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SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that nineteen MCPS employees will receive scholarships to assist them with the expenses of their education at the June 21 Luncheon. Six of these scholarships come from a bequest from Louise S. Walker who was a teacher and supervisor in the school system. These are designated to be used by teachers pursuing graduate degrees or undertaking classwork to improve their teaching skills.



The **Louise S. Walker Scholarships**, in the amount of \$1000, will be awarded to:

Jeffrey Benya – Thomas Wootton HS history teacher

James Colihan - Emory Grove Center alternative education teacher

John Fitz –Thomas Wootton HS biology teacher

Tarrick Moore – Spark M. Matsunaga ES math and general education teacher

Rebecca Rice - Montgomery Village MS English teacher

Katherine Storm - Dufief ES third-grade teacher.

MCPSRA will award scholarships of \$750 each to thirteen MCPS employees. Funds for these scholarships come from the Association's budget, donations from members and memorial gifts.

The scholarship given in memory of **Albert Gibson** will go to Elizabeth Pic, a second-grade teacher at Wood Acres ES.

The **Joan Glass** scholarship will be awarded to Dawn Robinson, a special education paraeducator at Strawberry Knoll ES.

The **Joyce Hatter** scholarship will go to Jeannette Zepeda, a secretary at the Rocking Horse Center.

A scholarship in memory of **Thomas Peters** will be given to Sharon Clem, a staff development teacher at Capt. James E. Daly ES.

The remaining nine scholarships will go to these employees:

Monica Beatty – Thomas W. Pyle MS Spanish teacher

Maureen Brown –Oak View ES fourth-grade teacher

Lucia Liang - Walter Johnson HS Spanish teacher

Anita Mazzocchi - Bel Pre ES second grade teacher

Robin Pachtman - Springbrook HS media assistant

Deandrea Robinson – Sligo MS based occupational therapist

Deborah Shauer - Walter Johnson HS food trends teacher

Cristina Stern - Martin Luther King, Jr. MS ESOL teacher

Brooke Teeter - Stonegate ES first-grade teacher.

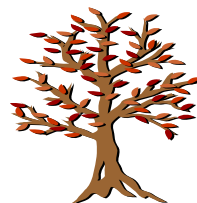
Scholarship Committee members are Jean Bedenbaugh, Joyce Conway, Ann Eberly (co-chair), Vivian Gee, Romaine Hagyard, Ken Huff, Nicki Neary, Stephen Raucher, Joy Schwab (co-chair), and E. A. Stonesifer.

MCPSRA Luncheon – June 21, 2007

The final luncheon of the 2006-07 school year will feature the presentation of the aforementioned scholarships. A special thanks to Ms. Joy Schwab and Ms. Ann Eberly, Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs, for their excellent leadership in this important project.

Additionally, the new MCPSRA officers will be formally installed by Ms. Carol Webster, President of the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association.

Please plan to attend next year's luncheons:
October 18, 2007 February 28, 2008
April 24, 2008 June 26, 2008



GOLF IN THE FALL



Mark your calendars today. The 17th Annual MCPSRA Golf Outing will be held on Friday, October 12, 2007, at the Laytonsville Golf Course, Laytonsville, MD. Further details and registration will appear in the October Newsletter.

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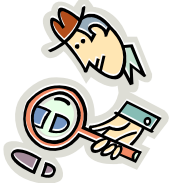
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Mary Fyffe Chiswell

Mrs. Mary Chiswell, 104, of Poolesville, died April 14, 2007. Mary was the oldest member of MCPSRA as well as the oldest citizen in Poolesville. She taught school in Montgomery County for 40 years. She lived in the same house in which she was born and grew up. She said, "I am the only person born here and still living here 100 years later." After retiring, Mary wanted to do two things: to learn to hook rugs and to travel from coast to coast. She accomplished both and much much more. An **extraordinary** lady, Mary will be missed by her family, friends and the Poolesville community.



PLEASE HELP



If you know any of these people and their address, please call Betsy Doyle at 301-947-0733. Newsletters sent to these members have been returned incurring a needless expense for the organization. At the same time please check to be sure your right address matches the one on your newsletter.

Jane Abrams, Dorothy Allen, Kathryn Baker, Anita Bickford, Marie Carmeci, Persis Darling, Sheila Doctors, Alma Dunn, Catherine Edgerton, Delores Evans, Judith Coolidge-Hill, Carolyn Flather, Edward Flickinger, Jean Gilliam, Gloria Golden, Margaret Grzeszkiewicz, Elizabeth Haas, Nancy Hopkinson, Sara Levy, Eugenia Limparic, Eleanor Lindsjo, Janet Lingrell, Ethel Lowe, June McAbee, Dorothy McKenney, John McGoldrick, Virginia McCauley, Edward Morris, Edward Mulhern, Evelyn Nannicola, Carmen Philbrook, Alex Pratt, Phyllis Pomerantz, Doris Raybould, Marjorie Van Sanderson, Margueritte Sanguinette, Robert Shaffner, Elizabeth B. Shoemaker, Ilene Shulman, Mary Jo Smith, Sylvia Strumpt, Ruth Tobey, Barbara Warren, Margareta Watson, Esther Williams, Mary Lou Wood, and Mildred Young.



COMPLETE THIS FORM ONLY IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP



**Maryland Retired School Personnel Association
Montgomery County Public Schools Retirees Association
Application for Membership**
8379 Piney Orchard Pkwy. – Suite A – Odenton, MD 21113-1508
(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 effect until cancelled by written notice mailed to the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association.

Signature _____ Date _____



THE GREAT STATE OF MCPS EDUCATION



All too often, we hear about the “problems” of public education. We read about teachers and other school personnel who have been arrested for misdeeds while the media decries the poor preparation and lack of achievement in our schools. For the record, these isolated incidents do not accurately portray the state of public education, especially here in Montgomery County.

