



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dr. Stephen M. Raucher
President - MCPSRA

Welcome back to the “new” school year, well OK it is already a month old, but who’s counting. There are lots of new and interesting challenges and opportunities for MCPSRA in the year ahead. We heard from our new superintendent, Dr Jack Smith, at our June luncheon about his plans for MCPS and we discussed several plans of our own.

First, we all agreed, in a straw poll taken at the June luncheon and subsequently at the August Board Meeting that we need to modernize our means of communication. The challenge of making certain that vital communications arrive in sufficient time for you to read them and respond by published deadlines needs to be addressed. Getting your newsletter (by the US Mail) with less than a week left to make your luncheon reservations is frustrating for both you and the luncheon committee. Learning that the deadline for making reservations for an upcoming trip is imminent, or worse already passed, leaves trips canceled due to under enrollment when there may be many who would still like to go. We need to find a way to communicate more efficiently. As such, I have set up a work group, headed by Past President Fred Evans, Vice President Dr. Carol Dahlberg, Community Service Chair Mary D’Ovidio, and our new Newsletter Editor, Dr. Russell Wright, to look at an electronic distribution option for the newsletter. I look forward to reporting their recommendations in our next newsletter.

Second, this June will mark the end of the elected terms of our current officers. While some may decide

to run for re-election, we are also blessed with many highly qualified members who can and should step up to leadership roles. When contemplating service to MCPSRA, modesty is NOT a virtue. Let the Nominating Committee know if you might be interested in stepping up.

Third, last April I wrote about the need to revitalize our Board of Directors and Committees. As I said then, we have the good fortune of “longevity” in many positions. 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. However, we need to be bringing others along who will be willing and able to carry on the great work of MCPSRA for years to come. We need new ideas, variations on existing programs, and new voices asking questions like “why?” There are 19 “standing committees” of which five (5) have co-chairs. That means there are thirteen opportunities for new committee co-chairs. In other words, there is room for you to get more involved in our association.

It’s great to meet and greet over 700 new retirees each June, but I would love to see more than the same 15 - 20 faces at our monthly Board Meetings. Our Board and Association need new blood as we continue to morph into the twenty-first century. We need to embrace the technology we are using in the schools to become a more relevant association for our younger members. We need new ideas and expanded leadership. We need **YOU!**

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 at 9:30 AM on the first Thursday of each month in Room 120 of the Carver Educational Services Center [MCPS Board of Education], 850 Hungerford Drive, Rockville. —

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2016-17 LUNCHEON DATES

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

Thursday, October 20, 2016

Thursday, February 23, 2017

Thursday, April 20, 2017

Thursday, June 15, 2017



Normandie Farm Restaurant

Our first luncheon will feature presentations and discussions of the "Benefits of Membership in MCPSRA and MRSPA," information regarding our health insurance and greetings from the new MRSPA Executive Director Shachar Weizman. In addition, MCPSRA endorsed candidates have been invited to the luncheon. Please join us for good food, camaraderie and answers to your questions at Normandie Farm Restaurant on October 20, 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 us make this happen.. Write a check for your tax deductible contribution to Montgomery Parks Foundation and mail it to our Treasurer, Dr. Ken Muir, 3100 North Leisure World Blvd # 508, Silver Spring, Maryland 20906. MCPSRA will match your contribution, and send it on to help move the Josiah Henson Park - Museum and Educational Facility Project forward.

REACHING OUT, TOUCHING LIVES

For thirteen years the members of our MCPS Retirees Association have been reaching out and touching the lives of thousands of *Montgomery County's* neediest school children through its *Toolkits, Books, and Backpack Project*. Over the years approximately



16,000 toolkits have been assembled and distributed to Title I summer school kindergartners, 8,800 new books purchased for Title I students in grades 1 through 5 attending the ELO SAIL summer program,



and 225 backpacks given to homeless children. This summer's project touched the lives of two additional groups of needy children. For the first time 117 toolkits were given to Head Start children, and at the request of Title I and the principal of the elementary

school closest to the apartment explosion and fire, extra kits were given to the children of the displaced families.



