



# Glimpses

Dorchester Retired Educators Association - DREA  
*Not Golden Years, but Prime Time*



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**WORKING TO CONNECT WITH OUR MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY!**

June 2021



## ALICE MITCHELL



Greetings! Hopefully, this may be the last time I hide my smile behind a mask. DREA is a strong organization that is always working for the membership. We are striving to achieve the “3 R’s” of our membership goals: **R**etaining, **R**ecruiting, and **R**egaining members. DREA has been busy during the past few months of 2021, in spite of the pandemic. Some of the activities prove we support our schools AND the community.

- ◆ Effective July 1, 2021, our organization will officially become **Dorchester Retired School Personnel Association (DRSPA)**. The updated name clarifies the inclusion of all educational staff. This is a result of your support.
- ◆ A Code of Ethics was compiled and approved to be included in our handbook.
- ◆ Executive team business was conducted via ZOOM.
- ◆ Correspondence Secretary has been added to our Executive Team to acknowledge and convey appreciation to financial and in-kind donations received from various sources.
- ◆ As a community service project, we will provide an American flag, a Maryland flag, and a Dorchester County flag to all schools in Dorchester County in need. This project was presented to the Board of Education at its April meeting. A presentation is planned for June 10th at 3:00p to the superintendent at the Board of Education meeting. More information regarding future ongoing flag activities will be forthcoming in the next newsletter. Stay tuned!
- ◆ Our Bylaws and Constitution were revisited making updates when appropriate. (Last revision was 2018.)
- ◆ A member of the Executive Team represented DREA as a delegate in virtual MRSPA meeting in March.
- ◆ Two members of Executive Team represented DREA as delegates in MRSPA virtual Annual Business Meeting in May.
- ◆ President participated in five virtual MRSPA meetings—including two above meetings.
- ◆ Representative participated in Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting for new downtown business.
- ◆ Staff Appreciation Week was celebrated by treats and gifts being delivered to staff at all schools by member volunteers.
- ◆ An Executive Team appreciation gift was delivered to all team members by Alice Mitchell.

According to news reports, the pandemic appears to be slowing down. People are getting vaccinated and activities are getting back to somewhat normal. However, we must continue to take measures to remain safe. My mask is still one of my best friends!

## 2021 DREA Otis M. Trice Scholarships Awarded



Pictured (L-R): Alice Mitchell, DREA President; Ashlie Price, CSDHS recipient; and Denise Tomey, Scholarship Chairperson

DREA was again pleased to award two Dorchester students each a scholarship in the amount of \$1500. The pandemic did not put a damper on its fundraiser efforts. As an alternative to DREA’s scholarship auction last December, donation envelopes were mailed to all members. WOW! What generosity! We were able to raise more than we have EVER in our auctions. This proves our dedication to the students of Dorchester County.



Brooke Brohawn, NDHS recipient

Ashlie Price is a CSD graduate who participated in the Teacher's Academy. She is going to attend Salisbury University with hopes of returning to DCPS to teach. Her major will be in elementary education. Her GPA is 4.46. Her class standing is 5 of 133. Service Learning Hours: are 129+.

Brooke Brohawn is a NDHS graduate who will attend Salisbury and seek dual certification in Early Education and Elementary Education. Brooke's GPA is 4.33. Her class ranking is 12 out of 132 and her service learning hours are 248. She also wants to come back to DCPS.

For the history of the Otis M. Trice Scholarship, see Page 7.

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

(Resource: Delegate Christopher T. Adams, Maryland House of Delegates)

Ruth Clendaniel

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On April 12, 2021, the ninety day session of the Maryland General Assembly concluded.

Here are some highlights related to the budget.

### Operating Budget: House Bill 588 Fiscal 2022 Budget Bill & HB 589 Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act

The budget passed by the General Assembly this year is balanced. It enhances the state's savings accounts including \$1.4 billion in the Rainy Day Fund and nearly \$700 million fund balance in the General Fund. The bill eliminates the structural deficit in the coming years, with ongoing general fund revenues exceeding ongoing expenditures by \$79 million in fiscal 2022. The money in the state's reserves in FY 2022 is more than sufficient to erase the projected fiscal 2023 budget shortfall. At the present time, a general fund surplus is forecast through fiscal 2024 and a structural surplus of \$121 million is forecast by fiscal 2026.

