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## WHAT ARE YOU DOING NEXT?

Enjoying retirement is extremely dependent on planning. Planning? I thought we left planning when we retired! Ah Ha!

There is so much to do to stay connected in this exciting phase of life. Continued learning is the key to our ability to share our expanded wisdom in helping to enrich the minds and lives of people we encounter. Volunteering in organizations, traveling, sightseeing, commitment and active involvement with family, friends and the politics of our world is a benefit to us all. So, WHAT ARE YOU DOING NEXT?



Retirement is like graduation. In fact, on Tuesday, February 15, 2011, in the East Room of the White House, President Obama presented the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, to fifteen "senior" recipients. There are similar activities of recognition of retirees throughout our communities. As you know, a giving hand is also a receiving hand. Isolation is stagnant, dull and in need of becoming knowledgeable of the habit of reaching out. Encountering others helps create new relationships and strengthens existing ones. Make a difference! Enjoy taking the risk!

I have created the PHIT acronym, pronounced 'fit,' (Pension, Health, Insurance and Travel) for what the retiree associations do for us. Think about it, life is full of positives. As retirees, we are traveling in the same directions. A positive and vibrant use of PHIT serves as a cornerstone for our continuing to enjoy the fullness of life.

I am extremely happy to say that when I see retirees interacting with one another, there is always an illusion of a friendly bubble of love that is expressed with a 'big smile. When we smile, our hearts are happy!

Our Executive Board was invited to a Focus Group to give input on the selection of the new MCPS Superintendent, effective July 1, 2011. This welcomed inclusion of our association is very clear regarding our practicing partnership with MCPS.

You are invited to share with our Executive Board. By e-mail or mail, the times of enjoyment and learning you are having.

Our membership in PHIT is 'good news and direction' for our continuing gift of MCPSRA/MRSPA.

Gerald W. Johnson  
President

## APRIL 28, 2011, LUNCHEON

### Book Signing by MCPS Retiree

Claudine Shannon McDonald will share some of her life stories and have a book signing for her cookbook *Simply Elegant Southern Cooking*. Claudine grew up in the heart of the South- Montgomery, Alabama- during the Civil Rights Movement. She is a former member of the Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Vernon Johns were her pastors.

Claudine is a retired teacher from Montgomery County Public School System where she taught Family and Consumer Science for 40 years. Some of the courses she taught included Fashion Merchandising, Child Development, Culture and Cuisine, Gourmet Foods, Baking and Interior Design. She has planned and organized many fashion shows for high school students and churches.

She is married to Earl McDonald, an electrical engineer, and has three children and three grandchildren.

### Entertainment by Internationally Known Musician - Daryl Davis

One of Montgomery County's own, Mr. Daryl Davis, a 1976 graduate of Thomas S. Wootton High School, will perform at our luncheon. Daryl earned his Bachelor of Music degree from Howard University, where he was a member of the Howard University Choir and Jazz Vocal Ensemble. In addition to being a vocalist, guitarist, composer and pianist, Daryl is a professional actor and author.

In 1985, 72 year-old Pinetop Perkins, one of the founding fathers of Boogie Woogie and considered to be one of the greatest Blues and Boogie pianists, selected 27 year-old Daryl Davis to succeed him in the piano and vocal slot of the Muddy Waters Legendary Blues Band. Johnnie Johnson, Chuck Berry's original pianist, praised Daryl's ability to master, with authenticity, a style of music that was popular 30 years before he was born!

As a performer, Daryl has worked with countless greats such as Elvis Presley's Jordanaires, The Coasters, and has been a long-standing regular player with the rock and roll legend, Chuck Berry. This past October, Daryl performed with Mr. Berry at the Strathmore Music Center to a sold out audience.

As a composer, in addition to his own hits Boogie Man and Broadminded, Daryl scored the music to the popular children's story Abigail. He has thrilled audiences in a variety of venues throughout the United States and Europe. You will not want to miss this incredibly talented performer.

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## 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 these meetings. The meetings are held in Room 129 in CESC. Following are the dates of the upcoming meetings.