I recently had the pleasure of serving on a screening panel for scholarships awarded annually through the Montgomery County Public Schools Retirees Association (MCPSRA) to school system employees (both teachers and support staff) wishing to advance their personal education. Applicants for these scholarships spanned a spectrum from new teachers to seasoned veterans; from school secretaries and reading specialists to bus operators and maintenance staff; from the regular education staff to those serving special needs children. What did they all share: an amazing devotion to children and a palpable energy dedicated to self improvement for the benefit of public education.

Not only do these amazing people do their jobs well, but they add that immeasurable element that makes school a great place to be. One special education teacher modestly admitted to increasing a “Best Buddies” program in her school that teams general and special education students to promote mutual social growth and understanding from 7 to 90 pairs in two years. Another recertified her school’s Junior National Honor Society and grew it by 1,000% in two years. Others spend their “spare time” building houses through Habitat for Humanity; forming poetry societies; arranging field trips and mentoring students. It is a humbling experience just to hear what great things are going on in MCPS.

This year over 180 applications were received and 19 scholarships were awarded. When asked about “future plans,” the applicants’ almost universal response was to stay in the classroom and continue to work with children. Despite the high cost of living here in Montgomery County, all applicants indicated there is nowhere else they would rather be than in MCPS.

I, and the other members of the MCPSRA scholarship committee, believe that this is the real state of public education. We have a school system filled with hard working and dedicated staff who “go the extra mile” for their students on such a regular basis that they, and we, forget that this is beyond the norm. This is what makes public education work for all students, and this is the story we need to tell.

Dr. Stephen M. Raucher, MCPS Retired Administrator



A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT KEN MUIR

This is the last newsletter of the four years that I have had the honor to be president of the Montgomery County Public Schools Retirees Association.

When I first joined the Association’s Board of Directors in 1993, as chair of the Political Action Committee, I never envisioned becoming president. In fact, I found many Board meetings less than stimulating. But, as I got to know better how the Association worked, I gained great appreciation for the diligence and hard work done by the thirty-some members of the Board of Directors. I’m indebted to the folks who have served with me on the Board of Directors. They are the ones who have made it possible to achieve progress for our Association.

Lots of good things have happened over the past four years. We sat down with Superintendent Jerry Weast each year to ask how we could help MCPS. His suggestion led to our “Books and Toolkits” project which has provided “tool kits” for entering kindergarten students in the Title I voluntary summer school program, and a book or two for those in grades 1-5. This project has been led to success by Joanne Steckler and Joan Donovan. Much of its success this year has been due to the generosity of many MCPSRA members.

And, at the end of the year, we’ve invited Dr. Weast to our June luncheon to give a “state of the schools” message and to help present scholarships to MCPS employees who are working to improve their professional skills. This year, we’re presenting 19 scholarships, the most in the Association’s history.

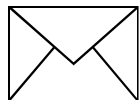
Through the cooperation of MCPS staff, we have become part of the pre-retirement workshops conducted by the Employee and Retiree Service Center, and the June MCPS Retirement Ceremony. We’re also working with the three employee organizations to see how the four groups can do a better job of representing and looking out for the interests of MCPS retirees.

In efforts to improve our communication with members, Fred Evans has initiated a web site (mcpsretirees.org) that is receiving increased use. Newsletter editor Zora Camp has increased the number of our newsletters from four to five. And, to make your dues dollars go further, we’ve begun selling advertising in both the directory and newsletter to help reduce their cost.

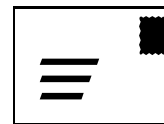
MCPSRA trips continue to be enjoyed by many of our members. Frieda Price and Mary Ann Davis do an excellent job of coming up with interesting and educational destinations and getting travelers there in great style. There have been nearly two dozen trips this year, from local destinations to the Panama Canal and Alaska. Each issue of the newsletter keeps you abreast of what’s being offered.

Betsy Doyle, our recording secretary (minutes of Board meetings) and MRSPA Area Director, has done an outstanding job, along with membership chair Juliette Trevino, getting our membership records and mailing addresses into good shape.

I am indebted to all members of the Board of Directors for helping to plan and look to the future to ensure that the Association does the best possible job of representing retirees.



OVER THE YEARS: STUDENTS AND TEACHERS STAYING IN TOUCH



Star Mitchell, an MCPSRA member, recently received a call from Michael Marstaller, Rockville HS Class of 1972. Michael was in Lewes, DE, doing some work for Bill Earl who had been his Rockville HS Band teacher. Bill Earl, age 86, is a member of MCPSRA and was in a band that used to come and play for us. They wore the straw hats. Bill attended Walmo ES in New Castle, PA, where Elizabeth Noss (a trumpet player) was his first grade teacher. Bill had just mailed her a birthday card because his first grade teacher was celebrating her 100th birthday the second week of May!

MCPSRA Proposed 2007-08 Budget

Adopted by the Board of Directors

on May 3, 2007

	2006-07	2007-08
<u>INCOME</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Local Membership Dues	\$ 28,000	\$ 27,000
MRSPA Postage Grant	30	30
Investment Income	2500	1500
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 30,530	\$28,530
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Officers		
President	\$ 200	\$ 200
Vice President	125	125
Recording Secretary	770	400
Treasurer/Assistant Treasurer	650	650
Treasurer Stipend	2400	
Membership Chair Stipend		2400
Committees		
Archives	25	25
Auditing	250	550
Budget	10	10
Community Service	25	25
Education & Protective Services	50	50
Hospitality	200	750
Insurance	2500	200
Legislative	700	100
Membership	700	700
Necrology & Recognition	300	150
Political Action	500	100
Program	800	800
Publications	15000	16000
Scholarship	6000	6000
Special Projects	2500	2000
Trips	50	50
MRSPA Donations/Fees	50	50
Donations & Contributions	500	500
Legal/Financial Consultants	1000	
Webpage	1200	1200
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 36505	\$ 33035
DEFICIT	\$ -5975	\$ -4505

Note: The budget for 2007-2008 shows a deficit amount, but less than for 2006-2007. Our experience over years has been that many allocations are not fully used, and there is always a surplus at the end of the fiscal year. We expect to publish a new member directory in Fall 2007, the cost of which will come from reserve funds.

