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### 2023-2024

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## President's Message

Greetings To All!

Hard to believe that December is almost upon us as I sit to write this message. Winter doesn't officially begin until December 22<sup>nd</sup> but our current cold temperatures sure make me feel like it's here. The often wrong weather people are predicting some snow in December. I hope they are wrong again this year. I'm sure we all have much to get organized and done before the many holiday events we're hoping to spend with family and friends.

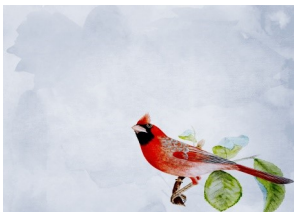
Our October 4<sup>th</sup> meeting was fun and we were able to catch up with our friends and hear about their summer vacations and adventures. Our MRSPA President, Mrs. Carla Duls, joined us. Her message was one to continue efforts to provide meaningful experiences, get involved at the local and state levels and stay alert to issues that impact our future. Her efforts will continue to work hard for us so we remain a growing and vital organization.

I want to share that our Lynn Cox is now the MRSPA Public Relations Committee Chair. In this position she will be working with other locals to increase their digital presence in order to attract new tech savvy retirees by creating or improving websites. Bill Brose is also working with locals in this effort and is a member of the Public Relations Committee. Bill, when I first became your president in 2011, was working to bring locals into the computer age of communications. We've come a long way and have much to do to stay current and relevant. Congratulation Lynn.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Guests are always welcome if you would like to bring your spouse or a friend(s) along. You may know someone who has retired but not yet joined us. This would be a fun meeting to invite them to. The Calvert Teacher of the Year, Mr. John Allen from Huntingtown High, and Educational Support Professional of the Year, Ms. Keren Tuck from Sunderland Elementary, will be with us. It's an honor to get to know them and hear about their experiences. We will also have entertainment from Mutual Elementary's Music Department under the direction of Mr. Doug Fraley. These student groups always help put us in a happy holiday mood.

Wishing You a Wonderful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!

**Barbara M. McKimmie**  
**CRSPA President**





# CRSPA's Next Meeting



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## Safety Tips

Use credit cards for all online transactions. They come with protections to recover your funds if you are defrauded.



**Date:** Wednesday, December 13, 2023

**Place:** Christ Church Parish – Port Republic, MD

**Time:** 12pm Lunch; 1pm Meeting

**Program:** Holiday Joy!

**Guest Speakers:** John Allen, CCPS Teacher of the Year and Keren Tuck, CCPS Educational Support Professional of the Year

**Menu:** Fried Turkey, Pork Loin, Vegetable Medley, Yams, Stuffing Balls, Squash Supreme, Rolls/Butter, Dessert, Iced Tea/Coffee

**Cost:** \$20

**RSVP by December 10, 2023. Call Loujeania Johnson at 410-586-1066 or email her at [lsjohnson58@verizon.net](mailto:lsjohnson58@verizon.net).**



## Save These Date

2023-2024 CRSPA Meeting Dates

Executive Mtgs./Zoom

- December 5, 2023
- February 7, 2024
- March 20, 2024

General Meetings

- December 13, 2023
- February 14, 2024
- April 10, 2024

## Welcoming New Members

Elizabeth Navarro

Patti Prohaska

Kim Sexton

Debora Harris

Janette Wysocki

## October Meeting Door Prize Winners



Cathy Lucas

Donna Nichols

Bob Riccardo

Phil Bikle

Barbara Brown

Lori Idol

Sandy Burton

Nancy Zinn

Jack Brown

Brenda Barnes

## MRSPA Foundation Raffle

The MRSPA Community Service and Scholarship Committees provide tremendous support to students and staff in our schools across Maryland. Therefore, we are seeking **donations** to the *MRSPA Foundation* so that we can continue our work. Again, this year, raffle tickets will be purchased solely through the MRSPA newsletter using the form below and through local association newsletters using the same form. All donations are tax deductible and come with our thanks and 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 2024 Annual Business Meeting whether held in person or virtually. You can win the \$300 cash first prize, a Maryland themed basket valued at \$175 second prize, or one of 5 third place themed baskets valued at \$125: Cooking, Game Night, Wine Lover, Book Worm, and Sports Lover. Out-of-state winners will receive gift cards in lieu of basket contents.