- April 8, 2011
- May 5, 2011
- June 2, 2011

## SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2011-2013

Following is the slate of officers for MCPSRA presented by the Nominating Committee. Members were Gerry Frick, Harvey Strine, Carolyn Hickman, Tom Hickman, Mary D'Ovidio and Betsy Doyle, chairman. These names will be presented at the April luncheon and voted on at that time. There may be nominations from the floor, but those nominees must have been contacted prior to the meeting. Installation of the new officers will take place at the June luncheon.

**President....Joy Schwab**

**Vice President....Steve Raucher**

**Recording Secretary...Mary D'Ovidio**

### **IN MEMORIAM**

The names of the following MCPSRA members who passed away in 2010 were either inadvertently left off of the list that appeared in the last newsletter or have been added since that issue went to print:

**May**  
**Norman Smith**  
**C. Wailes Darby**  
**August**  
**Jacob Rabinovich**  
**November**  
**Marylee Buchly**  
**December**  
**Barbara Charles**  
**Sharron Hayes**  
**Catherine Schrock**

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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 DO NEED YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT!!**

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

**Maryland Retired School Personnel Association  
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**  
**ADDRESS**      **8379 Piney Orchard Parkway**  
                    **Odenton, MD 21113**

**MRSPA DUES      \$45.00**  
**(This includes both state and local dues.)**

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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### NEW MEMBER

Xenophon G. Samoulis      4418 Chestnut Lane      Rockville, MD 20853

### DIRECTORY CHANGES

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**NOTE:** Please inform Membership Chair Juliette Trevino of changes in your name, address or phone number by mailing it to MCPSRA, P.O. Box 4367, Rockville, MD 20849-4367 or by e-mail at [jgtrevino@comcast.net](mailto:jgtrevino@comcast.net).

### Toolkits For Needy Kindergartners

Our Toolkits, Books, and Backpacks Project, initially suggested by Dr. Weast, is currently in its eighth year of existence, a year when the need for it has never been greater. Through the generosity, caring, and commitment of hundreds and hundreds of individuals, we have assembled and distributed over 8,000 toolkits in the past seven years. In addition we have collected and distributed thousands of gently used books and purchased 4,500 new ones for children in grades 1 through 5 attending the Title I SAIL (Summer Adventures in Learning) Program. In the past three years over 100 backpacks of school supplies have also been presented to homeless children attending summer school.

What is included in each toolkit? Each year we purchase items, if possible, from a list suggested by kindergarten teachers for use at home. Last year's kit contained: 2 pencils, a pencil sharpener, ruler, large rubber eraser, number line, glue stick, set of magnetic letters with spelling lesson plan, box of 48 crayons, set of alphabet cards, pad of paper, pair of scissors, container of Play-Doh, bag of 20 plastic bottle caps, calendar, poem introducing the toolkit, poem with accompanying reading lesson plan, and math lesson plan for use with the plastic bottle caps. All printed materials are provided in both English and Spanish.

We frequently hear from people who want to know why we collect bottle caps. Many math concepts presented in the kindergarten curriculum involve counting, sorting, and understanding relationships such as **same, most, least, smallest, and biggest**. By providing at least 20 bottle caps in each kit, children can sort by color, arrange them from smallest to biggest, identify which color they have the most of, least of, or same. They can also use them to learn to add and subtract, determine odd and even, and much more. For the 1500 toolkits that were assembled and distributed last summer we sorted, counted, and bagged 30,000 caps.

Currently we do NOT need any more caps for this summer. The word has spread to Girl Scout troops, entire retirement communities, youth groups and elementary schools, and friends, relatives, and neighbors from North Carolina to New York. We are in the process of washing them to get ready for counting and bagging them.

We continue to rely on your help to assure the success of this project. Please consider not only sponsoring toolkits with a tax-deductible monetary donation but also volunteering in one or more of the many ways listed below. Thanks on behalf of all the needy children you are helping each 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 \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to help:

\_\_\_\_\_count and bag bottle caps      \_\_\_\_\_write grants      \_\_\_\_\_pursue corporate sponsors

\_\_\_\_\_write media releases      \_\_\_\_\_assemble toolkits      \_\_\_\_\_donate backpacks

\_\_\_\_\_Other (please indicate): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact me (telephone number (s): Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

## HALL OF FAME RECIPIENTS FROM MCPSRA

The following is a list of members of MCPSRA who have been inducted into the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame from 1987-2010. This recognition is based on the service and volunteerism of each person. The recipients are listed in the order in which they were inducted. If you know of anyone whose name is missing, please contact Betsy Doyle at 301-947-0733.