Ken Huff, Budget Development Chairperson

RETIREMENT LIVING WORKSHOP

Is your house holding you back? This was the title of a recent MRSPA workshop. Irene Rosenthal, Chief of Housing Services for the Department of Aging, gave us options after retirement. Most seniors do want to remain in their own homes. With "Universal Design" you can improve your home by adding a first floor entrance, no steps, grab bars in bathrooms, wider doors, etc. Loans, low interest or deferred, are available for such improvements. New housing for seniors incorporates such designs.

Rentals are also an option with housing vouchers. HUD has lists of available housing. Tax credit programs and reverse mortgages are other options. Continuing Care Communities and community buses are also out there. Active Adult Housing is the fastest growing segment of the senior housing market. Leisure World is an example.

An attorney spoke on legal considerations when making joint titles to your house for inheritance purposes.

Kevin Fusco spoke on "How Much Housing We Can Afford." Budget and keep your credit reports accurate and up to date. Federal law entitles everyone to one free report a year. Major credit bureaus are Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. To obtain access to this service, go to: www.annualcreditreport.com or call toll free at 877-322-8228.

Credit reports are part of your financial history and important before you apply for any insurance, house or employment. Mr. Fusco added how important it is to cancel unused credit cards. In so doing, send a written statement to the company and the Better Business Bureau with "closed by consumer" included in the request. This will clear your credit status regarding credit cards.

Carolyn Hickman, Ed.&Pro. Services Chair

Here's a quote to ponder from the late N.C. State basketball coach, Jim Valvano: "To me, there are three things we all should do every day. Number 1 is laugh. You should laugh every day. Number 2 is think. You should spend some time in thought. And number 3 is you should have your emotions moved to tears, could be happiness or joy. But think about it. If you laugh, think and cry, that's a full day. That's a heck of a day. You do that seven days a week; you're going to have something special."



Angelina Goffredo and Ruth Doak were named to the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame at an October 26, 2006 ceremony in Baltimore. Congratulations to these long-serving members of the MCPSRA Board of Directors.

We DID IT – almost! - from Joan Donovan, Chair

Last February we challenged MCPSRA members to donate to the Books and Toolkits projects for the Title I Extended Learning Opportunities Summer Adventures in Learning (SAID) program. To date, 267 people responded and we have received the \$10,000 needed for the 1,000 toolkits for the kindergartners participating in SAIL.

An additional \$3,625 was contributed by MCPSRA members, individuals and businesses to purchase new books for first through fifth graders in SAIL. Special thanks go to Maryland State Senator Rona Kramer for her very generous personal check. Charles E. Weller, President of OBA Bank in Germantown, sent a contribution on behalf of the bank. MCTFCU partnered with us: Karen Rosales and Kristine Mathey acquired a \$1,000 MCTFCU donation; arranged for MCTFCU to provide 1,000 rulers and erasers for the toolkits; conducted a new and/or gently use children’s books drive at all MCTFCU branches.

To provide each first through fifth grader in SAIL this summer with a book, we need to raise a bit more money. All donations are TAX DEDUCTIBLE. If you did not have a chance to sponsor a toolkit, here is your opportunity to be of great help. Complete the form below and send in your donation for the books.

Thanks to all of you for what has already been accomplished. The smiles on the faces of the children this summer will be our true reward, reflecting that bond and love that exist between the children and all current as well as retired school personnel who are still dedicated to their success in learning.



MCPSRA TOOLKITS AND BOOKS SPONSORSHIP FORM

Please provide (print clearly) the following information and mail it with a check made payable to: MCPS Education Foundation (with “Books/Toolkits Projects” on the memo line) to: Mrs. Joan Donovan, 13 Hilton Court, Gaithersburg, MD 20882-3521.

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

I am enclosing a donation of \$ _____ for the purchase of new books.

**THE GEORGE B. THOMAS, SR. LEARNING
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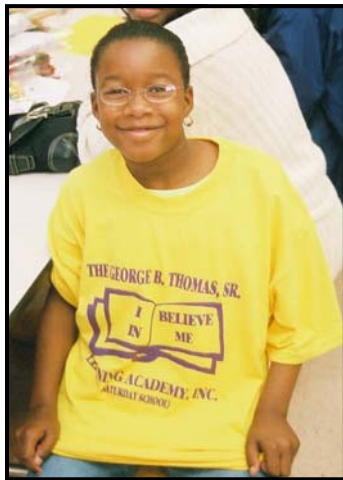
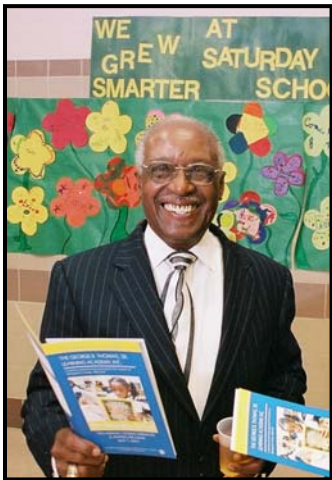


**GBTLA Closing Ceremonies
Celebrates Students!**



Closing ceremonies for the GBTLA were held on Saturday, May 5, at all GBTLA center locations. Over 2,000 students and their families joined with GBTLA staff, MCPS executive staff, and Montgomery County government officials to celebrate the accomplishments of the school year. Over 600 students were recognized for having achieved a 3.0 or higher GPA!

