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## A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FRED EVANS

This is my first newsletter article as the president of the Montgomery County Public Schools Retirees Association and I look forward to working with the nearly 3,000 members of our great organization. A special welcome to the *Retiree Class of 2007!* I hope that many of you will get involved in the events and activities sponsored by the Association. Additionally, we must focus on legislative advocacy and political action to ensure that our retirement benefits not only are protected, but also are enhanced. Ms. Jane Hardy, legislative chair, and Ms. LeeAnn Kaye, political action chair, will be strong leaders in those efforts.

A special thanks to Dr. Ken Muir, president of MCPSRA for the past four years. Ken served our Association with enthusiasm, dedication, humor, and hard work and I am pleased that he will remain on the Board of Directors as Treasurer. In his final message as president, Ken reported that he never envisioned that he would become the president of MCPSRA when he joined the Board of Directors in 1993. Fortunately for the members, he took on the leadership role and moved the Association in a positive direction.

A major focus of the MCPSRA Board of Directors for the coming year will be to monitor how Governor Martin O'Malley and the Maryland state legislators deal with the projected \$1.5 billion state budget shortfall. One proposal that is being considered is to shift state funding for retirement costs to the individual counties. As you can imagine, this would be a devastating decision for the counties and for current and future retirees. The Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA) is leading the opposition to this misguided proposal. I urge you to contact your state representatives and voice your opposition. (Toll-free # 1 800-492-7122 or Email through the General Assembly web site <http://mlis.state.md.us>)

I encourage current and new members to participate in the variety of activities that our Association offers, including our luncheons at the Willow Tree Inn in Montgomery Village. Our first luncheon will be on Thursday, October 18, 2007 beginning at 11:00 am. More detailed information is included in this newsletter. MCPSRA trips, organized by Ms. Frieda Price and Ms. Mary Ann Davis, have received "rave" reviews from participants. From three days in New York City to a week in California, members should take advantage of these opportunities.

Ms. Joan Donovan, and new co-chair, Ms. Trish Bendler, will continue the very successful "Books and Toolkits" project which provides school supplies and books for MCPS elementary students. Through her persistent work, Joan was able to raise over \$15,000 from generous members and friends.

I welcome any suggestions that you may have to improve our service to members. Remember, you are the best "recruiters" for membership in our Association. I'd like to see us increase our membership by at least 10% over the next year! The MCPSRA Board of Directors will work for you!

**MCPSRA Luncheon –October 18, 2007**

**Please plan to attend this year's luncheons:**

**Feb. 28, 2008; Apr. 24, 2008; June 26, 2008**



**GOLF IN THE FALL**

The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual MCPSRA Golf Outing will be held on Friday, October 12, 2007, at the Laytonsville Golf Course. Men and women, members and guests, all are welcome. See story inside for registration and details.

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**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](mailto:jgtrevino@comcast.net)
- coming to the Luncheons and supporting the many projects mentioned in the Newsletter

**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 + 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mail to: MCPSRA – Membership Chair	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 \_\_\_\_\_



**MOST SUCCESSFUL SUMMER EVER FOR MCPSRA SPECIAL PROJECTS!**

**By Joan Donovan**

Thanks to the generosity, caring, and commitment of over 300 MCPSRA members from all over the nation, the Books and Toolkits Projects for the elementary school children in the Title I Summer Adventures in Learning (SAIL) Program were the most successful ever in the four years since MCPSRA adopted these projects. When members were given the opportunity to sponsor a toolkit of school supplies for \$10, donations poured in. Once all 1,000 kindergarten kits had been sponsored, members again responded to the plea to contribute towards the purchase of a new book for each 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grader in the SAIL Program. Your generosity also enabled us to adopt a third project initiative. Backpacks of school supplies and books were assembled and given to 40 homeless children in summer school. When all was said and done, exactly \$15,000 had been donated and the joy and smiles on the children’s faces were all the thanks anyone ever needed.

We are confident that these very worthwhile projects can be every bit as successful if not more so next summer with your support. Title I anticipates the need for 1,025 toolkits as the economy puts more strain on the lower income families in our county. Please consider sponsoring one or more toolkits by completing the form below and sending in your TAX-DEDUCTIBLE donation.



