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## A STIMULUS PACKAGE OF OUR OWN

A great deal of front page newspaper articles in recent months have dealt with the economic stimulus package that will hopefully help our nation recover from one of the worst recessions in our history. The condition of our economy has most likely caused each and every one of us to rethink our own personal spending habits and encouraged us to contemplate more carefully how and where to save and invest our own hard-earned money. What exactly this stimulus package will do for us is yet to be seen. We can only hope that things get better.

What is a stimulus package anyway? According to a dictionary definition *stimulus* means *something that incites or rouses to action; an incentive*. Well, there can be no better description of one of our toolkits than to call it a stimulus package. All the items in the kits are purposefully selected and the lesson plans that are included are carefully written to incite, rouse, and excite the children to learn. Can you think of a better gift or package for any child? For the past five years our association has been providing these *stimulus packages* for the neediest of our county's kindergartners. From approximately 800 toolkits the first year to 1315 kits this past summer, we have been stimulating thousands of children to learn through our commitment to this project. This coming summer the need for our kits has increased again to 1500 due to our recessed national economy. As the time quickly approaches for assembling these kits, as well as ordering books for children in Grades 1 – 5 and stuffing backpacks for those who are homeless in Title I Summer School, we are counting on each and every one of you to help keep our project alive and to provide a *stimulus package* for a needy child.

*Hope* was the theme of the **Toolkits, Books, and Backpacks Project** article in the last newsletter and many, many members took our message to heart and responded with generosity and caring. Since then the number of toolkits sponsors has jumped from 109 to 177 individuals, with total contributions reaching \$8,433. Very special thanks go out to Bill Welsh and the members of the American Federation of Teachers for their extremely generous \$750 donation. We have a long way to go, though. Last year our total expenditures were over \$19,000. We **CAN** do it! This project of ours was once a dream that inspired many members to dedicate their energies to its success and there is no knowing what can be achieved, particularly if others are inspired by our dream and offer their help. Stimulate a child's mind! PLEASE invest in the hope of a better future for our county's needy children by sponsoring one or more toolkits with your TAX-DEDUCTIBLE donation. In addition, if you would like to help further, we are in need of new books for children in Grades 1 – 3 as well as glue sticks, which happen to be an expensive item in the kits. These can be dropped off at the next luncheon in April. We no longer need any plastic bottle caps for this year. Thanks to all who saved them for use as counters in the kits.

See page 3 for MCPSRA TOOLKITS SPONSORSHIP FORM.





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Vice President Gerry Johnson organized a great program for our February 26, 2009 MCPSRA luncheon. Officer Diane Tillery, the Community Services Officer for the Montgomery County Police 6<sup>th</sup> district, gave a very practical and helpful presentation on community safety strategies. One suggestion that got my attention was not to keep anything of value, “in plain sight” in your parked automobile. A talented thief can break into the car, with little effort, and remove the items. Additionally, Officer Tillery distributed information on consumer protection and a Guide to Home Improvements. Additional information can be obtained from the Montgomery County Division of Consumer Affairs (240 777-3636).

Recently, I found a helpful article on the AARP website entitled “10 Steps to Optimal Memory” from the Harvard University Health Publications. According to the authors, it is never too late to take steps to prevent memory loss. From consistent exercise to continual learning and maintaining a healthy diet, the suggestions should be reviewed and implemented by each of us. To see the entire article, go to the **AARP** website and write in “10 Steps to Optimal Memory.” If you have additional resources or ideas about how to maintain and improve health, do not hesitate to contact us with your suggestions.

Based on information at the time of this writing, it appears that the retirement costs shift to the local jurisdictions will not occur during this Maryland General Assembly session. Your state and local organizations continue to monitor this issue very closely. It is important to note that the cost shifting proposal will no “go away” after this session. In tight budget times it is a very convenient way for the state to shift the costs to the local governments. Therefore, keep in touch with your state representatives and voice your opposition to any proposal to shift retirement costs to the local jurisdictions (Toll-free 1 800-492-7122 or Email through the General Assembly web site <http://mlis.state.md.us>). You may contact Ms. Jane Hardy, legislative chairperson, and Ms. LeeAnn Kaye, political action chairperson, with any information or suggestions.

