

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS RETIREES ASSOCIATION, INC.



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HELLO, MCPS RETIREES



The opportunity to be engaged with you during my term as President of MCPSRA has been extremely valuable to me and to members.

THANK YOU

In a sense of "joining hands" approach, our association has focused on improving the well-being of students, retirees and others in the

areas of student accomplishments, pension, scholarships, health insurance, travel and just plain 'ole fun.

In 2002, when I became a member of MCPSRA, I felt great security knowing that in retirement I still had a voice regarding the necessities of my financial stability and my health care. As a result, I encourage non-members to become members of both our County and State Associations. The dues are \$45.00 per year. Potential and continuing members may choose payroll deduction or direct payment.

This message to you wonderful members is an attempt to begin a network of reaching out to the larger community of those who may become members. As all of us know, there is power in numbers and in voices when legislative items are being considered in Annapolis.

Our luncheons have been informative with delicious food and enjoyable with a sense/feeling of caring for one another and the opportunity to meet new people. AND there are many smiles :>)! Every member is welcome to attend. This newsletter provides the necessary information about luncheons. They are beginning to reflect, more and more, the ethnic diversity of our school system. This is great! We are looking forward to having more of this reflection on our Board of Directors.

Here is an expression I believe in. "What Can I Contribute?" and then "What Can I Gain?"

I look forward to continuing on this MCPSRA team, come July 1, 2011, under the leadership of President Joy G. Schwab and Vice-President Dr. Stephen M. Raucher.

Gerald W. Johnson
MCPSRA President

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

At the June 16 luncheon, MCPSRA will award 14 scholarships of \$1000 each to MCPS staff. The four **Louise Walker** scholarships will go to **Pamela Bilik**, Hoover Middle School; **Alvin Jay Figer**, Churchill High School; **Heather King**, Argyle Middle School and **Chris Schenk**, Blake High School. The **Thomas Peters** scholarship will be awarded to **Elizabeth Nardin**, Gaithersburg High School. The **Angelina Goffredo** scholarship will go to **Katie Craine**, Stedwick Elementary School. The **Albert Gibson** scholarship is being given to **Meredith Chambers**, Ridgeview Middle School.

Recipients of the remaining **MCPSRA** scholarships are: **Ashley Campbell**, Ashburton Elementary School; **Luzmarina Granada**, Kemp Mill Elementary School; **Emily Imler**, Westbrook Elementary School; **Jessica Jordan**, Westover Elementary School; **Anne Kasab**, Sargent Shriver Elementary School; **Lisa Martin**, Forest Oak Middle School, **Melissa McDonald**, Poolesville High School and **Scott Perrone**, Northwest High School.

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

INSTALLATION of OFFICERS

The installation of the officers for 2011-2013 will take place at the June 16 luncheon. They are as follows:

President....Joy Schwab

Vice President....Steve Raucher

Recording Secretary...Mary D'Ovidio

MPCPSRA BUDGET

The MCPSRA Budget will be approved at the June 16 luncheon. Please review the budget on page 6 of this newsletter.

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

Mark your calendars today and register early.

The 21st Annual MCPSRA Golf Outing will be held on Friday, October 14, 2011 (rain date is October 21, 2011) at the Laytonsville Golf Course, Laytonsville, MD. Further details and a registration form appear on **page 3** of this newsletter.

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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

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

- August 5, 2011
- September 1, 2011
- October 6, 2011
- November 3, 2011
- December 1, 2011
- January 5, 2012
- February 2, 2012
- March 1, 2012
- April 5, 2012
- May 3, 2012
- June 7, 2012

LUNCHEON DATES

MCPSRA business meetings and luncheons are held at the Golden Bull in Gaithersburg four times a year. Dates for 2011-2012 are as follows:

- October 27, 2011
- February 23, 2012
- April 19, 2012
- June 14, 2012

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

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

In Memoriam

- Barbara C. Charles
- Jeanette Coppa
- Marjorie C. Daly
- Margaret Fleming
- R. Eugene Gurganus
- Sharron M. Hayes
- Jeanne W. Hogan
- Sylvia Horan
- Elaine Z Howes
- Ruth Kreisman
- Margaret MacHale
- Horace V. Peebles
- Catherine Schrock
- Allen A. Swick

MEMBERSHIP ALERT

MRSPA Membership Chair: Betsy Doyle

MCPSRA Membership Chair: Juliette Trevino

MRSPA is the state "watchdog" of our pension and retirement funds as well as of our health-care coverage. It is up to all of us to help recruit new members. The more members we have the more attention and support we have in Annapolis. Where do we get these new members? We get them from you, our retirees, of course!! As chairperson of the state membership committee, I challenge all of you to recruit and to sign up just one (1) new member. Please talk to all of your retiree friends and encourage them to sign up if they are not already members.

