

# Montgomery County Public Schools **Retirees Association, Inc.**

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



**Dr. Stephen M. Raucher**  
*President*

Our February luncheon, at Normandie Farms, was, once again, a spectacular success. We had the largest number of members ever attending a February Luncheon.

Our speaker, Candice Ridington, gave us insight into the lives of Nurses during the Civil War which was unique and fascinating. I, for one, had no idea that Walt Whitman was a volunteer in a Washington DC Army Hospital, caring for wounded soldiers, writing letters for them, feeding them, etc.

Our Committees and Board of Directors have the good fortune of "longevity" in many positions. While I have not done a scientific survey, I believe that the average tenure of our Board Members/Committee Chairs exceeds my 12 year tenure as a retiree. With very few exceptions, the faces around the Board Table are the same as when I first joined MCPSRA in 2004. That's both good and bad. On the positive side, our projects and programs are blessed with the hard work and in depth experience of the current leadership. Folks know what they are doing, do it well, and continue to make MCPSRA a model for other organizations to emulate. We get the job done with minimal fuss and maximum efficiency. However, none of us is getting any younger. We need to be bringing others along who will be willing and able to carry on the great work MCPSRA does for years to come. We need new ideas, variations on existing programs, and new voices asking questions like "why?" We hear much talk about retirees being mentors for kids in the schools, how about having our existing leadership mentor a new generation of leaders that will continue to carry MCPSRA forward?

There are currently eighteen (18) "standing committees" of which five (5) have co-chairs. That means there are at least thirteen opportunities for new committee co-chairs. We have a vacancy as Newsletter Editor that has yet to be filled. We have committees needing additional people to get their work done. There are opportunities to form additional committees and to staff new projects, such as the Josiah Henson Park project. The list can go on and on. The message is clear. There is room for you to get more involved in our association. It's great to meet and greet over 100 members at a luncheon, but I would personally love to see more than the same 15 - 20 faces at our monthly Board Meeting.

Let's take a lesson from Walt Whitman and volunteer. You'll be glad you did. To volunteer please call me at 301-318-4969 and/or attend one of our Board Meetings and see what opportunities await you. We meet on the first Thursday morning of each month in Room 120 of the Carver Education Services Center [MCPS Board of Education], 850 Hungerford Drive, Rockville.

**Steve Raucher**



**MCPSRA Newsletter Editor**

**No Salary, but a lot of Appreciation**

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# MCPSRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS:

The Board of Directors meets monthly at 9:30 a.m. except July. All MCPSRA members are welcome to the meetings held in Room 120 in CESC on these dates:

April 7, 2016

May 5, 2016

June 2, 2016

### LUNCHEON DATES:

Business meetings and luncheons are held four times a year at Normandie Farm, 10710 Falls Road, Potosi, MD 20854. Please join your fellow MCPS Retirees for an afternoon of food, conversation and learning new things. The remaining dates are as follows:

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Thursday, June 16, 2016

### CONTRIBUTE TO 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. Make your tax deductible contribution check out 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 move the Josiah Henson Park - Museum and Educational Facility Project forward.

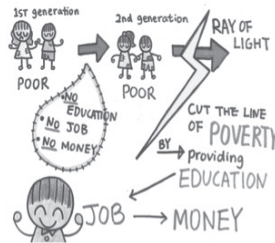
# MCPSRA Welcomes the New Members who Have Joined our Association Since October 2015



