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President's Message

Hello everyone,

As we reach the end of this year, let us take a moment to exhale and express our gratitude. We are grateful for our treasured friends and loved ones. I would be remiss not to acknowledge that 2021 has been a year filled with uncertainties. COVID-19 had a major impact on all of us. We were forced to adjust in the wake of almost everything we saw as normal and traditional as we attempted to prevent the spread of the virus.

I encourage each of you to take the holidays as a time to safely relax with family and friends, celebrate your resilience and courage to navigate this year with grace and fortitude, and reflect on ways in which we can make 2022 even better. Remember to continue taking the proper precautions to protect yourselves, your family, and friends.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you hopefully this spring for our in person General Meeting. I am wishing you peace, joy, and good health.

Happy holidays!

Gratefully,

Vicky Karol, CASA President



The CRSPA Newsletter is published in September, November, January, and March. Copies are emailed and mailed and can also be found on our website.



In Memoriam



Russell H. Costley
May 23, 1940 — October 14, 2021

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of our friend, Russell H. Costley. Russell died peacefully on Thursday evening, October 14th. Russell has been an active member of CRSPA, regularly attending luncheons before Covid. He was a Social Studies teacher and Counselor at Calvert High School. Russell was so instrumental in his support of the Calvert Library that the street leading to it is named after him — first AND last names! Russell will be missed.

Donations may be made in Russell's name to Christ Church, 3100 Boomes Island Road, Port Republic, Maryland 20676 or to White Rock IME Church, 6300 White

Teachers affect eternity; no one can tell where their influence stops.
Henry Brooks Adams

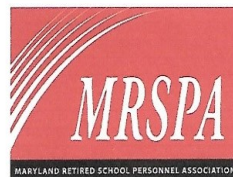
New Membership Cards are coming!

In the Fall 2021 *MRSPA News*, we informed members of the new plastic membership cards that should be delivered to you in the US Mail beginning in mid-November. Please, **do not throw it away thinking it is junk mail**, as we cannot send duplicate cards for multiple people. **The envelope containing your new card will have MRSPA's logo in red, black, and white and our mailing address as the return address, as seen below.** Please be on the lookout for this important envelope!

These new cards are permanent and can be kept in your purse or wallet for several years. If you haven't renewed your MRSPA membership for 2021-2022 by November 1, 2021, you will not receive a new card in this November distribution. Anyone who renews after November 1 will receive the new plastic card in the next distribution in the spring. Plastic cards will be distributed quarterly to new or later renewing members. New members will receive a paper card to use until you receive your plastic card.

Given all the delays with the US Postal Service, and the crush of holiday mail they will be processing, please be patient as you look for your new card in the mail. IF you renewed your membership before November 1 and you have not received your new card by January 15, 2022, please contact us at mrspa@mrspa.org.

Enjoy your new card!



New Member Recruitment Incentive!

Earn a \$10 gift card for each **NEW MEMBER** you sign up as a **DUES DEDUCTION** member.



This allows automatic renewal, so no membership interruption while

saving trees , time , and postage  !

Write your name on the membership application, as recruiter.
Return the completed application to:

MRSPA
8379 Piney Orchard Parkway, Suite A
Odenton, MD 21113

Questions: Email MRSPA at mrspa@mrspa.org or call MRSPA at 410-551-1517



Connecting, Protecting, Making a Difference



CRSPA's Next Meeting

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Safety Tips

Using good antivirus software is the easiest way to stay safe online. Checkout the top 10 antivirus programs on the market for 2021.

Safety Detectives



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Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021

Place: Zoom

Time: 11am—1pm Meeting

Program: Christmas Entertainment and Activities

Cost: Free

Please look for an upcoming email on December 4th with a link to our Zoom meeting.



Save These Dates

2021-2022 CRSPA Meeting Dates

- | Executive Mtgs. | General Meetings |
|-----------------|------------------|
| • December 1st | • December 8th |
| • February 2nd | • Zoom |
| • March 30th | • February 9th |
| | • April 6th |



Welcoming New Members!

Leslie Baczynski
Justine Novy
JoAnn Hill

Margaret Demedis
Anne Weems
Barbara Smith-White

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MRSPA Fund Donations

The MRSPA Community Service and Scholarship Committees provide tremendous support to students and staff in schools across Maryland. In the past, funds for these scholarships and mini-grants were partially obtained through in-person sale of raffle tickets statewide. Last year, we sold raffle tickets via this newsletter and via local newsletters with great success. This year we are again seeking **donations** to the *MRSPA Fund* to continue our work. All donations are tax deductible and come with our thanks and appreciation!

