HRSPA Newsletter

A Newsletter for the Henrico Retired School Personnel Association

OCTOBER 2022

October Luncheon
Thursday, October 27, 2022
Recreation Center, Deep Run Park
9900 Ridgefield Parkway
Richmond, VA 23233

11:15 am-Registration and Social Time

11:45 am-Luncheon followed by Program and Business Meeting

Luncheon catered by Deep Run Roadhouse
Pulled Barbecue Chicken, Beef Brisket, Mac and Cheese,
Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Cornbread, Rolls,
Tea, Lemonade, Brownies, and Cookies

Program
Nils Patel, Deep Run Park
Maria Bailey, Henrico Christmas Mother
Glen Allen Chorus

(Cost $25.00. Reservations due Monday, October 17. Reservation form on page 5.)

Presidents Message

HAPPY FALL! Let's hope we can all "fall back" into our HRSPA luncheon/meeting and fellowship on October 27th. It's been way too long since we were together. There is great excitement about our new meeting venue at Deep Run Park in the beautiful, renovated main building. Plan some extra time to look around the facility. Many of you already know how great the food is at Deep Run Roadhouse and we are thrilled to have them cater our event.

It is also with great hope that we regain many of the memberships that were dropped during COVID, as well as, add brand new members. Encourage your friends and former colleagues to join us. Remember being "a friend of education" qualifies a person for our association. If we want to continue our scholarships and our other philanthropic activities, we need to maintain and increase our membership. When I first joined in 2005 there were about 500 members and over a hundred at each luncheon. Let's strive to hit those numbers again. There is so much need in our community and so much more we could do!

Looking forward to seeing you at the luncheon.

Jackie Warren

MEMBERSHIP

We need your help!!!

Since the pandemic numbers have dropped and our goal is to bring these numbers up to pre-pandemic memberships. We currently have 168 members. in 2021 we had 233 expired memberships. New retirees for 2022 total 120.

How can you help?

On your label for the newsletter you will find the date of your membership expiration. Please check this date and if it shows an expired date, please rejoin HRSPA. Dues are only $10/year or $25/3years. We miss you!

White Pages is used to try and locate retirees. The county cannot give us this information due to confidentiality laws.

Do you know of a recent retiree?

The list of new retirees is in this newsletter. Peruse the list and send a quick note to anyone you know to encourage them to join our family. The more the merrier! Have you thought of paying the membership of a new retiree as a way to encourage their involvement? This lets them know they are welcomed.

HRSPA works to enhance our retirement benefits and keep us up to date on changes to our retirement. HRSPA is here for us. **PLEASE JOIN!**

Susan Howe
Membership

TREASURY

The account balances as of 6/20/22 are $8,575.14 in the HRSPA general fund and $1,471.93 in the Scholarship Fund which gives us a total bank account balance of $10,047.07.

Please remember to use the Staples Reward number on the back of your membership card when making personal purchases at Staples to help us garner rewards points which help with our supply and printing expenses.

Bonnie Thompson
Treasurer

SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS
April 2022-September 2022

Donor	In Memory of
Mary Anne Blazek	Becky Goshorn
Bruce Bowen	Al Dudley
Mary Ann Cisne	Becky Goshorn
Linda Cooke	Becky Goshorn
Margaret Hughes	Becky Goshorn
Brenda HuYoung	Becky Goshorn
Dianne Hughs Schuler	Auddrey Batchelder
	Becky Goshorn
	A P Hall
	Sara O'Connor
	Ann Tucker
	Susan Thomas
Lee Reynolds	Audrey Batchelder
Shirley Uzel	Audrey Batchelder
	A P Hall
Jackie Warren	Ellen Griffin
	A P Hall
	In Support of
Valerie McBee	HRSPA Scholarship

SCHOLARSHIP

We are delighted that once again the HRSPA will award scholarships in 2023. We will award a $2000 scholarship to a student graduating from an Henrico County Public School in the spring of 2023 who wishes to pursue a career in the educational field. We will award two scholarships in the amount of $500 each to school personnel who are recertifying or adding to their endorsements. We can use your help to get the word out. Please encourage family members and friends to apply for these scholarships. Won't you consider a donation to the scholarship fund to honor or in memory of someone who mentored you or encourage you in your career? All of these donations may be sent to our treasurer, Bonnie Thompson, at the address below and will be acknowledged in the newsletter.

