

CRSPA



Hello everyone,

The meaning of Thanksgiving usually includes feasting, a four day weekend, football games, floats, and shopping. The “first Thanksgiving,” however, was neither a feast nor a holiday, but a simple gathering. Following the *Mayflower’s* arrival at Plymouth Rock on December 11, 1620, the Pilgrims suffered the loss of 46 of their original 102 colonists. With the help of Indians, the remaining Pilgrims survived a harsh winter, and produced a large harvest in 1621. In celebration, a traditional English harvest festival brought the Pilgrims and natives to unite in a “thanksgiving” event. The Thanksgiving season always has us thinking about the many things in our lives we are grateful for, and finding new ways to express our love and gratitude.

This year, we are incredibly grateful for our family and loved ones. During Covid-19 this year, we have developed a greater appreciation for health care workers, teachers, building and maintenance workers, retail employees, the police, and numerous other professionals. We have changed the way we work, shop, and communicate with our friends and family.

We are so grateful for “you”, your lifelong accomplishments, and the lasting friendships that have been created and continue to grow through the years. We share a unique bond that transcends time.

The poem below titled “You Make a Difference” by Joanna Fuchs highlights the impact that you have made in thousands of lives.

You've Made a Difference

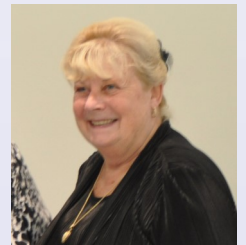
As Thanksgiving Day approaches,
Our blessings we recall;
The things we are most thankful for,
We recollect them all.
You are really special,
In all you say and do.
You've made a difference in our lives;
We're thankful now for you.

By Joanna Fuchs

In closing, the Calvert Retired School Personnel Association (CRSPA) Executive Board members wish you a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

Best wishes,

Vicky Karol
CRSPA President



Save These Dates

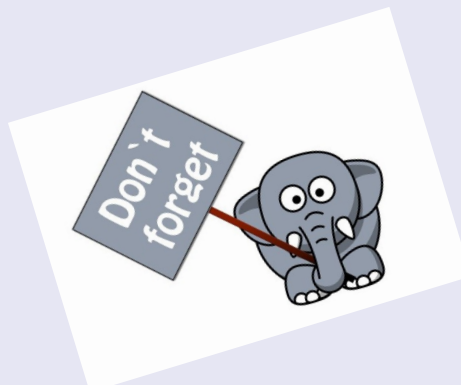
2020-2021 CRSPA Meeting Dates

Executive Mtgs/Zoom

- December 2, 2020
- March 3, 2021
- May 5, 2021

General Meetings/Zoom

- December 9, 2020 @ 11am
- March 10, 2021
- May TBD



Inside this issue

Board Members.....	2
Website/FaceBook.....	2
MRSPA Scholarship Raffle.....	3
Birthdays.....	4
Community Outreach.....	4
CRSPA Bylaws.....	5
October Pictures.....	6

CRSPA's Next Meeting

CRSPA Executive Board

2020-2021

President

Dr. Vicky Karol

Vice President

Linda Mooney

Immediate Past President

Anna Laughlin

Recording Secretary

Jan Travers

Corresponding Secretary

Fran Armstrong

Treasurer

Merry Ellen McGown

Newsletter

Debbie Hance

debbiehance@gmail.com

Safety Tips

Banks offer a service in which they will email, text, or call whenever your debit/credit card is used. You'll know immediately if someone who shouldn't be tapping your account is doing so.

You can set up the alerts by going to your bank's website or visit a branch to set it up.



Date: Wednesday, December 9, 2020

Place: Zoom

Time: 11am - 1pm Meeting

Cost: Free

Please look for an email from CRSPA with directions and a link to Zoom and our meeting. This email will be coming the first week of December.

VISIT

www.crspa.org

For the latest newsletter, meetings, legislative updates, photos, and more.



Like and Follow us on Facebook.

facebook.com/calvertretiredschoolpersonnel



New Members Needed!

Do you know someone who is retired but has not yet joined CRSPA? Please invite them to join us at one of our upcoming Zoom meetings, share our newsletter with them, ask them to check out our website and Facebook page, or give them one of our CRSPA cards. The more the merrier!

