



TALBOT COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

May/June 2025

Time for another newsletter! My apologies – this newsletter is a bit late because, after numerous calls to Apple and Microsoft, it was determined that my computer had become obsolete and could no longer run Word, which is what I use to create the newsletter. Therefore, I had to get a new computer, get my previous information transferred and hook up to a printer. Whew! Got to love technology when it works!

TCRSPA members have been busy this spring, including our March luncheon, CarePacks assembly, Talbot Interfaith Shelter (TIS) house sitters and cooks, Book Club, and activities to recognize and celebrate National Teacher and School Personnel Appreciation Week at the beginning of May. Several members represented TCRSPA at the annual TCPS Community Partners Recognition Breakfast last month and May's MRSPA Annual Business Meeting.

As the school year winds down, we have both our annual Martha Greene Summer Enrichment and Teacher Academy Scholarships to be presented at the end of the school year, along with the Memorial Book Scholarship which will be presented to White Marsh Elementary School at the June luncheon.

TCRSPA's strength is its members. The schedule for the Executive Board meetings and the upcoming luncheons will be in the fall newsletter and published via our TCRSPA email. Have a question or suggestion? Please contact co-presidents Sherry Sutton, suttonsherry2068@gmail.com (410) 924-8110 or Terry Callahan, tacall@goeaston.net (410) 822-7194.

Hope you have a great summer!

Terry and Sherry

TCRSPA Spring Luncheon March 13, 2025

As you can see, members had a great time talking with friends and enjoying their meals. And yes, there was the “wearing o’ the green” pending St. Patrick’s Day! There were also updates on the Teacher Academy Scholarship from Peggy Ford, TCRSPA Book Club from Carolyn Johnson, CarePacks assembly and Talbot Interfaith Shelter from Sherry Sutton, and a TIS (partial) group photo of volunteer cooks and house sitters.



Next – the June luncheon! Please RSVP as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing you there!

TCRSPA Summer Luncheon

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Place: Chesapeake Landing Restaurant, 23713 St. Michaels Rd., St. Michaels

Time: 11:30 am. Carpooling from EVFD parking lot, leaving at 11:00 am. Please let us know if you need this at time of reservation.

Menu: Each person will order from the lunch menu and receive a separate check.

TCRSPA will pick up the tip for the party. You only pay for your food and tax.

Program: Presentation of Memorial Book Award

Reservations: Please make your reservation by **Wednesday, June 4** to:

Pat Chapman at 443-786-8617 or

Debbie Dyott at 410-463-6286

If we don't answer your call, please leave us a message. We can receive text messages.

Chesapeake Landing Lunch Menu

Prices subject to change without notice

SOUP~Cup \$8, Bowl \$10 (Cream of Crab, NE Clam Chowder, MD Crab Vegetable)

SALAD~Garden \$7, Spinach \$6, Caesar \$6 (Add Ons available for additional cost)

PLATTERS~served with choice of potato salad, cole slaw, fries, or onion rings

Shrimp Salad \$12, Crab Salad-MP, Fried Shrimp \$10, Scallops \$13, Fish \$13, Crab Cake \$16, Chicken Tenders \$7,

Soft Crab \$11, Chicken Salad \$8

SANDWICHES~served with choice of bread and chips

Crab Cake \$15, Crab Melt \$15, Soft Crab \$11, Fish \$12, Grilled Tuna \$9, Shrimp Salad \$11, Club \$7, Tuna Salad \$7,
Chicken Salad \$7, BBQ Pork \$7, Roast Beef \$8, Hamburger \$8, Cheeseburger \$9, Reuben \$7, Chicken Breast \$8,

BLT \$6, Cheesesteak \$8, French Dip \$9

WRAPS~choice of wheat, sun dried tomato or Old Bay with chips

Chicken \$8, Shrimp Salad \$11, Turkey, Bacon & Ranch \$7, Tuna or Chicken Salad \$7, Fish Tacos \$10

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Teacher Academy Scholarship Fund will be accepted.

Please remember your donation for our Community Service Project.

We need your help!

The social committee is looking for ideas of new places where we could possibly hold our four luncheons. We would need a room to accommodate 30 - 50 people.

