



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Dr. Stephen M. Raucher**  
*President - MCPSRA*

It is hard to believe that this will be my last article as your President. Although I had the pleasure of serving as your President for two terms, these last four years seem to have flown by. It seems like only yesterday that I stood before you, at the Golden Bull, and expressed my thanks for the vote of confidence that put me into this leadership position. Since that day in June 2013, we have done a lot together, which I hope has strengthened our association.

We have continued to work cooperatively with MCPS and the employee bargaining units as members of the Joint Employee Benefits Committee (JEBC). As a result we have successfully moved from the AETNA Dental Plan to Carefirst Blue Cross Blue Shield; from United Health Care Medicare Supplement to Cigna; and into the Medicare Part D Silver Script Drug Plan. All these changes have had minimal negative impact on our benefits and even a few positive surprises (like eligibility for Shingles Shots).

We have maintained a vigilant position on our Pensions and can say with pride that this year pension funding and the debate between defined benefits and defined contribution plans was not an issue in Annapolis. We have worked cooperatively with other employee groups in the county, and have sent a clear message that our health care trust is not a potential source of political capital. Working with our state association, MRSPA, we have helped to lead the way in making school personnel retirees a significant voice in Maryland.

On the lighter side, we have had many exciting trips and social functions that have been enjoyed by many members. Our move from the Golden Bull to Normandie

Farms has been a gastronomical and social success. Our luncheon programs have been informative and fun. Our membership continues to grow. We even enlisted the retiring Acting Superintendent as a member.

In spite of declining investments, we managed to continue to award scholarships to MCPS Staff members. Our special projects are stronger than ever, as witnessed by the growth in demand for our toolkits, which is more than double the number we prepared back in 2013. We took on a new and exciting project – the Josiah Henson Park and, with your help, have contributed significantly to that effort.

I'm certain I am leaving out many accomplishments we have made together over the last four years. The key word however is TOGETHER. None of our successes would be possible without the hard work and support of our officers, our committee chairs, and you the members. Any success I have had has been because of you and your support, and for this I am truly grateful.

If you have ideas to share (or you just want to observe) you are welcome to join us at our monthly Board of Directors meetings. We meet at 9:30 AM on the first Thursday of the month in CESC Room 120. Mark the following dates on your calendar and be sure to join us:

August 3, September 7, October 5, November 2,  
December 7, January 4, February 1, March 1, April 5,  
May 3, and June 7.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President.

Steve Raucher

# MCPSRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Louise S. Walker Scholarship

Kenneth E. Huff

301-622-2161

kenandmarylou@gmail.com

## Officers

President	Dr. Stephen M. Raucher sraucher@comcast.net	301-460-9092
Vice President	Dr. Carol M. Dahlberg john.dahlberg234@gmail.com	301-253-2212
Immediate Past President	Joy G. Schwab joyschw35@verizon.net	301-253-3294
Recording Secretary	Mary D'Ovidio ldovidio01@comcast.net	240-246-7818
Treasurer	Dr. Kenneth K. Muir kkmuir@aol.com	301-598-3649

## Committee Chairs

Archives	Elizabeth P. Doyle edoyle3233@aol.com	301-947-0733
Auditing	VACANT	
Budget Development	Kenneth E. Huff kenandmarylou@gmail.com	301-622-2161
Community Service	Mary D'Ovidio ldovidio01@comcast.net	240-246-7818
Consumer Education	Elizabeth P. Doyle edoyle3233@aol.com	301-947-0733
Hospitality/Luncheons	LeeAnn Kaye geolakaye@gmail.com	301-598-5480
--- Co-Chair	Trish Bendler patricia_bendler09@comcast.net	301-540-5160
Insurance and Benefits	J. Thomas Hickman CTMAR28@yahoo.com	301-929-9660
---Co-Chair	Gerald W. Johnson jsilverspring5@aol.com	301-466-1714
Legislative	Fred S. Evans fredevans1970@gmail.com	301-706-3993
MCPSRA Projects	Joan Donovan jcdonovan@aol.com	301-253-6099
---Co-Chair	Trish Bendler patricia_bendler09@comcast.net	301-540-5160
Membership	Juliette Trevino jgtrevino@comcast.net	301-460-9670
Newsletter Editor	Dr. Russell G. Wright russwright408@gmail.com	301-806-7252
Nominating	Elizabeth P. Doyle edoyle3233@aol.com	301-947-0733
--- Co-Chair	Harvey Strine strineah@verizon.net	301-251-0478
Parliamentarian	Nickie Neary nearynic@msn.com	301-869-0057
Political Action	LeeAnn Kaye geolakaye@gmail.com	301-598-5480
Public Relations	Fred S. Evans fredevans1970@gmail.com	301-706-3993
---Co-Chair	Bruce McKay bmckay303@gmail.com	
Recognition	Joan Donovan jcdonovan@aol.com	301-253-6099
Scholarship	Joy G. Schwab joyschw35@verizon.net	301-253-3294
Trips	Frieda J. Price fjprice@verizon.net	301-926-2286
---Co-Chair	Mary Ann Davis giddygam@verizon.net	301-253-6256

## 2016-17 BUSINESS

### MEETING/LUNCHEON DATES

Business meeting/luncheons are held four times a year at Normandie Farm, 10710 Falls Road, Potomac, MD 20854. Join your fellow MCPS Retirees for an afternoon of food, conversation and learning.



Only one remains for this school year:

Thursday, June 15, 2017

We hope to see you there.

