

# MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS RETIREES ASSOCIATION, INC.



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## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that nine MCPS employees will receive scholarships to assist them with the expenses of their education at the June 18, 2009, luncheon. Each of the following employees will receive a scholarship of \$1000. Funds for these scholarships come from the Association's budget, donations from members and memorial gifts:

- ❖ **Renee Braxton**, Administrative Secretary, Col. E. Brooke Lee
- ❖ **Elizabeth Hlebrasko**, Kindergarten teacher, Little Bennett ES
- ❖ **Marilyn Keane**, Content Specialist, Sligo MS
- ❖ **Julie Leavitt**, Fourth Grade teacher, Strathmore ES
- ❖ **Greg Myer**, Fourth Grade teacher, Lucy Barnsley ES
- ❖ **Alison O'Connor**, Special Education teacher, Rocky Hill MS
- ❖ **Petra Remson**, Paraeducator, Bannockburn ES

Memorial scholarships named for Dr. Thomas Peters and Robert Gibson were awarded to

- ❖ **Theresa Horton**, Security Team Leader, Northwest HS
- ❖ **Jill Latchana**, Instructional Specialist, CESC.

The Scholarship Committee members are Jean Bedenbaugh, Joe Camissa, Joyce Conway, Ann Eberly (co-chair), Romaine Hagyard, Ken Hurr, Stephen Raucher, Joy Schwab (co-chair), and E.A. Stonesifer.

## MCPSRA Luncheon – June 18, 2009

(Note the date)

The final luncheon of the 2008-09 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.

Please plan to attend next year's luncheons:

October 29, 2009      February 25, 2010  
April 22, 2010      June 17, 2010

## CONGRATULATIONS AND A WARM WELCOME To OUR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS

At the MCPSRA April 28, 2009, luncheon, members elected the following officers who assume their roles on July 1, 2009:

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| ❖ President           | <b>Gerald W. Johnson</b> |
| ❖ Vice President      | <b>Joy G. Schwab</b>     |
| ❖ Recording Secretary | <b>Mary D'Ovidio</b>     |
| ❖ Treasurer           | <b>Ken Muir</b>          |



## ATTENTION ALL GOLFERS

**Mark your calendars today.** The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual MCPSRA Golf Outing will be held on Friday, October 9, 2009, (rain date is October 17, 2008) at the Laytonsville Golf Course, Laytonsville, MD. Further details and a registration form will appear in the October Newsletter.

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## IN MEMORIAM JUNE 2009

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Newsletters to the following MCPSRA members have been returned. If you have information regarding any of them, please contact Juliette Trevino at [jgtrevino@comcast.net](mailto:jgtrevino@comcast.net)

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| • Jean A. Abrams   | • Mary S. Koester     |
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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)

**MCPSRA 2009-10 Budget**  
 Adopted by the Board of Directors  
 on April 2, 2009



	<b>2008-2009</b>	<b>2009-2010</b>
	<u><b>Budget</b></u>	<u><b>Budget</b></u>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Local Membership Dues	\$ 27,000	\$ 27,000
MRSPA Postage Grant	30	137
Investment Income	1500	*
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	\$ 28,530	\$ 27,137

**EXPENSES**

<b>Officers</b>		
President	\$ 200	\$ 200
Vice President	*	*
Recording Secretary	*	*
Treasurer/Assistant Treasurer	*	*
Membership Chair Stipend	2400	2400
<b>Committees</b>		
Archives	*	*
Auditing	550	725
Budget	*	*
Community Service	*	*
Donations and Contributions	500	1100
Education & Protective Services	*	*
Hospitality	1000	1000
Insurance	*	*
Legislative	*	*
MRSPA Donations/Fees	*	*
Membership	700	700
Necrology & Recognition	150	150
Political Action	*	100
Program	800	800
Publications	16000	16000
Scholarship	6000	6000
Special Projects	2000	2000
Trips	50	150
Contingency	500	500
Webpage	1200	1200
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$ 32,050	\$ 33,025
<b>DEFICIT</b>	\$ -3520	\$ -5888

Bliven, Joanne

Brandt, Delores

Dixon, Marcia E.

