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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dr. Carol Dahlberg
President - MCPSRA

We have had a busy, informative, and fun year at our luncheons and on our many trips. This year we also welcomed two new members to our Board of

Directors: Dr. Debra Munk, Consumer Education Chair and Judy Reiff, Trips Chair.

Changes in chairpersons include: Juliette Trevino, Archives Committee; Harvey Strine, Auditing Committee; Dr. Kenneth Muir, Budget Committee; Frieda Price, Community Service; and Dr. Stephen Raucher, Nominating Committee. (A list of all officers and committee chairs is on page 2 of this newsletter.)

We have had a successful year supporting our special projects: Toolkits and The Josiah Henson Park. We appreciate your donations sustaining support for these projects. (See pages 3 and 13)

Every two years, the Montgomery County Public Schools Retirees Association (MCPSRA) Political Action Committee (PAC) invites candidates who are running for office to complete a questionnaire and to interview with the committee. We do this as a service to our members because many of these candidates and their positions are not well known and, for many of us, it's difficult to get relevant information about the candidates.

This year, 172 people filed for County Executive, and positions on the County Council, the Board of Education, and the Maryland General Assembly. Political Action Committee Chair LeeAnn Kaye lead a six-member team that interviewed a total of 120 candidates over sixteen days. Questions focused on pensions, budgets, health care, public funds for private schools, taxes and knowledge of issues.

Based on the candidates' questionnaire responses and interviews, the PAC made the recommendations that are printed on page 12 of this newsletter. We considered only those candidates who returned their questionnaires and were interviewed. Decisions were based on many factors, including: written and oral responses, effectiveness as an elected official or community volunteer, campaign viability, as well as reflecting the diversity of the county.

At the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA) Annual Business Meeting on May 8, MCPSRA received the 2017-18 Membership Award for locals with over 900 members. This recognition was for the Largest Percentage Increase and the Largest Numerical Increase for New Members. Kudos to our Membership Chair Juliette Trevino.

In May, the members of the MCPSRA Scholarship Committee reviewed applications from MCPS staff. Our scholarships are meant to help with tuition for studies pursued during the summer or fall semesters of 2018. Scholarship awardees will be introduced at our June 14 luncheon. We hope you can join us to honor them.

There will be a vacancy for the chair of the Political Action Committee. If you are interested, please contact me at john.dahlberg234@gmail.com.

If you are not getting the email version of this newsletter, it's because we don't have your correct email address. Please send an email to MCPSRA.Newsletter@ebsinstitute.com and tell us to add your email address.

If you choose to get only the on-line version, you will save MCPSRA printing and mailing costs.

All MCPSRA members are welcome to attend any of our eleven monthly Board of Directors meetings. Meetings are held in CESC Room 134, on the first Thursday of every month except July.

Carol Dahlberg

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2017-18 BUSINESS MEETING/LUNCHEON

DATES

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

Here is the date for the one and only remaining luncheon for this school year:



Thursday, June 14, 2018

SCHOLARSHIPS

At our June Luncheon each year, MCPSRA presents scholarships to deserving MCPS Staff members.

Please join us to congratulate this year's winners.

MCPSRA DIRECTORY

We're hoping that every MCPSRA member has received a copy of our new directory. If you are a new member, or if you are anyone else who did not receive a copy, please notify Juliette Trevino at jgtrevino@comcast.net. She will send your copy ASAP. If you are a member who needs an extra copy, the cost is \$5.00 per copy. Please contact Juliette for that too.

Check page 4 for additions and corrections to the directory.

Save these dates on your calendar for our 2018-2019 Luncheons

Thursday, October 18, 2018

Thursday, February 21, 2019

Thursday, April 11, 2019

Thursday, June 13, 2019

URGENT APPEAL!



For the past fourteen years, our association has been committed to providing toolkits of school supplies for needy incoming kindergartners who attend a special Title I Extended Learning Opportunities Summer Adventures In Learning (ELO SAIL) program each summer. We were hopeful that we could continue to do so again not only this summer but for many years to come. In the April newsletter we issued a **HELP NEEDED! URGENT!** appeal for contributions. Some 120 members responded by mailing in donations totaling over \$10,000. We are most grateful for those who answered our plea. However, we are still short of the \$25,000 needed to fully fund our Toolkits Project.