Fourteen seniors received \$1000 scholarships as part of the GBTLA's High Achievement Scholarship Program. This program, made possible through a grant from Verizon Maryland, is in its third year and has awarded scholarships to forty-one deserving seniors. These students all have outstanding scholastic records and have demonstrated dedication to the Learning Academy by serving as volunteer tutors.



At left, Dr. George B. Thomas, Sr. attends the closing ceremony at Paint Branch High School. At right, one of the GBTLA students proudly displays her Learning Academy shirt.

Fall is a Great Time to Volunteer

The GBTLA provides tutoring and mentoring services to over 3,000 students from October through May. Although the Academy is over for this year, the 2007—2008 season isn't far away! Please consider tutoring with us in the coming year. It is a great opportunity to work with a wonderful group of students.

Both lead tutors and volunteers are needed. Individuals with certification are eligible to serve as lead tutors and will receive a stipend of \$35 per hour. Those without certification can serve as volunteers.

All twelve center locations are in need of both lead tutors and volunteers:

- Montgomery Blair Center
- Albert Einstein Center
- Gaithersburg Center
- John F. Kennedy Center
- Northwest Center
- Magruder Center
- Paint Branch Center
- Rockville Center
- Sherwood Center
- Springbrook Center
- Watkins Mill Center
- Wheaton Center

Tutoring sessions are held on Saturday mornings from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. from October through May. If you are interested, please contact Michael Thomas, Executive Director, on 301.320.6545.

WANT A WANT AD?

To offset production and distribution costs, the MRSPA Board of Directors has agreed to accept advertising. Dimensions and per issue rates are as follows:

Business card	2.0" wide x 3.0" 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 as camera ready copy via US mail. WORD formatting will be provided on request to the Newsletter Editor. If you need professional help in following these guidelines or ad design, it is available, pro-rated at \$45 per ½ hour, at A.G. Fiorill Printing (www.fiorillprinting.com) or at 301-776-0585 or by FAX at 301-776-0592).

Deadlines for future Newsletters are as follows:

Sept. 6, 2007	for the October 2007 issue
Nov. 1, 2007	for the December 2007 issue
Jan. 3, 2008	for the February 2008 issue
Mar. 6, 2008	for the April 2008 issue
May 1, 2008	for the June 2008 issue

Send advertising copy (email or mail) to the Newsletter Editor. The fee must be submitted in advance to publication with a check made payable to MCPSRA.

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Mail camera ready copy and/or check to MCPSRA,
P.O. Box 4367, Rockville, MD 20849-4367

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

The Literacy Council of Montgomery County seeks volunteers to teach adults to read, write, or speak English. No foreign language skills are necessary. Tutor orientation sessions are scheduled for the following dates:

- Monday, June 25: 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm
at the Wheaton Library
- Monday, July 9: : 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm
at the Rockville Library
- Wednesday, August 29: 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm
at the Rockville Library



Advance registration is required. Call 301-610-0030 for further information or email: info@literacycouncilmcmd.org

COME JOIN THE ROCKVILLE MEN'S CHORUS

Our fall season begins on Sept. 4, 2007

We are nonprofit, independent group of men of various ages, occupations and professions bound together by our love of music and desire to promote male choral singing.

This fall we will be part of a special program sponsored by the City of Rockville to honor active duty military personnel and armed forces veterans on November 11, 2007 at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theater in Rockville



Be a part of this and other special events!!

For more information, please visit our website:
WWW.ROCKVILLEMENSCHORUS.ORG
and click on "Sing With Us"

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WIN \$25. FOR DINING OUT... answer the QUESTION OF THE MONTH:

What accomplishment was Earle B Wood known for in MCPS?

First 3 correct answers CALLED IN win a \$25. Dining Gift Certificate

Featured Property

\$515,000

**13437 Walnutwood
La**



Charming home owned by two MCPS teachers! Colonial with center hall design, formal Living & Dining Rooms, Large table-space kitchen, 4 BR, 2.5 Baths, Recreations Rm. Deck. Great neighborhood with Lake, pool, tot lots, tennis courts close-by. Great condition. Call for your personal showing.

ENGLISH FOR DAILY LIVING PROJECT

The Literacy Council of Montgomery County (LCMC) is recruiting volunteers to serve as Curriculum Reviewers and Teachers as members of a working group currently developing a series of English for Daily Living classes for adult students.

The objectives of the classes are to develop basic, common-sense skills for daily living, improve English competence and engage students who are currently wait-listed for LCMC's tutoring program. Classes would cover common must-know skills for daily life in the US such as health, school, home/hearth, transportation, safety, finances, shopping and work. Volunteers should have the following qualifications: (1) experience working with adult learners, (2) experience teaching ESOL; (3) experience in course content development and (4) classroom teaching experience.

The role of the Curriculum Reviewers would be to review and provide input on course material under development and recommend workbooks and/or other texts to be used in class.

The role of the Teachers would be to lead and/or associate to conduct classes and teach 1-2 hours of classes per week for 8 to 10 weeks.

Location of classes: Northwood High School, 919 University Blvd. W, Silver Spring and possibly at the new Rockville Library.

Start Dates: Curriculum Reviewers: Immediately
Teachers: September 2007

Time Commitment: Six months

If interested, please contact Pam, Kim, Asoka or Shelly at the Literacy Council: 301-610-0030 or respond to: info@literacycouncilmcmd.org.