1989	Nina Clark (Geri Award) Lillian Brown
1995	Emerson Slacum
1996	Wailes Darby
2000	Joyce Hatter Ken Muir
2001	Sue Dawson Holmer Elseroad Franklin Haering Barbara DeWitt
2002	Tom Hickman Mary Maiers
2003	Joseph Lacy
2004	Bernice Foster Nancy Huthins
2005	Elizabeth Doyle
2006	Ruth Doak Angie Goffredo
2007	Dick Ahlberg Jane Ahlberg George Thomas
2008	Joan Donovan
2009	Ken Huff Joy Schwab
2010	Frieda Price

### WANT A WANT AD?

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

An ad cannot exceed the above dimensions and should be emailed to the Newsletter Editor as a WORD attachment or camera ready in the mail


Deadlines for future Newsletters are as follows:

May 5, 2011	for the June 2011 issue
September 1	for the October 2011 issue

Send advertising copy ([jdahlberg2@verizon.net](mailto: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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## RESPONSE TO SURVEY

Because of the status of the financial systems and the state and local budget questions, President Gerry Johnson and the Board of Directors have suggested the need to provide more information to MCPSRA members about these concerns. To obtain a clear picture, a brief survey was taken at the February 24, 2011, luncheon. Twenty four members responded. Since there were a number of concerns and questions, the responses to these concerns will be spread over several newsletters.

One of the first and main questions was "How safe is our retirement money?" A related article was written by Dr. Ken Muir and is printed in the February 2011 MRSPA.(State) Newsletter. He explains how the Teachers Retirement System is presently funded. The January Retiree News and Notes from the Maryland State Retirement and Pension System also states "Regardless of the economic events and the market volatility of recent years, the system remains financially sound and committed to the long term funding goals. A related problem, however, is that presently the Teachers System is only 65.41% funded by the state.

Is the system safe? See statements above! Could there be changes affecting retirees? There is always the very slight possibility. However, past changes in the program have always affected future retirees, not existing retirees. The fact is that there is no discussion of changes to pensions for those already retired. Furthermore an Attorney General's opinion indicates that those already retired have a contract with the state for their pension that cannot be changed.

## TRIATHLETE AND IRONMAN COMPETITOR

Charlie Futrell, former MCPS physical education teacher, competes in these events at the age of 89 (90 in August). He has won two World Triathlon championships and five national championships. "The Ironman Triathlon is 15 hours of continuous motion: 2.3 mile swim, 112 mile bike and a 26.2 mile run." MCPSRA has supported Charlie over the years as he has competed. For more information regarding Charlie, go to [www.charliefutrell.com](http://www.charliefutrell.com).

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

### Mark your calendars today.

The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual MCPSRA Golf Outing will be held on Friday, October 14, 2011, (rain date is October 21, 2011) at the Laytonsville Golf Course, Laytonsville, MD. Further details and a registration form will appear in the June and October Newsletters.

## MCPSRA COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

MCPSRA has many committees involved in a variety of activities. Membership on the committees is open to all MCPSRA members. If you are interested in joining a committee, please contact the committee chair or the MCPSRA president. Their telephone numbers and e-mail addresses are listed on page 2 of this newsletter. All members are encouraged to become involved. Below is a summary of the some current activities:

### Scholarship

Applications for MCPSRA scholarships are now available on the web site. These scholarships are for MCPS employees to further their education. The deadline is April 9, 2011. The applications will be reviewed beginning April 20 and interviews will be conducted on May 2, 3 and 5. If you would like to make a tax deductible contribution, write a check payable to MCPS Educational Foundation, indicating MCPS Scholarship Fund on the notation line. If you want your contribution to be given In Honor of or In Memory of someone, note this and include an address for an acknowledgement notification. Mail check and information to

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

### Trips

#### MCPSRA TRIPS in 2011

All trips are listed and described on the web site:

[www.mcpsretirees.org](http://www.mcpsretirees.org)

