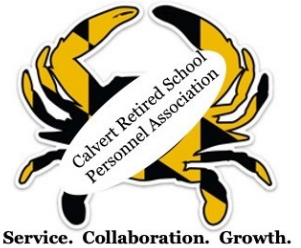




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President's Message

Greeting to All as We Start Our Year!

If you were not at our April 6th Meeting at O'Gannigan's or did not read the Summer Extra Edition of our Newsletter you may not know that I am again your CRSPA President along with a dynamic Executive Team. We look forward to serving for the next two years.

I first want to extend a big Thank You to our Past President Dr. Victoria Karol and Vice President Linda Mooney. They led us through a very difficult time and kept us moving forward. The Covid virus might have slowed the world down but they kept us focused on staying connected and up to date with local and state issues and legislation affecting us retirees.

The Executive Board and Committee Chairs met on August 31st to begin planning for our 2022-2023 year. It was nice meeting in person and talking through possibilities for future General Membership Meeting to be held hopefully in person. At our October 5th meeting, Carla Duls, MRSPA newly installed President, and Wanda Twigg, Executive Director, will be with us. They will extend a welcome from MRSPA and share current information about what's happening at the State level.

This year has brought about change at our Calvert County Board of Education. On July 1st, after a search that began in late 2021, a new Superintendent, Dr. Andrae Townsel, officially began his post. If you go to the Calvert County Public School website you can view a video message from Dr. Townsel. We certainly wish the new superintendent much success in his new position as he works with our parents, staff and students.

Our first meeting of the year approaches on October 5th and we hope to see many of you at the Christ Church Fellowship Hall. At this meeting we are asking members to bring their own lunch items. We will have bottled water and tea available. Loujeania Johnson was not able to cater this month but will be providing lunch for us at future meetings starting in December.

Please look over the list of the newly retired found on page 6. If you know a colleague or friend on the 2022 retiree list or someone retired from previous years, please extend a personal invitation to them to attend. The more the merrier and it's wonderful to be with friends.

I look forward to seeing as many of you who are able to attend our October meeting. An RSVP is requested on page 2.

Barbara McKimmie
CRSPA President





CRSPA's Next Meeting



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Safety Tips

Never give your Medicare number to anyone who calls on the telephone. Share it only with your health care providers or if you have placed a call to Medicare.



Date: Wednesday, October 5, 2021

Place: Christ Church Parish – Port Republic, MD

Time: 12pm Lunch; 1pm Meeting

Program: Welcoming Fall and Friends

Guest Speakers: Carla Duls, MRSPA President
Wanda Twigg, MRSPA Executive Director

Menu: Bring Your Own Lunch
Drinks will be provided by CRSPA

Cost: FREE

RSVP by October 1, 2022 by clicking here [Register Now](#)



Save These Date

2022-2023 CRSPA Meeting Dates

Executive Mtgs.

- November 30, 2022
- March 1, 2023
- April 12, 2023

General Meetings

- October 5, 2022
- December 7, 2022
- March 8, 2023
- April 19, 2023



Welcoming New Members!

Nicola Williams	Christine Blesy-Krohn
Gail Madara	Rantessa Anderson
Michael Shisler	Jeff Walker
Mary Thulin	

April Meeting Door Prize Winners



Bridget Scott
Pam Mackall
Barbara Brown
Debbie Hance
Debbie Smith



This and That!



Pictured Below: Representing CRSPA at the MRSPA Annual Business Meeting held on May 11, 2022 at Camelot by Martin's in Upper Marlboro.



Bob Riccardo, CRSPA Vice President;
Wanda Twigg, MRSPA Exec Director;
Barbara McKimmie, CRSPA President;
and Pam Mackall, CRSPA Necrology



Barbara McKimmie, CRSPA President and Carla Duls, MRSPA President



September 28, 2022
Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library
www.winterthur.org

Register: <https://lynncox1.wixsite.com/calvert/day-trippers>

Coming Soon!

