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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dr. Carol Dahlberg
President - MCPSRA

Welcome to the 2020-2021 year. While we will not be having any in-person meetings or gatherings in the near future, we are working diligently to help keep you informed about MCPSRA and MRSPA business.

This fall each of us has two important tasks to carry out: completing the 2020 census and voting for candidates for elected offices. MCPSRA is supporting Sunil Dasgupta and Shebra Evans for the Board of Education and Jamie Raskin for District 8 of the U. S. House of Representatives. There are also two ballot questions regarding the organization of the County Council. (See an explanation on page 11.)

MCPSRA was recognized by MRSPA with the Membership Award Largest Numerical Increase with an increase of 64 new members since June. This was due to the identification of recently retired MCPS employees and outreach to them by Vice-President Debra Munk and Membership Chair Juliette Trevino. A robust membership is important for all of us to maintain our benefits and to keep abreast of legislation and to have our voices heard. All dues must be paid by November 1, 2020, including cash dues to maintain membership.

Please extend a warm welcome to Dr. Donna Hollingshead as the Public Relations Committee Chair on our Board of Directors.

EA Stonesifer, MCPSRA scholarship co-chair, was recognized by MRSPA with the Outstanding Individual Community Service Award Honorable Mention. EA initiated a literacy program for first graders called "Reading is Terrific" in 2004 in approximately 12 selected Montgomery County Title I elementary schools and has served as the program's director for the 16 years of its existence. EA has served for several years in a variety of capacities for "Questers," an international historical preservation and restoration organization with local and state chapters in Maryland. She is currently the Vice President of her group which seeks to locate and preserve local antiquities and historical small-town sites. For more information regarding each program, you may google them. (EA has served on the Scholarship Committee since 2003.)

The National Science Teaching Association would like your assistance in providing science expertise toward national competitions in the areas of STEM. If you are interested in being a virtual judge, use the following link to request an application:

<https://app.reviewr.com/s1/site/NSTAJudges2020>.

The MCPSRA Board of Directors meets monthly by Zoom teleconference and continues to work for our members protecting our health benefits. Joan Donovan has been doing an excellent job of taking notes and recording the minutes while our secretary Mary D'Ovidio has been out of town. MRSPA has Zoom meetings with the presidents of locals to share updates on benefits, legislation and methods locals are using to communicate with their members during this challenging time. We continue to support our community service projects including Toolkits (see page 3), the Josiah Henson Park (see page 9,) and the MCPSRA Scholarship Fund. (continued on page 2)

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



Normandie Farm Restaurant has More than Popovers

October 15, 2020 (Cancelled)

February 18, 2021

April 15, 2021

June 17, 2021

President's Message continued:

We now have a vacancy on the BOD for Community Service Chair. Frieda Price has moved to Virginia to be closer to family. We owe Frieda a great debt of gratitude for her 29 years of service on the MCPSRA BOD as Chair of the Travel Committee and of the Community Service Committee. As Travel Committee Chair for over 25 years, Frieda devoted countless hours to identifying, organizing and leading trips through December 2017. She thrived on seeing new sights and sharing them with others. We will miss her good humor and insights at our BOD meetings and wish her the very best in her new adventure. (See a thank you message from Frieda on page 6.)

If you have not yet signed up to receive our newsletters and other notices by email, please see page 6 for to see how to get on our email list. Also be sure to check our website [MCPSRA.org](http://www.mcpsra.org) for updates and the latest color version of this and earlier newsletters.

---Carol Dahlberg

FUTURE PLANS FOR THE TOOLKITS PROJECT



We are living in times of great anxiety and uncertainty. It is challenging to even think about planning for the future when our focus is on getting through today, tomorrow, and next week. We are all trying to do all we can to remain hopeful, positive, and determined to reach the end of the COVID-19 pandemic. We must also become more knowledgeable and better prepared to face similar challenges in the future. One thing is certain... we must keep the well-being and education of our county's children foremost in our thoughts. Children are the key to our future.

MCPS has postponed face-to-face classes for the first semester of the 2020-2021 academic year. All learning activities are being conducted on-line. Even our Toolkits Project remains on hold. We know that once schools reopen, there will be a great need for our toolkits due to the devastating increase of unemployment and the economic downturn throughout our county and nation. Here is the reality we know: when the children return to school it will be impossible for us to provide a kit for every kindergartner attending one of the Title-I elementary schools. We will work with the Title-I office to see what can be done but most likely our project of assembling 2,200 or more toolkits will not resume in full until next summer. When we resume, we will then continue to target kindergartners who attend the Title-I Extended Learning Opportunities Summer Adventures In Learning (ELO SAIL) Program. We anticipate that there will be a spike in enrollment in next summer's program so we are planning to be ready.

