



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dr. Debra Munk
President - MCPSRA

Welcome to the new school year! Beginnings are usually exciting, and this school year is no exception. After three years on the Board of Directors, I am very happy to serve as the new president of MCPSRA. I look forward to working with our amazing Board of Directors, listed on the next page. This year we welcome five new members, Bobbi Jasper, Deb Mugge, Bill Stief, Wilma Holmes, and Marti Gray as well as our newly elected officers Reggie Ott (Vice President) and Donna Hollingshead (Recording Secretary). Steve Raucher continues as Treasurer. We want to thank Carol Dahlberg for serving for four outstanding years as president, and for now assuming the role of Immediate Past President. We bid a sad goodbye to Lou and Mary D'Ovidio who contributed many years of service to our organization, most recently as Political Action Chair and Recording Secretary. They will be greatly missed.

Speaking of beginnings...having a vested interest in student learning, it is thrilling to see students back in school—albeit masked. However, I must admit I will miss having my three granddaughters attend the “Munk School for Girls” which is their name for their virtual school in our home last year. Aside from providing a constant supply of homemade cookies, I will miss our lunches together and playing board games until afternoon classes resumed. But I know in my heart that it is far better for them to be in the physical presence of their teachers.

I realize that for many MCPS students, virtual learning experiences were less than satisfactory, and many fell behind. So, here's hoping that schools can continue to operate in-person while we continue through what we hope will be the end of the pandemic. MCPS continues to solicit retiree support. So, if you would like to volunteer or return to work, please contact HR. I know your assistance would be welcome.

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BUSINESS MEETING/LUNCHEON

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



Normandie Farm Restaurant

October 21, 2021 MCPSRA Luncheon

We almost had it and then the delta variant moved in causing the cancellation of the October 2021 luncheon. We had hoped that after missing a year of MCPSRA luncheons we would be good to go. However, covid 19 isn't done with us yet.

Once we can meet again you will notice that there are some changes. We will still be at the delightful Normandie Farm restaurant. However, to maintain the same quality of food and service, the cost for the luncheon will be \$30.00 for any entrée selection. That includes soup or salad, entrée, popovers, dessert, coffee, tea and soda.

One other change is that besides a vegetarian choice, there will only be two other choices instead of the three we had before. For example, you might choose between beef and chicken. Another time it might be chicken and fish or beef and fish.

These changes have to be made because the business environment has changed drastically throughout the entire country. Chef/owner Cary was able to offer a super deal as there was a good business to absorb our previous price. Now, with all the major increases in food and labor there is not that opportunity.

The dates for the remaining luncheons are:

February 17, 2022

April 21, 2022

June 16, 2022

Keep your fingers crossed that we will be able to gather together in 2022

WITH HIGH HOPES AND DETERMINATION

How deeply disappointed we were this past summer that our Toolkits Project had to be cancelled for a second year. After much contemplation and collaboration with Title I coordinators and specialists for the Extended Learning Opportunities Summer Adventures In Learning Program (ELO SAIL) and our association's Board of Directors, we had to face the reality that we could not assemble the kits. We could not acquire enough plastic shoeboxes nor a good many of the items that fill the boxes. Vendors were not willing to take bulk orders nor guarantee delivery dates of the items we need: sets of magnetic letters, scissors, erasers, glue sticks, Play Doh, pencil sharpeners, as well as other items that are produced in the Far East and thus are not being made or shipped due to the pandemic. Even crayons were on back order (a breakout of COVID in Crayola plants required a temporary shutdown). We had no choice but to make the decision we made.



When Montgomery County decided to open all public schools for in-person learning this fall, we were relieved and excited most especially for all our county's children but also for all the staff and parents who were spectacular during the last year and a half in their efforts to provide the children with the best learning opportunities possible under the challenging circumstances of the pandemic. It also boosted our hopes and avid determination to be able to continue with our Toolkits Project this coming year.