Thus far since our fundraising efforts began in September about 210 of our members have sponsored kits with their contributions, some of which have given more than once. That is approximately 8% of our membership. The reality is that this very worthwhile project cannot be sustained in the future with that few of responses to our request for donations.

Thanks to you who have consistently been supportive and generous contributors to our project over the years and who already have sponsored toolkits for this summer. But those of you who haven't yet done so, **PLEASE** help by completing the form below and sending it with a TAX DEDUCTIBLE donation **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**. We have had challenges to meet fundraising goals in past years, and you have always come through in the end. **WE CAN DO THIS!** So many children are counting on us!

MCPERS TOOLKITS SPONSORSHIP FORM

Please provide (print clearly) the following information and mail it along with a check (payable to: **MCPERS Educational Foundation**, with **"Toolkits Project"** on the memo line) to Mrs. Joan Donovan, 13 Hilton Court, Gaithersburg, MD20882-3521

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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

Optional: In memory of _____ In honor of _____
acknowledgement to _____

Send

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

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MAKE BLANKETS FOR SICK CHILDREN

Volunteers are invited to make afghans and quilts as gifts for sick children and newborns in the hospital. You can knit, crochet or sew (yarn and fabric provided). Donations of yarn and washed fabric are also appreciated. For more information, contact Pat at 301-460-5451 or Jean at 301-641-4878 or jcpurich@cs.com .

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Please consider Volunteering...

Volunteers are needed in many different areas.

Check out opportunities for volunteers in the area in which you are interested. Google can help you find a perfect match with your interests and skills. By giving your time and expertise you not only benefit other people, you also benefit yourself... helping other people can relieve stress, tension, increase stamina, and lead to better health.



New Member Recruitment Incentive!

Now through October 1, 2018

Earn a \$10 gift card for each **NEW** member you sign up as a **dues deduction** member.



This allows automatic renewal, so no membership interruption while

saving trees , time , and postage  !

Write your name on the membership application, as recruiter. Return the completed application to MRSPA at 8379 Piney Orchard Parkway, Suite A, Odenton, MD 21113 by October 1.

Questions: Email MRSPA at mrspa@mrspa.org or call MRSPA at 410-551-1517



Protecting, Connecting, Making a Difference

Sign up your best friend for membership in the MRSPA and the MCPSRA and you will get a \$10 gift card...
(Sign up your worst enemy and get the same \$10 gift card.)

How Great is That?

Not only that... your friend (or enemy) will get a \$10 discount on their first year's membership.

WOW?

Just have any school retiree (who is not already a member) complete the registration form, add your name as the recruiter, then mail the form to...

MRSPA
8379 Piney Orchard Parkway, Suite A
Odenton, MD 21113

Mail before the end of September, 2018!

MCPSRA & MRSPA Application for Membership

(Please Print)

Name _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ ZIP + 4 _____

Birth date: _____ Telephone: _____

Email _____

*Please sign the authorization for dues deduction (below). A \$55 deduction includes annual membership in both MCPSRA and MRSPA. **If this application received by October 1, 2018 the cost is only \$45 for the first year.***

I hereby authorize the Retirement and Pension System of Maryland to deduct annual membership dues for the MRSPA and the MCPSRA from one of my retirement checks each membership year.

I understand that my Social Security Number (SSN) is required for dues deduction.

SSN _____

This authorization will remain in effect until cancelled by written notice mailed to the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association.

Signature _____ Date _____

Recruiter _____

Welcome New Members

Joined in March 2018

Chaset, Helen Sachs	80185 East Country Club Drive #2207, Aventura, FL 33180	305-792-4202
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Joined in April 2018

Mieczkowski, Ann	10450 Washingtonia Palm Way #1432, Fort Myers, FL 33966	240-687-8212
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A Do You Want to Advertise Your Business in the MCPSRA Newsletter?

Business card 3.0" wide x 2.0" tall	\$35
Quarter page 3.5" wide x 4.75" tall	\$60
Half page 7.5" wide x 4.75" tall	\$110
Full page 7.5" wide x 10.0" tall	\$200

An ad cannot exceed the above dimensions and should be emailed to the Newsletter Editor.