### Maryland's Pension System

This system is chronically underfunded and the 2022 budget allocates extra funds to the Pension System. This contribution to the pension system exceeds the actuarially required contribution by \$75 million in fiscal 2021 and \$100 million in fiscal 2022, helping to accelerate progress toward adequate funding.

### Education

State support for public schools will exceed \$7.5 billion. Direct aid to local school systems will increase an estimated \$229.4 million, or 3.5%. Direct aid to local school systems will increase an estimated \$229.4 million, or 3.5%. The budget supplements the general obligation bond programs with \$512 million for pay-as-you-go projects; including \$80 million of federal stimulus funds for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning improvements at public schools over the next two years. The budget plan provides \$371.5 million for community colleges, a 9% **increase** over fiscal 2021.

For more information go online to the following sites: [mgaleg.maryland.gov](http://mgaleg.maryland.gov) and [sra.maryland.gov](http://sra.maryland.gov)

### DONATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_(H)

\_\_\_\_\_ (C)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount: \$\_\_\_\_\_ for:

Scholarships

DUDS

Free Libraries/Book Depot/Book Buggy

General Budget

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

**Yes, you may list in next Glimpses  
(amounts will not be listed)**

**Mail to: Shirley Marshall, One Rose Hill  
Place, Cambridge, Maryland 21613**

## PIT BEEF and PIT TURKEY Fundraiser

(to benefit Flag Project)

**Date:** Thursday, July 1, 2021

**Time:** 11:00a - 1:30p

**Location:** Corner of Route 50 and Maryland Avenue

**To pre-order or volunteer to help,  
please call:**

Cindy Ruark, 443-521-0324

or email:

[royrruark@aol.com](mailto:royrruark@aol.com)



## DUDS

Barbara Jones

The DUDS Committee will keep in close contact with the schools, regardless of virtual learning, to make sure students have the clothing they need. Hats, gloves, and scarves were delivered to North Dorchester Middle School in January. Donations are always welcome.



### MRSPA/DRSPA CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Name \_\_\_\_\_

New Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to:

Ann T. Moore, Membership Chairperson,  
2203 Hambrooks Blvd., Cambridge, MD 21613

3-2020

### LOCAL DRSPA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

DREA Dues—\$10.

Send to:

Ann T. Moore, Membership Chairperson,  
2203 Hambrooks Blvd., Cambridge, MD 21613  
410-228-7629

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### DREA Community Activities and Projects 2020-2021

Proud to share that a DREA Honorary Member, Shirley Jackson, has been selected to the Maryland Senior Citizen Hall of Fame. Shirley is one of the key community persons working with Archives Committee researching history and locations of schools of Dorchester County

Partnered with NAACP to make 200 masks for needy persons in Dorchester County. The two organizations surpassed their pre-set goal

Formed alliances with community organizations including Care & Share Fund, Dorchester Chamber of Commerce and Judy Center - Early Learning Hub.

Celebrated with the County in recognizing 2020 - 2021 Teacher of the Year and First Class Teacher of the Year. The First Class Teacher of the Year is celebrating a first year teacher nominated by their schools

Bestowed \$1,500.00 scholarships to a senior from our two high schools pursuing a degree in education.

Recognized Educational Support Professional of the Year, Joe Spenser, Dorchester County Grounds Foreman/Maintenance Technician.