Dorrow, Cecilia F.

Foster, Joan

Kirtland, William Ryan

McDonald, Claudine S.

Orensteins, Linda

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Note: The budget for 2009-2010 shows a deficit amount. 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. Some specific budget allocations which have been largely unspent in past years (see\*) have been combined in a "Contingency" line item on which these activities can draw when needed.

Ken Huff, Budget Development Chairperson



## A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FRED EVANS

This is my final newsletter article as president of your association, the Montgomery County Public Schools Retirees Association. It has been an honor to serve the 2651 MCPSRA members over the past two years. I know that Mr. Gerry Johnson, our incoming president, Ms. Joy Schwab, our incoming vice president, and the MCPSRA Board of Directors, will continue to move our association in a positive direction.

We have had many accomplishments to be proud of over the past two years, including the new web site [www.mcpsretirees.org](http://www.mcpsretirees.org) and our move to a new meeting/luncheon venue, The Golden Bull Grand Café. The Books and Toolkits project, guided passionately by Ms. Joan Donovan and co-chair Ms. Trish Bendler, received a 2008 National Retired Teachers Association's Award of Excellence. Dr. George B. Thomas, a member of our board, was chosen as a 2008 Washingtonian of the Year, for the academic and social services provided to over 4000 students through the George B. Thomas Learning Academy. I have been very impressed by the hard work and dedication of our Trips co-chairs, Ms. Frieda Price and Ms. Mary Ann Davis. Members and families who take advantage of these adventures have nothing but praise for their experiences. Our association also supports current educators, who want to improve their skills, through the annual scholarship program coordinated by board members, Ms. Joy Schwab and Ms. Ann Eberly. Ms. Juliette Trevino, membership chair, and Ms. Betsy Doyle, recording secretary and state membership chair deserve recognition for organizing our membership lists and keeping them accurate. Finally, I want to personally thank every remaining board member including, Dr. Kenneth Muir, Ms. Jacqueline Gross, Mr. Ken Huff, Ms. Jane Hardy, Mr. Tom Hickman, Mr. Steve Raucher, Ms. Nickie Neary, Ms. LeeAnn Kaye, Dr. Dick Ahlberg, Ms. Jane Ahlberg, Dr. Carol Dahlberg, Ms. Mary D'Ovidio and Ms. Zora Camp for their support of the goals and objectives of MCPSRA and their support of me.

I leave you with my important "political" reminder! The attempt by some state legislators to shift retirement costs from the state to the local jurisdictions did not occur during this recent Maryland General Assembly session. MCPSRA and MRSPA will continue to monitor this issue very closely during the upcoming 2010 and 2011 sessions. As I have written many times before, this cost shifting proposal will not simply "go away." In tight budget times it is a very convenient way for the state to shift retirement costs to local governments. Therefore, as always, keep in touch with your state representatives and voice your opposition to any proposal to shift retirement costs to the local jurisdictions (Toll-free 1 800-492-7122 or Email through the General Assembly web site <http://mlis.state.md.us>). You may contact Ms. Jane Hardy, legislative chairperson, and Ms. LeeAnn Kaye, political action chairperson, with any information or suggestions.

I wish all of you a wonderful summer with family and friends. Whether it is golf, traveling, singing, walking, running, reading or painting, do the things that you enjoy doing. You will not regret it!

## INVESTMENT IN A CD GUARANTEES HIGHEST YIELD OF RETURN

The majority of you have most likely been keeping a watchful eye on what has been happening over the last year or so to your retirement savings and investments and not been happy with what you've seen. We've watched the stock market plunge, interest rates on our savings at banks reach record lows, and the interest on loans and credit cards skyrocket. Consequently, when you see a news article headline, "Investment in a CD Guarantees Highest Yield of Return", you're drawn to read on with eternal optimism that there is hope for the future. Good! Now that I have your attention here is the deal, the fine print as they say.