Deadline for June newsletter is May 4, 2018.

Send advertising copy to russwright408@gmail.com. Mail check payable to MCPSRA (in advance of publication) to:
Treasurer, P.O. Box 4367, Rockville, MD 20849-4367.

MCPSRA Consumer Education Update

Excerpted from MRSA "Consumer Connection" March-April 2018

Fire Extinguishers

To make sure your fire extinguisher is safe and operates properly:

- Check whether you own a re-called model at Kidde.com and find out how to get a free replacement.
- Make sure you have the right size and type of fire extinguisher for areas of your home such as your kitchen and garage.
- Replace your extinguisher unless it has a metal operating lever and is rated "ABC" which means that it uses the dry chemical, monoammonium phosphate to put out fires from three common household sources: paper/wood/plastics and flammable liquids such as grease and gasoline, and electrical equipment.
- If you have a kitchen smaller than 70 square feet or a one-car garage, buy an all-purpose extinguisher with the rating on the label of 1A-

10B-C. Larger areas require a rating of at least 3A-40B-C.

- To use your extinguisher properly, pull out the safety pin before you squeeze the operating lever. If you panic and try to squeeze the lever while simultaneously pulling out the pin, the extinguisher will not work. Aim the extinguisher nozzle at the base of the fire-this allows the dry chemical to smother it. Use a sweeping motion until the fire is fully out.

Other topics covered in the publication:

1. Opioid Epidemic:

6 Eye Opening National Opioid Statistics
How to prevent prescription drug abuse
Preventing an overdose
Signs of overmedication

2. Avoiding Falls and Fractures:

How to make your home safe

ABENITY

Did you know that using “Abenity” as an MRSPA member can save you thousands of dollars every year? If you’re not familiar with how to use Abenity, there is a webinar available in the Abenity section under Member Benefits of the MRSPA website at www.mrspa.org.

Samples of discounts available:

- Regal Cinema tickets offer a 24 to 29% per ticket savings (similar savings available at other theatres).
- Tickets for Disney theme parks offer a \$20 per ticket discount.
- Medieval Times show tickets are discounted 30-40% for adults and 18-23% for children
- Sea World tickets are discounted 18% for adults and 9% for children.

If you need help accessing Abenity, you can simply enter your e-mail address at the “forgot password” section on the Abenity sign-in screen and they will quickly send you a link. If you still have problems, call the MRSPA office 410-551-1517.

MCPSRA TRAVEL 2018

- **Welcome to our latest MCPSRA TRAVEL TEAM offerings for the coming months. We hope you will find one, two, or more tours that interest you and some that your family or friends might enjoy, too! Please share this list with others so we can continue to build the program and share the love of travel and adventure with many more. Your ideas are always encouraged! Please contact us and let us know how we can do our best for you!**
- **DEADLINES:** We don’t want to cancel any of the trips, so please pay for your trip as soon as possible. If a trip has to be cancelled because of insufficient numbers by the published deadline, your check will be returned to you.
- **Some trips are shared by EYRE Tour & Travel and MCPSRA. These trips are marked with an *. They may have multiple departure points, including Long Gate in Howard County. Trips marked “EYRE TRIP” can be paid by credit card directly to EYRE. Make sure they know that you are traveling with MCPSRA!**
- **GRATUITIES** for drivers are not included in the price of the trip.

DAY TRIPS

***Museum of the Bible (Washington, DC) — Monday, June 25, 2018**

\$60 per person 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Georgia Avenue Park & Ride (Olney, MD)

Explore and experience the history, narrative, and impact of the Bible through the use of cutting-edge technology. Several of the world’s most prominent private collections of biblical objects and artifacts have contributed to the creation of the museum. Lunch on your own. **Activity Level:** A lot of walking

DEADLINE: MAY 25

EYRE TRIP

***Ellis Island & Statue of Liberty (New Jersey) — Saturday, August 18, 2018**

\$113 Adult / \$99 Child Under 12. 7:00 am - 11:00 pm Georgia Avenue Park & Ride (Olney, MD)

This is an Intergenerational Tour! (\$10 Cracker Barrel Gift Card included.)