A warm welcome is extended to Ms. Mary D'Ovidio, the newest member of the MCPSRA Board of Directors. Mary served the children and families of MCPS as an excellent teacher and distinguished elementary school principal. Mary will serve as chairperson of the Community Service Committee. A special thanks to Dr. Carol Dahlberg who has taken on the responsibility of newsletter editor. Please send Carol any items that you believe would be of interest to our members. Once again, a special call goes out members who would like to serve on the MCPSRA Board. Please contact me if you are interested. We have a great group of volunteers who keep your association moving in a positive direction. As always, do not hesitate to contact me if you have any suggestions or questions about how we can better serve you.

**Editor's Note:** As the new newsletter editor, I look forward to working with you to provide information of interest to MCPS retirees. If you would like to submit an article or provide information, please e-mail me at [jdahlberg2@verizon.net](mailto:jdahlberg2@verizon.net). Kudos go to our president Fred Evans who has been the “interim editor” for the past several editions thereby maintaining continuity in the publication of the newsletter. *Carol McVeigh Dahlberg*



**DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

**MCPSRA LUNCHEONS**  
April 23, 2009 11:00 am  
June 25, 2009 11:00 am

**GBTLA 15<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
Friday, May 15, 2009 8:30 am  
Hampshire Greens, Silver Spring  
Registration: GBTLA office: 301-320-6545

**TRIPS to DATE for 2009**  
April 26-28 The Homestead  
(Call Frieda if interested.)  
April 27-May 1 San Antonio (Note date change.) Call EYRE Tour  
& Travel: Mary Britt 800-321-3973. May 5 The Museum of the  
Shenandoah Valley (Call Frieda if interested.)

**FUTURE TRIPS PLANNED: See June Newsletter.**  
August Boston Pops – Wolftrap

September 16 Annapolis: Naval Academy, lunch  
and Harbor Cruise

October 1 National Harbor Visit

October 11-15 Vermont, the Green Mountain State

November 4 US Capital Visitor’s Center, National  
Museum of American History

Trips to Date for 2009 cont.

June 3 Madison’s Montpelier &  
The Barboursville Winery

June 24 St. Mary’s City & Southern  
Maryland

July 8 Dutch Apple Theatre: Singin’ in  
the Rain

**SCHOLARSHIP TIME is approaching again!**

Early in March, announcements were placed in the Bulletin, sent via PONY to all work locations (schools, depots and offices), and posted on the MCPSRA website. Teachers and staff were alerted to apply for an MCPSRA Scholarship by the April deadline.

In late April the Scholarship Committee reads every application and makes recommendations for interviews which are held in early May. The scholarships are awarded at the June Luncheon.

Each year, there are more qualified applicants than available scholarships.

If you are interested in making a contribution to help someone further their education, you can make a tax-deductible contribution by writing a check payable to MCPS Education Foundation and indicating MCPSRA Scholarship Fund on the notation line.

If you want your contribution to be given in honor of or in memory of someone, please note this as well, and include an address for the acknowledgement notification.

All checks should be mailed to:

Montgomery County Public Schools  
MCPS Educational Foundation  
850 Hungerford Drive – Room 149  
Rockville, MD 20850-1718

Joy G. Schwab and Ann Eberly



**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

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ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Send acknowledgement to \_\_\_\_\_



Officer Diane Tillery, the Community Services Officer for the Montgomery County Police Sixth District, provided several tips regarding safe practices when she spoke at the MCPSRA luncheon on February 26, 2009.

