis

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Sounds like a terrific meeting, yes? Members can register for the meeting online or by mail; the registration information, including a link (below) and a mail-in form, are included in the newsletter. But wait... that's not all! We are excited to announce a new online payment option through Zelle, a convenient and secure mobile banking service. Specific instructions for paying your meeting registration fee using Zelle are included in this newsletter. Please note that checks (via mail or at the meeting) will still be accepted from those who do not wish to use the online payment option.

And as always, HEART will be collecting donations for *Comfort Cases* and our local food banks at the meeting. A delicious meal, timely information, and great company ... what more can you ask for? 😊 We hope to see you on October 10th!

Get Social With HEART!

In June, over 40 HEART members enjoyed a fabulous performance of *Grease* at Toby's. If you were not able to join us, not to worry, we have two more shows already on the schedule...

Are you looking for a fun time on **Thursday, October 12th**? **HEART has secured tickets for *Sister Act***, the feel-amazing musical comedy based on the smash hit 1992 film that will have audiences jumping to the feet! A woman hiding in a convent helps her fellow sisters find their voices as she rediscovers her own. Featuring original music by Tony and 8-time Oscar winner Alan Menken (*NEWSIES*, *BEAUTY AND THE BEAST*, *LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS*), this uplifting musical was nominated for 5 Tony Awards including Best Musical. A sparkling tribute to the universal power of friendship, *SISTER ACT* is reason to REJOICE!

Ready to get into the holiday spirit? Back by popular demand, join us on Thursday, December 7th for *Miracle* on 34th Street. This musical adaptation of the classic film is the holiday tale of a young girl who doubts the existence of Santa Claus. That is, until a very special, white bearded old man changes her mind. It's a joyous, heartwarming musical, a perfect holiday treat for the entire family. If you believe, dreams do come true! Please be reminded that the holiday shows sell out fast, so don't wait to secure tickets with HEART.

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:By
Sue Mascaro & Addie Kaufman



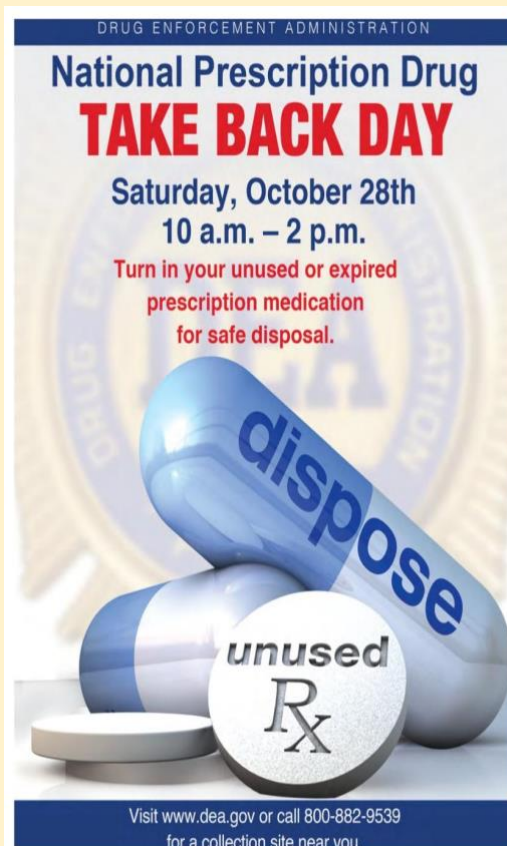
And our other new opportunity? We know HEART members like to stay active, as evidenced by our countless trips to Toby's and our September Happy Hour that's already sold out. ☺ So we're adding another social event which we hope will become a regular, trips to hear the fabulous music of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra! Thanks to our parent organization, the *Maryland Retired School Personnel Association*, we have a connection for discount tickets to the BSO. Stayed tuned (yes, tuned!) for the details, coming your way soon.

In closing, as the Co-Presidents of HEART, we are always amazed at the generosity of our members. Whether through the countless donations to our featured charities – the community food bank and Comfort Cases – or volunteering time and special skills to support our organization, our members are simply the best. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for supporting HEART; each and every one of you are making a difference!