Please email Pat Chapman at darwin@goeaston.net or call/text 443-786-8617

Debbie Dyott at dmdyott@atlanticbb.net or call/text

with any and all ideas and we will take it from there.

We would need your suggestions by May 31.

Thanks for your help.

Community Service Luncheon Project

Many thanks to everyone who donated items for St. Vincent DePaul. The items were greatly appreciated.

At our June luncheon, we will be collecting Capri Sun and other juice boxes, bags and boxes of chips, pretzels, Doritos, etc.; board games like Monopoly, TicTacToe Board, Operation, Ker Plunk, and Jumbo Jenga; and Uno cards

If you have questions call us.

Doris Roach - 410 - 822 - 3563 or Bennie Milton - 410 - 476 - 3734

Fine Arts Committee

Some opportunities for your summer listening pleasure:

MidShore Community Band Concert: June 14th, 6 p.m. at the Easton Elks Lodge

Tidewater Singers Concerts: May 30th, 7:30 p.m. at Trinity Cathedral and May 31st, 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Church in Oxford

Allegro Academy 7th Annual Summer Sing: July 26th, 7 p.m. at the Waterfowl Building

Sunshine Committee

Sympathy cards were sent to families of Mary Hawkins and Mary Lou Barrow along with Thinking of You cards to several other members.

Congratulations cards were sent to the administrative appointees/changes for the upcoming school year: Lisa Devaric, Principal EHS, Corey Devaric, Principal WMES, Todd Stoker, Principal SMMHS, Alison Strickland, Principal TES, Catessa Cain, Principal EES, Sherry Spurry, Curriculum Supervisor TCEC, Kristen Tilghman, Assistant Principal EHS.

2025 TCPS Community Partners Recognition Breakfast

The parking lots of the Easton Volunteer Firehouse were packed for the annual recognition event. It was a joyous occasion as not only were community partners for each TCPS location recognized, but also the talents of our students, with art exhibits, band music and excerpts from

the recent student production of “Sister Act”, along with the flag presentation by the NJROTC members and the huge variety of breakfast foods prepared by TCPS culinary arts students. TCRSPA was represented by members Jerry Seiler, Peggy Ford, Alana Turner, Terry Callahan and Tonya Hayman.

Partners celebrated were Easton Elementary – CarePacks, Easton Middle – EMS Family Teacher Organization, Easton High – The Orthopedic Center, St. Michaels Elementary – Card My Yard, St. Michaels Middle High School – St. Michaels High School Alumni Association, Tilghman Elementary – Deputy Ryan Andrew (Talbot County Sheriff’s Office), White Marsh Elementary – AE Productions, Early Learning Department and The Judy Center Learning Hub – Tilghman Area Youth Association, TCPS Internship and Apprenticeship Program – Talbot County Government, and TCPS District Partner of the Year – Talbot County Health Department.

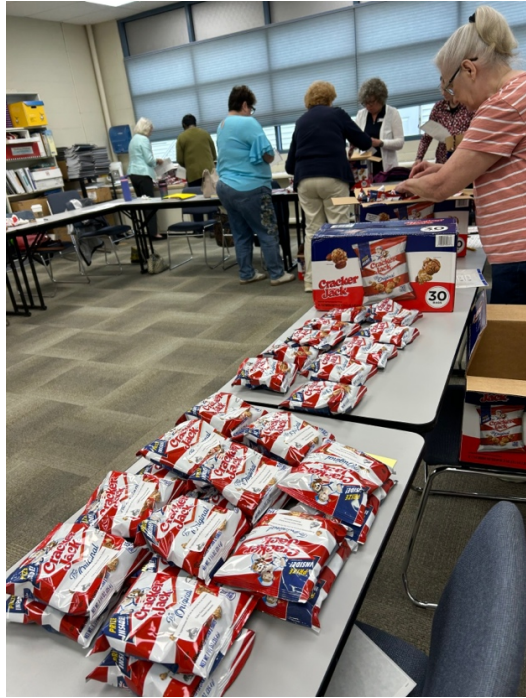


Teacher and School Personnel Appreciation Week, May 5-9, 2025

Thanks to Debbie Gardner, TCPS Director of Communications, we were able to send the following message to all TCPS employees: Dear TCPS Team - We recognize and appreciate your dedication. Thank you from the Talbot County Retired School Personnel Association!