#### Trips Described in this Newsletter

May 3	Charlottesville, VA Highlights
May 31	Hickory Bridge Farm and Adams County Winery
June 22	Mormon Tabernacle Choir at Wolftrap
July 2-5	Boston, Boston Pops, fireworks over the Charles River
August 10	Philadelphia Art Museum Exhibit: Rembrandt and the Face of Jesus
September 13	Annapolis: Naval Academy, Trolley Tour, and Harbor Cruise
October 10-13	Vermont
December	White House Holiday Tour
<b>DUE DATE: MAY 2, 2011</b>	
<b>2011 Cruise from Baltimore</b>	
September 22	New England and Canada 10 days/9 nights



### PARKING INFORMATION

**Overnight trip parking information will be indicated in each trip description. Day trips will leave from Park & Ride lot on Norbeck Rd. & Georgia Ave.**

### 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, a letter with up-to-date information, including parking details. 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. **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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Mary Ann Davis.....301-253-6256  
23509 Woodfield Rd.  
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### **WHITE HOUSE HOLIDAY TOUR**

**December 2011 (date & time to be determined)**

We will **place our request on June 1, 2011**, to be considered for a White House Tour in December 2011. Arrangements are made through the office of Congressman Chris Van Hollen (MD-08). New security requirements for White House Tours necessitate sending clearance information to the Congressman's office when making the request for a tour. Therefore, those interested in this trip must complete both forms and include a self-addressed stamped envelope as described when you make your reservation. If any of the requested information is incorrect or incomplete, the White

House will cancel the tour. All of the information **MUST** be included when we make the request. Once forwarded to the White House "...no corrections or additions 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 for the tour.

### **If interested in this trip, PLEASE**

Complete **both** Registration Forms including White House Security Information, making sure that **ALL** letters and **ALL** numbers are legible and clear.

**Send completed forms along with a legal-sized, self-addressed, stamped envelope to**

Mary Ann Davis (301-253-6256)  
23509 Woodfield Rd.  
Gaithersburg, MD 20882-3017

**DUE DATE: May 2, 2011-** Whether our group is selected OR NOT 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 or 2 per household.

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### **CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA HIGHLIGHTS**

**Tuesday, May 3, 2011**

**Monticello:** Visit the home and showpiece botanic gardens of Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence, third President of the United States and founder of the University of Virginia.

**Ashlawn-Highland:** Adjacent to Monticello is the former estate of James Monroe, fifth President of the United States.

**Michie Tavern ca. 1784:** Experience the Tavern's past through an historical journey which recreates 18<sup>th</sup> century tavern life and a dining experience rich in southern hospitality.

7:45 am Depart Norbeck Park and Ride Lot  
10:30 am Ashlawn-Highland Tour  
1:00 pm Depart for lunch & tour at Michie Tavern  
3:00 pm Tour Monticello  
5:30 pm Depart for home  
8:00 pm Arrive at Norbeck Park and Ride Lot

**Included:** Transportation by deluxe Eyre motor coach, lunch, tours, taxes and gratuities.

**Not included:** Gratuity for motor coach operator.

**Cost:** \$105.00 per person

**Due Date:** April 6, 2011

Make check payable to **MCPSRA** and send with completed reservation form to

Frieda J. Price  
105 N. Summit Ave. #4  
Gaithersburg, MD 20877-2935

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### **HICKORY BRIDGE FARM /WINERY**

**Tuesday, May 31, 2011**

9:00 am Depart Norbeck Park and Ride Lot  
11:30 am Lunch at Hickory Bridge Farm  
1:00 pm Depart for Winery  
1:30 pm Tour and Tasting: Adams Co. Winery  
3:00 pm Depart for home  
5:30 pm Arrive at Norbeck Park and Ride Lot

We'll enjoy a family style dinner featuring family recipes. All food is prepared from scratch. You are welcome to visit the farm museum and country store/gift shop. All this is in a beautiful country setting. Following lunch we will depart for the winery for a tour and tasting.

**Included:** Transportation by deluxe Eyre motor coach,

lunch, winery tour and tasting, taxes and gratuities.

**Not included:** Gratuity for motor coach operator

**Cost:** \$73.00 per person

**Due Date:** April 27, 2011

Make check payable to **MCPSRA** and send with completed reservation form to

Frieda J. Price

105 N. Summit Ave. #4

Gaithersburg, MD 20877-2935

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### **MORMON TABERNACLE CHOIR**

**Wednesday, June 22, 2011**

We were fortunate to attend the Choir's performance at Wolftrap in 2007 and hope that you look forward to attending their outstanding performance. Tickets are limited so don't hesitate to send in your reservation.

