



HRSPA Newsletter

A Newsletter for the Henrico Retired School Personnel Association

October 2025

April Luncheon

Thursday, October 23, 2025

Hunton Community Center

11690 Old Washington Hwy, Glen Allen, Va 23059

11:15 – Registration and Social Time

11:45 – Luncheon followed by Program and Business Meeting

Luncheon - box lunches provided by Apple Spice Junction

Luncheon registration and lunch choices are on the last page.

Due: Thursday, October 16.2025.

Program

Henrico Christmas Mother Scholarship Foundation

President's Message

Our mission is to support past, present, and future educators. As part of that goal to support future educators, we give scholarships each spring to two Henrico seniors who plan to major in education in college. At the luncheon in October, we are going to have a presentation on setting up a foundation to fund the scholarships for the future. This would make it possible to continue giving scholarships forever!!! Please attend the luncheon to hear more information about this option.

Also, we need a Membership Chair and a Newsletter Editor. Please consider joining the wonderful group of educators who serve as your Board of Directors.

Look forward to seeing you in October!

Bonnie Thompson

Membership Database/Spreadsheet Report

HRSPA keeps an extensive record of HCPS retirees, whether as members or not and we determined that you might like to have that information. Our 'database'/spreadsheet is divided into 5 categories.

ACTIVE - Obviously, of those whose memberships are currently up-to-date. We have full information on our members for mailings and email notices.

INACTIVE – Members who have not renewed, for any number of reasons (moved, health, eg.), but also may not know their membership has expired, mostly due to non-communication during the pandemic, so notice was not provided or overlooked. IF YOU KNOW COLLEAGUES AT YOUR SCHOOL WHO HAVE NOT RENEWED, ENCOURAGEMENT TO DO SO WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

POTENTIAL – Of course, this includes anyone who has retired from HCPS, from our beginning in 1991 to now, and has not joined, also for various reasons (not interested, overlooked info from HRSPA upon retirement, eg.). In the past, we received more complete information about retirees from our HCPS Central Office, but now they are limited in what information they can provide to us, so sometimes we do not have full contact info and sometimes names are not on the list. SO, AGAIN, ENCOURAGEMENT FROM YOU TO ANY COLLEAGUES AT YOUR SCHOOL WOULD BE APPRECIATED. In addition to local, state, and national benefits, our luncheons are delightful events of information and entertainment and socialization.

DO NOT CALL - This also includes reasons for not wanting or needing contacts from HRSPA (move, health, etc.)

DECEASED – As noted in another article, we keep records of colleagues who have passed and send condolences to family. This is another way you can help us keep our records updated.

Thanks to some devoted members who over the years have kept immaculate membership records and we strive to continue to do so. You may check our website, hrspa.org for information about HRSPA and for a membership form.

We currently have 174 Members with 13 joining for life.

Dianne Hughs Shuler
Membership 'Database' Records

TREASURY

The account balances as of 9/5/2025 are \$8,019.32 in the General Fund and \$4,573.93 in the Scholarship Fund which gives us a total bank account balance of \$12,593.25. Our Scholarship account continues to grow with your generous donations, please consider making a donation in honor of or in memory of a favorite educator or Henrico County Public Schools staff member.

Please use the Staples Reward number on the back of your membership card when making personal purchases at Staples to help us attain rewards points which help us with our office supply and printing expenses. Also, turn in empty printer cartridges to increase our Rewards Points.

All monies for membership and/or scholarship should be sent to 7276 Merle Smith Lane, Mechanicsville, VA 23111. Please be 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

SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS FALL 2025 - TOTAL-\$2,320

Jackie Warren	in memory of Kathy Clark
Bruce Bowen	in memory of Al Dudley & Frank Solari
Anonymous	in memory of Joyce Welch Harris
Shirlely Uzel	in memory of Sally Kurtz & Olivia Durvin
Pat Rollison	in memory of Becky Goshorn
Bonnie Thompson	in memory of Brenda Hunt & honor of HRSPA BOD
Beth & Greg Metcalf	in memoriy of Brenda Baker and Benda Hunt
Becky Miller	in memory of Brenda Hunt
Anonymous	in memory of Cynthia Middleton
Bonnie Clatterbough	in memory of Brenda Hunt
Cathy Durvin	in memory pof Brenda Hunt
Lee Reynolds	in memory of Maripat Hyatt, Becky Goshorn, Cris Chilton
Linda Wilson	in memory of Maripat Hyatt
Joyce Johnson	not designated

