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Membership Meetings

May 20, 2026

Greenmount Station,
Hampstead, MD

Hello Friends,

We have survived a long, cold and snowy winter, and now spring has sprung in Maryland with its usual roller-coaster weather!

Just as seasons change, we have decided to vary our meeting locations; this time in the northern area of the county. Our upcoming luncheon will be held at **Greenmount Station** in Hampstead on **Wednesday, May 20**. See the attached information for menu items and RSVP by May 13!

If you attend the luncheon, we are collecting donations for **Shepherd's Staff Back-to-School Program**. New backpacks and school supplies are needed to prepare local students for the 2026-2027 school year.

Our delegates to the MRSPA Annual Business Meeting on May 5 will include Jean Crowl, Karen Kotarski, Susan Miller and Naudine Pheobus.

We would like your input, so be thinking of ideas for next year's programs to share with everyone. Be sure to read the attached March meeting minutes for updated scholarship information and annual local dues increase—the first increase in years!

Sincerely, Naudine Pheobus

Remember our motto: **Each One Bring One!** Find friends retired from CCPS to treat to a lunch with fellow retirees; they may become members.

Please mail your reservation and check payment no later than Wednesday, May 13 to:
 CCRSPA Luncheon – P.O. Box 1864 – Westminster, MD 21157
 Plenty of free parking!!

Reservation Form for CCRSPA Luncheon Wednesday, May 20, 2026

Greenmount Station

1631 N. Main Street Hampstead, MD

11:00-11:15 Social Time 11:15 a.m. – Business Meeting

Buffet-style luncheon \$25 per person (includes tax and gratuity)--
 Vegetable and Cheese Tray, Garden Salad, Meatballs, Mac 'n Cheese, Assorted
 Sandwiches and Wraps (chicken salad, turkey, ham & cheese, grilled chicken), Potato Chips, Water, Iced Tea
 and Soft Drinks



Luncheon \$25 per person: Name: _____ Phone Number/email: _____

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I have enclosed \$25.00 for each luncheon reservation.

Total \$ ____



Minutes for March 18, 2026

The recent CCRSPA meeting was held at Bullock's Restaurant in Westminster, starting at 11am. Everyone had an opportunity to enjoy their meal and socialize before **President Naudine Pheobus** welcomed the group and led the Pledge of Allegiance at noon to begin the business meeting with the following reports:

Treasurer— the October 15, 2025 Minutes prepared by *Susan Miller* were approved as published in the newsletter. *Susan M.* stated that the current balance in the checking account is \$3,978.82.

Membership and Necrology— *Jean Crowl* led the remembrance in honor of *Kathryn Baker, Owen Norris, Joseph Livoisi, Sr., Sandra Livoisi, Joan DeWees, Susan Hooper, Carla Rhodes, Charlotte Shaffer, Shirley Wantz, Marvin Cornish, Sr., Sandra Stigler, Allen Davidson, Irene Smith, Sarah Smith, Joan Myers, William Furry, Jacqueline Cage, Janet Tucker, Eugene Yingling, Kenny Frizzell, Marilyn Cole, Mary Davidson, Anna Lamont, Alice DeGross, Diana Laudicina* and *Sylvia Boone* after the memorial candle was lit.

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

Scholarship—*Ann Horn* likes the

recent updates to the CCRSPA \$1,000 scholarship, open to all CCPS employees as discussed at the Executive Board meeting on February 17. The continuing education application has been simplified, and the scholarship money will go directly to the recipient. The deadline date will be adjusted to June 1. New member, *Gary Foote*, volunteered to share with CCEA. The application can be found on our website, www.carrollrspa.com.

Consumer Education—*Dixie Elmes* commented on increased fuel costs and rising car insurance rates, due in part to more costly repairs and increased litigation. It's important to review your policy, and try to lower rates by raising deductions and reducing coverage with an older car. Take advantage of a variety of discounts: bundling with home insurance, driver monitoring, defensive driving classes, electronic discounts and checking with different companies. Credit scores impact insurance rates! AAA and AARP offer insurance discounts to members. According to Consumer Reports, Erie, NJM, Cincinnati and Amica have the best rates for seniors.

New Business— *Naudine* explained there was no guest speaker for this meeting since there were several items to discuss with the group. As mentioned at the last group meeting and discussed with the Executive Board, a local dues increase is necessary to offset the

cost of mailing for our 295 members (printing, envelopes and stamps), post office box rental, maintaining the website, and the ability to continue to support local community organizations, as well as fund the CCRSPA scholarship. *Karen Kotarski* made the motion to increase Carroll County annual dues from \$10 to \$20, *Ann* seconded and the vote passed. Dues are withdrawn from the July pension check. Since there will be additional funds, it was decided to continue supporting each of the following organizations with \$250 donations: Literacy Council of Carroll County, Boys and Girls Clubs of Carroll County, Shepherd's Staff and Carroll County Food Sunday. Access Carroll and the Robert Moton High School Museum Project will each receive \$100. All of these local groups are supportive of education.

Names of those planning to attend the annual MRSPA Business Meeting on May 5 at Turf Valley in Ellicott City are needed. MRSPA continues to offer a variety of benefits 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.

Thanks to everyone who contributed “Easter Baskets” for Shepherd’s Staff. We appreciate *Dixie’s* willingness to deliver the items. *Karen* helped with door prizes at the end of the meeting: *Dixie, Ann* and *Sandy Frizzell* each received a spring flower arrangement. The meeting adjourned at 12:50pm.

The next **CCRSPA** meeting will be on May 20. The **CCRSPA** Executive Board will inform the group of the location 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



Easter Baskets collected for distribution by Shepherd’s Staff

If you do not use Google Maps, Travel to Highway 27 from where ever you live. Follow 27 into and through Westminster, heading toward Manchester.

Two options, about same distance.

- 1) Take a right on Hampstead-Mexico Rd/ Highway 482. As 30 will split, ignore the first Highway 30 and continue to the second. Turn left and Greenmount Station will be on your right.
- 2) Continue on 27 until it dead ends at a Sheetz station. Turn right and you are on 30. Stay on 30, to the left when it splits. Greenmount Station will be on your left.