We wish to express our sincere appreciation to everyone who contributed to the success of our project this summer: the 271 individuals, organizations, and businesses who sponsored toolkits with monetary donations totaling \$20,210; Educational Systems Federal Credit Union for its \$1,000 contribution and the rulers and pencils for in the kits; Ben Martin and the Germantown Target Store for acquiring the 1600 shoe boxes for us at cost; and the many individuals and groups who collected over 90,000 bottle caps used for math and sorting activities in the kits, including the Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center, the Eagle



Ambassadors at Seneca Valley HS, the residents at Asbury Methodist Village in Gaithersburg, and the many school, church, and scout groups throughout the county. Enormous thanks go to MCPSRA Board members Betsy Doyle and Mary D'Ovidio who spent countless hours recruiting, organizing, scheduling, and working along with the numerous volunteers who stepped forward to help this summer.

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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

Volunteer Opportunities for MCPS Retirees

THE OASIS INTERGENERATIONAL TUTORING PROGRAM

For over a decade, several thousand local elementary school students and older adult volunteers have happily participated in the Washington Metro Area OASIS Intergenerational Tutoring Program. Serving children in grades K-4, our volunteers work in local public schools providing support to students who are in need of individual attention.

OASIS is a national nonprofit organization which promotes successful aging for adults aged fifty and older through volunteer service, lifelong extended learning, and health and wellness programs. Founded in 1982, OASIS offers programs in 51 cities across 25 states and serves more than 52,000 individuals annually. The Intergenerational Tutoring Program is the largest volunteer service program offered at OASIS with 5,000 active tutors nationwide.

Our tutoring program here in the Washington area is a literacy-based, mentorship program which trains and places tutors in 24 participating public elementary schools the majority of which are in Montgomery County. At the schools, our tutors are paired with young students who teachers feel would benefit from a caring, one on one mentoring relationship.

Typically our OASIS volunteers are assigned to work with one student, once a week, for about one hour for the duration of the school year. This pull-out program takes place during school hours at the children's schools. A number of our tutors choose to work with multiple students and/or volunteer in additional capacities at their schools although this is not at all expected or required. During the 2015-2016 school year we had 150 tutor volunteers working with over 240 students.

We are always delighted to welcome volunteers with educational backgrounds. At least 20% of our tutors are retired educators, many from MCPS. Retired teachers often tell us that they enjoy the pleasure of sitting quietly and working with one child. Their contributions to the children, schools and to our program are invaluable.

Those wishing to join our program need to complete one of our six-hour training sessions and will be required to complete a background screening check. Even our retired teachers complete the training as we impart important information regarding the way in which we run our program and explain our process and expectations. The training is given by a retired MCPS reading specialist and two sessions are still available this September. In addition we usually conduct a mid-year training in January with a smaller list of available schools at that time.

All tutoring classes, training and ongoing workshops are free of charge and OASIS covers the cost of the required background

screening. The sessions are held at OASIS which is located in the Macy's Home Store in Westfield Montgomery.

For more information regarding our wonderful program please contact Sue Moser, Program Coordinator, at smoser2@jhmi.edu. We hope you will consider joining us.



AFTER SCHOOL READING INSTRUCTOR JOB DESCRIPTION

The Montgomery County Collaboration Council is seeking experienced reading instructors to conduct a comprehensive reading program for children in grades 1 through 5 for the ACE Academy 21st Century Community Learning Center. The ACE Academy program, located in Takoma Park, MD, operates 4 days a week, Monday – Thursday from 4:00 Pm – 6:30 PM. In addition to program implementation, staff are required and paid to attend regularly-scheduled staff meetings, professional development trainings, and parent events. Prefer certified teachers. Participate in paid staff meetings, parent events, and professional development workshops beyond program hours.