**MCPSRA TOOLKITS SPONSORSHIP FORM**

Please provide (print clearly) the following information and mail it along with a check (payable to: MCPS Education 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: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# The National Christian Choir

Special Offer: Mention you saw our ad in the MCPSRA newsletter, and you will be eligible to purchase a copy of Psalms, Hymns, & Spiritual Songs, Vol. 2 – our 20th recording – for ONLY \$10 (includes S/H!)

## Who Is The National Christian Choir?

**Our Mission:** The National Christian Choir (NCC) is called to glorify God through a unique ministry of music which draws people into a new and deeper relationship with Him.

Founded in 1984 by current Music Director/Executive Director and *Psalm 95* Host, Dr. C. Harry Causey



- Non-profit, 501(c)3 organization
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- Audition opportunities: December 3, 2007; May 19, 2008
- 10-12 local presentations; schedule on Web site
- 3 local Christmas concerts with full orchestra; MD & PA; ticketed
- 2 tours: Chicago, September 2007; Israel, March 2008
- Global broadcast ministry: *Psalm 95* – heard on Flagship radio station WRBS-FM 95.1 (Baltimore), Sunday, 9:00 p.m.; heard nationally/internationally via 400+ radio stations and the Internet
- **Contact:** 17B Firstfield Road, Suite 108, Gaithersburg, MD 20878  
301-670-6331 • 800-599-4710 • [Office@NationalChristianChoir.org](mailto:Office@NationalChristianChoir.org)  
Web site: [www.NationalChristianChoir.org](http://www.NationalChristianChoir.org)

**2007 MCPSRA GOLF OUTING ENTRY FORM**

Name (s)

Phone Number (s)

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Total amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Checks Payable to MCPSRA)



**SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MCPSRA GOLF OUTING  
(for members and guests)**

**Date:** Friday, October 12, 2007 (Rain Date: Friday, October 19, 2007)  
**Where:** Laytonsville Golf Course, 7000 Dorsey Road, Laytonsville, MD (301-948-5288)  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m., first tee-off. Please arrive at the course no later than 8:40 a.m.  
**Entry Fee:** \$50.00 (includes Senior Fee, cart, prizes and a contribution to the MCPSRA Scholarship Fund)  
**Deadline:** Friday, October 5, 2007  
**To enter:** Please mail your Entry Form and Fee (s) with check payable to **MCPSRA** to:

**Richard C. Ahlberg - 301-251-5560**

**9823 Veirs Drive #1, Rockville, MD 20850-6465**

**PROPERTY TAX CREDIT  
AVAILABLE FOR SOME**

Montgomery County has a property tax credit that is not widely known throughout the county, but it should be. The circuit-breaker program is a joint county-state initiative that offers property tax credits for homeowners with low-to-moderate incomes and modest net worth. And, starting this year, there's an additional credit for homeowners age 70 and over. Here are the details:

- You must own and reside in your own home. You must have lived in that home for six months or will live in it for six of the next 12 months.
- You may be eligible if your annual household income is less than \$64,000.
- The combined net worth of everyone in your household must not exceed \$200,000, not counting the value of your principal residence or qualified retirement savings.
- The deadline for applying for the credit has been extended to **October 31, 2007**, for this year, or anytime after that for next year. Just file an application with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT). **You can contact them at 1-800-944-7403 or visit their website at [www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/htc.html](http://www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/htc.html).**

Currently, about 5,000 Montgomery homeowners participate in the County's supplemental program – and get an average tax credit of about \$700. However, the County estimates that many times that number may be

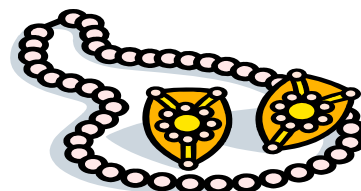
eligible to get a tax break – if only they knew about the program and applied. (This information was sent to former MCPSRA President Ken Muir from the office of Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett.)

**YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS LUNCHEON SPEAKER**

We are delighted that MCPS Teacher of the Year Raul Ortiz of Damascus HS, one of seven finalists for the 2007-2008 Maryland Teacher of the Year, will be the guest speaker at our October 18 luncheon. Spanning 19 years as a master automotive technician to a teacher with a master's degree equivalency, his career is an inspiration to all students. Be sure to join us for this special day.