As retired school personnel, we have always believed that today's youth are our future. Educate and treat them well, guide and show them the way, for they will determine and shape the world we will all live in tomorrow. We chose our profession because we wanted to be a positive influence in the lives of children. When we retired and walked out of that classroom, office, or school building for the last time, we did not leave behind our love for or interest in the children we served. We must continue to play a contributing role in their well being if there is hope for a promising future that they will mold.

So here is your opportunity to invest in a CD that guarantees yields so high that they can't be measured in dollars and cents. How? What if **CD** did not mean a **Certificate of Deposit** but a **Child's Development**? Are you willing to invest in a child's education today to assure that he or she will become a contributing member of society in the not too distant future? MCPSRA members have been investing in a **CD** for over five years now by contributing to the **Toolkits, Books, and Backpacks Project**. Thousands of dollars in those five years have been donated so that approximately 5100 kindergarten toolkits and thousands of new and gently used books could be distributed to needy Title I summer school children as well as nearly 100 backpacks of school supplies and books for homeless children. The return on our investments is beyond measure. We **MUST** continue to keep this project alive. Last year our expenditures topped \$19,000. We anticipate that this will escalate this summer due to the demand for at least 100 more toolkits, if not more. To date, \$14,780 has been donated this year. We still have quite a ways to go, as you can see. Hopefully those of you who have not yet taken the opportunity to invest in a **CD** will sponsor one or more toolkits so that every kindergartner this summer will receive one. Please complete the sponsorship form and mail it with your **TAX-DEDUCTIBLE** donation. Thanks for investing in a **Child's Development!**



### 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: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

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



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The MRSPA Board of Directors has agreed to accept advertising.  
Dimensions and per issue rates are as follows:

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 as camera ready copy via US mail. WORD formatting will be provided on request to the Newsletter Editor.

Deadlines for future Newsletters are as

Sept. 4, 2009 for the October 2009 issue

Nov. 6, 2009 for the December 2009 issue

Send advertising copy (email to [jdahlberg2@verizon.net](mailto:jdahlberg2@verizon.net) or surface 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.

**LITERACY TUTORS NEEDED**

Can you help promote literacy in Montgomery County? **Close to 125,000 residents - about 14% of the total population of Montgomery County - cannot read, write, or speak English at a functional level.**

The Literacy Council of Montgomery County (LCMC) seeks volunteers to teach adults to read, write and speak English. LCMC offers two programs: (1) Basic Literacy, for adults who already speak English; (2) English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), which offers conversational help as well as reading and writing instruction.

The number of students receiving our services is directly dependent on the number of volunteers willing to serve as tutors. Currently, over 200 adults are waiting for a tutor; most will wait 6-12 months to get one.

Our tutors provide free one-on-one or small group tutoring to adults who live or work in Montgomery County. No foreign language skills are necessary. Tutors complete an orientation session and a training workshop, where they learn a proven, easy-to-use teaching method.

To register for an orientation or for more information, please call 301-610-0030, email [info@literacycouncilmcmd.org](mailto:info@literacycouncilmcmd.org), or visit our website at [www.literacycouncilmcmd.org](http://www.literacycouncilmcmd.org).

**Volunteers - Smoking Research Study at Holy Cross Hospital**  
If you live in Maryland or Washington, D.C., are older than 50 and are a former smoker or a current smoker willing to consider smoking cessation, you may be eligible to participate in an important research study at Holy Cross Hospital. Racial and ethnic minorities have a greater risk of lung cancer and are encouraged to participate. Principal investigators are Cheryl Aylesworth, MD, and Kashif Firozvi, MD. Speak with your doctor about your interest in participating in this important research study. To register, or for more information, call Ibukun Agbede, research assistant, 301-754-7695, or Carla Cabrera, research assistant (Spanish speaking), 301-754-7998 at the Clinical Research Program, Holy Cross Hospital Cancer Institute.