Duties:

- Plan and conduct lessons using the Voyager and Playbooks Reader's Theater (materials provided); incorporate character education activities using MOVE This World program (training provided)
- Participate in staff meetings, parent events, and professional development workshops beyond program hours

Requirements:

- Teaching certificate preferred and experience working with elementary school age children required.
- Computer literate (Voyager Reading program include some computer-based student activities and reading assessments)
- Hourly wage commensurate with education and experience

Please send resume and cover letter to Kathy.stroup@collaborationcouncil.org

Welcome New Members

Joined in December 2015 (but not reported at the time)

Barbara S. Berger	4677 Ginson Dr, Tucker, GA 30084	301-367-4561
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Joined in May 2016

Ahalt, Susan	19205 Dunbridge Way, Montgomery Village, MD 20886	301-948-1254
Buchanan, Deborah Smith	4538 Boastfield Lane, Olney, MD 20832	301-272-4531
Deitch, Edward	47578 Coldspring Place, Sterling, VA 0165	000
Fazio, Rosario	41 Steeple Court, Germantown, MD 20874	301-613-0031
Kaplan, Frank	2900 Miles Road, Burtonsville, MD 20866	301-879-9839
Lethbridge, Elissa	4320 Sandy Spring Road, Burtonsville, MD 20866	301-421-1450
McCallion, Lucy	19137 Jericho Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20879	301-990-1455
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Joined in June 2016

Ahearn-Pierce, Susan	1604 Catchworth Court, Silver Spring, MD 20905-7006	301-384-2564
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Brill, Linda	1 Seline Court, Potomac, MD 20854	301-294-9689
Correll, Jean	307 Cavalier Court, Silver Spring, MD 20901-1620	301-593-4514
Crispell, Bruce	7102 Brookville Road, Chevy Chase, MD 20815-4062	301-654-2419
Diggs, Carolyn	9 Gibson Place, Gaithersburg, MD 20878-2856	000
Harris, Barbara A.	12 Foxwood Court, Germantown, MD 20876	301-528-7883
Hiatt, Marilyn P.	10304 Julep Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20902-3862	301-649-3616
Leckie, Barbara D.	1706 West Mountain St., Glendale, CA 91201-91201	202-222-8557
Leibowitz, Marcie J.	4121 Sandcastle Lane, Olney MD 20832	301-774-1378
Leister, Barbara	8104 Park Crest Dr, Silver Spring, MD 20910	301- 526-5572
Muller, Carole	1706 Lanier Place, NW, Washington, DC 20009	202-483-1628
Rebstock, John	3119 Belleview Ave., Cheverly, MD 20785-1212	301-386-9297

Joined in July 2016

Bell, Jane A.	4801 Hampden Lane #304, Bethesda, MD 20814	301-654-5059
Bjorlykke, Laurie	19616 Bruner Way, Poolesville, MD 20837	301-972-7723
Borno, Suzan	PO Box 1827, Rockville, MD 20849-1827	301-204-5835
Brubaker, Judy Lovett	20821 Merle Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20882	301-980-2690
Buckingham, Susan M.	7803 White Cliff Terrace, Derwood, MD 20855	240-423-7547
Finkbinder, Marion Edelstein	6314 Bells Mill Road, MD 20817-1632	240-350-7068
Goldschmidts, G.S.	6007 Granby Road, Derwood, MD 20855	301-208-1298
Griffing, Susan	14804 Dunleith Street, North Potomac, MD 20878-2512	301-502-8004
Hlavka, Barbara	3056 Schubert Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20904	301-890-5505
Johnson, Cecilia	2426 Ladymeade Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20906-5741	301-598-0235
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Krohn, Kenneth	14704 Bauer Drive, Rockville, MD 20853-4622	301-460-9169
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Meister, Carolyn	13121 Scarlet Oak Drive, Darnestown, MD 20878-3552	301-330-9374