WE DO NEED YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT!!

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



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

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

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

I hereby authorize the Retirement and Pension System of the State of Maryland to deduct annual membership dues for the MRSPA and the MCPSRA from one of my retirement checks each membership year. I understand that my social security number is required if I wish to become a dues deduction member. SSN _____

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

Signature _____ Date _____

21st Annual MCPSRA Golf Outing (for members and guests)

WHEN: Friday, October 14, 2011 (Rain date October 21, 2011)
WHERE: Laytonsville Golf Course, 7000 Dorsey Road
 Laytonsville, MD (301-948-5288)
TIME: 9:00 AM—First tee-off
FEE: \$50.00 (Includes senior fee, cart, prizes, and a contribution to the MCPSRA Scholarship Fund)
DEADLINE: Friday, October 7, 2011

Please mail the Entry Form and Fees (payable to MCPSRA) to: Harvey Strine
 508 Carr Avenue
 Rockville, MD 20850-2110
 301-251-0478

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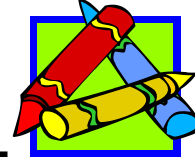
MCPSRA GOLF OUTING ENTRY FORM

Name(s) _____ Phone Number(s) _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ (check payable to MCPSRA)



MAKING CHILDREN FEEL SPECIAL



Did you know that our **Toolkits, Books, and Backpacks Project** is a legacy that Dr. Jerry Weast is leaving behind when he retires July 1st as Superintendent of Montgomery County Public Schools? Eight years ago, Dr. Weast met with Dr. Ken Muir, then president of the MCPS Retirees Association, to discuss ways in which retirees could continue to contribute to and have an impact on the well-being of the county's school children. At that time, Dr. Weast suggested that MCPSRA initiate a project that would benefit the neediest of our school children by providing them with school supplies needed at home to support their learning at school. Thus, this project was born and initially organized through the efforts of Mary Elizabeth Lacy, a member of MCPSRA. Thanks to her and many others who have followed in her footsteps, this project has grown in size and scope over the years to a nationally recognized, award-winning service project that continues to make a difference in the lives of thousands of children here in Montgomery County.

We know our project is important but many of us may not realize just how special it is. No words could speak louder than those uttered by a kindergartner one summer as she eagerly awaited the time when she would receive her toolkit. As the kits were distributed to a room filled with excited children who immediately popped the tops to investigate what was inside, this particular little girl sat and stared rather sadly at the kit placed in front of her. When asked why she wasn't opening hers, she said, "It's not mine" and pointed to the label on the end of the kit that read, *This kit was donated to you by RUTH DOAK and the MCPS Retirees Association.* "That's not my name," she said. When told that this was the name of the lady who donated the money to buy all the things in the kit to give to her, her face lit up with excitement and she said, "Wow! She must have thought I was pretty special!" and she dived into the box. As my eyes brimmed with tears, she glanced up and asked me why I was crying. When I told her it was because I was so happy, she said, "Well, I'm happy and I'm not crying!"

Make a needy child feel special. If you haven't done so already, please sponsor one or more toolkits by donating to the **Toolkits, Books, and Backpacks Project**. All contributions are tax-deductible. We understand that the recessed national economy, coupled with the high cost of gasoline, prescription drugs, and everything else, has put a strain on our individual budgets, but if each MCPSRA member would sponsor just one toolkit, we could meet our goal for this summer. It is truly crunch time and we need your assistance now! Please complete the form below and mail it with your contribution today while it is fresh in your mind. Make some child feel special!

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MCPSRA TOOLKITS SPONSORSHIP FORM

Please provide (print clearly) the following information and mail it along with a check (payable to: **MCPS Educational Foundation**, with "**Toolkits Project**" on the memo line) to Mrs. Joan Donovan, 13 Hilton Court, Gaithersburg, MD 20882-3521

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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

Optional: In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Send acknowledgement to _____

RESPONSE TO SURVEY(cont.)

