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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It was wonderful to see 130 of you at the February luncheon. If you were not able to be there, you missed a good one. There were 15 or more attending for the first time; they were welcomed and introduced themselves. Our recommended School Board candidates were introduced – Christopher Barclay, Phil Kaufman, Jeanne Ellinport and Fred

Evans. Our new Superintendent, Dr. Joshua Starr, was the guest speaker.

Nancy Gordon, the Area Director for Area I East from the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA), talked about MRSPA. She was available for questions and information. She is a member of the Frederick County Retired School Personnel Association.

Our Board of Directors members were introduced and some talked about their responsibilities and activities. They are listed on page 2 of our MCPSRA Newsletter. These Board members do a great job for all of us, keeping us informed in their area(s) listed. If you want more information, check your Newsletter.

Dr. Stephen Raucher, Vice President, shared recommended Bylaws changes: eliminating the Assistant Treasurer's position and stated duties and changing the listed number of luncheon meeting from 3 to 4 each year since we are doing that in practice. The details were in the December Newsletter. A motion was made to accept the Bylaws changes; it was seconded and passed.

After enjoying lunch, Dr. Raucher introduced MCPS Superintendent Dr. Joshua Starr. He told us about his ideas for keeping MCPS the outstanding school system that we helped to make it. I was impressed with his presentation and his openness to discuss how to make MCPS even better. He gave us his email address with the comment, "I will read each one; I may not reply, but I will read it." (Joshua_Starr@mcpsmd.org)

How are we doing with membership? Have you talked with or encouraged some retirees to join? We gained 6 at the February Luncheon, but we do need more members. Brochures of information containing the application are available to share with prospective members. An invitation to our luncheons does work, but talking with retirees works too. I ask you to consider encouraging retired employees to become a member of MCPSRA.

Joy Schwab

SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS

In his speech at the MCPSRA Luncheon on February 23, 2012, Dr. Starr thanked the retirees for their contributions that have made MCPS such an excellent school system. He indicated that, unlike many of his colleagues in large school systems, he was uniquely fortunate to inherit a great school system and a solid base on which to build. He shared that the demographics of MCPS with 12% special education, 13% ESOL and 32% FARMS eligible students provide special challenges in a time of limited resources. His priorities are to focus on community engagement, interventions and links among the business world, colleges and MCPS. He noted that veteran teachers with 10 years of experience grew up on NCLB and that it is now time to de-emphasize standardized testing. He stressed that as educators we must be sensitive to children of all ages and their needs. We must relate to children so that they know we care about them. This increases learning and achievement and should be the focus of teacher training. We also need to assure that all MCPS graduates are prepared for a fulfilling and productive life.

APRIL LUNCHEON SPEAKER

Dr. David Steinberg has taught lessons of leadership to thousands of people in the United States and from around the world. He has served as principal of elementary, middle and high schools with a record of having led each school to a significant rise in academic achievement. Previously he taught at all three levels including primary aged students with multiple handicapping conditions, middle school gifted students and high school students with learning disabilities.

Dr. Steinberg is the Director of the Department of Professional Growth Systems with Montgomery County Schools. He also teaches at Johns Hopkins University and Montgomery College and has taught at Marymount University, Bowie State University, and University of Maryland.

Dr. Steinberg has won many awards including: Washington Post Distinguished Educational Leadership Award, Principal of the Year, Montgomery County Region of the Maryland Association of Student Councils, Outstanding Citizen Award, Greater Gaithersburg Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Excellence Award, Division of Career and Technology Education, and MCCPTA Honorary Life Membership Award.

ATTENTION ALL GOLFERS AND DUFFERS WANT TO HAVE SOME FUN??

Mark your calendars today!!

The 22nd Annual MCPSRA Golf Outing will be held on Wednesday, October 3, 2012 at the Laytonsville Golf Course, Laytonsville, MD. Further details and a registration form will appear in the June Newsletter.

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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

The Board of Directors meets at 9:30 am on the first Thursday of each month with the exception of July. All MCPSRA members are welcome to attend the meetings which will be held in Room 129 in CESC on the following dates:

- April 5, 2012
- May 3, 2012
- June 7, 2012

LUNCHEON DATES

MCPSRA business meetings and luncheons are held at the Golden Bull in Gaithersburg four times a year.