Mikan, Patricia K.	22701 Robin Court, Gaithersburg, MD 20882-1418	301-467-1797
Miles, Rita	6407 Knollbrook Drive, Hyattsville, MD 20783-2875	301-270-8791
Miller, Jacqueline A.	3061 Memory Lane, Silver Spring, MD 20904-6857	301-890-2060
Moore, C. Robin	4615 Holly Road, Rockville, MD 20853	301-602-3106
Nawabi, Mary	2308 East Gate Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20906	301-871-2310
Norris, Carolena	3009 Gazebo Court, Silver Spring, MD 20904	301-572-5734
Oliff, Jewel	17325 Blossom View Drive, Olney, MD 20832	000
Omerso, Judith	852 Diamond Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20878	301-869-6933
Osmond, Paul D. Jr.	PO Box 29, Garrett Park, MD 20896-0029	301-942-1279
Osmun, Susan	14413 Pecan Drive, Rockville, MD 20853	301-871-6167
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Schwartz-Menyuk, Claire	13308 Locksley Lane, Silver Spring, MD 20904	301-989-0468
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Summers, Gail	13924 Turnmore Road, Silver Spring, MD 20906	301-602-0339
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Wallace, Eleanor E.	14604 Good Hope Road, Silver Spring, MD 20905	301-384-8684
Wallace-Lanham, Laurie	10616 Seneca Ridge Drive, Montgomery Village, MD 20886	301-351-8243
Wood, Donna Kay	3852 Prices Distillery Road, Ijamsville, MD 21754	240-674-1953
Woodall, Kathryn	502 Nelson Street, Rockville, MD 20850	301-217-0865
Woodard, Marie S.	13218 Trebleclef Lane, Silver Spring, MD 20904	301-890-8665
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Joined in August 2016

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Good, Deborah A.	19933 Wild Cherry Lane, Germantown, MD 20874-1015	301-972-4418
Harps, Linda J.	1 Cross Tie Court, Gaithersburg, MD 20879	301-963-0782
Horton, Dena K.	528 Market Mews East, Gaithersburg, MD 20878-6534	301-655-4357
Lo Curto, Katherine A.	17 Old Baltimore Court, Olney, MD 20832	301-928-0492
Morison, Jane M.	8909 Spring Berry Court, Montgomery Village, MD 20886	301-452-0195
Sheppard, Grace E.	17121 Chiswell Road, Poolesville, MD 20834	301-972-7752
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Williams, Linda E., Ph.D.,	3260Gleneagles Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20906	240-793-8848

Members on the Move

Update your directory with new information from existing members:

Brown, Eleanor	10514 Edwardian Lane, New Market, MD 21774-6229	301-384-2514
Burke, Edward and Frances	333 Russell Ave, #11, Gaithersburg, MD 20877-2876	301-384-6103
Chiswell, Jean K.	19310 Club House Road, #212, Montgomery Village, MD 20886-3030	301-869-8426
Colacicco, Patricia	9000 Fathers Legacy, Unit 232, Ellicott City, MD 21042	301-774-5256
Eisenhour, Susan	3330 N. Leisure World Blvd, #719, Silver Spring, MD 20906-5652	301-774-3994
Ellis, Lucille L.	7 DonoVan Court, Knoxville, MD 21758-9028	301-434-3067
Ferrara, Peter	7660 Helmsdale Place, Manassas, VA 20109-6473	301-586-8977
Frye, Laura L.	59 Parsons Road, Aurora, WV 26705-8087	717-677-7609
Gallagher, Robert J.	3200 N. Leisure World Blvd, #501, Silver Spring, MD 20906-7616	301-933-3547
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Goncher, Andrea	15310 Pine Orchard Drive, #1h, Silver Spring, MD 20906	301-237-8373
Goodwin, Maureen	141 October Glory Drive, Wallace, NC 28466-2381	000
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Jelen, Anna M.	3200 N. Leisure World Blvd, #501 Silver Spring, MD 20906	301-384-5296
Knight, Phyllis L.	29 Washington Square, #304, Salem, MA 01970-4072	000
Kolling, Antoinette R.	1305 Seneca Road, North Brunswick, NJ 08902-1429	301-460-5154
Levendosky, Francis A.	6300 Enice Ave, Baltimore, MD 21214-1437	301-949-7638
Lowe, Rosemarie	10902 Veranda Lane, Monrovia, MD 21770-6009	301-922-2476
McMaster Hess, Ann	7115 Wanda Drive, Mount Airy, MD 21771	301-987-0009
Rapsack, Irene M.	5300 Clairton Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA 15236-2713	412-655-9607
Redding, James Patrick	PO Box 1827, Rockville, MD 20849-1827	301-869-7640
Rochen, Mavis K.	534 Cedar Club Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27517-7214	919-259-2044
Sausser, Diane	3112 Gracefield Road, #301, Silver Spring, MD 20904-1899	410-673-2579
Selario, Carol Glancy	5472 Broadmoore Street, Alexandria, VA 22315-4043	703-790-8395
Shellabarger, Kathleen	9 East Second Street, #3 A, Frederick, MD 21701-5449	301-601-2939
Stout, Barbara	3050 Military Road NW, Washington, DC 20015-1370	202-966-5710
Tanner, Nancy	1023 Millwood Road, Great Fall, VA 22066-2306	703-757-0045
Thornton, Dianne	4111 Herring Ave, Marianna, FL 32448-3712	000
Williams, Shirley P.	5221 South Dakota Ave NE, Washington, DC 20011-2654	202-635-7734
Wilson, Donald S.	221 Plum Orchard Way, Woodstock, GA 30189-6733	301-530-5690