We have already started as many of the tasks as we can. We want to be well prepared for assembling and distributing the kits this coming summer. For several months our committee has been sorting, counting out, and bagging the bottle caps that are used for several math activities outlined in the lesson plans that are included in the kits. We have already completed 2,400 bags with 30 small clear water bottle caps in each bag and another 1,350 bags with 20 caps of various colors and sizes. We have stopped this task for now until more sizes and colors of bottle caps are donated. This is how you can help us right now. Please save bottle caps of various colors and sizes. These caps must be no wider than the width of your hand and no deeper than the thickness of your hand. Please do not save the big caps off of liquid laundry detergent or big coffee can lids. In addition, PLEASE thoroughly **wash** and **dry** the caps before placing them in a bag to donate them to us. We frequently get very dirty or moldy caps that we can't use and must recycle. You may call (301-253-6099), e-mail (jcjdonovan@aol.com), or mail them (see address on the Sponsorship Form below) to donate them. (We especially appreciate it when the caps are separated by color but that is not necessary.)



Finally, we are continuing to request donations to the project with the hopes that we can expand the number of items in the kits as well as possibly provide new books for students in other grade levels who will be participating in the ELO SAIL Program. This is something we did in previous years when we had raised enough money to do so. For several years we also donated backpacks for the homeless students registered in the Title I program. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could do all three this year - toolkits, books, and backpacks! Let's start this year with high hopes and determination! Complete the form below and mail it with your check made payable to: **MCPS Educational Foundation** with "**Toolkits Project**" on the memo line. Thank SO much!

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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

Optional: _____ do **NOT** include my name on the toolkits labels

Welcome New Members

Joined in May 2021

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Joined in June 2021

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Joined in July 2021

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MCPSRA Consumer Report by Reggie Ott

During this pandemic scammers and fraud contacts are increasingly on the rise. So, I am resending information which was provided earlier this year. A presentation by MSPRA in January on scams and frauds provided the following reminders:

- Scammers play on your emotions to extort money. They use phishing scams as part of their ploy.
- These scammers will repeatedly contact you or their victims to wear you down to get you so that they can work get information or extort money.
- Don't wire money to any agency if you are being asked to be deceptive or use a Green Dot card reference number, a gift card, or send a check from a call or contact that you did not initiate.
- Ignore purchasing medicinal kits or at home testing kits from ads, phone solicitations.
- Don't offer personal information in response to calls from any source with which that you are unfamiliar.
- Additionally, shred all documents which contain financial or personal information.
- Limit the amount of information you carry in your wallet or purse. Don't keep social security numbers, PINs, or passwords in your purse or wallet.
- Electronic devices such as cell phones and tablets are being stolen at an alarming rate. Keep a record of the serial numbers of your devices; use strong passwords consisting of letters, numbers and special characters.

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MCPSRA is more than an acronym—it is a mission to protect our defined benefit retirement pension and our health benefits, and to inspire the dedication, commitment, skills and abilities of our members in service to fellow retirees and the entire community in an ever-changing world. The highly-committed members of the Board of Directors will continue to work on your behalf. However, your membership matters greatly to the success of our organization. It is important that you take an active role in helping to make a difference in our organization and community. Through our commitment to achieving that purpose, we will strengthen our organization and community.

I also encourage you to take advantage of the many benefits that your dual membership in MRSPA affords you. For more information, check out the MRSPA website: <https://www.mrspa.org>.

Finally, I invite you to attend our luncheons, contribute to our Tools Kits and other service projects, and participate on one of our committees. Please encourage your retired friends to join in the fun also by becoming members. Be sure to visit our webpage at mcpsra.org.

Warm regards,
Debra Munk

Scholarships by E.A. Stonesifer

One of the important functions of the MCPSRA has been to award scholarships every Spring to MCPS teachers and staff to help defray the cost of course work in a recognized educational program. Information on how to apply for these scholarships was made available in MCPS schools, offices, warehouses, depots and was even posted on LinkedIn. This year, eight Louise S. Walker scholarships and ten MCPSRA scholarships were awarded to deserving applicants.

Over 130 applications were received which were reviewed and scored by the Scholarship Committee over the course of several weeks. Many thanks to Bill Stief, Donna Hollingshead, and Margaret Brown for their conscientious scoring of the numerous applications. A special thanks to Carol and John Dahlberg for all their work in collecting, processing, organizing the scores of all the applications, as well as notifying all the applicants about whether or not they would receive a scholarship.



Elizabeth A. Stonesifer

PROFILES IN RETIREMENT by Donna Hollingshead

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This section of the newsletter is dedicated to hearing from the MCPSRA members. We have so many accomplished members who are actively involved doing all the things we could only dream about prior to retirement! Share your latest news and stay connected with other retirees. Your submission for editing may be a few lines or up to one page with photos to add interests.

