

HRSEA News

The newsletter of the Hanover Retired School Employees Association

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VOLUNTEER OPTIONS OFFERED

Did you retire with thoughts of volunteering for an organizations in the Hanover community? Have you pursued that goal since you retired? Are you aware of the great need within Hanover for people with your talents and skills? The HRSEA program planned for the spring membership meeting on Thursday, March 28, 2013 will be your passport to volunteer opportunities to pursue to make your retirement goals a reality. Lisa Adkins, Administrator of the Hanover County Department of Community Resources, will share over 25 years of experience in the field of volunteer resources management when she addresses HRSEA. In addition to her overview of volunteerism in the county and region, Adkins will bring with her leaders in several major volunteer organizations active in Hanover. They will outline what they do, who they need to serve, and how to go about becoming actively involved with their group. Adkins will also provide HRSEA members with a complete listing of regional organizations seeking volunteers.



The Collaborative Art Project conducted during the 2009 Spirit of Volunteerism Celebration speaks to Hanover volunteers in proud fashion!

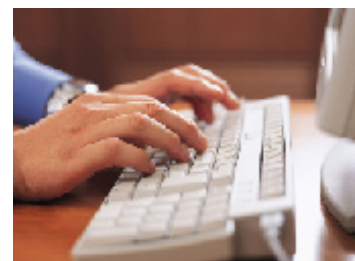
Hanover County residents have a strong commitment to volunteerism. The Hanover County Department of Community Resources has been serving the community as a Volunteer Center since 1987. They work with local non-profit, health-related and governmental departments to maximize resources and services through collaboration and citizen engagement. They also partner with **HandsOn Greater Richmond**, an organization that links individuals and groups to volunteer opportunities within the Greater Richmond region. Through this partnership and the website link (http://www.co.hanover.va.us/commres/programs_HV.htm) this group offers an expanded tool that supports volunteer engagement. Learn more about volunteering in your community when you attend this spring's HRSEA meeting!

Multi-Purpose Room, Andrews Hall Randolph-Macon College

- 9:30 a.m. Registration/Social Time**
- 10:00 a.m. Program: "Volunteerism in Hanover County"**
Lisa D. Adkins, Administrator,
Hanover County Department of Community Resources
- 11:00 a.m. HRSEA Business Meeting**
Legislative Update
District Status
Remarks by HCPS Representatives:
Terry Stone, Director of Financial Operations &
Dr. Daryl Chesley, Asst. Superintendent Instructional Leadership
- 12:00 p.m. Luncheon**
(Reservation fee - \$12 - due by Thursday, March 21 - See form, pg 4.)

NEWS TO NOTE

- President's Letter
- Legislative Update
- Treasurer's Report
- Membership Drive
- Directory Info
- VRTA Notes
- District C News
- Dates to mark
- 2013 Spring Meeting & Lunch Reservation form





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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I write this column, the immediate future of Hanover's children and teachers rests in the hands of our elected county supervisors. Will they pass the HCPS budget as presented or will they request additional tweaks that threaten to undermine the Hanover County Public Schools' branding so proudly enjoyed these past several decades. With less revenue to fund county services, the educational quality of our schools will eventually suffer. Loss of personnel, programs, and compensation are bound to take a toll as the county looks toward tight times again during the 2013-14 school year.

Hanover is not alone in facing the dilemma of budget angst. Governor McDonnell's declaration of "The Year of the Teacher" has called attention to the issues of educators throughout the Commonwealth, but the 2013 GA did not adequately address these issues. Legislation minus appropriate supporting funds seems to be a theme at all levels of government. This year VRTA Legislative Chair Bea Morris again kept us apprised of GA discussions, pending votes, and appropriate arguments to use when addressing our elected officials on educational issues. Those attending the HRSEA meeting on March 28th will hear how this and other recent legislation will effect teachers in our local classrooms.

While HRSEA continues to maintain close ties with HCPS, we are also actively reaching out to learn about county services and departments that offer opportunities for our membership. Our spring program will give you a taste of the volunteer programs that abound in Hanover County. As a retiree you can reap the rewards of using your talents in new endeavors by embracing the role of a volunteer. It's never too late to learn more about something new. I hope you attend this meeting to discover your "second" or even "third" career.

During our business meeting members will act on a recommendation from the HRSEA Executive Board to withdraw from VRTA District C and become a separate district under VRTA. The viability of being a part of District C has not in recent years served our unit well, with few members joining at the district level or attending district meetings. Be at the March meeting to partake in the discussion and cast your vote!

