

# CRSPA



## President's Message

Dear CRSPA Members,

We all know the story of a young girl who lives in a one-room house in Kansas with the care-worn Uncle Henry and Aunt Em; the joy of her life is her dog, Toto. A sudden cyclone strikes, and, by the time Dorothy catches Toto, she is unable to reach the storm cellar. They are still in the house when the cyclone carries it away for a long journey. When at last the house lands, Dorothy finds that she is in a beautiful land inhabited by very short, strangely dressed people. The Witch of the North informs her that she is in the land of the Munchkins, who are grateful to her for having killed the Wicked Witch of the East (the house having landed on the witch), thus freeing them. The Witch of the North gives Dorothy the silver shoes of the dead witch and advises her to go to the City of Emeralds to see the Great Wizard Oz, who might help her return to Kansas. The witch sends Dorothy off along the yellow brick road with a magical kiss to protect her from harm.

Dorothy and her friends go to seek the help of Glinda, the Witch of the South. They encounter several obstacles but at last reach Glinda's Castle. Glinda summons the Winged Monkeys so that they can take the Tin Woodman back to rule the Winkies, the Scarecrow back to Emerald City, and the Cowardly Lion to the forest to be king of the beasts. Then she tells Dorothy how to use the ruby shoes to take her back to Kansas. Dorothy gathers up Toto, clicks her heels together three times, and says, "Take me home to Aunt Em!" She is transported back to the farm in Kansas.

In many ways this cherished story, the Wonderful Wizard of Oz, written by L. Frank Baum and first published in 1900, relates to us in this day of uncertainty. We have even learned new vocabulary terms like mitigation, self-distancing, pandemic, endemic, community spread, asymptomatic, herd mentality, and personal protective equipment (PPE). After many trials and tribulations dealing with the Covid-19 virus, we have learned and experienced new or renewed interests, and a deeper love and appreciation for our family and close friends. We have gone back to the basics in order to find self-fulfillment and true happiness.

Like the popularly used phrase, something good comes out of something that was initially perceived as bad. Or, that "every cloud has a silver lining". These sayings relate to our organization because now we can reach out to our fellow retirees, locally and a far, via virtual meetings on Zoom. Unfortunately due to the pandemic, our first **CRSPA General Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at 11:00 am will be virtual via Zoom**. The Zoom link will be coming out to you shortly.

During the Executive Board's first meeting in August, the following goals were approved for FY 20-21.

- Greater Outreach Efforts
- Revising our By-Laws
- Recruitment and Retention of Retirees

Already, Jan Travers has established a new initiative on food or money donations to the local churches in our communities. Additional information on this outreach effort can be found in this newsletter.

In closing, I want to share with you the **CRSPA Supply List for 2020-2021**.

Patience	Flexibility	Deep breaths	Calmness	Humor
Cooperation	Encouragement	Positivity	Compassion	Respect
	Understanding	Kindness		

I encourage everyone to please reach out to all the retirees you can in order to invite them to join "our family".

Best wishes,

Vicky Karol  
CRSPA, President



# 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

Vacant

### Newsletter

Debbie Hance

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## Safety Tips

The U.S. Postal Service offers a **free** service. Each delivery day, it will send an email to you containing digital scans of the letter-size mail that will soon arrive at your box. The email also details packages that will arrive that day or soon. Now you can cross-check for mail theft.

Sign up at  
Informedelivery.usps.com

**Date:** Wednesday, October 7, 2020

**Place:** Zoom

**Time:** 11am - 1pm Meeting

**Program:** A Whole New Normal

**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 week of October 4th.

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## Welcoming New Members!

Robert Riccardo  
Gwendolyn Brooks  
Cheryl Ragusa

## Save These Dates

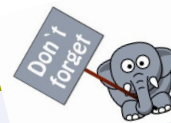
2020-2021 CRSPA Meeting Dates

### Executive Mtgs.

December 2nd  
March 3rd  
May 5th

### General Meetings

October 7th  
December 9th  
March 10th  
May—TBD



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## In Memoriam



**Dr. Anthony C. Fiorello**

March 27, 1935—April 5, 2020

Dr. Anthony “Tony” Carmen Fiorello, 85, of Dover PA, died peacefully with his family close on April 5th, 2020 at his daughter’s home in Catonsville, MD. Tony was the youngest of four children from Antonio and Maria (DeVito) Fiorello of Syracuse, NY. His parents had immigrated from the Sicilian region of Italy.