Bill Stief, Retired Secondary Music Teacher, Piano Accompanist [William A Stief@mcpsmd.org](mailto:William_A_Stief@mcpsmd.org)

Since I retired from my active MCPS secondary music teaching career (which ran from 1970 to 2007 and the last 16 years at Sligo MS), I have kept myself busy with musical endeavors. I occasionally subbed in 34 schools in MCPS at all three levels and have accompanied choruses from 44 different schools – many on multiple occasions. In 2020, I concluded a 20-year run as accompanist for the middle school honors chorus. I have also enjoyed subbing at the organ of a dozen churches in Montgomery County, including a 7-month stint as my parish's interim organist.



My daughter, Kelly Stief is in her seventh year of teaching special education here in MCPS. After two years at Watkins Mill HS, she moved over to Forest Oak MS. She thoroughly enjoys what she is doing, and it has been quite rewarding overhearing her “do her thing” from our family room couch during the pandemic. Her combination of intelligence, enthusiasm, and professionalism has won the respect of students, parents, and colleagues. Her communication skills are excellent, and she is often navigating quickly between English and Spanish to accommodate those who need that assistance.

I have been involved with MCPSRA as a member of the scholarship committee and this year I joined the MCPSRA Board as co-chair of the committee. MCPSRA provides scholarships to MCPS employees to support their continuing education. This year we received approximately 126 applications – the highest number to date. Thanks to the our MCPSRA members we are able to provide financial assistance to many deserving employees.

Ron Frezzo, Retired Choral Music Teacher, Richard Montgomery High School

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RETIREMENT!!!!??? I would have written this 3 months ago except we've been SO busy. I retired in June 2017 after 47.5 years in the classroom plus 1.5 years in college administration. My last 32 years were at Richard Montgomery HS in Rockville, a unique, wonderfully diverse school. I was having too good a time to retire. I threw my own retirement celebration with a concert by 18 of my former students going back to 1994 performing everything from opera to original pop and 2 days later left with 20 students on my 3rd concert tour

to Italy... it was a hell of a way to “go out”. My youngest daughter gave me a book about retirement and one of the recommendations was to “avoid the trifecta of the couch, the TV, and refrigerator”.

My plan in retirement was to travel internationally, volunteer, and take a drawing/painting course. Well, we started the traveling with a 3-week trip to Italy and Sicily (where my wife’s father was born) in Fall 2017. It was a magical trip with visits to wonderful Sicilian cousins, many of the glories of Sicily plus a few days in Rome where we ate at 3 of our favorite restaurants. We continued traveling with a land/river cruise journey to Eastern Europe in Fall 2019. Highlights of that were a dinner with former student Mahan Esfahani '01 in his apartment in Prague (Mahan is one of the leading harpsichordists in the world), a private tour of a palace, and seeing Mozart’s “Magic Flute” in the Estates Theater in Prague where Mozart presented a number of his operas – it’s the same building, never burned nor bombed!! Pause – no traveling for a while, but we hope Spring 2022.



I volunteered with the Montgomery County Literacy Council and had a wonderful experience with a woman from Chile but was not able to continue. BUT I do volunteer as a singer with an incredible choir of seniors at the Ingleside senior/retirement center at King Farm. The conductor’s 102-year-old mother lives there so she started this group 4 years ago and needed some outsiders. She’s a wonderful musician and the people are friendly and very appreciative of us who come in to help. In addition, I sing with the National Philharmonic Chorale at Strathmore which is scheduled to resume September 14.



Our 5 grandchildren are a source of constant joy – and activities from watching their games to watching them. The older daughter has 3 children, aged 13, 9, & 6, and when their schools in Harford County locked-down we started going there on Fridays to help with the online learning and have continued through this year (although the older two especially are much better than us with the computer.) Meanwhile the younger daughter had her first child in December 2018 and then her second in September 2020... needless to say she has her hands full (plus an aging English Bulldog) we have seen a LOT of them both at our home and theirs and recently with their move to a new home. But they are such joy – if exhausting- that it’s a fun way to keep VERY busy.

Since the relaxing of some of the Covid restrictions—and if you’re not vaccinated, DO IT so we don’t have to go back to lockdowns, etc.—we have been seeing people for lunch, breakfasts, dinners, that we couldn’t do for 18 months... it’s wonderful if a bit tough on the tummy.

What’s next? That art class and some more travel.