## Scholarships

At our June Luncheon each year, MCPSRA presents scholarships to deserving MCPS Staff members. Please join us to congratulate this year's winners. Their names are listed on page 17.

## Officers to be Installed

The following slate of officers was elected by acclimation at our April Luncheon. They will be installed at the June 15 luncheon/business meeting and will begin their terms July 1, 2017.

President	Carol Dahlberg
Vice President	Russ Wright
Secretary	Mary D'Ovidio
Treasurer	Ken Muir

## Save these dates on your calendar for our 2017-18 Luncheons

- Thursday, October 19, 2017
- Thursday, February 22, 2018
- Thursday, April 26, 2018
- Thursday, June 14, 2018

# URGENT PLEA FOR YOUR HELP



During this time of escalating prices for almost everything we buy, it is very difficult for any fundraising efforts to be successful. We realize that personal budgets are constrained, but consider what it must be like for the neediest of our county's families and especially those with children. Our Toolkits Project has helped ease their burden for the last thirteen years by providing these children with the necessary school supplies that kindergartners need at home to support their learning at school. It is disheartening that our efforts to raise the funds necessary to continue our project this summer for the fourteenth year have fallen considerably short of what we need. Last summer 1700 kits were assembled and distributed at a cost of nearly \$23,000. Title I along with Head Start have requested that we make 1900 toolkits for the kindergartners attending this summer's ELO SAIL Program. But currently we have received only 165 donations for a total of \$14,350.

**WE URGENTLY NEED YOUR HELP NOW!** With the request to provide 200 more toolkits than last year, we know that our expenses will be close to \$26,000. Each year at this time we tend to panic about our fundraising shortfall but our members always come through and our project is successful for another year. I am confident that this will happen again this year. Hopefully those of you who have not yet taken the opportunity to support our project with a donation will hear our urgent plea and take it to heart. PLEASE help by sending your TAX DEDUCTIBLE donation as soon as possible. We are sure that there are enough members out there who will 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 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Please do **NOT** include my name on the toolkit's label

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

### Colesville Meals on Wheels

By Mary A. Allman

On March 2, 2017, through the generous intervention of Jack Hill, I had the pleasure of meeting and presenting a brief talk to the MCPSRA Board, on the history and good works of Colesville Meals on Wheels (CMOW).

CMOW is a non-profit (501c3) community based, client-centered organization, operated totally by community volunteers, and totally funded by private charitable donations.

Originally in May 1976, the Colesville Council of Community Faith Congregations organized and acted to meet an identified community need: hunger, and food insufficiency among frail, disabled seniors. CMOW was born! Since then CMOW has served over 750,000 meals on its remarkable 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of service in May 2016.

CMOW continues to serve Seniors and disabled persons, mostly over 60 years of age, and now many in their 90s, who are frail, ill, homebound, convalescent, disabled or unable to shop or prepare their own food. We serve in the eastern Silver Spring areas of Four Corners, Woodmoor, Hillandale, White Oak, Colesville, Kemp Mill, Calverton, Fairland, Good Hope, Briggs Chaney, and Stonegate.

Many of our clients would be unable to realize their dreams of staying in their own homes, without CMOW. Currently we have over 100 volunteers serving, but we are looking for more!

Our balanced, nutritious, healthy, low-cost meals are made at Holy Cross Hospital. We deliver food in Teams of 2, a driver and a deliverer, Monday through Friday. We serve an average of 70 clients daily with a cold lunch and a frozen microwavable supper, costing \$6.00 per day. Currently we are subsidizing 38% of our clients, as they are unable to pay the full cost of the meals, and we are determined to serve all in need, who seek our services.

Our volunteers act as friendly, watchful eyes and ears with our Monday through Friday contacts, to intervene and advocate for any client in immediate need. We also assist our clients and their families to access community resources including social services, transportation, home health care, medical, financial, or other needed services.

We would **welcome new volunteers from MCPSRA** to serve the growing need we see of an increasing population of aging

seniors and disabled persons living in our community, trying to gracefully age with dignity, while remaining in their own homes.

We would also **welcome any charitable donations** to prevent hunger and food insufficiency to our neighbors in need.

Please check us out at [www.colesville-meals-on-wheels.org](http://www.colesville-meals-on-wheels.org) or contact us at:

our office in the Colesville Baptist Church  
13100 Andrew Drive  
Silver Spring, MD 20904  
301-384-7440

***We are very grateful for your consideration***



**Betsy Doyle (left) being honored on May 9, at the MRSPA Annual Meeting by President Farnces Miller (See page 17 for more MCPSRA honorees.)**

### Action Items on Pages 5-8

Our 2017-18 Budget and several MCPSRA By Law Changes are shown on the next four pages. All members present at the June 15 luncheon will have an opportunity to vote on these items.

Montgomery County Public Schools  
Retirees Association

2017-18 Budget

<b>Income</b>	<b>2016-17 Budget</b>	<b>2017-18 Budget</b>
Local Membership Dues	24,600	25,000
Investment Fund - Scholarships		3,000
MRSPA Postage/Mbrship Grant	45	45
Investment Income		
Newsletter Advertising	1,000	1,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>\$ 25,645</u>	<u>\$ 29,045</u>
<b>Transfer from Surplus</b>	1,755	2,505
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<u>\$ 27,400</u>	<u>\$ 31,550</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Officers	100	100
Committees		
Archives		
Auditing	1,200	1,200
Budget		
Committee for Montgomery	1,000	1,100
Community Service		
Donations and Contributions	100	300
Education & Protective Services		
Hospitality		
Insurance		
Josiah Henson Special Project	1,000	1,000
Legislative		
MRSPA Donations/Fees		
Membership	700	700
Membership Chair Stipend	1,500	1,500
Membership Directory		*
Newsletter	12,800	12,800
Political Action		600
Program	400	400
Recognition	200	200
Scholarship	6,000	9,000
Special Projects	2,000	2,250
Trips	200	200
Contingency	200	200
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>\$ 27,400</u>	<u>\$ 31,550</u>

\* - It has been traditional to print a Membership Directory every three years. The cost is estimated to be \$15,000 for printing and mailing to every member. Rather than try to account for this large amount in the budget, the cost will be deducted, when billed, from MCPSRA Investment Fund earnings.