Dates remaining for 2011-2012 are as follows:

- April 26, 2012
- June 14, 2012

Please save these dates. We hope to see you there!

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Reminder: Member Paula Kasper provided information about a bus route that goes to and from BWI and stops at Norbeck, Shady Grove and Gaithersburg Park and Rides. The cost per trip is \$5.00 (\$3.20 for seniors). Information can be found at the website: <http://www.mtaiccbus.com/route201.html>.

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MEMBERSHIP ALERT

MRSPA Membership Chair: Betsy Doyle

MCPSRA Membership Chair: Juliette Trevino

MRSPA is the state "watchdog" of our pension and retirement funds as well as of 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. Where do we get these new members? We get them from you, our retirees, of course!! As chairperson of the state membership committee, I challenge all of you to recruit and to sign up just one (1) new member. Please talk to all of your retiree friends and encourage them to sign up if they are not already members. We have included this form for you to give to those who are not yet members.

WE DO NEED YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT!!

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COMPLETE THIS FORM ONLY IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP
Maryland Retired School Personnel Assiation
Montgomery County Public Schools Retirees Association
Application for Membership



Name Soc. Sec. # Birthdate
Address Telephone
City State Zip Email

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

NOTE Mail to: MRSPA MRSPA DUES \$45.00
ADDRESS 8379 Piney Orchard Parkway (This includes both state and local dues.)
Odenton, MD 21113

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 effect until cancelled by written notice mailed to the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association.

Signature Date

EMERTIUS MEMBERS: 70 Faithful MCPSRA Members are 90 years old and older

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Show Me the Numbers!

There probably isn't a household in America that hasn't had a similar thing happen at least two or three times a week just at the 6:00 p.m. dinner hour. The telephone rings as the family is sitting down to eat, and the voice on the other end of the phone identifies herself or himself as a paid solicitor calling on behalf of some organization asking for a donation to benefit a variety of charities. How they got your name and number is anyone's guess! Our mailboxes are also stuffed with requests of a similar nature. Did you ever ask the caller just where the call was coming from? What is the percentage of the donation that actually reaches the population for which it was intended and how much is used for administrative costs? How much does this charity collect in a year's time, and does this charity sell its list of donors to other charitable organizations? It's a real experience to hear some of the answers you will get if you pose such questions! Did you ever just say, "Show me the numbers!"?

It might be interesting to you to hear some statistics regarding the student population in Montgomery County Public Schools, how this information helps direct our association's special projects each year, and just how your donations to the **Toolkits, Books, and Backpacks Project** are used. On the Montgomery County Public Schools web site, are some very valuable facts about our schools and their students. There are 144,497 students enrolled this school year in 131 elementary, 38 middle, and 25 high schools as well as 5 special schools and 1 career and technology center. It is the largest school system in the state of Maryland and the 16th largest in the nation. The demographics of our students show 33.7% white, 26.0% Hispanic, 21.2% African American, and 14.3% Asian. About 13% of all the students participate in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), come from 164 countries and speak 184 languages. Nearly 12% of the children receive special education services. One very staggering fact also stands out: 32.3% of Montgomery County's school children receive free or reduced meals (FARM). To be eligible for FARM services, the families of these children live very near or below the poverty line as determined by family size and family income. According to data from Advocates for Children and Youth, an organization located in Baltimore, 9.4% of Montgomery County's children live in true poverty. That means nearly 13,600 of the almost 144,500 students in our schools would fall into this category.

Now for some data regarding our Toolkits, Books, and Backpacks Project: This is the ninth year of the project's existence. During its first year some 800 kits were assembled and distributed. This number has increased drastically over the years and has reached a total of 9,600 in eight years. Thousands of gently used books have been collected and given to elementary school children as well as 5,500 new books purchased for children to take home. Since the third component of our project was added four years ago, 150 backpacks have been distributed to homeless children attending the Title I program in the summers. How much of your donations go directly to benefit the children? The answer is 100%. Every penny! Any administrative costs for stamps and other incidental expenses come out of the association's budget line item for our Special Projects. All of your donations go to our special account with the MCPS Educational Foundation and are used solely for the toolkits, books, and backpacks. "Show me the numbers!" you say. Last year we received a total of \$18,698 from 224 donors, but our expenses submitted for payment through the Ed Foundation came to \$19,925.70. Luckily, our account had enough left over from the previous year to cover this. As for this year, 104 donors have contributed \$7,580. As you can see, we have a long way to go if we are to be able to fulfill our commitment to the elementary children in this summer's Title I program. Won't you step forward and help? And be assured that we will NOT call you at dinnertime nor disclose our donors list to anyone else! Help assure the success of our project for the ninth year. Thank you in advance for your generosity and caring for the neediest 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.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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