Speaking of appreciation, TCRSPA members met at TCEC on May 5th to assemble thank-you gifts for all TCEC employees. (All 750 or so of them!) Before a brief Executive Board meeting (open to all members), early arrivals counted out the correct number of CrackerJack packets for each facility. After the meeting, we put a label on each bag, packed them into boxes bound for their appropriate locations and volunteers delivered them. The label said, “In appreciation for all you do every day for our students.” Talbot County Retired School Personnel Association



CarePacks Assembly, April 11, 2025

TCRSPA members met at Anchor Church in Easton to join other community members in assembling CarePacks for area students. These are bags of food items that students are given for the weekends to address food insufficiency needs and make sure they have something to eat on the days when school is not in session. In a matter of hours, volunteers filled hundreds of bags to help make sure students would be able to eat. Volunteers form assembly lines with each person having the amount of a specific food, such as fruit cups, cereal, and easy to fix main

items in a huge variety. Bags are then put in bins for each school receiving CarePacks and delivered. It is a heart-warming experience to work with so many others and know that children are being helped. It's also fun; the assembly goes so quickly that sometimes it resembles a 1950's TV sitcom.



ALERT! TCPS SECURITY BREACH - IDENTITY THEFT INFORMATION

On December 28, 2024, PowerSchool became aware of a cybersecurity breach involving extraction of personal information affecting teachers and students who have been part of the TCPS community since 2008. Current and former teachers' contact information and social security numbers were stolen. PowerSchool is offering two years of complimentary identity protection services to those involved, along with two years of complimentary credit monitoring services, but you must register for it before July 31, 2025. If you live in the U.S. and did not get an email or postcard from PowerSchool, you can find more information linked at: <https://>

www.powerschoool.com/security/sis-incident/notice-of-united-states-data-breach/ This link has further information on steps you can take.

One of our members contacted Sherry and Terry after investigation and finding her SS# has been used by a man in Michigan. She advises we sign up for the identity theft protection. "Once signed up, you receive a report that shows if your data has been used. Mine was! Now I'm navigating identity theft websites and trying to make sure all pertinent agencies have been notified."

NOTES FROM SHERRY

- Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week – Thanks to all of our wonderful members and executive committee who volunteered their services. We delivered over 750 bags of CrackerJacks , labeled with our appreciation, to all TCPS buildings and every member of the staff. Great work everyone!!
- Neighborhood Service Center – Under Bennie's and Doris's guidance we were already going to be bringing donations for the NSC to our June luncheon. Unfortunately, this has become even more important. "Recently their agency has encountered significant challenges due to a reduction in federal funding, Historically, federal funding has been a critical component of their budget, covering a substantial portion of the costs associated with operations.... These changes have resulted in the loss of \$302,765 of their annual budget. " They are having trouble keeping their food pantry stocked ad they always need snacks for their summer camp. Let's load them up with food and diapers!
- Book Club – All are welcome to join us the third Thursday of each month at 12:30 at the Spaghetti House. The June selection is The Nightingale by Kristen Hannah. We are laid back and social, but we do talk about the book!
- Talbot Interfaith Shelter – We provided house sitters and dinner once a month to the family house. We generally feed about 16 people and make a group effort. House sitters answer the front door and the phone and accept donations so that the staff can do their work. Easy volunteer job. If you would like to join the team, then please contact Sherry at (410) 924-8110.
- Thank you to Terry Callahan for publishing our quarterly newsletter. She would like to step down from this task. Please contact her if you would be willing to help with this important form of our communication.

Martha Greene Summer Enrichment Scholarship

Mrs. Marth Raye Chase Greene of Unionville, MD began her teaching career in Talbot County at the age of 19 in Talbot County. She taught grades 1-7 in a one-room school at Wittman Elementary in Wittman, MD and then later transferred to a one-room school in Unionville, MD. When Talbot County's one-room schools were consolidated, she went to Glenwood Elementary, Easton, MD teaching grades 2-6. Later, she moved to Easton Middle School to teach. In June 1976, after 44 years of service as an Educator of Talbot County, she retired. However, she continued teaching by tutoring children and helping adults to obtain a GED.