Former MCPSRA Board member Jack Hill shares this information. He can be reached at jacmar9@msn.com

About Extra Dental Service

There is a service available, on a discount basis, which can be utilized for someone who could not be covered under the regular MCPS Aetna dental plan. An example could be an adult child. The program is called Vital Savings by Aetna. It is a discount program. The contact is: Vital Savings by Aetna, 7400 Gaylord Parkway, Frisco, TX 75034 or www.vitalsavings.com or at 1-877-698-4825.

About life insurance

AARP and MRSPA sponsor life insurance programs for members. There are presently programs available from other reputable insurance companies that provide policies that may cost less and provide a higher level of coverage. There may be conditions in some cases but also coverage can be obtained for applicants in their 80's.

HOW TO BENEFIT YOUR FAVORITE CHARITY AND YOURSELF

From now through December 31, 2007, a federal tax law allows you to make tax-free charitable donations from your IRA. There are just a few simple rules you must follow:

- You must be at least 70 ½ years of age on the date of your gift.
- You may give up to \$100,000 per person this year
- The rules apply to traditional and Roth IRAs only.
- Gifts will be counted towards your Required Minimum Distribution.
- Distributions will be excluded from gross income for tax purposes; that is, they cannot be claimed as deductions but will result in a greater benefit to you as an exclusion.
- Gifts must go to a qualified public charity.
- Funds must be transferred directly from your IRA to the chosen charity; you may not take the distribution yourself and then donate the funds.

Consult your tax advisor or the institution that manages your IRA for further information.

Ruth Doak, Community Service Chair

DID YOU LIVE AND/OR WORK IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY FROM 1960-2000?

Jeremy Sullivan, a PhD candidate in American History at the University of Maryland, is writing a dissertation on schools and schooling in Montgomery County from 1960-2000. He is very interested in meeting with former teachers, administrators, staff, students, and parents who lived and/or worked in the county during any part of this time period. If you would be willing to meet with him, please call 240-381-0774 or email jsyeoman@yahoo.com to set up an oral history interview.

ASIAN AMERICAN LEAD

Asian American LEAD, a non-profit organization with offices in Wheaton MD, is currently seeking volunteers to become mentors or tutors for low-income Asian American middle school students.

If you want to give back to the community or want to assist youth, please volunteer with us.

For more information, please contact Phuc Nguyen, Volunteer Coordinator, at 301-942-9333 or Janguyen@aalead.org.

Do you believe that women are a force in history?

Are your former students or grandchildren learning about the importance of women in our history?

If you answered “Yes” to the first question but “No” to the second, please consider supporting the work of the National Women’s History Project.

Founded in 1980, as an educational nonprofit organization, our mission is to recognize and celebrate the diverse and historic accomplishments of women by providing information, and educational materials and programs

Please support our work by becoming a member of the **Writing Women Back into History Team**. (**WWBH Team**)

Your membership will enable us to continue educating today’s students about the extraordinary contributions and lives of women.

To join the **WWBH Team***, please visit our website www.nwhp.org and click on the donate button ***all memberships are tax deductible**

Order a free Women’s History Resource Catalog (707)636-2888

For information, materials, and resources related to celebrating and recognizing women’s historic achievements, visit www.nwhp.org

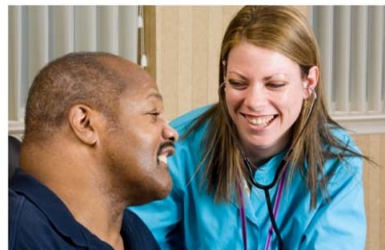


National Women's History Project

THANK YOU FOR

- suggesting MCPSRA membership to friends employed by MCPS who are considering retirement
- reminding them we are the only organization dedicated to representing ALL MCPS retirees, no matter what their job was
- suggesting they sign up for automatic dues deduction
- informing MCPSRA of changes in your name, address, phone number by mailing the information to MCPSRA, P.O. BOX 4367, ROCKVILLE, MD 20849-4367 or by emailing membership chair Juliette Trevino at jgtrevino@comcast.net
- coming to the Luncheons and supporting the many projects mentioned in the Newsletter.

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A FIRE SAFE HOME HAS...



Fire-Resistant Exterior Construction

Wall materials which resist heat and flames include cement, plaster, stucco and concrete masonry. Although some vinyl will not burn, during some larger fires, firefighters found that some vinyl soffits melted allowing embers into the attic space.

Emergency Access

Identify your home and neighborhood with legible and clearly marked street names and numbers so emergency vehicles can rapidly find the location of the emergency.

Mulch Landscaping

Although mulch helps retain soil moisture, when dry, it can become flammable. Mulch as well as all landscaping should be kept well watered to prevent them from becoming fire fuel.

Defensible Space

Do you have at least 30 ft of space surrounding your home that is Lean, Clean and Green? The objective of Defensible Space is to reduce the wildfire threat to your home by changing the characteristics of the surrounding vegetation. Lean - Prune shrubs and cut back tree branches, especially within 15 feet of your chimney. Clean - Remove all dead plant material from around your home; this includes dead leaves, dry grass and even stacked firewood, Green-Plant fire-resistant vegetation that is healthy and green throughout the year.



Defensible space allows firefighters room to put out or extinguish 'outside' fires.

Fire-Resistant Attachments

Attachments include any structure connected to your home, such as decks, porches or fences. If an attachment to a home is not fire-resistant, then the home as a whole is not as fire safe.

A Disaster Plan

The time to plan for a fire emergency is now. Take a few minutes to discuss with your family what actions you will need to take.