|                          |                                    |                              |              |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Carolyn S. Ahearn        | 18536 Queen Elizabeth Drive        | Olney, MD 20832              | 301-774-0868 |
| Aminta B. Carter         | 16905 Federal Hill Court           | Bowie, MD 20716              | 301-218-7580 |
| Anna Colosi              | 19320 Madison House Street         | Olney, MD 20832              | 917-733-1729 |
| Robin Confino            | 855 Flagler Drive                  | Gaithersburg, MD 20878       | 301-977-0045 |
| Kenneth N. Cudd          | 4219 Charley Forest Street         | Olney, MD 20832              | 301-655-9935 |
| Joanne Engel             | 523 Shiloh Springs Road            | Rutledge, TN 37861           | 240-888-2447 |
| Mayfield L. Ertzinger    | 10916 Ralston Road                 | Rockville, MD 20852          | 301-897-5239 |
| Sally A. Fasman          | 3315 Wisconsin Avenue, NW Apt. 401 | Washington, DC 20016         | 202-450-6549 |
| Ronnie S. Fields         | 411 Winding Rose Drive             | Rockville, MD 20850          | 301-762-6678 |
| James Finch              | 9330 Penns Hill Road               | La Plata, MD 20646           | 301-392-6071 |
| Elizabeth Follin         | 4301 Sheridan Street               | University Park, MD 20782    | 301-277-5928 |
| Clare Borjes Garrett     | 317 Alfandre Street                | Gaithersburg, MD 20878       | 240-893-4937 |
| Gerard A. Green Jr.      | 12410 Fellowship Lane              | Gaithersburg, MD 20878       | 301-330-9828 |
| Mary K. Greenberg        | 10224 Peanut Mill Drive            | Gaithersburg, MD 20882       | 301-253-0548 |
| Kathryn A Hallett-Moore. | 46 Tivoli Lake Court               | Silver Spring, MD 20906      | 301-332-6682 |
| Gretchen A. Howard       | 11403 Rokeby Avenue #306           | Garrett Park, MD 20896       | 301-942-1754 |
| Wanda M. Jackson         | 13610 Valley Drive                 | Rockville, MD 20850          | 301-424-5395 |
| Margaret A. Jacobs       | 21020 Miracle Drive                | Gaithersburg, MD 20882       | 301-325-6996 |
| Linda L. Jordan          | 4123 Warner Street                 | Kensington, MD 20895         | 443-852-1486 |
| William J. Kerins        | 4268 Coattail Court                | Ellicott City, MD 21042      | 410-461-9534 |
| Barbara L. Kornrich      | 3710 Gelderland Court              | Olney, MD 20832              | 301-260-7997 |
| Susan Little             | 4268 Knobs End Court               | Ellicott City, MD 21042-6238 | 410-746-9239 |
| Mary E. McCarthy,        | 3 Gruenther Court                  | Rockville, MD 20851          | 240-350-4287 |
| Mercedes L Merriam.      | 14536 Carona Drive                 | Silver Spring, MD 20905-5885 | 301-236-4855 |
| William Mills            | 100 Primrose Street                | Chevy Chase, MD 20815        | 301-656-4490 |
| Mary L. Naughton         | 34 Bralan Court                    | Gaithersburg, MD 20877       | 301-926-7703 |
| Eugene A. Orndorff       | 24604 Lunsford Court               | Damascus, MD 20872           | 301-253-2342 |
| Virginia B. Pass         | 12606 Eastbourne Drive             | Silver Spring, MD 20904      | 0-0          |
| Judy Pearson             | 1603 Crestline Road                | Silver Spring, MD 20904      | 0-0          |
| Jane Reiser              | 520 Russell Avenue                 | Gaithersburg, MD 20877       | 301-219-5394 |
| James Lee Rickard        | 340 Elm Street                     | Indiana, PA 15701            | 724-541-0439 |
| Randall D. Robinson      | 9890 Washingtonian Blvd Apt 608    | Gaithersburg, MD 20878       | 202-271-1966 |
| Virginia Ross            | 12805 Hammonton Road               | Silver Spring, MD 20904      | 301-792-5178 |
| Sharon Saylor            | 2203 Cedar Mill Court              | Vienna, VA 22182             | 703-625-1401 |
| Deborah Schindler        | 5513 Oakmont Avenue                | Bethesda, MD 20817           | 301-530-6854 |
| Linda M. Sherwood        | 1005 Heartfields Drive             | Silver Spring, MD 20904      | 301-625-6511 |
| Carolyn S. Skinker       | 18916 Marsh Hawk Lane              | Gaithersburg, MD 20879       | 301-869-4868 |
| Nathaniel L Ward. Sr.    | PO Box 3088                        | Crofton, MD 21114            | 301-502-1456 |
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| Mark Whipple             | 57 Driftstone Circle               | Arden, NC 28704              | 828-684-6371 |
| Nancy Zegers             | 17209 Falstaff Lane                | Olney, MD 20832              | 301-774-4424 |