**Entering the drawing is fun and easy!**

1. Make your **check payable to MRSPA Foundation**
2. Write **MRSPA Foundation Raffle** 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 March 22, 2024**

**Will you send a donation today?**

**Receipts will be sent via US Mail.**



### MRSPA Foundation

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## CRSPA: Community Outreach Fall Project

CRSPA is in need of a Bylaws Chairperson. [Click here](#) for a description of this position.



*We need you!*



Jan and Debbie present Michael Hawkins, Calvert Meals on Wheels President, with \$1715 donated by CRSPA members.



## National Cryptologic Museum



**Jim Rosen, Docent**



**Rick Estberg, Docent**



## Philip Merrill Environmental Center



**Docent**

# Happy Birthday CRSPA Members

## December

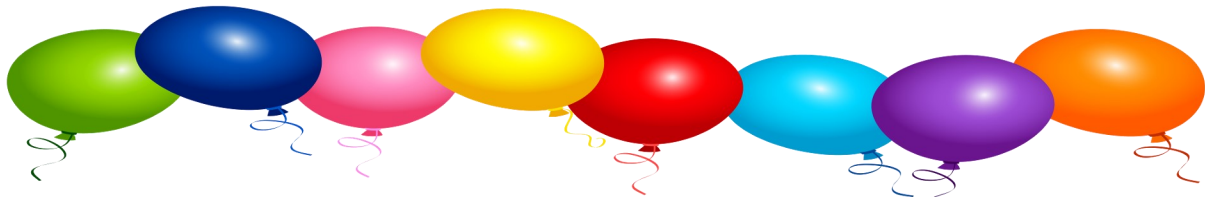
Sandra Burton 2  
Annetta Spruill 2  
Charlotte Clark 15  
Tricia Politte 16  
Debbie Hance 22  
Amy Gibson 28  
Lynn Gauthier 29

## January

Victoria Frierson 1  
Bridget Kluwin 1  
Kay Weber 5  
Gail Black 6  
Bruce Armstrong 10  
Arthur Fournier 10  
Jackie Gray 13  
Linda Sinagra-Smith 13  
Phillip Bikle 19  
Mary Connell 21  
Jan Hill 21  
Pam Mackall 22  
Guffrie Smith 25  
Debbie Wilson 25  
Christine Coffren 26

## February

Carol Gross 1  
Sharon Damalouji 6  
Kathleen Gardner 8  
Susan Shifflett 10  
Cynthia Hayward 12  
Anna Laughlin 12  
Misty Ellison 15  
Daisy Hardenstine 16  
Eugene Uhlan 16  
Cathy Lucas 19  
Bob Riccardo 20  
Peggy Vogel 22  
Suzanne Zimmerman 22  
Claire Hayward 28



## 2023 Maryland Legislation



Maryland General Assembly 2024 Session begins on January 10 and goes to April 8. MRSPAS's Legislative Workshop will be held on January 30 from 10:00-12:30 on Zoom. Presentations include: pension viability, the upcoming State Budget, visits from government officials, and a discussion of MRSPA's agenda for the upcoming session. Information on registration will be coming prior to our next CRSPA meeting so look for that notice. A zoom link will be sent out after registration. Meetings for the MRSPA's Legislative Committee will commence in January.

**Carol Howard**  
**Legislative Chair**



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## A Glimpse of our October Meeting.....



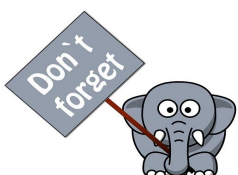
Carla Duls, MRSPA President and Barbara McKimmie, CRSPA President



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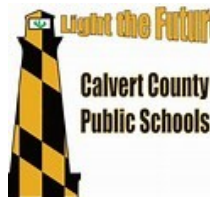
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## Important Links

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



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