



Glimpses

Dorchester Retired School Personnel Association -



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WORKING TO CONNECT WITH OUR MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY!

June 2022



ALICE MITCHELL



I bring you greetings with a smile and a mask around my wrist! A smile because we have another informative and exciting issue of our newsletter to share with you. A mask is around my wrist because I don't leave home without it. Although the virus situation is changing, people are traveling, going shopping, and visiting. It is wise to have a mask available.

MRSPA and DRSPA **continue** to advocate for benefits and pension for our members. DRSPA members are busy in our communities even though we are supposed to be retired! For example, we assisted Chapter #570 Military Order of Purple Heart with placing 89 flags at Veterans Cemetery in Beulah, Maryland. We also attended the ribbon cutting at Outdoors Classroom at New Directions Learning Academy and the ground breaking for Mace's Lane Community Center. You will discover other examples of community service as you **continue** to read this newsletter. If you have a community event we can support, let us know!

DRSPA **continues** striving to fulfill the *Membership Plan of Action* in the areas of:

Recruiting, Retaining and Regaining Members.

There is **POWER IN NUMBERS!** Enjoy the summer weather!



TO DORCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION'S NEWEST RETIREES

Marie Booze, Food Service Assistant

Debbie Langrall, Bus Driver

Donna Brake, Transportation

Susan Shimek, Teacher

Shelly Brohawn, Instructional Assistant

Clarence Thomas, Teacher

Benedita Gomes, Teacher

Beth Tolley, Food Service Assistant

Sue Harper, Teacher

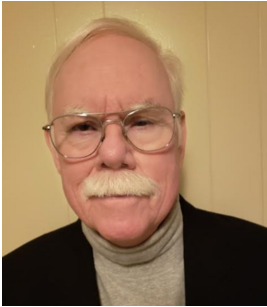
Richard Wilhelm, Instructional Assistant

Jodi Hughes, Teacher

Connie Yanez, Instructional Assistant

SPOTLIGHT ON TWO NEW MEMBERS

New Member, JEFF WEBB



New Member, Debbie Usab



Nominations:

The elected officers of DRSPA: President, President-Elect, and Secretary; the chairpersons and co-chairpersons of committees; and the Past President shall comprise the Executive Board. The Past President serves in an advisory capacity. With this in mind, you see there are several opportunities for you to get involved and keep our organization alive and vibrant and there is plenty support. Won't you consider accepting a position to serve? Call, text, or email me or any member of the Board and let's talk.

443-521-0642 or woolfordb@comcast.net.



IN MEMORIAM



During the July 16th meeting of the Board of Education of Dorchester County, Mrs. Laura Layton, President of the Board of Education and member of DRSPA; and Mrs. Alice Mitchell, President of DRSPA, read the names of retired employees lost during the 2021-2022 school year.



DRSPA SUBMITS ARTICLES TO RECOGNIZE RETIREE COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS

(For complete details, see Page 10)



Nancy Phillips DRSPA
Community Service
Individual Recognition
Candidate



Leslie Benjamin
pursuing her
passion of song-
writing and
singing including
in Nashville,
Tennessee



James VanSciver is Mayor of Frontier Town, a western theme park in western Ocean City, Maryland.

MRSPA Community Service Awards FLAGS FOR SCHOOLS Community Service Project



The *Flags for Schools Project* was a rewarding experience for our community. DRSPA learned that several schools did not have adequate U.S., Maryland, or County flags to fly outside their buildings. A flag display outside a school is a quintessential part of the curb appeal. It instills pride and shows that the school is an important part of the community. DRSPA saw the need and voted to acquire flags.

The project was strongly supported with donations from the community (VFW Post 10159, VFW Post 5246, VFW Post 7460, and American Legion Post 91). DRSPA secured support from Senator Addie Eckardt, Delegates Johnny Mautz, Christopher Adams, and Sheree Sample-Hughes. In addition, DRSPA sponsored a Pit Beef fundraiser and received DRSPA member contributions. The fundraiser was modified to a drive-thru format.