6:00 pm Depart Norbeck Park and Ride Lot

8:00 pm Showtime – loge seating

11:15 pm Approximate return time

**Included:** Transportation by deluxe Eyre motor coach; show ticket, taxes and gratuities.

**Not included:** Gratuity for motor coach operator.

**Cost:** \$72.00 per person

**Due Date:** April 20, 2011

Make check payable to **MCPSRA** and send with completed reservation form to

Frieda J. Price

105 N. Summit Ave. #4

Gaithersburg, MD 20877-2935

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### **WELCOME TO BOSTON**

**July 2-5, 2011**

This vibrant, thriving city is renowned for its cultural facilities, world-class educational institutions, champion sports franchises and its place at the forefront of American history. The highlight of the trip features the Boston Pops and fireworks over the Charles River.

#### **Day 1 - Saturday, July 2**

6:30 am Depart Norbeck Park and Ride Lot

Today we travel with lunch and rest stops en route before checking into the **Holiday Inn Select** in **Woburn, MA**

#### **Day 2 - Sunday, July 3**

After a continental breakfast at the hotel, we embark on a

**Historic Boston Tour** including parts of the **Freedom Trail** and a visit to **Old North Church**. We will also visit the

**Charlestown Navy Yard** to see the **USS Constitution**, the oldest commissioned warship afloat in the world. Lunch is on your own at **Quincy Market** where there are over 100 shops, carts and artisans to offer treasures to take home. After lunch we head across the Charles River to Cambridge and see

**Harvard University and Harvard Yard**. In the late afternoon we go to the **Esplanade** and settle in with a **Summer Barbeque Picnic**. At 8:30 pm the **Boston Pops 4<sup>th</sup> of July Rehearsal Concert** begins! (Eyre provides folding chairs for dinner and concert.)

#### **Day 3 – Monday, July 4**

After a continental breakfast at the hotel, we travel to Boston Harbor to board a cruise ship for a 2 ½ hour **Boston Harbor Cruise** that includes a buffet lunch with boiled lobster. In the afternoon, we visit the **JFK Library and Museum**. A pasta-station dinner is included tonight at the **Hyatt Regency Cambridge** which is ½ mile from the fireworks barge.

**Evening Options:**

A. After dinner take your chair and walk the few blocks to the MA Avenue Bridge where you can hear (but not see) the concert. Watch the fireworks from there and walk back to the hotel where the coach will be parked.

B. Stay at the Hyatt and watch the entire 4<sup>th</sup> of July Concert on a big screen where it will be simulcast. (There is no way to see the Boston Pops up close this evening which is why we go the rehearsal on July 3.) At 10:30 pm the **Fireworks**

**Spectacular** with about 25 minutes of explosions creates a magical light show in the summer night sky! At 11:00 pm the coach will take everyone back to our hotel.

#### **Day 4 – Tuesday, July 5**

After a leisurely continental breakfast, we check out of the hotel and travel home.

7:00 pm Arrive at Norbeck Park and Ride Lot

**Included:** Transportation by Eyre deluxe motor coach, 3 nights lodging, baggage handling, 3 continental breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners, local guide, all tolls, taxes and gratuities.

**Not Included:** Gratuity for local guide or motor coach operator. Lunches are on your own except for the luncheon cruise.

**Cost:** \$779.00 per person double, \$979.00 single

**Due Date:** May 27, 2011

Make check payable to **MCPSRA** and send with completed reservation to

Mary Ann Davis

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Gaithersburg, MD 20877-3017

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### **PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM OF ART**

**Wednesday, August 10, 2011**

A new exhibition at this prestigious museum, **Rembrandt and the Face of Jesus** pulls together eight paintings from Rembrandt's rare and singular series of bust-length portraits of Christ. These paintings were objects of private reflection for Rembrandt and show witness to his radical shift from a traditional representation of Christ and his search for a meditative ideal. The exhibition is organized by the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Musee du Louvre, and the Detroit Institute of Arts, and provides a rare opportunity to view these paintings in one location.

8:00 am Depart Norbeck Park and Ride Lot

11:00 am Arrive at the museum

Lunch will be on-your-own and at your preferred time. The Museum has a new restaurant, Granite Hill, which offers delicious lunches and afternoon tea.

