

Montgomery County Public Schools Retirees Association, Inc.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dr. Carol Dahlberg
President - MCPSRA

We have had a busy and informative year hearing from MRSPA officers, interviewing candidates for public offices and learning from Elder Law Attorney Michael Day. At our April gathering, Superintendent Jack Smith and Councilman Craig Rice were our guests and speakers. Dr. Smith



Dr. Jack Smith

provided an overview of the implementation of the "Equity Accountability Model" and the "Evidence of Learning"

measures for all students. Councilman Rice shared his enthusiasm for learning and the importance of enhancing the learning opportunities for all, especially in the very early years of childhood. Mr. Rice emphasized that he will continue to support education initiatives that benefit students, parents and staff in MCPS



Craig Rice

The slate of officers for 2019-2020 was presented by

Nominating Chairman Steve Raucher and approved by the members present:

President	Carol Dahlberg
Vice-President	Debra Munk
Treasurer	Steve Raucher
Secretary	Mary D'Ovidio

A special tribute goes to Dr. Kenneth Muir who has served on the Board of Directors for the Montgomery County Retired Teachers Association, Inc. (MCRTA)* and the Montgomery County Public Schools Retirees Association, Inc. (MCPSRA) for over 20 years. In his first message as MCPSRA President, Ken wrote the following: "Please join us in socializing, broadening horizons through travel, helping educator's professional development through scholarship awards and improving both public and retiree benefits." His words ring true today. His leadership in the following positions helped to amplify the voices of MCPS retirees:

1999-2002	Legislative and Review of Public Budgets (MCRTA)
2003-2006	President (MCPSRA)
2007-2019	Treasurer (MCPSRA)

I also recognize Dr. Russell Wright, Dr. Debra Munk and Judy Reiff for their contributions. Russ who, as Vice-President, organized programs for luncheons and as newsletter editor kept us well-informed. He also formatted the new membership application. We are fortunate that Russ will continue as newsletter editor. Judy who, as Trips Chairperson, identified and helped organize day trips, overnight travel and overseas tours. Debra who, as Consumer Education Chairperson, identified and shared tips and consumer information. She will assume the position of vice-president in June. I also appreciate all members of the Board of Directors

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MCPSRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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2018-19 BUSINESS MEETING/LUNCHEON

DATES

Business meeting/luncheons are held four times a year at the delightful Normandie Farm Restaurant, 10710 Falls Road, Potomac, MD 20854.



Our one remaining luncheon for this school year is Thursday, June 13, 2019.

The program will include the induction of MCPSRA officers, and the announcement of 2019 scholarship winners.

Please note that our Business meeting/Luncheon dates for next year are:

October 17, 2019
February 20, 2020
April 23, 2020
June 11, 2020

President's Message (Continued from page 1.)

for their leadership roles and all MCPSRA members for your on-going support.

In April, the budget was approved by the Board and is presented on page 6 of this newsletter. In May, scholarship applications are reviewed and awarded to MCPS employees for studies pursued during the summer and fall sessions in 2019.

All MCPSRA members are welcome to join our monthly Board of Directors meetings. They begin at 9:30 am on the first Thursday of the month (except July). We meet in CESC Room 134.

Special thanks to Bill Mills (retired MCPS photographer) for the pictures on pages 1, 2 and 4.

Carol Dahlberg

HELP NEEDED NOW!



For the past fifteen years, our association has been committed to providing toolkits of school supplies for needy incoming kindergartners who attend a special Title I Extended Learning Opportunities Summer Adventures in Learning (ELO SAIL) Program each summer. In those 15 years we've assembled and distributed nearly 20,000 kits. The number of kits requested each summer has escalated from 800 the first year to 2,000 in each of the past three years, which is what is needed again this July.

The estimated cost to provide 2,000 toolkits is approximately \$26,000. Unfortunately, we have fallen drastically short of this amount in our fundraising efforts that began in September. Thus far we have only received 143 donations for a total of \$12,515. That is less than 6% of our membership! We **URGENTLY NEED YOUR HELP NOW!** Each year at this time we tend to panic about our fundraising shortfall. Hopefully those of you who have not yet supported our project with a donation this year will hear our urgent plea and take it to heart. **PLEASE** help by sending your TAX-DEDUCTIBLE donation as soon as possible. We are confident that our members will do what they've always done in years past and step forward to join the others who have already contributed to guarantee the success of our project again this summer. Thanks SO MUCH for caring!