**Kudos!!**

Jack Hill, one of our members who is 82-years-old, took second place in the Javelin and the Shot Put last fall in the Maryland Senior Olympics. He was beaten out for first place by about six inches in the Javelin by his friend Ted Murphy. Jack lost first place in the shot put by three inches to a MUCH YOUNGER man of 81 who undoubtedly was in better condition. (Ted is also a friend of Dick and Jane Ahlberg.)



## MEMBERSHIP ALERT

Betsy Doyle, MRSPA Membership Chair  
Juliette Trevino, MRSPA Membership Chair

### ***Believe: Members Make the Difference***

This is the slogan for the coming year for the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA). MRSPA is the state “watchdog” of our pension and retirement funds as well as our health-care coverage. It is up to all of us to help recruit new members...the more members we have the more attention and support we have in Annapolis. The goal for MRSPA is to have 15,000 members by March 1, 2010. This means a 7% gain for each local. For MCPSRA this means at least 189 new members. Where do we get these new members? We get them from you, our retirees, of course!! I, as chairperson of the state membership committee, challenge all of you to recruit and to sign up just one (1) new member. Please talk to all your retiree friends and encourage them to sign up if they are not already members.

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



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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  
(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: MRSPA  
8379 Piney Orchard Parkway  
Odenton, MD 21113

MRSPA DUES	\$25.00
Local Dues	<u>10.00</u>
Total	\$35.00

I hereby authorize the Retirement and Pension System of the State of Maryland to deduct annual membership dues for the MRSPA and the MCPSRA from one of my retirement checks each membership year.

I understand that my social security number is required if I wish to become a dues deduction member.

SSN \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## THE GEORGE B. THOMAS, SR. LEARNING ACADEMY, INC. (GBTLA)

### GBTLA Closing Ceremonies Celebrates Students!

Closing ceremonies for the GBTLA were held on Saturday, May 2, at all GBTLA center locations. Over 3,600 students and their families joined GBTLA staff, MCPS executive staff, and Montgomery County government officials to celebrate the accomplishments of the school year. All students received a participation certificate. Six hundred students finished the year with a GPA of 3.0 or higher and received gift cards from a local bookstore!

Fourteen seniors received \$1,000 scholarships as part of the GBTLA's High Achievement Scholarship Program. This program, made possible through a grant from Verizon Maryland and the Mirant Corporation, is in its fourth year. To date, 68 deserving seniors have been awarded scholarships. These students all have outstanding scholastic records and have demonstrated dedication to the Learning Academy either by serving as volunteer tutors or attending as participants.

*Thinking about getting involved with students again? Would you again like to experience the joy when a child really "gets it" because of your guidance and support? Then the GBTLA is the place for you! The 2009–10 season is not far away, so 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



*From left, Phil Kauffman-Member of the Board of Education, Susan Marks-MCPS Associate Superintendent, and Reggie Lewis-Center Director at Sherwood High School Center, at Closing Ceremonies on May 2.*



*Students, parents, and staff enjoy time together at Closing Ceremonies at Sherwood High School.*

We encourage you to visit any of the centers for a tour or to observe the sessions. Just call the GBTLA main office to let us know where you will be visiting so we can make sure the center director will be available to welcome you.

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

## Join the Campaign to Continue to *Write Women Back into History*

In 1980, President Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring the week of March 8<sup>th</sup> 1980, as National Women's History Week. At that time, less than 3% of the content of teacher training textbooks mentioned the contributions of women and when included, women were usually written in as mere footnotes. Women of color and women in fields like math, science, and art were completely omitted.

Thirty years later, the recognition of women's historic achievements has increased dramatically, but the economic challenges that face our nation are having an even more dramatic impact on our nation's schools' budgets. These devastation cuts in school budgets have resulted in an overwhelming reduction in books being purchased by school and even community libraries. This reduction in resources coupled with the focus on school testing has become the greatest obstacle to the inclusion of women's history, most specifically in elementary schools. The latitude that elementary teachers once had in terms of content and focus has been replaced by testing and test preparation. Music, art along with women's history are not part of any element of the tests and since 2002 have been missing from most elementary classrooms.