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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, it is available, pro-rated at \$85 per hour, at A.G. Fiorill Printing ([www.fiorillprinting@aol.com](mailto:www.fiorillprinting@aol.com) or at 301-776-0585 or by FAX at 301-776-0592.

Deadlines for future Newsletters are as follows:

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

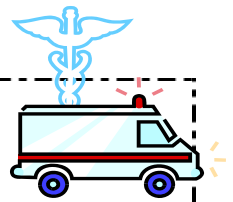
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## LITERACY COUNCIL TUTORS NEEDED

The Literacy Council of Montgomery County has over 200 adult students on its waiting list for tutors. Become a volunteer literacy tutor and teach an adult to read, write, or speak English. No foreign language skills are necessary. Tutors work one-on-one or with small groups. Tutors typically meet with students in libraries or community centers at mutually convenient times. Tutor orientations will be held at the Rockville Library, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor meeting room, on Monday, October 29 from 10:00 am to noon and on Thursday, November 1 from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Registration is required. Call 301-610-0030 or email [info@literacycouncilmcmd.org](mailto:info@literacycouncilmcmd.org).



## RECOGNIZING A STROKE

Remember the **3 steps: STR**

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke. Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

**S:** Ask the person to **SMILE**.

**T:** Ask the person to **TALK** or to speak a simple sentence (It is sunny out today.)

**R:** Ask the person to **RAISE BOTH ARMS**.

Another 'sign' of a stroke is if the tongue is 'crooked' or if it goes to one side or the other, when the victim is asked to stick out his tongue. If he or she has trouble with **ANY ONE** of these tasks, call 911 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

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

*What is the nickname of the person James Hubert Blake High School is named for?*  
First 3 correct answers CALLED IN win a \$25. Dining Gift Certificate. Be sure to leave your phone number.

## COME JOIN THE ROCKVILLE MEN'S CHORUS

Our fall season began 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](http://WWW.ROCKVILLEMENSCHORUS.ORG)  
and click on "Sing With Us."

Global Wizards' geography enrichment after school program for 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> graders: each 8-week session matches volunteers with small groups of students to learn basic map skills through a lively mix of games, puzzles, and problem-solving activities.

Grandreaders 2<sup>nd</sup> grade reading support: this popular program always needs more tutors, and this year we're especially eager to grow our program at Greencastle Elementary (near Route 29 and Briggs-Chaney). Volunteers follow a structured curriculum of books and activities to help kids improve their comprehension and love of reading.

Anyone interested in learning more just needs to contact Sara Cartmill at Interages by calling 301-949-3551, X19 or emailing at [cartmill@interagesmd.org](mailto:cartmill@interagesmd.org). You can also visit [www.interagesmd.org](http://www.interagesmd.org). It's a great way to make friends or share a unique activity with an old friend. Call today!

## INTERAGES

This fall, Interages Inc. kicks off its twenty-second year of bringing together adults and children in Montgomery County. Last year, over 170 women and men ages 50+ contributed time and talents Interages. They hope you'll consider joining their enthusiastic ranks by becoming a volunteer yourself.

The time commitment for an average volunteer is 1-2 hours per week, generally on the same day/time each week at a local school site. Volunteers in all our programs receive training, all materials they need to do their jobs, and an on-site staff person to assist with any problems that arise. Among their volunteer needs for this 2007-08 school year are:

Intergenerational Bridges -- an after-school program that meets one afternoon/week to support ESOL students (ages 9-17 at four schools throughout Silver Spring. Volunteers work with one student throughout the year to play board games, help with homework, learn crafts, or share a common interest they discover together. Underlying everything we do in Bridges is English language practice for the students in a comfortable, encouraging setting with an adult they can trust.



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Downs, Ana Jo  
Frye, Mary Anne  
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Hatchel, Robert E.  
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McGuire, Kay  
Mostow, Janice  
Peyser, Sandra B.  
Rossnan, Joyce R.  
Stief, William A.  
Tolbert, Herbert A.

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**Get Involved as a Tutor!**

The GBTLA needs tutors for the 2007-08 school year. This is a great opportunity to stay connected with the school system and make a difference in the lives of young people.