Note from MRSPA: Due to the effects of the pandemic many locals were limited or restricted from engaging in their usual community service projects. As a result MRSPA Community Service Committee decided that no local awards will be presented in 2022.

The Women in NAACP pursuing their passion of helping others: The NAACP State goal to collect 2,000 pairs of socks for adults and children; Dorchester retirees team collected 3,495 pairs surpassing State goals.



L-R: Pauline Pinkett, Marion Fisher, and Barbara Woolford

ADDITIONAL DONATIONS

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For Scholarships:

Charlotte Booze (in honor of Bill Potter), Fred Hildenbrand, LeOtha Hull, Linda Jones, Bob & Felice Joseph, and Laura Layton

For Little Libraries: Sandy Ovens

DUDS

Barbara Jones

DUDS committee members Barbara Jones (chair), Anna Sorrell, and Carolyn Corkan would like to remind you that although school has ended for the summer, please be mindful of the needs for fall.

Needs:

Clothes for children sizes 4-8.

- Tee shirts/uniform shirts in navy blue, light blue, grey, and white
- Shorts, leggings, sweatpants, uniform pants in khaki, navy, and black
- Underwear

All schools can use few larger size shorts, shirts, and underwear for older children, sizes 10-12 and 14.



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**

SNAPSHOT

DRSPA General Membership Luncheon Meeting

TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022

NEW Harry & Jeanette Weinberg

CHESAPEAKE GROVE INTERGENERATIONAL CTR

Fifty-two members and guests were in attendance. Guest included those speaking and vying for public office: Molly Fox, Amanda Leonard, William Layton, Don Satterfield, Eddie James, Glenn Bramble (also BOE member), LeOtha Hull (also BOE member), and Tom Bradshaw.

The meeting was opened by President Alice Mitchell, followed by the blessing of the food and lunch. Lunch included a fish and chicken extravaganza, which was outstanding.

Following the meal, each guest competing for office was given a few minutes to speak regarding what they will do to make Dorchester County a better place to reside.

Due to the number of speakers and the length of the meeting, the regularly-scheduled meeting to acknowledge the Teacher of the Year, First Class Teacher of the Year and scholarship award winners was postponed to a later date.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mrs. Mary Handley, (title?), spoke of the new facility and its purpose and future. With volunteers, she conducted tours of the building for anyone interested.

The building is beautiful and will greatly meet the needs of this community. Volunteers are needed and should contact Mrs. Handley for more information.

**A SPECIAL THANKS TO MRS. HANDLEY AND
STAFF!**

MRSPA Legislative Update

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Wanda Ruffo Twigg
Executive Director

The 2022 General Assembly session closed on April 11 at midnight. Although many functions of the legislature were held virtually, it was still a very busy and productive session. Many of the bills supported by MRSPA related to our priorities were passed by the legislature and have become law. Others may come back in future sessions for another go.

Our MRSPA Legislative Committee met every other Tuesday during the session and followed many bills related to our legislative priorities. Now that the session is over and bill signings are complete, we have the results of the work of our committee and the legislature in our final Legislative Update of the 2022 session for you. We hope you will take a few minutes to review the Update.

You can access the May 14, 2022 Legislative Update by going to <https://www.mrspa.org> and clicking on the Legislative Update link.

Thank you for your interest in our legislative actions as we work to protect your defined benefit pension and other benefits, and to keep our Legislative Priorities before the legislature.

2022 Retirement and Pension System COLA

Employees' and Teachers' Pension Systems o 3% on the portion of the allowance based on creditable service earned before 7/1/2011 and 2.5% on the portion earned on or after 7/1/2011 • Employees' and Teachers' Retirement Systems a 4.698% (except for bi-furcated payees, who will receive 4.698% on the portion of the allowance based on creditable service earned before they elected to bi-furcate and 3% on the portion earned after they elected to bi-furcate).

