



TALBOT COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

November 2025

Dear TCRSPA Member,

Great news! Due to the generous donations of our membership, amounting more than \$530.00, and some cuts in spending, we should have a balanced budget by the end of the year! Thank you to our dedicated and supportive membership

At last week's Executive Committee meeting, a lively discussion took place, regarding fundraising vs. membership fees vs. donations. Although the membership was very vocal at our last luncheon about not wanting to participate in fund raisers, some on the executive team think we should not totally rule this out for the future. Judy reported that if we were to raise fees to \$20, we would be on par with three other counties. If we raised them to \$25, our fees would be the highest in the state. As our Membership Chair, she already has trouble attracting new members. Most of the other counties rely on donations to balance their budgets. The discussion will be continued at the February 9th Executive Meeting and all are invited to attend.

We are now an official Non-profit! The agreement is signed with The Mid-Shore Community Foundation. The donations that were made by our generous membership can be claimed on taxes. The Foundation will oversee our finances, and we are in the process of turning over our funds. From now on, if you need a check, a bill paid, or reimbursement please contact Jan McCrea or Pat Johnson. This move will simplify the job of the Treasurer and provide access to grant funds. We will abide by the Foundation's guidelines for fundraising. Checks must be made payable/mailed to the Mid-Shore Community Foundation, 102 East Dover Street, Easton, MD 21601 and the TCRSPA should be noted on the memo line. Through the Foundation we now can accept credit card donations online as well.

The Foundation requires every member organization to submit a **Mission Statement**. We reviewed ours, as written on our pamphlet.

"The Talbot County Retired School Personnel Association is a non-profit organization comprised of retired school system personnel. It serves as an

advocate for its members. The Organization is dedicated to excellence in education and lifelong learning. It promotes community service by its members through a myriad of volunteer activities.”

It is curious that we have claimed to be a non-profit. The group was comfortable with the current Mission Statement so we will submit it ASAP. These are exciting times for our organization. There are many benefits that come with becoming a member organization with the Mid- Shore Community Foundation. We will be exploring all the different ways they can help as we continue to work the partnership.

Have a great Thanksgiving and I will see you on Dec 11th for our Holiday Luncheon at 11:30 Chesapeake Landing. We will be joined by The TCPS Teacher of the Year, Lauren Rose, Support Staff of the Year, Giovanni Wynn and Superintendent Dr. Sharon Pepukayi.

Sherry Sutton

Urgent Portal Directions

All of our members will need to set up a portal with the state pension system. As of next year, all communication will take place by portal and not by mail. Thank you to Pat Johnson for providing this cheat sheet.

- Go to: <https://sra.maryland.gov/mysrps>
- Click on the link that says "mySRPS login"
- Click on the link that says "Register"
- It will lead you through the steps to set up a personal account

Step 1: Prepare your information

- **Required for registration:**
 - Last name, last four digits of your Social Security number, and date of birth
 - A valid government-issued ID, such as a driver's license, state ID, or passport, for the online identity verification process
 - Your personal cell phone with a camera to take a "selfie" and a picture of your ID
 - A strong password (at least eight characters, including one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter, and one number)

- Your personal email address (which will become your username)
- **If you don't have a Registration Code:** You may need to first go to the mySRPS website and click "Register." You'll be asked if you have a registration code. Click "no" and enter your personal information. A code will be mailed to your home address. You will need this code to complete registration, as it expires, so act quickly once you receive it, notes the [Baltimore Teachers Union](#).

Step 2: Register on the website

- Go to the mySRPS website and click "mySRPS Login" or "Register".
- Follow the on-screen instructions to start the online identity verification process.
- You will be prompted to enter your personal information and use your phone's camera to take photos of your government-issued ID and a "selfie" for verification.
- If you encounter issues or are unable to complete the process online, contact Member Services for alternative methods.

Step 3: Complete your account setup

- Create your username (your email address) and password.
- Select and answer three challenge questions to secure your account.
- Enter your phone number and select the phone type.
- Agree to the Terms and Conditions.
- Click "Enroll" to submit your information.

Step 4: Activate your account

- Check your email for an activation email from mysrps@sra.state.md.us with the subject "Immediate action required".
- Click the link in the email to activate your account.

Membership

We want to welcome new member Lynne Duncan to our organization. If you know of anyone who might want to join us, please contact Judy Kohn at jkohn@goeaston.net or 443-838-2989

TCRSPA Talbot Interfaith Shelter Team

Our house sitters and cooks are still actively supporting the Shelter each month. Our team consists of Sue Tucker, Tonya Hayman, Jean Carrion, Cindy Jump, Jean Start, Peggy Ford, Debbie Chance, Nancy Phillips, Alana Turner, Vickie Wilson, Tracey Talbott and Sherry Sutton. Our association is responsible for manning the phone and front door and accepting donations for the family home on the 20th of each month. The day is divided into three shifts of 8:00 – 11:00 am, 11:00 – 2:00, and 2:00 – 4:00pm. We also provide the evening meal on the 23rd of each month.