This year during March, like most past Women's History Months, I received phone calls and emails from parents asking me why we aren't doing more to promote National Women's History Month and why the teachers at their schools aren't doing anything. I always direct them to our website to see the variety of ways we promote the celebration of women's history. Of course, this is only a minimal stop gap effort to help them do something.

To really address this problem and to help re-ignite an interest in recognizing women's history in our schools, the National Women's History Project has decided to launch our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Campaign now, rather than closer to March. We are inviting a broad-based coalition of other organizations and individuals to join with the NWHP and celebrate these 30 remarkable years. The theme for 2010 is *Writing Women Back into History* and our goal is to encourage organizations, institutions, and individuals to incorporate the theme into their work and planning to ensure that the idea of *Writing Women Back into History* resonates throughout all of 2010. Our plan is to generate so much interest that the media will begin to get involved. Possibly, we'll be able to have a grand event in Washington, DC like we did at the Capital's Statuary Hall for our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Our goal is to remind the nation that the courage, determination, and strength manifested in the lives and stories of women are essential sources of pride and inspiration. The inspiration of knowing our history is as important for girls and women as it is for boys and men

Today, I invite you to join in this effort. What will you do to *Write Women Back into History*?

Call our office 707-636-2888 or email [nwhp@aol.com](mailto:nwhp@aol.com) for a list of the many ways you can be involved. Consider purchasing a book for the women's history collection of your local school or community library. Please





**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, and one baggage tag per person will be mailed to you.
7. Write a separate check, payable to MCPSRA, for each trip. Include name and date of trip on check...
8. Send check with completed reservation form.
9. Your reservation is definite upon receipt of deposit/ full payment, whichever is required. If a trip has to be cancelled because of insufficient numbers of participants needed by the deadline as published, your check will be returned to you. Feel free to call to find out if your reservation and payment were received.
10. Refunds are made only when your space can be filled.
11. Gratuities for driver and local guides are not included in the price of the trip.
12. Anyone interested in insurance for overnight trips should call Ellen at Eyre Tour and Travel at 301-854-6600, ext. 3252 or 410-442-1330, ext. 3252 or 1-800-321-3973, ext. 3252.
13. **We do not provide transportation to and from the airport for trips that require flying.**

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**NOTE**

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO KEEP THE TRAVEL INFORMATION IN THIS NEWSLETTER AS IT INCLUDES TRIPS THROUGH DECEMBER. BECAUSE OF THE REQUIRED DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS, WE COULD NOT WAIT UNTIL THE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER TO GET THIS INFORMATION OUT TO YOU. THESE WILL NOT BE REPEATED SO PLEASE KEEP THIS INFORMATION. THE DEPOSIT DEADLINES ARE VERY IMPORTANT SO PLEASE NOTE. WE HOPE YOU WILL GO ON ALL OR AS MANY TRIPS AS POSSIBLE."  
THANK YOU.  
FRIEDA AND MARY ANN

**MCPSRA TRIPS IN 2009-2010**

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| June 24       | St. Mary's City, MD (Space still available.)  |
| June 27       | Bermuda Cruise  |
| July 8        | Dutch Apple Dinner Theater – Lunch and Show - <b>Singing in the Rain</b> (Space still available.) |
| September 16  | U.S. Naval Academy Tour, Lunch and Harbor Cruise  |
| October 8     | JERSEY BOYS (Broadway Show ) at the National Theatre  |
| October 11-15 | Vermont   |
| November 4    | U.S. Capital New Visitors Center and Museum of American History                                   |
| November 21   | Southern Cruise – Baltimore, Charleston, Key West and Bahamas                                     |
| December 5    | American Music Theatre Christmas Show and Lunch at Hershey Farms                                  |
| December 9    | Terra Cotta Warriors at National Geographic and Lunch at Mrs. K's Toll House                      |
| Jan. 23, 2010 | Southern Cruise<br>Same itinerary as cruise for Nov. 21   |
- Changes and additions are always possible.



