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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 CRSPA 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 MRSWA, and Mrs. Wanda Twigg, Executive Director of MRSWA, 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



CRSPA's Next Meeting

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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	Gwen Brooks	Bernadette Hager
Donna Stover	Misty Ellison	Jan Travers
Tricia Politte	Linda Rhodes	Janet Gross
Donna Nichols	Kathryn Coleman	Marci Fleck
Geeta Holden	Dotty Greene	Melinda Thayer
Jennifer Hudson	Fran Armstrong	

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



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

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: _____

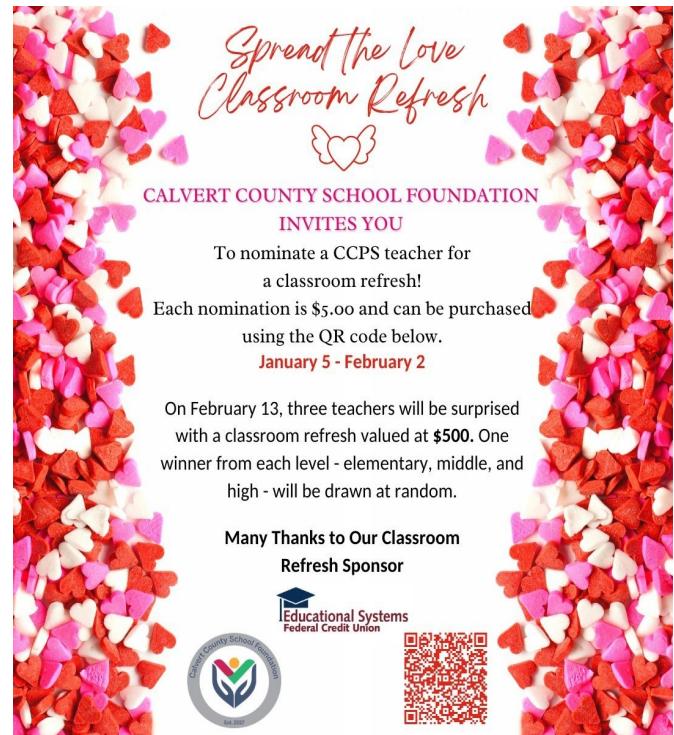
Want to surprise a CCPS teacher with a classroom refresh? ❤️

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!



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