MCPSRA TRAVEL 2016 -- 2017



- October 10-15** Maine
November 15-16 New York City -- NOTE THE CHANGE IN THE ITINERARY — RADIO CITY WILL BE ON DAY ONE AT 2 PM AND TAVERN ON THE GREEN ON DAY 2 AT 1 PM.
- December 1** Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre
Send reservations to Frieda Price
- February ??** African American Museum (recently opened in September, 2016)
- March ??** Cherry Blossom Luncheon Cruise
February 13-25 The Southern Caribbean Cruise
March 18-27 The Southeast Coast and Bahamas Cruise

?? Exact date and additional info will be in the December Newsletter - 2016

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 trips.

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.

NOTICE – PARKING FOR OVERNIGHT TRIPS.

As of 2016 pickup for overnight trips will be at the Park and Ride, GA. 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 at their location in Glenelg, MD.

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

DUTCH APPLE DINNER THEATRE

December 1, 2016

9:00 am Depart - Park and Ride, Georgia Ave.
11:30 am Arrive – Dutch Apple Theatre
Buffet luncheon
1:15 pm Showtime. HOLLY JOLLY CHRISTMAS – A fun, entertaining Holiday Musical
3:30 pm Depart for home
6:00 pm Arrive back at the Park and Ride.
INCLUDES: Transportation by Eyre motor coach, lunch, show, tolls, taxes and gratuities. Does not include gratuity for the motor-coach operator.

COST: \$110.00 per person

Payment due: October 20, 2016

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

(Registration form is on page 13.)

TRAVEL QUESTIONS ???

Please check our website:

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/mcpsretirees/

the Travel Committee Co-Chairs:

Frieda J. Price
301- 926-2286

Mary Ann Davis
301-253-6256

THE SOUTHERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE

With Royal Caribbean Cruise Line on the Grandeur of the Seas

13 Days / 12 nights - February 13-25, 2017

Day 1 Baltimore
Day 2,3,4 Cruising
Day 5 Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas
Day 6 St. Johns, Antigua
Day 7 Bridgetown, Barbados
Day 8 Castries, St. Lucia

Day 9 Philipsburg, St. Maarten
 Day 10, 11, 12 Cruising
 Day 13 Baltimore

THE SOUTHEAST COAST AND BAHAMAS CRUISE

With Royal Caribbean Cruise Line on the Grandeur of the
 Seas
 10 Days / 9 Nights – March 18-27, 2017

Inside Cabin Category	N	\$1,079
Outside Cabin Category	H	\$1,264
Inside Cabin Category	M	\$1,116
Balcony Cabin Category	D2	\$2,165
Outside Cabin Category	I	\$1,255
Balcony Cabin Category	D1	\$2,183

Rates are per person, double occupancy, and include cruise, port charges and government fees.

