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RECOMMENDED VOTING

The Association's Political Action Committee is recommending to MCPSRA members to vote for the following candidates in the General Election, Tuesday, November 2, 2010. Meet many of the candidates at the October 28 luncheon.

County Executive

Ike Leggett*

County Council

Council At-Large

Marc Elrich*
 George Leventhal *

Council Dist. 1

Hans Riemer

Council Dist. 2

Roger Berliner*

Council Dist. 3

Craig Rice

Council Dist. 4

No recommendation

Council Dist. 5

Nancy Navarro*

No recommendation

Maryland General Assembly

Dist. 14 Senate

Rona Kramer*/Karen Montgomery#

Dist. 14 Delegate

Anne Kaiser *

Eric Luedtke

Craig Zucker

Dist. 15 Senate

No recommendation

Dist. 15 Delegate

Kathleen Dumais*

Brian Feldman *

Dist. 16 Senate

Brian Frosh *

Dist. 16 Delegate

Bill Frick*

Susan Lee *

Ariana Kelly

Dist. 17 Senate

Jennie Forehand *

Dist. 17 Delegate

Kumar Barve *

Luiz Simmons *

Dist. 18 Senate

No recommendations

Dist. 18 Delegate

Al Carr*

Ana Sol Gutierrez*

Jeff Waldstreicher*

Dist. 19 Senate
 Dist. 19 Delegate

Roger Manno
 Bonnie Cullison
 Ben Kramer*
 No recommendation
 Sheila Hixson *
 Nancy King*
 Charles Barkley*
 Kirill Reznik*
 Shane Robinson

Dist. 20 Senate
 Dist. 20 Delegate
 Dist. 39 Senate
 Dist. 39 Delegate

Board of Education

Bd. of Ed. At-Lg.

Shirley Brandman*

Bd. of Ed. Dist. 1

Judy Docca*

Bd. of Ed. Dist. 3

Pat O'Neill *

Bd. of Ed. Dist. 5

Mike Durso*

* **Denotes incumbent**

Denotes undetermined at press time; either acceptable

General Election Day is Tuesday, November 2, 2010. However, you can vote early. Go to any Montgomery County Early Voting Center listed below during the following days/hours: Friday, October 22, through Thursday, October 28, 2010 - 10:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Closed Sunday

The five (5) Early Voting Centers are:

Bauer Drive Community Recreation Center, 14625 Bauer Drive, Rockville 20853

Germantown Recreation Center, 18905 Kingsview Road, Germantown 20874

Marilyn J. Praisner Community Recreation Center, 14906 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville 20866

Montgomery County Executive Office Building, 101 Monroe Street, Rockville 20850

Silver Spring Civic Building, 8525 Fenton Street, Silver Spring 20910

MCPSRA LUNCHEONS

.Please plan to attend this year's luncheons:

October 28, 2010 February 24, 2011

April 28, 2011 June 16, 2011

Meet some of the candidates and enjoy our speaker, Susan Morris, retired Extension Educator, Family & Consumer Sciences. Her topic is "Trash It or Stash It". What are the costs of clutter? Consider the lost dollars, wasted time, even lower self-esteem. Then look at advantages of and steps to take for a less cluttered life. You may remember her presentation at last October's meeting.



GOLF IN THE FALL

Mark your calendars today. The 20th Annual MCPSRA Golf Outing will be held on Friday, October 8, 2010, (rain date is October 15, 2010) at the Laytonsville Golf Course, Laytonsville, MD. Further details and registration form appear on page 3 of this newsletter.

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	giddygam@earthlink.net	
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Scholarship		
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'PROMOTED TO RETIREMENT' "WELCOME"

It's great to enjoy the beginning of a new phase of life for new retirees and for experienced ones of us who can share our 'retirement wisdom' with our new members. I'm pleased to thank our new members for joining MCPSRA keeping our county at the top of membership in the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association, MRSPA.