Continue to share retiree benefits and legislative information through DREA and MRSPA social media (websites, Facebook, email) and publications (newsletter and handbook)

Received the 2020 Small Local Association Project Community Service Award from Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA) for "Book Buggy - Books on Wheels" project - Book Buggy traveled to multiple locations in the county providing opportunities for children and adults to select books to take home; Also offered on-site reading and read aloud experiences by a local library staff person

Presented personal gifts and congratulations to new retirees; circumstances prevented hosting the Annual Pre-Retirement Reception partnered with our Board of Education

Book Depot continues to receive and process donated books for distribution to the community

Continue to receive requests for hand made/construction and deliver of Little Free Libraries, 20 Little Free Libraries have been distributed throughout Dorchester County

Name change; Dorchester Retired Educators Association (DREA) has undergone the process to change the association's title to **Dorchester Retired School Personnel Association (DRSPA)**

Dorchester Retired School Personnel Association will continue to work with Maryland Retired School Personnel Association to keep our membership up to date with their benefits and legislative issues.

## RETIREES

2020-2021

DALE HERMAN—July 2020

RACHAEL ROBERTS—July 2020

DEBORAH TODD—July 2020

MARGARET RAY—August 2020

CHERYL HURLEY—October 2020

ANDRE BEULAH—January 2021

DORCAS MACINTA—January 2021

CINDY MCPHAIL—January 2021

JAN PARKER—January 2021

GREG SAMPSON—January 2021

MABLE JOHNSON—February 2021

PAUL ALLEN—July 2021

BRENDA BRADLEY—July 2021

DONNA GREENLEAF—July 2021

LINDA JAMES—July 2021

CLAUDIA JOHNSON—July 2021

LYNN MCCOY—July 2021

MARCIE MCGRILLIES—July 2021

WYNN MOYERS—July 2021

BERTHA SAMPSON—July 2021

PATRICIA SHORT—July 2021

SABRA STEWARD—July 2021

DEBBIE USAB—July 2021

LISA WINGATE—July 2021

JOYCE WISE—July 2021

*We wish you many happy, healthy  
years of retirement.*



## 2020 - 2021 RETIREES



Linda James with Dave Bromwell and Regina Teat

Magalene Molock and Marion Fisher presented the retirees with gift bags from DREA at DCPS's Retiree Reception



Bertha Sampson with Dave Bromwell and Regina Teat



## FOLLOW THE LINKS

DRSPA Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/DorchesterRetiredEducators>

DRSPA Website: <http://dorchesterretiredteachers.weebly.com/>

DRSPA Email: [dorchesterretirees@gmail.com](mailto:dorchesterretirees@gmail.com)

MRSPA Website: [www.mrspa.org](http://www.mrspa.org)

MRSPA Facebook: [www.facebook.com/MRSPA1945](http://www.facebook.com/MRSPA1945)

MRSPA Email: [mrspa@mrspa.org](mailto:mrspa@mrspa.org)

MRSPA YouTube: [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) (search and select Maryland Retired School Personnel Association for MRSPA videos)

DCPS: [dcps.k12.md.us](http://dcps.k12.md.us)

AARP: [www.aarp.org/md](http://www.aarp.org/md)

MSRPS (Maryland State Retirement and Pension System): [www.sra.maryland.gov](http://www.sra.maryland.gov)

**GLIMPSES:** DREA's *Glimpses* newsletter is published four times annually. For information or to submit an article, email Shirley Marshall, [rexmars@comcast.net](mailto:rexmars@comcast.net) or call 410-443-521-7993.

## Eligible Retirees to Receive 1.234% Cost-of-Living Adjustment in July

Retired Maryland teachers and employees will notice an increase to their monthly retirement benefit in July as the annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) takes effect.

This year's COLA rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1 is 1.234%.

The increased monthly benefit will be shown on the Automatic Deposit Advice mailed to the homes of all retirees on July 31.

### Frequently Asked Questions

**Q.** Who qualifies to receive the COLA this July?

**A.** A retiree who has been retired at least one year as of July 1, 2021 qualifies for this year's COLA. Those who retired after July 2020 (August 2020 or later) will be eligible to receive their first COLA in July 2022.

The COLA does not apply to retired Maryland legislators, judges or governors. Those retirees receive adjustments based on the specific terms of their plans.

**Q.** How is the COLA rate determined?

**A.** The COLA rate is calculated using a formula provided in state law and is based on the change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the most recent calendar year ending December 31, compared to the CPI for the prior calendar year.