Optional: In memory of _____ In honor of _____

Send acknowledgement to _____

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

MCPSRA COMMITTEES

At the October 27, 2011, luncheon, President Joy Schwab introduced the members of the Board of Directors. During the luncheon, several people indicated that they would like to know what the committees do. Following is information on more committees.

Membership The Membership Committee maintains the enrollment of all members, shares new member information, prepares the membership directory and helps to organize presentations for MCPS pre-retirement meetings throughout the year. All retirees are welcome from all MCPS offices, schools and departments. Membership includes MCPS and MD state organizations. Contact Chair Julie Trevino for membership applications at 301-460-9670 or jgtrevino@comcast.net.

Special Projects/Toolkits The Special Projects/Toolkits committee assembles toolkits for Title 1 kindergarten children that attend the summer ELO/SAIL Program. The kits contain school supplies and activities that parents can use with their children at home. Over the duration of 8 years of the project, we have assembled 9600 toolkits and supplied 7000 new and gently used books to children in the ELO/SAIL Program. In addition, we have supplied 150 backpacks to homeless children in grades K-5 in the program. Money is collected through generous donations from members, family and friends as well as grants. The project has received a national award from NRTA/AARP.

Public Relations Committee The Public Relations Committee is interested in keeping members informed about important issues at the local, state and national levels. The ongoing discussion/debate about the shift in pension costs from the state to the county is an excellent current example. Our newsletter and our web page www.mcpsretirees.org help to keep you informed. In that spirit, if you would like to have information included in our newsletter or website, please contact Fred Evans, committee chairman, at fredevans1970@gmail.com. There is also an email link on the website. Let's stay connected.

Join a committee: If you would like to become involved and serve on a committee, contact the chairperson listed on page 2 of this newsletter.

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Send advertising copy (jdahlberg2@verizon.net) or by mail to Newsletter, P.O. Box 4367, Rockville, MD 20849-4367. Mail check payable to MCPSRA (in advance of publication) to Treasurer, P.O. Box 4367, Rockville, MD 20849-4367

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PARKING INFORMATION

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YOUR TRAVEL INFORMATION

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, 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 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 published deadline, 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. **We do not provide transportation to and from the airport for trips that require flying.**

Those 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.

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MCPSRA TRIPS in 2012

All trips are listed and described on the website www.mcpsretirees.org

2012 Trips

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| April 17 | Renwick Museum and National Portrait Gallery |
| April 27 | Bermuda Cruise |
| May 15 | Longwood Gardens/Dupont Hotel |
| June 15 | Fort McHenry, Harbor Luncheon Cruise, Tall Ships in Baltimore Harbor |

July 18	Sight and Sound Theatre : JONAH
September 17-20	Finger Lakes, New York
November 3	Hawaii Cruise

RENWICK MUSEUM AND NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY

Tuesday April 17, 2012

The first Gallery we'll visit is the Renwick to see "**Splendor in the Past,**" an exhibit which showcases some of the White House's décor. There are ninety-five objects on display including the coverlet for the Lincoln Bedroom crocheted by Grace Coolidge. The collection has been organized in celebration of the White House Historical Association which was formed fifty years ago. Many of the selections for this exhibit were made because of the great stories associated with the items.

The second stop will be the Portrait Gallery and a chance to view "**One Life, Ronald Reagan,**" in celebration of the centennial birthday of our fortieth President. The exhibit focuses on his early years in Illinois, his acting career and his political career through his presidency from 1981-1989.