**ANNAPOLIS – U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY - LUNCH  
AND HARBOR CRUISE  
Wednesday, September 16, 2009**



**NEW SIGHTS IN WASHINGTON, D. C.  
Wednesday, November 4, 2009**

Depart: 9:00AM Park and Ride, Norbeck Road  
Return Time: 4:00PM

We will tour the Academy grounds, called “the Yard,” on a guided tour replete with Academy history and traditions. The tour includes the Chapel (if not in use at this time), U.S. Naval Academy Museum and Bancroft Hall the largest dormitory in the world, home to all 4,200 midshipman. Also plus more attractions.

Following lunch we will experience America’s Sailing Capital with a Harbor Cruise. This is a narrated tour that offers splendid views of the city and the distinctive cupolas of the Naval Academy and State House.

**Included:** Transportation by Eyre Motor Coach, tour of Naval Academy, lunch and Harbor Cruise. Does not include gratuity for driver.



**Cost:** \$82.00 PER PERSON

**Due Date:** August 14, 2009

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

First stop will be the new Visitor’s Center at the U. S. Capitol. Recent news articles have praised this ‘user-friendly’ addition to the city’s remarkable facilities for learning about our nation.

Our trip last fall was set up before the new center opened to the public so, as promised, this trip gets us back to see the center.

Then it’s on to the Smithsonian Museum of American History to enjoy all the renovations which have now been completed. The flag from Fort McHenry, War of 1812 (The Star-Spangled Banner), is in its new environment on the second floor. In addition, many ‘old favorites’ as well as new exhibits are on display.

Lunch is on-your-own; several options are available in the Museum.

For additional information Google:

U. S. Capitol Visitor Center

<http://www.aoc.gov/cvc/>

Smithsonian Museum of American History

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/visiting/>

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

4:00 p. m. Return to Norbeck Park & Ride

**Included:** Round-trip and all transportation – Does NOT include gratuity for driver.

**Cost:** \$30.00

**Due Date:** October 15, 2009

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Gaithersburg, MD 20877

**BROADWAY SHOW—JERSEY BOYS  
NATIONAL THEATRE**

**Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Jersey Boys: The story of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons. It was the 2006 Tony Award Winner for Best Musical.**

12 O’clock Noon – Depart Park and Ride, Norbeck Road

2:00pm Showtime

6:00pm Return time

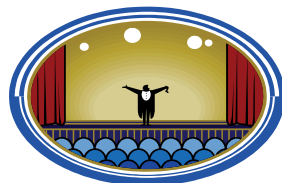
**Included:** Transportation by Eyre Motor Coach, admission to show, orchestra seating - does NOT include gratuity for the driver.

**Cost:** \$155.00 per person

**Due Date:** September 4, 2009

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**Let's See Vermont in October!**  
**Sunday, October 11 to Thursday, October 15, 2009**

Traveling to **Rutland, Vermont**, on Sunday, we'll stay three nights in that location and travel out from there. Dinner will be included on this evening. After breakfast, the next day will include visits to the **Vermont Marble Exhibit, the Calvin Coolidge Estate** with lunch on-your-own at the Village Café (on the grounds), and finally the **New England Maple Museum**. Dinner will be locally on-your-own and evening free for shopping, walking, swimming in hotel pool or the like.

October 13<sup>th</sup> will find us touring **Shelburne Farms**, which is an environmental education center, 1,400-acre working farm, and National Historic Landmark, located on the banks of Lake Champlain. Other sights on this property we'll be seeing how famous Vermont cheeses are made by use of time-honored methods. Beautiful gardens and grounds are to be seen at the **Shelburne Inn**, which is part of this attraction. Just north of the Farms; we'll board the *Spirit of Ethan Allen* for a luncheon cruise on **Lake Champlain**. After the cruise, we'll return south to visit the **Shelburne Museum**, a collection of Americana, including circus exhibits, a country store, art works, furniture, a school house and the last pleasure cruise ship that plied Lake Champlain in the 1920's and 30's.

