



# CRSPA

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## Presidents' Message

Happy New Year and welcome to 2026!!! We hope the start of your year has been a good one, despite the crazy weather and temperatures. As we prepare this message for you, it is currently sleeting with a light snow mix. The thought of going out into this mess is growing less likely as the thought of hot chocolate, a movie and a warm blanket seem more likely, especially with the many closures connected to the storm. Will it only be the first big event of the winter? One can only speculate. However, the one thing we have all learned over the years is to never try to predict what Mother Nature has planned for us. Regardless of the plan, we hope you are staying warm and safe, as we continue to navigate through Winter 2026.

So, where were you on December 10th of last year? If you were at Christ Church in Port Republic, then you were enjoying the annual CRPSA holiday meeting and delicious lunch. We all had such a wonderful time and there were a ton of fun door prizes to be had, including some wonderful wine and holiday decorations. Attendance was great as friends had a nice time reconnecting before the start of the busy holiday. We had a festive holiday mini-concert, courtesy of the Huntingtown High School choirs and our 2025 Teacher of the Year, Mr. Bill Voshell was able to attend our meeting and confirm why we have so many outstanding teachers in our county. His words of wisdom and encouragement were great examples as to why he was chosen and serves our system so well. His dedication and stories warmed our hearts.

We are currently preparing for our next meeting, coming up very soon, on February 11th, with a snow back-up date on the 18th. We are so looking forward to seeing everyone on our first meeting of 2026 and catching up on all that has happened over the holidays. We hope you will be able to join us at Christ Church for this meeting and luncheon. It is always fun to get together and share a meal with each other so that friendships can be maintained, new friends can be welcomed and so that we can catch up on all the news regarding our association and the school system. Mrs. Betty Weller, President of MRSPA, and Mrs. Wanda Twigg, Executive Director of MRSPA, will be our guest speakers. They will be bringing news to share from the state organization.

As always, please continue to check your email and our Facebook page for information regarding our meetings and all that is going on with CRSPA. You will also be receiving information on reserving your lunch on the 11th. If you know a fellow retiree, who would like to join CRSPA, please consider bringing them along. Remember, the more the merrier. And lastly, if you enjoy our Newsletter, please let us know by commenting on our Facebook page. We appreciate knowing that you find the information informative and useful. Again, mark your calendars for the 11th. Please make a point of joining us.

Until then, stay safe, healthy and warm!  
Your Co-Presidents  
Barbara McKimmie and Bob Riccardo



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# CRSPA's Next Meeting

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## Fraud Prevention!

1. Clean your wallet.
2. Update contacts in your phone.
3. Add phone login protections.
4. Review your credit report.
5. Add two-factor authentication to your online accounts.
6. Refresh your Face book security.

**Date:** Wednesday, February 11, 2026 (Snow Date—Feb 18th)

**Place:** Christ Church Parish—Port Republic, MD

**Time:** 12pm Lunch; 1pm Meeting

**Program:** Betty Weller, MRSPA President and  
Wanda Twigg, MRSPA Executive Director

**Menu:** "A Soul Food Menu" Garden Salad, Steamed Cabbage  
Yams, Pork Ribs, Fried Chicken, Potato Salad, Corn Bread,  
Dessert, Beverages, and more.

**Cost:** \$20

**Reservations Required:** Call Loujeania Johnson at 410-586-1066 or email her at lsjohnson58@verizon.net by February 8th.

## Welcoming New Members

Teresa Grauer

Melinda Thayer

## Door Prize Winners!

Diana Roof  
Donna Stover  
Tricia Politte  
Donna Nichols  
Geeta Holden  
Jennifer Hudson

Gwen Brooks  
Misty Ellison  
Linda Rhodes  
Kathryn Coleman  
Dotty Greene  
Fran Armstrong

Bernadette Hager  
Jan Travers  
Janet Gross  
Marci Fleck  
Melinda Thayer

## Save These Dates

### 2025-2026 CRSPA Meeting Dates

#### Executive Meetings/Zoom

- February 4, 2026
- April 1, 2026

#### General Meetings

- February 11, 2026  
Snow Date-Feb 18th
- April 8, 2026



# Happy Birthday CRSPA Members



## March

Elizabeth Towle 5  
Jane Fletcher 6  
Marianne Frankhauser 7  
Linda Rhodes 7  
Mandy Blackmon 14  
Clarice Johnson 14  
Pamelia Moore 14  
Julie Roehm 14  
Andrea Daniels 16  
Kathy Simone 16  
Lori Idol 17  
Donna Nichols 17  
Ken Horsmon 21  
Arlene Thornton 23  
Barbara McKimmie 24  
Chris Banks 26  
Catherine Howanstine 26  
Martha Maratta 26  
Lula Parran 31

## April

Gail Oaks 3  
Marci Fleck 4  
Mary Friedman 7  
Jennifer Hudson 9  
Pamela Wilson 9  
Mary Ellen McGowan 11  
Mary Bannerman 13  
Nicola Williams 14  
Pat Majors 15  
Debbie Harris 20  
Wendell Brady 23  
Lisa Tettimer 25  
Edith Nutter 28  
Jeniene Wishart 30

## May

Ray Enrico 1  
Linda Mooney 2  
Peggy Demedis 4  
Diana Roof 4  
Marsha Gray 6  
Kandia Spain 15  
Cheryl Ragusa 16  
Sherry Burcham 18  
Elizabeth Navarro 19  
Barbara Brown 21  
John Keosseian 23  
Leonard Elter 25  
Mary Thulin 28  
Dorothy Campbell 31  
Janet Cook 31

### Treasurer's Report

January 2026

Balance: \$12,284.95

*Coming Soon!*



*and*

**Community Outreach April Project**



# Do You Know What You Need To Know...

## About your MRSPA TRAVEL BENEFITS AND OPPORTUNITIES?

By Jan Travers

Many members are like me and really don't take advantage of the benefits of membership, which offer easy ways to travel safely and affordably!

