



# The Beacon

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## The President's Message

Welcome to the start of a new year. Anyone associated with education regards September as the start of the year. I don't know about you but seeing all the school supplies in the store makes me want to buy new pencils, crayons and notebooks, not that I need any of those things! For those who have recently retired, the summer seems like it always does. But, when September comes you just feel a little anxious, like you should be planning lessons or gathering materials for the start of the year. At least that's how it was for me, and I felt like I was really being lazy till it sinks-in. As a result, you can plan trips for the fall and relax on a Sunday night! Being retired offers you so many options for how you use your time and resources. The best way to safeguard your benefits is to join HCRSPA and MRSPA. We have watchdog committees at the state level who monitor any legislation that could affect seniors. MRSPA also works closely with AARP to look for benefits and perks for members.

Your HCRSPA executive board will be back at work with the September board meeting brainstorming ways to get new retirees to join. We have already scheduled several fund raisers for the scholarship fund. Mark October 8<sup>th</sup> in your calendar to join us at MaGerk's in Bel Air from 5-9. Then next week on October 14 join us at the Jarrettsville Creamery from 5-9 for food and desserts. Both fund raisers last year provided hundreds of dollars toward our scholarships. We welcome any other ideas for other places to go to for fund raisers.

At the May Annual Meeting for MRSPA they unveiled a new logo design that you will now see in all their publications. It is a nice new look. If you know someone who has recently retired, MRSPA is offering a recruitment incentive. Any member who recruits a new member who signs up for dues deduction will receive a \$10 gift card. All they need to do is include your name on the membership form. There is no limit to the number of gift cards you can earn. New members who sign up for dues deduction will also receive a one-time \$10 deduction in state dues! For those of you who are currently a cash member if you

switch to deduction dues you will receive a one-time \$10 deduction on the state dues. The challenge is to earn gift cards and get new members!

Hope you all have a wonderful Fall and enjoy the much-needed cooler weather.

**Linda Chamberlin,**  
**HCRSPA President**

## Community Service

As another school year begins, HCRSPA will continue to support our school nurses with underwear, shirts, pants, and socks. Accidents happen during the school day, and the nurse is the person who is called on to help. They appreciate our donations very much! And I appreciate all the donations made by our members so I can purchase the clothes they need.

Our next luncheon will be December 2, 2025, at the Maryland Country Club. If you would like to support this first of two community service projects before then you can send a check made out to HCRSPA to our treasurer, Bill Ekey, 710 Long Bar Harbor Rd., Abingdon, MD 21009.

Thank you again for your generosity and support to our school nurses and the children in Harford County schools.

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