This rate is then compared to the maximum COLA rate allowed by state law for the various Maryland retirement plans to determine the correct adjustment to each individual retirement allowance. This year, the COLA rate does not exceed any of the rate caps that apply to retirees of the various state systems, so the COLA for each eligible retiree will be based on the COLA rate of 1.234%

For more information or for forms to change your address, banking information, or your deductions, go to <https://sra.maryland.gov> or call 1-800-492-5909

## YOU ARE INVITED . . .

To the Chamber of Commerce's "Business After Hours" on Wednesday, June 9th, from 5:30p-7:00p, to tour their office at its new location at 306 High Street in Cambridge. The Chamber, especially Robin Burton, has been extremely helpful in getting our publications printed and we want to support them as well. Come check out their new space—you will be impressed. They now have the parking and space they need to meet the needs of the community. We are thrilled for them!

**DID YOU KNOW:** Women blink almost twice as much as men. (A sign we pay better attention.)



APRIL		MAY (cont'd)		JULY	
1	Bobbie Kerger	20	Tamara Schnoor	1	Paulette Cheesman
4	Clara Mae Stephens	25	Gayle Campbell	7	Cheryl Bramble
6	Carole Ann Brohawn	25	Mary E. Jones	7	Jane Parks
7	Roland Finger	25	Wayne Robinson	7	Anne Thomas
7	Margaret Van Huizen	28	Cynthia Kukta	8	Barbara Thompson
10	Susan Matthews	28	Cathy Tyler	14	Jim Bishop
11	Alice Mitchell	29	Judy Ward Mermel	15	Laura Layton
16	Bonnie Laird Thornton	<b>JUNE</b>		16	Ellen Ruark
16	Glendola Stanley	3	Tom Gebert	19	Bill Pender
17	Ruth Clendaniel	4	Deborah Roe	20	Gorton McWilliams
17	Janet Nicholas	6	Judy Howell	21	Ruth Braxton
17	Wadella Thomas	11	Vicki Pickett	22	Charlotte Robinson
18	Art Renkwitz	14	Denise Davis-Wright	24	Kathryn Burtman
20	Corrine Bennett	14	John Wood	29	Cindy Eberspacher
21	Gloria Brake	15	Diane Meszaros	31	Ron Crismond
21	Sara Beckwith	16	Susan Robinson	31	Serena Gregg
22	Marlene Waldis	17	Lorraine Henry	<b>AUGUST</b>	
23	Barbara Woolford	19	Mary Thompson	4	Carol Lantz Merkely
<b>MAY</b>		20	Gloria Cornish	5	Bob Howard
2	Charlotte Booze	25	Janie Bowers	7	Greg Meekins
6	Donald Sydnor	25	Linda McKenzie	15	Danielle Cox
7	Kim Leonard	26	Pauline Pinkett	15	Mary Ennals
8	Sandy Ovens	30	George Harper	19	Marion Fisher
9	Kathleen Abbott	30	Attilie Kilmon	22	Jimmie Randall
13	Angela Gebert	?	Lorraine Logan	?	Barbara Lake
14	Diane Fitzhugh				

**If you need help with retirement form changes or information, do not hesitate to contact Shirley Marshall, [rexmars@comcast.net](mailto:rexmars@comcast.net) or call 443-521-7993.**

**If you're happy and you know it, it's your meds!**

**IMPORTANT: If you have an email address that you have not shared with us and would like to get more timely information on activities and events, please contact us through the email link on Page 4.**

**SCHOLARSHIP  
FUNDRAISING  
CAMPAIGN**

Each year, DREA holds a Christmas auction to raise funds to replenish its scholarship account after two \$1500 scholarships are awarded. Due to COVID restrictions, DREA was unable to hold the auction. DREA's executive team decided to reach out to members through a mail campaign. Your generosity as of May 1, 2021 was tremendous. Members donated a grand total of **\$6,015.00**. This total will support this year's scholarships as well as two scholarships in reserve in the event of a shortfall in the future. DREA executive members were very pleased, but not surprised. We have known all along how generous our members can be when it comes to supporting the students of Dorchester County. **UNBELIEVABLE!**

Congratulations for a job well done. Actually, for a job so very, very well done.