With gratitude,
Addie & Sue

Consumer Connection

(MRSPA Sept./Oct. Newsletter)
Consumer Education: Fran Donaldson



It is SO important to do your part to keep our communities safe from dangerous drugs. Please do your part to turn in unused or expired medication. Many police stations and pharmacies take drugs back throughout the year. **Thank you for doing your part!!**

General Business Meeting- By Janet Zimmerman - 5/16/2023

Addie Kaufman and Sue Mascaro, Co-Presidents, called the meeting to order at 12:35 pm. The meeting was held at The Meeting House in Columbia. 105 members registered for today's meeting.

Business & Committee Updates

Approval of the March 14, 2023 minutes which were published in the April/May 2023 newsletter. There were no questions or corrections. **Lois Savar-Rock** made a motion to approve the minutes; **Susan Sellner** seconded the motion. The members voted and the minutes, as published, were approved.–

Treasurer's Report: Ellen Hill

reported the current balances: Checking = \$22,726.28; other interest-bearing checking (savings) = \$10,105.09; Scholarship = \$2,119.78.

Sue discussed how HEART and MRSPA work together to protect two of our most important assets, our pension and our health benefits. Our last newsletter was corrected from "negotiate" to "advocate." Sue clarified that HEART advocates; it does not negotiate.

At our last meeting, members provided feedback on moving HEART forward to the future. Dues were increased from \$10 to \$20 per year (our first increase since approximately 1975). We also received feedback for a more targeted and transparent budget process.

Sharon Kramer, our new Budget Chair, presented a proposed budget for 2023-2024. The proposed budget is \$39,300.00. It is a zero-based budget. Each line item was reviewed. **Debra Dear** made a motion to accept the budget. **Sally Ann Cooper** seconded the motion. HEART has been supplementing the cost of luncheons. We anticipate that the increase in dues will cover most of the cost of future luncheons. There was a question about the need to print paper copies of the directory. There will be a survey in the next newsletter on this topic. Members passed the proposed budget.

Susan Sellner, Coordinator of the recruitment team, reviewed past and future plans to recruit new members including a possible future trip to Longwood Gardens.

Sue Mascaro gave special thanks to the many members who support HEART's sustainability including those who have served in leadership roles, those who continue to serve, those who have recently stepped up to the plate, and those who function as Officers. Members are encouraged to consider serving as officers. Members may wish to pair and act as co-officers. **President Carla Duls** and **Executive Director Wanda Twigg** from MRSPA addressed the membership. MRSPA's annual business meeting was held last week. HEART was the first local to submit its annual report.

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MRSPA now has 501(c)3 funds for scholarships and mini grants. Members are encouraged to become an automatic deduction dues payer rather than pay by check.

Elections (nominating and voting) were held for secretary, vice president, and president. By acclamation, **Janet Zimmerman** will continue as secretary; **Sue Mascaro and Addie Kaufman** will continue as Co-Presidents. There were no nominations for Vice President; therefore, there will be no Vice President this year. Officers were installed.

Guest Speaker: Emily Leclercq from the Howard County Government's Office of Aging and Independence was our guest speaker. Her team is the *Maryland Access Point (MAP)*. The office helps with options and resources, connecting individuals with their community, and planning and preparing for long-term care services. The main phone number is (410) 313-1234. Emily provided copies of *The Howard County Resource Guide for Older Adults, Persons with Disabilities and Caregivers*. The guide is also available online:

<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/sites/default/files/2023-03/2023%20Resource%20Guide%20digital%20copy.pdf>

Get Social With HEART! *(continued from page 5)*

Contact Sue via email (scmascaro@gmail.com) or cell (443-878-6883) for tickets to either (or both) shows. Tickets are \$60 and include gratuity. These prices represent a considerable discount over the current box office price of \$74, and tickets are sure to go fast.

The deadline for reservations for *Sister Act* is **September 12th**; for *Miracle on 34th Street*, **November 7th**. And remember, family and friends are welcome!

But wait, this just in! HEART has reserved 20 seats for a performance of **Broadway Legends** by the **Baltimore Symphony Orchestra**. The performance is on **Thursday, November 9th**, beginning at 8:00 pm, at the Strathmore in Bethesda. Broadway never sounded better. Ted Sperling conducts the BSO and an all-star cast of vocalists including Hugh Panaro (*The Phantom of the Opera*), Dee Roscioli (*Wicked*), and Scarlett Strallen (*Singin' in the Rain*). Featuring numbers from your favorite Broadway performances new and old, this is a celebration of song you will not want to miss!

