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Hello everyone, it is hard to believe, but the 'yellow greyhounds' school buses will be traveling again for a new school year. With that said, I hope everyone had an enjoyable and safe summer. Hopefully you are in good health. Mother Nature kept us extremely hot, and we endured some very strong and heavy thunderstorms. I want to thank our Board of Directors for all they do, their support, and look forward to working with them this year. Our focus will continue to be our recruitment of new members. Strength is definitely in numbers!!

Also, I want to thank Dr. Maria Navarro, Superintendent of Charles County Public Schools and her staff on their commitment to our association. I'm hoping that more of our members will begin to become more involved in our committees and leadership positions. I look forward to a very meaningful and fun year. I hope to see you all soon at our September 18th luncheon to be held at Capt. Billy's at 11am.

On the behalf of the CCRSPA I would like to thank Dale and Cathy Cornette for all the hard work they put into organizing and holding a very successful Golf Tournament and for all the other tournaments held in the past. We couldn't have done this without you and the volunteers that helped that day.

Ron Stover

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Treasurer's Report

Balance as of 3/31/25.....\$19,601.80

<u>April 2025</u>	Deposits	40.00
	Debits	736.91
		Saltzman Law 210.70
		American Sanitation.....220.00
		Jervie Petty (reimb)..... 38.74
		Ron Stover (reimb)..... 25.00
		Alarm Monitoring..... 67.60
		Discount Mugs (pens)..... 174.90

Balance as of 4/30/25.....\$18,904.86

<u>May 2025</u>	Deposits	749.00
	Debits	2,502.77
		Wegmans (tchr gift card)..... 264.36
		Cathy Cornette (reimb picnic)..... 349.17
		Apple Spice Junction (picnic)..... 691.04
		Virginia McGraw (reimb)..... 75.00
		Saltzman Law..... ..1,123.20

Balance as of 5/31/25..... ..\$17,151.09

<u>June 2025</u>	Deposits	2,570.00
	Debits	619.56
		Elizabeth Brown (reimb) 75.00
		Dorothea Smith (reimb).....25.36
		Saltzman Law..... 384.00
		ABC Alarm Monitoring.....67.60
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Balance as of
6/30/25.....\$19,101.53

Ginny McGraw

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Membership Report

Welcome to all our members, especially, Beverly Gunn our newest. I hope everyone have survived the summer heat and look forward to seeing you at our September luncheon.

Currently, CCRSPA has 282 members. If you know someone who might be interested in joining CCRSPA, I have applications to both CCRSPA and the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association, MRSPA, our state affiliate. I can be reached at jm_stine@comcast.net, if you have any questions.

Jim Stine

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Community Service Report

At our September luncheon we will collect school supplies for Gale Bailey and Mt. Hope/ Nanjemoy schools. Below are items that they have requested:

marble composition books, 1-subject spiral notebooks and notebook paper, all wide-ruled	
24-count crayons	#2 wooden pencils
glue sticks and glue	soft pencil pouches
scissors	Crayola washable markers, broad tip
erasers	dry-erase markers
1.5" 3-ring binder	colored pencils
pocket folders or with 3 holes	sticky notes (100 count)
highlighters	plastic folders (red, yellow, green, blue, orange)

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Karen Allison
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Sunshine/Remembrance Report

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart." Helen Keller

A card was sent in heartfelt sympathy to Mary Wheeler as she mourned the passing of her husband in May 2025. Condolences were also sent to Floyd Carpenter and April Carpenter as they grieve the passing of their wife and mother – Janice Carpenter. Janice served faithfully as the chair of the Sunshine and Remembrance Committee for many years.

Our prayers for healing and get-well cards were sent to Floyd Carpenter and Janice Carpenter in July. Cards were also sent to Denise Barnes and Joan Chapman. We are praying for a speedy recovery.

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PORT TOBACCO ONE ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE

The School was open on six Saturdays this summer. A number of visitors took advantage of it and came to visit. They got to see what it would be like to attend school in the late 1800s. We would like to thank the volunteers who acted as docents for the tours.

We are looking forward to having the outside of the School painted this summer. The BOE will provide the necessary labor.