- Post the emergency telephone number in a visible place.
- Decide where you will go and how you will get there. Unlike evacuating for a hurricane, with fire you may only have a moments notice. Two escape routes out of your home and out of your neighborhood are preferable.
- Have a plan for your pets
- Practice family fire drills

Smokers should use extra care in discarding smoking materials

From the Montgomery County Fire & Rescue Service.

NEW LONG TERM CARE BENEFIT MEANS LOWER PREMIUMS FOR MRSPA MEMBERS

We are pleased to announce the MRSPA Board of Directors has approved the addition of John Hancock's *Leading Edge* Long Term Care insurance. Effective immediately, MRSPA members and their families are eligible for the new plan.

While many MRSPA members have recognized the glaring need for long term care coverage in the past, high premiums have often deterred purchase. *Leading Edge* may be the answer to neglected coverage due to high cost.

By re-structuring its policies, creating standards and streamlining the process, *Leading Edge* affords members the same great benefits with significantly reduced premiums. Both new and existing members will, as always, also benefit from a 5% MRSPA Group Membership Discount, now exclusively held with our firm.

Long term care coverage can protect your retirement, your family and your future. It's time to look at long term care insurance again.

For additional information, please contact Kristin Hershey or Joe Barger at 1-800-777-4798 or 410-825-0781. Feel free to email us at Kristin.Hershey@LFG.com or Joseph.Barger@LFG.com. We look forward to talking with you.



A Senior's Guide to Crime Prevention:



How much do you already know about avoiding crime? Take this quick True or False quiz.

1. It is safest to keep your keys in your pocket or purse until you reach your car or home.
2. It is best not to answer the door at all if you don't know who is there.
3. Don't list your first name in the phone book; give only your initials.
4. You should fight a thief to save your money or other valuables.
5. A good doorknob lock with a chain lock is all you need on your front and back doors.
6. Many police departments will send someone to your home to check out your locks and other safety features.
7. If you come home to find an open door or a broken window or screen, do not go inside.
8. It's okay to keep important papers in the car as long as they are locked up in the glove compartment.

Answers:

1. **False**- It is safest to have your keys in hand before you reach your car or home. Searching for a key can leave you open to attack.
2. **False**- Burglars often ring the doorbell to see if anyone is home before attempting to break in. It's best to respond to the doorbell without opening the door.
3. **True**- Listing your first name in the directory gives strangers information you may not want them to have. Consider having your phone number unlisted.
4. **False**- Your belongings are never as important as your life! It is best to give them up and hope doing so will save you from harm.
5. **False**- A deadbolt lock with at least a 1 inch bolt is the best type of lock to prevent break-ins.
6. **True**-The Montgomery County Police will be happy to send someone out to your home to discuss your home's safety features, including locks. Check with your district station Community Services Officer.
7. **True**- Never go into the house the burglar may still be inside. Go to a neighbor's house to contact the police.
8. **False**- Never leave any personal papers or other valuables in your vehicle.

This information came from the Montgomery County, Maryland Police Department website.

CALLING ALL KENNEDY CAVALIERS....



John F. Kennedy High School staff is interested in getting in touch with former JFK staff, students, families and friends. They are organizing an early fall first ever, all-class event . They would like to share this information with as many as possible who would be interested. Email Monique_N_Riddick@mcpsmd.org.

NEW MEMBERS June 2007

Ilene Glaser
Barbara Greive
Patricia McGarvey
Darlene Merry
Sandra Robinson

**Ida McClay was not listed among our
Emeritus Members in the
April Newsletter. We regret the error
and are pleased to list her in this
June 2007 issue.**

IN MEMORIAM JUNE 2007

James Baliles	Velma Fitzwater	Louise Kudatsky	Margaret Rowe
Clair Baum	Cary Frey	John Kuykendall	James Smith
Monnie Brake	Rose Gerns	Donald Mills	F Squier
Tera Brown	Joan Glass	Alfred Moore	Rita Stanbrough
Dolly Burdette	Margaret Hedges	James Mullinix	Donna Stephens
Catherine Clark	Barbara Henning	Tamara Nance	Truman Thomas Sr.
Corrine Colmes	Thomas Henry	Phyllis Newman	Marion Thompson
Carla Cope	Carmen Hostetler	Raymond Newton Jr.	James Traxel
William Cox	Douglas Jacoby	Pearl Niedermayer	Ellen Williams
F. Davila	Leroy Jones	Edward Offutt Jr.	Estella Williams
Thomas Fitch	Mildred King	Rita Rosenberg	

PARKING INFORMATION



REMINDERS REMINDERS REMINDERS

Day trip parking information will be indicated in each trip description. Overnight 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. We rotate seats on most of our overnight trips.
6. Smoking and drinking of alcoholic beverages are not permitted on the coach.
7. 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.
8. Write a separate check, payable to MCPSRA, for each trip. Include name and date of trip on check...
9. Send check with completed reservation form.
10. 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.
11. Refunds are made only when your space can be filled.
12. Gratuities for driver and local guides are not included in the price of the trip.
13. 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.
14. We do not provide transportation to and from the airport for trips that require flying.

TRAVEL CO-CHAIRS

Frieda J. Price..... 301-926-2286
105 N. Summit Ave. #4, Gaithersburg, MD 20877-2935

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

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| June 27 | In the Beginning - Sight and Sound Theatre, Lancaster, PA – Dec. Newsletter |
| Aug. 1 | Broadway’s Best—American Music Theatre, Lancaster, PA Dec. Newsletter
Payment Due - June 13 |
| Aug. 5-12 | Mayflower Tour - San Francisco, Lake Tahoe, San Francisco - Dec. Newsletter
(Book with Eyre) |
| Aug. 22 | Boston Pops at Wolf Trap. Program: Gershwin and Friends * |
| Sept. 19 | The New NEWSEUM, Washington, DC,* |
| Oct. 1-4 | Elegant NY State for Fall Foliage
April Newsletter |
| Oct. 17 | Western Md. Railroad trip from Cumberland to Frostburg and return. * |
| Nov. 30-
Dec. 3 | “Night of a Thousand Candles”- Myrtle Beach , Pawley’s Island * |
| Dec. 11-13 | Annual New York Fling Apr. Newsletter |
| Dec. 19 | Musical Show - Irving Berlin’s “White Christmas” - Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre * |
| Dec. ?? | White House Tour |

* Indicates the trip is written up in this newsletter.