I'm also appreciative for Susanne G. DeGraba, MCPS Chief Financial Officer, and Doug Prouty, President, MCEA Association. MCPSRA was invited by them to share information with the upcoming retirees. We look forward to continue participating in the workshop sessions and in their congratulatory end-of-year programs.

Congratulations to Bonnie Brose, Past President of Prince George's Public Schools Retirees Association, for becoming President of MRSPA.

During the month of July 2010, LeeAnn Kaye, Political Action Chair, successfully organized and implemented a candidate interview process. Thanks to the many members who volunteered to be interviewers with LeeAnn.

We are fortunate to have Frieda J. Price and Mary Ann Davis serve as co-chairs of our 'Trips' committee. They plan wonderful local, national and international trips as part of our recreation and fun activities. Recreation is so important in helping us strengthen our physical and mental motivation/attitudes.

There are sometimes requests of MCPSRA for former school personnel to volunteer with various services in Montgomery County. Some retirees want to use some of their time in pay or volunteer help. If you're interested in doing so, you may look to our MCPSRA Directory for choices or contact us.

Our membership is a quality group of 2,688 retirees. On this page, committees and chairpersons are listed. **ALL** member are welcome to participate on any committee(s). You may contact any committee chair or elected officer. We're a very talented group of retirees. I like to say, "Let's share our gifts with enthusiasm and, although we're diverse in our cultures and skills, we're moving towards the same selfless purpose."

Our hats are off to Trish Bandler and LeeAnn Kaye, Hospitality/Luncheon Co-Chairs for their luncheon arrangements. Luncheons provide a great opportunity to give input to our association and to enjoy friends.

Joan Donovan and Trish Bandler, with volunteers, once again provided "Tool Kits" for many of our school children to help ensure their readiness for learning.

Gerald Johnson, President

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 _____

20th Annual MCPSRA Golf Outing
(for members and guests)

WHEN: Friday, October 8, 2010 (Rain date: October 15, 2010)
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: Monday, October 4, 2010

Please mail the Entry Form and Fees (payable to MCPSRA) to:
Richard C. Ahlberg
9823 Veirs Drive, #1
Rockville, MD 20850-6465
301-251-5560

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MCPSRA GOLF OUTING ENTRY FORM

Name(s) _____ Phone Number(s) _____

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

NEVER SAY NEVER AGAIN!

“I’ll **never** be able to do this! “ “I’ll **never** get everything done!” “It’ll **never** happen!” “This will **never** happen again!” “**Never** in a million years!” It is probably safe to say that we have all either said or heard these words many, many times, usually uttered in times of frustration, stress, or doubt. And yet, somehow **never** is never **never**. With determination, persistence, and effort you can get through tough times, get everything done, accomplish remarkable feats that seemed at one time impossible -- and do it all in less than a million years! So, why is that we tend to wear out the word **never**? Is it just human nature to be pessimistic? Let’s hope not!

Whenever I hear the word **never**, I think of the delightful, animated 1987 Steven Spielberg movie entitled *An American Tail*. The film traces the adventures of a little mouse named Fievel as he journeys from Russia to America with his family to find a new life free of cat persecution. During the stormy boat trip he is washed overboard and finally makes it to shore in New York Harbor where he begins his seemingly impossible task of finding his family. Just about when he is convinced that he will never see his parents or sister again, he befriends a pigeon atop the Statue of Liberty who reminds him in song, “**Never Say Never Again!**” With a renewed faith in himself and with the help of lots of friends, everything works out in the end. Every once and a while I have to get this movie out to inspire me to get off the word **never** and get on with life and it usually works.