The Statue of Liberty is a symbol of freedom to the world. Ellis Island is the Gateway to America where millions of immigrants entered from 1892 - 1955. Celebrate your heritage and ancestry on this moving experience.

Activity Level - A lot of walking / ferry ride

DEADLINE: JULY 18

EYRE TRIP

***Crabfeast and Cruise on the Choptank (MD) — Friday, September 14, 2018** **EYRE TRIP**
\$109 pp **8:30 am - 7:00 pm** **Georgia Avenue Park & Ride (Olney, MD)**
On a 3-hour cruise aboard the Choptank River Queen enjoy steamed crabs, Maryland crab soup, fried chicken, clam strips, corn on the cob, coleslaw and desserts, as you cruise down the river. **Activity Level:** Low **DEADLINE: AUGUST 14**

Food Tour in Baltimore's Little Italy (MD) — Thursday, September 27, 2018
\$100 pp **10:00 am - 4:00 pm** **Georgia Avenue Park & Ride (Olney, MD)**
Visit the area where immigrants settled in Baltimore. Take a walking tour through the neighborhood rich with history and authentic Italian cuisine. Savor the flavors of the food and the culture of the community surrounding it.
Activity Level: Moderate **DEADLINE: AUGUST 24**

***Skyline Drive Scenic Ride (VA) — Friday, October 19, 2018** **EYRE TRIP**
\$99 pp **7:45 am - 4:30 pm** **Georgia Avenue Park & Ride (Olney, MD)**
Visit the Warehouse Gallery in Luray, a fun environment that promotes and nourishes the creative process of a diverse group of artists. While in Luray, enjoy a delicious buffet lunch at the Mimslyn Inn. Once on Skyline Drive enjoy the breathtaking views including a stop at the Byrd Visitor Center. **Activity Level:** Moderate. **DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 19**

9/11 Memorial & Museum (NYC) — Thursday, October 25, 2018
\$120 pp **7:00 am - 11:00 pm** **Georgia Avenue Park & Ride (Olney, MD)**
The Memorial Museum is an educational and historical institution honoring the victims and examining 9/11 and its continued global significance. (Security screening on-site) **Activity Level** - A lot of walking **DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 11**

Barnes Collection (Philadelphia, PA) — Thursday, November 8, 2018
\$132 pp **8:00 am - 7:00 pm** **Georgia Avenue Park & Ride (Olney, MD)**
Docent-guided visit to the Special Exhibit: Berthe Morisot, one of the major impressionists, worked alongside Degas, Manet, Monet, and Renoir. **Activity Level:** Moderate. **DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 19**

Museum of the American Revolution (Philadelphia, PA) — Thursday, November 15, 2018
\$85 pp **7:00 am - 5:30 pm** **Georgia Avenue Park & Ride (Olney, MD)**
The museum displays objects pertaining to the Revolutionary War. Explore stories of enslaved and free Africans, Native Americans and women — in addition to the Founding Fathers and Revolutionary War soldiers — through immersive displays and artifacts that create a modern storytelling experience. **Activity Level:** Moderate **DEADLINE: OCTOBER 15**

NYC ON YOUR OWN — Wednesday, October 3, 2018 & Tuesday, December 11, 2018 (TWO dates open!)
\$90 pp **7:00 am - 11:00 pm** **Georgia Avenue Park & Ride (Olney, MD)**
A museum exhibit? A matinee on Broadway? Stroll down Fifth Avenue? Want to meet a NY friend for lunch? Whatever your plan, this is a great way to do it! **Activity Level:** Your choice! **DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1**

OVERNIGHT TRAVEL

***Hudson Valley, NY (Wed. September 26 - Fri. September 28, 2018)** **EYRE TRIP**
\$689 pp double / \$829.00 pp single occupancy **Georgia Avenue Park & Ride (Olney, MD)**