Following are some of them:

- The #1 issue now is thefts from vehicles. Be sure to keep all items out of sight in your car when you are not in it. This includes your garage door opener. Thieves are stealing the openers and using them to get into houses when nobody is home. As a result the thieves are able to enter the homes undetected.
- If you use a portable GPS, keep it out of sight when not in use and wipe off the residual circle on your windshield.
- If you are home alone and someone unexpectedly rings your bell or knocks, call out to someone as if there is another person with you, go to the door but do not open if you do not know who it is.
- Senior Safety is a priority in Montgomery County. For further information, go to [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/seniors](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/seniors).



## INSURANCE INFORMATION

The health insurance open season for retirees will be held April 27-May15. Three Health Fairs will be held beginning on May 1, 9:30-1:30 in CESC auditorium; May 6, 3-5 at M.L.King Middle School and May 11, 9:30-11:30 in CESC auditorium. Representatives from each insurance carrier will be present to answer questions. We are told that MCPS will send out a letter announcing the open season 3 to 4 days before the season begins. Expect an increase in rates. We are told that the increase will be slight due to a lower number of claims this past year.

Tom Hickman



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PLEASE TAKE TIME TO READ THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION. SHARE IT, ALONG WITH SPECIFIC TRIP INFORMATION, WITH YOUR GUESTS.

1. We all travel at our own risk.
2. There is always some walking involved as we travel. Read each itinerary carefully, keeping in mind your own capabilities.
3. Itineraries, times and details are approximate. Changes are sometimes necessary and unavoidable.
4. Trips are open to members, their families and friends (adults).
5. Smoking and drinking of alcoholic beverages are not permitted on the coach.
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, a letter with up to date information, including parking details, and one baggage tag per person will be mailed to you.
7. Write a separate check, payable to MCPSRA, for each trip. Include name and date of trip on check...
8. Send check with completed reservation form.
9. Your reservation is definite upon receipt of deposit/ full payment, whichever is required. If a trip has to be cancelled because of insufficient numbers of participants needed by the deadline as published, your check will be returned to you. Feel free to call to find out if your reservation and payment were received.
10. Refunds are made only when your space can be filled.
11. Gratuities for driver and local guides are not included in the price of the trip.
12. Anyone interested in 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.
13. We do not provide transportation to and from the airport for trips that require flying.

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The author is an MCPS grad (Wheaton HS '90) with a BA, MBA from JMU and an MS from UVA.

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Deadlines for future Newsletters are as

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## MUSEUM of the SHENANDOAH VALLEY

Winchester, Virginia

Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009

The historic property, **Glen Burnie**, was home to James Wood, founder of Winchester, Virginia.

On arrival, a guided tour will take us through the mansion and the gardens with some free time to explore the gardens and grounds. Opening in 2005, the **Museum of the Shenandoah Valley** is an extension of the rich historic context of the Glen Burnie site and the entire Valley of the Shenandoah River. There are 50,000 square feet of display space housed in a building designed by Michael Graves & Associates.

After lunch, there will be time to explore the **Museum Complex**, which contains a total of five collections, two of which were toured before lunch. **The Shenandoah Valley Gallery** explores the Valley history as well as three rooms of decorative arts made in the Valley from mid-1700's to present. **The Julian Wood Glass Jr. Gallery** presents the collection assembled by one of the Valley's most significant private collectors, and includes paintings, furniture and many other objects illustrating portraiture, landscape and the Grand Tour. **The R. Lee Taylor Miniatures Gallery** shows a fascinating collection of furnished miniature houses and rooms, most of which are electrified. In addition, there is a **Changing Exhibition Gallery**.

**9:00 a.m.**—Depart Norbeck Park & Ride

**1:00 p.m.**—Buffet lunch in the Museum Cafe

**6:00 p.m.**—Return Norbeck Park & Ride

**Included:** deluxe EYRE motor coach transportation; box lunch; all admissions, tolls, taxes; and gratuities. Does NOT include gratuity for coach operator.