I have to admit that several times over the course of the year I have used the word **never** more than once when talking about our **Toolkits, Books, and Backpacks Project**. “We’ll **never** be able to raise enough money this year for our project in the light of our recessed economy!” “We’ll **never** get 30,000 bottle caps washed, counted out, and bagged for in the 1500 toolkits!” “We’ll **never** get all the kits assembled and delivered in time since the shoe boxes were so late coming in!” “We’ll **never** be able to afford books for even one grade level of summer school students!” “We’ll **never** have enough backpacks for the increased number of homeless children attending summer school this year!” Well, guess what?! I need not have worried. Thanks to the efforts of so many generous and committed individuals, everything managed to get done and for the seventh year our project met with complete success and continues to be a source of great pride for our association. With much appreciation we thank all of the 306 individual donors who contributed more than \$20,000 for the project during the year, State Farm Insurance for awarding us a \$7,000 grant (the 3rd grant in as many years), MCT Federal Credit Union for its annual \$1,000 as well as rulers and erasers for in the toolkits, Target in Germantown for giving us the shoe boxes at cost plus \$100 in gift cards, NEA Member Benefits for 1500 pencils again this year, Jon Gerson at MCEA for pencils, sharpeners, and erasers for a second year in a row, many private clubs and organizations who adopted our project as a part of their philanthropic endeavors this year, all those who donated as well as packaged thousands of bottle caps, and Joyce Colbert and all the Title I Specialists who co-ordinate this project each summer and conduct parent trainings on the use of the toolkits. This project would **never** (there I go using that word again!) be possible without the efforts and hard work of Orlando (“Lanny”) Taylor and his crew at the MCPS Materials and Distribution Center. Not only does he provide warehouse space for the kits to be assembled each year but he orders the items that go into the toolkits, provides the student workers who pack every kit (Kayla Trammel and Brittney Bailey this summer), and sees to it that the right number of kits are delivered to the approximately 30 summer school sites on time. He is truly committed to our project and is a friend to all of the members of this association and most especially to the thousands of children who benefit from his efforts. I will **NEVER SAY NEVER AGAIN** or doubt that we can continue to be successful with our **Toolkits, Books, and Backpacks Project**.

Now it’s time to start all over for next summer. Please consider donating early (and often if you can!) so that we can confidently say that our project will continue to be successful for many years to come. All contributions are tax-deductible. Thank you for being such an important part of this worthwhile project.

Joan Donovan

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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 _____

New Members – October 2010

Lynne D. Barrett	14201 Parker Farm Way	Silver Spring, MD 20906	301-603-1812
Rosa Cullen	3 Rice Court	Rockville, MD 20850	301-762-6861
Bonnie L. Cullison	3404 Beret Lane	Silver Spring, MD 20906	301-871-7830
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Rayeann Diaz	2623 Island Grove Blvd.	Frederick, MD 21701	301-695-4760
Lauren E. DeRivaud	205 Bookham Lane	Gaithersburg, MD 20877	240-426-5315
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Patricia Bauer Hanehan	11100 Ralston Road	Rockville, MD 20852	301-530-8280
Arthur Robert Harris	2412 Harmon Road	Silver Spring, MD 20902	301-946-9297
Diane Ivan	14508 Elmhan Court	Silver Spring, MD 20906	301-438-8178
John Knudson	9410 Dunraven Street	Frederick, MD 21704	N/A
Marilyn Longnecker	7258 Meadow Wood Way	Clarksville, MD 21029	301-775-7361
Laurie M. Saenz	13335 Neerwinder Place	Germantown, MD 20874	301-540-3590
Kathy Shifflett	4224 Spring View Court	Jefferson, MD 21755	301-834-4353
Linda Silverstein	16 Jaystone Court	Silver Spring, MD 20905	301-879-2887
Sally Skrab	12128 Suffolk Terrace	Gaithersburg, MD 20878	301-477-8391
Christine A. Sneeringer	6009 36 th Avenue	Hyattsville, MD 20782	301-559-7190
Carol B. Solomon	19302 Dunbridge Way	Montgomery Village, MD 20886	301-926-4274
Michelle Stieglitz	17750 Chipping Court	Olney, MD 20832	301-570-4387
Carmenza M. Stephenson	9958 Alta Springs Way	Rockville, MD 20850	301-785-5055
Jamee A. Thieme	33 Landsend Drive	Gaithersburg, MD 20878	301-869-4538
Jeanne R. Urciolo	11103 Rock Road	Rockville, MD 20852	301-881-9410
Irene Lynn White	17801 Fraley Farm Road	Rockville, MD 20833	301-977-2627
Judith Zauderer	6613 Paxton Road	North Bethesda, MD 20852	301-984-0330