Interested? Tickets to the BSO performance are available for HEART members, their family and friends. Email Sue at scmascaro@gmail.com to reserve your seats now! The ticket cost will be in the \$28-\$50 range; we're still trying to identify a section to sit as a group. We may also be able to increase our ticket number, so please let us know early if you'd like to attend.

HEART has really been busy and values the moments we get to spend together. Please note some updates to our social times... Lee Lynn's Happy Hour – **SOLD OUT!** Look forward to another in the Spring. We are investigating several different venues. We also plan to go to Longwood Gardens – To limit the cost, we will Car pool with other members on 10/26/23. Cost \$25.00 for gas and entrance ticket. Lunch on-your-own. RSVP by 9/12/23.

HEART October Luncheon/Meeting Reservation Form

Reservation Form due on or before Monday, October 2nd.

Luncheon Date: *Tuesday, October 10, 2023*

Luncheon Location: *The Meeting House in Oakland Mills, Room 100
5885 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia, MD 21045*

Luncheon Time: *12:00 Noon*

Luncheon Registration: *Use form below OR register online here: [October 10th Luncheon Online Registration](#)*

Luncheon Cost: *\$23 per person-*

- *Pay by Zelle (See instructions on page 3) OR*
- *Send Check to Sue Mascaro Mascaro prior to the luncheon or bring a check or cash to the luncheon*

Luncheon Menu: *includes a variety of sandwich selections, desserts, and beverages will be offered to ALL. (You will select your selection at the luncheon.) Sandwiches will include chicken salad, tuna, turkey, roast beef.*

Complete reservation form and mail with check to: Sue Mascaro 4064 Heritage Hill Lane Ellicott City, MD 21042

_____ # of Reservations for luncheon at \$23.00 per person

_____ \$ Total amount enclosed (check payable to HEART)

Name(s): _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Please send your completed reservation form along with a check payable to HEART by Monday, October 2, 2023.

HEART's Scholarship Committee

"The Best Way to Predict the Future is to Create it." – P. Drucker & A. Lincoln / National University.



The HEART Scholarship Committee is excited about the opportunity to award scholarships to future teachers. Current HCPSS high school seniors and/or current college students who graduated from HCPSS who are entering the field of education are eligible to apply for the scholarship. We hope to award two to three \$1500 scholarships in the spring of 2024. We need your support to raise these funds! Please consider donating by printing and mailing the form below or completing the form online using [this link](#) and then mailing your check to Lisa Davis (see additional details on form). All donors will be entered into a drawing in the spring for the chance to win a gift card as a small token of our appreciation. More information about the new online scholarship application process will be shared in January 2024.



THE ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL PERSONNEL

Scholarship Donation Form

Please find enclosed my donation of \$ _____. Date _____

Donor Information

☐ I wish to have my donation remain anonymous.

Donor First Name	Donor Last Name
Street Address	Email
City, State, Zip Code	Phone Number

Donation Information

This donation is made: (Choose one)

☐ In honor of _____

☐ In memory of _____

If you would like an acknowledgement to be sent to this person or their family, please include the address below:

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Mail this form along with your donation check (made payable to HEART) to the following address:

Lisa Davis
4211 VFW Ln
Ellicott City, MD 21043



HEART's Newsletter Team



SUGGESTION BOX

HEART would love to hear your suggestions for topics or other information you would like to see included in future newsletters. Please contact Anne and/or Genée.



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Genée Varlack: gvarlack1@msn.com