This is the second in a series of articles in response the survey taken at the luncheon in February. The first article was about the safety of the Retirement and Pension program. Since legislative questions about Social Security, Taxes and Health benefits are still pending, this article will focus on savings and investments. Responses to the questions follow:

1. ***Should I transfer my 403b/457 tax-deferred savings to an IRA?*** There are several responses: **A.** You will have more flexibility in an IRA. In a 403b if you want to transfer your funds, under law, you may have to obtain permission from MCPS. **B.** You may lose some loan privileges in an IRA. **C.** In case of death, your spouse will have the same rights in an IRA in case of death as in a 403b, but you may have more flexibility with your funds for other beneficiaries.
2. ***Should I transfer my regular IRA to a Roth IRA?*** When you draw money from an IRA, you have to pay taxes on the distribution. If you are over 70 and 1/2, you are required to take an annual distribution and pay taxes it. With a Roth, you are not required to take a distribution. However, whenever you transfer from a regular IRA to a Roth IRA, which you should do before 2013, you have to pay taxes on the amount transferred. So it depends on your tax situation. Also you should not pay any taxes due from your regular IRA.
3. ***How can I adjust my investments in this uncertain market to both provide growth and still have some guarantee of safety?*** **A.** You can look, with your advisor, for funds or other investments that have a history of some growth with a minimal degree of risk. **B.** You can investigate a variable annuity that provides for the possibility of growth but also guarantees your principal. It should also provide for a regular income stream and a death benefit. In some cases, annuities have received a bad reputation because of costs and other factors but there are also definite benefits.
4. ***How can I provide the best possible benefit to my beneficiaries?*** **A.** Your spouse has the same rights as you to your 403b or IRA. **B.** You should also have a will or preferably a trust. **C.** By law you can also set up what is called a "Stretch IRA." An example of this if you wanted to provide a regular income for a child or grandchild, you could set up an annual payment for the lifetime of the child or grandchild. If the grandchild were 10, s/he would receive an annual payment for the next 60 or 70 years, until they died. Some companies do not allow a "Stretch IRA" so you

will need to check it out. **D.** You should update your beneficiary status regularly.

Special Education Assessment Team

Columbus Educational Services has an exciting full time opportunity for certified special education teachers to serve on an Educational Assessment Team Project in Baltimore, MD.

Take your experience and expertise and lend it to first/second year teachers to assure they have the necessary skills to administer educational assessments and write reports that will assist the IEP team members in their decision-making responsibilities.

Columbus offers outstanding annual compensation and sign-on bonus complemented by a full, comprehensive benefits package which includes: medical insurance, prescription card, vision plan, dental insurance, \$50,000 life insurance, short/long term disability, 401k retirement plan with employer contribution, \$1000 annual continuing education allowance and reimbursement for licensure/certification. Laptop, cell phone and monthly travel stipend also are provided.

Qualifications and Requirements

- Masters in Special Education
- Extensive Assessment/Evaluation Experience
- Experience Working with General Education Teachers and Knowledge of General Curriculum
- Limited Travel Required
- Interested in Making A Difference
- Minimum 3-4 years of Experience
- Retired Teachers Welcomed and Encouraged to Apply

If interested in additional details or applying for this position, contact Deb Juliano, Director of Recruitment at Djuliano@columbusorg.com or by calling 1-800-229-5116 ext. 224.

3rd Annual

NCC GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Links at Gettysburg

Thursday, July 21, 2011 at 8:00 AM

Contact Dennis 717-359-4787

dennisbowman@comcast.net

The following budget was approved by the MCPSRA Board of Directors on May 5, 2011. The membership will vote on it at the June 16, 2011, luncheon and business meeting.

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
RETIREES ASSOCIATION
2011-2012 Budget**

Income	2010-2011 Budget	2011-2012 Budget
Local Membership Dues	\$ 25,810	26,020
MRSPA Postage/Mbrship/ Grant	137	140
Investment Income	*	*
	700	500
Total Income	\$ 26,647	\$ 26,660
Transfer from Surplus		\$ 5,240
Total Revenue	\$ 27,647	\$ 31,900
Expenses		
Officers		
President	200	200
Vice President	*	*
Recording Secretary	*	*
Treasurer/Assistant Treasurer	*	*
Committees		
Archives	*	*
Auditing	725	900
Budget	*	*
Community Service	*	*
Donations and Contributions	1,100	1,100
Education & Protective Services	*	
Hospitality	1,000	1,000
Insurance	*	*
Legislative	*	*
MRSPA Donations/Fees	*	*
Membership	700	700
Membership Chair Stipend	1,000	1,000
Membership Directory	0	6,000
Necrology & Recognition	150	150
Political Action	800	200
Program	800	800
Publications	16,000	10,000
Scholarship	6,000	6,000
Special Projects	2,000	2,000
Trips	150	150
Contingency	500	500
Website	1,200	1,200
Total Expenses	32,325	31,900
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*If any expenses are incurred for these activities, they will be covered by the Contingency account at year's end.