Day 1	Baltimore
Day 2	Cruising
Day 3	Charleston, SC
Day 4	Orlando (Port Canaveral)
Day 5	Grand Bahamas, Bahamas
Day 6	Coco Cay, Bahamas
Day 7	Nassau, Bahamas
Day 8,9	Cruising
Day 10	Baltimore.

Inside Cabin Category	N	\$1,025
Outside Cabin Category	I	\$1,253
Balcony Cabin Category	D2	\$2,114

Rates are per person, double occupancy, and include cruise, port charges, and government fees.

PASSPORT REQUIRED

DEPOSIT POLICY: An initial deposit of \$550.00 per person double occupancy or \$1100.00 per person single occupancy is required to secure reservations or assign cabins. Final payment is due October 28, 2016. Those who book early get the best cabin locations and their preferred dining times.

PASSPORT REQUIRED

FOR RESERVATIONS OR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT Grand American tours – 1-800-423-0247. Identify with MCPSRA.

Deposit policy: An initial deposit of \$350.00 per person double occupancy or \$700.00 single occupancy is required in order to secure reservations or assign cabins. Those who book early get the best prices, the best cabin locations, and their preferred dining times. **FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE DECEMBER Dec. 2, 2016**

For a more descriptive brochure please send a self addressed, stamped envelope to
 Frieda J. Price 105 N Summit Ave. #4 Gaithersburg,
 MD 20877

For reservations or more information please contact
GRAND AMERICAN TOURS—1-800-423-0247.
 Please identify with MCPSRA



For a more detailed brochure, send a self addressed, stamped envelope to:
 Frieda J. Price 105N Summit Ave. #4 Gaithersburg,
 MD 20877

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 friends (adults).
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.

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.

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Please visit our website: www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/mcpsretirees/

**Montgomery County Board of Elections
 Early Voting Sites for 2016 Presidential General Elections**

Activity Center at Bohrer Park Social Hall
 506 S. Frederick Avenue
 Gaithersburg, MD 20877

Marilyn J. Praisner Community
 Recreation Center Social Hall
 14906 Old Columbia Pike
 Burtonsville, MD 20866

Damascus Community Recreation Center
 Social Hall
 25520 Oak Drive
 Damascus, MD 20872

Mid-County Community Recreation Center
 Social Hall
 2004 Queensguard Road
 Silver Spring, MD 20906

Executive Office Building Auditorium
 101 Monroe Street
 Rockville, MD 20850

Silver Spring Civic Building Great Hall
 One Veterans Place
 Silver Spring MD 20910

Germantown Community
 Recreation Center Social Hall
 18905 Kingsview Road
 Germantown, MD 20874

Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad Ballroom
 2400 Arcola Avenue
 Wheaton, MD 20902

Jane E. Lawton

Potomac Community Recreation Center

Early voting for the General Election October 27 to November 3, 2016, 8 am to 8 pm.
Questions? www.777vote.org

Board of Education 2016 Elections

The 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 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.

- **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**

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

BOE At-Large: Phillip Kauffman

BOE District 2: Rebecca Smondrowski

BOE District 4: Shebra Evans

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**



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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**

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 General Election is Tuesday, November 8, 2016, 7 am to 8 pm. Early voting October 27 to November 3, 2016, 8 am to 8 pm. (See list of early voting beginning on page 10.)

Even though candidates must run in a particular district, **every registered voter may vote in all Board of Education districts.**

If you would like to become involved in one of the campaigns or are willing to post a yard sign, e-mail: LeeAnn Kaye geolakaye@gmail.com or call 301-598-5480.

