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Membership Meetings

October 21, 2026
Liberatore's Restaurant
February 17, 2027 TBD
-Snow Date: March 17, 2027
May 19, 2027 TBD

Executive Board Meetings

November 11, 2026
April 14, 2027

Hello Friends,

As we begin the new year, I want to thank Bonnie and Naudine for over 25 years of service to CCRSPA. Thank you Ladies for a job well done. Our first meeting of the year will be on Wednesday, October 21st at Libertories in Westminster.

The business meeting will begin at 11:15 with lunch following. The Agenda includes; new information about Scholarships and Grants, update on Consumer Reports and a Remembrance Ceremony. Our guest speaker, Stephanie Rauen will share information regarding changes with CCPS health and dental insurance.

As we continue to Advocate, Serve and Connect we want you to have reliable information, create member connections and support our school communities. But to do this we need membership support. Your attendance at meetings is important and we want your voice to be heard. Please consider sharing a little of your time and talent to fill a vacancy on our board as we continue to represent our membership. We have an exiting year planned.

Hope to see you in October,
Sincerely Karen Korarski, Vice President

CCRSPA Luncheon Wednesday, October 21, 2026

Liberatore's Ristorante

521 Jermor Lane Westminster, MD

11:15-11:45 Business Meeting Luncheon to follow

Varied menu, individual orders. Small bills or debit/credit cards. Parking in side lot.

Liberatore's would like us to notify them in advance of how many people to expect.

By Wednesday, October 14, 2026 please either email or text how many in your party.

1) Email Susan Miller :at: Susanm824@comcast.net

2) Send a text message to: 443-536-9036 (Subject line: CCRSPA)





Minutes for May 20, 2026

The Spring CCRSPA meeting was held at Greenmount Station in Hampstead, starting at 11am. Everyone had an opportunity to socialize before **President Naudine Pheobus** welcomed the group and led the Pledge of Allegiance at 11:20am. *Jean Crawl* introduced the guest speaker, *Jane Sewell*, Carroll County Farm Museum Manager.

Jane shared about her varied educational background, as a UNC graduate with her 40 year teaching career in PE and Dance at Forest Park High School and the Calvert School in Baltimore, 20 years with Union Mills Homestead before being contacted 5 years ago to serve as manager at the Carroll County Farm Museum. Up for the challenge, it was a big change in size with more programs and a larger staff. She loves the interactions with school children, mostly from CCPS, and surrounding areas. The farm museum utilizes Career & Tech students to help create a variety of projects to educate how life was in the 19th century. Even with rural Carroll County life, many youth have no idea about farming lifestyles and hardships. A variety of animals, including chickens, rabbits, goats, lambs and a pair of oxen are on the property. *Jane* talked about the various summer camps available at the farm museum for K-6th grade—mini-camps, ½ day camps and week-long camps. Topics include living history camp, farm camp, music/sports of the past, from seed to system and sun, soil and sky, and a detailed handout was provided.

At the conclusion of the informative presentation at 11:55am, the business meeting continued with the following reports:

Treasurer—the March 18, 2026 Minutes prepared by *Susan Miller* were approved as published in the newsletter. *Susan M.* stated that the current balance in the checking account is \$2,265.

Membership and Necrology—*Jean Crawl* led the remembrance in honor of *Harriett Shaffer, Shirley Boczek, Brenda Murray, Leslie Douglas, Carolyn Warwick, Scarlett Roberts, Muriel Sabo, William Weller* and *Bonnie Hull*, after the memorial candle was lit.

Communications—*Susan Christenbury's* technical skills of coordinating the mailings, plus maintaining the website and sending out email reminders to the group are definitely appreciated!

Scholarship—*Ann Horn* stated there are 8 applications, so far, for the **CCRSPA** \$1,000 scholarship, open to all CCPS employees. The simplified continuing education application has been shared at Stevenson University, with *Carey Gaddis* at CCPS, and *Gary Foote* with CCEA. *Ann* will develop a scoring rubric and discuss the applications at the August 26 Executive Board meeting. The application can be found on our website www.carrollrspa.com.

Consumer Education—*Dixie Elmes* was certainly missed at this meeting due to her serious accident/fall at McDaniel College, so everyone signed a greeting card for her. *Linda Witter* gave an update—after being flown to Shock Trauma in Baltimore, she is now in rehab with hopes to return home in the near future.

Old Business—*Naudine, Karen, Jean* and *Susan M.* attended the annual **MRSPA** Business Meeting on May 5 at Turf Valley in Ellicott City. It's always interesting to meet as a statewide organization for the memorial remembrance, business meeting, luncheon and presentation of scholarship and raffle winners. Congratulations to *Mike Campanile* of CCCTC, a grant recipient from the **MRSPA Foundation** for his masonry arch project. At the conclusion,

CCRSPA members were asked to take the roses placed during the memorial presentation to our former **Co-President, Bonnie McElroy**. *Susan M.* delivered the beautiful yellow roses, and it was wonderful to visit with *Bonnie*—she was truly touched by the thoughtful gesture!