To show our appreciation, your name will be entered into a drawing upon receipt of your donation. Donations of \$10 will earn 1 raffle ticket, and donations of \$25 will earn 3 raffle tickets incrementally. MRSPA staff will write your name on the correct number of tickets when we receive your check. The drawing will take place at the May 2022 Annual Business Meeting, whether held in person or virtually. You can win the \$300 cash first prize, a Maryland themed basket valued at \$150 second prize, or one of 5 third place themed baskets valued at \$75: Cooking, Spa, Wine Lover, Movie Night, and Sports Lover. Out-of-state basket winners will receive gift cards in lieu of basket contents.

Entering the drawing is fun and easy!

1. Make your check payable to "The Community Foundation of Frederick County"
2. Write **MRSPA Fund Donation** on the FOR line
3. Date and sign your check
4. Mail check and completed form to:

MRSPA
8379 Piney Orchard Parkway, Suite A,
Odenton, MD 21113

Due by March 22, 2022

Please, include the form below with your donation.

Receipts will be sent via email or US Mail.



MRSPA Fund Donation

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____



Explanation of Benefits

Understand your care and costs

To All CCPS/CareFirst Members:

Mail you get from your health insurance provider shouldn't be confusing. That's the feedback CareFirst received on its Explanation of Benefits (EOB). They listened. And they made it better.

Following your next visit to a healthcare provider, you'll receive the newly redesigned EOB. You'll find it's much simpler and easier to understand than before. Whenever you receive care, the new EOB will show you exactly how much you owe and what you saved as a CareFirst member.

[Take a look at the webpage CareFirst has designed with an example of the new EOB.](#) If you have any questions, let us know and we will direct them to our CareFirst representative.

Thank you
M. Bridget Scott, Benefits Specialist

This and That!

Help Needed

CRSPA is in need of a Recording Secretary

- ⇒ Shall serve as a member of the Executive Board and Executive Committee
- ⇒ Shall take the minutes and maintain a full record of all business transacted at regular and special meetings of the General Membership, Executive Board and Executive Committee

CRSPA is in need of a Legislature Rep or CoReps

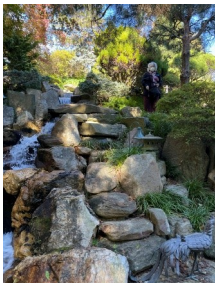
- ⇒ This committee shall keep abreast of the information concerning the general welfare of retired school personnel and make information available to members.

Treasurer's Report October 2021

Balance: \$7,726.52

- ◇ Want to receive your newsletter electronically?
Contact Debbie at debbiejhance@gmail.com.
She will add you to our **Go Green List!**

CRSPA's Day at the Hillwood Estate, Museum & Gardens!



Happy Birthday CRSPA Members

December

Sandra Burton 2
Annetta Spruill 2
Charlotte Clark 15
Tricia Politte 16
Debbie Hance 22
Amy Gibson 28

January

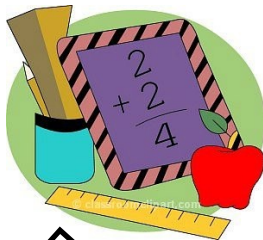
Victoria Frierson 1
Bridget Kluwin 1
Kay Weber 5
Gail Black 6
Bruce Armstrong 10
Arthur Fournier 10
Jackie Gray 13
Linda Sinagra-Smith 13
Phillip Bikle 19
Mary Connell 21
Jan Hill 21
Pam Mackall 22
Guffrie Smith 25
Debbie Wilson 25
Christine Coffren 26

February

Carol Gross 1
Sharon Damalouji 6
Kathleen Gardner 8
Susan Shifflett 10
Cynthia Hayward 12
Anna Laughlin 12
Daisy Hardenstine 13
Misty Ellison 15
Eugene Uhlan 16
Cathy Lucas 19
Bob Riccardo 20
Peggy Vogel 22
Suzanne Zimmerman 22
Claire Hayward 28



CRSPA: Community Outreach Fall Project



School Supplies CRSPA will again collect school supplies and money donations this year to give to CCPS Student Services at our **February 9th** General Meeting. So many school items are on sale at this time, making it a good time to buy paper, pencils, pens, markers, glue sticks, crayons, etc. Cash donations are also welcomed. All items are greatly appreciated and will be distributed by Student Services.