In closing, your officers and I thank you for your continued support and interest. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Cathy

VA GA – 2013 Session Rpt.: SCHOOL GRADING LEGISLATION

From VRTA Legislative Chair Bea Morris as taken from The Washington Post, Metro Section, February 24, 2013:

Despite very vocal objections of educators because of oversimplification, the House and Senate approved a to "grade" schools on the following A-F scale:

- A** - fully accredited by the state, achieve at least a 25% advanced proficiency pass rate on SOL, meet all federal benchmarks for testing.
- B** - fully accredited but fall short of the advanced proficiency SOL pass rate.
- C** - has been accredited with a warning in one subject area.
- D** - accredited with warning in more than one subject area or fall short of target graduation rate.
- F** - denied accreditation or in the process of a government-mandated overhaul.

The state must also develop a new tool to measure how a school is improving before the first grades can be calculated. Lawmakers insisted on this provision so that the scale does not automatically disadvantage schools that serve higher-poverty students or more English-language learners. This grading system is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2014.

TREASURER'S REPORT

At the February 22, 2013 meeting of the HRSEA Executive Board, Treasurer Mary Waddy reported accounts totaling \$3,703.63. This figure reflects both general and scholarship accounts. The 2013-2014 HRSEA budget will be presented and adopted during the Business Meeting on March 28th.

2013-2014 HRSEA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Membership at the HRSEA Unit and VRTA State levels, begins NOW. As was the case last year ALL members are asked to **renew memberships for 2013-2014 no later than June 15, 2013** to comply with state and local governing documents. Your renewed membership will run from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Please complete the enclosed membership form and return to Mary Waddy, HRSEA Treasurer. It is imperative that you comply with the due date of June 15, 2013 to ease record-keeping for both our own treasurer and the VRTA treasurers for. Thanks for your consideration.

2013-14 HRSEA DIRECTORY

The HRSEA Directory will be prepared this month and sent via email to those members who received their HRSEA by that route. Those members who receive their news by snail mail will pick up their directory at the March meeting or it will be mailed to them following that meeting.

VRTA NEWS

The VRTA Delegate Assembly will be held April 28-30, 2013 at the Blackstone Conference and Retreat Center in Blackstone. Registration information for this two-day meeting can be found in the Spring 2013 issue of the *VRTA Newsletter* which will be mailed to the homes of all members by the end of March. The Monday session will provide updates on VRS issues followed by breakout sessions covering a variety of topics, including the possible restructuring of the district level within VRTA. The business session for voting members will be held on Tuesday morning. HRSEA member Thomas Folly will represent the unit as our voting delegate in the absence of your president at this meeting.

DISTRICT C - VRTA UPDATE

The District C level of the VRTA will hold its annual membership meeting on Thursday, May 9th at the Third Union Baptist Church on Walkerton Road in King William, VA. The meeting will run from 10 a.m. till noon with an optional luncheon available following the meeting. Members of the King William/King & Queen/West Point Unit will be hosts for this event. A flyer with additional information on the meeting and directions to it will be mailed out to all District C members in April.

During the business meeting the 2013 District C Scholarship winner will be announced, a budget will be adopted for 2013-14, and reports from the recent VRTA Delegate Meeting will be shared. Among those reports will be an update on the future of district levels within the VRTA and an update on unit membership in District C. Please plan to attend this meeting and hear firsthand about these issues.



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FUTURE MEETINGS

DATE

MARCH 28, 2013/Thursday
 APRIL 28-30, 2013/Sunday-Tuesday
 MAY 9, 2013/Thursday
 OCTOBER 6-8, 2013/Sunday-Tuesday

MEETING/LOCATION

HRSEA Spring Meeting, RMC
 VRTA Delegate Assembly, Blackstone
 DISTRICT C General Meeting, Third
 Union Baptist Church/King William
 VRTA Convention, Blackstone

Spring 2013 Meeting and Luncheon Reservation Form

MEETING REGISTRATION

Complete the following information to register for the March 28th meeting of the HRSEA. A registration table will be set up inside the Andrews Hall Multi-Purpose Room. Dues for 2013-14 may be paid here.

MEMBER'S NAME: _____

Name for luncheon name tag, if different from above: _____

Name(s) of Guest(s): _____

LUNCHEON RESERVATION

Complete this portion of the meeting registration form to reserve a lunch.
 Return with a check payable to HRSEA.

DELI BUFFET

Assorted Breads, Cheeses, Cold Cuts
 Cole Slaw Potato Salad Chips
 Dessert

Coffee Tea Water

_____ (number of meals reserved) X \$12.00 ea = _____ TOTAL

SEND MEETING AND LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM BY March 21st to:

Mary D. Waddy, HRSEA Treasurer

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If you have questions call at 779-2366 or email at msmwaddy@aol.com.

RMC Parking: The HRSEA meeting has been scheduled to coincide with SPRING BREAK at Randolph-Macon College. Parking on the street should be readily available in front of Andrews Hall, as well as in the parking lots beside and across the street from this dorm. Andrews Hall is on Patrick Street (where the fountain is on campus) at the north edge of campus. There is also a pull-off space in front of the building to use when dropping off passengers.