AUGUST		SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER	
Adelman David	Leslie Kathleen	Bedolla Marcelino	Martorana Kristina	Anderson Diana	Holdefer Renee
Adkins Sandra	Lohr Mary	Bethards Betty	McCumb Joan	Armanas Donna	Hubal William
Askin Carol	Marsan Darryl	Blackwell William	McNelia Irma	Bageant Linda	Jacobs Kathy
Babish Irene	Marx Sandra	Caldwell Alan	Michel Donna	Bassler Elsie	Jesilionis Joanne
Baughn C. Joyce	Mayer Theda	Calvert Barbara	Mongello Gertrude	Bassler Virginia	Kenney Mary
Bleiler Barbara	McCarthy Cathy	Carter Joan	Morton Ingrid	Berna Andrea	Kiessling Lee
Bleiler Barbara	Merson Jean	Clem Vicki	Musgrove Cathy	Bond Tamara	Klyap John
Bollard Theresa	Miller Ellen	Collins Carol	Nowacek Rhonda	Bond Tamara	Kochis Vivian
Brown Sue	Mitchell Mary Jane	Conroy Beverly	Oaks Janet	Boss Lisa	Krupp Brina
Brzezinski Mary	Moore-Roby Karen	Conroy Beverly	Orlando Katherine	Boyan Kitty	Kunzle Pat
Byrnes Linda	Papathakis Cathy	Crispens Juanita	Palmer Barry	Bryan Deborah	Lerner-Eastland Judy
Castellitto Dolores	Peters Phillips	DeRemigis Lisa	Parker Phyllis	Buckel Nancy	Lisano Donna
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Cockrell Diane	Pham Alice	Disney Elizabeth	Petrovich Janice	Burnett Patricia	Mays Nancy
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Coyle Carolyn	Quarles Robin	Flynn Joyce	Sarro Victoria	Clegg Eileen	Miles Sandy
Dell'Acqua Jeanne	Roper Ellen	Garroway Therese	Sheer Margaret	Coffman Cynthia	Mitchell Susan
Dougherty Joyce	Sammons Kay	Griffin Charles	Shelton Rebecca	Cortada Monica	Mundy James
Edmond Bernard	Savar-Rock Lois	Harryman Beverly	Sims Jane	Crivelli Carol	Pace Jane
Erickson Phyllis	Schiff Lenore	Hasson Mary	Smith Anna	Davis Lisa J.	Painter Alice
Feldman Peggy	Schuchardt Jane	Helman Patricia	Smyers Janis	Day Mary	Petrovich Michael
Forejt Holly	Scott Jane	Higdon Sharon	Solomon Jonathan	Doarnberger Barbara	Pfister Theresa
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Gillespie Luella	Singleton Jill	Jones Kathy	Spring Anna	Dummett Fran	Quinn Gail
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Harris Charlotte	Stevens Robin	Kershner Suzanne	Sullivan Kimberlie	Ellis Mavis	Roberts Nuala
Helfrich Katherine	Teague Mary	King Jan (Janice)	Sunell August	Erickson Sandra	Saari Nancy
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	Wright Richard	Longstreth Jean	Woolls Judy	Heaps Sarah & Joseph	Wilson Barbara
		Martin Edna	Zurad Michele	Henningsen Melissa	Witte Lois
				Higdon Margo	Zilber Suzy
				Hill Ellen	

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Options counseling is planning for long-term needs including knowing your options, planning wisely and taking action before a crisis happens. *SHIP* is the state health insurance assistance program. The program has Medicare counselors, available by appointment. Health and Wellness programs are available at the *50+ Centers*. There are six centers in Howard County. Each center has a wide variety of programs and each one is a little different than the others. Emily explained the Caregiver Support Program. Resources for Aging in Place are available. These include in-home care and supporting services as well as aging in place services. *The Loan Closet of Howard County* provides durable medical equipment for loan and accepts donations. The website lists equipment in stock for loan. The Maryland Senior Call Check Program provides a robocall to check on individuals each day. Howard County tax credit programs for seniors include: *Aging in Place*, *Senior Property Tax Credit*, and *Livable Tax Credit*. Maryland tax credit programs include *Property Tax Credit* and *Renters' Tax Credit*. The resource guide includes information on these and many other programs.

Serving the Community

HEART continues to sponsor *Comfort Cases*, the *Howard County Food Bank*, and the *Salvation Army* with donations. Members donated generously today. If a member wishes to provide a cash donation, the organizations gladly accept a check or credit card payment at any time. Let them know if your donation is on behalf of HEART! In the future HEART will include outdoor food drops for Howard County residents.

Socializing with HEART:

Sue shared upcoming shows at Toby's with specially-priced tickets for HEART members. *Grease* will be performed on June 6th. *Sister Act* is October 12. Contact **Sue Mascaro** via email (scmascaro@gmail.com) or cell (443-878-6883). In addition, consider joining HEART members for a trip to Longwood Gardens on October 26 for the Chrysanthemum festival. Travel will be by bus or car, depending upon the group's size.