As a member of Talbot County Retired School Personnel Association in 1977, Mrs. Martha Greene chair of the Newsletter proposed the name "Echoes From The Little Red Schoolhouse" which was accepted by the Association. 1st published newsletter, June 29, 1977

In 2008, TCRSPA established a summer scholarship in honor of Mrs. Martha Greene's name and her legacy still continues today.



Consumer Connection
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Consumer Alert from Attorney General Anthony G. Brown:

If you have a 23andme account, your genetic information may have been compromised by a data breach last year. 23andme has filed Chapter 11 bankruptcy. This could result in the transfer or sale of the genetic information held by the company. Consider deleting your account with them. Simply log into your account with 23andme and use the account settings to permanently delete your data.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

If you are in need of help, guidance, or information related to a behavioral health issue, connect to Maryland's Helpline: dial 211 and press 1, text your zip code to 898-211, or visit 211md.org. Maryland's Helpline operates 24/7.

May is Skin Cancer Awareness Month

Use sunscreen when outside to decrease your risk of skin cancers and skin precancers. Regular use of SPF 15 sunscreen, when used as directed, can reduce the risk of developing squamous cell carcinoma (SCC) by nearly 40 percent and lower the melanoma risk by 50 percent.

Summer Safety Tips

Stay hydrated - drink 8 or more glasses of water per day
Know the side effects of medications - drowsiness, sun sensitivity, etc.
Stay cool - use air conditioning inside, go swimming
Wear light, loose-fitting clothing - helps reflect the sun
Have emergency contacts - list of people ready to call in case of an emergency
Know the weather forecast - plan activities depending on the weather
Wear sunglasses - check UV-protection information on the glasses, use gray-tinted lenses, use wraparounds if the "arms" do not block your side vision. Be aware that polarized lenses will cut the glare but may make it hard to read your car's dashboard screen.
Do not drive around barriers blocking a flooded road.

Websites to check to add to your summer fun

Golden Age Pass for Maryland's State Parks: [shopdnr.com](https://shop.dnr.com)

Travel brochures: visitmaryland.org

Visit, taste, and explore Maryland wine: marylandwine.com

Great deals to save money

May - Mother's Day merchandise that did not sell, flowers, grills, lawn furniture, Memorial Day Sales on appliances, mattresses, and baby items

June - Father's Day sales on tech gear and laptops, outdoor trimmers, drills, and sunscreen

June is National Doughnut Month

Many doughnut shops offer free doughnuts on Friday, June 6th. Check your local area for this and other specials throughout the month.



On May 6th, MRSPA held its annual business meeting, "Celebrating 80 Years of MRSPA", at Turf Valley Resort, Ellicott, Maryland. Attending the meeting were TCRSPA members Alana Turner and Debbie Chance (who is also our area director). A ceremony was held to honor MRSPA members who had passed from March 1, 2024-February 28, 2025. TCRSPA members remembered were Georganna Cottman, Jennifer Wheeler and Norby Lee. At the official meeting, area and committee reports were presented as was the proposed 2025-2026 budget for review. After the business meeting, the new MRSPA logo (see above) was introduced. (Check out the MRSPA website at mrspa.org to find a wide range of topics and opportunities, including information on upcoming trips!)

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE SCHOLARSHIP/
AWARDS FUND!**

Your donations are very important to secure our ability to provide scholarships to deserving Teacher Academy seniors. It is our mission to provide financial aid to young people as they begin their career paths. We also support the Martha Greene Summer Enrichment Scholarship and the Fine Arts Award. To contribute, a check made out to TCRSPA can be sent to TCRSPA treasurer Jan McCrea, 4002 Pine Top Court, Hurlock, MD 21643. You can designate which fund you wish to support.

Know a TCPS retiree, regardless if they are a new retiree or have been retired for a while? Please tell them about TCRSPA and encourage them to join. Forms can be found on the MRSPA website or they can contact Judy Kohn, Membership Chair, jkohn@easton.net, 410-822-2964, to find out more about joining and get forms.