9:00 am	Depart Norbeck Park and Ride Lot
12:00 noon	Ride to second gallery
3:00 pm	Return to Norbeck Park and Ride Lot

Included: Round-trip transportation on deluxe EYRE passenger motor coach, travel between galleries

Not included: Gratuity for the motor coach operator
Cost: \$30.00 per person Lunch on your own.

Due date: March 27, 2012

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

LONGWOOD GARDENS and AFTERNOON TEA
 Hotel DuPont, Wilmington, Delaware

Tuesday, May 15, 2012

Come 'tiptoe through the tulips'... and lots of other beautiful spring flowers at the **Longwood Gardens**, near Wilmington, Delaware. There are 11,000 varieties of trees, shrubs and plants, 20 outdoor gardens, a conservatory with four acres under glass, displays, fountains and special seasonal events. If you've never been, this is a great time of the year to be there! The estate belonged to Pierre Samuel duPont, a great-grandson of E. I. DuPont. There will be time for strolling the lush grounds and gardens as well as the 4-acre Conservatory; lunch will be on your own in the Cafeteria or in the Terrace Tea Room, located on the grounds.

Moving on into the city, we'll enjoy the elegance and style of Afternoon Tea at the Hotel DuPont. Modeled after the great hotels of Europe, the Hotel DuPont is the perfect place to enjoy antique tea sandwiches, traditional scones, tea pastries and cookies as well as one's choice of tea from Earl Grey or English Breakfast to four other tea flavors from around the

world. Amid warm furnishings and signature art works, we can relax and appreciate each other's company before starting our ride back to Norbeck.

9:00 a.m. Depart Norbeck Park & Ride
6:00 p.m. Return Norbeck Park & Ride

Included: Round trip transportation on deluxe EYRE Motorcoach; admission to Longwood Gardens.

Not included: Gratuity for driver.

Cost: \$90.00 per person

Due: April 23, 2012

Make checks payable to **MCPSRA** and mail with completed registration Form to: Frieda J. Price
105 N. Summit Ave #4
Gaithersburg, MD 20877

FORT McHENRY, HARBOR LUNCHEON
CRUISE, TALL SHIPS IN BALTIMORE HARBOR

Friday, June 15, 2012

10:30 am Depart Norbeck Park & Ride
11:30 am Arrive Ft. McHenry for tour, visitors center
1:00 pm Free time at Harbor to view ships in port, browsing and shopping
3:00 pm Spirit Luncheon Cruise boarding
3:30 pm Luncheon Cruise departs
5:30 Depart for home
6:30 Arrive back at Norbeck Park & Ride

Fort McHenry is the site of the writing of our National Anthem. History and story will be in the visitor's center film, exhibits and displays. Maryland's Star Spangled 200th celebration will be June 13-19, 2012 with an international maritime festival that will see the return of tall ships and navy ships from the U. S. and international navies that are expected to descend on Baltimore Inner Harbor for this week of celebration.

Included: Transportation on deluxe Eyre motor coach, admission to Ft. McHenry, Spirit luncheon cruise. All tolls, taxes and gratuities.

Not included: Gratuity for the motor coach operator

Cost: \$100.00 per person

Due date: May 15th 2012 (updated as of April 22, 2012)

Make checks payable to **MCPSRA** and mail with completed registration form to: Mary Ann Davis
23509 Woodfield Road
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20882

"JONAH" at Sight and Sound Theater
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Wednesday, July 18, 2012

If you have been with us before to see productions at this state-of-the-art venue, then you'll want to join us for "JONAH" – a musical re-telling of the story of the Biblical prophet who was swallowed by the whale as he tried to flee from God's calling.

8:30 am Depart Norbeck Park & Ride
11:00 am Family-style Lunch at Hershey Farms
12:30 pm Depart for Sight & Sound Theater
1:00 pm Show time – "Jonah"
3:30 pm Depart for home

6:00 pm Arrive Norbeck Park & Ride
Included: Round-trip motorcoach transportation (with video); lunch; show ticket; tolls, taxes and gratuities

Not included: Gratuity for the motor coach operator

Cost: \$115.00 per person

Due date: June 6, 2012

Make checks payable to **MCPSRA** and mail with completed registration form to: Mary Ann Davis
23509 Woodfield Road
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20882

FINGER LAKES - NEW YORK

September 17-20, 2012

Day 1 6:30 a.m: Depart from Rockville Civic Center - Edmondson Dr. Lunch-on-your-own and rest stops enroute. Visit the "Village of Watkins Glen" located at the southern end of Seneca Lake, home of Watkins Glen Raceway and a 2-mile-long Watkins Glen Gorge. Streets are lined with cafes and small shops and the shoreline is extremely picturesque.

