



TALBOT COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

September 2025

Dear TCRSPA Member,

Happy New Year! I know that the rest of the world thinks the new year starts on January 1, but we know better. Our New Year will forever begin on the first day of school! Once again, this year, retired Talbot County school staff reported for the first day, but we all reported to Panera to have a breakfast treat and celebrate retirement! Thank you to Andy Burke and the Talbot Teachers Association for hosting our get together. It was great fun to see everyone and catch up.

Last week the Executive Team met and organized for the upcoming program year. We are so fortunate to have such dedicated people, but the absolute star of the day was Alana Turner who, with help from some friends and training from MRSPA, has designed a new and much improved website for our organization. As soon as we get approval from the state association and they add our link to their site, we will send out the link to all our members. The site will be kept current and will contain resource links for easy use by our members. Be on the look out for your link.

A goal for this year is to have our organization obtain nonprofit status. The bank will be requiring it and legally it is probably very necessary. The State organization does not sponsor us. More information to follow.

Finally, prices on everything have gone up and even with Jan's best efforts, our poor little budget is not keeping pace. All committees are really scrutinizing their expenses. Last May it was decided not to raise local fees for our membership. Instead, we will be having a fall pit beef lunch fundraiser on Nov. 21. To cover our community initiatives, the decision was made to hold two fundraisers. We will need all hands-on deck in the weeks preceding and on that date. In the meantime, we will be collecting donations of canned coke, diet coke, sprite and 12 or 16 oz bottles at the fall luncheon. Be on the look-out for good sales! We will also need for our members to be collecting medium size boxes and we will ask for the loan of coolers. The plan is to sell at the elementary schools and SMMHS in the fall and the big Easton schools in the spring. People can also sell at their family business or any organizations to which they belong. As we gear

up I am asking all who are physically able to sign up to help on a committee. The committees are as follows:

1. Publicity,
2. Preorders collection at the schools ,
3. Prep on Nov 21 (at the VFW),
4. Selling on Nov 21 (at the VFW),
5. Collecting and organization drink donations, and
6. Drivers for delivery on the 21st.

Email Sherry ASAP at suttonsherry2068@gmail.com to tell me your committee preference.

A note about our newsletter.

It currently costs 78 cents for a first-class stamp. Add onto that the envelopes and copying cost and mailing a paper copy. We have no intentions of cutting off our members who have internet connection issues or just do not use a computer or smart phone. However, it would be appreciated that anyone currently receiving a paper newsletter, and who does not have these issues, would ask to be taken off the mailing list. The newsletter will become shorter as more items such as photos and consumer reports are posted on our website.

Sherry Sutton

Fine Arts Award

Chair Liz Wildasin will be awarding Ray Remesch, Tilghman Elementary Music and Digital Art teacher as well as the cheer leading coach to receive the 2025-26 school year Fine Arts Award. The award will be presented at the October Luncheon. Liz also keeps us updated on community arts presentations. See below.

All are invited to attend these
upcoming ***free*** performances of the
MidShore Community Band
under the direction of Matt Fullerton

Saturday, September 27, 2025	Frederick Douglass Day 10:30 a.m. In front of the Easton Courthouse
Sunday, October 12, 2025	Concert - 2:00 p.m. Londonderry - Easton
Saturday, November 15, 2025	Waterfowl Festival - 1:30 p.m. Thompson Park
Sunday, December 14, 2025	Christmas Concert - 6:30 p.m. St. Marks United Methodist Church - Easton, MD

Membership

We want to welcome four new members to our organization: Raye Ellen Horner, Marian Gallagher and Marjorie Robinson, and Tracey Dickerson! 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 upporting the Shelter each month. Our team consists of Sue Tucker, Tonya Hayman, Jean Carrion, 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. We have had a team of people dividing the cooking to make it easier to provide the meal for approximately 16 people.

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, at the Spaghetti House in Easton. The October selection is the *Magic Hour* by Kristin Hannah. 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 chair wanted!

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. Contact Sherry if you are willing to be a front person on legislative issues.

2025 - 2026 TCRSPA Luncheons

Thursday, October 9 - Harbour Lights Restaurant, St. Michaels, MD
Thursday, December 11 - Chesapeake Landing Restaurant, St. Michaels, MD
Tuesday, March 10, 2025 - Easton Diner, Easton, MD
Thursday, June 1, 2025 - Chesapeake Landing Restaurant, St. Michaels, MD

Fall Luncheon and General Meeting

When: Thursday, October 9, 2025

Where: Harbour Lights Restaurant, 101 N. Harbor Rd, St. Michaels, MD
Directions from Easton: St. Michaels Rd to Seymour Ave. Right on Seymour, then left on Meadow St. Continue straight through stop sign to Harbor Rd. Park in hotel parking lot.

The restaurant is on the second floor, there is an elevator available.

Time: 11:30 AM. (Registration) 11:45 (Welcome, Arts Award, Budget) 12:15 (Lunch)

Details: Each person will order and pay for their meal from the following menu.

Prices subject to change

Soups ~ French Onion \$8, Vegetable Crab \$8/12, Cream of Crab \$8/12
Salads ~ House or Caesar \$6/11, Add ons available at additional charge, Eastern Shore Cobb \$16
Sandwiches ~ Crab Cake MP, Chicken Salad \$10, Cheesesteak \$11
Served with chips, Fries available for additional charge
Desserts ~ Hot Fudge or Chocolate Sundae \$9, Cheesecake, ass't toppings \$13
Beverages available

Please call in your reservation to attend no later than **Wednesday, October 1st** to:

**Chic Harrison (410-822-1209),
Debbie Dyott (410-463-6286),
Pat Chapman (443-786-8617)**

Please leave us a phone message or send a text to Debbie or Pat.

Pit Beef/Turkey by Jamie Fundraiser on Friday, November 21st at Easton VFW.
Donations of Coke, Diet Coke, and Sprite 12 ounce cans and 16 ounce water bottles are needed and can be bought to the luncheon. Giant and Harris Teeter run specials of Buy 2/get 3 FREE. A great time to buy and help us out!

There will also be a 50/50 Raffle, the collection for the Martha Greene Scholarship and donations for St. Vincent dePaul **(mustard, ketchup, mayo, salt, pepper, flour, sugar, and Dawn dish liquid)** Door prizes for those in attendance, no purchase needed