



## **HENRICO RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL**

**MAY, 2003**

**President: Swift Williams**

**Newsletter: Elsie Pelfrey**

**MEETING - TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2003**

**Location: GLEN ALLEN CULTURAL ARTS CENTER**

**Time: 11:15 a.m.**

**Social Time: 11:45 a.m. Luncheon followed by the program**

**Speaker: PHILLIP BIGLER, Director, *The Madison Center* at James Madison University.  
1998 NATIONAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

**Topic: *TEACHERS: MAKING A DIFFERENCE ONE CHILD AT A TIME***

The cost of the luncheon is **\$13.00**. Reservations must be made in advance and should be received by **Thursday June 12, 2003** (see reservation form on page 5)

### ***A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:***

For the last five years, I have been privileged to serve you as President of the Henrico Retired School Personnel Association. We have grown and done well, but now it is time for new leadership.

We are fortunate to have a very talented person, **Dianne Hughs Shuler**, serving as Vice-President, who will assume this leadership after the **June 17** meeting. Dianne, a former HEA president, will bring new ideas and new insight to our organization. Already, she has demonstrated her capability by helping revise the the association's by-laws and in implementing a "contact program" to recruit new members. I know you will give Dianne the wonderful support that you have given me.

My job as president has been easy because of the dedicated and talented people who serve on the HRSP board and have been my support team. I would like to express my thanks to the following: **Elsie Pelfrey**, newsletter editor and historian; **Dale Waldrop**, treasurer; **Audrey Batchelder**, membership recorder; **Nelson Taylor**, legislative chair; **Nancy Harris**, VRTA representative; **A.P. Hall**, membership recruiter; **Gordon Sandridge**, parliamentarian; **Dr. Joseph Sellers**, chaplain; **Thomas Folly**, assistant chaplain; **JoAnn McCabe**, scholarship chairman; **Linda MacCleave**, webmaster; **Georgie Keene**, mailing chairman; **Margaret Sadler**, social chairman; **Barbara Porter** and **Marion Yobs**, remembrance chairmen; **Liz Browning**, membership advisor; **Bobbie Tracy**, Publicity

This year as in previous years, we have been saddened by the deaths of some of Henrico County's finest retired school personnel. Last week I attended the funeral of **John Kimbrough Jones**, a member of our organization and a retiree of the original Henrico Trade Center, now Virginia Randolph Community High School. John was the first brick masonry teacher at the school and taught there for 18 years. This Virginia State University graduate, who was a star athlete, became the second highest scorer in the nation for collegiate football in 1945. Not only did John Jones make a major contribution to athletics but to the many young people whose lives he touched. .

All of you have had a tremendous influence on young people during your careers. It is a wonderful legacy!

I look forward to seeing you at the **June 17th** meeting at the **Glen Allen Cultural Art Center**.

**SWIFT**

***"When a friend is in trouble, don't annoy him by asking if there is something you can do. Think up something appropriate and do it."*** Edgar Watson Howe

**HILLIARD HOUSE:** On Thursday May 1st, Hilliard House held a Playground Ribbon Cutting and Volunteer Luncheon--**Audrey Batchelder** and **Elsie Pelfrey** were invited to attend as representatives for HRSP. **JoAnn McCabe**, who serves on the board, was also present. They thanked us for our support and donations.

**NOTE:** *When you are shopping, please pick up an extra paper product and bring to the June luncheon, or refer to the Wish List given out in March. This is a project worthy of our support!*

**By-Laws Ratification:** The HRSP Association by-laws have been amended and will be ratified by vote of the members in attendance at the June meeting. It is not feasible to include a full copy of the by-laws in this newsletter, but copies will be available at the luncheon meeting. The By-Laws Committee is hopeful that you trust it to have made changes without full publication ahead of time. Changes basically involve reorganizing structure, "fine tuning" language, clarifying procedures, timelines and duties, defining Board of Directors and other officers and their duties, adding and defining new committees (Social, Mailing, Remembrance, Contact, Website, Scholarship, Nominating) and adding Standing Rules. The **old By-laws** included: Articles I. Name; II. Objectives; III. Members; IV. Officers; V. Meetings; VI. Executive Committee; VII. Committees; VIII. Parliamentary Authority; IX. Amendments. The **new By-Laws** include Articles I. Name and Purpose; II. Membership; III. Officers; IV. Board of Directors and Executive Committee; V. Meetings; VI. Committees; VII. Parliamentary Procedure; VIII. Amendments and Ratification; IX. Dissolution; and not as an article, Standing Rules.