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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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MCPSRA TRIPS October 2010-September 2011

All trips are listed and described on the web site:
www.mcpsretirees.org

- October 13 Western Maryland Scenic Railroad
- November 9 Some Arts and Architecture in Washington
- November 27 Merry Tuba Christmas and Winterfest
- December 4-5 Philadelphia
- December 14 American Music Theatre Christmas Show
- December ?? White House

2011 Cruises from Baltimore

- March 12 The Bahamas – 10 days/9 nights
- June 4 Alaska – 13 days/12 nights:Deadline 9/30
- September 22 Canada and New England (Information will be in December newsletter. For information now, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Freida Price.)

**SOME ART AND ARCHITECTURE
IN WASHINGTON, D. C.
Tuesday, November 9, 2010**

Our first stop will be the **Pentagon 9-11 Memorial** as we proceed into the city. Our motorcoach will enter the South Parking Lot for a brief walking tour of the memorial site. **The National Building Museum** is next on the agenda. Here we'll see the newest exhibit titled *Designing Tomorrow: America's World's Fairs of the 1930's*. These Fairs, held between 1933 and 1940, popularized modern design and promoted the ideas of science and consumerism as salvation from the Great Depression. Last stop for the day is the **American Art Museum** to see *Telling Stories: Norman Rockwell from the Collections of George Lucas and Steven Spielberg*. From the private collection of two modern-day movie-makers, this exhibit explores the connections between Rockwell's iconic images of American life and the movies which "evoke love of country, small town values, children growing up, unlikely heroes, acts of imagination and life's ironies." There are 57 major Rockwell paintings and drawings as well as a 12-minute film featuring interviews with Lucas and Spielberg revealing their insights into Rockwell's art. Lunch on your own will be in the café at the National Portrait Gallery. Folks can choose from the special Norman Rockwell Menu or other choices are available.

- 9:00 am Depart Norbeck Park and Ride
- 12:30 pm Lunch
- 4:00 pm Return Norbeck Park and Ride

Cost per person: \$45.00
Date due: October 29, 2010

Included: Round trip transportation on EYRE deluxe motorcoach and between destinations as required; taxes and gratuities; admissions to exhibits as required. Does NOT include gratuity for driver.

Make checks payable to **MCPSRA** and mail with completed registration form to
Mary Ann Davis
23509 Woodfield Road
Gaithersburg, MD 20882

MERRY TUBA CHRISTMAS AND WINTERFEST
Weinberg Center – Frederick City, Maryland
Saturday, November 27, 2010

Get your holiday spirit on! Come with us to the **Weinberg Theatre** in Frederick, MD, for the *Merry Tuba Christmas Concert*, which has more tubas and euphoniums on one concert stage than you can count! Music featured is holiday appropriate and performed by musicians from local areas. Arrangements for these instruments are usually played with many other instruments in the band or orchestra. For this program, it's tubas all alone! Following the Merry Tuba Christmas segment, is *Winterfest* program featuring the "mighty Wurlitzer" theater Organ and an hour sing-a-long and show. Admission is **free** with a canned food donation. After the concert and sing-a-long, we'll go to **Dutch's Daughter Restaurant** in Frederick for a festive meal and conclude the evening with a drive-through of the *holiday lights festival* in **Seneca Creek Park**.

10:00 am Depart Norbeck Park & Ride
 11:30 am Arrive Weinberg Theatre, Frederick, MD
 3:00 pm Depart Weinberg Theatre, Frederick, MD
 3:30 pm Arrive Dutch's Daughter Restaurant
 5:00 pm Depart Restaurant for Seneca Creek Park
 Winter Lights
 6:30 pm Return to Norbeck Park & Ride

Cost per person: \$75.00

Date due: November 5, 2010

Included: Round trip transportation on EYRE deluxe motorcoach, dinner, taxes and gratuities. Does NOT include gratuity for driver.