In Memoriam

The following MCPSRA members have passed away:

APRIL

**Kathleen S. Andersen
E. Joyce Katz
Irving M. Sheltzer
Victor H. Small
William L. Young**

JUNE

**George C. King
Barbara Lewis
Dolores M. Nolan
Nancy H. Powell
James W. Wolf**

AUGUST

**Harry "Mike" Farrell
Marlene Kay Gunther
Frederick A. Hardy
Lelia J. Hoffmaster**

MAY

**Robert A. Davis
Richard J. Erving, Jr.
Virginia E. Holborow
Pam Shirley**

JULY

**George E. Bryan
Nancy C. DuMars
William V. Jordan
Roe D. June
Edith M. Rusher
Jean E. Schwindaman
Judith L. Tarr
Elizabeth T. Walle
Orlow R. Zumwalt**

MCPSRA Consumer Report (Continued from page 5)

If you have been duped, report it to the MC Police Department (301) 279-8000 or Consumer Fraud Unit in the Maryland States Attorney's office. Or contact MSPRA for assistance.

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day is Saturday, October 23, 2021. To find out locations near you, check out www.dea.gov for locations.

October is National Fire Prevention Month.

Here are some helpful tips to keep in mind:

- Conduct a maintenance check on smoke alarms. Make sure they are operating properly
- Schedule a check-up for electrical wiring. Faulty wiring can cause fire incidents.
- Keep emergency numbers visible and easily on hand.
- Be alert in the kitchen. Don't leave ovens, broilers, and stoves unattended. Keep towels or anything that can catch fire away from stovetop.
- Avoid smoking indoors.
- Create and practice a fire escape plan at home and at work and practice making an exit.

Keep yourself safe and healthy during these unusual times.

Josiah Henson Museum & Park

Project Update

Good news! The Josiah Henson Museum & Park are now open and our project to support them is complete. Thanks to everyone who donated and thanks to our entire membership for our matching contribution of \$5000 during the last 5 years. Special thanks also to Mary and Lou D'Ovidio for their tireless efforts to promote this project.



The Josiah Henson Museum & Park is the only site with a standing public structure remaining in the nation with a direct association to Reverend Josiah Henson's remarkable life. Montgomery Parks is fortunate to own the Riley/Bolton property, preserving part of the former plantation of Isaac Riley, where Reverend Henson was enslaved from 1795-1830. Montgomery Parks is the first public agency in the nation committed to recognizing Reverend Henson in his native land.

Visit this website to learn more:

<https://www.montgomeryparks.org/parks-and-trails/josiah-henson-park/>



Tickets for timed entry to the Henson Museum and Park are available at:

<https://apm.activecommunities.com/>.

Adults \$5.00

6-17 years \$4.00

Seniors \$4.00

5 and under free

MCPSRA COMMUNITY BOARD

As a service to our members, The MCPSRA will include information in the newsletter regarding no-cost community events and opportunities that are appropriate and of interest to retirees. Note that submissions may be edited, shortened, or excluded as space permits. Events requiring a fee to participate will not be included, but may be submitted for consideration as an advertisement with an associated fee. Send items for consideration to dshollingshead@gmail.com or D. Hollingshead, PO Box 4145, Frederick, MD 21705

The Maryland Department of Health website has the latest information and updates on COVID-19 facts. Please access the website at <https://covidlink.maryland.gov> to learn more about the various vaccines, dosages, and latest news

Or call 855-MD-GoVax (855-634-6829)

According to the website, available resources will evolve as the Maryland vaccination effort moves forward.

The Montgomery County Government Website has a COVID-19 Portal at <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/testing.html>. (Or call the COVID-19 Call Center at 240-777-2982)

It contains the latest information for county residents on COVID-19 testing locations as well as home-based testing.

If you received your COVID vaccination in Maryland and need a copy of your COVID-19 record you may access your official record on line in the “Maryland MyIR” system at <https://md.myir.net>.

If you were vaccinated at a County-operated clinic, we can email you a copy of your record. To request a copy, email:

c19vaccination@montgomerycountymd.gov OR call 240-777-2982.

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MCPSRA is more than an acronym—it's a mission! We're here to protect your pension and your health benefits, and inspire the dedication, commitment, skills and abilities of our members in service to our fellow retirees and the entire community. Please encourage your retired friends to join us in our important work and in the fun of our luncheons if and when they start up again.

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