Tony was proud of his Italian heritage and of being a first generation Italian-American.

Tony served in the United States Army - 21st Infantry Division from September of 1956 to September of 1958. He achieved the rank of Private First Class. He was very proud of, and loved his time in the Army.

Dr. Fiorello attended Johns Hopkins University where he received his Bachelor of Science, as well as his Master of Education. He then attended George Washington University where he received his Doctor of Education.

He began his career in education as a highly respected, innovative teacher in Baltimore, MD. During his career, Dr. Fiorello served as principal of Northern High School, of Calvert Elementary, and held several administrative positions, to include Director of Elementary Education, within the Calvert County school system of Maryland before retiring. After retiring he restored his family home in Syracuse NY, then moved south to Dover, PA to be closer to his daughter and her family.

Dr. Fiorello was an intelligent, vital, independent man. He was gregarious and loving; caring for his sister until her death. He enjoyed interacting with his family and friends, traveling, listening to jazz, dancing and was an avid golfer; walking all 18 holes, carrying his own bag for years until he conceded to using a cart.

Tony was a cancer survivor and in December of 2018, he suffered a mild stroke after an oral surgery. He valiantly fought to regain his health and vitality, but sadly lost that battle. Throughout his battle, Tony retained his intellect and his sense of humor. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Dr. Fiorello is survived by his daughter, Belinda Stonecipher (Ernest “Skip” Stonecipher); grandson, Jacob Stonecipher; granddaughter, Lily Stonecipher of Catonsville, MD; his sister Ann Finizio, of Syracuse, NY; his niece Linda (Finizio) Dwyer and nephew, Anthony Finizio of Syracuse, NY; his cousin Steven Fiorello of Mount Joy, PA; and his son Mark Fiorello of AZ.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in his name be made to Johns Hopkins Medicine, Heart and Vascular Institute.

*Teachers affect eternity; no one can tell where their influence stops.*

Henry Brooks Adams

## CRSPA: Community Outreach Fall Project

Support the Calvert Churches Community Food Bank  
100 Jibsail Dr. Suite 101  
Prince Frederick MD 20678  
410-414-7474

**Who:** CRSPA members have expressed an interest to do community outreach activities for several reasons.

**What:** We will collect donations for the Calvert Churches Community Food Bank, which is a consortium of nine local churches. This organization serves over 800 people in need in Calvert County. Visit their website to see the many churches involved and what items are most welcome. [www.cccfp.org](http://www.cccfp.org)

**When:** Immediately, with a deadline of **October 14, 2020**.

**Where:** The Calvert Churches Community Food Pantry is in the Industrial Park on Route 231. From west-bound 231, make a right onto Jibsail Drive, just after The Linda Kelly Pet Shelter. Go straight on Jibsail. You will see the R. A. Barrett Building on your left. The Food Pantry has the unit on the left side of the building. Phone number: 410-414-7474.

**Why:** First and foremost is to serve the Calvert County community in which we live and worked. Other reasons include adding to the camaraderie of our group that such activities create and cultivating a more publicized profile to recruit new members.

**How:** Choose one of 3 ways to donate, and email Debbie Hance at [djh1@juno.com](mailto:djh1@juno.com) or [debbiejhance@gmail.com](mailto:debbiejhance@gmail.com) to inform her of your donation.

\*Gather non-perishable food items to donate. Please count how many items are in your “basket” for donation and let Debbie know. Take your “basket” to the food pantry (MTW 9:00 – 12:00). If possible, get a picture of you with your donation to send to Debbie as well. If you call ahead to the pantry, they will have one of their volunteers come get it out of the car for you, so that you can maintain your social distance.

\*Mail a check! Cash or checks may be delivered directly to the CCCFP or checks, payable to **Calvert Churches Community Food Pantry, Inc.**, may be mailed to:  
**P.O. Box 1334, Huntingtown, MD 20639-1334.** Be sure to email Debbie with information on your donation. Please put CRSPA on the memo line.

\*Visit the website, click the DONATIONS button and make a donation via your credit card. An easy link is provided on that page. Again, please email Debbie with the information about your donation.

NOTE: If you have another food bank to which you’d prefer to donate, feel free! In that case, tell Debbie about your donation and include the recipient.