REACHING OUT, TOUCHING LIVES

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...
These volunteers sorted by color, counted out, and bagged 50 bottle caps for each kit, labeled the shoe boxes, collated eight pages of lesson plans, stocked the 17 items on the

assembly line, and packed the kits for distribution to 24 Title I summer school sites. Their efficiency and dedicated hours of service enabled us to complete the project in record time this summer. Most importantly, our project would not be possible without Lanny Taylor, along with his crew, at the MCPS Department of Materials Management who provides space to assemble the kits, orders items for in the kits, and distributes them to the schools. And finally, thanks to all the Title I specialists and to

Camiele Jones-Akinkuowo who coordinated this summer's project at the schools and conducted parent seminars on how to use the items and lessons plans in the kits with their children at home.

As we begin to plan for next summer's project and embark on a new fundraising campaign, please consider reaching out and touching the lives of the neediest of our county's school children by sponsoring toolkits with a generous tax-deductible contribution. PLEASE fill out the form below and mail it along with your check today. Too, continue to collect, WASH, and save all colors and sizes of plastic bottle caps (particularly large ones but no wider than 2 to 3 inches) and bring them to MCPSRA luncheons. We do NOT need any more small, clear water bottle caps. THANK YOU so much!

--Joan Donovan, Recognition Committee Chair

TRIP RESERVATION FORM

DUTCH APPLE DINNER THEATRE - December 1, 2016

NAME _____ Phone# _____ Cell # _____

NAME _____ Phone# _____ Cell # _____ Member

of MCPSRA –Yes ____ No ____ If not, guest of _____.

Total number _____ Total \$ amount enclosed _____ Paid by Credit Card: _____ (Yes/No)

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

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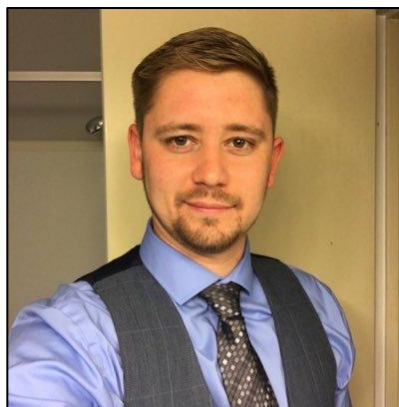
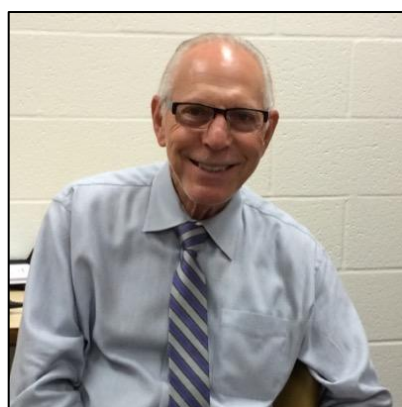
MCPSRA is saddened to report the passing of the following members:

Louise G. Barnett
Glorianne J. Beegle
Rebecca L. Brock
Patricia A. Channell
William E. Clair
Dorothy Gene Crabill
Susan Dollard
Francis B. Frampton
James C. Falcon (husband of JoFran Falcon)
Sally J. Gilbert
L. Jean Hanan
Marie O. Hassert
Mary G. Ingram
Jane R. Magee
Mary J. O'Toole (wife of Thomas O'Toole)
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MCPSRA Luncheon and Business Meeting

Thursday, October 20, 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:

Stuffed chicken thighs w/ham, cheese, saffron rice \$23.50

Hungarian beef stew over buttered noodles \$23.50

Tilapia w/ fresh mushrooms w/ lemon butter \$23.50

Roasted root vegetables w/ ratatouille \$20.00

All entrees include Salad Normandie, popovers, vegetable of the day, dessert, tea, coffee, soda. (Cash bar available.)

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Thursday, October 20, 2016

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, October 14, 2016.

Make check payable to MCPSRA. Mail to:

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3210 N. LEISURE WORLD BLVD. #306

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MCPSRA Luncheon/Business Meeting
NORMANDIE FARMS
Gathering: 11:00 a.m. Business Meeting: 11:30 a.m.
Luncheon: 12:00 noon Program

Next Luncheon Date
October 20, 2016

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