Travel Protection Plan: \$58 pp is due at final payment. **Final payment due August 12**
Hotel accommodations at the renowned Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel. Visit Hyde Park, the historic home of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and the Presidential Library and Museum to learn about the only president elected to 4 terms. Take a guided tour of Staatsburgh State Historic Site, Mills Mansion, a great estate built during the Gilded Age. Tour West Point and enjoy a tour and lunch at the Culinary Institute of America. Visit Madava Farm, home of Crown Maple Syrup for a tour and tasting. *Security at West Point requires a current government issued photo ID for all passengers. When making your reservation for this trip, please provide your date of birth, gender and the state or country that issued the ID.*

***Trains & Canaan, WV (Mon. October 1 - Wed. October 3, 2018)** **EYRE TRIP**
\$599.00 pp double / \$699.00 pp single occupancy **Georgia Avenue Park & Ride (Olney, MD)**
Travel Protection Plan: \$58 pp due at final payment. **Final payment is due August 17**
On the way to the Canaan Valley Resort, view the scenery from the Club Car of the Potomac Eagle Railroad on a 3-hour ride with a catered lunch included. On Day 2 see the beautiful Seneca Rocks, relax on the Cass Scenic Railroad and see an authentic logging camp. Delight in a 'hobo' lunch today. Back at the resort, dinner is on your own. This evening, it's "Time to Paint" in the Birch/Hawthorne Room. Take a ride on the Scenic Chair Lift for views of the Allegheny and Appalachian Mountains. More fun to be had at an old-fashioned weaving demonstration at Ben's Old Loom Barn and a stop at the Highland Food & Farm Market. **Activity Level:** Moderate

***Deck The Halls and Mansions, PA & DE (Thurs. December 6 - Fri. December 7, 2018) EYRE TRIP**
\$499.00 pp double / \$599.00 pp single occupancy Georgia Avenue Park & Ride (Olney, MD)

Travel Protection Plan: \$39 pp double and \$58 pp single due at final payment. **Final payment is due October 22**

Step back in time at Yuletide at Winterthur, Henry Francis duPont's home in seasonal splendor. At Longwood Gardens, take in the twinkling lights, whirling fountains, and adorned trees. Check into the Hotel duPont, one of the most lavish hotels of America's Gilded Age, for overnight and enjoy a wonderful dinner. The next day, tour the world-famous Nemours Mansion & Gardens beautifully decorated for the holidays. The duPonts have left a living legacy that you can experience at the Hagley Museum and Library. **Activity Level:** Moderate

OVERSEAS TRIPS (offered by private tour companies)

****Detailed flyers available for these tours. Please request one from Ann Vermillion or Judy Adler Reiff**

****Land Journey to NORMANDY honoring the 75th Anniversary of D-Day (AHI Travel) July 13-21, 2019**

9 days/7 nights - 7 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners - Discovery excursions that highlight the local culture, heritage, and history, including: the impact of WWII at the Caen Memorial Museum; the bravery of the Allied landing forces and the wartime history of Utah Beach & Sainte-Mere-Eglise, D-Day and the Battle of Normandy; historic Honfleur's harbor; a UNESCO World Heritage site - Mont St.-Michel; and the vivid details of the Bayeux Tapestry; and the region's cider brandy, Calvados. Price includes 7-night stay at 1st Class hotel in Honfleur, meals as listed, excursions, Welcome & Farewell Receptions, VOX headsets for tours, tips for guides and drivers, roundtrip airfare to/from Paris with transfers to/from Honfleur. No Single Supplement! Small Group (28 passengers max.)

****Land Journey to Italy's Amalfi Coast (AHI Travel) September 4 - 12, 2019**

9 days/7 nights - 7 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 4 dinners - Discovery excursions that highlight the local culture, heritage, and history, including: Naples and the Museo Archeologico Nazionale; Herculaneum and Pompeii; a Sorrento farm; Meet the People luncheon in Paestum and a visit to the ruins with the well-preserved Greek temples; as well as the charming Amalfi Coast with Positano, Amalfi, and Sorrento; and an optional tour to the Isle of Capri. Price includes 7-night stay at 1st Class hotel in Sorrento, meals as listed, excursions, Welcome & Farewell Receptions, VOX headsets for tours, tips for guides and drivers, roundtrip airfare to/from Naples with transfers to/from Sorrento. No Single Supplement! Small Group (28 passengers max.)