There is space available on all trips so we hope you’ll choose to travel with us on one or more or all of these.

TRAVELERS PLEASE TAKE NOTE!



HAWAIIAN ISLANDS CRUISE with NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE on the BRAND NEW PRIDE OF HAWAII

If you would be interested in a trip (cruise) around the Hawaiian Islands for 8 days-PLUS 2 nights pre-cruise at the Waikiki Beach Marriott, starting April 5, 2008, please send a self-addressed legal-size stamped envelope to Frieda and she will send you the information. It’s not too early to reserve your space if you are interested.

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BOSTON POPS AT WOLF TRAP
Wednesday, August 22, 2007



DON'T MISS this delightful evening of entertainment, an annual event for MCPSRA, to which we always look forward and thoroughly enjoy. We have purchased a limited number of tickets so don't hesitate sending in your reservation if you are interested in going.

- 6:00 pm Depart from Montgomery College Parking Lot (next to Board of Ed) on Mannakee St.
- 8:00 pm Showtime: featuring music of Gershwin and Friends
- 10:30- 11:00 pm Approximate return time

Cost: \$61.00 per person.
Includes: Eyre Motor Coach transportation and admission ticket. Does **not** include gratuity for driver.

Date Due: July 18, 2007

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

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MARYLAND FALL FOLIAGE
FROM THE WESTERN MARYLAND SCENIC
RAILROAD
Wednesday, October 17, 2007



- 8:30 am Depart from Park & Ride - Norbeck Road & Georgia Ave.

Upon arrival in **Cumberland** about 11:00 a.m., we'll receive tickets and boarding information at the **Western Maryland Railway Station**, Concourse Level Ticket Office. **Luncheon** will be served on board the train and can be enjoyed along with narration and scenery as we journey up the mountain to **Frostburg**. While there, enjoy the Shops by the Depot, the Thrasher Carriage Museum and Main Street, Frostburg. It is possible also to watch the train engine turn around for the return trip. Dessert will be served during the return trip to Cumberland. Upon arrival in Cumberland, if time permits, there is shopping in the Shops at Canal Place as well as the C & O Canal Visitors Center to tour or take a stroll across Wills Creek to George Washington's Headquarters.

- 6:30 pm Return to Park & Ride – Norbeck Road & Georgia Avenue

Cost: \$95.00 per person
Includes: Round trip transportation from Rockville to Cumberland on EYRE motor coach; Ticket for train excursion, Cumberland to Frostburg and return; Luncheon on board train; all tolls, taxes and gratuities **with exception of gratuity for coach operator.**

Date Due: **September 5, 2007**

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

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THE NEWSEUM
Washington, DC
Wednesday, September 19, 2007



- 9:00 am Depart from Park & Ride – Norbeck Rd. & Georgia Ave.
- 3:00 pm Return to Park & Ride.

Our group will be among some “preview guests” who will travel into the world of news when we visit this new “Must See” prior to its October 15 grand re-opening. We could be asked for opinions, reactions or suggestions as a preview group. Visit their website: www.newseum.org.

The Newseum will feature seven levels of galleries, theaters, retail spaces and visitor services and offer a unique environment that takes museum-goers behind the scenes to experience how and why news is made.

The proverbial Gift Shop can be found in four locations. A Wolfgang Puck Restaurant **may** be open in time for our visit for lunch on your own. If not, you may consider lunch on your own at the National Gallery of Art or the Museum of the American Indian, both within walking distance.

Cost: \$27.00 per person
Included: Round-trip transportation on deluxe EYRE motor coach. Does **not** include gratuity for driver.
Due: **August 30, 2007**

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“NIGHT OF A THOUSAND CANDLES”

Brookgreen Gardens, Myrtle Beach, SC

Friday, November 30 – Monday, December 3, 2007

7:00 am Depart from Park & Ride - Norbeck Road & Georgia Ave.

4:30 pm Arrive at **Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort**, for a brief rest before dinner at the **Giant Crab Seafood Restaurant** and the **Christmas Show** at the **Carolina Opry**.

Day 2 will include breakfast at the hotel, a visit **Pawley’s Island**, famous for rope hammocks (which you can watch being made here) unique shops and boutiques and moss-draped oak trees, a fine example of Carolina Low Country charm. Following lunch-on-your own, we arrive at **Brookgreen Gardens** to enjoy the gardens, an early dinner and join in the **Night of a Thousand Candles** celebration. A variety of musical performances throughout the gardens is enhanced as darkness grows and candles create new shadows among the trees and sculptures. There are places for resting and maps for guiding you as you wander the gardens at your own speed.

Day 3 will include breakfast at the hotel, followed by visiting **Broadway at the Beach** or **Barefoot Landing** for shopping or browsing with lunch-on-your-own. About 4 pm we’ll visit **Ripley’s Aquarium** and the **Festival of Trees** with dinner included.

Day 4 will include breakfast at the hotel prior to departing for the Park & Ride at Norbeck Road & Georgia Avenue about 5:30 pm.

