



HRSPA Newsletter

A Newsletter for the Henrico Retired School Personnel Association

March 2024

April Luncheon

Thursday, April 25, 2024

NEW VENUE

The Oak Avenue Complex

(Old Highland Springs High School)

15 S Oak Avenue

Highland Springs, Va 23075

11:15 am – Registration and Social Time

11:45 – Luncheon followed by Program and Business Meeting

Luncheon catered by Deep Run Roadhouse

Pulled BBQ chicken, Brisket, Mac and Cheese, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Sweet Potatoes,
Rolls, Cookies, Brownies, Tea, Lemonade, Water

Program:

Kevin Robertson, Community School Resource Co-ordinator, Oak Programs

HRSPA Scholarship Winners

(Cost \$25.00. Reservations due Monday, April 15, 2024. Reservation form on page 5.)

Parking is to the left in front of the building. Because this is part of HCPS, you will need to bring a picture ID and go through security.

President's Message

HRSPA has had a busy and rewarding 2023-2024. We have raised money for the Henrico Christmas Mother, collected food and money for the Tucker food bank, and collected school supplies for Henrico Education Foundation. We answered a call from Virginia Randolph before Christmas for hats, gloves, scarves, and gift cards. We have members volunteer and take interest in HEF and CASA after our meeting and program. Now we have arranged a special program and luncheon venue at The Oak Avenue Complex (the old Highland Springs High School). Kevin Robertson, the community school resource coordinator, will present and explain all the wonderful programs that are being facilitated at this beautifully renovated building and what is being planned. Please join us, bring a friend, and let's learn how Henrico County Schools are growing and expanding their programs for students, families, and communities.

Jackie Warren



MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 165 dues paying members. We are still not back to our pre-Covid numbers, but we have increased our membership. Thank you to all who have renewed or joined this year. For only \$10/y or \$25/3yrs you can stay current with what is happening with HRSPA through emails, the newsletter, and our website. Your renewal date is on your address label.

Please invite a retiree to join us. If you direct them to our webpage or share this newsletter it would go a long way to spread the news about HRSPA. Remind them that it is an organization for all school personnel. You could even welcome them with a gift of a year's membership or invite them to join us at a luncheon.

As always, please keep us informed of any changes of address, etc. You may contact me susanhow@comcast.net or 804-730-3162.

Susan Howe
Membership Chair

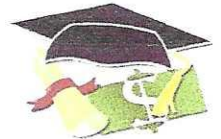


TREASURY

The account balances as of 2/14/24 are \$7576.29 in the general fund and \$739.93 in the Scholarship fund which gives us a total bank account balance of \$8,316.22.

Please 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



The information and application documents for our student scholarship and our personnel scholarship have gone out to schools and to GRASP. If you know a senior in Henrico County Public Schools who is planning to major in an education-related field, please encourage him/her to obtain the materials from the guidance department and apply. The student scholarship amount this year is \$1000. Unfortunately, we can give only one personnel scholarship in the amount of \$500. We strongly believe in the scholarship aspect of our mission, and we hope we can raise more money to be able to increase the amount of our student scholarship and to give more personnel scholarships.

Patricia Rollison
Scholarship Chair

SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

Donor	In Memory of
Mary Ann Cisne	Swift Williams
Mary Massie	Swift Williams
Barbara Miller	Becky Goshorn
Linda Wilson	Maripat Hyatt
Shirley Uzel	Kay Grinann
Cathy Durvin	
Beth Metcalf	
Fiona West	
Betty Duncan donated her raffle winnings to the Scholarship Fund.	



REMEMBRANCE

Since our last newsletter, there were 28 obituary notices of HCPS colleagues. Of those 28, 1 was an active HRSPA member, 10 were inactive members, 8 had never joined HRSPA, and 9 were not in our database or were not yet retired or may not have retired from HCPS. HRSPA acknowledgements are made to funeral home online services (16) or with cards by postal service (7). Because so many deaths are now not being serviced by funeral homes or because the family or address information we have is outdated or unavailable (3), we often do not have a place to send HRSPA condolences, and sometimes the ones mailed are often returned to us.

No sympathy or get well cards were sent to HRSPA members and again we rarely receive information about a colleague's surgery or illness so a card is not sent. We really would like to acknowledge more get-well situations and/or family deaths of colleagues, which makes your assistance very important. One acknowledgement was sent to the family of David Johnson, who had been long-term Executive of VEA in which many of us were members also. If you have information regarding a colleague, please be sure and contact us. Your donations to our HRSPA Scholarship Fund are a special way to honor a colleague who has passed from us. Remembrances can be made in honor of any colleague from the past, not just this year.

Below is a list of active and inactive HRSPA members who are in the deceased list for the past 6 months and prior to the printing of this newsletter.