Thank you for all who were so generous in supporting this worthwhile cause.



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>In MEMORY</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>In MEMORY</u>
Bailey, Barbara		Marshall, Shirley	Peggy Bradley
Batson, Bill/Gertina		Matthews, Susan	
Bennett, Corinne		Mattingly, Carolyn	
Bishop, Jim		Merkley, Carol (Lantz)	Patricia Hurley
Booze, Charlotte		Mermel, Judy Ward)	
Bowers, Jane		Miller, Leslie	
Brannock, Francis		Miller, Norma	
Braxton, Ruth		Mitchell, Alice	Honor-Charles Vernon/Nicie Davis (parents), Charles, Jr. and Tyrone
Brohawn, Virginia		Molock, Magalene	
Bromwell, David		Moore, Ann	
Carrier, Geraldine	Doris Rae/ Barbara Steiner	Moore, Leslie	
Church, Harry		Morett, Mary	Scholarships/DUDS
Clendaniel, Ruth	Phil Johnson	Murphy, Phyllis	
Collins, Frances		Nave, Dorothy	
Corkran, Stephanie	Candace Allebach	Ovens, Sandy	
Coulbourn, Carol		Payne, Charlotte	
Dayton-Spear, Bev		Phillips, Nancy	
Dixon, Delores	Deceased Members	Phillips, Robin	Suzanne Trice/ Elsie Stanley/ Joan Stump/Rebecca Bradshaw/Viola Hughes/Peggy Bradley/Peggy Bramble
Ellis, Craig		Potter, Bill	
Farrare, Bertina		Radcliffe, Jackie	Pat Hurley (and Libraries)
Finger, Roland		Randall, Jimmie	Clarisa Anderson (her Mother)
Guessford, Cathy	Ray Rabbe	Robinson, Susan	
Harper, Peggy		Robinson, Wayne	
Hart, Joanne		Roe, Debbie	
Henry, Lorraine		Ruark, Cindy	
Hortert, Dan		Rue, Joanne	
Hull, Leotha/Jackie		Segar, Carole	
Jackson, Nancy		Stephens, Clara	
Johnson, Debbie		Suhorsky, Karen	Emma T. Maddox
Jones, Barbara		Thompson, Barbara	
Jones, Darlene		Van Huizen, Peggy	
Jones, Mary	Lewis Cross (and Libraries)	Vansciver, James	
Joseph, Bob/Felice		Waldis, Marlene	Doris Rae/ Barbara Steiner
Kincaid, Maureen	Doris Rae/ Ellie Polley/ Patricia Hurley	Watkins, Clara	Sylvia Smith
Krewson, Bob		Webb, Donnie/Irene	
Lamparter, Patsy		Wilson, Barbara	W. Robert Tolley
Layton, Laura	Doris Rae	Wilson, Connie	Honor Ruth (hard work and devotion) for Libraries
Logan, Lorraine		Wood, John/Jackie	Doug Romano
Marshall, Rex	Edward White		

# DREA's Membership Plan of Action

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~ONGOING~

Membership reports are presented in two ways: **Local and State (MRSPA)**. **Local** includes those members paying only DRSPA membership dues. **State** includes those members paying **DRSPA** and **MRSPA** dues. A total of **Local** and **State** = **DRSPA Total Membership**.

Each year the State asks every county to increase their membership by 6%. Monthly reports sent to DRSPA from the State measure our status toward meeting that 6% goal. **Local only memberships do not count toward the State goal**.

**DRSPA membership goals are designed around three areas:**

## RECRUITING - RETAINING - REGAINING . . . MEMBERS

### I. Recruiting Members Update

#### Retiree Recognition & Recruitment 2021

##### Past Retirees Recruitment

##### New Retirees Moving to Our Area

We welcome retirees from other counties or states to join DRSPA/MRSPA.

### II. Retaining Membership Update

**September** - Reminders are issued to those cash-paying members who have not renewed. A personal reminder letter or email is sent to each member reminding them their dues are due.