## MCPSRA Board Recommended By Law Amendments

May 4, 2017

Original	Proposed	Rationale
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE III - Membership</b></p> <p><b>Section 2.</b> All personnel who (a) resigned from the public school system of Montgomery County after ten or more years of service, or (b) retired from another Maryland public school system, or (c) have retired from an out-of-state public school system may become associate, non-voting members of MCPSRA upon payment of annual dues. Associate members may not hold elective office</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE III - Membership</b></p> <p><b>Section 2.</b> All personnel who (a) resigned from the public School system of Montgomery County after ten or more years of service, or (b) retired from another Maryland public school system, or <b>accredited private school or</b> (c) have retired from an out-of-state public school system may become associate, non-voting members of MCPSRA upon payment of annual dues. Associate members may not hold elective office</p>	Permits retired school personnel from accredited nonpublic schools to join the association, as is done at the state association.
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE V Officers</b></p> <p><b>Section 2.</b> The appointed officers of MCPSRA shall be the Corresponding Secretary and the Parliamentarian</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE V Officers</b></p> <p><b>Section 2.</b> The appointed officers of MCPSRA shall be the <del>Corresponding Secretary and the</del> Parliamentarian</p>	Eliminate Corresponding Secretary Position
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE VI - ELECTIONS</b></p> <p><b>Section 1:</b> With the approval of the Board of Directors, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of a chair and four members. Not more than one member shall be from the current Board of Directors, and the President shall not serve as a member of this committee.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE VI - ELECTIONS</b></p> <p><b>Section 1:</b> With the approval of the Board of Directors, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of a chair and four members. Not more than one member shall be from the current Board of Directors, and the President shall not serve as a member of this committee. <b>The Immediate Past President shall be the chair.</b></p>	In order to conform with <b>Article IX (Officers) Section 1 as amended</b>
<p><b>Section 3:</b> The Vice President shall, in the absence of the President, carry out the duties of the President, shall be a member ex officio of the Hospitality Committee, and shall perform other tasks delegated by the President.</p>	<p><b>Section 3:</b> The Vice President shall, in the absence of the President, carry out the duties of the President, shall be a member ex officio of the Hospitality/<b>Luncheon</b> Committee, and shall perform other tasks delegated by the President.</p>	Conform with <b>Article X Section 2</b>
<p><b>Section 5:</b> The Treasurer shall:</p> <p>a. Receive and deposit those annual MCPSRA and Maryland Retired School Personnel Association Inc., dues collected by the membership Chair and transmit the latter to MRSPA:</p> <p>b. Deposit any funds collected for MCPSRA activities and annual dues collected by MRSPA</p> <p>d. At the direction of the Board of Directors, establish separate bank accounts for specified purposes, and deposit receipts in the appropriate accounts;</p> <p>e. Pay by check all financial obligations of the Corporation provided for in the annual budget or approved by the Board of Directors and attach a letter of transmittal to payments of a non-routine nature.</p>	<p><b>Section 5:</b> The Treasurer shall:</p> <p>a. <del>Receive and deposit those annual MCPSRA and Maryland Retired School Personnel Association, Inc., dues collected by the Membership Chair and transmit the latter to MRSPA;</del> <b>Record the annual dues collected by the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association;</b></p> <p>b. Deposit any funds collected for MCPSRA activities <del>annual dues collected by MRSPA</del></p> <p>d. At the direction of the Board of Directors, establish separate bank <b>and investment</b> accounts for specified purposes, and deposit receipts in the appropriate accounts;</p> <p>e. Pay by check all financial obligations of the Corporation provided for in the annual budget or approved by the Board of Directors, <del>and attach a letter of transmittal to payments of a non-routine nature;</del></p>	Conform to current practice
<p><b>Section 6:</b> The Corresponding Secretary shall take care of the correspondence of the Corporation as directed by the President</p>	<p><b>Section 6:</b> <del>The Corresponding Secretary shall take care of the correspondence of the Corporation as directed by the President.</del></p>	Delete

