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## **CRSP** Newsletter

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MRSPA celebrated its 70th Anniversary on May 12, 2015 at Turf Valley Resort and Conference Center in Ellicott City, MD. Approximately 280 members and guests attended representing 22 local units. This organization had its beginning as Maryland Retired Teachers Association with a membership of 23 retired teachers. Currently, the name has been changed to Maryland Retired School Personnel Association and proudly boasts a membership of 14,557. This continued growth in membership is crucial in strengthening our legislative impact.

The MRSPA Annual Business meeting had a full agenda. Officers were elected and installed, the budget was approved, and approval was granted for several bylaw changes. The Scholarship Raffle Drawing was also held with 3 lucky winners representing Frederick County, Montgomery County, and Dorchester County. A total of \$4,647 was raised this year, an increase of \$323 over last year. Two of the six special gift basket prizes were awarded to Caroline County members. Barbara Cook received the Oriole basket and Janet Bailey received the gardening basket. Thanks to Miriam Dyer, we were able to sell all of our allotted tickets at our March meeting. Congrats to all!

Fifty new retirees are being invited to attend our September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. We look forward to seeing many of our friends and acknowledging their years of service and dedication to the students of Caroline County.

Check the updated MRSPA website! Many new features have been added including timely news updates, and numerous members' benefits offered by Association Member Benefits Advisors.

At our November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, we look forward to welcoming President Max E. Muller and Executive Director Judith Zahren. It is always a pleasure to visit with them and obtain updates on state activities.

Enjoy the remaining days of summer! Look forward to seeing you on September 10.





If you truly love nature ... you will find beauty everywhere.

Vincent van Gogh 1853 - 1890