Help Us Go Green

Are you receiving our newsletter electronically? Then you know some of the benefits:

- * Savings on postage and paper for CRSPA
- * Beautiful color pages and pictures
- * More timely delivery
- * Less paper to recycle

If you would like to receive the CRSPA Newsletters electronically let Debbie Hance or Nancy Zinn know.

Honoring our Emeritus Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Membership Date</u>
Alice Sewell	Prior to 1970
Jane Fletcher	1981
Vivian Jones	1981
Grace Cook	1988

MRSPA Fund Request for Donations – Raffle Drawing

The MRSPA Community Service and Scholarship Committees provide tremendous support to students and staff in our schools across Maryland. In the past, funds for these scholarships and mini-grants were partially obtained through in-person sale of raffle tickets statewide. This year, that option is not available to us due to the pandemic. Therefore, we are seeking **donations** to the *MRSPA Fund* so that we can 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 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 when we receive your check. The drawing will take place at the May 2021 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.

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 at 8379 Piney Orchard Parkway, Suite A, Odenton, MD 21113 **before February 28, 2021**

Will you send a donation today? Receipts will be sent via email or US Mail.

Please include the form below with your donation.



MRSPA Fund Donation

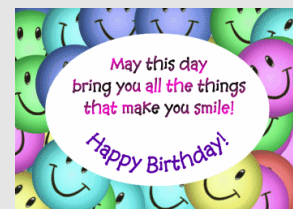
Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address for Receipt: _____

Happy Birthday CRSPA Members



December

Sandra Burton 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
Jackie Gray 13
Linda Sinagra-Smith 13
Philip Bikle 19
Mary Connell 21
Jan Hill 21
Pam Mackall 22
Guffrie Smith 25
Debbie Wilson 25

February

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

CRSPA Community Outreach Fall Project Calvert Churches Community Food Pantry, Inc.

Contributors	Total \$ Donated	# Of Items Donated
19	\$2245.00	105

Members also made monetary and item donations to:

SMILE	24+ items/\$1000+
Heartfelt	13 items
Marlboro Churches Food Bank	\$500



Jan and Debbie present Pantry Director, Mike Stump, with the check from CRSPA.

Thank you to everybody for supporting our first Fall Project!

CRSPA Community Outreach Spring Project

CRSPA will again collect school supplies and money donations in 2021 to give to CCPS Student Services. Stay tuned for upcoming details.

CRSPA Bylaws

Since this past summer, the following members; Anita Shepherd, Bylaws Chairperson, Vicky Karol, Linda Mooney, Jan Travers, Ray Enrico, Maureen Sengstack, Barbara McKimmie, Lynn Cox, and Debbie Hance, have been working on a draft version of the new 2020 CRSPA bylaws. The last time the bylaws were revised was in 1996. And as you know, many things have changed since then. Please review them, and we can address any questions at our next Zoom General Meeting. If you are unable to view them online and would like a paper copy, please let Debbie know and a paper copy will be mailed to you.



Click on the documents' folder to see the CRSPA Bylaws Draft.



\$\$\$\$\$\$

Thank you Merry Ellen McGown
for accepting the CRSPA Treasurer
position!

December Deals

Electronics: Those Black Friday electronics deals from late November will spill over into the new month.

Toys: Toys are a popular holiday gift, and stores generally host big toy sales as the holiday season draws to a close.

Holiday decorations: Beginning the day after Christmas, shop sales for deep discounts—often upward of 50% - on decorations, wrapping paper, ornaments, artificial trees and similar seasonal fixings.

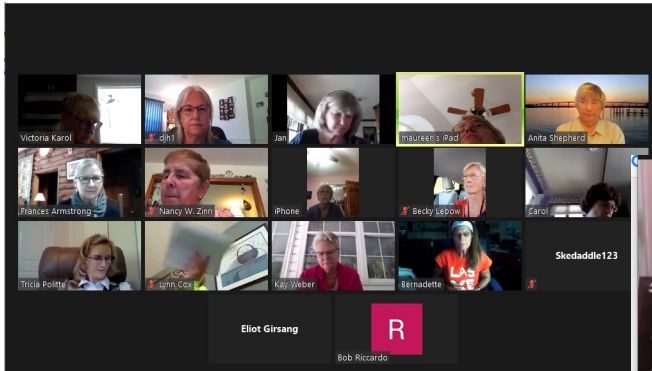
Freebie Day: National Cookie Day is December 4th



And, if you can help others in need, "Giving Tuesday" is December 1st. You can donate to the Maryland Food Bank at:

<https://mdfoodbank.org/donate/>

Thankful at our October Zoom Meeting for.....