I recently discovered FASTPARK, which really takes the hassle of parking and getting to your gate! Member Fran Armstrong has used it and says she loves it.

*"I love Fast Park! As soon as you pull in they show you where to park, and they pick you up right by your car. They drive you to your airline, and give you a ticket for your return trip. They make the rounds on a regular basis so you never have to wait for them to come and pick you up. You get delivered right back to your car. It's terrific!"*

As a benefit discount in Maryland, it's offered at BWI (Not DCA or IAD, as far as I know).

Here's the FASTPARK information: <https://www.mrspa.org/fastpark>

So, why would you use that benefit? Because you like to travel! And MRSPA has an OUTSTANDING line up of trips offered in 2026! London, the UK, Canadian Rockies, Iceland, New England and Canada Fall, Albuquerque, Hawaii!

Here's the MRSPA TRIP information: [www.mrspa.org/trips-2026](http://www.mrspa.org/trips-2026)

Put those two benefits together and a great escape awaits!

## Texting FOR Seniors

**BFF** - best friend fell  
**BTW** - bring the wheelchair  
**TTYL** - talk to you louder  
**BYOT** - bring your own teeth  
**LMDO** - laughing my dentures out  
**FWIW** - forgot where I was  
**IMHAO** - is my hearing aid on?  
**OMMR** - on my massage recliner  
**ROFLACGU** - rolling on the floor laughing and can't get up

Here's a lighthearted collection of **Valentine's Day jokes for seniors** — gentle, clean, and perfect for sharing over coffee, tea, or a sweet treat. ☺

1. Why do retirees make the best Valentines?

Because they've got all the time in the world for love.

2. What did the senior couple say when asked about their secret to a long marriage?

"We take turns being hard of hearing."

3. Why did the old man put his Valentine's card in the freezer?

He wanted to give his sweetheart *cold, hard proof* of his love.

4. What's a senior's favorite Valentine's Day dance?

The *Slow and Steady Shuffle*.

5. Why did the elderly woman bring a ladder to Valentine's dinner?

Because she heard love was "in the air."

6. What do you call two senior sweethearts holding hands?

A *joint account*.





## Good times at our December Meeting.....



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And more.....



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## It's *MRSPA Foundation* Raffle Time!

The MRSPA Community Service and Scholarship Committees provide tremendous support to students and staff in our schools across Maryland. Therefore, we are seeking **donations** to the *MRSPA Foundation* so that we can continue our work. Again this year, raffle tickets will be purchased solely through the MRSPA newsletter and through local association newsletters using the form below. All donations are tax deductible and come with our thanks and appreciation!

Your name will be entered into a drawing upon receipt of your donation based on this criterion: Donations of \$10 will earn 1 raffle ticket while donations of \$25 will earn 3 raffle tickets incrementally. MRSPA staff will write your name on the correct number of tickets and send your ticket stubs to you in the US Mail when we receive your check. The drawing will take place at the May 2026 Annual Business Meeting, whether held in person or virtually. You can win the \$300 cash first prize, a Maryland-themed basket valued at \$175 second prize, or one of 5 third place themed baskets valued at \$125: Cooking, Game Night, Wine Lover, Book Worm, and Sports Lover. Out-of-state winners will receive gift cards in lieu of basket contents.



**Entering the drawing is fun and easy!**

1. Make your **check payable** to **MRSPA Foundation**.
2. Write **MRSPA Foundation Raffle** on the FOR line.
3. Date and **sign** your check.
4. **Mail** check and completed form to MRSPA at 8379 Piney Orchard Parkway, Suite A, Odenton, MD 21113 **before March 20, 2026**.

**Will you send a donation today?**



### **MRSPA Foundation**

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_




**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_



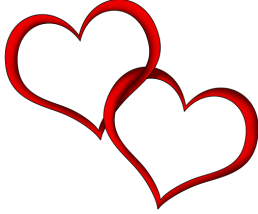
Want to surprise a CCPS teacher with a classroom refresh? 

Nominate a teacher now through Feb. 2 for a chance to win a \$500 classroom refresh!

Each nomination is \$5 and can be purchased online.  
Click [HERE](#).

On Feb. 13, three teachers - one from each school level - will be surprised!   

Many thanks to our Classroom Refresh sponsor, **Educational Systems Federal Credit Union**, for making this possible!



*Spread the Love  
Classroom Refresh* 

**CALVERT COUNTY SCHOOL FOUNDATION  
INVITES YOU**

To nominate a CCPS teacher for  
a classroom refresh!  
Each nomination is \$5.00 and can be purchased  
using the QR code below.  
**January 5 - February 2**

On February 13, three teachers will be surprised  
with a classroom refresh valued at **\$500**. One  
winner from each level - elementary, middle, and  
high - will be drawn at random.

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