**October** - A personal call is made to each cash-paying member who has not renewed.

### III. Regaining Membership Update

Yes, we may lose a few members along the way, but maybe they are just waiting for someone to invite them to rejoin. Our lives change at various times and we need to keep our membership with DREA always as an option. Keeping our organization VISUAL in our communities helps recruit new and past members.

## Otis M. Trice Scholarship – How it Began

Ann Moore retired from DCPS in June in 1995 and moved in with her dad, Otis Trice, a retired principal with 43 years of service. He began at Hoopers Island in 1930, went to Hurlock after 6 years, and remained there until 1951 when he was transferred to Cambridge High School. His wife had died the previous December. In October of 1995, Ann's dad insisted that they go to the Retired Teachers meeting, which was held at the old Immanuel Church on Peach Blossom Avenue. Doris Rae was president at the time and before Ann came home, she was President-Elect. Her dad was very interested in the organization. He and her mother had always attended the meetings together. The scholarship program began while Doris Rae was president. It started very small and began as a book fund for recipients. The fund was awarded to one student from each of our high schools, who was planning a career in education and was awarded annually. The scholarship depended on the amount of funds raised. It was much smaller in earlier years. Ann's dad died in September of 1999, while Marlene Hubbard was president. She made a motion that the program be named for Ann's dad. It was voted on by the group and it passed. Otis Trice's middle name was Milton; therefore, the scholarship was named **Otis M. Trice Scholarship**. Since the early days, fundraising has made it possible to award a student from CSDHS and NDHS each \$1500.

### DID YOU KNOW . . .

The lovely smell of lemons can help you concentrate! A study using the citrus aroma in cars showed that both male and female drivers performed much better than they did without.

It takes more calories to digest a piece of celery than there are in the celery itself. No point in dieting with it!

Brazil nuts grow only in rain forests.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS:** This is just a reminder that we do welcome associate memberships. An associate member can be a spouse or a pal that would have the opportunity to attend dinner meetings with you, participate in volunteer work with you, and join in all the fun activities we offer. The only difference is the associate member would not be a voting member. Several members have already taken advantage of this type of membership. An associate member can be a local member (\$10) or a full member, which includes all MRSPA benefits. Expanding our membership group means expanding our friendships! Come join us!

**NOTE:** Although our name change will not be effective until July 1, 2021, some articles reflect our new name.

## *In Memory and Celebration*

*Our memorial year begins on March 1, 2020 and ends on April 12, 2021*

God has given me a place on Earth,  
To be here for awhile.  
I hope that as I pass through,  
I'll make someone smile.  
I want to make someone's life easier,  
For all of those I meet.  
And, I ask for God's blessings,  
To the people on the street.

I hope I never fail a child,  
If only I can do my part.  
For the giving that I share,  
Is given from my heart.  
And, when my life on earth is done,  
It shall be my final plea;  
Let someone remember  
to think or say,  
"You made a difference to me."

*POEM BY: Emma Marie Bowens - 1997*

Mrs. Bowens taught 31 years in Dorchester County and was on the Board of Retired Educators for many years.

### DREA Members

Alice "Sherry" Bilhimer  
May 1, 2020

Margaret F. Bradley  
January 31, 2021

Peggy Bramble  
January 3, 2021

Karen Fisher  
March 20, 2020

John Hurley  
January 22, 2021

Eleanor "Ellie" Polley  
October 17, 2020

Doris Rae  
October 1, 2020

Norma Reed  
June 14, 2020

Elizabeth Smith  
May 26, 2020

Barbara Steiner  
November 13, 2020

Suzanne Trice  
August 28, 2020

### Local Members

Patricia Hurley  
October 31, 2020

Cynthia Sampson  
December 22, 2020

### Other School Personnel from Dorchester County

Jonathon Elizondo  
January, 2021

James W. Lee  
January, 2021

Valerie Manokey  
December, 2020

Ruby Osborne  
February, 2021

Charles Spencer  
January, 2021





# STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK - May 3 - 7, 2021

Thank You!