This increase will take effect on your July 2022 pension deposit.

Find Cheap Gas: We'll remind you again about checking for lower gas prices. According to GasBuddy, Monday is the cheapest day of the week to fill up on gasoline. Prices on Saturday and Sunday are typically higher. Don't forget about other ways to save big— **Gas Buddy.com** finds the cheapest gas prices near you!

Maryland Retired School Personnel Association

CONSUMER CONNECTION

A Publication of the MRSPA Consumer Education Committee May-June, 2022

It's Time for Spring Cleaning, Spruce-Up and Scams!!

There are a lot of people working out in their yards and a lot of people working around neighborhoods. Be aware of someone approaching you, offering to do a job with "leftover" materials at a great price! If it seems too good to be true.....it usually is! Ask for references where they performed the job and don't give out any of your information, especially credit card information, if they offer to do the job at a super low price by obtaining a deposit from you. Many scammers will tell you that the offer is only good that day. Don't be pressured! Any work that you need done should be checked out in advance. Also be wary of strangers coming to your door offering to clean up your yard and asking permission to come inside. If you don't know them, don't let them in. Don't open your door and give anyone an opportunity to push past you. Be vigilant of people saying they locked their phone in the car and need to use your phone. It's unfortunate that we have to be so wary, but in today's world, we need to be safe first!

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
3-2020

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!

Did you lose your COVID-19 vaccination card or need proof of vaccination? Please visit [MD.MyIR.net](https://www.mdmyir.net) and complete the online form to view and print your official vaccination record for free.

For more information about COVID-19 vaccines and resources, visit covidlink.maryland.gov.

~LET'S GET TOGETHER~

We would like to invite any interested retirees to meet for lunch the first Thursday of each month. We have picked a few local restaurants to start us off. If we get there at 11:30a, we may beat the lunch crowd. We plan to order individually from the menu. Below are the dates and restaurants. We are open to suggestions for future dining. And . . . you don't have to be a member to join us—just be retired!

JULY 7th
AUGUST 4th
SEPTEMBER 1st
OCTOBER 6th
NOVEMBER 3rd

AMERICAN DINER, Cambridge
MOM and POP'S, Hurlock
MILLIE'S, Vienna
OLD SALTY'S, Fishing Creek
???, Taylor's Island

Fight gas prices—CARPOOL!



CUP OF KINDNESS



You are invited to become a **Cup of Kindness** for someone. This is a great way to show how much we care about each other. You can choose your own retired member or contact Ruth Clendaniel or Shirley Marshall for a suggestion.

To participate you can do as much or as little as you want. Suggestions are a card, a phone call, a visit, a cute little gift or flower on his/her step, birthday/holiday card, or a delicious snack. It is so much fun during the holidays when adding a festive theme to what you do.

We already have several participants. It is especially important that we remember those members who are no longer able to attend activities, have health issues, or are alone.



Book Buggy

Ruth Clendaniel

We created the **Book Buggy** in order to take books out to events in the community. It has been a great success. If you know of any event where the Book Buggy would be welcome, please let me know. I am always looking for help with our books, so please consider volunteering. It is not time-consuming and definitely lots of fun and you meet really great and interesting people!

For more information, please contact Ruth at: manager5435@gmail.com or 443-439-9037.



March Executive Team Meeting: L-R: Cindy Ruark, Barbara Jones, Barbara Woolford, Alice Mitchell-DRSPA President, and John Sisson-MRSPA Director Area III South.



L-R: Cindy Ruary, Barbara Jones, Alice Mitchell, John Sisson-MRSPA Director Area III South, and Barbara Woolford.