<p align="center"><b>ARTICLE X - Committees</b></p> <p><b>Section 2:</b> The Standing Committees shall be Aid to Families of Deceased Employees, Active or Retired; Archives and Headquarters: Auditing; Budget Development; Education and Protective Services; Hospitality; Information Distribution; Insurance and Benefits; Legislative and Review of Public Budgets; Membership; Necrology and Recognition; Political Action; Public Relations; Publications; Scholarship; Trips; and Louise S. Walker Scholarship Fund.</p>	<p align="center"><b>ARTICLE X - Committees</b></p> <p><b>Section 2:</b> The Standing Committees shall be <del>Aid to Families of Deceased Employees, Active or Retired;</del> Archives and Headquarters; Auditing; Budget Development; <del>Education and Protective</del> <b>Community Services; Consumer Education;</b> Hospitality/<b>Luncheon;</b> <del>Information Distribution;</del> Insurance and Benefits; Legislative and Review of Public Budgets; <b>MCPSRA Projects;</b> Membership; <b>Newsletter;</b> <del>Necrology and Recognition;</del> <b>Nominating;</b> Political Action; Public Relations; <del>Publications;</del> <b>Recognition;</b> Scholarship; Trips; and Louise S. Walker Scholarship Fund.</p>	<p>Eliminate nonfunctioning committees and rename as in current use.</p>
<p><b>Section 3: Duties of the Standing Committees:</b></p> <p>a. The Aid to Families of Deceased Employees, Active or Retired (AFDEAR) Committee shall offer assistance to the families of deceased members.</p> <p>b. The Archives and Headquarters Committee shall collect, catalogue, and preserve the records of the Corporation, shall serve as caretaker of space provided for the office of the Corporation, and shall supervise the purchasing of equipment and supplies necessary for the functioning of the Corporation.</p> <p>d.</p> <p>e. The Education and Protective Services Committee shall inform and assist members in matters of health, housing, Social Security, Medicare, consumer education, retirement, and related matters.</p> <p>f. The Hospitality Committee shall arrange for the program, facilities, menus, decorations, and other details related to the luncheon and business meetings of the Corporation.</p> <p>g. The Information Distribution Committee shall, at the direction of the Board of Directors, disseminate pertinent information concerning the activities of the Corporation.</p> <p>h. The Legislative and Review of Public Budgets Committee shall keep the Board of Directors informed about pending legislation affecting the retired, shall recommend action concerning legislation when appropriate, shall represent MCPSRA at hearings on legislation affecting public education and/or the welfare of the retired, and shall study the proposed budgets of MCPS, of Montgomery County, and of the State of Maryland, and report significant findings to the Board of Directors.</p>	<p><b>Section 3: Duties of the Standing Committees:</b></p> <p>a. <del>The Aid to Families of Deceased Employees, Active, or Retired (AFDEAR) Committee shall offer assistance to the families of deceased members.</del></p> <p>b. The Archives and Headquarters Committee shall collect, catalogue, and preserve the records of the Corporation, shall serve as caretaker of space provided for the office of the Corporation, <del>and shall supervise the purchasing of equipment and supplies necessary for the functioning of the Corporation.</del></p> <p>d. <b>The Community Service Committee shall encourage members to participate in community service projects and ensure that they receive appropriate recognition for such service.</b></p> <p>e. <del>The Education and Protective Services</del> <b>Consumer Education</b> Committee shall inform and assist members in matters of health, housing, Social Security, Medicare, consumer education, retirement, and related matters.</p> <p>f. The Hospitality/<b>Luncheon</b> Committee shall arrange for the program, facilities, menus, decorations, and other details related to the luncheon and business meetings of the Corporation.</p> <p>g. <del>The Information Distribution Committee shall, at the direction of the President or the Board of Directors, disseminate pertinent information concerning the activities of the Corporation.</del></p> <p>h. The Legislative and Review of Public <del>Budgets</del> Committee shall keep the Board of Directors informed about pending legislation affecting the retired, shall recommend action concerning legislation when appropriate, shall represent MCPSRA at hearings on legislation affecting public education and/or the welfare of the retired, <del>and shall study the proposed budgets of MCPS, of Montgomery County, and of the State of Maryland, and report significant findings to the Board of Directors.</del></p>	<p>Delete this committee</p> <p>Renumber as :a:</p> <p>No longer a need for a Headquarters.</p> <p>Add new Standing Committee</p> <p>Change of Committee Name</p> <p>Change of Committee Name</p> <p>Eliminate Committee as responsibilities are subsumed by the Public Relations and Newsletter Committees.</p> <p>Simplification of Committee responsibilities</p>