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 need both lead tutors and volunteers:

Montgomery Blair Center  
John F. Kennedy Center  
Paint Branch Center  
Springbrook Center

Albert Einstein Center  
Northwest Center  
Rockville Center  
Watkins Mill Center

Gaithersburg Center  
Magruder Center  
SHERWOOD 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.





### PARKING INFORMATION

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

### SPECIAL NOTES AND UPDATES

- Oct. 17 Western Md. Railroad trip from Cumberland to Frostburg and return. (filled, but call to get on Wait List)
- Dec. 11-13 Annual New York Fling (Apr. Newsletter)\*
- Dec. 19 Musical Show - Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" - Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre (June Newsletter)\*

\*Space is available. .

The Hawaii Cruise information in the June Newsletter has been slightly changed. The ship is The Pride of Aloha, not the Pride of Hawaii, which was repositioned. The date is March 26 – April 4, 2008; the balance is due Dec. 11, 2007.

The September trip to the NEWSEUM has been postponed because of construction delays; all who signed up will be called with new date and time.

### **2007 – 2008 NEW TRIPS BEING PLANNED**

- Nov. 24 Tuba Christmas Concert; Dinner at South Mountain Inn, Holiday Lights\*\*
- Nov. 30-Dec.1 Holiday for Chocolate Lovers\*\*
- Dec. ?? White House Tour\*\*
- ???? International Spy Museum, Washington, DC
- Mar. 26 – Apr. 4 Hawaii Cruise
- Apr. 3 Annual Odyssey Luncheon Cruise
- May 6 Harrisburg, PA
- June 22 - Mackinac Island + more
- Sept. 18 -27 New England/Canada Cruise\*\*
- October Grand Canyon of PA (Tioga area)

\*\* Described in this Newsletter

These trips are tentative and more will be added. We hope you will go on some or all!



**MERRY TUBA CHRISTMAS**  
Saturday, November 24, 2007



Do join us for a pleasant Saturday afternoon and evening as we take time to shop, to listen to seasonal music and to enjoy a lovely dinner. The **Merry Tuba Christmas Concert** is at the **Frederick Town Mall**. It is a free concert of holiday music performed by area tuba and euphonium players. More information and how to join the group to play **YOUR** tuba or euphonium in this concert is available at <http://www.tubachristmas.com>.

After the concert, we'll travel by motorcoach to the very top of South Mountain for dinner at **Old South Mountain Inn**, with circa 1732 Early American atmosphere. After dinner we will return to Rockville by way of Seneca Creek Park and a drive through of winter festival lights.

- 12:00 noon Depart from Board of Education, Mannakee St. & Hungerford Drive
- 12:45 p.m. Arrive Frederick Town Mall; shopping and time on your own. Locate your spot for listening to the concert.
- 3:00 p.m. Enjoy free TUBACHRISTMAS Concert.
- 4:15 p.m. Depart for South Mountain.
- 5:00 p.m. Arrive Old South Mountain Inn and enjoy dinner
- 7:15 p.m. Depart for Seneca Creek Park and drive-through Light Display
- 9:00 p.m. Return to Board of Education, Mannakee St. & Hungerford Drive

**Cost:** \$65.00 per person

**Included:** Round trip on deluxe EYRE motorcoach; dinner, including tax and gratuity; admission to Seneca Creek Park. Does NOT include gratuity for driver.

**Due:** November 2, 2007

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

Frieda J. Price 301-926-2286  
105 North Summit Ave., Apt #4  
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877



**Cost:** \$290 per person, double  
\$390 per person, single

**EXTRA SPECIAL OPTIONAL TREAT**

For those who would like to enjoy a buffet lunch in the Hershey Hotel Circular Dining Room on Saturday, we will make reservations and pay the day of the lunch. The cost is \$23.00. Please indicate on the Trip Reservation Form if you would like to do this. For those who are not interested, we will arrange other options for your lunch.

**Included:** Round trip transportation on deluxe EYRE motorcoach; one night's lodging at Hershey Lodge; baggage handling; dinner at Hershey Lodge; Christmas Show; step-on guide for town tour and Founders Hall; admission to Hershey Museum; visit to Hershey's Chocolate World; breakfast at Hershey Lodge; drive through Hershey Sweet Lights; all taxes, tolls and gratuities. (Does **NOT** include gratuity for step-on guide or for motorcoach operator.)