National Geographic Museum
October 18, 2022

Wine Tour
November 4, 2022

Important Links

Website: <https://lynncox1.wixsite.com/calvert>

FaceBook: <https://www.facebook.com/calvertretiredschoolpersonnel>

MRSPA: <https://www.mrspa.org/>

CCPS: <https://www.calvertnet.k12.md.us/departments/human-resources/> Retiree Benefits

SRA: <https://sra.maryland.gov/>
State Retirement and Pension System



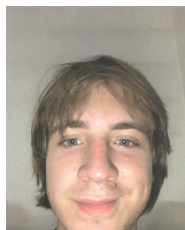
CRSPA Scholarship Award Winners 2022

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



McKenzie Connor - Calvert High School

McKenzie plans to pursue a degree in Early Childhood Education at UNC Wilmington. At CHS, she participated in the Teacher Academy of Maryland, took numerous AP courses and engaged in many community service activities. She was a member of the National Honor Society, the Foreign Language Honorarium, and National Technical Honor Society. She was named an Outstanding Youth of Calvert County by the Optimist Club.



Graham Tillett - Huntingtown High School

Graham plans to attend Wingate University in NC in pursuit of a degree in Physical Education. While at HHS, he played varsity lacrosse for three years and has his own lacrosse head stringing business "G-Strings."



Ethan Sparks - Northern High School

Ethan was very active in every aspect of the drama program while at NHS. He has had numerous parts in the school's plays and musicals, was named to the All County and All State Chorus/Tenor 1 in 2021, was a member of the International Thespian Troupe 5092 in 2021, and has taken private acting and singing lessons. Ethan plans to attend LIU Brooklyn to earn a BFA, with an eye to teach in that field.



Sawyer Gray - Patuxent High School

Sawyer hopes to become an elementary school teacher. Sawyer has been dually enrolled at the College of Southern Maryland and plans to complete her first two years of college locally. She then plans to transfer to Towson University for her final two years. While at PHS, Sawyer engaged in many community service activities, was a member of the National Honor Society, and was chosen as an Outstanding Youth of Calvert County by the Optimist Clubs of Solomons and Prince Frederick.

CRSPA: Community Outreach Fall Project



Our Fall Project will be a monetary donation to the Calvert County Meals on Wheels. Their goal is to ensure that homebound persons receive nutritious meals 5 days a week with a smile in Calvert County! If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, you may (1) drop off a check to the Community Bank of the Chesapeake, (2) mail your check to Merry Ellen McGown, CRSPA Treasurer, 9140 Nana Russell Road, Owings, MD 20736, or 3) bring a check or cash to our October 5th meeting. Make all checks payable to CRSPA and please put in the check memo line Meals on Wheels. **If you donate, you get an extra ticket for a door prize at the October meeting! ****Donating starts today and ends October 5, 2022.******

Happy Birthday CRSPA Members

September

Glossie Leake 1
 Marquerite Kaupp 2
 Carolyn DeBolt 4
 Loujeania Johnson 4
 Margaret Jenkins 5
 Jean Phillips 5
 Lorraine Shamberger 5
 Gene Bridgett 7
 Mark Hammersla 8
 Geraldine Lee 8
 Patricia Erly 12
 Joe Clark 13
 Jeanne Bass 15
 Sharon Whalen 15
 Carol Schmitz-Korken 18
 Cheryl Lord 21
 Pat Quinn 21
 Vicky Karol 22
 Carolyn Sacker 23
 Carol Khalili 24
 Nancy Zinn 26
 Carol Ann Howard 27
 Maureen Sengstack 28
 Anne Weems 29

October

Lloyd Robertson 1
 Pat O'Brien 3
 Lamar Giles 4
 Jan Travers 4
 Cheryl Blockland 6
 Gwendolyn Brooks 8
 Judith Buckler 8
 Ron Saunders 10
 Donna Boylan 13
 Art Wittig 13
 Don Phelps 14
 Fran Armstrong 15
 Becky Lebow 19
 Elaine Bradley 20
 Eve Cox 20
 Ellen Hahn 21
 Jackie Gray 29
 Christine Blesy-Krohn 29

November

Dorothy Greene 1
 Justine Novy 3
 JoAnn Roberts 4
 Carma Latvala 5
 Robert Conway 6
 Gary Graff 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



Honoring our Emeritus Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Membership Date</u>
Jane Fletcher	1981
Vivian Jones	1981
Grace Cook	1988
Beatrice Simpson-Brown	2007
Eugene A. Uhlan	1994

CONGRATULATIONS 2021-2022 CCPS RETIREES

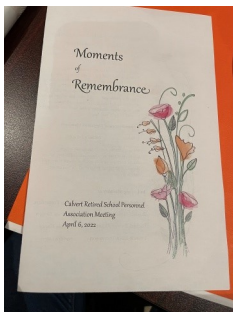
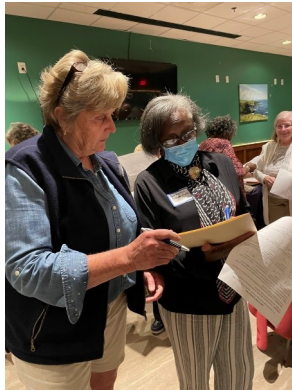
Wishing You All the Best as You Enter Retirement!