Prior to canceling this summer's ELO SAIL Program, we had received a total of \$23,590 from 258 donations to our project. That amount has not been spent. It remains in our project account with the MCPS Educational Foundation. Although \$23,590 seems like a lot of money, it fell short of what we needed to cover the cost to assemble the 2,200 kits that were needed (\$29,000).

We are making tentative plans to distribute 2,500 kits next summer so we MUST continue fundraising efforts now to assure we can continue. PLEASE support our project by filling out the form below and mailing it along with a check to the address listed. Make checks payable to: **MCPS Educational Foundation** and write **Toolkits Project** on the memo line. To everyone who has been asking about saving bottle caps for the kits... we cannot accept any bottle caps collected during the pandemic. Please recycle them. We will inform everyone when to start saving caps again. Remember that our character as well as our commitment to children does not change with a virus - through good times and bad, we all are good people doing good work for the good of our community. Thank you 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 _____

Select one: _____ e-mail me a receipt at _____

_____ mail me a receipt _____ no receipt is necessary

_____ Do **NOT** include my name on the toolkits labels

Welcome New Members

Joined in May 2020

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Joined in June 2020

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Joined in August 2020

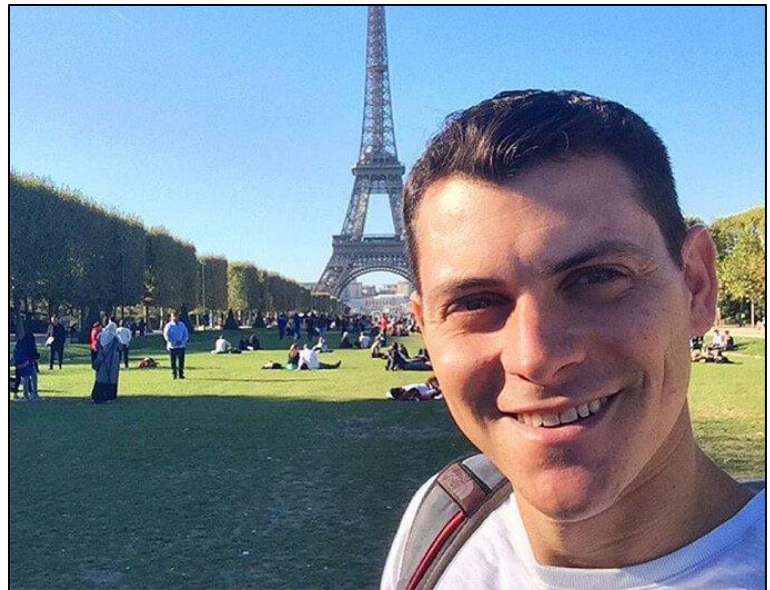
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TRIPS by Margaret Brown

As you know, the COVID-19 pandemic has put the kibosh on much actual travel. However, there are other ways to satisfy your travel urge. For instance, you could read travel books, watch movies, take some virtual tours, or take some online classes. Although there are many places you can look for these things, an easy way to find suggestions, all in one place, is to google a site called “How to (Virtually) Travel the World” by Nomadic Matt. He lists all sorts of great ideas. Enjoy!



Nomadic Matt

Heads UP – by Steve Raucher

Open Season for our benefits has been announced by MCPS. It runs from October 12 through November 6, 2020. Rates for Medicare Eligible Retirees will not change, but there will be an increase for non-Medicare and for Kaiser enrollees. Details will be mailed by ERSC in the next several weeks.

ARE YOU GETTING YOUR NEWSLETTER AS AN EMAIL ATTACHMENT?

We are sending this Newsletter as an email attachment to all members for whom we have a working email address.

Here are the advantages of the email version:

- it's in color
- it arrives earlier than the print version, and
- if you only get the email version it saves our organization money.

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

A Message to MCPSRA Travelers from Frieda by Frieda Price

I hope this finds you well, safe and active during these trying and difficult times. I have relocated to Southwest Va., the town of Abingdon. Some of you will remember the trip here years ago on our return from Nashville. We stayed at the Martha Washington Inn and attended the Barter Theater. I have so many fond and wonderful memories of the trips we took together from 1989-2017.

So many of you were frequent travelers that each trip almost felt like family. We welcomed new travelers on each trip and grew to a



Frieda (front row right) leads MCPSRA members on trip to Hillwood Estate and Gardens.

large organization that provided us with a variety of trips and destinations. I will always cherish these memories but most of all your fun-loving participation. I have so many pictures, post cards and magnets, which I have displayed on several magnetic boards. I'm sure many of you also have a collection of some of these same items. I am so thankful that we took advantage of all the fun and interesting opportunities we had together. Now that such opportunities are no longer available, I am very sad.

I thank you for all your lovely and very kind notes and cards. I enjoy reading them over and over. MCPSRA travelers were the very best. Thanks. My hope is that in the near future MCPSRA trips will again be available for our members. There's so much to do and see.