**Due:** October 25, 2007

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

Frieda J. Price 301-926-2286  
105 North Summit Ave., Apt #4  
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877

**WHITE HOUSE CHRISTMAS**

Date to be announced

If there is availability for holiday tours of the White House, we will arrange one through the office of Rep. Chris Van Hollen. At press time, we do not know if we will be selected nor do we know the date, the time or the cost. If you would like to participate in this tour, complete the Registration Form and send it to Mary Ann at the address below. Because of the tour's popularity, each member is limited to one adult guest only but no more than two people per household. Names will be added to the list upon Mary Ann's receiving the mailed form. **We will not add names as a result of phone calls!** Whether we include breakfast, brunch or lunch will depend on our scheduled tour time. Once we are notified, we will call people in the order reservations were received to give date, time and price. Included will be round trip transportation on Eyre motorcoach, one meal, taxes and gratuities. Does **not** include gratuity for motorcoach driver. Send completed Trip Reservation Form ---**NO MONEY NOW**--- to

**HOLIDAY FOR CHOCOLATE LOVERS**

**Hershey, Pennsylvania**

**Friday, Nov. 30 to Saturday, Dec. 1, 2007**



Come along for the merriest start of the holiday season! We'll travel to the "Chocolate Capital of the World" and stay overnight at the Hershey Lodge in its finest array of seasonal decorations. Dinner will be at the Lodge followed by the Christmas Musical for 2007. There will be time for a guided tour of Hershey, including Chocolate World Visitor's Center, Hershey Museum and Founders Hall as well as time in the Park to browse the shops there. After dinner and the musical, we'll drive through the Hershey Sweet Lights display. Breakfast at the Lodge is included on the morning of the second day.

Friday, Nov. 30 at 9:00 am

Depart from Park & Ride, Georgia Ave. & and Norbeck Rd.

Saturday, Dec.1 at 5 pm - Return to Park and Ride

Mary Ann Davis

301-253-6256

23509 Woodfield Rd. Gaithersburg, MD 20882



## NEW ENGLAND / CANADA CRUISE

September 18-27, 2008

Royal Caribbean Cruise Line

GRANDEUR OF THE SEAS

Robert and Betty Zimmerman's celebration of their 66th wedding anniversary made the August 22 Boston Pops at Wolf Trap evening an even more memorable occasion for them and fellow MCPSRA members.

Front Row: Frieda Price, Bob and Betty Zimmerman, Betsy Doyle, Pat Otranto, Dee Sperling

Back Row: Cliff Davis, Mary Ann Davis, Gladys Adderly, Jane Salerno, Al Otranto, John Salerno

Day	Port	Arrive	Depart
1	Baltimore, MD		4:00 pm
2	At sea		
3	Portland, ME	8:00 am	7:00 pm
4	Bar Harbor, ME	7:00 am	6:00 pm
5	St. John, NB (Bay of Fundy)	7:00 am	3:00 pm
6	Halifax, Nova Scotia	9:00 am	6:00 pm
7	At sea		
8	Boston, MA	8:00 am	5:00 pm
9	At sea		
10	Baltimore, MD	7:00 am	

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



Inside Cabin Category	Q	\$1,024
Outside Cabin Category	G	\$1,354
Balcony Cabin Category	D2	\$1,874

\*\*\* PASSPORT REQUIRED \*\*\*

Send a self-addressed, stamped legal-size envelope to Frieda Price, 105 N. Summit Ave. #4, Gaithersburg, MD 20877 for the **required application form** and for insurance information.

Deposit Policy: An initial deposit of \$350.00 per person for double or \$700.00 per person for single is required to secure reservations and assign cabin numbers. Final Balance is due June 10, 2008. You can call in your reservation using your credit card to Grand American Tours at 1-800-423-0247. Be sure to identify yourself as a member or guest of the Montgomery County (MD) Public Schools Retirees Association.

This cruise will probably fill up early so don't hesitate making your reservation if interested. There is no deadline for deposits- you can make reservations any time as long as space is available.



### EVERGREEN SOCIETY

We're trying to reach retired and semi-retired individuals in the area to let them know about a program Johns Hopkins University offers that is geared specifically toward this population.