MCPSRA TOOLKITS SPONSORSHIP FORM

Please provide (print clearly) the following information and mail it along with a check (payable to: **MCPS Educational Foundation**, with "Toolkits Project" on the memo line) to Mrs. Joan Donovan, 13 Hilton Court, Gaithersburg, MD 20882-3521

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

I would like to sponsor # _____ toolkits at \$10 per kit. Donation enclosed: \$ _____

Optional: In memory of _____ In honor of _____

Send acknowledgement to _____

Optional: _____ I do NOT want my name to appear on the labels of the toolkits that I sponsor.

Organize a Faculty/Staff Reunion

Do you miss seeing colleagues from your former school or office?

Do you need an excuse to get together?

How about a luncheon reunion at Normandie Farms Restaurant in Potomac?

We're here to help!

All you have to do is reserve a table (or two) at the next MCPSRA luncheon. (We will even let your non-MCPSRA-member colleagues pay the member luncheon price.)



Interested? Here's what you need to do...

Reach out to your colleagues and invite them to join you at an MCPSRA Luncheon. Share the menu (page 11). Tell them about the popovers! Have each guest mail their name, menu choice, and a check made payable to MCPSRA, to LeeAnn Kaye 3210 N. Leisure World Blvd. #306, Silver Spring, MD 20906. Finally, contact LeeAnn at (GEOLAKAYE@GMAIL.COM) with a list of your invitees so that she can reserve a table for your reunion.

MCPSRA HAS A NEW WEBSITE <http://www.mcpsra.org> Check it out for updated information.

If you have any photographs or information related to MCPSRA activities, please send them to john.dahlberg234@gmail.com.

Get Involved!

There are openings on the MCPSRA Board of Directors for committee chairs. Even if you are just a wee bit curious you are invited to join us at our August Board meeting to learn more about the available openings and see how much fun we have. Join us at 9:30 am on Thursday, August 1. We meet in CESC Room 134. No pressure will be applied.

LIKE us on **FACEBOOK!**

Look for our page on Facebook. Go to **Montgomery County Public Schools Retirees Association** to get the latest news and reminders about upcoming travel and events. Give us your suggestions! YOU are important to our success.

Welcome New Members

Joined in January 2019

Amanda C. Alcivar	13114 Grenoble Drive, Rockville, MD 20853	202-812-0214
Pamela Bryant-Hollins	607 Brandywine St. SE M' Washington, DC 20032	202-422-4718
Cheryl Bunyan	340 Greenspring Lane, Silver Spring, MD 20904	240-286-5523
Kim Curtis	509 Quince Orchard Rd. #335, Gaithersburg, MD 20878-1435	240-444-1466
Shirley C. Feldman	3330 N. Leisure World Blvd. Apt. 308, Silver Spring, MD 20906	301-598-0247
Judy B. Miller	3852 Berleigh Hill Court, Burtonsville, MD 20866	301-421-1876
Vicki R Rogers	10090 Mill Run Circle # 141 F, Owings Mills, MD 21117	443-804-8492
Wendy Siegelman	543 Monet Drive, Rockville, MD 20850	301-738-1521
Debra L. Summers	5819 Red Hill Road, Keedysville, MD 21756	301-432-4340
Angela M. White	10619 Kenilworth Avenue #202, Bethesda, MD 20814	240-338-0352

Joined in February 2019

Karen S Leete	10609 Greenacres Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20903	301-431-3983
Wanda Means Harris	1320 Montague St. NW, Washington, DC 20011-2876	202-291-5334
Jane Straub	2909 Gold Mine Road, Brookeville, MD 20833	301-801-4668

Joined in March 2019

Kimberly Cannon	3736 1st Ave, Edgewater, MD 21037	443-207-6418
Mary Pat Wilson	20211 W. Hunter Rd, Beallsville, MD 20839	301-972-8259

