

# CRSPA



## President's Message

Happy 2019 to Everyone! I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and making plans for fun times in this New Year. Our weather temps have been up and down with some very cold days followed by warm days. It seems we had not too many bad snow events which was nice. I only had to pull out the snow shovel two time so far. Hoping the groundhog was right this year and we'll have an early Spring.

Thank you to all who were able to attend our Holiday Celebration at the December 12th meeting. We had a wonderful time listening to the Plum Point Middle School Chorus under the direction of Lori Pellock. Their enthusiasm and lovely voices filled us with joy and happiness as we prepared for the holiday season.

Our December meeting also allowed us to honor Calvert County's 2018 Teacher of the Year, Dr. Melaney Sanchez, and 2018 Support Person of the Year, Dean Jones. Dr. Sanchez and Dean Jones shared with us their experiences and philosophy for helping their students have a positive learning experience and be successful in their school life. Dean Jones, being PHS's Safety Advocate, shared and answered questions about current steps being taken by CCPS to keep students safe. This was our eighth year of collecting school supplies and money to give to Student Services. Donations and a check was given to them following the meeting. It's nice to know that our efforts help make a difference for children in our learning community.

It is very important that a new slate of officers be found for the 2019-2020 CRSPA year. This is my last year as your President. Your leadership team can come from a president and vice president or two members serving as co-presidents. I know that there are individuals in our membership that can continue to keep us moving forward and keep us updated on our retirement interests and needs.

Looking ahead, your Executive Board will be meeting on March 6th at the Harriet Elizabeth Brown Community Center to work on plans for our final two meeting for this school year. Please don't forget to call Loujeania Johnson to reserve a delicious luncheon by March 11th for the meeting on March 13th. Her number is 410-586-1066.

Looking forward to getting together in March,

Barbara M. McKimmie



## Save These Dates

### 2018-2019 CRSPA Meeting Dates

#### Executive Mtgs/Harriett Brown Center

- March 6, 2019
- May 1, 2019

#### General Meetings/Christ Church

- March 13, 2019
- May 15, 2019



Lunch begins at 12pm with the program and business meeting beginning at 1pm. If you plan on having lunch please call **Loujeania Johnson at 410-586-1066 by March 11th to reserve a meal.**

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## In Memory



Gloria B. Johnson, daughter of the late Robert W. Barclay and Pearl Jones departed this life July 16, 2018 at Calco's Assisted Living Home in Quantico, MD. Gloria was born on December 8, 1930.

Gloria was educated in the Public Schools of Wicomico County and was also a proud graduate of Bowie State College where she was an active member of the alumni association. She taught school in both Wicomico and Calvert Counties and retired after 32 dedicated years of service. Through out her career she was a strong advocate for youth to seek higher education at the college level.

Gloria was an active member of her church in Baltimore, MD. After teaching Sunday School for many years, she also became a Bible Scholar. Gloria was a friend to everyone and took every child as her own. She was always willing to lend a helping hand.

Gloria will be sadly missed by both family and friends. She will be fondly remembered for her kindness, generosity and especially her words of wisdom.

*A teacher takes a hand, opens a mind and touches a heart.*

### School Supplies Raffle

#### Winners

Dotty Green

Barbara McKimmie



### Door Prizes

#### Winners

Shirley Long

Charlotte Clark

Ellie Girsang

Nancy Zinn



### CRSPA Executive Board

2018-2019

#### **President**

Barbara McKimmie

#### **Vice President**

Irving Long

#### **Immediate Past President**

Kathryn Coleman

#### **Recording Secretary**

Jan Travers

#### **Corresponding Secretary**

Fran Armstrong

#### **Treasurer**

Lorraine Shamberger

#### **Newsletter**

Debbie Hance

### **Safety Tips**

Defend Against Hacking

Sign up for bank account alerts and automatic email updates on transactions and transfers.



## **2019 Medicare Numbers**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has set the Part A deductible—for hospital care—at \$1,364 for 2019. The inpatient hospital coinsurance amount for 2019 is \$341 per day (days 61-90), and if you use lifetime reserve days, the cost is \$682 per day.

The Part B deductible—for doctor and lab costs—is \$185 for 2019.

You can find these numbers posted all year long at **BeginAt50.com** under “Plan Information.” Use code “MSTRIVE” for access.



**STAYINGSHARP.AARP.ORG**  
Staying Sharp has brain games, puzzles and more, designed to help improve brain health and memory. Free for AARP members.

## **School Supplies**



Barbara delivers a check and our donated supplies to Kim Roof in Student Services after our December meeting.





# Happy Birthday CRSPA Members

## March

Vivian Jones 5  
Elizabeth Towle 5  
Jane Fletcher 6  
Clarice Johnson 14  
Pamelia Moore 14  
Alice Sewell 16  
Kathy Simone 16  
Lori Idol 17  
Donna Nichols 17  
Ken Horsmon 21  
Phyllis Johnson 23  
Arlene Thornton 23  
Barbara McKimmie 24  
Catherine Howanstine 26  
Lula Parran 31

## April

Mary Friedman 7  
Mary Bannerman 13  
Pat Major 15  
Wendell Brady 23  
Lisa Tettimer 25  
Jeniene Wishart 30

## May

Ray Enrico 1  
Marsha Gray 6  
Connie McSpadden 7  
Winnie Herberie 10  
Kandia Spain 15  
Sherry Burcham 18  
Barbara Brown 21  
Russell Costley 23  
Leonard Elter 25  
Dorothy Campbell 31



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Making a Difference*

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In order to sign up and gain access to the Members Only pages and the Member Benefits Section, you will need an email address.