Bonnie Thompson,
HRSPA Treasurer
2222 Oak Bay Terrace
Henrico, VA 232333

Pat Rollison
Scholarship

BOOK AWARD

The Henrico Retired School Personnel Association recognizes a junior at each high school who has shown outstanding service to other students by enhancing their learning. This student is chosen by the school staff based on activities that exemplify the commitment to serve.

The award is the book The Water is Wide which is a memoir about author Pat Conroy's year teaching on Daufuskie Island, South Carolina, and a $25 Barnes and Noble gift card. The awards are given at the end of the junior year assembly.

This year these awards were presented to **Sire Jackson at Henrico HS and Rachel Tivenan at Godwin HS.** We hope to have all of HCPS high schools participate in 2023.

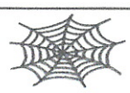
Jackie Warren
President

PHILANTHROPY

Our philanthropy project for October is the **Henrico Christmas Mother.** You may bring your donation to the luncheon and place it in the little red wagon at the front table. You may also make your donation directly to **the Henrico Christmas Mother at P.O. Box 70338, Henrico, VA 23225-0338 or online through the Henrico Christmas Mother website.** If paying by check, please make sure you put HRSPA in the memo section of your check or designate HRSPA on whatever platform you may use.

As always, thank you for your support of our philanthropy projects.

Lee Reynolds
Newsletter Editor



Visit our website: http://hrspa.org

REMEMBRANCE

Since our last newsletter there were 18 obituary notices of HCPS colleagues. Of those 18, 1 was an active member, 5 were inactive members, 5 had never joined HRSPA, and 7 were not in our database or were not yet retired or may not have retired from HCPS at retirement age. HRSPA acknowledgements are made to funeral home online services (10) or with a card by postal service (5). Because so many deaths are currently not being serviced by funeral homes and because the family or address information we have is out dated or unavailable(3), we often do not have a place to send HRSPA condolences, or when we do, those by mail are sometimes returned. Sympathy or get well cards were sent to 2 members, but so often we do not receive information about a colleague's surgery, illness, or family death, so a card cannot be sent.

We need your help

We would like to acknowledge more get well situations and/or family deaths. If you have information regarding a colleague, please be sure and contact us. Your donations to our HRSPA Scholarship Fund is a special way you can honor a colleague who has passed on from us. Remembrances can be made in honor of any colleague from the past, not just this year.

As for now, below is the list of active and inactive members who are in the deceased list for the past 6 months and prior to the printing of this newsletter. I would like to take personal privilege to acknowledge two founding members who were very special to me in my entry into and service in HRSPA--Audrey Batchelder and A.P. Hall, both dear and sorely missed.

Deceased
Audrey Batchelder
Sherry Flournoy
Fern Thompson
A.P. Hall, Jr.
Mabel Cosby
Doris Culley

Dianne Hughs Shuler
Remembrance
dianne4744@verizon.net

Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure,you are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure.

VRTA

The Virginia Retired Teachers Association needs you!

The mission is "to be the voice, resource and connection for all retired personnel." The Vision Statement is "all retired school personnel will be safe, productive, informed and financially secure in retirement."

With all that being said it is important to support these goals. Between the VRTA lobbyist and each unit's legislative committee, state officials are very aware of these goals. **We are the first line of defense in protecting the retirement funds in VRS.** This is a personal priority that all Virginia retirees should take very seriously.

VRTA dues are $20/year, $60/3years, $200/Lifetime.

The VRTA Fall Conference is October 18-19 at the Double Tree Hotel by Hilton in Midlothian. If you are interested in membership, the conference, newsletter, or general information, you can go to **vrta.org**.

Jackie Warren
VRTA Rep

There is strength in numbers!!!

CREEKSIDE
—Insurance Advisors, Inc.—

VRTA Benefits
Agent/Advisor of Record:
Jim DuBrueler, Jr.

