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Presidents' Message

Summer is officially underway and schools are out. The outdoor thermometers are reading some very warm temperatures. Air conditioners are working hard. It's time to slow down and enjoy leisure time, visits with family and friends, and maybe go on some vacation adventures.

We just want to share that we did attend the MRSPA Annual Business Meeting on May 6th at Turf Valley Resort in Ellicott Maryland. It was a nice event and way to end our year. Thank you to Pam Mackall, Carole Wagner, and Kay Weber for attending and helping to represent CRSPA. We agree with something Betty Weller, our MRSPA President, included in her annual report for this year. "Another year has gone by and it's been a busy one." We very much appreciate all our CRSPA members for the planning and support given to make our year's meetings and many activities and fundraisers a success. Thank you so very much.

Your Executive Board and Committee Chairs will begin planning for our 2025-2026 meeting year on August 27th. It will be an in person gathering. Once we have a time and place determined we will let you know. Members are welcome to join us and share in the planning.

We look forward to seeing you at our first meeting on October 1st at Christ Church Fellowship Hall. Wishing you all an enjoyable, safe Summer.



Save These Dates 2025-2026 CRSPA Meeting Dates

Executive Board Meetings	General Meetings
• August 27, 2025 –TBD	• October 1, 2025
• December 3, 2025 –Zoom	• December 10, 2025
• February 4, 2026 –Zoom	• February 11, 2026
• April 1, 2026 –Zoom	Snow Date—February 18th
	• April 8, 2026*

The meeting is in April so that we can be informed of any Health Insurance Information prior to the decision deadline.

Your Co-Presidents,
Barbara McKimmie and Bob Riccardo



Welcoming New Members

Bridget Scott Millie Baer

In Memoriam



Andrew Jackson “Jack” Brown, Jr. November 30, 1944– June 13, 2025

Andrew Jackson “Jack” Brown, Jr., 80, of Dunkirk, Maryland, passed away on June 13, 2025, at Hospice of Charles County in Waldorf. Born on November 30, 1944, in Washington, D.C., Andrew was the eldest son of Mildred Iona (Ingram) and Andrew Jackson Brown, Sr.

Jack grew up in Bradbury Heights and graduated from Suitland High School, class of 1962. He earned a master’s degree and had a lifelong career as a teacher and guidance counselor. He was also a coach for over 40 years for various schools and organizations in Southern Maryland, including boys’ basketball and soccer at Queen Anne School; boys’ & girls’ basketball, softball, baseball, and football at Northern High School; girls’ basketball, softball, and girls’ and boys’ soccer at Calvert High School; girls’ basketball at Calverton School; soccer and softball at Northern Middle School; baseball at Calvert Middle School; girls’ basketball and softball at Plum Point; girls’ basketball and softball at Calvert County Parks & Recreation; football at District Heights Boys’ club, and for the Special Olympics. He served as a guidance counselor at Calvert High School and at CCPS Career and Technology School.

He was a member of The Optimist Club of Calvert since 1996, and eventually came to serve as club president. He operated the Christmas Tree lot in Prince Frederick, MD, where he was a treasured part of holidays for many local families through generations. He devoted much of his free time to volunteering, especially for the benefit of the local youth and animals, and also enjoyed gardening, camping, playing baseball, hunting for and fixing up antiques, and traveling with his family.

Jack is survived by his beloved wife Barbara J. Brown; his children Lauren Weems and her husband Dale, Andrew Brown III and his wife Kitty, Rebecca Petricoin and her husband Chip, Pam Frizzell and her husband Don, Tracey Williams and her husband Shayne, and grandchildren Caitlin, Kayla, Frank, Jack IV, Camryn, Josh, Claire, Sophia; great-grandchildren Andrew V, Penelope, and James; and sister Ann-Marie Brown Thompson and her husband David.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Jack’s memory to the Optimist Club of Calvert, Jack Brown Memorial Scholarship Fund for Community Involvement <http://www.optimistclubofcalvert.org/site/contactus/>, the Humane Society of Calvert County, <https://humanesocietyofcalvertcounty.org/> or to Hospice of the Chesapeake <https://www.hospicechesapeake.org/giving/donate-now/>

In Memoriam



Matthew Curtis Barnhill, Sr.
May 17, 1938– February 24, 2025

Matthew Curtis Barnhill Sr., of Temple Hills, Maryland passed away peacefully on Monday, February 24, 2025. He leaves to cherish his memory two daughters, Maureen Tyson (Oscar) and Arlene Washington (Ron); one son, Matthew Curtis Barnhill, Jr.; five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

Interment at Maryland Veterans Cemetery, Cheltenham, Maryland.

Unfortunately CRSPA was just recently notified about the passing of Matthew C. Barnhill, Sr. We regret any difficulty this late notice may have caused.

CRSPA News!

“Do you know what you need to know?”

Our very own Jan Travers is considering writing a continuing series of articles for our newsletter that will help us get our affairs in order to help out our families in the future.