**Please update your MCPSRA Directory and help us welcome our new members.**

*Check the MCPSRA website for latest information: [www.MCPSRETIREES.org](http://www.MCPSRETIREES.org).*



## I WISH SOMEONE HAD TOLD ME!

*Joan Donovan, Tool Kits Project Co-Chair*

How many times have you heard or even uttered those very words? And how about these: I didn't have any idea this was happening! I wish I had known! I feel really badly. I would have definitely been there to help had someone just let me know! But when do these thoughts and words surface? -- after everything is over and done and we are just hearing about it. We feel guilty realizing that we could have done something to help. When our family members, friends, and neighbors are thrust into a crisis situation we want to know so that we can immediately jump into action to do all that we can to provide them help and support in their time of dire need. Frequently we are told afterwards that they would never have made it through without us by their side. When it's our time, we rely on them to be there for us as well. Just knowing that there is someone who cares enough to be there should we need them gives us a feeling of comfort and assurance even during the good times.

That being said, I want you to know right now about a crisis that exists in our country that needs the help of every caring citizen willing and able to offer assistance. That crisis is poverty. Did you know that the number of homeless students across our nation has reached a new high of 1.26 million? That's just children! Montgomery County's population, according to an organization called Advocates for Children and Youth, is listed at 1,030,447 of which 242,404 are children. Do you know just how many of these children live in poverty? Approximately 8.9% of them do, which numbers 21,427. I'm sure most of you find this alarming and disturbing, especially in what is considered one of Maryland's wealthiest counties. Imagine the number in our entire state if we added up all those from the 23 counties plus Baltimore City! How do we define poverty? One dictionary describes it as ...the state of privation and lack of necessities; ...(it) denotes the lack of the means for proper existence. It continues with ...'need' emphasizes the fact that help or relief is necessary. So, now you know, and you can help do something about it!

For over twelve years our association has been very aware of the needs of our county's impoverished children and has been committed to addressing their needs as best we could with the funds raised each year by assembling and distributing toolkits of school supplies to Title I summer school kindergartners and, if possible, books to students in other grade levels at summer's end. In addition, over 225 backpacks of school supplies were given to homeless children who have attended summer school programs. But sadly we have been unable to do the books and backpacks the past two summers since sufficient funds were unavailable. This was partly due to the increase in the number of kindergartners who needed toolkits as well as the escalating cost of the items that are included in each kit. We have received a request from the Title I summer school coordinators to provide 80 additional kits for Head Start children this coming summer. These are for very needy incoming kindergartners who are enrolled in non-Title I schools and thus are not entitled to attend the Title I ELO SAIL summer school program. We are committed to helping them, too. We are reaching out to all of you to be as generous as you can especially this year so that we can once again accomplish all three components of our project: toolkits, books, and backpacks. PLEASE complete the form below and mail it along with your tax-deductible contribution immediately. NOW is important so that we can formulate plans for this summer's project and be assured that it will be a total success in this, its thirteenth year of existence. You won't have to say, I wish someone had told me earlier! We're telling you in plenty of time! We whole-heartedly thank you for helping to alleviate the pain of poverty for the youngest of our county's school children.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

## *In Memoriam*

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

Adrienne Arlene Aiello

James B. Johnson

Homer B. Smith

Mary E. Armstrong

Rachel B. Kennedy

Grace J. Tigani

Clair A. Baum

S Monique B. Marbury

Lilian L. Toh

Audrey J. Burdette

Shirley P. Perry

Madge W. Tonneman

Joyce (Mickey) Conley

Louise E. Prichard

James J. Toquinto

Lillian W. Goodwin

Zelma W. Ritvo

Genevieve M. Tracey

Arthur Robert Harris

Mariam W. Roper

Mildred W. Young

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### **Montgomery County Board of Elections Early Voting Sites**

#### **Presidential Primary and General Elections**

- Early voting for the **Primary Election** April 14 to April 21, 2016.
- Early voting for the **General Election** October 27 to November 3, 2016