<p>i.</p> <p>j. The Membership Committee shall, prior to the June and October meetings, invite to become members of MCPSRA those eligible personnel recently retired or about to retire, and those previously retired who are not members of the Corporation, and after the fall meeting shall send a second invitation to the retired persons who have not become members; shall collect the annual dues for membership and shall distribute membership cards to dues paying members; shall transmit all dues received to the Treasurer of MCPSRA; shall maintain an up-to-date record of dues-paying members; and shall prepare a directory of the members of MCPSRA.</p> <p>k. The Publications Committee composed of an editor chair and staff shall, at the direction of the President, prepare and make arrangements for publication of the Newsletter and announcements of regular and special events.</p> <p>l.</p> <p>m. The Political Action Committee shall be concerned with the policies and procedures of local, state and federal governments. This will require development of appropriate political actions to support candidates for political office following a selection process by the Committee. The Committee shall provide Corporation members with appropriate information about Committee decisions, working in conjunction with the Legislative and Review of Public Budgets Committee. All actions of the Committee shall be in agreement with the Bylaws Article II -- Purposes and Powers.</p> <p>o. The Necrology and Recognition Committee shall keep a record of deaths of members, and shall inform the Recording Secretary, the Membership Committee Chair, and editors of the MCPSRA and MRSPA newsletters of the death of a member; it shall send cards to members known to be ill and to those known to have suffered a bereavement, shall make an appropriate expression of sympathy to families of deceased members, and shall inform the Board of Directors of an outstanding achievement or contribution of a member.</p>	<p>i. <b>The MCPS Projects Committee shall organize and direct member activities concerning any special project the Board of Directors may authorize.</b></p> <p>j. The Membership Committee shall, prior to the June and October meetings, invite to become members of MCPSRA those eligible personnel recently retired or about to retire, and those previously retired who are not members of the Corporation, and after the fall meeting shall send a second invitation to the retired persons who have not become members; <del>shall collect the annual dues for membership and shall distribute membership cards to dues paying members; shall transmit all dues received to the treasurer of MCPSRA;</del> shall maintain an up-to-date record of dues-paying members; and shall prepare a directory of the members of MCPSRA.</p> <p>k. <del>The Publications Committee, composed of an editor chair and staff,</del> <b>Newsletter Committee</b> shall, at the direction of the President, prepare and make arrangements for publication of the Newsletter and announcements of regular and special events.</p> <p>l. <b>The Nominating Committee shall perform the responsibilities specified in Article VI of these Bylaws;</b></p> <p>m. The Political Action Committee shall be concerned with the policies and procedures of local, state and federal governments. This will require development of appropriate political actions to support candidates for political office following a selection process by the Committee. The Committee shall provide Corporation members with appropriate information about Committee decisions, working in conjunction with the <del>Legislative and Review of Public Budgets</del> Committee. All actions of the Committee shall be in agreement with the Bylaws Article II -- Purposes and Powers.</p> <p>o. The <del>Necrology and</del> Recognition Committee shall keep a record of deaths of members, and shall inform the Recording Secretary, the Membership Committee Chair, and editors of the MCPSRA and MRSPA newsletters of the death of a member; it shall send cards to members known to be ill and to those known to have suffered a bereavement, shall make an appropriate expression of sympathy to families of deceased members, and shall inform the Board of Directors of an outstanding achievement or contribution of a member.</p>	<p>New Standing Committee</p> <p>Dues collection is now primarily a State function through Pension deduction</p> <p>Rename Committee as Newsletter</p> <p>Add Nominating as a Standing Committee</p> <p>Name Change</p> <p>Name Change</p>
--	--	--



## EMAIL ONLY?

If you're like me, you want to hold a paper copy of anything you're reading... at least if it's longer than a paragraph. But I know there are some MCPSRA members who are perfectly comfortable reading from a screen. (A few *youngins* may even prefer it that way.) I know this because 90 members have told me to send their Newsletter by email only.

Although I like to hold my newsletter in my hands, there are advantages to the email version:

- it's in color
- it arrives earlier than the print version, and
- it saves our organization money... (Although our annual dues are only \$10, perhaps if more of us forego receiving the print version we can stave off the inevitable dues increase.)

We are sending this issue of the Newsletter as an email attachment to all members for whom we have a valid email address. (Those getting this Newsletter by email received it more than a week before those of you who only get it in the US mail.)

**If you are one of the 1300 members who are only getting the print 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 color version of the Newsletter please send an email to [MCPSRA.Newsletter@ebsinstitute.com](mailto:MCPSRA.Newsletter@ebsinstitute.com).**

## Welcome New Members

Guerra, Nancy S.	13100-K Millhaven Place, Germantown, MD 20874	0
Mathis, Robert	2705 Spencer Road, Chevy Chase, MD 20817	301-589-7539
Tolman, Lila B.	684 Moonview Court, Rockingham, VA 22801	540-830-7681

## MCPSRA TRAVEL 2017 -- 2018

2017

**July** 18, 2017 African American Museum (PLEASE REFER TO THE A.A. MUSEUM WEBSITE FOR SECURITY INFORMATION FOR ENTRANCE TO THE MUSEUM. Be prepared for lines and crowds in museum.)

**August** 27-31, 2017 Pigeon Forge/Gatlinburg, TN.  
BALANCE DUE JUNE 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**September** 21, 2017 Antietam and lunch at Bavarian Inn

**October** 18, 2017 Western Maryland Scenic Railroad

**November** 29-30, 2017 New York City

**December** 11, 2017 Longwood Gardens

**Notice: Pigeon Forge Participants.**

You will receive a letter, with baggage tag, and updated itinerary and information, approximately 2-3 weeks prior to departure.

### CRUISES:

Note: Cruises need to be booked early because of cabin selection, the best location of cabins and prices are the first to go.

**September** 7-16, 2017 CANADA AND NEW ENGLAND

2018

**February** 1-10 Southeast Coast and Bahamas Cruise

**March** 3-15 Southern Caribbean Cruise \*\*\*

\*\*\* SPECIAL NOTE: On the Southern Caribbean Cruise note the change in price.

Inside Cabin Category	N	\$972
Outside Cabin Category	H	\$1,169
Balcony Cabin Category	D2	\$1,957

**SPECIAL NOTICE: PLEASE READ.** All trips require some walking, some more extensive than others. Theatre trips usually have less walking, overnight trips with lots of tours and sightseeing require more walking. Trips like the Biltmore, a large home, with steps and gardens much more walking is required. **HOWEVER:** You may do as much or little as you see fit. Study each itinerary to help you understand and judge the physical activities involved.

Please make separate checks for each trip.

**PLEASE OBSERVE THE DEADLINES FOR RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT**

We have to make commitments by dates indicated so this is very important in making a trip go or having to cancel, which we do not like to do. **THANK YOU.**

**GUESTS?** On popular trips, to ensure members have preferred opportunity to secure reservations, guests may be limited to 3 per household. However, depending on the trip, feel free to check on numbers and availability.

**NOTICE – PARKING FOR OVERNIGHT TRIPS.**

Pickup for overnight trips will be at the Park-and-Ride, Georgia Ave. – same lot where we pick up for day trips. People coming from out of the area and in the vicinity of the Eyre Bus terminal can arrange to park and board the coach the Eyre location in Glenelg, MD.