Glenora Winery Tasting – Opened in 1977 this award-winning winery offers magnificent views of Seneca Lake from its tasting room, including a gift shop and excellent wines.

Rose Hill Mansion, Geneva – Built in 1836, this mansion was constructed in the form of a 2-story Greek temple with six columns and declared a National Historic Landmark in 1986.

Day 2 After breakfast, visit **Sonnenberg Gardens**, Canandaigua, NY, a state historic park offering one of the few remaining estates in U.S. with Queen Anne-style and formal gardens. Built in 1887, this 40 room mansion offers a glimpse of what life was like in the late 19th century. It boasts 9 formal gardens representing many cultures and historic periods.

Fox Run Vineyards Tasting, Penn Yan, NY is situated high on Torrey Ridge overlooking one of the deepest parts of Seneca Lake. This 55- acre vineyard produces a remarkable range of award-winning wines, including Chardonnay, Riesling, Pinot Noir and Cabernet Franc.

CANANDAIGUA LADY Cruise – Mississippi-style paddlewheel boat cruise.

Dinner at BELHURST CASTLE, Geneva, NY – Voted one of the most romantic and unique sites in the entire Finger Lakes region, it is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Rich woodwork, mosaic-tiled fireplaces and beamed cathedral ceilings set the stage for a truly unique dining experience.

Day 3 JELL-O Museum and Gallery "There's Always Room for Jell-O"! This was the campaign slogan for a simple gelatin dessert that today is known as 'America's Most Famous Dessert.' Also, listen to entertainers Kate Smith, Jack Benny, Lucille Ball as they promoted the Jell-O product over the radio air waves. See television personalities Andy Griffith and Gomer Pyle along with Bill Cosby as they pitch your favorite dessert.

EASTMAN HOUSE and International Museum of Photography and Film, Rochester, N.Y. George Eastman, founder of the legendary company, **Kodak**, and known as father of popular photography, was born in upstate NY and

reared in Rochester. Innovator, philanthropist and consummate businessman, he endowed Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester. Eastman also left his magnificent Eastman House, a 1905 colonial revival mansion, a National Historic Landmark and the oldest photography museum in the world, for the public to enjoy. Tour several rooms and formal gardens and see the extraordinary exhibitions and permanent photography collections that include more than 4,000,000 prints and negatives.

Drive along LAKE ONTARIO Shoreline from Braddock Bay, Cranberry Pond and Long Pond to dinner at **BARRY'S CRESCENT BEACH Restaurant**, Rochester, N.Y. Having a long history since the very early 1800's, this site is a local favorite not only because of the great food but also the fantastic views of the lake from the dining room.

Day 4 Glenn H. Curtiss Museum, Hammondsport, N.Y.. – This museum, bearing the name of Hammondsport's favorite son, is dedicated to the memory of pioneer aviator, Glenn Curtiss, and contains a priceless collection relating to early aviation. Curtiss began his career as builder of bicycles and then motorcycles. In 1907 he became "Fastest Man on Earth" attaining a speed of 136.4 MPH on his V8 powered motorcycle. Many of his machines are on display.

Corning Museum of Glass, Corning, N.Y. – Corning Museum of Glass is home to the world's most comprehensive collection of glass with more than 45,000 glass objects, spanning 3500 years of glassmaking history. Explore the science and technology of glass in a hands-on exhibit area; watch live narrated glassmaking demonstrations.

Depart for home approximately 2:30 p.m.; dinner-on-your-own enroute; approximate arrival time at Norbeck Park & Ride – 8:30 p.m.

Includes: Round-trip deluxe EYRE motorcoach transportation; three nights accommodations; 3 breakfasts, 3 dinners; cruise; admission to all attractions as described; local guide; taxes, tolls, gratuities

Not included: Gratuity for the motorcoach operator.

Cost: \$819.00 per person, double occupancy; \$1055.00 – single; \$779.00 - triple.