Again, I thank you for all the wonderful and memorable years of our travels and friendship. Best regards and healthy and safe wishes for you.

Fondly,
Frieda

MCPSRA Consumer Report

Don't Forget Your Flu Shot! With Covid-19 lurking about, it is more important than ever for seniors to get protections against the seasonal influenza virus. Early October is the best time to get it done. Either the Fluzone (High-dose) or the Fluad vaccines are recommended for seniors. Flu shots are typically covered by Medicare. Check with your caregiver or pharmacist for more detailed information or go to the Maryland Department of Aging online, and search Flu Season for Older Adults.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is October 24. This event is a safe, convenient, and responsible way to dispose of unused or expired prescription drugs at locations in communities throughout the country. Not sure where to find a location near you? Check DEA's official website at: <https://takebackday.dea.gov>

Other important things to do in October:

- Change your smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector batteries.
- Have your furnace inspected for leaks.

HOW ABOUT SOMETHING TO EXERCISE YOUR BRAIN?

There are only nine questions.

This is a quiz for people who know everything! I found out in a hurry that I didn't. These are not trick questions. They are straight questions with straight answers!

1. Name the one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends.
2. What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backward?
3. Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted every year. What are the only two perennial vegetables?
4. What fruit has its seeds on the outside?
5. In many liquor stores, you can buy pear brandy, with a real pear inside the bottle. The pear is whole and ripe, and the bottle is genuine; it hasn't been cut in any way. How did the pear get inside the bottle?
6. Only three words in standard English begin with the letters 'dw' and they are all common words. Name two of them.
7. There are 14 punctuation marks in English grammar. Can you name at least half of them?
8. Name the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form except fresh
9. Name 6 or more things that you can wear on your feet beginning with the letter 'S.'

(Answers on next page.)

Answers to Quiz:

1. The one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends: Boxing.
2. North American landmark constantly moving backward: Niagara Falls... The rim is worn down about two and a half feet each year because of the millions of gallons of water that rush over it every minute.
3. Only two vegetables that can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons: Asparagus and rhubarb.
4. The fruit with its seeds on the outside: Strawberry.
5. How did the pear get inside the brandy bottle? It grew inside the bottle. The bottles are placed over pear buds when they are small, and are wired in place on the tree. The bottle is left in place for the entire growing season. When the pears are ripe, they are snipped off at the stems.
6. Three English words beginning with dw: Dwarf, dwell and dwindle.
7. Fourteen punctuation marks in English grammar: Period, comma, colon, semicolon, dash, hyphen, apostrophe, question mark, exclamation point, quotation mark, brackets, parenthesis, braces, and ellipses.
8. The only vegetable or fruit never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form but fresh: Lettuce.
9. Six or more things you can wear on your feet beginning with 'S': Shoes, socks, sandals, sneakers, slippers, skis, skates, snowshoes, stockings, stilts.

In Memoriam*

The following MCPSRA members have passed away:

APRIL

**Peggy W. Anselmo
Corinne Fleisher
Jean M. Fullenkamp
Marguerite S. Hetrick
Ronald Kail
Helen Jane Lundberg**

MAY

**Joseph Loewe
Elaine R. Parker
Angelina Routly
Kent H. Weaver
Aileen J. Craig**

JUNE

**John E. Maley
William C. Wanatosky
Rose T. Weaver
James R. Purdum (husband of Lois Purdum)**

***Compiled from the July 1, 2020 MCPS Deceased Retirees Report. A more recent report has not been received since that date from either MCPS or MRSPA.**

Josiah Henson Museum & Park

Project Update by Lou D'Ovidio

Good news!

Montgomery Parks Foundation reports that construction of the Museum building and rehabilitation of the plantation owner's house is proceeding and on time. Thank you for your financial support. Your contributions to the Henson Project are matched by MCPSRA. There is another photograph of the property on page 11.



The Josiah Henson Park Visitor Center/Museum is under construction.

The grand opening /ribbon cutting, baring complications from local and state COVID restrictions, is planned for December 2020. The current order from Montgomery County directs all museums be closed, so we will have to wait and see.

Meanwhile, there is a video of Mia Lewis, a descendant of Rev. Henson, touring the project site. Here is he link: <https://youtu.be/.QESZGnq1qSU>

Make a contribution using the form below. Programs at the Henson site have served Title 1 schools and will be expanded.

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. Stephen Raucher, 5515 Manorfield Rd., Rockville, MD 20853.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

MCPSRA CARES CALLING

An MCPSRA "Keep-in-Touch" Calling Group is forming and would like you to join us.

COVID-19 is a terrible disease but so is loneliness. Many of us have been isolated in our homes, with limited access to another human voice. Yes, ZOOM and Netflix help fill out time, but we all need to talk with a real person, share our feelings and just communicate. Human beings were not created to be alone!