##### **Activity Center at Bohrer Park**

506 S. Frederick Avenue  
Gaithersburg, MD 20877

##### **Marilyn J. Praisner Community Recreation**

14906 Old Columbia Pike  
Burtonsville, MD 20866

##### **Damascus Community Recreation Center**

25520 Oak Drive  
Damascus, MD 20872

##### **Mid-County Community Recreation Center**

2004 Queensguard Road  
Silver Spring, MD 20906

##### **Executive Office Building**

101 Monroe Street  
Rockville, MD 20850

##### **Silver Spring Civic Building**

One Veterans Place  
Silver Spring MD 20910

##### **Germantown Community Recreation Center**

18905 Kingsview Road  
Germantown, MD 20874

##### **Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad**

2400 Arcola Avenue  
Wheaton, MD 20902

##### **Jane E. Lawton Community Recreation Center**

4301 Willow Lane  
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

**Questions? [www.777vote.org](http://www.777vote.org)**

## **News from the Political Action Committee**

### **LeeAnn Kay, Chair**

The MCPSRA Political Action Committee invites candidates who are running for local office to complete a questionnaire and to interview with the committee. We do this as a service to members because many of the candidates and their positions on issues of interest to MCPSRA may not be well known. This year we interviewed only Board of Education candidates.

**Based on the candidates' questionnaire responses and interviews, the committee is making the following recommendations for Board of Education:**

#### **BOE At-Large: Phillip Kauffman**

*Incumbent; completing second four year term*

- Chair of Board's Fiscal Management Committee; past President and Vice President; Member of the Policy Management Committee
- Wife MCPS teacher; two daughters who are MCPS graduates
- Priorities include closing the achievement gap and provide more career opportunities for all students
- Need to budget strategically, address MCPS' enrollment and facility challenges and reduce necessary testing

#### **BOE District 2: Rebecca Smondrowski**

*Incumbent; completing first four year term*

- Served on MCCPTA Board of Directors; Vice President for Legislation, Vice President for Programs; chair of Curriculum Committee; MCCPTA representative to MCPS K-12 Mathematics Joint Task Force
- Member Board of Directors for MCPS Educational Foundation
- Priorities include working on raising the bar of excellence and closing the achievement gap; get more resources to address needs of children; career readiness programs
- Reduce class size; add funds for guidance counselors, PPWs and after school programs to support tutoring

#### **BOE District 4: Shebra Evans**

- Wheaton Cluster Coordinator three years; Vice President for Educational
- Issues for MCCPTA as well as other roles in MCCPTA
- Served on Superintendent's Operating Budget workgroup for three budget cycles
- Co-leader with the African American Student Achievement Action Group for 2+ years
- Parent of two daughters in MCPS
- Priorities include adding classroom teachers to reduce class size; expanding and supporting the Minority Scholars Program to include all high schools and the Blair Ewing Center; increasing the number of school counselors, PPWs and school psychologists

The Primary Election is Tuesday, April 26, 2016, with early voting from April 14 to April 21, 2016. (See list of early voting sites on page 4.)

Everyone can vote for Board of Education. You can vote in the Primary for BOE regardless of how you are registered, with or without party affiliation. Even though candidates must run in a particular district, every registered voter may vote for all Board of Education candidates.



## MCPSRA FUTURE TRAVEL

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| April 22-30     | Mississippi River Cruise   |
| July 13th       | Sight and Sound Theatre Show<br>SAMSON                             |
| August 15       | Harrisburg, Pa., Coach, Train,<br>River Cruise                     |
| September 11    | Nationals vs Phillies  |
| September 15-24 | Canada and New England<br>Cruise                                   |
| October 10-15   | Maine Plus Much More   |
| November 15-16  | NY City includes show, Radio City,<br>[Details in June newsletter] |
| December 1      | Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre<br>[Details in June newsletter]         |

**SPECIAL NOTICE:** 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. **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 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, which we do not like to do.

### NOTICE – PARKING FOR OVERNIGHT TRIPS.

As of 2016 pick up for overnight trips will be at the Park and Ride, GA. Ave.–same lot that 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 at their location in Glenelg, Md. 13600 Triadelphia Rd. For arrangements, timing and information call Ellen at Eyre: 1-800-321-3973 x 3253

## CANADA & NEW ENGLAND CRUISE – Grandeur of the Seas (9 nights)

September 15-24, 2016

**Ports of Call:** Baltimore, Boston, Portland Maine, Bar Harbor, Maine, St John, New Brunswick, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Baltimore.