Necrology

Kim Sullivan, necrology committee, announced the passing of HEART member Maxine Brisbane on March 31, 2023. Kim also announced the recent passing of Albertha Caldwell. **Patti Neidig** mails a sympathy card to the member's family. In addition, if someone is ill, HEART will provide a card to the member.

A 50/50 raffle was held as a fundraiser for Scholarships. **Suzi Zilber** won \$100.00 and graciously donated her winnings back to the Scholarship fund. Thank you, Suzi! Door prizes were awarded.

In Remembrance of Our HEART Members



Cecelia Gail Coffin: On July 2, 2023, Cecelia Gail Coffin passed away at the age of 80. She was born on April 4, 1943, in California, PA. Gail's undergraduate degree in history and art history was completed at Wayne State University in Detroit, MI. She earned an MA in reading from Oakland University in Rochester, MI; an Ed.D. in professional and organizational development from the University of MD at College Park; and a Professional Coaching Certificate from the International Coaching Federation. At the beginning of her career in education, Gail taught for the Department of Defense in Germany for 7 years. Then, she served the HCPSS for 23 years before retiring in 2010. During the first 6 of those years, she taught at Patapsco Middle School; for the remaining 17 years, Gail was based at the Central Office as a professional development specialist/facilitator working with educators throughout the county. A consummate educator, she also shared her expertise and talents through the

years as an adjunct professor for the Carey School of Business at the Johns Hopkins University, a professional development specialist at the MSDE, and an instructor of "Advanced Coaching Skills" for Maryland University of Integrated Health. Gail was an active member of Mt. Zion UM Church in Highland, MD. She traveled all over the world and loved learning about and experiencing other cultures. Gail is survived by her husband (Mark Coffin), son, daughter and son-in-law, three grandsons, and brother.



Susanne Hanson: At the age of 77, Susanne Hanson passed away on July 12, 2023. She was born on Sept. 24, 1945, in Pittsburgh, PA. In service to HCPSS, Susanne was principal's secretary at Running Brook Elementary and then went to the Central Office where she was a secretary in the Department of Special Education. Prior to her HCPSS employment, her working years began as an airline stewardess for TWA. Then, while raising her family, she was a stay-at-home mom who started a home-based cake business. In her retirement years, she loved spending time with family and friends and enjoyed volunteering, especially at events for the VFW. Susanne is survived by her two daughters and sons-in-law, three grandchildren, and three siblings. She was predeceased by a brother.

A Message from Kim Sullivan, Necrology Chairperson

It's important to keep up-to-date on changes in our membership. When you become aware of the passing of a HEART member, please get in touch with Kim Sullivan. Any information you're able to provide can very helpful with the preparation of the written bios that are included in our newsletters.

Also, our "Personal Data Forms" are tremendous resources for the bios. Please make sure you have a completed "Personal Data Form" in our HEART files. If you've already done so, perhaps it's time to update your form. For your convenience, the "Personal Data Form" is attached to the e-mail that contains this issue of our newsletter. It can also be found on our website ... <https://www.howardrspa.org> . Completed forms should be mailed or scanned and e-mailed to Kim. Many thanks!

HEART
c/o Kim Sullivan
15215 Bushy Park Rd.
Woodbine, MD 21797

(H: 410-489-4886 or C: 443-280-1608 or kimberliesullivan@verizon.net)

