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HRSEA News

The newsletter of the Hanover Retired School Employees Association

HHS CHORAL GROUP TO ENTERTAIN

You spoke and your officers heard! A number of HRSEA members requested that our programming include music from students in the Hanover County Public Schools. We listened and are happy to make that request a reality. The sounds of the Hanover Mixed Chamber Singers will entertain attendees during the October 17, 2013 meeting of HRSEA at the Hanover Center for Trades and Technology. This talented group of Hanover High School students, under the direction of James Barrack, will certainly provide an inspirational program. In addition, HCPS Superintendent Jamelle S. Wilson will address HRSEA members at our meeting. She will share information to help us better understand the issues facing our schools during this year. Make plans to attend the fall 2013 meeting of HRSEA. You will leave having been both entertained and informed.



The *INSIDE* Scoop

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"GROW" HRSEA BY BRINGING A GUEST TO OUR OCTOBER MEETING.

Fall Meeting Plans

Join your fellow Hanover retirees for the 2013 fall meeting on **Thursday, October 17th at The Hanover Center for Trades and Technology** off Whippoorwill Road behind Hanover High School at **10002 Learning Lane** (between Kersey Creek ES and The Georgetown School). The social hour will begin at 9:30 a.m., a half hour later than in the past. The program, business meeting and luncheon will follow. All events will be held in the school's Commons area. Members, guests and those interested in joining the Hanover Retired School Employees Association are invited to attend this meeting. See the meeting agenda printed below.

The meeting and luncheon reservation form appear on page 4 of the newsletter. Chef Cheryl Griffis, the new culinary arts instructor at the Center, and her students will cater the luncheon for this meeting. Please register for the meeting and/or reserve your lunch by using the reservation form. See you on October 17th!



- 9:30 a.m. **Registration/Social Hour**
- 10:00 a.m. **"Hanover Mixed Chamber Singers"**
Mr. James B. Barrack, HHS Choral Director
- HCPS Update**
Dr. Jamelle S. Wilson, HPS Superintendent

HRSEA Business Meeting

12:00 p.m. Luncheon (Catered by THCTT Culinary Arts Class)
(Reservation required—\$12—due Thursday, October 10/**FIRM DATE** – Form on page 4.)



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coming Nov. 1st!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer in Hanover County and the living is easy! Maybe too easy! With the approach of fall, the pace quickens, but here in Elmont in my 100-year old former schoolhouse, I've been slow to address the tasks that fall brings. After six full years away from the public school classroom, I'm begining to feel that I should embrace retirement on a daily basis! Sitting on the deck to drink a second cup of coffee on days when adjunct work at RMC does not beckon has become a habit. Waving at passing school busses adds a bonus to the start of the day. My thoughts often turn to those former early mornings in my classroom before the busses pulled into the lot. Where did those thrity-five years go? Like a blink they return, just as vivid as when I lived each one. What effect does the start of school have on you? Come to our October 17th meeting and share your thoughts as you reconnect with former colleagues, meet new Hanover retirees, and rejoice in the musical talents of students studying in our school district.

I urge you not only to come to the HRSEA meeting, but to invite a guest to attend. As I have stated before, guests do not have to be retired or retired educators. We welcome all concerned citizens who want to learn more about our group and the local school district today.

HRSEA will again meet at The Hanover Center for Trades and Technology (THCTT) at the invitation of the Center's new principal, Justin Roerink. The Culinary Arts class will prepare our lunch. Again, to accommodate those who are uncertain about the Center's location, we are offering the following support. Consider meeting in the parking lot of St. Paul's Episcopal Church by 9:15 a.m. on October 17th and carpooling to the school. Several HRSEA members will meet you at St. Paul's and transport you to the meeting and back. If you are interested in this service, please note it on your meeting/meal reservation form.

Your officers welcome your suggestions and thank you for your continued support as we work to meet your needs through HRSEA. Looking foward to seeing you this fall,

Cathy



HRSEA EXECUTIVE BOARD Report

The HRSEA Executive Board did not meet this summer, but will provide the following information to members at our October meeting:

- Update on the 2013-2014 budget based on current membership
- Report on the spring meeting plans: Randolph-Macon College, March 27, 2014
- HRSEA status the VRTA's District S...we were approved to be a "stand-alone" district
- Inauguration of the HRSEA web site by November 1, 2013
- HRSEA Legislative Priorities (based on those put forth by VRTA)
- Appointment of a Nominations Committee to generate a slate of officers for 2014-2016

If there are additional topics and/or issues that you would like to see addressed by HRSEA, please bring your ideas to the table during the business session of the fall meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT/MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Treasurer Mary Waddy reports that the HRSEA accounts total \$3,158.82 as of September 19, 2013. This figure reflects the balance after all expenditures for the 2012-2013 year were paid and includes income from dues received by September 15, 2013 for 2013-14. A complete report and proposed budget for 2013-2014 will be presented to members at the fall meeting.