Don't forget that your VRTA Agent of Record is available for local meeting programs if desired. It is important to keep your membership updated on all that VRTA Benefits has to offer. Please reach out to Jim DuBrueler, Agent of Record at (800) 467-5425 to schedule or visit www.VRTABenefits.org

Benefits offered include:

- ◊ Life, Health, and Annuity Benefits
- ◊ Home, Auto, Farm, Umbrella Benefits
- ◊ Financial Advisory Services
- ◊ Investment Management
- ◊ Estate Planning Document Preparation

Office locations are in Winchester and Richmond, but telephone and Zoom appointments are also available. Call (800) 467-5425 for service.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

The 2022 elections are coming. If you are concerned about your civil and voting rights, you should VOTE!!!. Elected officials at every level affect the everyday lives of students and educators. They decide educational funding, school start times, and even where residents will vote. Your state level legislators will be deciding on educational spending, standardized testing, and laws that impact every aspect of public schools. So do your homework, pick a candidate that you feel will represent you, and vote. It is your right and privilege.

Important dates to remember:

Sept. 23 – Nov. 5 – Early in person voting
Mon. –Fri 8 to 5 at your local registrar
Oct. 17 - Last day to register to vote or update your address
Oct. 28 – Last day to request a ballot by mail
Nov 8 – Election Day and last day to return a mail-in ballot.

In the mean time, the legislative committee is busy working for you. We will soon finalize our legislative priorities to send to our legislators and these priorities will be presented at the fall luncheon. We will reach out to all elected officials that represent Henrico County: local, state, Congressional, and the School Board. If there are any issues that you feel need to be addressed, please email me at lucy7232@aol.com.

Tina Whitaker
Legislative Committee Chairman

HENRICO RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION
(Website: hrspa.org)

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
2023

Safeguarding and improving the quality of life of retired school personnel

- Study carefully any changes made to the current VRS retirement plans to minimize their impact on the unfunded liability.
- Reduce future costs for retirement by "buying down" VRS unfunded liabilities.

Supporting and improving public education

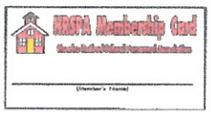
- Fully fund the revised Standards of Quality to accurately reflect what it costs to educate students and support their mental health needs.
- Reduce the number of SOL assessments to minimum federal requirements.
- Increase funds directed towards Virginia's most at-risk students.
- Require a registered nurse in every school building.
- Relieve the school infrastructure backlog.
- Insure access to broadband and technology for all students, communities, and school staff.
- Lift the education support staff cap to free up local revenue.
- Provide funding to make teacher and staff salaries competitive with the national average.

Community Concerns

- Guarantee safe and secure voting for every citizen.
- Actively support anti-racism and all non-discrimination policies.

Reasons to Join or Renew membership in HRSPA:

*Legislative representation to local, state, and national governing bodies to protect retiree benefits and interest
*Receipt of the HRSPA bi-annual newsletter
*Participation in worthwhile service projects: Henrico Christmas Mother, SS Challenge, HRSPA Scholarship Fund
*Updated info on current developments and programs in public education
*Informative materials from state and national retiree associations on all aspects of retirement
*Information on paid and volunteer opportunities of interest to retired teachers



MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Membership cards are issued only once, however, if you have lost your card or you have never received one, please let Lee Reynolds know at lreynolds0413@aol.com or 804-273-0216 and she will issue you a new one.

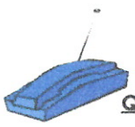
Staples Rewards

Please use your Staples Reward number printed on the back of your membership card when making purchases or returning used ink cartridges to Staples. Not going to Staples....just bring or send your used cartridges to the luncheon and give them to Lee Reynolds and she will turn them in for HRSPA rewards.

EMAILS

If you have email and are not receiving emails from us, it's because we do not have your correct email address. Please send us an email at **hrspa@hotmail.com** so that we can add you to our electronic mailings.

Also please send us any changes in your information so that we can keep our database up to date.