JUNE



JULY (continued)



SEPTEMBER (continued)

3	Tom Gebert	19	Bill Pender	19	Jill Cusick
3	George Harper	21	Ruth Braxton	19	Barbara McNamara
4	Debbie Roe	22	Charlotte Robinson	20	Michelle Mitchell
6	Judy Howell	24	Kathryn Burtman	21	Gwen Handy
9	Mary Thompson	29	Cindy Eberspacher	22	Sylvia Vannoy
11	Vickie Pickett	31	Ron Crismond	24	Stephanie Corkran
14	Denise Davis-Wright	31	Serena Gregg	25	Barbara Malone
14	John Wood	AUGUST		29	Andre Beulah
15	Diane Meszaros	5	Robert Howard	30	Jacquelyn Hull
16	Susan Robinson	7	Dale Herman		
17	Lorraine Henry	9	Greg Meekins		
20	Gloria Cornish	11	Magalene Molock		
25	Jane Bowers	14	Carol Lantz Merkle		
25	Linda McKinzie	15	Danielle Cox		
26	Pauline Pinkett	15	Mary Ennals		
30	Attilie Kilmon	17	Vernetter Pinder		
JULY		19	Marion Fisher		
1	Paulette Cheesman	22	Jimmie Randall		
2	Gorton McWilliams	SEPTEMBER			
7	Cheryl Bramble	3	Linda Landrum		
7	Jane Parks	4	Connie Wilson		
7	Anne Thomas	5	Shirley Hurley		
8	Barbara Thompson	8	Karen Towers		
14	Jim Bishop	9	Frances Collins		
15	Laura Layton	11	Mary Etta Creighton		
		14	Connie Payne		

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

LOCALLY!

*Put on your coat,
Get on the boat,
Don't be an old goat!
VOTE!*

At our last DRSPA meeting in April, candidates were invited to come and speak to our members. We asked them to share their thoughts on what they felt the needs were in Dorchester and Maryland and what they planned to do to address these needs, if elected.

It was very informative and helpful because we vote based on facts not fiction!

We have all received information regarding the Primary Gubernatorial Election to be held Tuesday July 19, 2022, 7a to 8p.

Early voting is Thursday, July 7-July 14, 2022, 7a-8p.

There are 3 ways to vote:

1. Vote by Mail-In-Ballot, mid-June through July 19, 2022;
2. Vote early at the Early Voting Center in Dorchester; or
3. Vote at your assigned polling place, Tuesday, July 7-July 14, 7a-8p.



Book Buggy Spends Two Days at St. Paul's FLOWER FAIR 2022



Ruth Clendaniel loaded the Book Buggy and delivered it to the parking lot of St. Paul's Church on April 28-29, 2022 for the church's annual **FLOWER FAIR**. A full buggy was almost empty at the end of the second day. Visitors from Dorchester and beyond were extremely appreciative to DRSPA for the opportunity to take home free books.



DRSPA's retirees reach far and wide to make sure children have books. Thirty-five books went home with children from this "gator" display at a local church.



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BOOK DEPOT

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We have been fortunate to have our Book Depot housed at the old School of Technology building (currently NDLA). It was moved **THREE** times! Which meant moving hundreds and hundreds of books and shelving! COVID made a big impact in that we were limited in when people could come and how many. Unfortunately, we have been asked to move out of the current school location, so we are going to be homeless after the end of July. We are looking for another location that will be suitable for our needs. IDEAS?

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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.

**Call or email Nancy Jackson/Vernetter Pinder
410-943-3484/410-228-8279
njackson1945@ gmail.com/
netterpinder@yahoo.com**

Little Free Libraries

A History Lesson:

I believe it was in the spring of 2017 that we began making and promoting The Little Free Libraries Project in Dorchester County. We wanted to provide free books to all ages throughout the county. As retirees, promoting literacy is an on-going goal. Many people in the community helped make little libraries and donate books for them. The first one was done by Debbie White, at the General Store in Woolford. From there, DRSPA (then DREA) began helping organizations and individuals put up libraries throughout Dorchester. Today we have over 20 erected and three more on order. You made the difference by donating books and helping create our Book Depot, a warehouse of all donated books. Here is a list of the location and persons and organizations providing the Free Libraries. **Many thanks to all!**

WHERE YOU CAN FIND LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES/BOOK NOOKS