The program is called the Evergreen Society (<http://evergreen.jhu.edu>) and it offers non-degree-earning classes on a wide range of subjects, from law and literature to movies and religion. The program also offers a Lecture Series in which noted community and national leaders -- such as former ABC7 News co-anchor Kathleen Matthews and nationally known stem cell researcher John D. Gearhart -- come and speak about various current events topics.

Classes are offered at Hopkins Montgomery County Campus at 9601 Medical Center Drive, Rockville, Maryland, as well as at the University's Columbia Center and in Baltimore. Classes are offered during a fall and spring semester and run Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

For those who participate, the Evergreen Society is much more than just a place for continuing education. It's a vibrant social circle where members share their stories over lunch and through the *Evergreen Journal*. And it's the venue that allows former diplomats, ambassadors, business leaders, teachers, and homemakers to continue to learn and grow.

For further information about the Evergreen Society, visit our website, [www.mcpsretirees.org](http://www.mcpsretirees.org) or at <http://evergreen.jhu.edu> or 301-294-7058.

**Please continue to save clean plastic bottle caps, particularly colored ones and no larger than three inches in diameter, for the toolkits. Bring them to the next luncheon meeting. Thank you!**



**TRIP RESERVATION FORM**

**Merry Tuba Christmas**

**Saturday, November 24, 2007**

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

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

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

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

**Entree selections:** Select one per person.(included w/ all dinners: pre-selected appetizer, salad, rolls,coffee or tea)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Chicken:** Breast of chicken sauteed & served w/red wine sauce, garnished w/proscuitto ham, diced tomatoes & fresh mushrooms; accompanied by rissole potatoes & fresh vegetable melange

\_\_\_\_\_ **Beef:** Prime rib, queen cut, served w/baked potato & fresh vegetable m lange

\_\_\_\_\_ **Fish:** Broiled fillet of fresh Norwegian Salmon B arnaise served w/rice blend & fresh vegetable m lange



**TRIP RESERVATION FORM**

**Holiday for Chocolate Lovers**

**Friday, Nov. 30 to Saturday, Dec. 1, 2007**

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

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

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

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

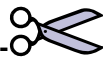
Member of MCPSRA? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If not, guest of: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Single \_\_\_ Double \_\_\_ Smoking \_\_\_ Non-smoking \_\_\_

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

**Optional Lunch Buffet:** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ (indicate how many if yes) No \_\_\_\_\_



**TRIP RESERVATION FORM**

**White House Tour**

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

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

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



**WERE YOU ONCE A FRANCIS SCOTT KEY RAIDER?**



Were you or someone you know a staff member of the original Francis Scott Key Junior High School? A group of former staffers enjoyed an August picnic reunion and would like to reach other former co-workers for future gatherings. Please contact Sissy Plank at [sissyplank@gmail.com](mailto:sissyplank@gmail.com) and visit <http://rogerdenk.googlepages.com/francisscottkeyreunion2007>



**Wanted: Wootton Teachers from the 1970's**

The Wootton High School class of 1977 is celebrating its 30th anniversary on Saturday, October 6, 2007, and cordially invites teachers from that decade to join them at the Knights of Pythias - Forest Oak, 11011 Game Preserve Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20879. An open bar Happy Hour from 5:30 to 7:00 pm will be followed by a buffet dinner and dancing. Dress is "nice casual." Our website is [www.wootton77.com](http://www.wootton77.com).

**DIRECTIONS TO WILLOW TREE INN**

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



**MCPSRA Luncheon**  
**Thursday, October 18, 2007**

**Tossed Salad**

**Grilled Salmon with Rice Pilaf**

**OR**

**Beef Burgundy over Noodles**

**OR**

**Pasta Primavera with Marinara Sauce**

**Hot Rolls**

**Chocolate Cake**

**Coffee or 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.**



**Continue to save clean plastic bottle caps, particularly colored ones, for the toolkits. Bring them to the next luncheon meeting. Thank you.**



**RESERVATIONS FOR MCPSRA LUNCHEON/BUSINESS MEETING**

**Thursday, October 18, 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 Beef Burgundy Pasta

Name. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon Beef Burgundy 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 OCTOBER 15, 2007.**

**MCPSRA Luncheon/Business Meeting**

**Thursday, October 18, 2007**

**THE WILLOW TREE INN**

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

Luncheon: 12:00 noon

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