Second Grade Class visits schoolhouse

Dale Cornette
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**CCRSPA MEMBERS PARTICIPATED IN THE CCBOE JUNE 5TH CEREMONY CELEBRATING THE 2025
RETIRING SCHOOL MEMBERS**

Dr. Navarro, Ed. D., Superintendent of Charles County Public Schools, honored the Charles County Retired School Personnel Association by inviting representatives to attend the 2025 June 5th Celebration Ceremony, to recognize and honor the retiring members. The event took place in the cafeteria of North Point High School. CCRSPA members who attended were Carolyn Rogers, Pre-Retirement Coordinator, James Stine, CCRSPA Membership Chairman, and Jill Jowdy Morrow who presented an awesome "Welcome to Your Retirement Chapter of Life and CCRSPA!". She briefly explained what retirement life is like and how membership in CCRSPA provides fellowship with other retirees and enhances their retirement years. Elizabeth Brown, Past CCRSPA President, Bob Morrow, Vice President, and Darrel Rogers also attended. The group was entertained by the Strings group of North Point. Each retiree was introduced by their past Principal or Supervisor. The CCRSPA members were invited to join a delicious buffet. Dr. Navarro invited us to sit among the current retirees and share what Retirement Life is like. It was an enjoyable evening, and many retirees stopped by our table to pick up a packet to learn about our local, state and national Retired Educators' Association. We also gave out the CCRSPA pens that Ginny McGraw, Treasurer, designed and ordered, to remind them to join. Let's hope that many Retirees will join next year! See photos below:



Jill Jowdy Morrow, Speaker, and James Stine, Membership Committee (above left)

Darrel Rogers, Bob Morrow, V.P. and Elizabeth Brown, Legislative Committee (middle)

Participant Photo (right)

Carolyn Rodgers
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Scholarship

CCRSPA presented 7 - \$1000 scholarships to graduating seniors at the award ceremonies last spring. Scholarship recipients were:

- Alana Johnson – Lackey High School – Elementary Education at Hood College
- Lucy Mudd – La Plata High School – Elem/Spec Education at Longwood University
- Skye Hicks – North Point High School – Early Childhood at Morgan State University
- Ajani Miller – St. Charles High School – Secondary Social Studies at Frostburg University
- Emily Cross – St. Charles High School – Elem/Spec Education at Hood College
- Joshua Davis – Westlake High School – Early Childhood at Delaware State University
- Leilani Beckford – Westlake High School – Early Childhood/Spec Ed at Towson University

Special thanks to the CCRSPA members who presented at the award ceremonies.

Joan Chapman

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Legislative Committee

MRSPA's legislative committee reviewed 31 bills. They took a position of support on 13 bills and opposed 12.

- The pension system compensation rate for those returning to teaching after retirement has increased.
- Telehealth visits will now be treated as regular visits for payment purposes, and the ending date of 2025 was removed.
- Drug affordability has now expanded for all Marylanders and caps will be set for certain drugs. MRSPA focuses on protecting our pensions, senior healthcare, consumer education, long term care, senior quality of care and senior technology.

You are asked to take pictures if you meet with elected officials or attend legislative events. Please send to lizdelta48@gmail.com and contact Liz Brown if you would like to be part of the CCRSPA leg. Committee.

Liz Brown

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CCRSPA Website – www.ccrspa.org

Our website features information about our organization as well as our many activities. There are links to the newsletter, member benefits and membership applications. Did you attend the May meeting/luncheon at Tilghman Lake Park? Check out photos from this event on the photos/videos page of the website.

The website will always be a work in progress. Check it out and send us your comments and suggestions for additional content. Your feedback is welcome.

Leslie Schroeck

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LUNCHEON

Please Join us at our Luncheon on Thursday, September 18 at 11:00 am to be held at Capt. Billy's Restaurant at Pope's Creek Maryland.

Choices for lunch are a crab cake sandwich, shrimp basket, haddock basket or a burger, all with fries, coleslaw, and beverage (soda, iced tea or water). The cost is \$25, tax and tip included. If you wish to attend, **please respond by Monday, 15 September, to clairegritz@hotmail.com.**

Charles County Retired School Personal Association
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Executive Board at 10:00

November 20
February 19, 2026
April 16

Lunch/Meetings at 11:00

September 18
December 10
March 19, 2026
May 2