Rt. 70 to Rt. 32 S. 5 miles to terminal at 13600 Triadelphia Rd. For arrangements, timing and information call Ellen at Eyre. 1-800-321-3973 x 325

**TRAVEL QUESTIONS ???**

**Please check our website:** [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/mcpsretirees/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/mcpsretirees/) or call our Travel Committee Co-Chairs:

<b>Frieda J. Price</b>	<b>Mary Ann Davis</b>
<b>301- 926-2286</b>	<b>301-253-6256</b>

**ANTIETAM NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD**

**Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> , 2017**

Antietam is one of America’s most beautiful and historically preserved battlefields. Revered as hallowed ground that endured twelve hours of combat on Sept. 17,1862, in which 23,000 soldiers were killed, wounded or left missing. It was the bloodiest single day battle in American history.

We’ll have a guided bus tour of the battlefield with interesting stories and historical facts.

We will have stops at the Cornfield, Bloody Lane and Burnside Bridge.

First, we’ll visit the Visitors Center, for a orientation film narrated by James Earl Jones.

Also, to visit the gift shop and interesting displays in the center.

8:00 am Depart Park and Ride, Ga. Ave @ Rt. 200 (Intercounty Connector)

9:30am Arrive Visitor’s Center to view film, visit gift shop and see pictures and display.

11:00am Guided bus tour of battlefield with several stops.

1:00pm Depart for the Bavarian Inn for lunch, located in Shepherdstown.

1:30pmn lunch

3:30pm Depart for home

5:00pm Arr. Park and Ride.

**INCLUDED:** Round trip by Eyre motor coach, rest room on coach, tour, lunch, taxes, tolls, gratuities.

Not Included: Gratuity for coach operator and tour guide.

COST: \$89.00 per person  
Payment Due: August 20, 2017

Please mail check, payable to MCPSRA, with completed reservation form to  
Frieda J. Price 105N Summit Ave. #4 Gaithersburg, MD 20877-2935

---

## WESTERN MARYLAND SCENIC RAILROAD

October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Travel back through time aboard the restored diesel locomotive on the WMSR. You'll climb through the Allegheny Mountains -- A narrator on board will provide interesting and historical facts and significant cultural locations along the route to Mt. View.

The Train route excursion is an exciting mix of mountain-top scenery and rich transportation history. Lunch is served in the dining car, where we'll be seated. Desert and coffee, tea, will be served on the return trip. Meal selection is on reservation form.

8:00am – Depart park and ride, Ga. Ave. @ Rt. 200 (Intercounty Connector)  
11:00am Arrive Railroad station in Cumberland, MD  
11:30am Train departs--enjoy scenic ride while having lunch  
1:15pm Arrive Frostburg, 45 minute leisure time. Walk up to the town of  
Frostburg, watch the train engine turn around on the turn table,  
Or walk around the train station area.  
2:15pm Depart Frostburg for return trip.  
Arrive back in Cumberland  
3:30pm Depart for home.  
6:30pm Arrive Park and Ride

INCLUDED; Round trip transportation by Eyre motor coach, rest room on board, train ride, lunch served on board, taxes, tolls, gratuities.

NOT INCLUDED: gratuity for coach operator

COST: \$129.00 per person  
Date Due: September 6, 2017  
Send check, payable to MCPSRA, with completed reservation form to  
Frieda J. Price 105N Summit Ave. #4, Gaithersburg, MD, 20877-2935

---

## NEW YORK CITY SPECTACULAR

November -29-30<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Join MCPSRA for a fun, exciting trip to New York. You can have your choice of shows; tours and whatever you wish to do. A Carriage ride in Central Park, weather permitting,  
Circle island cruise, city tour, museum visits, art galleries, shopping, fine dining.

An afternoon matinee, the first day.

For Broadway Shows -- shop. **Broadway.com**

We feel you will enjoy the freedom to choose your own itinerary. Eyre will assist you if you have requests.

One exception: We will have tickets for Radio City Music Hall

Day 1 -- 7:00am – Depart Ga. Ave. Park and Ride @ Rt. 200 (Intercounty Connector)

Rest and food stops.

12:30pm Approximate Arrival N.Y. City

3:00 pm Check in Edison Hotel

Day 2 10:00am -- Hotel Check Out

2:00pm -- Radio City Show, featuring the Rockettes plus The Living Nativity'

4:00pm -- Depart for home- rest, dinner stop

9:00pm -- Approximate arrival time.

INCLUDED: Round trip transportation by Eyre motor coach, hotel accommodations, Radio City Music Hall Tickets, taxes, tolls, gratuities, baggage handling.

NOT INCLUDED: gratuity for coach operator, sightseeing, theater tickets, museums, galleries, etc. Meals.

COST: \$440.00 per person, double occupancy. \$569.00 single

Deposit \$ 200.00 pp DUE: July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017

BALANCE DUE: October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017

---

### **BEAUTIFUL LONGWOOD GARDENS AT CHRISTMAS TIME**

**December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

A Longwood Christmas rings in the holiday season with a musically inspired displays in and our doors. Explore the 4 acre conservatory with more than 16,000 seasonal plants, highlighting the beautiful poinsettias and a variety of lavishly decorated trees.

Outside – Thousands of lights and colorful fountains dance to music as illuminated stars twinkle above.

\*\*There's so much beauty to see at Longwood, please check their web site for more complete information.