# Happy Birthday CRSPA Members

## September

Glossie Leake 1  
Marguerite Kaupp 2  
Carolyn DeBolt 4  
Loujeania Johnson 4  
Margaret Jenkins 5  
Jean Phillips 5  
Lorraine Shamberger 5  
Gene Bridgett 7  
Geraldine Lee 8  
Mark Hammersla 8  
Patricia Erly 12  
Joe Clark 13  
Jeanne Bass 15  
Sharon Whalen 15  
Carol Schmitz-Corken 18  
Cheryl Lord 21  
Vicky Karol 22  
Carolyn Sacker 23  
Carol Khalili 24  
Nancy Zinn 26  
Carol Ann Howard 27  
Art Hefferon 28  
Maureen Sengstack 28

## October

Lloyd Robertson 1  
Pat O'Brien 3  
Lamar Giles 4  
Jan Travers 4  
Gwendolyn Brooks 8  
Judith Buckler 8  
Ron Saunders 10  
Donna Boylan 13  
Art Wittig 13  
Don Phelps 14  
Fran Armstrong 15  
David Thomas 18  
Becky Lebow 19  
Elaine Bradley 20  
Eve Cox 20  
Ellen Hahn 21  
Jackie Gray 29

## November

Dorothy Greene 1  
JoAnn Roberts 4  
Carma Latvala 5  
Robert Conway 6  
Gary Graff 8  
Paul Rhodes 8  
Juanita White 9  
Ellie Girsang 10  
Christine Schmidt 10  
Anita Shepherd 10  
Judith Haines 14  
Grace Cook 23  
Louvenia Banks 24  
Jennifer Hudson 26  
Oreal Morsell 27  
Jack Brown 30



## CRSPA Members Milestone Years in 2020

### 25+ Years

Alice Sewell - Over 39 years  
Jane Fletcher 39 - 1981  
Vivian Jones 39 - 1981

Barbara Barrett 34  
Grace Cook 32  
Robert Conway 29  
Glossie Leake 29  
Irving Long 28  
Matthew Barnhill 26  
Zelma Jones Brooks 26  
Jean Rose 26  
Ronald Rose 26  
Eugene Uhlan 26  
Dorothy Greene 25  
Shirley Long 25

### 20 Years

Edna Denton  
Sondra Gorman  
Loujeania Johnson  
Romaine Mayberry  
Lula J. Parran  
Annetta Spruill

### 15 Years

Jack Brown  
Carolyn Distler  
Eliot Girsang

### 10 Years

Dorothy Campbell  
Art Wittig

### 5 Years

Sandra Burton  
Pat Early  
Vicky Frierson  
Nancy Highsmith  
Jan Hill  
Marguerite Kaupp  
Pamelia Moore  
Pat O'Brien  
JoAnn Roberts  
Ron Saunders  
Carol Schmitz-Corken  
Kathy Simone  
Deborah Smith  
Kandia Spain  
Lisa Tettimer

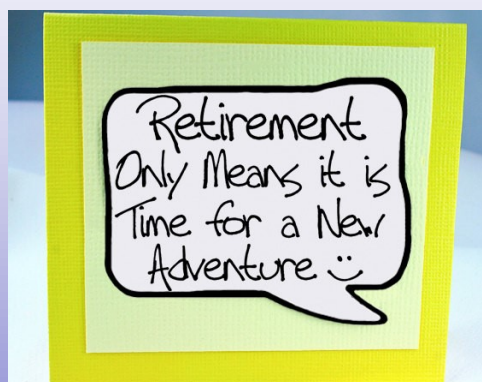


## CONGRATULATIONS 2019-2020 CCPS RETIREES

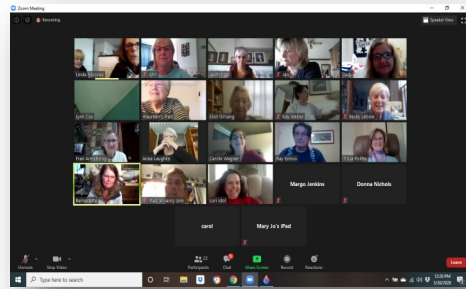
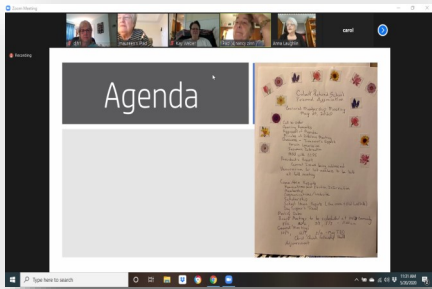
We wish you the best in this next phase of you life.

