

# IRP Spring Speaker Schedule 2026

Date	Speaker	Affiliation	Role	Presentation Title	Introduction
January 27	Michele Johnson	MD 250 Commission	Director	MD 250 Semiquincentennial	Joanne
February 3	Ken Medearis	ALL & IRP	ALL Course Leader/IRP Member	Discussion of the book, "Basic Laws of Human Stupidity" by Carlo Cipolla	Mary
February 10	Josh Hastings John Cannon	Wicomico County Council	Member President	Update of Wicomico County	Mary
February 17	Tom Horton	Salisbury University	Adjunct Professor - Environmental Science Dept.	Chesapeake Style Bay: Lessons Learned from 50 Years of Reporting on the Chesapeake	Mary
February 24	Katie Register	Clean Water Waterways	Founder & Executive Director	Plastic Pollution: Solutions to an Urgent Crisis	Mary
March 3	Dick Hoffman	SU Perdue School	Professor Emeritus	Serving the Nation's History in WW2 - The Phillips Packing Company's Contributions to Military Rations	Candice
March 10	Marilyn Williams	Lyme Disease Assoc. of Delmarva	Executive Director	Delmarva's Tick-Borne Diseases and Resources	Julie
March 17	Bernadette Cannady	San Domingo	Historian	History of the Rosenfeld School in San Domingo, MD	Mary
March 24	Therese Hamilton	Salisbury Wicomico Arts Council (SWAC)	Executive Director	Been SWAC'd?	Candice
March 31	Neil Winston	Hopflyt	Chief Engineer	Advanced Air Mobility - How Drones Are Changing the Air	Julie
April 7	Jennifer Keane-Dawes	UMES English, Languages & Media Studies	Professor	Ancient Civilization: Rome and Egypt	Candice
April 14	Derrick Beauchamp	Bytecode	Enterprise Sales Executive	Navigating AI Risks and Opportunities	Julie
April 21	Ralph Lutts	VA Tech Visiting Scholar	Environmental Historian	The Chestnut Trade and Economy of the Blue Ridge of VA	Maureen
April 28	Sheree Sample-Hughes	MD House of Delegates	Representative District 37A	District 37A and State News	Mary
May 5	Spring Luncheon	No Meeting		12/10/25	

Meetings are held at the MAC Center's Bradford Room on Tuesdays from 2 - 3 PM.