****Spain & Portugal in Depth (Grand Circle Travel) September 13-27, 2019**

15 days/13 nights - 13 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 6 dinners - 10 guided tours and 2 exclusive Discovery Series events: Home-Hosted Lunch and Horse-breeding farm visit; 3 nights stays in Madrid, Torremolinos, Lisbon and 2 nights stays in Granada and Seville; tours included in Madrid, Toledo, Alhambra, Cordoba, Malaga, Ronda, Seville, Lisbon, Sintra, and Cascais; optional pre-trip tour to Barcelona and and post-trip tour to Madeira, Portugal. Price includes hotel accommodations, meals, tips for guides and drivers, headsets for tours, baggage handling. Tour only: **\$3195 pp. Tour with airfare from BWI: \$4195 pp. Deposit: \$350 Final Payment: June 12, 2019** No Single Supplement! (GCT Good Buy Plan can save you up to 10% - book early, save more!) **For reservations and information: 1-800-221-2610 Mention G9-28170 when booking.**

**For additional travel opportunities, check out the website
for MRSPA at <https://www.mrspa.org/travel-1>**

REMINDERS ABOUT THE MCPSRA TRAVEL PROGRAM

- 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.
- Itineraries, times and details are approximate. Changes are sometimes necessary and unavoidable.
- Trips are open to members, their families and adult friends, unless otherwise indicated.
- **ACTIVITY LEVEL:** Most tours require considerable walking, often with steps to climb or limited accessibility. Participants should be capable of maintaining the group's pace.

PAYMENTS: Write a separate check payable to MCPSRA for each trip. Include the name and date of the trip on each check. Send your check with your completed reservation form. Your reservation will be definite upon receipt of your deposit/full payment, whichever is required.

- Upon receipt of registration form and payment confirmation, the Travel Team will send an email to the participant acknowledging the booking.
- **REFUNDS** are made only when your space can be filled.

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

TOUR _____

NAME _____ Email _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone# _____ Cell # _____

Member of MCPSRA Yes ____ No ____ Are you traveling with others? Yes ____ No ____ If yes, complete next line.
Names & contact information for travel companions:

Are your travel companions paying independently? Yes ____ No ____ If yes, please enclose that check with registration.
Total number of travelers, including self _____ X TOUR FEE = **TOTAL PAYMENT** \$ _____

CIRCLE ONE: Method of payment: check **OR** credit card payment to EYRE.
CREDIT CARD payment is accepted for trips offered by **EYRE** only. If paying by credit card, call the **Tour Department** at EYRE
TOUR & TRAVEL: **1-800-321-3973 x 3252**.

Please let us know if you have special needs or requests. (seating, mobility, food allergies, medical issues, etc.)

CHECKS should be made payable to **MCPSRA**. One check per tour, please.
MAIL all checks and reservation forms to **Ann Vermillion, 3438 Chiswick Ct, Silver Spring, MD 20906**
QUESTIONS: Please contact Judy Adler Reiff, Travel Chairperson, via email at jadlerreiff@gmail.com or by phone/text at 240-481-4016 with any questions regarding the trips. We welcome your suggestions, too!

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

TOUR _____

NAME _____ Email _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone# _____ Cell # _____

Member of MCPSRA Yes ____ No ____ Are you traveling with others? Yes ____ No ____ If yes, complete next line.
Names & contact information for travel companions:

Are your travel companions paying independently? Yes ____ No ____ If yes, please enclose that check with registration.
Total number of travelers, including self _____ X TOUR FEE = **TOTAL PAYMENT** \$ _____

CIRCLE ONE: Method of payment: check **OR** credit card payment to EYRE.
CREDIT CARD payment is accepted for trips offered by EYRE only. If paying by credit card, call the Tour Department at EYRE
TOUR & TRAVEL: 1-800-321-3973 x 3252.