Recent Retirees

<u>Name</u>	<u>Subject/Position</u>	<u># Years Service</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Subject/Position</u>	<u># Years Service</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Subject/Position</u>	<u># Years Service</u>
Addy, Joanne	Elementary	32	Cashmark, Stacy	Math	35	Duff, Jodi	Science	28
Akers, Cheryl	Elementary	38	Cassard, Laura	World Language	26	Fales, Howard	Physical Ed	38
Ancona, Lesli	Elementary	20	Chapman, Catherine	Pupil Personnel	25	Ferguson, Cathy	SpEd	15
Baker, Sheryl	SpEd	33	Ciarapica, Lisa	Principal	30	Fox, Lisa	Elementary	35
Barkley, Beth	Mathematics	25	Coates, Mary	World Language	24	Garner, Edward	Technology Ed.	26
Bates, Deborah	SpEd	18	Cohen-Holbrook, Wendy	ESOL	21	Gerb, Susan	Comp Science	22
Becker, Elizabeth	Music	25	Cohen, Amy	Resource Teacher	30	Goldszmidt, Jennifer	World Language	26
Bello, Christi	School Counselor	37	Colella, Antonella	Elementary	26	Grabowski, Joanne	SpEd	18
Blanding, Leray	Reading Spec	32	Conroy, Scott	Principal	31	Griffith, Kathleen	Reading Spec	35
Boussy, Christine	English	30	Cooper, Craig	School Psych	24	Harvey, Laura	Elementary	16
Brenner, Melinda	SpEd	22	Covington, Karen	SpEd	34	Hawkins, Jonathan	Alternative Ed.	17
Breon, Kaye	Principal	22	Cusack, Barbara	Social Studies	40	Herold, Nancy	Mathematics	22.5
Brookhart III, Conrad	Elementary	33	Davis, John	Physical Ed	28.5	Hill, Freya	Reading Spec	33
Brown, Marjorie	Media Spec	24	DeBord, Carol	Principal	32	Hochkeppel, Deborah	SpEd	36
Burke, Maura	Elementary	30	Dillon, Cynthia	Principal	30	Humm, Marjorie	FACS	36
Burnett, Judy	Elementary	16	Doermann, Carol	Mathematics	18	Huston, Anne	SpEd	15
Butler, Kimberly	Media Spec	20	Donald, Brian	Math	37	Hyde, Michelle	World Language	20.5
Calanni, Gwyneth	Elementary	17.5	Dorsey, Bonnie	Elementary	35	Jenkins, Hazel	English	35
Cannella, Lorene	Comp Science	26	Dozat, Carolyn	ESOL	21	Kalinock, Kristine	Elementary	35

Recent Retirees

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Katzen, Lisa	Reading Spec	28	Morton, Scott	Social Studies	26	Ryan, Suzanne	Elementary	35
Kennedy, Margaret	School Counselor	21.5	Muir, Wanda	SpEd	19	Seale, James	Science	19
Kennedy, Shannon	Elementary	21	Mulhollen, Ann	Math	26	Shaffer, Elizabeth	Literacy Coach	21
Kern, Jacqueline	Reading Spec	14	Myers, Diane	Elementary	30.5	Smith, Jeanine	Pupil Personnel	22
Kronberger, Barbara	Elementary	23.5	Norris, Linda	Media Spec	39	Stabile, Thomas	Elementary	35
Kronberger, Barbara	Elementary	23.5	O'Ferrall, Kathleen	School Counselor	34	Straehle-Trainer, Elizabeth	Math	18
Lancaster, Denise	Principal	26	Olson, Amy	Reading Spec	34	Sutter, Sonya	School Counselor	29
Lang, Andrea	Math Coach	32	Owens, Frank	Elementary	34	Thomas, Ginger	Elementary	29.5
Lertora, Gregory	Assistant Principal	29.5	Patterson, Iris	Elementary	21	Thompson, Nancy	Elementary	32
Levy, Sherri	Asst Principal	26.5	Payne, Karen	Elementary	20.5	Vanisko, Brian	Assistant Principal	30
Lokitis, Barbara	Occupational Therapist	25	Peyton, Melissa	Elementary	24	Vernon, Lynn	Math	18
Markwood, Jennifer	Elementary	3	Pieplow, Linda	English	30	Walls, Charles	Music	29
McDuff, Marie	Mathematics	25	Pompei, June	Music	27	Waters, Erica	Social Studies	32
McGinnis, Carol	Elementary	34	Reck, David	Social Studies	43.5	Wiedel, Margaret	School Counselor	25.5
McLellan, Michael	Technology Ed.	22	Roberts, Elizabeth	Elementary	21	Wise, Clair	Elementary	23
McNees, Catherine	English	36	Robertson, Dawson	SpEd	22	Wofford-Hill, Diedre	Reading Spec	22
Michaelian, Barbara	Elementary	20.5	Robinson, Susan	Elementary	27	Zepp, Karen	Elementary	20
Miles, Patrick	School Coun	23	Rosen, Jodi	Elementary	33			
Milligan, Stephanie	E:LA Coordinator,	30	Runner, Kris	Elementary	22.5			