Julie Andrewlevick Adm Sec, CHS
Rantessa Anderson T, BES
Rolf Arnesen T, HHS
Joann Bostic T, CCS
Kathleen Brooks IA Dept Info, C/O
Diane Brown, T, BES
Marie Carrington, IA, WHE
Donna Corcoran IA, NMS
Tina Crawmer IA, HHS
Patrick Cronshaw, Painter, SF
Dr. Daniel Curry, Superintendent
Donald Dembrow T, SMS
Mary Dingle T, MES
James Esposito T, WHMS
Sheree Evans T, PAC
Deborah Faulkner Adm Sec, SS
John Foote Bldg Serv, CHS
Gail Fowler IA, CTA
Michael Franklin, Plant Foreman, SF
Tammy Fox T, PAC
Sara Frederick, Counselor, WHES
Ruth Ghrist SpEdu, DTP
Guyle Lind-Glen, Counselor, MES
Susan Godwin IEP SpEd, C/O
Patricia Gott AcctPayCk, C/O
Carroll Gray BldSer Mgr, WHMS
Patricia Hartley Adm Sec, SES
Carlton Howard BldSer Mgr, PPES
Lorrain Humphreys T, PHS
William Jacks BldSer Mgr, DES
Catherine Larson T, PHS

Carol Laughlin, Nurse, MES
Bonita Lea, Child Nutrition, C/O
James Leonard, Safety Advocate, CHS
Margaret Likas IA, MES
Gayle Lloyd T Specialist, CTA
Delores Meyer Fin Sec, HHS
Cindy Michael Fin Sec, Dept Instruction
Kevin Michael, Director Purch & Resour, C/O
Rebecca Minni T, BES
Jo Ann Rucki-Miranian T, WHMS
Joseph Mister, Equipment Oper, ST
Michael Moorandian, Painter, SF
Dennis Mooney T, CTA
Sandra Moynihan IA, PAC
Donald Naumann T, PMS
Sherry Owens T, BES
Dorothy Pohlod SpEd DTP
Albert Rice BldServ, HHS
Stephanie Riddle PPW, SS
Dolores Roan T, WHES
Elizabeth Roe T, SLES
Allyson Sigler, Counselor, SLES
Jennifer Smialek T, SLES
Mary Lee Smith IA, PAC
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Nocola Williams T, DES
Wanda Wood IA, HES

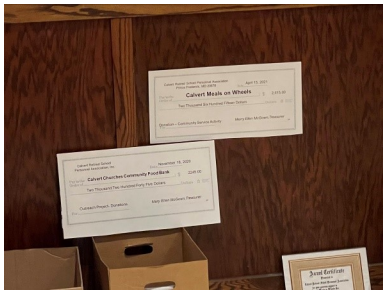


Good times at our April Meeting.....




CRSPA's next meeting is Wednesday, October 5th, 12pm,
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debbiejhance@gmail.com.

And More Fun



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2022 Maryland Legislation



Hi- My name is Carol Howard and I will be stepping up into the chair of Legislation previously held by Ray Enrico. I retired 3 years ago after being in the classroom for 40 years mainly at Appeal and Patuxent Elementary. While during my dozen + years on the Calvert Education Association (CEA) Executive Board, I frequently made trips to lobby legislators and marched for key education initiatives in Annapolis so I hope that will give me some experience and insight while sharing topics and events that are of importance to our organization and our county. My apologies to our members who live outside Calvert County. Most of my reports will be for all, however, sometimes it will impact just Calvert County. My reports will also be shorter in length after this report on Election Day!