11:00AM -- Depart Park and Ride, GA. Ave @ Rt. 200 (Intercounty Connector)

1:00PM -- Arrive Longwood Gardens

7:00PM -- Depart for home

9:00PM -- Return time to Park and Ride

INC: Round trip transportation by Eyre motor coach, restroom on board, entrance fee, taxes, tolls, gratuities.

Not inc: Gratuity for coach operator, meals.

COST: \$70.00 per person

Payment Due: October 20, 2017

---

For additional information about the three cruises listed on page 4 please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Frieda J. Price 105 N. Summit Ave. #4 Gaithersburg, MD 20877

**FOR CRUISE RESERVATIONS OR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT GRAND AMERICAN TOURS  
1-800-423-0247**

---

### **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 sometimes necessary and unavoidable.

3. Trips are open to members, their families and adult friends (with limitations).
4. Smoking and drinking of alcoholic beverages are not permitted on the coach.
5. PLEASE OBSERVE THE DEADLINES FOR RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT. We have to make commitments by the dates indicated so this is very important in making a trip go or having to cancel for lack of participation.
6. About three to five days before a day trip, participants are called to remind them of the day and departure time of the trip. For overnight coach trips, about two weeks prior to the date of departure, participants will get a letter with up-to-date information, including parking details. One baggage tag per person will be mailed to each participant.
7. Write a separate check, payable to MCPSRA, for each trip. Include the name and date of the trip on each check.
8. Send your check with your completed reservation form. 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. Please feel free to call to find out if your reservation and payment were received.
9. Refunds are made only when your space can be filled.
10. Gratuities for driver and local guides are not included in the price of the trip.
- 11. We do not provide transportation to and from the airport for trips that require flying.**
- 12. If you will be traveling with guests that you have invited, please make sure they read this list of reminders.**

## TRIP RESERVATION FORMS

### ANTIETAM NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD SEPTEMBER 21, 2017

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Member of MCPSRA –Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If not, guest of \_\_\_\_\_.

Total number \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

I am paying by CC to Eyre. \_\_\_\_ Call Ellen at 1-800-321-3973 x 3252 Also send the reservation form to Frieda.

### WESTERN MARYLAND SCENIC RAILROAD OCTOBER 18, 2017

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Member of MCPSRA –Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If not, guest of \_\_\_\_\_.

Total number \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

I am paying by CC to Eyre. \_\_\_\_ Call Ellen at 1-800-321-3973 x 3252 Also send the reservation form to Frieda.

MEAL SELECTION: # \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

1. Grilled Cheese & Tomato Bisque
2. Applewood BLT
3. Turkey Wrap
4. Chicken Salad Sandwich

All entrees are served with chips, fresh fruit, signature dessert, and tea or coffee

**NEW YORK CITY—NOVEMBER 29-30-2017**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Member of MCPSRA –Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If not, guest of \_\_\_\_\_.

Total number \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

I am paying by CC to Eyre. \_\_\_\_ Call Ellen at 1-800-321-3973 x 3252 Also send the reservation form to Frieda.

-----  
**LONGWOOD GARDENS AT CHRISTMAS TIME December 11, 2017**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Member of MCPSRA –Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If not, guest of \_\_\_\_\_.

Total number \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

I am paying by CC to Eyre. \_\_\_\_ Call Ellen at 1-800-321-3973 x 3252 Also send the reservation form to Frieda.

-----  
*Make travel checks payable to MCPSRA—Send with reservation form to:  
Frieda J. Price, 105 N. Summit Ave. #4; Gaithersburg, MD 20877-2935*

*To use credit card, call Ellen at Eyre, 1-800 321-3973 X 3252, and also send Reservation Form to  
Frieda.*

Those interested in purchasing travel insurance for overnight trips should call Ellen at *Eyre Tour and Travel* at: 301-854-6600/ext. 3252, or 410-442-1330/ext. 3252, or 1-800-321-3973/ext. 3252.

**TRAVEL CO-CHAIRS**

Frieda J. Price  
105 N. Summit Ave. #4

Gaithersburg, MD 20877-2935

Mary Ann Davis  
23509 Woodfield Rd.

Gaithersburg, MD 20882-3017

**Please visit our website: [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/mcpsretirees/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/mcpsretirees/)**

---

# **We Have a Winner!**

**In case you haven't noticed... we've been running a contest to  
name our newsletter.**

**Although we have a winner, our name will not change.**

**How could that be?**

The winning name is "**Grey Matters**." It was submitted by Jean U. Francis. Ms. Francis has won a free lunch and special recognition at our June 15, luncheon/business meeting.

Although the MCPSRA Board of Directors selected Grey Matters as the winning entry, since no entry received 50% (or more) of the votes, the Board decided that the name of the newsletter will not be changed after all.

Thanks to the following MCPSRA members who took the time to enter a newsletter name: Bill Barrett, Kim Irish, Mary Rhoderick, Frank Weisel, Dennis Mann, William R. Earl, Star Mitchell, Kevin Keegan, Karen Norris, Deb Fagan, Vicki Thomas, and Charles Dusterhoff. (Board members Joan Donovan and Juliette Trevino submitted entries too, but they were ineligible to win the free luncheon.)

Please join us on June 15 to celebrate our winner and honor all who took the time to enter.

## **CONTRIBUTE TO THE JOSIAH HENSON PARK AND MCPSRA WILL MATCH IT**

MCPSRA has resolved to help support the establishment of the Josiah Henson Park in Bethesda. You can help too. Write your tax deductible contribution check to Montgomery Parks Foundation and mail it to our Treasurer, Dr. Ken Muir, 3100 North Leisure World Blvd # 508, Silver Spring, Maryland 20906. We'll match it, and send it on to help the Josiah Henson Park - Museum and Educational Facility Project.