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Montgomery County Public Schools Retirees Association

2018-19
Budget

Income	2017-18 Budget	2018-19 Budget
Local Membership Dues	25,000	24,950
Investment Fund - Scholarships	3,000	3,000
Investment Income		
Newsletter Advertising	<u>1,000</u>	<u>500</u>
Total Income	\$ 29,000	\$ 28,450
Transfer from Surplus	<u>1,755</u>	<u>3,050</u>
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 30,755</u>	<u>\$ 31,500</u>
 Expenses		
Officers	100	100
Committees		
Archives		
Auditing	1,200	1,200
Budget		
Committee for Montgomery	1,000	1,100
Community Service		
Donations and Contributions	300	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
Newsletter	12,800	12,800
Political Action	600	50
Program	400	400
Recognition	200	200
Scholarship	9,000	9,000
Special Projects	2,250	2,250
Trips	200	200
Website		500
Contingency	200	200
 Total Expenses	 <u>\$ 31,450</u>	 <u>\$ 31,500</u>

MCPSRA members present at our June 14 Business Meeting and Luncheon will have an opportunity to vote on the budget presented above.

EARLY PRIMARY VOTING SITES

Activity Center at Bohrer Park
 Damascus Community Rec. Center
 Executive Office Bldg.
 Germantown Community Rec. Center
 Jane Lawton Community Rec. Center

Marilyn Praisner Community Rec. Center
 Mid-County Community Rec. Center
 Potomac Community Rec. Center
 Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Dept. (The Ballroom)
 Silver Spring Civic Bldg.
 St. Catherine Laboure (The Claridge Room)

Primary 2018 Recommendations

County Executive Rose Krasnow

Dist. 39 Delegate Lesley Lopez
 Kirill Reznik*
 Shane Robinson *

County Council

Council At-Large Gabe Albernoz
 Marilyn Balcombe
 Hoan Dang
 Hans Riemer*

 Council Dist. 1 Pete Fosselman
 Council Dist. 2 Craig Rice*
 Council Dist. 3 Sidney Katz*
 Council Dist. 4 Nancy Navarro*
 Council Dist. 5 Tom Hucker*

Board of Education

Bd. of Ed. At-Lg. Karla Silvestre
 Bd. of Ed. Dist. 1 Judy Docca*
 Bd. of Ed. Dist. 3 Pat O’Neill*
 Bd. of Ed. Dist. 5 Brenda Wolff

* Denotes incumbent

Maryland General Assembly

Dist. 14 Senate Craig Zucker*
 Dist. 14 Delegate Anne Kaiser *
 Eric Luedtke*
 Pamela Queen*
 Dist. 15 Senate Brian Feldman*
 Dist. 15 Delegate Kathleen Dumais*
 David Fraser-Hidalgo*
 Kevin Mack
 Harvey Jacobs
 Dist. 16 Senate Susan Lee*

 Dist. 16 Delegate Ariana Kelly*
 Marc Korman*
 Samir Paul
 Dist. 17 Senate No recommendation
 Dist. 17 Delegate Kumar Barve*
 Julie Palakovich Carr
 Jim Gilchrist*
 Dist. 18 Senate No recommendation
 Dist. 18 Delegate Al Carr*
 Leslie Milano
 Emily Shetty
 Dist. 19 Senate Ben Kramer
 Dist. 19 Delegate Bonnie Cullison*
 Marlin Jenkins
 Marice Morales*
 Dist. 20 Senate Will Smith*
 Dist. 20 Delegate Lorig Charkoudian
 David Moon*
 Jheanelle Wilkins*
 Dist. 39 Senate Nancy King*

The Primary Election is Tuesday, June 26. Prior to that date, you should receive a sample ballot from the Board of Elections showing the names of the candidates for whom you will have an opportunity to vote. The sample ballot will also show the address of your polling place. **Please check carefully for your poll location before you go to vote as it may have changed.** Your sample ballot will reflect only those names for whom you are eligible to vote; e.g., by party affiliation or by the district in which you live.

Early voting is June 14-21. (A list of Early-Voting Sites is available on page 11.)

After the Primary Election, if necessary, the PAC will make new recommendations for the November 6 General Election.

Because of the number of candidates running for the various offices, your vote in the Primary Election is **VERY** important.

Come to the June 14 luncheon to meet the candidates for the Maryland General Assembly.

Many thanks to Carol Dahlberg, Lou D’Ovidio, George Kaye, Ken Muir, and Darlene Simmons for their countless hours, thoughtfulness, knowledge and dedication! They were terrific!!!