First time users: When the first window opens, click on the "Don't have an account? Sign Up" link below the red GO button. In the Sign Up screen, enter your email. Create a password. Enter the password again. Click the red GO button. Save your password for later!

Once you have been approved, you will receive a confirmation email. Return to the website, and click Login/Sign up.

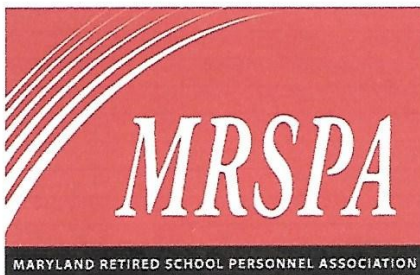


## THE KEY TO STOPPING AUTO THEFT? SECURING YOUR FOB

**THAT AMAZING** keyless fob that lets you unlock your car and start it with a push of a button can also pose a risk. Crooks can find the signal it constantly sends and relay it from your home and through an amplifying device to open and operate your car.

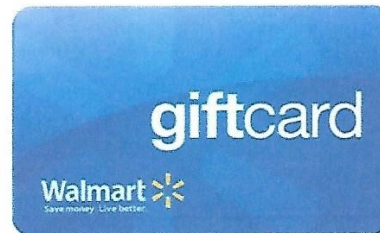
To protect your vehicle, store your fob in a signal-blocking container: a steel box; a commercially sold Faraday bag, which blocks radio frequency signals; or even the fridge. Another option: When your fob is not in use, wrap it in aluminum foil.

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## 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](mailto:mrspa@mrspa.org) or call MRSPA at 410-551-1517



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



**Teacher of the Year**  
**Dr. Melaney Sanchez,**  
**Media Specialist, MHES**



**Educational Support Person**  
**of the Year**  
**Mr. Dean Jones,**  
**Safety Advocate, PHS**



CRSPA's next meeting is Wednesday, March 13th.  
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And More.....



Lori Pellock, Choral Director, PPMS



MD State Legislative Info

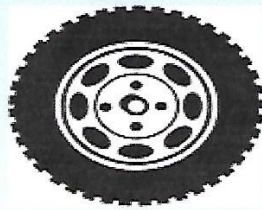


Toby's Dinner Theater Info



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## Stay Safe on The Road

Routine tire checks improve safety and help boost fuel economy. Perform these checks monthly and before you embark on a long-distance trip.

### Check the Tire Pressure

Tires lose air over time. They need to be checked monthly and filled every so often, especially when temperatures drop in winter months. Underinflated tires flex more than properly inflated ones. That builds up heat, which can lead to failure. Under-inflated tires are less fuel-efficient and can wear out faster.

### Scan the Tire Sidewalls

Look for cracks caused by age and exposure to the elements. Encounters with curbs, potholes, and other unfriendly objects in the road can lead to cuts and bulges in tires. Replace tires that show any signs of trouble and you'll head off problems before they occur.

### Check the Tire's Age

The date code tells you when the tire was manufactured. Look for "DOT" followed by several digits near the wheel. The last four numbers identify when the tire was made. For example "0308" indicates that the tire was manufactured in the third week of 2008. Consult your owner's manual for when to replace it. Some vehicle manufacturers recommend replacing the tire after six years. Without a limit, recommendations are to remove it at 10 years, including the spare, regardless of condition.

### Measure Tread Depth and Wear

Grab a quarter and penny to measure tread depth. Place the quarter upside down in a tire groove with a tread wear indicator—raised bars within some grooves. They will appear flush with the tread when the tire is worn out. The distance from the quarter's edge to George Washington's hairline is about  $\frac{4}{32}$  inch. If you can see all of Washington's head exposed, it's time to start shopping for new tires—you at least still have some grip left. If there is some space exposed about George's head, check the tire with a penny. Using the same technique, insert that penny into the same groove, and point Lincoln's head down. If you can see the top of Abe's head over the tread, the tire should be replaced immediately. Many states have made it illegal to use tires with a tread that shallow.



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## **Information on Duties and Responsibilities of CRSPA Officers** (As found in our By-Laws)

### **President**

- The President shall preside at all regular meeting and at all Executive Committee and Executive Board meetings, shall call special meetings and shall take steps necessary to promote the interest of retired school personnel.
- The President shall appoint the chairperson of each Standing Committee. Each chairperson shall select the members of his/her committee.
- The President shall appoint the chairperson of each Special Committee. Each Chairperson shall select the members of his/her committee.

### **President-elect (VP)**

- The President-elect shall assume the duties of the President in the absence or incapacity of the President.

### **Recording Secretary**

- The Recording Secretary shall take the minutes and maintain a full record of all business transacted at regular and special meetings and meetings of the Executive Board.

### **Corresponding Secretary**

- The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence as assigned by the President and Executive Committee.

### **From Our Constitution**

#### Article V – Elections

- The officers shall be elected for a term of one year.
- The officers shall be elected at the last scheduled business meeting of the year, and shall assume their duties at that time.



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