Joined in April 2019

Kathryn Frome	8808 Wooden Bridge Rd., Potomac, MD 20854	301-294-2154
Rita V Miles	6407 Knollbrook Drive, Hyattsville, MD 20783	301-270-8791
Bonnie Novick	4 Hollyberry Court, Rockville, MD 20852	301-231-7990

MCPSRA Consumer Report by Debra Munk

As a member of MCPSRA, you are also a member of the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA), entitling you access to the bi-monthly **Consumer Connection Newsletter** published by the MRSPA Consumer Education Committee. This newsletter has a plethora of information that is timely and current. For example, the May-June newsletter includes such topics as: summer eye and skin protection, evacuation kits, scam prevention, summer travel tips, where and how to dispose of unused medicines and new benefits as a member of MRSPA. Additionally, consumer items that are “best buys” are also listed. For example, June bargains include:

1. June is National Dairy Month so look for sales on all types of dairy products from milk to yogurt to ice cream!

2. Also on sale in June –

- Dishware – companies slash prices in June, right in time for wedding season! Look for savings of 25-50% off.
- Gym Memberships and Equipment – summer isn’t the best time for gyms and you can snag some great deals. If they don’t outright offer a discount – haggle. You’d be surprised at the deal you might receive just by asking.
- Tools – When Father’s Day rolls around, you can always find some great deals on tools and outdoor lawn equipment.

You can access the **Consumer Connection Newsletter** by clicking on the MRSPA website (www.MRSPA.org), clicking on “Committees”, and clicking on “Consumer Connection Newsletter”.

MCPSRA 2019-2020 Budget

	Income	2018-19 Budget	2019-20 Budget
Local Membership Dues		24,950	24,950
Investment Fund - Scholarships		3,000	3,000
MRSFA Postage/Membership Grant		45	45
Investment Income			
Newsletter Advertising		500	-
Total Income		\$ 28,495	\$ 27,995
Transfer from Surplus		\$ 3,005	\$ 1,455
Total Revenue		\$ 31,500	\$ 29,450

	Expenses		
Officers		100	100
Committees			
Archives			
Auditing		1,200	1,200
Budget			
Committee for Montgomery		1,100	1,100
Community Service			
Donations and Contributions		300	1,050
Education and Protective Services			
Hospitality			
Insurance			
Josiah Henson Special Project		1,000	500
Legislative			
Membership		700	700
Membership Chair Stipend		1,500	1,500
Membership Directory			
Newsletter		12,800	10,500
Political Action		50	300
Program		400	400
Recognition		200	200
Scholarships		9,000	9,000
Special Projects		2,250	2,250
Trips		200	200
Website		500	250
Contingency		200	200
Total Expenses		\$ 31,500	\$ 29,450

MCPSRA TRAVEL 2019

Fall 2019

Let's fill the bus!! The plan for upcoming Retiree Association trips is to fill the bus for each trip with MCPSRA members, adult family members and adult friends. With that end in mind, the following are the trips planned for this coming September through December, 2019.

Travel opportunities listed here are newly planned trips. Trips that were advertised in the April edition of our newsletter may still be available. You can find back issues of our newsletter at www.mcpsra.org.

[African American Museum, Washington, DC. September 17, 2019; 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.](#)

The Smithsonian National Museum for African American History and Culture is a state-of-the-art building that addresses nearly every aspect of the African American experience, covering the arts, slavery, the Civil Rights movement, athletics, and more. Lunch will be on your own at a Museum restaurant. Activity Level: walking and standing. **Payment of \$43 due by August 2, 2019**

[Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, PA. Chrysanthemum Festival; October 20, 2019; 8 am – 6 pm.](#)

Experience the largest display of exhibition chrysanthemums in the United States. Horticultural experts work daily throughout the seasons to train more than 17,000 chrysanthemums into giant orbs, pagodas, columns and even a unique fan-shape. Lunch will be on your own at Garden Café. Activity Level: walking and standing. **Payment of \$77 due by September 10, 2019.**

[Winterthur Museum, Winterthur, DE. Costuming the Crown; November 8, 2019; 8:00am – 6:00 pm.](#)