Questions or comments, we're here for you:

Jackie Warren, President - 804-363-1173
Tina Whitaker, Vice President - 804-347-0295
Bonnie Thompson, Treasurer - 804-901-3576
Susan Howe, Membership - 804-512-4970
Lee Reynolds, Newsletter Editor - 804-273-0216

LUNCH RESERVATION

Fill out the form below and return it with your check (made payable to HRSPA) by Monday, October 17, 2022. Mail to Beth Metcalf, 7602 Cheshire Road, Henrico, VA 23229.

Name you want printed on your luncheon name tag:_____

Name(s) of Guest(s):_____

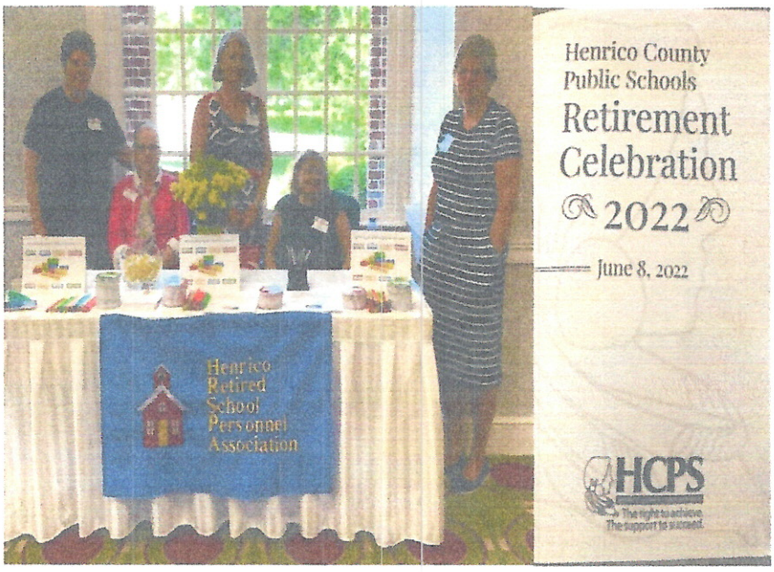
Number attending the luncheon:_____**@$25.00=**_____**(Total amount sent)**

This is my first HRSPA luncheon:_____**yes** _____**no**

_____**Check here if you are interested in volunteering for a position on the board or serve on a committee.**

----------**(cut along the dotted line**----------

HENRICO RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION



Executive Board of Directors (l-r) Lee Reynolds-Newsletter Editor, Bonnie Thompson-Treasurer, Jackie Warren-President, Susan Howe-Membership Chair, Tina Whitaker-Vice-President

Having held all of our Board meetings virtually and corresponding with members via emails for the last few years, the Executive Board was delighted to attend the Henrico County Public Schools 2022 Retiree Celebration in person at the Crossings Convention Center. We set up a table with goodies and information about our organization with a membership form and a personal invitation from us to join. We enjoyed connecting with the new retirees , participating in a delicious lunch and being entertained by a fantastic musical performance by Henrico Public School students from the Center for the Arts at Henrico High School.

We are looking forward to an in person luncheon in October.

Dates to Remember

October 18-19
VRTA Fall Conference

October 27
HRSPA Fall Luncheon

January 17, 2023
Executive Board Meeting

January 26, 2023
VRTA Day at Va. Gen. Assembly

February 7, 2023
Board of Directors Meeting

April 18-19, 2023
VRTA Spring Conference

April 27, 2023
HRSPA Spring Luncheon

Welcome

New Members

Priscilla Biddle
Carol Campfield
Mary E. Cox
Chris Dunn
Cathy Durvin
Kimberly Jackson
Karen Kolesar
Judy McCullum
Awanta Sherron Miles

Due to a printer error the list of new retirees was not included in the mailed newsletters. The list is included in the emailed one. Please share with as many friends of HRSPA as possible.