Cost: \$530 per person, double occupancy
\$630 single occupancy

Included: Round-trip deluxe EYRE motor coach transportation (with video); 3 nights accommodations; 3 dinners; 3 full breakfasts; tours and admissions as listed; baggage handling (one per person); tolls, taxes and gratuities. Does **not** include gratuity for driver.

Deposit of \$200 per person due: July 18, 2007

Balance: September 12, 2007

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**DUTCH APPLE DINNER THEATRE
LANCASTER, PA**

SHOW: IRVING BERLIN’S WHITE CHRISTMAS

Wednesday, December 19, 2007

Don’t miss this show for it is one of the all-time great musical films and rarely seen on a live stage. We have requested a limited number of tickets so don’t hesitate to send in your reservation early to reserve your seat

8:45 am Depart from Park and Ride – Norbeck Road and Georgia Avenue
11:00 am Lunch
1:00 pm Showtime
3:30 pm Depart for home
6:30 pm Arrive back at Park and Ride Norbeck Rd. and Georgia. Ave.

Cost: \$85.00 per person
Includes: Transportation by Eyre motor coach, lunch and show, tolls, taxes and gratuities. Does **not** include gratuity for the coach operator..

Date Due: November 5, 2007

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

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**ONE MCPSRA NEWSLETTER =
ONE FREE HAIRCUT**

Wheaton HS alum Kenny Velasquez is offering a free haircut to any MCPSRA member who brings this Newsletter to his shop, located at 111 University Blvd. West in Four Corners. Kenny's Barber Shop is downstairs at the rear of the 111 address, between the passport photo shop and the Chevy Chase Bank. Parking is available in the rear.



TRIP RESERVATION FORM:

Pops at Wolf Trap

Wednesday, August 22, 2007

Name _____ Phone # _____

Name _____ Phone # _____

Member of MCPSRA? Yes ___ No ___ If not, guest of: _____

Total # reservations _____ Total amount enclosed _____ Make check to MCPSRA



TRIP RESERVATION FORM:

Western Maryland Scenic Railroad

Wednesday, October 17, 2007

Name _____ Phone # _____

Name _____ Phone # _____

Member of MCPSRA? Yes ___ No ___ If not, guest of: _____

Please indicate menu choices for each person. All include a dessert, coffee, iced tea or water.

___ 1) Roast Beef with gravy served on Texas toast, mashed potatoes, summer blend vegetables

___ 2) Turkey Club Sandwich served with chips, carrot & celery sticks, macaroni salad

___ 3) Vegetable Lasagna served with small tossed salad

Total # reservations _____ Total amount enclosed _____ Make check payable to MCPSRA



TRIP RESERVATION FORM:

The Newseum, Washington, DC

Wednesday, September 19, 2007

Name _____ Phone # _____

Name _____ Phone # _____

Member of MCPSRA? Yes ___ No ___ If not, guest of: _____

Total # reservations _____ Total amount enclosed _____ Make check to MCPSRA



TRIP RESERVATION FORM:

“Night of a Thousand Candles” at Brookgreen Gardens, Myrtle Beach, SC

Fri., Nov. 30 – Mon., Dec. 3, 2007

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Member of MCPSRA? Yes ___ No ___ If not, guest of: _____

Total # reservations _____ Total amount enclosed _____ Make check to MCPSRA

Single _____ Double _____ Smoking _____ Non-smoking _____



TRIP RESERVATION FORM:

Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre

Wednesday, December 19, 2007

Name _____ Phone # _____

Name _____ Phone # _____

Member of MCPSRA? Yes ___ No ___ If not, guest of: _____

Total # reservations _____ Total amount enclosed _____ Make check to MCPSRA



DIRECTIONS TO WILLOW TREE INN

At the Montgomery Village Golf Club
19550 Montgomery Village Avenue
Gaithersburg, MD 301-948-8832



MCPSRA Luncheon
Thursday, June 21, 2007

MENU

Spinach Salad

Grilled Salmon

OR

Chicken Piccata

OR

Pasta Primavera

Potatoes au Gratin
Assorted Vegetables

Hot Rolls

Sherbet

Coffee, Tea

- Take Exit #11 off I-270. Go north on Montgomery Village Avenue, through nine traffic lights.
- After you pass the traffic light at Club House Road, get into the left lane.
- Take the next left into the entrance to the Willow Tree Inn.
- Pass the upper level parking lot on your immediate left.
- Bear left on the drive which takes you to the lower parking lot.
- Enter the Inn by the stairs or ramp adjacent to the lower lot.



Please be aware that if Montgomery County Public Schools are closed that day, the luncheon is cancelled. If there is a delayed opening of any kind, the luncheon will be held.



We will be collecting plastic bottle caps as well as new and gently used books for the Books & Toolkits Project at the June Luncheon.



RESERVATIONS FOR MCPSRA LUNCHEON/BUSINESS MEETING
Thursday, June 21, 2007 at the Willow Tree Inn

Gathering: 11:00 a.m.

Business Meeting: 11:30 a.m.

Luncheon: 12:00 Noon

Program

Price of Luncheon: \$17.00

CIRCLE ENTRÉE CHOICE

Name. _____ Phone _____ Salmon Chicken Piccata Pasta

Name. _____ Phone _____ Salmon Chicken Piccata Pasta

Reservations for 1 or 2 @ \$17.00 Total: \$ _____

Mail reservation form and check PAYABLE TO MCPSRA to:

Angelina Goffredo
5304 Flanders Avenue, Kensington, MD 20895-1139
For information: 301-942-2573

YOUR RESERVATION FORM AND CHECK MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 18, 2007.

MCPSRA Luncheon/Business Meeting

Thursday, June 21, 2007

THE WILLOW TREE INN

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

Luncheon: 12:00 noon

Program

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