2:00 pm Board coach for return home

5:00 pm Arrive at Norbeck Park and Ride Lot

**Included:** Round-trip transportation on deluxe EYRE motorcoach; admission to exhibit

**Not included:** Gratuity for driver

**Cost:** \$75.00 per person

**Due date:** June 29, 2011

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**ANNAPOLIS, MD**



## Tuesday, September 13, 2011

8:30 am Depart Norbeck Park and Ride Lot  
9:45 am Arrive Naval Academy Visitors Center  
TOURS: Naval Academy, Trolley Tour, Harbor Cruise  
4:00 pm Return home to Norbeck Park and Ride Lot

**Included:** Round-trip transportation on deluxe passenger motorcoach, lunch, USNA tour, trolley tour of Annapolis, Harbor cruise; tolls, taxes and gratuities

**Not included:** Gratuity for the motorcoach operator

**Cost:** \$93.00 per person

**Due date:** August 1, 2011

Our Academy tour will include Bancroft Hall, one of the largest student dormitories in the world, the Naval Academy Chapel and the crypt of Revolutionary War Naval hero John Paul Jones plus other interesting sights. The trolley tour introduces us to 350 years of local history, architecture, folk lore and trivia and passes residential areas, the water front, the exterior of the Naval Academy, Md. State House and the governor's residence plus more. The cruise is of Annapolis Harbor, Severn River and the banks of the Naval Academy.

### LUNCH CHOICES:

1. Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad w/onion crisps
2. Tuna Roll w/Chips
3. Tagliarini Al Lemon- fresh pasta tossed w/sweet butter, lemon zest, grated parmigiano

Includes: Cup of soup du jour, coffee, tea or iced tea, dessert

**A VALID PHOTO ID IS REQUIRED. No pocket knives are allowed.**

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

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## VERMONT FALL FOLIAGE

October 10-13, 2011

### Day 1 Monday, October 10

We travel to the Green Mountains of Vermont and arrive at the beautiful Castle Hill Resort and Spa in Ludlow where we will spend the next three evenings. We will be greeted by the staff with Welcome Cider and Cookies in the lobby. Dinner will be in the hotel dining room. (D)

### Day 2 Tuesday, October 11

After a hearty breakfast and with our local guide, we will go to the New England Maple Museum. We will learn the history of maple sugaring and sample many fine VT products. Our lunch stop will be at the Waybury Inn (home of the Bob Newhart show). We then will visit the Danforth Pewter Co. where we will have a spinning demonstration. Next we will visit the Otter Creek Brewery for a tour and tasting. We conclude our day with photo stop at the Pulp Mill Covered Bridge. Dinner is served at the Castle along with light piano music. (B, L, D)

## Day 3 Wednesday, October 12

Following breakfast we will travel to Neighborly Farms, an organic dairy farm and cheesemaker where we will see the production of their cheese and enjoy some samples. Then we're off to the Trapp Family Lodge for a delicious lunch. Next we will visit Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream Factory for a tour and tasting. We conclude the day with a visit to the Green Mountain Coffee Welcome Center. Dinner this evening is on your own in the charming town of Ludlow. (B,L)

## Day 4 Thursday, October 13

After breakfast we board our coach for home taking with us many fond memories of our time in beautiful Vermont.

**Included:** Three nights' accommodations at Castle Hill Resort and Spa; two dinners, three breakfasts, lunch at Waybury Inn, lunch at Trapp Family Lodge, admission to sightseeing listed above, visit to Montpelier, two days' guide service, baggage handling (1 piece pp), tax & service charges.

**Not included:** Gratuity for coach driver or local guide.

**Cost:** \$879.00- Single per person; \$699.00-Double per person; \$679.00-Triple per person

**Due dates:** June 15, 2011 Deposit of \$200.00 pp  
August 31, 2011 BALANCE DUE

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## CRUISE FROM BALTIMORE to CANADA AND NEW ENGLAND With ROYAL CARIBBEAN CRUISE LINES on ENCHANTMENT OF THE SEAS: 10 DAYS/9 NIGHTS