Payment: Deposit - \$200.00 per person

Due: June 2, 2012 Balance due: **August 2, 2012**

NOTE: You do not have to pay a deposit to go – one payment of the total amount is fine; however, please let us know that you plan to go and will make one payment.

If you would like to pay with a credit card, **call Ellen** at 301-854-6600 x 3252. **Or** 410-442-1330 x 3252 **Or** 1-800-321-3973 x 3252. Insurance is available if you are interested.

Ellen will also handle this.

Make check payable to MCPSRA and mail with completed reservation form to:

Frieda J. Price
105 N. Summit Ave. #4
Gaithersburg, MD 20877

White House Holiday Tour
December (date & time TBA)

Once again, we are requesting a group tour for MCPSRA of the White House in its holiday splendor, exact time and date to be determined, should we be among selected groups

for tours. Our arrangements are made through the office of Congressman Chris Van Hollen (MD-08).

If interested in this trip, PLEASE –

Complete **both** Registration Forms, including White House Security Information. As of October 2010, this is a requirement for consideration and opportunity for group tours. The information **MUST** be included at the time we make request and, once forwarded to the White House, "...no additions and changes may be made". We suggest you fill in your full name as it appears on your driver's license or other official identification document, as you will be required to have that with you on day of tour.

>Mail along **with legal-size** (#10, 4 1/2 x 10"), **self-addressed, stamped envelope** to:

Mary Ann Davis
23509 Woodfield Road
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20882

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE!!! Make sure above address is legible and use the designated size envelope with proper postage! Whether our group is accepted OR rejected, notification will be mailed to you and will include ALL details and instructions. Because of the popularity of this tour, each member is limited to 1 adult guest only or 2 per household.

Due date for Registration: (No reservations by phone!)

May 16, 2012

HAWAII
With **NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE**
on the **PRIDE OF AMERICA**
8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS
NOVEMBER 3, 2012

DAY	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
1	Honolulu		7:00 pm
2	Maui (Kahului)	8:00 am	Overnight
3	Maui (Kahului)		6:00 pm
4	Hilo	8:00 am	6:00 pm
5	Kona	7:00 am	6:00pm
6	Kauai	8:00 am	Overnight
7	Kauai		2:00 pm
8	Honolulu	7:00 am	

Inside Cabin Category IC \$2,625

Outside Cabin Category OA \$2,915

Balcony Cabin Category BD \$3,085

**Rates are per person, double occupancy, and include roundtrip airfare from BWI, cruise, port charges and government fees, taxes, and transfers to and from ship.*

Norwegian Cruise Line has advised that all air prices are subject to change and are not guaranteed until full payment has been received.

DEPOSIT POLICY: An initial deposit of \$350 per person double occupancy or \$700 per person single occupancy is required to secure reservations and assign cabins. Monthly payments will be accepted. Final balance is due July 20, 2012.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT FRIEDA PRICE – 301-926-2286. FOR RESERVATIONS CONTACT GRAND AMERICAN TOURS, 5 S. MORTON AVE, MORTON, PA 19070– (800)423-0247

THE NEA RA IS COMING TO TOWN!! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

The National Education Association Convention is coming to Washington, DC, this summer. It's a huge event-over 9,000 people strong-and volunteers are needed to help make the Representative Assembly run smoothly. You need not be a member of the National Education Association to volunteer. All members of the education family are invited.

Volunteer! Get paid! Have fun! Make new friends!

Try to imagine what it is like to have 9,000 school personnel talking and trying to conduct business. It is possible by using the RA Telephone/Microphone system. Volunteers are responsible for staffing the microphones so representatives can communicate with the Presiding Officer and the Assembly. Don't worry, you don't need to speak on the microphone; you only relay messages to the front table.

Volunteers receive \$40.00 for each day worked. Tolls and parking are reimbursed (receipts are required) as well as Metro expenses. Lodging expenses are not provided to volunteers. Morning and afternoon refreshments and a lunch meal are provided to volunteers during the Annual Meeting. If volunteers are required to work an evening event, a meal will be provided. Volunteers are needed for July 1-July 5; hours are approximately 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. You need not work every day; however, consecutive days are encouraged. Your help is needed and greatly appreciated. Sign up now!