MRSPA continues to offer a variety of benefits (most importantly, pension protection) and discounts to members. Take advantage of membership with your member card number on the newly redesigned state website <https://www.mrspa.org>, access with your member number and click on Member Benefits.

New Business—*Naudine* shared that she will resign her position as **CCRSPA President**, effective immediately. Her years of dedicated service to **CCRSPA** and **MRSPA** are greatly appreciated!

Thanks to those who contributed school supplies for Shepherd's Staff. *Susan M.* will deliver the items. The meeting adjourned at 12:20pm, and everyone enjoyed their buffet lunch, with leftovers to take home.

The **CCRSPA** Executive Board will inform the group of the location for October's meeting in the upcoming newsletter. Oscar's in Eldersburg, Baugher's in Westminster and Greenmount Station in Hampstead were suggested since each has a small meeting room so it would be easier for everyone to hear.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Miller, Treasurer

Fall Service Project: *Senior Sacs*

CCRSPA supports projects sponsored by Shepherd's Staff, an organization that helps Carroll County residents facing financial emergencies or short term crisis. If you are interested in donating items, these are examples of what is being collected for distribution. Items can be put into gift bags labeled for male or female, or donated as separate items.

Stationary: pens, pencils, markers, writing pads,

Personal Hygiene: toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, soap, comb, brush

Other: T-shirts, socks, jewelry, watches, hard candy

Please DO NOT include used or damaged items, chocolate candy or food, expired candy, breakable items (e.g. snow globes or glass containers) or aerosol cans.

Providing Links to Help Members Select School Board Members 2026

There are six candidates running to fill three vacant positions on the Carroll County Board of Education. A short piece of information about each candidate is taken from materials posted online. Due to differences in information posted, formats will vary. Links provided will return you directly to the site from which information was extracted.

In addition, Carroll County has provided a [Voter's Guide](#) to candidates for the Board of Education.

The Baltimore Sun sent a questionnaire to each candidate running for any office in Maryland and has provided access to the answers for those candidates who responded in this [Voter's Guide](#).

To access links, go to our electronic newsletter posted on our web page. Links are provided to help make informed decisions about candidates.



[Julie Walsh](#)

Working together

Hometown: Mt. Airy

Age: 47 on day of general election (Nov. 3)

Occupation: Stay-at-home Mother / Volunteer

Education: Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and German from Mount Saint Mary's University

Previous political experience: I have no prior candidate or campaign experience, but I do have advocacy experience:

In 2025 I helped to found the Carroll Education Coalition, which advocated for Carroll County's students and teachers as CCPS struggled to implement the Blueprint for Maryland's Future. In that capacity I testified before the Carroll County Board of Education, the Carroll County Board of Commissioners, the Maryland General Assembly, and the State's Accountability and Implementation Board.

Lisa Maisano

Hometown: Sykesville, MD

Age: 45 on day of general election (Nov. 3)

Occupation: engineer by training, currently a homemaker

Education: B.S. in Materials Science and Engineering, Virginia Tech, 2004

Previous political experience: None. I was one of the co-founders of the non-partisan Carroll Education Coalition, a group of Carroll County residents that advocated to ensure Carroll County Public Schools had sufficient resources during last year's budget and staffing crises.



Cleveland C. Friday

"Cleveland Friday is running for the Carroll County Board of Education to ensure every student has access to a strong education, supportive teachers, and safe schools. With a commitment to transparency, collaboration, and academic excellence, Cleveland believes that when schools succeed, the entire community thrives."

Marsha B Herbert

"Marsha B. Herbert is a Westminster resident and former Carroll County Board of Education member seeking election to a non-consecutive third term in 2026. ... Herbert was first elected to the Board of Education in 2016 and re-elected in 2020, serving two consecutive terms through 2024, during which time she served as both Vice President and President of the Board. "

Shannon Hinkhaus

"I will work to ensure that all CCPS students get a high quality education in a safe setting, that parents can continue to trust our schools to educate and not indoctrinate, that taxpayers can be confident their money is spent efficiently and wisely,..."

Sharon Wilhide

"Driven by a lifelong passion for education and student advocacy, Sharon earned a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Deaf Studies from Towson University in 2008, followed by a Master of Science in Deaf Education from McDaniel College in 2010....

Sharon initiated her professional career within Carroll County Public Schools as a hearing itinerant, providing specialized support services to students across elementary, middle, and high school levels. In this capacity, she also conducted professional development and in-service training for educators."

All information regarding where and how to register to vote is provided by the Maryland State Board of Elections. Early voting is from October 22-October 29, 2026. General Election day is November 3, 2026.

Mail-in ballots must be postmarked or placed in a designated ballot drop box by 8:00 pm on November 03, 2026.

Marylanders can vote in person during early voting or on election day from 7:00 am until 8:00 pm