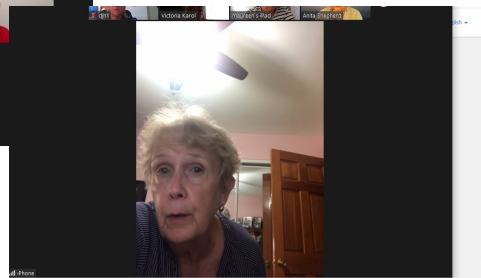
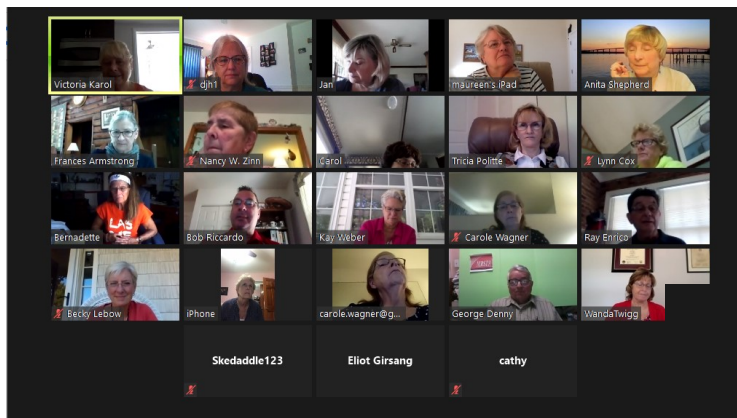
**MRSPA President
George Denny**



**CRSPA President
Dr. Vicky Karol**

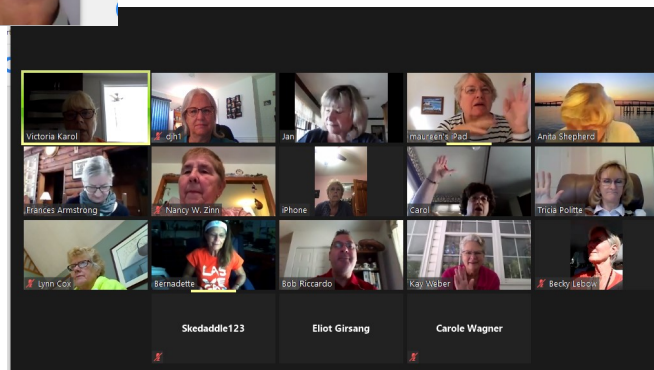
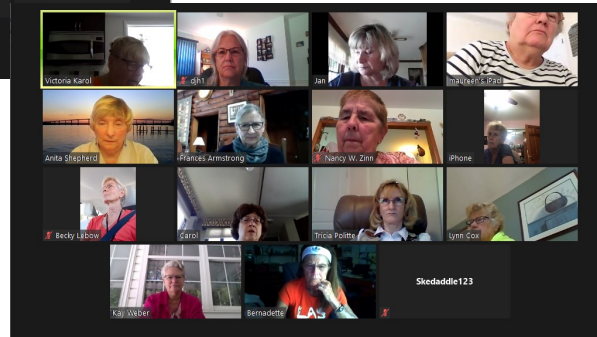
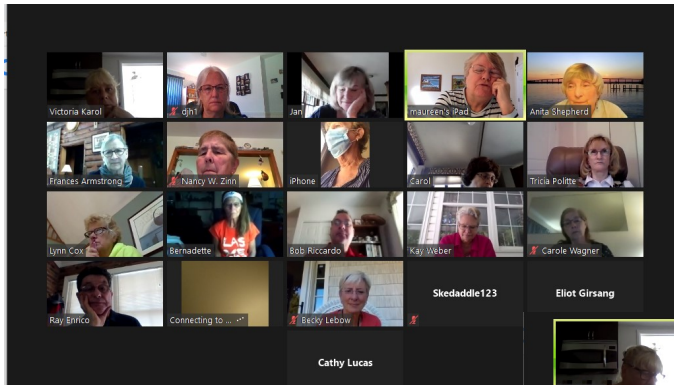


**MRSPA Executive Director
Wanda Twigg**



CRSPA's next meeting is Wednesday, December 9th.
See you on Zoom!

And More.....



CRSPA's next meeting is Wednesday, December 9th.
See you on Zoom!