CAMBRIDGE: Sailwinds Park, Bay Country Bakery, Bonnie Brook, Bethel Church, Baptist Church, 2nd Ward, Lollipop Lane, Judy Center, Bucktown Mobile Park, Grace Church, Zion Church, Cambridge Women's Club, Algonquin, and Church of Christ. **WOOLFORD:** Woolford General Store. **EAST NEW MARKET:** Town Park. **SECRETARY:** Veterans' Park and Secretary Route 16. **VIENNA:** Vienna Elementary and Vienna Ball Park. **SOUTH DORCHESTER:** Old Salty's Restaurant and Bishops Head-Wingate General Store. **CORNERVILLE:** St. John's Chapel, Beckwith Church, and Neck District Fire House. **HURLOCK:** Hurlock Main Street.
BOOK NOOKS: DCDC Office and Cambridge Learning Center.

STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

May 2022



Approximately 20 DRSPA volunteers bought, made, and delivered treats to all Dorchester County schools in support and appreciation of all they do for our students, during Staff Appreciation Week.

CONGRATULATIONS to DRSPA's 2022 Scholarship Winners



Pictured with DRSPA Scholarship Chairperson, Deborah Wooden, are NDHS students (L-R): Beverly Mitchell, Cartney Jarrell, and Lillian Hallbauer. Lillian will attend Salisbury University, Beverly will attend Chesapeake, and Cartney will attend University of MD College Park or New York



Pictured with DRSPA Scholarship Chairperson, Deborah Wooden, is CSDHS student, Emily Hill.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TEACHER OF THE YEAR, FIRST CLASS TEACHER OF THE YEAR, AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL OF THE YEAR 2021-2022



L-R: Phil Albert, Math and Engineering Teacher, NDHS; Megan Walters, 6th Grade Teacher, MLMS, First Class Teacher of the Year; and Cat Morrisette, Education Specialist, MES, DE Support Person of the Year.

Alice Mitchell congratulated the new DCPS retirees at the Retirement Celebration on May 31, 2022. She used that opportunity to put in a plug for DRSPA. Gift bags were presented to retirees from us.

Absent were: Donna Brake, Clarence Thomas, Beth Tolley, Richard Wilhelm, and Connie Yanez.



Present at the celebration were (L-R): Marie Booze, Benedita Gomes, Susan Shimek, Debbie Langrall, Jodi





Membership Matters

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Ruth Clendaniel, Chairperson

When you join an organization, you do it for different reasons. That is why DRSPA is always conscious of what it means to be a member in our group.

For some, it is the social events that we offer throughout the year doing community and school activities. For others it is being part of an organization that looks after their pension and health benefits. We are a full-service group and want you to know that each of you make a difference in who we are and what we do! We value you and thank you for your support.

We continue each year to contact other retirees to join our team. Please help by inviting others to come to our events or just be a part of who we are. COVID has made it difficult for us to meet face-to-face for the past two years, but we will hopefully to come together again this October for our general meeting and luncheon. We ALL look forward to finally bringing back the DRSPA Christmas auction in December. Not only is the food outstanding, but great fun in the bidding wars for the auction items. Be thinking now about what auction item you would like to bring. It is one of the most exciting activities we have each year. And . . . our auctioneers are a HOOT!



As your membership chairperson, I want to thank you for being a member of DRSPA. Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to join our membership team.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS FROM MRSPA

Recruitment Incentive:

MRSPA is continuing to offer a \$10 gift card to ANY member who recruits a **NEW** member who signs up for **DUES DEDUCTION**. All you do is get the **NEW** member to complete an application form, signing up for **DUES DEDUCTION**, and then **WRITE YOUR NAME** on the application before sending it to MRSPA. MRSPA will send you a gift card. You can recruit as many **NEW DUES DEDUCTION** members as you like! Just remember to put your name on each application! The **NEW** member who signs up for **DUES DEDUCTION** will also receive the **ONE-TIME \$10** reduction in state dues, so their state dues will be \$35 for 2022-2023. Remember that local dues are additional (\$10 for Dorchester). We are calling on **ALL** members to assist us in this recruitment effort!