Kelley Adams, Principal, PPMS  
Jennifer Andreasen, Teacher, CHS  
James Armstrong, Bldg Serv Mg, SMS  
Leslie Baczynski, Teacher, PPMS  
Sherrie Beacraft, Inst Asst, HES  
Joella Boggs, Teacher, PPES  
Gail Brown, Bldg Serv Mg, MES  
Nancy Cecil, Inst Asst, CHS  
Michelle Clancy, Teacher, CHS  
Christine Coffren, Inst Asst, PPES  
James Cox, Teacher, CTA  
Mary Cross, Teacher, CMS  
Linda Curry, Teacher, NHS  
Lorraine DiToto, Sec/Inst Asst, HHS  
Theresa Franklin, Admin Sec, NMS  
Mary Freeland, Teacher, MES  
Merle Garner, Bldg Serv W, BOE  
Dennis Gibson, Elect Tech, BOE  
Teresa Grauer, Teacher, HHS  
Cathy Gregory, Comp Spec Sp Ed, BOE  
Carolyn Harcum, Food Serv W, NHS  
Lynn Havel, Inst Asst, HHS  
Donna Herron, Teacher, PHS  
Susie Holland, Bldg Serv W, HES  
Deborah Horstkamp, Teacher, MES  
Donna House, Principal, MES  
Leveeta Hutchins, Director, BOE  
Mary Johnson, Inst Asst, BES  
Brenda Jones, Bldg Ser Mg, MES  
David Kistler, Teacher, CHS  
Suzanne Kistler, Teacher, CHS  
Maureen Klem, Teacher, CHS  
Nancy Lachenauer, Teacher, SMS  
Carol Lavoie, Occup Ther, BOE  
Carolyn Leadbeter, Sec, NHS

Carl Lockes, Bldg Serv Mg, SMS  
Robbie Long, Teacher, WHMS  
Deborah Longworth, Teacher, MHES  
Maria Miller, Teacher, HHS  
Wayne Mister, FM Maint, BOE  
Steve Morris, Teacher, BAES  
Beth O'Neal, Sp Ed Teacher, CMS  
Patricia Payne, Nurse, BES  
Gurlene Plater, Food Serv W, WHMS  
Thomas Powers, Director, BOE  
Kelly Rogers-Elliott, Teacher, MES  
Cynthia Russo, Admin Sec, BOE  
Beatrice Schreiber, IEP Clerk, BOE  
Penny Smith, Teacher, P/A Campus  
David Spain, Teacher, HHS  
Becky Taylor, Teacher, PPES  
Linwood Thomas, Bldg Serv Mg, MHES  
Barbara Thompkins, Dean, SES  
Dianna Varner, Sp Ed Teacher, BOE  
Jerry Walls, Bldg Serv W, DES  
Beverly White, Inst Asst, CES  
Maribeth Wilkins, Phys Ther, BOE  
Patricia Zalusky, Sec, SES



Good times at our May Meeting.....  
It was a little different!



CRSPA's next meeting is Wednesday, October 7th  
@ 11am on Zoom.

Minutes of General Meeting  
CALVERT RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION  
VIA ZOOM

**May 20, 2020**

**A) 11:30 AM:** President Anna Laughlin called the meeting to order. We approved the agenda – moved by Becky LeBow, seconded by Maureen Sengstack. We approved the minutes from the 3/11/20 meeting – moved by Maureen and seconded by Tricia Politte. In Anna's opening remarks, she hoped we were ok with her "cheerful handmade agenda," as she has been plagued with computer issues. She also noted (a bit later in the meeting) that we have moved our Necrology program to the fall meeting, in hopes that we can do that together in person.

**B)** Maureen shared about the passing of Barbara McKimmie's husband, Timothy Oskar McKimmie. He had been so ill lately (pneumonia, congestive heart failure, kidney failure), but she had hoped he would rally one more time. Due to COVID-19, he will be cremated, but no service is planned at this time. In addition to Barbara, he leaves behind his three kids, six grandchildren, and one sister. Her address: Barbara McKimmie, 1069 Mary Circle, Huntingtown, MD 20639. His obituary is linked here: <https://www.legacy.com/amp/obituaries/somdnews-recorder/196217448>

**C) Old Business:**

Kirwan Commission: We are under the assumption that this has been put on hold. Anna reported she had been told no new taxes would be put in place in the current climate, and therefore the funds are not available. Legislative Chair Ray Enrico agreed, and added that the legislators will not be back in session until next January, so nothing will change at least until then.