Select your dinner option by number and include on your reservation form:

1. Prime Rib
2. Fresh Atlantic Salmon
3. Jumbo Shrimp
4. Dutch's Chicken
5. Vegetarian Pasta

Make checks payable to **MCPSRA** and mail with completed registration form to
 Frieda J. Price
 105 North Summit Avenue, #4
 Gaithersburg, MD 20877

PHILADELPHIA HOLIDAY

Saturday, December 4-Sunday, December 5, 2010

Join us at **7:30 am, Saturday, December 4 at Norbeck Park and Ride** for this special weekend of holiday festivities!

We'll begin by checking out the Cleopatra exhibition at the famed **Franklin Institute**. The show, *Cleopatra: the Search for the Last Queen of Egypt*, has been a world premier looking at two expeditions that have uncovered Cleopatra's Royal Palace and two ancient cities that earthquakes and tidal waves buried beneath the sea. Among the 142 artifacts are two 16-foot tall red granite statues of a Ptolemaic king and queen. Lunch will be on your own and at the **Reading Terminal** where **holiday shopping** is quite possible! Later, we'll hear an amazing matinee *Holiday Pops Concert at the Kimmel Center*, Peter Nero conducting the Philly Pops and Festival Chorus, as well as music by the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas Gospel Choir, the Philadelphia Boys Choir, and featuring

organist Peter Conte. Dinner at 6:00 pm on Saturday will be at the **Moshulu Restaurant**, situated in the Penn's Landing area of the city on the Delaware River, with exciting views of the River as well as an extraordinary American cuisine menu. Our lodging for the evening will be in the **Historic District**.

Sunday morning will include tours of **three Fairmount Park homes** for a unique yuletide event. These architectural masterpieces reflect classic 18th and 19th century styles in furnishings and are situated in Fairmount Park, overlooking and near the Schuylkill River! There is a total of 8 houses which are part of the **Philadelphia Museum of Art** holdings and are only open at very special times.

Lunch will be on your own at the **Macy's** downtown so that those of you who wish to may hear Peter Conte play the magnificent *Wanamaker Grand Court Pipe Organ in Concert* (free!) at the Macy's store. This is largest pipe organ in the world and has been housed and played in this building every day the store has been open since 1911. It was originally built for use in the 1904 World's Fair; then purchased by John Wanamaker, the Philadelphia merchant, who had the entire instrument shipped to his store and installed there in a seven-story atrium or Grand Court.

We will be heading out of town about 3:30 pm.

Saturday, Dec. 4 7:30 am Depart Norbeck Park and Ride

Sunday, Dec. 5 6:00 pm Return Norbeck Park and Ride

**Cost: \$389.00 per person, double
 \$439.00 per person, single**

**Date due: Deposit \$100.00 per person October 19, 2010
 Balance by November 9, 2010**

Included: Round trip transportation and all required transport in the city on EYRE deluxe motorcoach; 1 night's lodging and baggage handling; 1 breakfast; 1 dinner ; admissions to exhibits and tours as described; all tolls, taxes and gratuities. Does NOT include gratuity for driver.

Make checks payable to **MCPSRA** and mail with completed registration form to
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 Gaithersburg, MD 20882

AMERICAN MUSIC THEATER

CHRISTMAS SHOW

December 14, 2010

Join with us as we enjoy an all new Christmas extravaganza – featuring a cast of amazing singers, dancers and the acclaimed AMT orchestra. From the ringing tones of *Carol of the Bells* to the emotional crescendo of *O Holy Night*, this year's show features a special yuletide mix of your favorite pop, gospel and traditional Christmas favorites, scenes and music from *The Nutcracker* plus more. We have enjoyed this holiday show in the past at the AMT so we hope you will join us this year and will truly help us to get into the holiday spirit.

10:00am Depart Park and Ride – Norbeck Rd

12:30 pm Lunch at Hershey Farms

3:00 pm Christmas Show

7:30-8:00pm Approx. Arrival back to Park and Ride

Cost per person: \$114.00

Date due: November 14, 2010
Included: Transportation by Eyre motorcoach; lunch, show, gratuities and taxes. Does NOT include gratuity for our driver.