September 22, 2011

DAY	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
1	Baltimore, Maryland		4:00 pm
2	Cruising		
3	Portland, Maine	10:00 am	7:00 pm
4	Bar Harbor, Maine	7:00 am	5:00 pm
5	St. John, New Brunswick	7:00 am	3:00 pm
6	Halifax, Nova Scotia	9:30 am	7:00 pm
7	Cruising		
8	Boston, MA	8:00 am	4:00 pm
9	Cruising		
10	Baltimore, MD	7:00 am	

Inside Cabin Category N \$1,098

Outside Cabin Category I \$1,318

Balcony Cabin Category D2 \$1,918

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

**\*\*VALID PASSPORT REQUIRED FOR TRAVEL\*\***

**DEPOSIT POLICY:** An initial deposit of \$350.00 per person double occupancy or \$700 per person single is required to secure reservations and assigned cabin. Final balance is due June 14, 2011. **FOR RESERVATIONS CALL GRAND AMERICAN TOURS at 1-800-423-0247.**

REGISTRATION FORMS for WHITE HOUSE TOUR – 2011

DUE MAY 2, 2011

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Member of MCPSRA? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If not, guest of \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*No money now, but remember to enclose legibly self-addressed, legal sized stamped envelope\*\*\*

MCPSRA Registration and Security Form for White House Tour – 2011 (one needed for each person) Please Print.

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. Citizen: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_ City & State of current residence \_\_\_\_\_ If not a U.S. citizen, indicate country of citizenship \_\_\_\_\_ City and State where staying while in U.S. \_\_\_\_\_

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**TRIP RESERVATION FORM: CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA, HIGHLIGHTS - May 3, 2011**

\*Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Member of MCPSRA? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ If not, guest of: \_\_\_\_\_

Total # reservations \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Make check payable to MCPSRA. \*Cell phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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**TRIP RESERVATION FORM: HICKORY BRIDGE FARM/WINERY- May 31, 2011**

\*Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Member of MCPSRA? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ If not, guest of: \_\_\_\_\_

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**TRIP RESERVATION FORM: MORMON TABERNACLE CHOIR- June 22, 2011**

\*Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Member of MCPSRA? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ If not, guest of: \_\_\_\_\_

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**TRIP RESERVATION FORM: BOSTON-BOSTON POPS - July 2-5, 2011**

\*Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Member of MCPSRA? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ If not, guest of: \_\_\_\_\_

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**TRIP RESERVATION FORM: PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM OF ART-August 10, 2011**

\*Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Member of MCPSRA? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ If not, guest of: \_\_\_\_\_

Total # reservations \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Make check payable to MCPSRA. \*Cell phone# \_\_\_\_\_

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**TRIP RESERVATION FORM: ANNAPOLIS, MD- September 13, 2011**

\*Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Member of MCPSRA? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ If not, guest of: \_\_\_\_\_ Lunch choice \_\_\_\_\_

Total # reservations \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Make check payable to MCPSRA. \*Cell phone# \_\_\_\_\_

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**TRIP RESERVATION FORM: VERMONT- October 10-13, 2011**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ If not, guest of: \_\_\_\_\_

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**MCPSRA LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING**  
**Thursday, APRIL 28, 2011**

**GOLDEN BULL GRAND CAFÉ**

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

**MENU CHOICES:**

Breast of Chicken	\$17.50
Broiled Salmon	\$20.00
English Prime Rib	\$20.00
Vegetarian Pasta	\$16.50

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

**MEAL ALSO INCLUDES:**

Fresh Garden Salad  
Red Skin Potatoes  
Vegetable of the Day  
Dessert

Choice of Coffee, Hot or Iced Tea, Soda  
Cash Bar

**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.

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**RESERVATIONS FOR MCPSRA LUNCHEON/BUSINESS MEETING**  
**Thursday, April 28, 2011 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	\$17.50
Salmon	\$20.00
Prime Rib	\$20.00
Vegetarian Pasta	\$16.50

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

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

Chicken	\$17.50
Salmon	\$20.00
Prime Rib	\$20.00
Vegetarian Pasta	\$16.50

**Total Amount Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUR RESERVATION FORM AND CHECK MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, April 22, 2011.**  
**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**  
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### **MCPSRA Luncheon/Business Meeting**

**GOLDEN BULL GRAND CAFE**

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

Luncheon: 12:00 noon

#### **Luncheon Dates 2011**

Thursday, April 28, 2011

Thursday, June 16, 2011

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