Dianne Hughs Shuler
Remembrance Chair

IN MEMORY

Virginia Hollins	Kate Grinnan	Patricia Bishop
Patricia Gershenoff	Gordon Sandridge	Betty Bishop
Virginia Davis	Earnestine Pierce	Carmen Steele
Barbara Osbourne	Harvey 'Bubba' Crone	

NOMINATING

The HRSPA Board of Directors has approved and is submitting to you the slate of officers for the 2024-2026 term for HRSPA and the slate is listed below this article. The election will be held at the April 25 Luncheon Meeting. We thank these members for offering to fill these positions:

Bonnie Thompson – President

Beth Metcalf – Vice-President

Betsy Pike – Secretary

Cath Durvin – Treasurer

HRSPA will always need to fill officer and committee chair positions, so **Please consider getting more involved in HRSPA!!!**

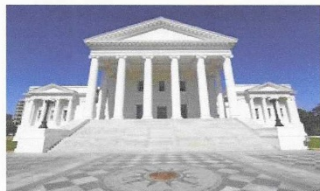
Sometimes a committee chair person moves into an officer position, but ironically some officers in the past have been members who simply volunteered or said 'yes' when asked to serve. Isn't that great?! The Board of Directors of HRSPA is composed of the officers and committee chairs and is informative, collegial, rewarding and often just plain fun. With only 2 luncheons and board meetings each year now, the responsibilities have lessened, but are no less important and **your participation is vital!!** Contact any Board member with your interest!

Nominating Committee

Dianne Hughs Shuler, Chair

Tina Whitaker

Debbie Williams



LEGISLATIVE NEWS

Spring is just around the corner and I am sure we are all looking forward to warmer days and getting out to enjoy them. In the mean time, your legislative committee is busy working for you. No matter which side of the aisle you stand, politics is involved in all areas of our lives. We are your only watchdog group and try to represent your concerns to local, state, and national legislators. Our 2023 legislative priorities were approved by the committee and sent to every legislator that represents Henrico County.

This year is extremely busy with elections. As of this writing we are in the middle of a dual presidential primary, ending on March 5. On June 16 there will be a primary to decide who will run for US senator, with early voting starting in May. Then in November we will vote for the 47th President of the US, with early voting starting at the end of September. Please continue to exercise your right to vote! If you are receiving a mail-in ballot and wish to stop this, contact your county or city registrar. Lastly, consider helping the voting process by becoming an Officer of Elections.

We will continue to work with our legislators to support public education. If there are any issues that you feel we need to address, please email me at lucy7232@aol.com

Tina Whitaker
Legislative Chair

VRTA

The VRTA Spring Conference is being held April 15-17, 2024 at the Double Tree Hotel by Hilton in Midlothian, Va. Always an informative and interesting event. For more information visit vrta.com if you are interested in attending.

Our own Tina Whitaker, our Vice-President, and a member of the VRTA Legislative Committee, will attend the Conference on our behalf.

PHILANTHROPY

As you may know, our philanthropy projects are a big part of our mission to support our community. Knowing this, the BOD has decided that instead of just honoring one of our projects, per luncheon, we will give everyone an opportunity to participate in one or all of them at each luncheon. Donations may be place in the clearly marked

HRSPA PHILANTHROPIES

HRSPA Scholarship Fund—because of dwindling membership and donations we have sadly had to reduce the amount and number of scholarship opportunities for our future and present educators.

Henrico Education Foundation—SS Challenge—school supplies are needed in our schools. You may donate school supplies or make a monetary donation so the foundation can buy supplies in bulk. If you can't attend the luncheon, you can donate directly to **Henrico Education Foundation, PO Box 31413, Henrico, VA 23294**. (Please put HRSPA in the memo section of your check.)

Food Banks—Many of Henrico County Public Schools have their own food bank to help provide their students with proper nutrition. Please bring some canned or boxed or nonperishable foods to the luncheon so that we may support the school's Food Banks.

Henrico Christmas Mother—Monetary donations are greatly appreciated and can be placed in the Christmas Mother basket. Near December there will also be many opportunities to volunteer to help. Donations can be made directly to **Henrico Christmas Mother, PO Box 70338, Henrico, VA 23225**. (Please put HRSPA in the memo section of your check.)

LUNCH RESERVATION

Fill out the form below and return it with your check (made payable to HRSPA) by Monday, April 15, 2024.

Mail to Beth Metcalf, 7602 Cheshire Road, Henrico, VA 23229.

PLEASE PRINT

Name you want printed on your luncheon name tag: _____

Names of Guest(s): _____

Number attending the Luncheon: _____ @ \$25 = _____

This is my first luncheon: _____ yes _____ No

You can now Zelle the money for the luncheon to hrspa.treasurer@gmail.com. Please make sure to note that it is for the luncheon.

_____ Check if interested in volunteering for a position on the board or serving on a committee.

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RAFFLE

Betty Duncan won the raffle and generously donated it to our Scholarship Fund.

Thank you Betty!

DATES TO REMEMBER

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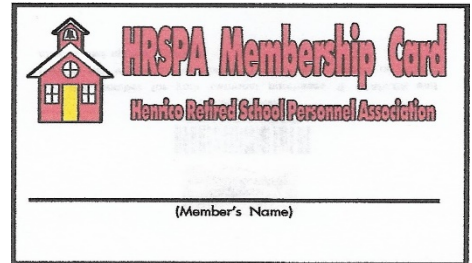
VRTA Spring Conference

April 15, 2024

Luncheon reservations due

April 25, 2024

Spring Luncheon



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

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



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