Barbara Jones and Alice Mitchell (not in pic) treat staff



Amber Nardiello  
Judy Center



Emily Trusik  
Judy Center



Teresa Berry, Deborah Wooden,



Deborah Wooden and Barbie Brohawn with subs for the MLMS staff. Also contributing were Marion Fisher and Donnie Webb.



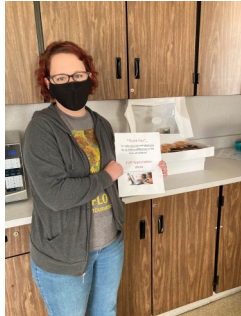
Pete Pietras and Greg Insley, DCTC, enjoy morning snacks provided by Shirley Marshall



Donna Turner-Warren, DCTC



Jennifer Ruark and Jennifer Parrigin of SDS enjoy doughnuts provide by Ruth Clendaniel. (Wonder where she bought them?)



Kim Jackson showing doughnuts provided by Ruth Clendaniel.



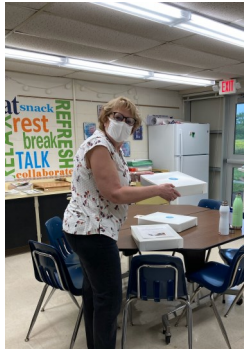
Desserts and sides were provided by to MLMS to go with the



Snacks were delivered to Hurlock Elementary by Craig Ellis, Connie and Frank Wilson, pictured with Bobby Helgason.



Denise Tomey with sweet treats for Maple Elementary



Principal Price putting out doughnuts that Ruth dropped off to Vienna's staff



Talley Wilford, La'Bron Young, and Jacqueline Burchfield enjoying treats at CSDHS provided by Patsy Lamparter and Cookie Brohawn



Josie Rigney and Jerome Stover also grabbing a treat at CSDHS.



Clara Watkins and Mary Ennals picked up 15 pizza from Domino's and delivered to the staff of Choptank Elementary on May 6th. Treating the staff were Barbara Woolford, Pauline Pinkett, Sharon Hughes, Cathy Hanson, Colita Lee, Anna Sorrells, Clara Watkins,



Cindee Wong treated NDMS with a tray of chocolate chip cookies. We were told they were DELICIOUS!



North Dorchester High School staff received a special treat when Felice Joseph showed up with doughnuts. Hopefully, Bob pitched in with some dough!



Bay Country doughnuts were also delivered to Sandy Hill Elementary School by Nancy Phillips and Charlotte Payne for the staff to enjoy.

DONUT WORRY BE HAPPY

A special thanks to the retirees who made it special for DCPS staff!



Yummy treats for Warwick Elementary delivered by Maureen Kincaid with the help of her sidekick, Joe.



Well, she's at it AGAIN!



Honorary member, Shirley Jackson, is the recipient of the GERI Maryland Outstanding Volunteer Award. If we had A LOT more room, we would list all the contributions she makes as a volunteer.

CONGRATULATIONS, Shirley!

WOW!

UNFORTUNATELY,  
it's not over yet!

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yet



If you know of a DREA member deserving recognition other than just being a special person, please let us know so we can give that recognition in our newsletter.

DID YOU KNOW . . .

Each nerve cell in your brain can receive over 100,000 messages a second. (That is, for some of us!)

Your nails are naturally thick or thin—nothing can make them thicker, whatever the claims of nail cosmetics may say!

KEEPING PRODUCE FRESH LONGER

**Tomatoes**—Store at room temperature out of direct sunlight—not in the fridge, where the ripening process is stopped, affecting the texture and flavor.

**Cucumbers**—Wrap individually in dry towels to absorb excess moisture in a loosely sealed plastic bag in the fridge.

**Root Vegetables**—Trim greens from carrots and beets, leaving about one inch of stem so it doesn't draw moisture and dry out. Leave unwashed and loosely sealed in a plastic bag in the fridge.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING SUPERSTARS!



Amy Stoops

Teacher-of-the-Year  
2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher at  
Hurlock Elementary



Nathan Turley

First Class Teacher  
of the Year  
Music teacher at  
Choptank Elementary



Jen Walter

Dorchester Educators  
Education Support  
Professional of the Year  
Special Ed Instructional  
Assistant, North  
Dorchester High

DIVERSITY STATEMENT:

DREA shall function in all matters and under all circumstances in accordance with the applicable local, state, and federal laws and statutes pertaining to nondiscrimination.