VOTE THE PRIMARY!!!

June 26, 2018

In Memoriam

The following MCPSRA members have passed away:

February

John A. Baroni
Henry O. Benedict
John A. Canning
Mavis J. Vandegrift

March

Kenneth N. Cudd
Annabelle H. Highfill
Eleanor L. Hughes
Toby B. Loewy
Penny L. Peterson

April

Sherry B. Adams
Adrian C. Anderson
Mary Louise Dickenson
Helen L. Good
Laura Steele

MCPSRA-JOSIAH HENSON PROJECT

Our organization, has partnered with the Montgomery Parks Foundation to support the development of the Josiah Henson Park at the intersection of Old Georgetown Road and Tilden Lane, the site of a plantation in our county on which Henson and others were enslaved. Henson lived there from 1795 to 1830 when he to Canada, where he established a community and wrote his autobiography which became the basis for Harriet Beecher Stowe's *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.



MCPSRA has pledged up to \$5000 to match donations from MCPSRA members. Please contribute whatever you can afford. To date, we have matched almost \$2500 in contributions. These funds will support development of the Museum and Visitor Center. So, we encourage you to use the tear off sheet below to contribute.

Additional funding for the Josiah Henson Park was secured from the State of Maryland this year through a \$200,000 Bond Bill sponsored by State Senators Lee and Madeleno and Delegate Marc Korman.

As we noted at the last luncheon the Montgomery County Board of Education has added Josiah Henson to the list of names to be considered when naming new schools.

We hope you will contribute to this important project. By donating through MCPSRA your donation will go twice as far!

MCPSRA-Henson Project Donation Form

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

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

THIS IS CLEVER!

Can you name one word in English language that can be a noun, verb, adj, adv, or prep? The word UP may be the only one.

Read the following passage until the end... I'm sure you'll laugh.

This two-letter word in English has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that word is UP. It is listed in the dictionary as an [adv.], [prep], [adj.], [n] or [v].

It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP?

At a meeting, why does a topic come UP? Why do we speak UP, and why are the officers UP for election (if there is a tie, it is a toss UP) and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report? We call UP our friends, brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver, warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen. We lock UP the house and fix UP the old car.

At other times, this little word has real special meaning. People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses.

To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed UP is special.

And this UP is confusing: A drain must be opened UP because it is blocked UP.

We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night. We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP!

To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look UP the word UP in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost 1/4 of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions.

If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with (UP to) a hundred or more.

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP. When the sun comes out, we say it is clearing UP. When it rains, it soaks UP the earth. When it does not rain for a while, things dry UP. One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP, for now . . . My time is UP!

Oh. . . One more thing: What is the first thing you do in the morning and the last thing you do at night?

UP!

Did that one crack you UP?

Don't screw UP..Send this on to everyone you look UP in your address book . . . Or not . . . it's UP to you.

Now I'll shut UP!

MCPSRA Luncheon and Business Meeting

Thursday, June 14, 2018

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:

Beef Stroganoff	\$23.50
Chicken Marsala	\$23.50
Tilapia w/pine nuts, dried tomatoes, citrus drizzle	\$23.50
Roasted Root Vegetable Ratatouille	\$20.00

Entrees include: tomatoes w/basil, popovers, vegetable du jour, ice cream w/chocolate sauce, tea, coffee, soda. Cash bar available.

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Thursday, June 14, 2018

Circle Entrée Choice

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Chicken Beef
email address: _____ Fish Vegetarian
Name: _____ Phone: _____ Chicken Beef
email address: _____ Fish Vegetarian

Total amount enclosed: _____

RESERVATION FORM AND CHECK MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, June 8, 2018.

Make check payable to MCPSRA. Mail to:

LEEANN KAYE

3210 N. LEISURE WORLD BLVD. #306

SILVER SPRING, MD 20906

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

GEOLAKAYE@GMAIL.COM PATRICIA_BENDLER09@COMCAST.NET

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MCPSRA Luncheon/Business Meeting NORMANDIE FARM

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

Next Luncheon Date
June 14, 2018

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