Call *GRAND AMERICAN TOURS:*

1-800-423-0247 and indicate you are with MCPSRA

## MISSISSIPPI RIVER CRUISE **American Eagle Memphis –New Orleans**

APRIL 22 – 30th

As the paddlewheel laps against the water, a trumpet sounds and you find yourself on a cruise into the heart of Dixie, visiting historic cities and Civil War battlefields along the way.

**COST:** \$5,135.00 Cat A – no balcony  
\$6,445.00 Cat. AAL – with balcony

**INCLUDES:** Round trip airfare – Southwest airlines, transfers, 1 night pre-cruise, 7 night cruise, tour of New Orleans, city tour and Graceland in Memphis.

*TRAVEL INSURANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.*

*CALL ELLEN at EYRE FOR PRICING and RESERVATIONS. 1-800-321-3973 x 3252 or 301-854-6600 x3252*

## SIGHT AND SOUND THEATRE–SAMSON

July 13, 2016

10:00 am—Depart Georgia Ave. Park and Ride

12:30 pm—Lunch at Hershey Farms

2:45 pm—Showtime

5:00 pm—Depart for home

7:30 pm—Arrive back at the park and ride

This is truly an amazing show that you will not want to miss. Check the web site for an interesting and informative description of the show. Included: Round trip Eyre transportation, lunch, show, tolls, taxes, and gratuities. Not included: Gratuity for coach operator

Cost: \$124.00 per person

Due Date: June 3, 2016

*Make check payable to MCPSRA and mail with completed reservation form to Frieda J. Price.*

## MAINE COAST—LEAVES, LIGHTHOUSES & LOBSTERS

October 10-15-2016

**Day 1:** Depart Park and Ride-Ga. Ave. 6:00am travel today to Mystic Ct., visit Mystic Seaport. Learn about New England's whaling history and the 19th century village of tall ships. Check into the Hampton Inn, Mystic before your included dinner.

**Day 2:** After breakfast we'll make our way to Maine. First stop is Maine's Southernmost lighthouse, Cape Neddick. Continue through Qgunquit meaning "Beautiful place by the sea" and into Kennebunkport for lunch, on your own, in this quaint waterfront town. This afternoon it's on to Bar Harbor. You'll see lobster boats, ospreys and bald eagles along the rugged shores and maybe even a moose or two. This afternoon you'll check into the Atlantic

Oceanside Resort for a two night stay in your water view room overlooking Frenchman's Bay. Tonight enjoy a traditional Lobster-bake with all the fixins!

**Day 3:** After breakfast, depart for a guided tour of Acadia National Park. Take in views from atop Cadillac Mountain and stop at Thunder Hole and other summer cottages built by the rich and famous. After lunch at Jordon's Pond, on your own, you can enjoy free time in Bar Harbor to explore the ships and boutiques. Dinner is on your own this evening.

**Day 4:** Enjoy your full breakfast before traveling south along the coast for a guided tour of Camden and Rockport. Tour Camden Hills State Park w/sweeping views of Penobscot Bay and surrounding islands. After lunch, we travel further south to picturesque Boothbay Harbor-the sailing capital of Maine. You'll take a Boothbay Harbor cruise to see the beautiful islands, lighthouses and perhaps some seals along the coastline. You'll overnight at Capt.'s Fish Waterfront Inn which has the atmosphere of an old New England Village. Dinner is included.

**Day 5:** After breakfast we'll visit Newport, RI. the sailing capital of America. After lunch on your own and shopping at the Brick Marketplace visit the Breaker's Mansion, the summer cottage home to the Vanderbilts. Travel along spectacular ten Mile Ocean Drive and Bellevue Ave Mansion area. This afternoon check into the Holiday Inn Express before your included dinner.