The Dorchester Retired Educators Association does not discriminate in its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, age, sex, national origin, religion, disability, sexual orientation or other basis prohibited by law.

## BOOK BUGGY and BOOK DEPOT

You will find the Book Buggy at the Farmer's Market at Long Wharf in Cambridge every Thursday from 3:00p-6:00p.

The Book Depot will be open on Wednesdays from 9:00a-12:00p in the New Directions Learning Center (old Tech Center) next to CSDHS. It has been relocated to the front of the building. You will now enter through the front doors.



**VOLUNTEERING IS STIMULATION FOR A HEALTHY AND HAPPY SOUL!**

### PLEASE CONSIDER . . . AN OFFICE OR COMMITTEE

It's really not work. Honest! We have fun and sometimes, too much fun.



We also understand there are times you need to be excused from a meeting or a brief leave of absence. We do realize we all are retired and want to travel and/or visit family. **WE DO UNDERSTAND!**

If you would like to volunteer to serve on a specific committee, volunteer in the background or have suggestions or comments regarding our activities, Alice Mitchell (mtchalice70@gmail.com) would love to hear from you. If interested in specific officer information you may consider now or in the future, please contact Barbara Woolford (woolfordb@comcast.net).

### CUP OF KINDNESS



It is more important than ever during this time of isolation that member volunteers continue to mail cards/notes to members to send a little sunshine their way and to make sure they were not in need of something.

There are several of our retirees who are housebound. We have continued to offer those individuals a "cup of kindness" to cheer them and let them know we value them as part of our organization. This would include telephone calls or emails, cards, a book by an author they enjoy, or little tokens of love throughout the year. If you are in this situation or know of a member who is, please contact us through one of the links on Page 4 or contact any officer or committee member. One of our goals is to support our members in any way possible.

The above is what happens when a few members get together and share heartfelt concerns and want to help. If you would like to participate, send an email to Ruth or Shirley.

Please make our "Sunshine Committee" aware if one of our members needs to know we are thinking of them when ill, in need of encouragement, or in sympathy. Please

don't assume we know. Thank you so much.

**We want them to know we care.**

Sunshine Committee

Call or email Nancy Jackson  
410-943-3484  
njackson1945@gmail.com

## RULES OF NETIQUETTE

- Rule 1** *Make it Personal!*  
Remember the **HUMAN**. Do No Harm. Share and express feelings.
- Rule 2** *Look around!*  
Know where you are in the digital space. *Permissions & practices*
- Rule 3**  
Online life REFLECTS Real life. *Follow the laws. Be ethical. Don't Steal.*
- Rule 4** *Respect time and bandwidth.*
- Rule 5** *Check facts and links!*  
Make yourself look good online. *Quality NOT Quantity. Grammar matters! Edit it!*
- Rule 6** *Share EXPERT knowledge.*  
Share experiences. Create summaries.
- Rule 7**  
Check your **OPINIONS** and **EMOTIONS**. *Agree. Ideas not people.*
- Rule 8**  
Respect other's **PRIVACY**. *Don't publish without permission. Link or share with appropriate license.*
- Rule 9**  
Don't abuse your **power**.
- Rule 10** *Be kind.*  
**FORGIVE MISTAKES**. *Micro-ideas are OK. Address issues politely and privately. Turn to wonder.*



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## JUNE

7-11 - Half Days for Students  
9 - Chamber of Commerce  
"Business After Hours," 5:30p-7:00p  
11 - Last Day for Teachers

## JULY

1 - Pit Beef/Turkey Fundraiser  
4 - Offices Closed (Independence Day)

## AUGUST

16 - New Teachers Begin  
30 - Grades 5, 6 & 9 Begin  
31 - Grades 7, 8, 10, 11 & 12 Begin

## SEPTEMBER

1 - PreK & K Begin  
6 - Schools Closed (Labor Day)