In addition to your Board of Directors, several of our members have already volunteered to periodically call various members of MCPSRA who may be more isolated during the Coronavirus crisis because they are either living alone or may be ill. If you'd like to help us make these calls, or to be added to the list of members who would like to be called, please send an email to Steve Raucher (sraucher@comcast.net) or, better yet, give him a call (301)-318-4969. He's lonely too.

MCPSRA LUNCHEONS?



Normandie Farm Restaurant

Unfortunately, the October 15 MCPSRA luncheon has been canceled due to COVID 19. Meanwhile, here is some interesting information regarding Normandie Farm.

Normandie Farm has been in business since May of 1931. It was founded by Margery and Genevieve Hendricks. Margery had just returned from a cooking school in Normandy, France. As she was out driving one day, she saw the land in Potomac and 45 minutes later, she owned it. The original restaurant was designed and decorated by Genevieve. Genevieve went on to become an interior designer in Georgetown and she helped Lady Bird Johnson redecorate the White House. Margery ran the restaurant and later opened the Normandy Farm “intown” branch in 1941, naming it Water Gate Inn. The original spelling, Normandy Farm, changed in 1981 to what we know today.

Over the years, Normandie Farm has been owned by three different families: Hendricks, Speros and Prokos, the current owner/chef. It was the Hendricks sisters who originated and popularized the famous popovers. They have been served yearly with the exception of three years in the 80s.

The current owner/chef, Cary Prokos, came to Normandie Farm in 1983, and his first official act was to put popovers back on the menu. Chef Cary is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York, where his son is currently a student.

The Montgomery County Public Schools Retirees Association has been holding its four yearly luncheon/business meetings at Normandie Farm since 2015. All attendees have enjoyed the wonderful food and the warm ambiance of the restaurant. It has been great working with Chef Cary and all of his staff. It will be wonderful when we can once again return to Normandie Farm for our luncheons.

Meanwhile, thanks to Chef Cary, we can enjoy the popovers at home. This recipe makes 8 popovers.

- 8 whole eggs
- 2 cups milk
- 1 t salt
- 2 t sugar
- 2 cups all-purpose flour



Mix eggs well. Add milk, salt and sugar. Add the flour and mix for 1 minute or until the lumps are removed.

Preheat “popover pan” in a 350-degree oven with one teaspoon of vegetable oil in each cup for 20 minutes. Fill each cup almost to the very top. Bake in the oven for 50 minutes until desired browning. A convection oven is best but will work in a standard heat, with 5-10 minutes more cooking time. Serve with butter and jam. Yum!

Some Normandie Farm popover trivia: How many popovers do you think they serve in a week? On a holiday? Before everything had to close due to the pandemic, Normandie Farm would serve about 4000 per week and on any given holiday it would be about 2000 for that day.

Due to the ongoing COVID 19 Virus situation, the October 15 luncheon has been cancelled. Here's hoping that we will once again be able to gather February 18, 2021. Also, mark your calendar April 15 and June 17, 2021, and cross your fingers!!!

Montgomery County Ballot Questions – Organization of the County Council

by Steve Raucher

The current County Council consists of 9 elected members; 4 elected “at large” i.e. county wide, and 5 elected by geographic “districts”.

The current council has all of its countywide, “at large”, members residing in the “lower county”, i.e. Silver Spring/ Takoma Park, leading to citizen concerns over representation in other parts of the county, particularly as it effects the Capital Improvement Budget. Two proposals have been advanced to address this concern. The Council itself placed a proposal on the ballot to increase the number of geographic districts from 5 to 7 and thus enlarging the council from 9 to 11 members. This proposed reorganization will appear on the November Ballot as a Charter Amendment labeled “Question C”

Thirteen thousand + citizens petitioned to reorganize the council to ALL geographic districts and eliminate “at large” seats. The council would remain at 9 members. This petition resulted in placement of Question D on the November Ballot.

While the MCPSRA Board did not have the opportunity to discuss and/or recommend either question C or D, it is clear that BOTH CANNOT PASS as they are mutually contradictory. You are therefore encouraged to consider this issue and either vote for C or D but NOT both. Alternatively, should you elect to vote “no” to both, or not vote for either choice, the council will remain as it is today. The choice is yours.

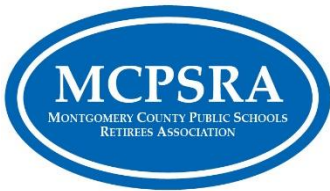


Josiah Henson Visitor Center and Museum under construction next to the Riley Plantation house.

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~~MCPSRA Luncheon/Business Meeting~~

Cancelled by COVID-19

NORMANDIE FARM

**Gathering: 11:00 a.m.; Business Meeting: 11:30 a.m.;
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