**Cost: \$76.00 per person**

**Date due: March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

Make checks payable to: **MCPSRA** and mail with completed registration form to:

Frieda J. Price 301-926-2286

105 North Summit Avenue, #4 Gaithersburg,  
Maryland 20877-2935



## Madison's Montpelier & the Barboursville Winery

Wednesday, June 3, 2009

About five years ago, restoration of James Madison's home, Montpelier – "...a squirrel's jump from heaven..." according to Mr. Madison's description – began in earnest and has been re-opened to much public acclaim. It has been a major and most ambitious house restoration project of present time, and presents, in addition, a look at the William duPont legacy that has been so much a part of this historic trust site. Madison had lived in the original house while growing up from about the age of ten, and would return there after his stay at Princeton. In 1797, after his marriage to Dolley and completion of his congressional term, he added a portico and expanded the house so that it was an early 'duplex', having space enough for himself and his wife and for his parents, having no links between the living spaces. Montpelier, the Original, had been through many, many changes, both during and after the Madison era. These proved both useful and challenging to the Montpelier Foundation and the restoration project. Most visitors now agree that the restoration has been a huge success. Boxed picnic lunch will be on the grounds as we enjoy English-style landscaping from the DuPont era of ownership.

While we are in this area of Virginia, we'll visit the famous Barboursville Vineyards for a tour and tasting before ending our pleasant day trip. This vineyard was established in Virginia in 1976 by the Zonin family of Italy, establishing the revered *vitis vinifera* vines, a favored vine of Thomas Jefferson. The original estate mansion was designed by Jefferson for James Barbour, who was Governor, then Senator of Virginia and served as Defense Secretary and Ambassador to Great Britain under John Quincy Adams. Jefferson used the central octagonal parlor in his design of the house and today, the premier wine label for Barboursville Vineyards is 'Octagon'.

**7:00 a.m.**—Depart Norbeck Park & Ride

**5:00 p.m.**—Return to Norbeck Park & Ride

**Included:** Round trip transportation as described on deluxe EYRE motorcoach; admission fees as described; lunch; taxes, tolls and gratuities. Does NOT include gratuity for local guide nor driver.

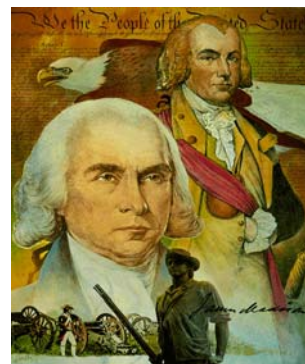
**Cost: \$93.00 per person**

**Date due: April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

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**Mary Ann Davis 301-253-6256**

**23509 Woodfield Road Gaithersburg, MD 20882**



**St Mary's City and Southern Maryland  
Wednesday, June 24, 2009**

Explore with us this quaint, historic college town on a southern-most tip of Maryland where the Potomac River, the St. Mary's River, the Patuxent River and the Chesapeake Bay come together. It was in 1634 that the Ark and the Dove ships with Leonard Calvert and other settlers reached this point and set up the colony which is now the state of Maryland. St. Mary's City was the capital of the state until 1695. There is much to see in **St. Mary's City**, including the 800-acre museum that has a square-rigged ship, tobacco plantation, town center and a Woodland Indian Hamlet. Costumed interpreters re-create 17<sup>th</sup> century settings depicting life in Colonial Maryland. **Trinity Church**, dating from 1829, and the campus of **St. Mary's College of Maryland** will also be included in our visit.

Moving a bit north, we'll find **Sotterly Plantation**, a 1717 mansion overlooking the Patuxent River. Included while we are at this location will be a **box lunch** on the grounds and time to browse the English gardens, house and outbuildings which were part of this very early Maryland plantation.

**The Calvert Marine Museum**, a **boat tour of the harbor** (one of the world's deepest natural ports), and the rest of the afternoon to stroll around **Solomons** to shop and/or to grab a light repast on-your-own will complete our visit to one more of Maryland's many diverse areas.

7:30 a.m.—Depart Norbeck Park & Ride

6:30 p.m.—Return Norbeck Park & Ride

**Included:** Round-trip and other transportation as described via EYRE Deluxe Motorcoach; box lunch; admission to all sites as described; boat trip around Solomons harbor; taxes, tolls and gratuities as described. Does NOT include gratuities for driver and local guides.

