



HRSPA Newsletter

A Newsletter for the Henrico Retired School Personnel Association

October 2024

October Luncheon

Thursday, October 24, 2024

ACE Center at Hermitage

8350 Hermitage High Blvd.

Richmond, VA 23228

11:30 – 11:45 – Registration and Social Time

11:45 – 12:30 – Pledge of Allegiance

Greetings and Announcements

Mac Beaton- Director Workforce and Career Development

12:30 – 1:30 - Luncheon Buffet (*Please wait for your table to be called)

Chicken Picatta, Roasted Pork Tenderloin, Oven Roasted Potatoes

Vegetable of the Day, Garden Salad w/dressings, Dinner Rolls,

Individual caramel apple and cherry cheesecakes

Lemonade, Tea, Water

1:30 - 2:00 - Program: KJ Cook – Community School Resource Coordinator

Linda Melton – Henrico Christmas Mother

2:00 – Business, Raffle Drawings, Adjournment

(Cost \$25.00. Reservations due Friday, October 11, 2024. Reservation form on p. 5.)

ATTENTION-RE: NEWSLETTERS

Because of the rapidly increasing cost of printing and postage to mail the newsletters, the HRSPA Board of Directors voted to send virtual copies through emails and a copy will be posted on the HRSPA website <http://hrspa.org>. Please make sure we have your updated email address. Send us a note at myhrspa@yahoo.com.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I begin this year as the HRSPA President, I would like to give a heartfelt thank you to Jackie Warren who served as President and Tina Whitaker who served as our Vice-President, both for 7 years. They worked hard for our organization and kept us moving forward during the very difficult pandemic years. I would also like to thank all of the board members who have recently agreed to serve on the board. Together, we will continue to support past, present, and future educators and the Henrico community.

One of our most important programs is the scholarships we give to future educators. To help us continue to fund this program, we will be sending the newsletter via electronic mail and posting it on our website. This will save us hundreds of dollars which can be used for Henrico seniors who want to be teachers.

Hope to see you at the luncheon!

Bonnie Thompson

President



TREASURY

The account balances as of 9/5/2024 are \$8,005.06 in the general fund and \$1,821.99 in the Scholarship Fund which gives us a total bank account balance of \$9,821.99. A generous donation was made to the Scholarship Fund by a former student in memory of his favorite 5th grade teacher. Even as an adult, her influence on him has made a difference in his life.

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

All monies for membership and/or scholarship should be sent to me at 7276 Merle Smith Lane, Mechanicsville, VA 23111. Please make sure you indicate what the money is for in the memo section of your check and make all checks payable to Henrico Retired School Personnel Association (HRSPA).

Cathy Durvin

Treasurer



MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 159 dues paying members plus 30 whose memberships expired in June. We have included a membership form in the newsletter and hope that you will renew your membership.

One year's membership is only \$10 and that goes a long way to open new opportunities to connect with retirees both past and present. Peruse our newsletter to see the many activities we support, what is happening in the retirement world, and legislative news that affects public education and retirees.

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

Susan Howe

Membership



SCHOLARSHIP

Reese Wesserman from Glen Allen High School and Meredith McCaffery from Freeman High School were our 2024 HRSPA Scholarship winners each receiving a \$1000 scholarship.

The Scholarship Committee is ready to begin work this new year. The HRSPA Board approved two \$1000 student scholarships for the spring of 2025. Please help us spread the word. Scholarship information will be sent to the schools' guidance departments in January. If you have questions about the scholarship, forward them to prolo@aol.com. Please consider making a donation to the scholarship fund in honor or memory of someone who is special to you.

Pat Rollison
Scholarship



SCHOLASHIP DONATIONS

DONOR

Jackie Warren

Bruce Bowen

Bonnie Thompson

Patricia Van Tuyle

Lee Reynolds

Cathy Durvin

Troy Yeary

Beth Metcalf

Greg Metcalf

IN MEMORY

Marilyn Royal

Lois August

Elaine Baliff

Erma Jo Lane Fielden

All Dudley

Frank Solari

Lois Martin

Kathy Dixon

Roberta Weiner

Jackie Warren (in honor of)

Tina Whitaker (in honor of)

Kay Grinnan

Maripat Hyatt

Swift Williams

Becky Goshorn

Barbara Osborne

Joyce Welch Harris

General Donation

Donated Raffle winnings



REMEMBRANCE

Since our last newsletter in March, we have had 26 colleague deaths. Of those, 2 were active HRSPA members, 9 were inactive, and 8 had never joined HRSPA and 7 were not in our database. Names of HRSPA members included here are listed beside this article. Online condolences and cards were sent where information was available. Six cards were sent to members with illnesses or hospitalizations. Please send us information you may have regarding colleagues illnesses or death.

Dianne Hughs Shuler
Remembrance

Colleague Deaths

Frank Solari	Elaine Baliff	Patricia Rourk
Darlene Pickens	Thomas Stavredes	Wilma Bell
Catherine Leahy	Gloria Cox	Roberta Wiener
Charlotte Mitchell	Don Wade	



LEGISLATIVE NEWS

The 2024 elections are coming! Each one of us has the power to make a difference. We have the power to vote. **Every vote counts and voting is one of the best ways for your voice to be heard!**

With early in-person voting, mail-in voting, and curbside voting, Virginia has made voting convenient for everyone. Virginia also has checks and balances and procedures to assure that **all votes are safe and secure**. You can go to the Virginia election website, elections.virginia.gov, to check any information you will need to vote. So pick a candidate that you feel will best represent you and **VOTE!** It is your right and privilege.

Important dates to remember:

Sept. 20 – Nov. 2 – Early in-person voting
Mon. – Fri 8 am to 5 pm at your local registrar and Saturdays, October 26 and November 2

Oct. 15 - Last day to register to vote or update your address

Oct. 25 – Last day to request a ballot by mail

Nov 5 – Election Day and last day to return a mail-in ballot.

Polls open at 6 am through 7 pm.

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, and Congressional, If there are any issues that you feel need to be addressed, please email me at lucy7232@aol.com.

Tina Whitaker
Legislative Committee Chairman

LUNCH RESERVATIONS

Fill out the form below and return it with your check (made payable to HRSPA) by Friday, October 11, 2024.

Mail to Lisa Kaplan, 3305 Haydenpark Lane, Henrico, VA 23233

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 I would like to volunteer for HRSPA _____

OR PAY WITH ZELLE

You can also Zelle the money to hrspa.treasurer@gmail.com. Please make sure you designate that the money is for the luncheon as well as any guests you are paying for in the memo.

-----CUT ALONG THE DOTTED LINE-----



RAFFLE

Greg Metcalf won the spring raffle and donated his winnings to our Scholarship Fund.

Thanks Greg!

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 30 – October 1, 2024

VRTA Fall Conference

October 24, 2024

HRSPA Fall Luncheon

April 24, 2025

HRSPA Spring Luncheon



HRSPA Membership Card
Henrico Retired School Personnel Association

(Member's Name)

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE (FORMALLY NAMED 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 placed in the clearly marked areas at the entrance table.

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. You may also donate directly to **Henrico Education Foundation, PO Box 32413, Henrico, VA 23294.** (Please put HRSPA in the memo section of your check.)

FOOD BANKS- Many HCPS have their own food bank to help provide their students with proper nutrition. Please bring some snack foods to the luncheon to help us support these. Items can include granola bars, crackers, fruit cups, apple sauce, fruit snacks, individual packaged cereals, cup noodles, ravioli cups, pretzels, trail mix, chips, etc.

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.)