Make checks payable to MCPSRA and mail with completed registration form to
 Frieda J. Price
 105 N Summit Ave. #4
 Gaithersburg, Md. 20877

WHITE HOUSE TOUR

December (date and time TBD)

We have requested a group tour for MCPSRA of the White House in its holiday splendor; exact time and date to be determined should we be among selected groups for tours. Whether our group is accepted or rejected, notification will be mailed to you and will include all details. Because of the popularity of this tour, each member is limited to one adult guest only or two per household.

If interested: Complete registration form and mail along with legal size, self-addressed, stamped envelope to

Frieda J. Price
 105 North Summit Ave, # 4
 Gaithersburg, MD 20877

PLEASE, PLEASE!!! Make sure your address is legible and you use the designated size envelope with proper postage.

**CRUISE FROM BALTIMORE to
 THE BAHAMAS with
 ROYAL CARIBBEAN CRUISE LINES on
 ENCHANTMENT OF THE SEAS
 10 DAYS/9 NIGHTS
 MARCH 12, 2011**

DAY	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
1	Baltimore, MD		4:00 pm
2	Cruising		
3	Port Canaveral, Florida	9:00 am	9:00 pm
4	Cruising		
5	Key West, Florida	7:00 am	3:00 pm
6	Nassau, Bahamas	11:00 am	7:00 pm
7	CocoCay, Bahamas	8:00 am	5:00 pm
8	Cruising		
9	Cruising		
10	Baltimore, MD	7:00 am	

Inside Cabin Category	Q	\$1,119
Outside Cabin Category	I	\$1,469
Balcony Cabin Category	D2	\$1,869

*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 cabins. Final balance is due December 1, 2010.

**FOR MOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT
 FRIEDA PRICE OR MARYANN DAVIS
 301-926-2286 301-253-6256**

**FOR RESERVATIONS CALL GRAND AMERICAN
 TOURS at 1-800-423-0247**

**ALASKA
 With PRINCESS CRUISES on the CORAL,
 PRINCESSMENT OF THE SEAS
 13 DAYS/12 NIGHTS
 JUNE 4, 2011**

DAY	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
1	Sail from Vancouver, B.C.		4:30 pm
2	At Sea		
3	Ketchikan, Alaska	6:30 am	2:00 pm
4	Juneau, Alaska	8:00 am	9:00 pm
5	Skagway, Alaska	7:00 am	8:30 pm
6	Glacier Bay National Park (Scenic Cruising)	6:00 am	3:00 pm
7	College Fiord (Scenic Cruising)	5:30 pm	8:30 pm
8	Anchorage (Whittier)	12:30 am	
8	Whittier/Mt. McKinley - Disembark and set out by motorcoach. Stop at the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center and the Iditarod Headquarters. Arrive later at the Mt. McKinley Princess Wilderness Lodge and enjoy a campfire experience this evening.		
9	Mt. McKinley/Denali -Transfer to Talkeetna and board Princess Rail service for the scenic journey to Denali. Tonight enjoy the Music of the Denali dinner theater. Overnight at Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge. (B,D)		
10	Denali - After breakfast enjoy the Experience Denali tour hosted by Alaska Geographic. The rest of the day is yours to spend as you choose. Enjoy another night at the lodge. (B)		
11	Denali/Fairbanks -Enjoy the Sourdough Expedition breakfast this morning. Then travel by motorcoach north to Fairbanks. Check into the Fairbanks Princess Riverside Lodge for 2 nights. (B)		
12	Fairbanks -This morning take a Sternwheeler riverboat cruise on the Chena River. Then set off for the El Dorado gold mine with a chance to pan for gold! Enjoy another night in Fairbanks. (B)		
13	Fairbanks - Tour ends this morning in Fairbanks. (B)		
	Inside Cabin Category	I	\$3,138
	Outside Cabin Category	EE	\$3,663
	Balcony Cabin Category	BE	\$3,863

*Rates are per person, double occupancy, and include roundtrip airfare from Baltimore, cruise, port charges and government fees and transfers. PRINCESS HAS ADVISED THAT ALL AIR PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND ARE NOT GUARANTEED UNTIL FULL PAYMENT HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

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

DEPOSIT POLICY: An initial deposit of \$620.00 per person double occupancy or \$1,240 per person single is required to secure reservations and assigned cabins. Final balance is due February 21, 2011.