## **INPUT FROM MEMBERS AT OUR LAST LUNCHEON**

At our April Luncheon/Business meeting vice president Carol Dahlberg asked the members who were present to work together with their table mates to suggest luncheon program ideas as well as the emphasis for future MCPSRA advocacy. Here is a synopsis of the ideas submitted:

- MCPS
  - How can retirees support school initiatives?
  - Report on special programs
  - Superintendent update
  - Where does money go in MCPS?
  - Review of stats
  - More information on testing in our schools
  - History of MC and MCPS (reinactors) and public education
  - HS musical entertainment
  - Reports from current teachers
- Key Issues
  - Legislation and pensions
  - Safety
  - Financial education
  - Staying healthy
- Mental health and drugs
  - Aging
  - Human trafficking
  - Impact on retirees being a sanctuary state/county
- Retirees
  - Spotlight on a member for special recognition
  - Performances by retirees
  - MCPS Stars - what they do in retirement to remain successful.
- Misc.
  - Trips more information -a speaker with slide show about a great trip
  - Reserve one meeting a year for socializing
  - Keep having a variety of programs

## ***IN MEMORIAM***

**MCPSRA is saddened to report the passing of the following members:**

Edward S. Clements  
Dolores S. Detweiler  
William H. Harring  
Elizabeth S. Layton  
Donna M. Leone  
H.C. Pearl Liang-Wei  
Jean W. Marches  
Carla C. McPeck  
Harold E. White  
Richard H. Wilson



**MCPSRA Members at Hillwood Estate and Gardens**

Marjorie Merriweather Post bought Hillwood in 1955 and soon decided her home would be a museum that would inspire and educate the public. Her northwest Washington, D.C. estate endowed the country with the most comprehensive collection of Russian imperial art outside of Russia, a distinguished 18th-century French decorative art collection, and twenty-five acres of serene landscaped gardens and natural woodlands for all to enjoy. Opened as a public institution in 1977, today Hillwood's allure stems from the equally fascinating parts that make up the whole. From the captivating life of Marjorie Post to the exquisitely maintained Mansion and Gardens, the experience of Hillwood outshines even the Fabergé Eggs.



## MCPSRA BOARD MEMBERS HONORED AT ANNUAL MRSPA MEETING

(Joan Donovan provided the photos on this page and on page 4.)



Ken Muir being presented with an award for his service to MRSPA.



Juliette Trevino holding her recognition certificate and her million-dollar candy bar.

## MCPSRA WILL AWARD 12 SCHOLARSHIPS

One of the missions of MCPSRA is to give back to MCPS. One of the ways we do this is by annually awarding \$1000 scholarships to current MCPS Staff to help them prepare to better serve MCPS and its students.

The MCPSRA Scholarship Committee will be awarding 12 scholarships at our June Luncheon:

- the Dr. Thomas Peters Scholarship will go to Ashley Williams;
- the Dr. Albert Gibson Scholarship will go Kimberly Rowe;
- an Anonymous-Donor Scholarship will go to Rebecca Diaz;
- three Louise Walker Scholarships will go to Dana Dennis, Cynthia Merchant, and Sandra Shafie;
- and six MCPSRA Scholarships will go Denise Hoes, Melissa McDonald, Dorothy Strobel, Marisa Trettel, Mary Veroxie, and Mary Ellen Wolfinger.



*What will your miracle sound like?™*

**Interested in a Free, No Obligation, Hearing Test?**

**See Inside your Ear Canals with our State of the Art  
Video Otoscope Technology**



**Call Today for an Appointment!**

**Locations in Rockville and N.Bethesda**

**301.977.8695 and 301.365.6270**

*Special Savings for MCPS Retirees and Their Families –  
Bring This Ad*

*Owned and Operated by Former MCPS Educator*

Ask About Insurance Coverage to Offset Cost of Hearing Aids, No Interest Payment Plans Available

**[www.miracle-ear-rockvillemd.com](http://www.miracle-ear-rockvillemd.com)**

# MCPSRA Luncheon and Business Meeting

Thursday, June 15, 2017

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: 12:00 Noon Program**

## **Menu Choices:**

Chicken Breast Parmesan	\$23.50
Beef Stroganoff	\$23.50
Filet of Flounder w/ lemon butter	\$23.50
Couscous w/roasted vegetables	\$20.00

Entrees include: sliced tomato salad with basil, popovers, vegetable of the day, profiterole w/chocolate, tea, coffee, soda. Cash bar available.

-----Cut Here-----

**Thursday, June 15, 2017**

## **Circle Entrée Choice**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Beef

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Fish Vegetarian

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Beef

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Fish Vegetarian

Total amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**RESERVATION FORM AND CHECK MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, June 9, 2017.**

**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**

**ANY FOOD ALLERGIES? PLEASE LET ME KNOW.**

Montgomery County Public Schools  
MCPS Retirees Association, Inc.  
P.O. Box 4367  
Rockville, MD 20849

NON-PROFIT  
ORG.  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Permit No. 201  
Suburban, MD

**DATED MATERIAL**



## **MCPSRA Luncheon/Business Meeting NORMANDIE FARM**

**Gathering: 11:00 a.m. Business Meeting: 11:30 a.m.  
Luncheon: 12:00 noon Program**

Next Luncheon Date  
June 15, 2017

**The MCPSRA Newsletter is published in  
October, December, February, April, and June.**

**This is the June, 2017 issue.**