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, you will get a letter with up-to-date information, including parking details. One baggage tag per person will be mailed to you.
7. Write a separate check, payable to MCPSRA, for each trip. Include name and date of trip on check...
8. Send check with completed reservation form.
9. Your reservation is definite upon receipt of deposit/full payment, whichever is required. If a trip has to be cancelled because of insufficient numbers of participants needed by the deadline as published, your check will be returned to you. Feel free to call to find out if your reservation and payment were received.
10. Refunds are made only when your space can be filled.
11. Gratuities for driver and local guides are not included in the price of the trip.
12. **We do not provide transportation to and from the airport for trips that require flying.**

Those interested in insurance for overnight trips should call Ellen at Eyre Tour and Travel at 301-854-6600, ext. 3252 or 410-442-1330, ext. 3252 or 1-800-321-3973, ext. 3252.

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MCPSRA TRIPS in 2011

All trips are listed and described on the web site:

www.mcpsretirees.org

June 22	Mormon Tabernacle Choir – Wolftrap
July 2-5	Boston, Boston Pops, Fireworks over the Charles River
August 10	Philadelphia Art Museum Exhibit: Rembrandt and the Face of Jesus
September 13	Annapolis: Naval Academy, Trolley Tour, and Harbor Cruise
October 10-13	Vermont
November 19	National Harbor – ICE
December 14	Toby's Dinner Theatre in Baltimore "White Christmas"
December ?	White House Holiday Tour

2011 Cruise from Baltimore

September 22	New England and Canada 10 days/9 nights
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PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM OF ART

Wednesday, August 10, 2011

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

8:00 am	Depart Norbeck Park and Ride Lot
11:00 am	Arrive at the museum

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

2:00 pm	Board coach for return home
5:00 pm	Arrive at Norbeck Park and Ride Lot

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

Not included: Gratuity for driver

Cost: \$75.00 per person

Due date: June 29, 2011

Make check payable to **MCPSRA** and mail with completed reservation form to: Mary Ann Davis
23509 Woodfield Road
Gaithersburg, MD 20882-3017

ANNAPOLIS, MD

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

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

LUNCH CHOICES:

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

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

A VALID PHOTO ID IS REQUIRED.

No pocket knives are allowed.

8:30 am Depart Norbeck Park and Ride Lot
9:45 am Arrive Naval Academy Visitors Center

TOURS: Naval Academy, Trolley Tour, Harbor Cruise

4:00 pm Return home to Norbeck Park and Ride Lot
Included: Round-trip transportation on deluxe passenger motorcoach, lunch, USNA tour, trolley tour of Annapolis, Harbor cruise; tolls, taxes and gratuities

Not included: Gratuity for the motorcoach operator
Cost: \$93.00 per person

Due date: August 1, 2011

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

VERMONT FALL FOLIAGE

October 10-13, 2011

Day 1 Monday, October 10

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

Day 2 Tuesday, October 11

After a hearty breakfast and with our local guide, we will go to the New England Maple Museum. We will

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

Day 3 Wednesday, October 12

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

Day 4 Thursday, October 13

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

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

Not included: Gratuity for coach driver or local guide.

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

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

Make check payable to **MCPSRA** and mail with completed reservation form to: Frieda J. Price
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Gaithersburg, Md. 20877-2935

NATIONAL HARBOR

November 19, 2011

At the Gaylord National Resort at National Harbor, visitors step inside a winter wonderland created entirely of 5,000 BLOCKS of ice - hand-sculpted by 40 international artisans and kept at a chilling nine degrees Fahrenheit. Produced exclusively for Gaylord Hotels, the attraction is fully interactive, allowing guests to roam inside and around and on top of holiday scenes.

9:00 am Depart Norbeck Park and Ride Lot
Timed tickets to see ICE

Free time to enjoy National Harbor
Lunch on own

2:00 pm Depart for home
3:00 pm Arrive back at Norbeck Park
and Ride Lot

Included: Round-trip transportation on deluxe
passenger motorcoach, taxes and
gratuities

Not included: Gratuity for the motorcoach operator

Cost: \$55.00 per person

Due date: October 10, 2011

Make check payable to **MCPSRA** and mail with
completed reservation form to: Frieda J. Price

105 N. Summit Ave. #4

Gaithersburg, MD 20877-2935

TOBY'S THEATRE

December 14, 2011

Join us in seeing this popular and entertaining
Holiday Musical. We will enjoy the wonderful story and
so many beautiful songs, especially "White Christmas,"
and many others.