Dinner this evening will be at the **Waybury Inn**, used as the locale for the Bob Newhart Show on TV several years ago. Departing Rutland after breakfast, we'll stop for good shopping at the **Vermont Country Store**, whose catalogue you may have seen or received in the mail! Lunch will be on-your-own in Manchester before we visit the **Robert Lincoln home, Hildene**, a truly beautiful spot in the Vermont landscape.

The afternoon takes us also to a **Norman Rockwell Gallery in Arlington, Vermont**, after which we'll begin to head south for staying around North Adams, Massachusetts with dinner included at the hotel. Next morning, October 15 after included breakfast, we'll head for home.

**Included:** Round-trip and all other transportation as described on deluxe EYRE motor coach; 5 nights lodging, baggage handling, taxes and gratuities; 5 breakfasts; 1 luncheon cruise; 3 dinners; all meal taxes and gratuities as specified; admissions and fares to all locations and tours as required and described in itinerary; any highway tolls. Does NOT include gratuities for step-on guides nor for coach driver.

**Cost:** \$995.00 per person, double occupancy

\$1,199.00 per person, single occupancy

\*\*\*See below.

**Deposit of \$300.00 per person due: June 24**

**2<sup>nd</sup> payment of \$300.00 per person due: July 24**

**Balance due: August 27**

**Make checks payable to:** MCPSRA and mail with completed Registration Form to:

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 105 North Summit Avenue, #4  
 Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877

301-926-2286



\*\*\*Arrangements for paying by credit card may be made by calling 1-800-321-EYRE, x3252; speak with Ellen. However, please use only one payment method – if credit card, then all on credit card; if by check, all payments by check.



REGISTRATION FORM

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

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Total # Reservations** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Amt. Paid by Check** \_\_\_\_\_

**OR Credit Card** \_\_\_\_\_

**AMERICAN MUSIC THEATRE CHRISTMAS SHOW**  
**Saturday, December 5, 2009**

10:30 am Depart Park and Ride, Norbeck Road

7:30 pm Approximate Return Time

Enjoy a Family Style Lunch at Hershey Farms Restaurant.

The American Music Theatre is widely hailed as one of America's best. You will enjoy a wide variety of secular and sacred Christmas songs ranging from outstanding a cappella to renditions to powerful orchestral versions. You'll delight in comedy sketches and enjoy the entertaining professional dancers

**Included:** Taxes, tolls and gratuities. (Does NOT include gratuity for Driver.)

**Cost:** \$97.00 PP

**Due Date:** October 30, 2009

Make check payable to

**MCPSRA** and mail with completed registration Form to:

Mary Ann Davis 301-253-6256  
 23509 Woodfield Road  
 Gaithersburg, MD 20882



**TERRA COTTA WARRIORS EXHIBIT**

**Washington, D. C.**  
**Wednesday, December 9, 2009**

Have you heard? The Warriors are coming! In mid-November, the **National Geographic Museum** will open the well-traveled exhibition of figures from the Terracotta Army, a very, very large discovery by local Chinese farmers as they drilled a water well near Mount Lishan in the eastern outer suburbs of Xi'an, Shaanxi Province, China. Said to be an army buried underground (r. 221 – 207 BC) to defend the first emperor of China in the afterlife and estimated to be about eight thousand strong in number, no two are exactly alike and the features and clothing of each figure are astonishing, even to the detail on the soles of the warriors shoes! The statues are life-like and life-sized, free-standing, and are hollow. In addition to the 8,000 soldiers, there are estimated to be 130 chariots with 520 horses and 150 cavalry horses, most still buried in four pits which continue being excavated and studied. The traveling exhibition involves only a representative number of the figures. More information can be found at the web site for National Geographic Museum or you may 'Google' "**Terracotta Warriors**".

After visiting the exhibition, we'll have a superb holiday luncheon at **Mrs. K's Toll House Restaurant** on Colesville Road, Silver Spring, including a choice of menu items and seating in the terrace room overlooking the gardens.