Mrs.	Lori	Perkins	A.
Mr.	Albert	Phillips	L. "Loren"
Ms.	Terri	Pollard	E.
Mrs.	Dawn	Poulos	R.
Mrs.	Debra	Power	A.
Mrs.	Natalie	Randolph	W.
Mr.	Eric	Rhoades	M.
Mrs.	Terry	Riddell	P.
Mrs.	Naeemah	Rodriguez	U.
Mr.	Jeffrey	Rombach	L.
Mr.	James	Salmon	R.
Mr.	George	Saoma	C.
Mrs.	Katherine	Schwieder	H.
Ms.	Rosa	Shabazz	R.
Mrs.	Debra	Shaw	E.
Mr.	Gong	Shi	J.
Ms.	Barbara	Smith	L.
Ms.	Karen	Sorrell	W.
Mrs.	Eileen	Splain	H.
Ms.	Karen	Stamey	S.
Mrs.	Cynthia	Stanley	M.
Ms.	Jacquelyn	Stevens	M.
Mrs.	Linda	Sutton	F.
Mrs.	Sheryl	Sykes	D.
Mr.	Erven	Tyler	S. "Skip"
Mrs.	Shawn	Watt	A.
Mrs.	Anne	Williams	G.
Mrs.	Nancy	Winston	G.
Mrs.	Laura	Woodle	K.
Ms.	Frederica	Wright	P.
Ms.	Cynthia	Young	D.

Mrs.	Marsala	Adams
Mrs.	Teresa	Adkins
Mrs.	Gillian	Aikin
Mrs.	Jennifer	Andrews
Mrs.	Bonnie	Baber
Mr.	Marvin	Balding
Ms.	Julie	Ballowe
Mrs.	Priscilla	Biddle
Mr.	Gary	Blow
Mrs.	Dorothenia	Boyd Jackson
Mrs.	Billie	Brockman
Mr.	Edward	Broderick
Mr.	Brian	Brown
Mr.	Carl	Brown
Ms.	Carolyn	Brunson
Ms.	Patricia	Callahan
Ms.	Barbara	Carr
Ms.	Hope	Chapel
Ms.	Mary	Cosby
Mrs.	Claire	Cunningham
Mrs.	June	Degenhardt
Mr.	Theodore	Durniak
Mrs.	Pamela	Embrose
Ms.	Cheryl	Eslinger
Mrs.	Patricia	Fernandez
Mrs.	Cynthia	Foust
Mrs.	Lynn	Gaines
Ms.	Leteberhan	Gebremeskel
Ms.	Laura	George
Mrs.	Kelli	Gerrard
Mr.	Russel	Giacofei
Mr.	Jack	Gill
Ms.	Evdokia	Giouzis
Mr.	Allen	Goldman
Mrs.	Elizabeth	Gregg
Ms.	Dale	Grooms
Mrs.	Doreene	Grossman
Mrs.	Cheryl	Guempel
Mrs.	Sheila	Hall
Mrs.	Connie	Harlow

Mrs.	Velma	Harrington
Ms.	Phyllis	Harris
Ms.	Zenora	Harris
Mr.	Bernard	Harrison
Mrs.	Patti	Haskins
Mrs.	Irene	Hatchett
Mr.	James	Hattan
Mrs.	Laurel	Heath
Mrs.	Wendy	Hubbard
Mrs.	Catherine	Hughes
Mrs.	Kimberly	Jackson
Mrs.	Sherill	Johnson
Mrs.	Jennifer	Jones
Mrs.	Linda	Jones
Mr.	Robert	Kaufman
Mrs.	Phitsamone	Keovongphet
Mrs.	Karen	Kolesar
Mrs.	Kathy	Lacy
Mrs.	Rachel	Lawrence
Mr.	James	Logios
Mrs.	Sharon	Lott
Mrs.	Rochelle	Lynch
Mr.	Philip	Markowski
Mrs.	Toni	Markowski
Mr.	Carlton	Marshall
Ms.	Kimberly	Martin (Sigler)
Mr.	James	Massey
Mrs.	Cheryl	Mayton
Mrs.	Ruth	McDonald
Mrs.	Jeanne	McKeon
Mrs.	Katherine	Moore
Ms.	Susan	Newton
Mr.	Hung	Nguyen
Mrs.	Suzanne	Nowak
Mrs.	Karen	Nowicki
Mr.	Michael	O'Neal
Mrs.	Sandra	Pascasio
Mrs.	Nancy	Pennington