Collection will be at our February 9th General Meeting.



The Maryland legislature passed policing reform bills. Included are overhauling the disciplinary process for officers accused of misconduct, penalties for officers using excessive force, and body cameras for all officers by 2025. These laws will be reviewed and refined in the 2022 session. The resulting legislation will be implemented then.

Blueprint for Maryland's Future (formally Kirwan legislation) passed. It is intended to improve salaries for public school teachers, improve both college and career educational programs, and help underperforming schools. Legislators passed a digital download tax which is expected to generate revenue to help support the Blueprint legislation.

What Do Our Local Politicians Have to Say?
Delegate Mark Fisher (Cal. Co. Repub.)

"We simply can't afford the 'Blueprint' legislation. It will result in the largest tax increase in the state's history. It's unsustainable."

Delegate Jerry Clark (Cal. Co./St. Mary's Repub.)

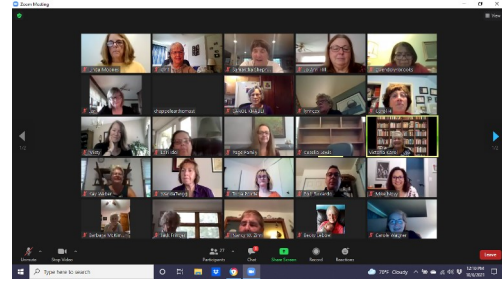
Clark stated he didn't support any of the police reform bills. "It's a very technical issue," he said. "If we don't have law and order we don't have anything."

Senator Jack Bailey (Cal. Co./St. Mary's Repub.)

"I believe in open and transparent policing," said Bailey. "This [police reform bill package] was simply a soundbite for social media." (Bailey is a retired, 30-year, law enforcement officer.) In regard to Blueprint, Bailey commented, "It taxes every one of us and has no accountability as far as what goes on in the classroom."

Submitted by Ray Enrico, Legislative Chair

Good times at our October Meeting.....



Wanda Twigg
MRSPA Executive Director



Traci Chappelear-Thomas
CCPS Department of Human Resources



Vicky Karol
CRSPA President



Brenda Barnes
MRSPA Southern Area Director

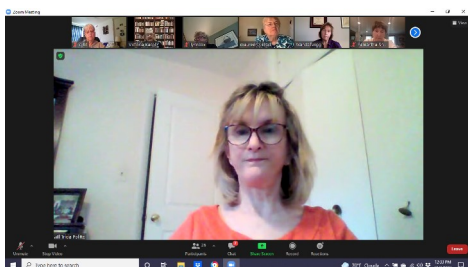
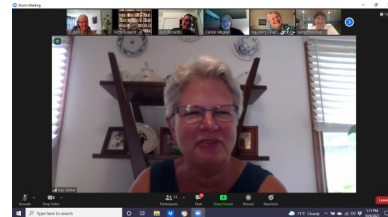
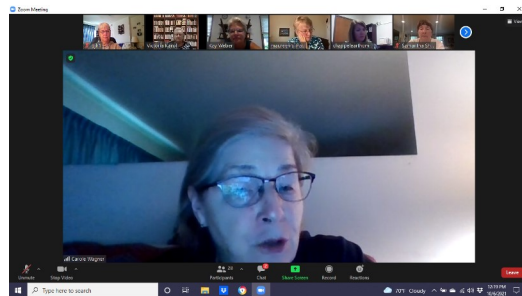
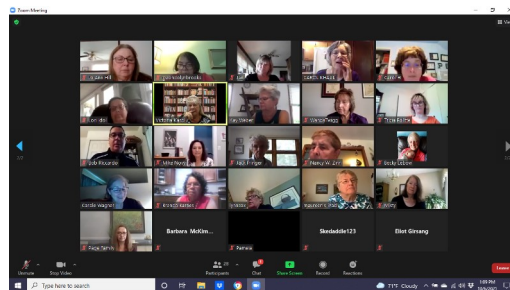
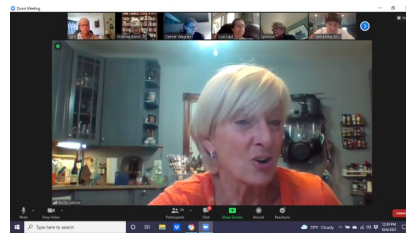


Linda Mooney
CRSPA Vice President



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And More Fun



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