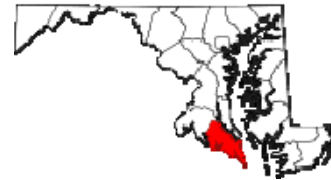
**Cost:** \$95.00 per person

**Due:** May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009

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**SHOW: SINGING IN THE RAIN**  
**LUNCH AND SHOW**  
**WED, JULY 8, 2009**

**DEPART:** 9:00 am—Park and Ride, Ga. Ave and Norbeck Rd

11:45 am—Arr: Dutch Apple Theatre - Lunch

1:00 pm—Enjoy the classic, every popular musical  
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3:30 pm—Depart for home

6:00 pm—Arrive at Park and Ride

**INCLUDED:** Eyre Motor coach Transportation, lunch, show, tolls,  
taxes, gratuities. Does not include gratuity for our couch operator.

**COST:** \$93.00 per person

**DATE DUE:** March 20, 2009

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Mary Ann Davis

23509 Woodfield Rd., Gaithersburg, MD 20882-3017





# Trip Reservation Forms



ALLENBERRY THEATER LUNCH AND SHOW  
"FOREVER PLAID"  
April 18, 2009

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Member, MCPSRA? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ If not, guest of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total # Reservations \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ Amt Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_



THE HOMESTEAD, Hot Springs, Virginia  
Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Member, MCPSRA? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ If not, guest of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
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MUSEUM of the SHENANDOAH VALLEY Winchester, Virginia  
Tuesday, May 5, 2009

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Member, MCPSRA? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ If not, guest of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total # Reservations \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ Amt Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_



Madison's Montpelier & the Barboursville Winery  
Wednesday, June 3, 2009

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Member, MCPSRA? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ If not, guest of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
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St Mary's City and Southern Maryland  
Wednesday, June 24, 2009

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Member, MCPSRA? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ If not, guest of \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
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Bermuda  
Royal Caribbean Cruise Line Grandeur of The Seas June 27, 2009 6 Days / 5 Nights

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ If not, guest of \_\_\_\_\_  
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Dutch Apple Theatre  
July 8 2009

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Member, MCPSRA? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ If not, guest of \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
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Bahamas  
November 21, 2009 10 Days / 9 Nights

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Member, MCPSRA? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ If not, guest of \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
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# MEMBERSHIP ALERT

Betsy Doyle, MRSPA Membership Chair

## Believe: Members Make the Difference

This is the slogan for the coming year for the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA). MRSPA is the state “watchdog” of our pension and retirement funds as well as our health-care coverage. It is up to all of us to help recruit new members...the more members we have the more attention and support we have in Annapolis. The goal for MRSPA is to have 15,000 members by March 1, 2009. This means a 7% gain for each local. For MCPSRA this means at least 189 new members. Where do we get these new members? We get them from you, our retirees, of course!! I, as chairperson of the state membership committee, challenge all of you to recruit and to sign up just one (1) new member. Please talk to all your retiree friends and encourage them to sign up if they are not already members.

**WE DO NEED YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT!!**



### COMPLETE THIS FORM ONLY IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP

**Maryland Retired School Personnel Association  
Montgomery County Public Schools Retirees Association  
Application for Membership  
(Please Print)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Soc. Sec. # \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip + 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign authorization for dues deduction (see below) or make check payable to MCPSRA.

Mail to: MCPSRA	MRSPA DUES	\$25.00
Box 4367	Local Dues	<u>10.00</u>
Rockville, MD 20849-4367	Total	\$35.00

I hereby authorize the Retirement and Pension System of the State 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 is required if I wish to become a dues deduction member.

SSN \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**MCPSRA Luncheon/Business Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 23 2009**

**GOLDEN BULL GRAND CAFÉ**

Gathering: 11:00 a.m. Business Meeting: 11:30 a.m.

Luncheon: 12:00 noon

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