Please consider joining the team as a house sitter, cook or both. We can arrange for you to job shadow another team member to get you started. For more information contact Sherry at (410) 924-8110.

Book Club

All of our members are invited to participate in the TCRSPA Book Club which meets on the third Thursday of each month, at 12:30. There will be no book club in December. The January selection will be *Sharp Force* by Patricia Cornwell. We are a very informal group, and members attend when personal and travel plans allow. We do talk about the books as we are all avid readers! Please contact Carolyn Johnson if interested at cjohnson19570000@yahoo.com.

Legislative Committee

Jean Carrion has volunteered to be our legislative chair. Look for updates as the legislative season ramps up. MRSPA actively participates in legislative issues each year. A weekly legislative update is available on mrspa.org. It is important for us to actively work with our legislators to protect our benefits and support strong public education. Thank you Jean!

TCRSPA Website

Thanks to Alana our Website is new and improved. Check it out. There are great resources. This time we are alerting you to the great information in the link to Consumer Connections. To read the MRSPA Consumer Connection online, unfollow these simple steps:

- Go to tcrspa.org
- Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on MRSPA.

- Along the top bar click on Committees and on the drop down menu select Consumer Education Committee.
- Two lines above the boxed message click on the highlighted months to get the current issue.

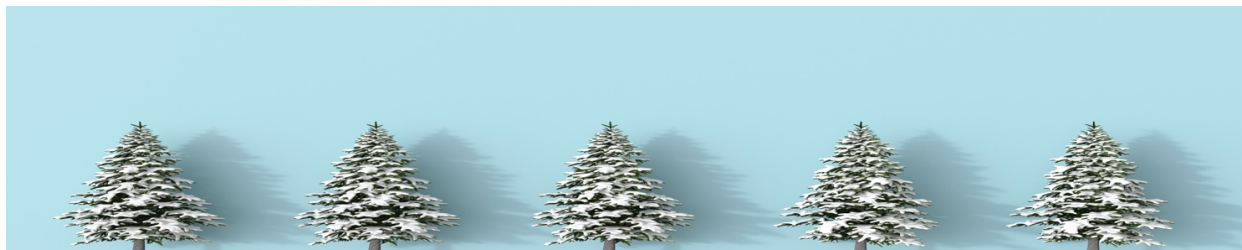


TCRSPA 2025-2026 ARTS AWARD RECIPIENT RAYMOND REMESCH

Ray Remesch grew up the oldest of four in Wye Mills. After graduating from Easton High School in 2003, he studied music at UMBC on full scholarship through the Linehan Artist Scholar program. He spent his 20's in Washington DC as a gigging musician, recording studio engineer and private music instructor.

In August of 2019, having returned to Talbot County a few years earlier, he accepted a part-time position teaching music at SMES and TES. During the COVID lockdowns of 2020 Ray began learning videography, primarily through weaving together music videos recorded one socially-distanced person at a time. In 2021, he became a full-time TCPS teacher. Recognizing the power of video in the age of social media, he started a Digital Arts class at TES where once a week, students of all ages spend their specials period learning photography, graphic design and videography. Ray directs an after-school band program consisting of guitars, bass guitar, pianos, drum set, ukuleles and violins.

Ray lives in Easton with his wife Ali, band director at Lockerman Middle School. Outside of school he stays musically active with the Spark in da Pan steel pan band, the Front Porch Orchestra bluegrass band, and community musical theater.



TCRSPA Holiday Luncheon

Date: **Thursday, December 11, 2025**

Place: **Chesapeake Landing Restaurant**

Please let us know when you call with your reservation if you need a ride to the restaurant, we will have carpools from EVFD at 11:00 am, if necessary

Time: **11:30 a.m.** Registration and socializing. Be seated by 11:45

Cost: **Order from the menu, (you are responsible for your total bill, including gratuity)**

Cash Bar available

Chesapeake Landing Menu Selections: Prices subject to change without notice

SOUP: Cup \$9, Bowl \$11

SALAD: Garden, Spinach, Caesar ~ \$5 (Add Ons available for additional cost)

PLATTERS: \$7 ~ \$17, served with choice of potato salad, cole slaw, fries, or onion rings

SANDWICHES: \$6 ~ \$18, served with choice of bread and chips

WRAPS: \$7 ~ \$12, served with choice of wheat or sun dried tomato wrap and chips

Dessert: If desired, please order from the menu when placing your lunch choice.

Please check the website, chesapeakelandingrestaurant.com for more details.

There will be a Holiday Basket raffle to benefit the Brighter Christmas Fund (3 tickets for \$5 or \$2 each) and a 50/50 raffle. Donation for the Martha Greene Scholarship available. All in attendance are eligible for the Door Prizes. *Please bring your Community Service donation for the Neighborhood Service Center Food Pantry. They need canned goods and nonperishable items.*

Reservations should be received no later than Wednesday, December 3 so that we can give an accurate count to the restaurant.

Chic Harrison 410-822-1209
Debbie Dyott 410-463-6286
Pat Chapman 443-786-8617

Please leave a message with your name and phone number if we do not answer. Pat and Debbie can accept text messages also.