Her first is about OUR LIFE INSURANCE BENEFIT through CCPS. She contacted Raynell McClung, CCPS Benefits Specialist, and did a Q & A interview.

It is attached to this email so that you can print it and file it with your records and documents.

Contact Jan if you have a question you'd like researched.

janettravers@yahoo.com

Thanks to Jan for thinking ahead and thinking of us!

April Door Prize Winners

Pam Mackall
Fran Armstrong
Don Phelps
Lori Idol
Becky Lebow
Rick Weber
Cathy Lucas
Betty Weller
Randy Kozik
Marcie Fleck
Joann Hill
Kathy Martin
Ellie Girsang
Jan Travers
Jennifer Stalker

Treasurer's Report
June 2025



Balance: \$10,627.78



Introducing MRSPA's new logo!



CRSPA Scholarship Recipients of 2025

Four future educators were granted \$1,000 scholarships to the colleges of their choice by the Calvert Retired School Personnel Association. All were chosen for their academic excellence, extracurricular activities, and strong desire to become educators.

The scholarship winners for 2025 are: Kelley Haina—Calvert High School; Caroline Wojcieszek—Calvert High School; Sarah Berube—Huntingtown High School; Corinne Page—Northern High School.



Diagnosed as dyslexic in third grade, Kelley Haina had an uphill battle in learning to read effectively. Though often difficult, Kelley not only mastered her disability but went on to earn an overall 4.02 GPA and finish 28 out of 234 in her class. In addition, Kelley has been very active in Girl Scouts, does volunteer projects for Project Echo Homeless Shelter, and mentors younger children. She plans to attend St. Mary's College of Maryland to earn a teaching degree in secondary education. To quote Kelley, she wants to help students "not be defined by their disability but instead to rise up and face the challenge head on."



Caroline Wojcieszek comes from a large family, rooted in a cooperative learning situation where the older siblings helped the younger ones to learn and succeed. Caroline participated in the Teacher Academy of Maryland (TAM) Program and belonged to the CHS Educators Rising club. In addition, she played both varsity field hockey and lacrosse. Caroline plans to begin her college experience at the College of Southern Maryland with the goal of becoming an elementary school teacher.



Sarah Berube has dual goals in mind for her future work experience. She plans to major in exercise science at Salisbury University to become a physical therapist. She also wants to teach high school classes in human anatomy, physiology and kinesiology. Sarah has played girls soccer at the club level since 2012 and was on the girls soccer team at HHS at the JV and Varsity levels. She has had numerous volunteer experiences, including contributing a translation dictionary for the deaf population in Haiti.

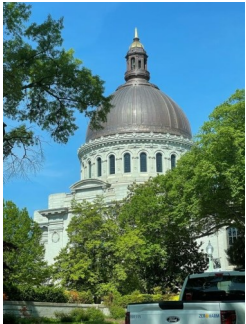


Corinne Page has always set very high standards for herself. Thus it is no wonder that she graduated in the top 3% of her class at Northern High School, with a cumulative GPA of 4.37. Corinne is a member of the National Honor Society, Key Club, and Class of 2025 Class Council, where she has served as treasurer in 2023. She plans to major in elementary education and minor in environmental science at the College of William & Mary.

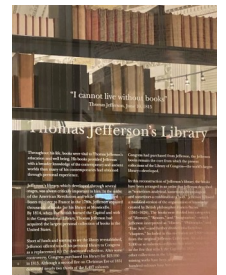
Congratulations to these future educators!

Maureen A. Sengstack
Scholarship Committee Chair

May Day in Annapolis May 1, 2025



Library of Congress May 15, 2025





Final Legislative Report for 2025



Governor Moore was able to have a balanced budget for 2026 passed on the final day of the session to close the \$3.3 billion deficit but there were many actions taken by the General Assembly to achieve that goal in the form of \$1.8 billion taxes and fee increases (including a capital gains surcharge of 2% on incomes over \$350,000, increased taxes on cannabis and sports betting, and numerous vehicle taxes), approximately \$2 billion in spending cuts to staff and services across various state programs, a 3% tax on IT and data services, and reforms to the tax system which created 2 new tax brackets for the highest earners. Other general information about the budget included an energy reform bill and legislation to protect consumers from wasteful utility spending was passed but the fee that was proposed to tax retail delivery services to help fund transportation projects was removed from the final budget bill due to strong opposition. Another component of the new budget increases the maximum local jurisdiction piggyback income tax from 3.2% to 3.3%. It will be interesting if we will see this actual increase on our tax bills this fall. Legislation for shifting pension costs to the counties and Baltimore City passed. On April 8th, Gov. Moore signed into law HB158/SB0223 that combines services of the senior call-check and social connections programs to improve the quality of life for Maryland's elderly. Lastly, on May 6th, the governor signed the 2025 Excellence in Maryland Public Schools Act which will go into effect on July 1, 2025 that will establish reforms to the Blueprint for Maryland's Future which among other things protected the critical expansion of community schools and supports for students in concentrated poverty and avoided huge cuts to expected funding for students in poverty and multilingual learners, in particular.