Switch and Save Invitation:

MRSPA has extended an invitation to cash members to switch to dues deduction for 2022-2023. If they make the change, they are eligible for a one-time \$10 reduction in state dues. They would pay \$35 for state dues for 2022-2023, plus their local dues amount. Members need to complete and return Dues Deduction Authorization Form, which is available on the MRSPA website under Switch and Save (<https://www.mrspa.org/switch-and-save>).

FEEL GOOD TIPS

Woman's World

- *Dancing as little as one minute sends your levels of feel-good endorphins soaring.*
- *Regular intake of pumpkin can fade fine lines and make skin look 75% smoother in just two weeks.*
- *Sharpen your focus by blending 1 cup frozen blueberries, 2 teaspoons cocoa powder, 1 cup milk, a dash each of vanilla, cinnamon, and nutmeg.*
- *Take a moment to compliment someone—it has as positive an impact as receiving one.*
- *Herbal tea relieves worry and stress better than valium. French-style teas, known as “tisanes” boost health and happiness. Lavender halts headaches! French verbena tames tension. Lemon balm beats brain fog. Linden blossoms lower blood pressure.*

BOOK DONATIONS MADE IN MEMORY OF THE RUARK FAMILY

Teena Ruark Gorrow, a local retired educator and Dorchester County native, recently donated three of her published works to the Dorchester Retired School Personnel Association. She is the daughter of Paul and Ellen Ruark, and Paula Ruark Gibb's sister. Teena donated these works in loving memory of her family members.

Her father, co-owner and operator of Ruark and Ashton, Inc., Seafood Packing Plant of Hoopersville, inspired Teena to become an educator and follow in her mother's footsteps. Mrs. Ruark served as a Dorchester County teacher and administrator until her retirement in 1976. Teena's sister was also a career educator with Dorchester County Public Schools, serving as a teacher and administrator.

With more than three decades of professional experience as a Maryland educator herself, Dr. Gorrow is Professor Emerita of Teacher Education at Salisbury University where she instructed graduate and undergraduate courses in the areas of classroom management, education foundations, classroom assessment, and cooperative learning prior to her retirement in 2018. Her campus leadership roles included co-chairing the Department of Teacher Education and coordinating the University's Regional Professional Development Schools Program. Before joining the Education Faculty in 2000, Gorrow served as a teacher, school principal, and central office administrator with Talbot County Public Schools.

Teena donated the following three books to our Book Depot which were published by Schiffer Publishing and co-authored with Craig Koppie of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service:

Inside a Bald Eagle's Nest, a 2014 *Green Earth Book Award* gold medal winner, features a photographic and factual journey into the Eagle's entire nesting season. A curriculum guide, developed by Matt Snyder (3rd grade teacher at Princess Anne Elementary School) and Taylor Estes (3rd grade teacher at East Salisbury Elementary School) has also been included to accompany the book.

Inside an Osprey's Nest, a 2017 *Green Earth Book Award* silver medalist, features a photographic and factual account through text and images of the daily activities taking place at an Osprey's nest in Kent Island. This book is a timeless treasure which documents the amazing parenting skills and charming characteristics of Ospreys. An interloper appeared at the nest that the family adopted!

Mr. President and The First Lady: The DC Eagle Cam Project, was written in cooperation with the American Eagle Foundation and features a pair of Eagles nesting in a tulip poplar tree at the U.S. National Arboretum. The raptor parents were named by the public because of their proximity to the White House.

The books, all true raptor stories featuring local bird families, were written to accompany STEM initiatives and designed to complement nest cam viewing. Gorrow and Koppie observed nest activities, documented the raptors' activities, and used photographic lenses to capture original photography without disturbing the birds. These books were developed for children of all ages and present stories through pictures for younger audiences. They include glossaries and other interesting appendices.