Winterthur Museum, an American estate and museum formerly owned by Henry Francis du Pont, is well known for its renowned antique collections and naturalistic garden. At the time of our visit, an exhibit, *Costuming the Crown*, will provide additional opportunities to see 40 iconic costumes as well as royal crowns and tiaras from the Emmy-award winning Netflix show *The Crown*, a dramatized history of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II. Lunch will be on your own at a Museum restaurant. Activity Level: walking and standing. **Payment of \$75 due by September 24, 2019.**

[American Music Theater, Lancaster, PA. Joy to the World, December 10, 2019, 7:30 am – 5:00 pm.](#)

American Music theater is well known for its outstanding concerts and performances. This year's holiday show, *Joy to the World*, features phenomenal singing, music, and dance interspersed with light-hearted holiday humor. Following the show, we will enjoy a traditional Amish Farm Feast at Plain and Fancy Restaurant. Activity Level: Low. **Payment of \$130 due by October 25, 2019.**

Travel Co-Chairs:

Mail all checks and reservations forms to: Margaret P. Brown, 6 Cullinan Drive, Gaithersburg MD 20878

Contact Nancy Sanders via e-mail: NancyOSanders@gmail.com or by phone at 301-963-1357 for questions.

TRIP RESERVATION FORM
(one form for each tour, please)

TOUR _____

NAME _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone # _____ Cell # _____ E-mail _____

Member of MCPSRA: Yes _____ No _____ If not, guest of _____

Are you traveling with others: Yes _____ No _____

Emergency contact information _____

Are your travel companions paying independently? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, please enclose that check with registration. Total no. of travelers, incl. self _____ X tour fee = TOTAL PAYEMNT \$ _____

CIRCLE ONE: Method of payment: check OR credit card payment to EYRE.

CREDIT CARD payment is accepted for trips offered by EYRE only. If paying by credit card, call the Tour Department at EYRE TOUR & TRAVEL: 410-442-1330 ext. 4.

Please let us know if you have special needs or requests (seating, mobility, food allergies, medical issues CHECKS should be made payable to MCPSRA. One check per tour, please.

MAIL all checks and reservations form to Margaret P. Brown, Travel Co-Chair, 6 Cullinan Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20878 QUESTIONS: please contact Nancy Sanders, Travel Co-Chair, at NancyOSanders@gmail.com or by phone 301-963-1357. We welcome your suggestion, too.

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REMINDERS ABOUT THE MCPSRA TRAVEL PROGRAM

1. We all travel at our own risk. When signing up for one of the sponsored trips, participants accept all liability for any loss, damage or personal injury related to that trip and hold MCPSRA, its Officers and Board harmless should any accident, injury or loss occur.
2. Itineraries, times and details are approximate. Changes are sometime necessary and unavoidable.
3. Trips are open to members, their families and adult friends.
4. GUESTS: On popular trips, to ensure MCPSRA members have preferred opportunity to secure reservations, guests may be limited. If you will be traveling with guests that you have invited, please make sure they read this list of reminders.
5. DEPARTURES: All bus trips leave from the Park-and-Ride, Georgia Avenue, Olney.
6. PLEASE OBSERVE THE DEADLINES FOR RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT.
7. RESERVATIONS: Participants have the choice of check or credit card. Write a separate **check**, payable to MCPSRA, for each trip. Include the name and date of the trip on each check. Send your check with your completed reservations for each trip. Your reservation will be definite upon receipt of your deposit/full payment, whichever is required. If a trip has to be cancelled

because of insufficient numbers of participants needed by the published deadline, your check will be returned to you. **Credit card** payments can be made by calling EYRE Tour & Travel at 410-442-1330, ext. 4. Upon receipt of registration form and check/credit card payment confirmation, the Travel Team will send an email to the participant acknowledging the booking.