On April 16th, the MRSPA Legislative Committee finished their work for this current year. As I had reported earlier, there were not many bills that your MRSPA Legislative Committee considered due to the budget deficit and concerns over the uncertainty of federal government funding at the state (as well as local level). You are able to review all actions taken by the MRSPA Legislative Committee on the MRSPA website but this will provide you a summary of the bills we reviewed:

The committee followed 31 of the 2614 bills that were presented. Of those, we supported 13. One topic MRSPA has supported for years was signed into effect on May 20th by Governor Moore (HB 424/SB 357) which expands the authority of the Maryland Prescription Drug Affordability Board that will begin to bring down the cost of some prescription drugs across the state for ALL Marylanders (currently they are mainly diabetic drugs). Other bills the committee supported that were passed include preserving telehealth access (HB 0869/ SP0372), reemployment compensation earnings (HB1033/ SB0693), (HB0604/SB 0466) financial exploitation of vulnerable and senior adults, long term care relief (HB0327/ SB0155), and income tax credit for long-term care premiums.

Besides the budget bill and the corresponding budget reconciliation act that we both opposed with amendments due to the possible negative impact on our members, MRSPA opposed 8 curriculum and election bills all of which failed. Joint resolutions for diversity, equity, and inclusion also both failed.

Finally, for those of you really into what happens in Annapolis, Orange Crush, which was created 30 years ago at the Harborside Bar and Grill in Ocean City, has now become Maryland's official cocktail with exactly 2 minutes to spare before the end of the session! I haven't tried one but perhaps you enjoy it!



Carol Howard
CRSPA Legislative Chair

CONGRATULATIONS 2024-2025 CCPS RETIREES

Wishing You All the Best as You Enter Retirement!

Jennifer Andreas T, PHS
Mary Arocho IA, BSES
Holly Bradford Food Serv, BBSES
Nancy Brauns Nurse, CES
Steven Brooks Foreman Bldg Serv, C/O
Lawrence Butler Asst Principal, HHS
Sonja Carroll T SpEd, PHS
Laura Collins T, PPMS
William Colley T, CHS
William Connolly T, HHS
Stacy Criss T, PPMS
Phyllis Croskey Bus Asst, C/O Trans
Lynn Dent Bldg Serv W, CHS
Kathryn Dwyer T, NMS
Loren Edinger IA, C/O Hum Resor
Kellie Ekelund T, NHS
Lorraine Estep Café Mgr, CHS
Catherine Feeney IEP Clerk, C/O SpEd
Robin Ferris Café Mgr, PPMS
Dawn Fitzgerald T Erly Child, PPES
Bonita Fitzmyer IA, MCMS
Ellen Galdieri T, PPES
Susan Galligan Occupational Ther, SpEd
Donald Gott Equip Operator, C/O Mant
Kristen Graves T Erly Child, BES
Cora Gray Bus Asst, C/O Trans
Paul Gray T, PHS
Robin Gray IA, PPES
Tracy Greenwell T, WHMS
Rita Gross Bldg Serv, PPES
Kristine Guthrie Tech Specialist, C/O
Carl Hautmann T, NMS
Cheryl Hollady IA, DES
Karen Horton T, MHES

Theresa Hurley IA, HHS
Corrine Jacobs T Erly Child, Dept Inst
Sandra Jones T Erly Child, SLES
Candace Keisu T SpEd, BES
Frances Knobel IA, SLES
Joy Kolenda T SpEd, SLES
Margaret Land T, CHS
Rebecca LeBlanc T, P/A Complex
Phyllis Lyles Child Care Director, C/O Inst
Clarence Mackall Bldg Serv W, SLES
Catherine Martin T, HHS
Barbara Mathews T SpEd, P/A Complex
Lisa McDonald Food Serv, WHMS &
ChesPax Bldg Serv W
Erika Mellen T SpEd, WHES
Kimberly Merkle T, PPMS
Mary Moore Food Serv, CHS
Jerome Myers Bldg Serv Mgr, WHES
Wendy Palensky Librarian, P/A Complex
Constance Palombi FMLA & WC Spec, C/O
Gregory Reed T, MCMS
Kristin Ritchie Counselor, CES
Deborah Robinson Café Mgr, DES
Bridget Scott Benefits Spec C/O Hum Resor
Tracey Sears IA, PHS
Dana Shepherd Secretary, PHS
Britta Sparks Supervisor, C/O Dept Instr
Debra Spencer IA, BES
Donna Stover T Specialist, C/O Dept Instr
Susan Szyzborski IA, DES
Tamara Thatcher Finance Sect, SMS
Pamela Tippet T, DES
Kristen Walker T, MES
Nancy Wilt T, NHS
Mary Yates IA, SLES

As of June 12, 2025 Personnel Reports
Please reach out and invite our new retirees to our October Meeting.



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