**Day 6:** After breakfast, depart for home with wonderful memories of the Maine coast.

**INCLUDED:** Transportation by Eyre Motorcoach with restroom. 5 night accommodations, 5 breakfasts, 4 dinners including 1 lobster-bake, guided tour of Newport with Breaker Mansion, Admission to Mystic Seaport Museum, Guided tour Camden with admission to Camden Hills State Park, Guided tour of Acadia National Park, Boothbay Harbor cruise, lighthouse and seal watch cruise. Luggage service (1 bag per person). Taxes and gratuities not included

**COST:** \$1265.00 pp Dbl. \$1599.00 Single

**Deposit:** \$300.00 **DUE:** June 22, 2016

**Balance due:** September 8, 2016

*Send completed reservation form with check, payable to MCPSRA to Frieda J. Price*

## **HARRISBURG, PA—Motor Coach, Train, River Cruise, State Capital**

**August 15, 2016**

7:30am Depart Park and Ride.  
10:30am Hummelstown Railroad for a historic train excursion. Enjoy a narrated ride on a steam railroad through the Swatara Creek Valley area.  
11:45 Lunch (included) – Victorian Mansion  
1:30pm Cruise on the Paddle Wheeler, the Pride of the Susquehanna

3:00pm Tour of Pa. State Capital building with its 272ft. dome, bronze doors, Statuary, murals, stained glass windows and a marble grand staircase designed after the one in the Paris Grand Opera House.

4:00 pm Depart for home

6:00pm Arrive back at the Park and Ride

**INCLUDED:** Motorcoach transportation by Eyre bus; Train ride, lunch, boat ride, Tour State Capital, Tolls, taxes and gratuities. *Does not include gratuity for the coach operator.*

**COST:** \$122.00 per person

*Please mail check, with completed reservation form by June 7, 2016 to Nickie Neary*

## **WASHINGTON NATIONALS**

**September 11, 2016**

12:00pm Depart Park and Ride, Ga. Ave.

1:00pm Arrive—Nationals stadium where the Nationals will take on The Phillies

5:30pm Approximate time back to P&R

**SEATING:** You may choose to sit in the Right Field Reserve Seats (under cover) **OR** You may choose to sit in the Outfield Reserve seats which are also under cover.

**IF YOU CHOOSE THE OUTFIELD RESERVE SEATS, WITH THE PRICE OF YOUR TICKET YOU WILL RECEIVE A \$15.00 FOOD AND BEVERAGE VOUCHER.**

Either way, you'll enjoy the afternoon enjoying America's favorite past time.

**INCLUDED:** Round trip transportation by Eyre Motorcoach, game ticket, gratuities, taxes, tolls. [Does not include gratuity for the coach operator.]

**COST:** \$77.00 per person

*Mail check with completed reservation form by July 19, 2016 to Nickie Neary*

## **TRAVEL QUESTIONS ???**

**Please check our website: [www.mcpsra.org](http://www.mcpsra.org) or contact the Travel Committee Co-Chairs:**

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Gaithersburg, MD 20877-2935

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## RESERVATION FORMS

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### SIGHT AND SOUND THEATRE SHOW, SAMSON—July 13, 2016

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

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

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To use credit card, call Ellen at Eyre, 1-800 321-3973 X 3252*

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### HARRISBURG, PA—August 15, 2016

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

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### MAINE COAST—October 10-15-2016

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### WASHINGTON NATIONALS—SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

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# MCPSRA Luncheon and Business Meeting

Thursday, April 21, 2016

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 Waldorf Salad \$23.50      Beef Stroganoff \$23.50

Flounder with lemon butter/mushrooms \$23.50      Eggplant Parmesan \$20.00

*All entrees include Vichyssoise soup, popovers, vegetable of the day, dessert, tea, coffee, soda.*

*Cash bar available.*

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**Thursday, April 21, 2016**

**Circle Entrée Choice**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

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|----------------|-------------------|
| <b>Chicken</b> | <b>Beef</b>       |
| <b>Fish</b>    | <b>Vegetarian</b> |

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

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|----------------|-------------------|
| <b>Chicken</b> | <b>Beef</b>       |
| <b>Fish</b>    | <b>Vegetarian</b> |

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

**RESERVATION FORM AND CHECK MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, April 15, 2016. Make check payable to MCPSRA. Mail to:**

LEEANN KAYE

3210 N. LEISURE WORLD BLVD. #306

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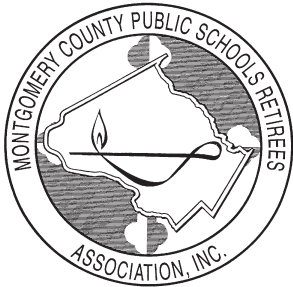
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**Luncheon: 12:00 noon**

Next Luncheon Date  
April 21, 2016

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