This part of my report is on the July 19th Primary in preparation for the General Election in November. I will not discuss every race but if you want more specific information you can email me (cah4literacy@yahoo.com) or stop me at our general meeting and I will attempt to answer your questions. All data I present here is as of 8-15-22.

As I believe Ray addressed earlier, Calvert County is considered small (we have 67,000 registered voters). We are often combined with other counties to form state and federal election districts. (To illustrate this point, some of you may know/have taught Rachel Jones who lived in Prince Frederick and attended Calvert Middle School. She had been appointed to serve District 27-B earlier and was running for her seat in July. In the Primary, she won Calvert County but lost to her opponent from PG Co. because the district only has a small portion of our county in that district.) In other MD Legislative Results: Mark Fisher will represent 27-C and Morgan will go against Bates to represent southern Calvert/Saint Mary's in 29-C. *Please note that all races will have the Republican candidate's name listed first.*

Some people feel Primaries are not important but many of our local as well as state and federal races weeded out opponents to bring candidates to the General Election. Here are the candidates that won their primary and will move on to the General Election for some of our local races:

County Commissioner Races- At-Large Seats (vote for 2) - Hance, Ireland, Dides, Montague

County Commissioner District 1- Hart VS Powell

County Commissioner District 2- Cox VS Gray

County Commissioner District 3- Grasso VS Roberts

School Board- At-Large Seats (vote for 2) Note: candidates are NOT by party- Grenis, Khaleesi, McGuire, and Post

General Election information: **Early Voting** will be from **Oct. 27-Nov. 3** from 7AM-8PM at 3 locations in the county: lower level Community Resource Building in Prince Frederick (old library bldg.), Fairview behind the library, and the Southern Community Center. **Mail-in** applications can be requested on-line or go in person to the Board of Elections in the Community Resource Bldg. Deadline depends on how you receive your ballot. Note that at the time of your request you can also sign-up for permanent mail-in ballots. **Tuesday, November 8th** is Election Day from 7AM-8PM at your assigned polling place.

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For those of you who are into statistics, 20% of those who voted did Early Voting, 49% voted on Primary Day and 15% were Mail-In. Of actual registered voters only 30% voted in the Primary. The current breakdown by party in Calvert County is almost 41% registered Republican and 35% registered Democrat. More information about these races will be coming in various formats so there will be opportunity to be informed of candidates' stances on important issues and remember that voting is both a right and our responsibility.

In other news:

Over the summer, 24 committee appointments were made to serve advisory roles with the implementation of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future and some were actually teachers.

Declines in Maryland's sales tax collections from the previous year will probably result in state budget pressures and therefore possible cuts in school funding in the future. Maryland was one of 26 states that saw dramatic decreases with Maryland being the greatest decline at 35.7%. But, in good news, casino gaming revenues over the summer are at an almost near record level resulting in almost \$50 million going to schools.

Those of you traveling south this summer may have noticed the progress on the new Henry Nice/Mac Middleton (301) Bridge which is scheduled to come on-line early 2023. And, there now has been some progress for relief for the Thomas Johnson (Solomons) Bridge which is considered 1 of 273 bridges in Maryland "functionally obsolete and rated structurally deficient". Legislators from both sides of the river (including US. Congressman Steny Hoyer, US Senator Ben Cardin, MD State Delegate Rachel Jones, and Commissioner Buddy Hance as well as leaders from St. Mary's County) met in Solomons on May 23rd to discuss the demands on the bridge. Leaders spoke that a replacement is necessary not only because of Pax River but especially as it is an escape route in an emergency (Calvert Cliffs and Cove Point Natural Gas Plants as well as some southern Calvert schools). Maryland's other US Senator, Chris Van Hollen, was not present as he was recovering from a minor stroke but is part of the federal delegation that has secured \$1 million for a project/design, to widen Rt 4 for a potential replacement.

Submitted by: Carol Howard, Legislative Co-Chair



Meet Calvert County Public School Superintendent:

Dr. Andrae Townsel

Dr. Townsel was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan and was an avid student athlete. He earned his Bachelors, Masters, and Doctoral Degrees from Howard University where he played football on an athletic scholarship.

Dr. Townsel began his educational career in the District of Columbia where he had the privilege to work at every level. He has served in many roles in the school system during his career including student teacher, teacher, coach athletic director, dean of students, central office specialist, assistant principal, high school principal, and assistant superintendent and a current highly effective superintendent.

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