8. REFUNDS are made if the trip is cancelled. If an individual cancels, refunds will be made only if the space can be filled.
 9. GRATUITIES for driver and local guides are not included in the price of the trip.
 10. QUESTIONS: Please contact Nancy Sanders, Travel Co-Chair, via email NancyOSanders@gmail.com or by phone at 301-963-1357.
 11. MAIL all reservation forms and payment to Margaret P. Brown, Travel Co-Chair, 6 Cullinan Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20878
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In Memoriam

The following MCPSRA members have passed away:

FEBRUARY

**Arra Marie Bishop
Olivia H. Devilbiss
Stanley T. Kaplan
Alessandra L. Levenbook
Stephen M. Rohr (husband of Karolyn)
Marlene M. Ross
David G. Vader
Carolyn L. Waugh
Margaret Zierdt**

MARCH

**Rufus L. Barfield
Thomas A. Krafchik
June K. Morgenstern
Joyce A. Pratt**

APRIL

**Rosa K. Cullen
William H. Homick
Karen J. Markle**

Volunteers

Many volunteer opportunities are available throughout our area. Hope you will find one that in which you are interested.

Have a Happy and restful summer.

Thanks for your generous service to others.

Address Change (Please let us know if you have moved.)

Helen S. Chaset, Ed.D. 20185 E. Country Club Dr. 2207 Aventura, FL 33180

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MCPsRA-Henson Project Donation Form

Please provide (print clearly) the following information and mail it along with a check (payable to: "Montgomery County Parks Foundation") to MCPsRA Treasurer, Dr. Ken Muir, 3100 North Leisure World Blvd. #508, Silver Spring, MD 20906.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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OPT OUT? IT'S YOUR CHOICE

If you do not wish to share your name and address with the travel companies that are working with MCPsRA to offer special trip opportunities, please write the words **OPT OUT** on a piece of paper along with your name and address and mail to:

MCPsRA PO Box 4367, Rockville, MD 20849.

ARE YOU GETTING YOUR NEWSLETTER AS AN EMAIL ATTACHMENT?

We are sending every issue of the Newsletter as an email attachment to all members for whom we have a working email address.

If you are not getting the email version, it's because we don't have your correct email address or your provider is sending it to your spam folder. If you are one of these people, and if you would like to receive the color version of the Newsletter as an email attachment please send an email to MCPSRA.Newsletter@gmail.com. Use **this same address to let us know if you want the newsletter by email only**.

NOTE: If you have asked for email-only delivery but are still getting the US mail version, that's because it can take several months before your name is be removed from the MRSPA mailing list.

If you want to get the newsletter in the US mail but aren't, contact our membership chair Juliette Trevino at jgtrevino@comcast.net .



MCPSRA Luncheon and Business Meeting

Thursday, June 13, 2019

Normandie Farm 10710 Falls Road

Potomac, MD 20854

301-983-8838

www.popovers.com

If MCPS is closed, luncheon is cancelled. Delayed opening, luncheon is held.

Gathering: 11:00 a.m. Business Meeting: 11:30 a.m. Luncheon: Noon; Program 1:00 PM

Menu Choices:

Chicken Caesar Salad	\$23.50
Filet of Flounder, Lemon Butter	\$23.50
Tenderloin Beef Tips w/ Bordelaise Sause	\$23.50
Eggplant Parmesan	\$20.00

Entrees include: tomato/mozzarella salad, Popovers, vegetables, ice cream w/chocolate sauce, tea, coffee, soda.
Cash bar available.

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Thursday, June 13, 2019

Circle Entrée Choice

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Chicken Beef

email address: _____ Fish Vegetarian

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Chicken Beef

email address: _____ Fish Vegetarian

Total amount enclosed: _____

RESERVATION FORM AND CHECK MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, June 7, 2019.

Make check payable to MCPSRA. Mail to:

LEEANN KAYE

3210 N. LEISURE WORLD BLVD. #306

SILVER SPRING, MD 20906

FOR INFORMATION: LEEANN KAYE 301-598-5480 OR TRISH BENDLER 301-540-5160

GEOLAKAYE@GMAIL.COM PATRICIA_BENDLER09@COMCAST.NET

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**MCPSRA Luncheon/Business Meeting
NORMANDIE FARM**

Gathering: 11:00 a.m.; Business Meeting: 11:30 a.m.;
Luncheon: 12:00 Noon; Program 1:00 p.m.

Next Luncheon Date
June 13, 2019

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