Membership Figures reported to the VRTA on the Annual Local Unit Report submitted in May 2013 included:

HRSEA Membership for 2012-2013/98 members;

VRTA/District C (regional affiliation) membership/70 members;

VRTA membership/73 members (both annual-44 and Life-29 members)

Members are urged to renew their dues for 2013-2014 at the FALL MEETING, if not done earlier. Dues for HRSEA are set at \$10; VRTA dues, at \$15; VRTA Life dues, at \$200. Because HRSEA is now a "stand-alone" district, District S, the annual \$1 district dues have been eliminated. Every HRSEA member will automatically be a member of District S.

VRTA DISTRICT UPDATE AND CHANGES

The King & Queen/King William/West Point Unit of VRTA District C hosted the May 2013 meeting for the group. It marked the last event for Hanover as a member of District C. During 2012-2013, Hanover members voted to separate from District C and be recognized as a district in its own right. Many units, most recently the Henrico Unit, have made the same decision. Districts serve as liaisons between VRTA and local units. Over the years the use of email and other electronic media have made the district level redundant for many local units. This, coupled with a dues requirement for District C (\$1 per member), led our unit to petition VRTA to grant HRSEA the status of a "stand-alone" district. At the spring 2013 meeting of VRTA, the board accepted our petition and named us DISTRICT S. From now on the HRSEA Unit will function as both unit and district, hosting only the two annual meetings now established. Updates in our governing documents to reflect this change will be forthcoming via email and snail mail for a vote by the membership.



INAUGURATION OF HRSEA WEB SITE

Over the summer HRSEA Vice President Carol Cash and HHS English instructor Frannie McMillan have worked to create a web presence for HRSEA. Ms. McMillan designed the site and awaits final materials from the officers before the site will be ready to launch on November 1st. Information on upcoming meetings, legislative issues, and our governing documents are just a few of the materials that will be posted on the site. Links to VRTA, Hanover education/government

agencies and other organizations of interest to retired members, will be available, as well. With this step the HRSEA Executive Board will meet a major goal set for this biennium. Members with email access will be notified when the web site is ready for use. Our URL will be: **www.hrsea.org**.



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FIND YOUR LEGISLATIVE VOICE!

Have you contacted your state or local governmental representatives lately? Be on top of what they are doing now and voice your concerns about educational issues that will impact the children in our community...

STATE GOVERNMENT CONTACT INFORMATION can be obtained through <http://www.emailyourgovernor.com/>



HCPS SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER INFORMATION can be found at <http://www.co.hanover.va.us/board/AppointedCommittees/SchoolBoard.htm>; HANOVER SUPERVISORS, at <http://www.co.hanover.va.us/board/default.htm>

AS FEW AS FIVE CONSTITUENT CONTACTS WILL CAUSE A LEGISLATOR TO PAY SERIOUS ATTENTION TO A GIVEN ISSUE!

Fall 2013 Meeting and Luncheon Reservation Form

MEETING REGISTRATION

Complete the following information to register for the October 17th meeting of the HRSEA. You will be asked to sign in upon entering THCTT on the day of the meeting. A registraion table will be set up in the lobby for us. Name badges must be worn at all times when in the school.

MEMBER'S NAME: _____

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

Name(s) of Guest(s): _____

_____ I will park at St. Paul's and be transported to The Hanover Center for Trades and Technology.
(Check , if you plan on doing this.)

LUNCHEON RESERVATION

Complete this portion of the meeting registration form to reserve a lunch.

Return with a check payable to HRSEA by October 10th-a firm deadline.

MENU

**Italian Chicken Parmesan with Marinara Sauce
Garden Salad with Italian Dresssing**

Parmesan Breadsticks

Tiramasu

Coffee, Unsweetened Tea or Water

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

SEND this MEETING AND LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM BY OCTOBER 10th to:

Mary D. Waddy, HRSEA Treasurer/2155 Piping Tree Ferry Road/Mechanicsville, VA 23111.