***Dianne Shuler, Chairman***

**VRTA DELEGATE ASSEMBLY:** The VRTA Delegate Assembly was held at Blackstone on April 28 and 29, 2003. HRSP was represented by **Swift Williams, Dianne Shuler, Audrey Batchelder, Thomas Folly, Elsie Pelfrey, Nelson Taylor and Nancy Harris**. The keynote speaker for the event was **Dr. Stewart Roberson, Superintendent of Hanover County Public Schools**. A number of informative workshops were presented along with a Legislative session featuring **VRS Board Members**. The question of hiring a part-time Executive Secretary was brought before the delegates at the Tuesday meeting. The motion was tabled until October when a more complete job description will be presented.

***Henrico School Retirees - Class of 2003!***

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WILLIAM A. AMSTUTZ  
JUNE E. ANDERSON  
JAY M. ARENA  
MARILYN S. ARTZ  
YVONNE L. BAILEY  
WINONA L. BANKS  
ANNE M. BARNES  
NANCY H. BARRETT  
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CAROLYN C. BISCHOFF  
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FRANCES G. BROOKS  
MARION M. BROWN  
STEVE BURGESS  
PEGGY S. BURROUGHS  
MARTIN R. CLAGETT  
GARLAND M. CLARKE  
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DELBERT F. TOMES  
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EVELYN K. YOUNG  
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***We welcome you to HRSP***

***"In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity." Albert Einstein***

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:** The Scholarship Committee met on May 2, to select the recipient of the HRSP \$500 scholarship. There were 14 applicants, each of whom had outstanding applications. The student selected will receive the award at the high school awards ceremony and we hope to have him/her as a guest at the June luncheon. **Remember** that the fund is supported by \$1.00 from the yearly membership dues and from any contributions you might make in remembrance of a loved one or friend, or a birthday, etc. We would like to share one contribution since it is a tribute to you, the ones who have made such a difference to so many children. **Marion Yobs**, a charter member of HRSP, made a contribution to honor all the teachers who taught her children - Catherine Yobs Schini and Robert Yobs - and her three grandchildren who are in college. By the way, Catherine is a teacher at Pinchbeck Elem.

**UKROP'S GOLDEN GIFT PROGRAM:** Do you have **Ukrop's** gift points you don't know how to use? Well, **HRSP** is now registered to receive your **Golden Gift** receipts to apply to our **Scholarship Fund**. They must be submitted to Ukrop's by June 14, 2003 so if you would like to donate your **Golden Gift Certificate** points to HRSP, send them to **Dianne Hughs Shuler, HRSP V-P, 2207 Dartford Road, Richmond, VA 23229, by June 12 PLEASE!** This is late for our first year, so please submit them **ASAP**, but we will apply again next year at the beginning of the program. Thank you.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:** According to our By-Laws, the president and secretary are elected in the even numbered years and the treasurer and vice-president in the odd numbered years. However, with Swift resigning as president, the committee presents the following: **Dianne Shuler** will serve as president until June, 2004, completing Swift's term; **Rebecca Goshorn** will serve as secretary until June 2004, replacing **Linda MacCleave**, who will serve as webmaster. **Luvellen Spratley** has been nominated for vice-president to serve a two year term and **Dale Waldrop** has been nominated for treasurer. The report will be presented to the membership at the June luncheon. **Many thanks to Swift and Linda for their service to the organization.**

**Books, books, books:** You can hardly miss hearing about **Seabiscuit** by **Lauren Hillenbrand!** In addition to the best selling book, a special appeared on TV recently and a movie will be out soon. The author did an amazing amount of research to produce this story of a horse who made racing history in spite of being far from the ideal thoroughbred. You will learn everything there is to know about horses and racing.