The Annual Meeting is held at The Washington Convention Center located at 801 Mt. Vernon Place, NW, Washington, DC. The Mt. Vernon Square Metro stop on the green and yellow line is in the convention center, so it's really easy to get there! Just up the stairs and there you are.

To learn more, contact LeeAnn Kaye, 301-598-5480 or lakavenea@verizon.net.



**2012 NEA RA Host Committee
Volunteer Sign-Up Form**

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

E-mail: _____ / _____

Personal

Work

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Local Association: _____

School/Worksite: _____ Work Phone: _____

Social Security Number: _____

SSN necessary for NEA Accounting and U.S. Secret Service (if applicable.) Information is confidential.

Committee Preference:

_____ RA Telephone Network

_____ NEA Fund for Children and
Public Education

I can work the following dates: (Please check all that apply. Consecutive days are encouraged!)

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___ July 1, Training 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. ___ July 4

___ June 30 ___ July 3

___ July 2 ___ July 5

___ July 1 ___ July 4

___ July 3

___ July 2 ___ July 5

Please return this form to Debra Nixon, MSEA, 140 Main Street, Annapolis, MD, 21401-2020 by **Monday, April 30**. A confirmation letter and final details will be sent after May 11.

If you have any questions, please contact:

LeeAnn Kaye, Committee Chair
301-598-5480
lakavenea@verizon.net

Debra Nixon, State Coordinator
1-800-448-6782, ext. 3658
dnixon@mseanea.org

MCPSRA LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING
Thursday, April 26, 2012

GOLDEN BULL GRAND CAFÉ

7 Dalamar Street
Gaithersburg, MD 20877
Telephone: 301-948-3666

TIME: Gathering 11:00 a.m.
Business Meeting 11:30 a.m.
Luncheon 12:00 Noon
Program following the Luncheon

**DIRECTIONS TO THE GOLDEN BULL GRAND
CAFÉ:**

- Take Exit #11 off I-270 onto Route 124E (Quince Orchard Road Toward Gaithersburg and Montgomery Village)
- Turn RIGHT onto Rt. 355 South (Frederick Ave.)
- Go approximately 0.6 miles
- Turn RIGHT onto Dalamar Street. Restaurant is on the left, parking available to the left or right of the building as well as in the lot across the street.

MENU CHOICES:

Breast of Chicken \$18.00
Broiled Salmon \$22.00
English Prime Rib \$22.00
Vegetarian Pasta \$18.00

MEAL ALSO INCLUDES:

Fresh Garden Salad
Red Skin Potatoes
Vegetable of the Day
Dessert
Choice of Coffee, Hot or Iced Tea, Soda
Cash Bar

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RESERVATIONS FOR MCPSRA LUNCHEON/BUSINESS MEETING
Thursday, April 26, 2012, at the Golden Bull Grand Cafe

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

CIRCLE ENTRÉE CHOICE

Name: _____ Phone: _____

e-mail address: _____

Chicken \$18.00
Salmon \$22.00
Prime Rib \$22.00
Vegetarian Pasta \$18.00

Name: _____ Phone: _____

e-mail address: _____

Chicken \$18.00
Salmon \$22.00
Prime Rib \$22.00
Vegetarian Pasta \$18.00

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

******YOUR RESERVATION FORM AND CHECK MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, April 20, 2012,******
Mail reservation form and check payable to MCPSRA. Mail to:

**LeeAnn Kaye
15436 Merrifields Lane
Silver Spring, MD 20906**

For information call: LeeAnn Kaye 301-598-5480 or Trish Bendler 301-540-5160
geolakaye@verizon.net patricia_bendler09@comcast.net

The Nominating Committee (Betsy Doyle, chair, Gerry Frick, Carolyn Hickman, Tom Hickman and Harvey Strine) have selected Dr. Kenneth Muir as candidate for the next treasurer of MCPSRA. Nominations may be made from the floor on April 26, however, the person or persons named must have agreed to be placed in nomination. Voting will take place at the luncheon on April 26 at 11:30 A.M.



MCPSRA Luncheon/Business Meeting

GOLDEN BULL GRAND CAFÉ

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

Luncheon: 12:00 noon

Next Luncheon Date

April 26, 2012

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