9:00 a.m. Depart Norbeck Park & Ride  
 3:00 p.m. Return to Norbeck Park & Ride

**Included:** Round trip transportation; admission to exhibit; luncheon; taxes and gratuities (Does not include gratuity for coach driver.)

**Cost:** \$72.00 per person

**Due Date:** November 5, 2009

Make check payable to: **MCPSRA** and mail with completed Registration Form to:

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 23509 Woodfield Road  
 Gaithersburg, Maryland 20882



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**BALTIMORE, CHARLESTON, KEY WEST, BAHAMAS**

For information, required forms and insurance, send a legal size, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Frieda J. Price, 105 N. Summit Ave. #4, Gaithersburg, MD 20877. Please indicate by date the cruise in which you are interested.

**November 21, 2009**  
**10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS**

**Inside cabin \$1,258.00 per person, double occupancy**  
**Outside cabin \$1,418.00 per person, double occupancy**  
**VALID PASSPORT REQUIRED**

**January 23, 2010**  
**Same Itinerary**

**Inside cabin Category 11 \$893.00 per person, double occupancy**  
**Outside Cabin Category 7 \$1033.00 per person, double occupancy**

**FOR RESERVATIONS: CALL GRAND AMERICAN TOURS OR SEND CHECK WITH RESERVATION FORM TO GRAND AMERICAN TOURS**  
**5 S MORTON AVENUE--MORTON, PA.19070**  
**PH: 1-800-423-0247**

**Identify yourself as an MCPSRA member**

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CALL FRIEDA PRICE OR MARY ANN DAVIS**  
**301-926-2286 301-253-6256**

There is no deadline for a cruise deposit as long as cabins are available. But be aware that cabins usually go quickly-some categories more than others.

**DEPOSIT POLICY:** An initial deposit of \$550.00 per person double occupancy or \$1100 for single is required. To secure reservations and assign cabin, final balance is due October 14, 2009.

**TRIP RESERVATION FORM: U. S. NAVAL ACADEMY AND HARBOR CRUISE**

**Wednesday, September 16, 2009**

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

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

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

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



**TRIP RESERVATION FORM:**

**JERSEY BOYS**

**Thursday, October 8, 2009**

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

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

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

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**TRIP RESERVATION FORM:**

**NEW SIGHTS IN WASHINGTON**

**Wednesday, November 4, 2009**

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

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

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

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



**TRIP RESERVATION FORM: AMERICA MUSIC THEATRE CHRISTMAS SHOW AND LUNCH**

**Saturday, December 5, 2009**

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

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

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

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

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



**TRIP RESERVATION FORM:**

**TERRACOTTA WARRIORS EXHIBIT**

**Wednesday, December 9, 2009**

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

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

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

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

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



# MCPsRA LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING\*

## Thursday, June 18, 2009

### GOLDEN BULL GRAND CAFE

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

### MEAL ALSO INCLUDES:

Red Skin Potatoes  
Vegetable of the Day  
Dessert  
Choice of Coffee, Hot or Iced Tea

**TIME:** Gathering at 11:00 a.m.  
Fresh Garden Salad  
Business Meeting at 11:30 a.m.  
Luncheon at 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 Rd. toward Gaithersburg and Montgomery Village)
- ❖ Turn RIGHT onto Route 355 South (Frederick Avenue) and 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



### RESERVATION(S) FOR MCPsRA LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING

Thursday, June 18, 2009 at the Golden Bull Grand Café

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

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

**YOUR RESERVATION FORM AND CHECK MUST BE RECEIVED BY February 20, 2009**

Mail reservation form and check (PAYABLE TO MCPsRA) to:

Mrs. Joan Donovan  
13 Hilton Court  
Gaithersburg, MD 20882-3521

### CIRCLE ENTRÉE CHOICE

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

**MCPSRA Luncheon/Business Meeting  
Thursday, June 18 2009**

**GOLDEN BULL GRAND CAFÉ**

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

Luncheon: 12:00 noon

Program

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