Scholarship

Emails have gone out to key teachers to alert them so they can alert their students about this year's HRSPA Scholarship. Two \$1000 scholarships will be awarded in the spring to Henrico County seniors who plan to major in the field of education. We need your help to make this happen. Please share this information with family and friends to encourage them to apply. Also, please consider contributing to our scholarship fund to honor a person who mentored you in your education journey. Checks may be made out to HRSPA and given to Cathy Durvin, our treasurer.

Pat Rollison

Scholarship Chair

BOOK AWARD

Every spring HRSPA makes an award to a high school junior in every high school. This student is selected by the school based on their outstanding service to other students through mentoring, tutoring, and enhancing others' learning. It is our hope to encourage potential teachers by rewarding their selflessness now. We give them a Barnes and Noble gift card and a copy of The Water is Wide by Pat Conroy. This is the memoir of Conroy's first year of teaching on Daufuskie Island. The award is given at the Junior Recognition Assembly.

The awards given this year went to

Kadyn Garcia	- Highland Springs High School
Hannah Tran	- Highland Springs ACE Center
Jocelyn Brown	- Freeman High School
Zoe Raeder	- Hermitage High School
Genna Sessoms	- Deep Run High School
Anne Dillard	- Tucker High School
Amaya Tease	- Henrico High School
Jumana Moussawi	- Hermitage Ace Center
Joy Kababu	- Godwin High School
Julia Hinton	- Glen Allen High School

Jackie Warren

Community Service

Remembrance Report September, 2024 – September, 2025

As noted in previous newsletters, we report the names of members who have passed away since our last newsletter. We keep records of any HCPS employee who has passed away, but the report here lists only those who are or have been members of HRSPA. Sometimes, names are not listed in newspaper obituaries, or even are overlooked, therefore we do not always have the names or information, so any time you can provide that to us, it is appreciated. Also a reminder - you may make memorial donations to our Scholarship Fund in honor of a colleague.

For this report, there were 24 deaths, 2 were Active HRSPA members, 9 were Inactive HRSPA members, 9 were Potential, and 5 were not in our database. Online or card condolences were sent as available.

Dianne Hughes Shuler

Remembrance Chair

Cornelia Tilloson

Diane Williams

Mary Ann Nash

Barbara Benedict

Sally Kutz

Mabel Boyd

Carolyn Gibrall

Carol Lincks

Linda Sydnor



LEGISLATIVE NEWS

Mark Twain is credited with saying, "Politicians are like diapers. They should be changed often and for the same reason!" The 2025 elections are starting. Each one of us has the power to make a difference. We have the power to vote. Here are some important reasons to consider:

- Voting is your chance to make a difference.
 - Voting is the pillar of Democracy. When people vote, elected leaders are motivated to listen.
 - Voting holds leaders accountable and you have a say in who governs the aspects of your life.
 - Voting gives you power and the right to have your voice heard. Choosing not to vote gives that power to someone else.
 - Elections are often decided by small margins. Influencing the outcome of an election is higher than you think.
 - Electing officials at any level grants them the power to manage our budgets, potential taxes and what gets funded.
- . You can go to the Virginia election website, **elections.virginia.gov**, to check any information you will need to vote.

Important Dates for the November 2025 Election

- Early Voting in person- September 19- November 1
 - Deadline to register to vote or make changes – October 24
 - Deadline to request an absentee ballot mailed to you – October 24. Your local registrar must receive mail-in ballots no later than 12 p.m. on the third day following the election.
 - Voting Day- November 4
- Tina Whitaker – Legislative Chair



HENRICO RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

(Website: hrspa.org)

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

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Safeguarding and improving the quality of life of retired school personnel

- Regulate and improve nursing home standards.
- Reduce prescription drug costs.
- Oppose any reduction to the health or retirement benefits of school personnel.