Insurance Information: Vicky Karol reported that we will see a 3% premium increase. She will submit questions to Bridget Scott to submit to Dr. Curry or the powers that apply to see why this increase happened, i.e. which population "caused" the increase by having increased claims. Carol shared that the Health Insurance part of the negotiated contract has been signed. Other parts are still open for negotiation.

Memorandum of Understanding: We have received the counter memorandum from the Superintendent. It honors all our requests, but the section pertaining to which courses will be offered to retirees, there is some needed clarification. Vicky is looking into that.

**D) Committee Reports:**

Legislative Report: See above.

Nominations Report: We discussed the plan to vote next meeting for these offices – President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary. Treasurer is an appointed position. Carole Wagner put forth this slate of officers (Note that all offices are unopposed)

**President:** Vicky Karol

**Vice-President:** Linda Mooney

**Recording Secretary:** Jan Travers

**Corresponding Secretary:** Fran Armstrong.

Near the end of the meeting we returned to this slate and voted for the officers by acclamation. These will be our new officers for 2020-2021.

Membership Report: Maureen reported that although we have gained some new members, our overall number is down somewhat due to losses. Also, she reminded us that now is the time we normally reach out to retirees for recruitment. Vicky mentioned that Bridget Scott said she could include a membership form with the packets for retirees. Maureen will contact Bridget Scott to see if we can still do this, or if there is another way, we can accomplish the purpose. New probable members that we know of: Anna's husband, Bob Riccardo, Cheryl Ragusa.

Communications/Website: Anna shared that she had been contacted by MRSPA with words of praise for our outstanding newsletter. Compliment to Debbie Hance for such a great job. We were reminded that Lynn Cox (website) and Debbie Hance (newsletter) are always looking for material, so feel free to share with them freely.

Scholarship Report: Chairperson Maureen Sengstack reported that we awarded 3 scholarships this year.

Russell, Lacie \$1,000 (Calvert High School)

Coffield, Kayla \$1,000 (Huntingtown High School)

Cullens, Elizabeth \$1,000 (Northern High School)

Note that PHS had one applicant, but that person was not going into the field of education. These students will be featured on our website as soon as we can obtain pictures.



One Room School: Nancy Zinn reported that there are plans to re-start the program in the Fall, and both One-Room and Wallville need volunteers. Contact Pam Mackall or Peter Cochran if interested.

Day Trippers: Lynn Cox informed us that this will be un-paused when the time is right.

#### E) New Business:

Donations: Becky LeBow moved that we give our standard donations to the One-Room Schools and to Christ Church as we have done in the past. Jan Travers seconded. The motion passed.

Website: Lynn Cox will attempt to put the recording of the meeting on the website. It will be password protected, but open for membership viewing to aid in communication and transparency.

Farewell: Anna graciously passed the torch to Vicky Karol, saying she is glad the position is going to someone from the county who knows the proper people and channels for success. We chimed in with thanks to Anna for stepping in when we needed her most and for her willingness to handle a position, she claimed is out of her comfort level. Now she can help us with her biggest passion – the issues.

**12:26 Adjournment:** Moved by Bernie Hager, Seconded by Lori Idol. The motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jan Travers*

Jan Travers

Recording Secretary.

#### Attendance: As best as I could tell – about 25!

Anna Laughlin, Linda Mooney, Vicky Karol, Jan Travers, Fran Armstrong, Maureen Sengstack, Ray Enrico, Lori Idol, Carole Wagner, Carol ?, Barbara Fringer, Nancy Zinn, Judy Haines, Debbie Hance, Lynn Cox, Eli Gersang, Becky LeBow, Bernie Hager, Tricia Politte, Kay Weber, Margo Jenkins, Donna Nichols, “Grandma”, Mary Jo Ireland?

### CRSPA Scholarship Award Winners - 2020

CRSPA Scholarship Committee has chosen three recipients and rewarded each with a \$1000 scholarship. All three students were chosen for their academic excellence, extra-curricular activities, and passion to become educators of the future.



Elizabeth Cullens, Northern High School, will be attending Messiah University in Pennsylvania.



Lacie Russell, Calvert High School, will be continuing her education at St. Mary's College of Maryland.



Kayla Coffield, Huntingtown High School, will be studying at Towson University.

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Return the completed application to:

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8379 Piney Orchard Parkway, Suite A  
Odenton, MD 21113

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