10:00 am Depart Norbeck Park and Ride Lot
10:45 am Lunch buffet
12:30 pm Show "WHITE CHRISTMAS"
3:00 pm Depart for home
4:00 pm Arrive back at Norbeck Park and Ride
Lot

Included: Round-trip transportation on deluxe
passenger motorcoach, taxes and
gratuities, lunch buffet and show.

Not included: Gratuity for the motorcoach operator

Cost: \$80.00 per person

Due date: October 26, 2011

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

CRUISE FROM BALTIMORE to CANADA AND NEW ENGLAND With ROYAL CA- RIBBEAN CRUISE LINES on ENCHANT- MENT OF THE SEAS: 10 DAYS/9 NIGHTS

September 22, 2011

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

Inside Cabin Category N \$1,098

Outside Cabin Category I \$1,318

Balcony Cabin Category D2 \$1,918

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

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

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

Interested in the History of Montgomery County Dairy Farms ?

Docents needed; no prior knowledge required.

The King Barn Dairy MOOseum opened on June 28, 2010. It is housed in a restored dairy barn in the center of the Soccerplex in the South Germantown Regional Park off Schaeffer Road. The MOOseum has on exhibit artifacts from the dairy industry. The MOOseum records the history of the dairy industry and of the dairy families of Montgomery County. It provides educational opportunities for county students to visit the barn on field trips. Now that the MOOseum is open, we are in need of volunteer docents. No prior knowledge is required as many of the exhibits are self-explanatory. We are open on Saturdays and every fourth Sunday from April to mid-October. The hours are 10 am to 4 pm with 2-3 people working at a time. We are also open for school and other groups during the week upon request. If you are interested in working with the MOOseum staff, please call Barbara McGraw at 301-229-4385 or send an e-mail to info@mooseum.com . For more information on the Mooseum, please visit our web page at "MOOseum.com."

RESERVATION FORMS

PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM OF ART-August 10, 2011

*Name _____ Phone # _____ Member of MCPSRA? Yes ___ No ___

Name _____ Phone # _____ If not, guest of: _____

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

*Cell phone# _____

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ANNAPOLIS, MD- September 13, 2011

*Name _____ Phone # _____ Member of MCPSRA? Yes ___ No ___

Name _____ Phone # _____ If not, guest of: _____

Lunch choice _____

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

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VERMONT- October 10-13, 2011

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Name _____ Phone # _____ If not, guest of: _____

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NATIONAL HARBOR- NOVEMBER 19, 2011

*Name _____ Phone # _____ Member of MCPSRA? Yes ___ No ___

Name _____ Phone # _____ If not, guest of: _____

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

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TOBY'S THEATER- December 14, 2011

*Name _____ Phone # _____ Member of MCPSRA? Yes ___ No ___

Name _____ Phone # _____ If not, guest of: _____

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

*Cell phone# _____

MCPSRA LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING

Thursday, JUNE 16, 2011

GOLDEN BULL GRAND CAFÉ

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

TIME: Gathering at 11:00 a.m.
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 Road Toward Gaithersburg and Montgomery Village)
- Turn RIGHT onto Rt. 355 South (Frederick Ave.)
- Go approximately 0.6 miles
- Turn RIGHT onto Dalamar Street. Restaurant is on the left, parking available to the left or right of the building as well as in the lot across the street.

MENU CHOICES:

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

MEAL ALSO INCLUDES:

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

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RESERVATIONS FOR MCPSRA LUNCHEON/BUSINESS MEETING

Thursday, June 16, 2011 at the Golden Bull Grand Cafe

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

CIRCLE ENTRÉE CHOICE

Name: _____ Phone: _____

e-mail address: _____

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

Name: _____ Phone: _____

e-mail address: _____

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

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

******YOUR RESERVATION FORM AND CHECK MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, June 11, 2011.******

Mail reservation form and check payable to MCPSRA. Mail to:

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

For information call: LeeAnn Kaye 301-598-5480 or Trish Bendler 301-540-5160

geolakaye@verizon.net

patricia_bendler09@comcast.net



MCPSRA Luncheon/Business Meeting

GOLDEN BULL GRAND CAFÉ

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Luncheon: 12:00 noon

Luncheon Date 2011

Thursday, June 16, 2011

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