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.
- Increase funds directed towards Virginia's most at-risk students and English Learners.
- Continue to increase salaries of teachers and staff to meet the national average.
- Address recruitment and retention of teachers with affordable housing, administrative support, help with student debt, and improved working conditions.
- Support a program to provide breakfast for all students.
- Improve school operational plans to support and protect the safety and mental health of our students, staff and communities.
- Oppose the Opportunity Scholarship Program.

Community Concerns

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE

As you may know, our community service projects are a big part of our mission to support our community in many ways. Knowing this, the BOD has decided that instead of just honoring one of our projects per luncheon we will give everyone the opportunity to participate in one or more of them at each luncheon. Donations may be placed in the clearly marked areas at the entrance table. Below are our projects:

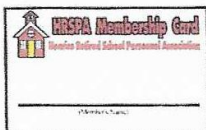
HRSPA SCHOLARSHIP FUND – Our membership dues and luncheon fees help to support the scholarship fund. Membership has greatly decreased as have luncheon attendance. This has resulted in a reduction in the number of scholarships and the amount we give to our future educators. Please consider donations in memory of or appreciation of educators you have known. Scholarships help guarantee the future of public education.

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 the Henrico Education Foundation, PO Box 31413, Henrico, Va 23294. (Please put HRSPA in the memo section of your check)

FOOD BANKS – Most Henrico County Public Schools have their own food bank to help provide their students with proper nutrition. Please bring some canned, boxed, or nonperishable foods and especially snacks like crackers, cereal bars, popcorn, fruit cups etc. to the luncheon and we will donate it to a school's food bank.

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.)

Miscellaneous



Membership cards are issued only once. If lost or not received contact Lee Reynolds for a new one.

NEWSLETTER

After 24 years of serving as your Newsletter Editor, it is past time for me to give the pleasure to someone else. I can no longer keep up with the technology involved. If you or someone you know is interested, please let us know.



DUPLICATE - 43277194

Bonnie Clatterbough was the raffle winner (\$59) at the April luncheon which she generously donated to our Scholarship Fund.

THANKS, BONNIE!!!

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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 to your information so that we can keep our database up to date.

Fall 2025 HRSPA Luncheon Registration

Fill out the form below (or use the link below to fill in electronically) and send a check made payable to HRSPA or Zelle by Thursday, October 16, 2025.

Mail to Cathy Durvin, 7276 Merle Smith Lane, Mechanicsville, VA 23111

Fall Luncheon Link:

<https://forms.gle/7EfLQtyT8x7VwkAdA>

PLEASE PRINT

Name you want printed on your name tag _____

Name of Guest(s) _____

Apple Spice Junction Entrée Choice (select 1)

_____ **Trio Classic:** A trio of thinly sliced meats including cured ham, roasted turkey, lean roast beef, with lettuce, Swiss cheese and our signature sauce on 13-grain bread.

_____ **Vegetarian:** Mushrooms, cucumbers, vine-ripened tomatoes, sprouts, roasted red peppers, avocados and lettuce with cheddar cheese and pesto mayonnaise on olive oil and herb bread.

_____ **Turkey Bacon Ranch Wrap:** Oven-roasted turkey, Swiss cheese, bacon, tomato, and lettuce with ranch dressing.

Apple Spice Junction Side Choice (select 1)

_____ Pasta Salad

_____ Potato Salad

_____ Frog Eye Salad (A sweet custard side salad with whipped cream, mandarin oranges, pineapple, and pasta)

_____ Fresh Fruit

Guest Apple Spice Junction Entrée Choice (select 1)

_____ **Trio Classic**

_____ **Vegetarian**

_____ **Turkey Bacon Ranch Wrap**

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Number attending Luncheon _____ X \$25 = _____

This is my first luncheon? _____ yes _____ no

You can US mail your registration and payment to Cathy Durvin or you can Zelle your payment to hrspa.treasurer@gmail.com. Please note the payment is for the Fall 2025 Luncheon