Gorrow hopes that her work will continue to nurture enthusiasm for learning and inspire others. She can be reached by email using rgorrow@gmail.com.

NOTE: These books are available on loan to teachers as a resource by contacting Ruth Clendaniel.

FOURTH OF JULY

POKE CAKE



INGREDIENTS:

Box of white cake mix	2 tablespoons milk
2 c. blueberries	1 3-oz. blue gelatin
1 qt. strawberries	1 3-oz. red gelatin
1/2 c. powdered sugar	2 c. water
8 oz. whipped topping	
2 8-oz. cream cheese	

1. Bake the cake mix according to package instructions. Remove from oven and allow it to cool.
2. Poke holes in the top of the cooled cake.
3. Mix the blue and red gelatin, each with 1 cup of boiling water until dissolved, in separate bowls. Spoon each color gelatin over the cake into the holes (alternating holes). Combine cream cheese and powdered sugar with 2 tablespoons of milk. Add whipped topping.
4. Spread the cream cheese mixture over the cake.
5. Adorn your cake with rows of strawberries and blueberries.
6. Chill for 4 hours then serve and enjoy!

DETAILS ON RECOGNITION ARTICLES (from Page 2)

NRTA is creating a short legacy film about our Founder, Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus, and how NRTA came to be. As part of that, they want to feature retired teachers "in action" today. Articles were sent to mdixon@aarp.org. The categories are three categories of action photos:

Retired Teacher - Pursuing a favorite passion

Retired Teacher - Pursuing a second career after teaching

Retired Teacher - Spending time with loved ones

Nancy Phillips has been very active in the community, her church and Dorchester Retired School Personnel Association before and after retirement. Per CDC Guidelines masks, open doors and windows for air circulation, and social distancing were implemented. Order of contributions, church, community and DRSPA. Nancy is a prime example of a community advocate. Although retired, she is still active serving her community and supporting Dorchester Retired School Personnel Association. It is for these reasons that DRSPA whole heartedly nominated Nancy Phillips for MRSPA Community Service Individual Recognition 2022!

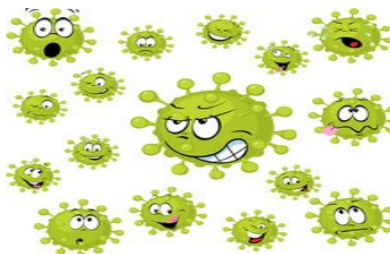
It Pays to Play!

Congratulations to Charlotte Booze for winning one of the three raffled scholarship gift baskets through the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association. She was thrilled, but not as much as we were!



COVID and its VARIANTS
HELP STOP THE SPREAD

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Wash
your
hands
and wear
a mask in
crowds.

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.

Please don't let us miss someone. If you know of someone who has passed away, please notify us.



In Memoriam



JANET TODD - April 8, 2022



FOLLOW THE LINKS

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

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

DRSPA Email: dorchesterretirees@gmail.com

MRSPA Website: www.mrspa.org

MRSPA Facebook: www.facebook.com/MRSPA1945

MRSPA Email: mrspa@mrspa.org

MRSPA YouTube: youtube.com (search and select Maryland Retired School Personnel Association for MRSPA videos)

DCPS: dcps.k12.md.us

AARP: www.aarp.org/md

MSRPS (Maryland State Retirement and Pension System): www.sra.maryland.gov

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JUNE

14 - Flag Day
15 - Last Day for Students
16 - Last Day for Teachers
19 - Father's Day
20 - Juneteenth Day (observed)

JULY

4 - Independence Day
7 - Meet for lunch at American Diner, Cambridge
19 - Primary Gubernatorial Election

AUGUST

4 - Meet for lunch at Mom & Pop's, Hurlock
8 - New Teachers Report
22 - All Teachers Report
29 - School Begins

SEPTEMBER

1 - Meet for lunch at Millie's, Vienna
5 - Labor Day