If you are into biographies, you might want to read **Truman** by **David McCullough**. Fifty years after his presidency, history has come to recognize **Harry Truman** as a dynamic leader who dealt with some difficult decisions; the dropping of the atomic bomb on Japan, initiated the Marshall Plan, NATO, and the Berlin Airlift, ordered desegregation of the armed forces and sent troops to Korea. McCullough argues that history has validated most of Truman's actions.

**MEMBERSHIP:** As of **May 10**, we have **579 HRSP** members, **53 District C** Members and **106 VRTA** members (62 Life, 44 yearly.) If you have 03 on your newsletter label, your **HRSP** dues are up for renewal. A membership form is enclosed with this newsletter. The membership form also contains information about joining VRTA and District C.

**HRSP NEEDS YOU!** The success of any organization lies in having active members who share their talents with the group and take on leadership roles. As we begin planning for the 2003-04 membership year, the board will be looking for volunteers to serve on committees, work on special projects or events, recruit members, etc. If you want to become involved, contact **Dianne Hughs Shuler at 747-1966** or sign up at the June luncheon.

***"The glory of friendship is not the outstretched hand, nor the kindly smile, nor the joy of companionship; it is the spiritual inspiration that comes to one when he discovers that someone else believes in him and is willing to trust him"*** Ralph Waldo Emerson

**District C Meeting:** The District C Spring Meeting, hosted by the **King & Queen, King William, West Point RTA** was held on May 14th, at Third Union Baptist Church. 11 members of HRSP attended. We were entertained by **Amahl Hodge**, a talented nine year old violinist. **Alinda Uzel** from VPI Extension Services presented a program, "Who gets Grandma's Pie Plate?" The following officers were installed: **Elsie Pelfrey**,

President; **Louise Carlson**, Vice-President; **Annie Mae Cowardin**, Secretary; and **Howard Blackmon**, Treasurer. The Fall meeting will be held in **Charles City**.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: VRTA revised legislative agenda for 2003** - last spring the VRTA Legislative Committee adopted goals for the 2003 session of the General Assembly. Since that time, the financial situation of the Commonwealth has worsened to the point that these goals were reexamined and revised at our fall meeting. ... Legislative items requiring additional funding will be held in abeyance until the economy has sufficiently recovered to make their pursuit practical. Meanwhile our legislators will be kept aware that these needs are still pressing. During the perilous time ahead we believe our major legislative efforts would best be directed toward retaining the hard won gains of former years. **For more info contact Nelson Taylor 537-5722.**

**For Health's Sake:** **AARP** has two programs of interest for the 50+ generation. **Active for Life** includes a self-paced booklet for beginning a physical activity program. Lots of good easy to follow ideas. **Call toll-free 1-800-424-3410** for the materials. The **10K-a-Day Pedometer Program** stands for 10,000 steps per day and includes a pedometer and guidelines for boosting your walking activity. We hope to have a limited number of kits available at the June meeting. On a personal note, I have been swimming (on my doctor's advice!) at the **Easterling-Zacharias Health Institute** at 1311 Palmyra Ave. (old Sheltering Arms location). **Check it out.**

**REMEMBRANCE:** *Please call Barbara Porter at 288-8088 if someone is ill or has suffered a family loss.*

**INSURANCE:** For information about insurance offered through VRTA, contact **Bruce Adie at 276-0481.**

**FOR LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS:** *We "promise" you a delightful luncheon and program. Please fill out the form below and return it with your check (made payable to HRSP) by Thursday, June 12, 2003. Mail to Dale Waldrop, 1300 Hockett Road, Manakin-Sabot, VA 23103. (If you have questions, call Dale at 784-3221 or Swift at 353-1373)*

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### Luncheon Reservation

I plan to attend the Luncheon \_\_\_\_\_

I am bringing a guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Attached is a check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ (\$13.00 each)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ TEL # \_\_\_\_\_

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