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 301-926-2286 301-253-6256**

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**TRIP RESERVATION FORM: SOME ART & ARCHITECTURE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.
Tuesday, November 9, 2010**

*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.

*Cell phone # _____

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**TRIP RESERVATION FORM: MERRY TUBA CHRISTMAS AND WINTERFEST
Saturday, November 27, 2010**

*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.

*Cell phone# _____ Dinner Choices: _____

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**TRIP RESERVATION FORM: PHILADELPHIA HOLIDAY
Saturday, December 4, and Sunday, December 5, 2010**

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

Name _____ Phone # _____

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

*Cell phone# _____

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**TRIP RESERVATION FORM: AMERICA MUSIC THEATRE CHRISTMAS SHOW AND LUNCH
Wednesday, December 14, 2010**

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

Name _____ Phone # _____

Name _____ Phone # _____

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

*Cell phone # _____

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TRIP RESERVATION FORM: WHITE HOUSE TOUR

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

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

*Cell phone # _____

THE GEORGE B. THOMAS, SR. LEARNING ACADEMY, INC.

October 2 is Opening Day for the GBTLA



The George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy, Inc. Opening Ceremony will be held on October 2, 2010, at 8:30 am at all Saturday School Centers. We invite you to join us as we welcome our students and their families.

If you plan to attend the Opening Ceremony at One of our centers, please contact Lori Thomas by September 30 At 301.320.6545 or Lori_A_Thomas@mcpsmd.org

Fall is a Great Time to Volunteer

The Saturday School provides a great opportunity to work with a wonderful group of students! The 2010-11 season begins on October 2, and we anticipate enrolling 3,600 students this year! We need your expertise, so please consider tutoring with us this year. Both lead tutors and volunteers are needed. Individuals with certification are eligible to serve as lead tutors and will receive a stipend of \$37 per hour. Those without certification can serve as volunteers.

Both lead tutors and volunteers are needed at all 12 centers.

- 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

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, contact Michael Thomas, Executive Director, on 301.320.6545.

MCPSRA Directory Changes October 2010 (Continued)

Myerberg, N. James	5610 Wisconsin Ave.#308	Chevy Chase, MD 20815	
Pomerantz, Phyllis A.			301-438-3197
Reynolds, Joan			240-242-4742
Sorrells-Adewale, Erma	6 Madre Mountain	Santa Fe, NM 87508	
Wertz, Patricia	To Be Changed to Puglisi		
Yates, Margaret			410-208-9620
Zumwalt, Orlow			301-258-0305

The Learning Academy Celebrates 25 Years! Next fall marks the 25th anniversary of the Learning Academy. A celebration is being planned.

Plan Ahead for Golf!

It's never too early to plan for golf! The GBTLA 17th Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, May 20, 2010 at Hampshire Greens Golf Course in Silver Spring. The tournament is held in the morning followed by a great barbeque lunch.

Save the date—it's a great event!

MONTGOMERY COUNTY TEACHERS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

MCTFCU is currently looking for members of MCPSRA who would like to continue working with the local educational community by helping colleagues achieve their financial goals. If interested, call 240.599.7562 for further information.

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MCPSRA LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING
Thursday, October 28, 2010

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 Rd. 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

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RESERVATIONS FOR MCPSRA LUNCHEON/BUSINESS MEETING
Thursday, October 28, 2010 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 _____	Chicken (\$17.50)
		Salmon (\$20.00)
		Prime Rib (\$20.00)
		Vegetarian Pasta (\$16.50)
Name. _____	Phone _____	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 October 22, 2009

Mail reservation form and check PAYABLE TO MCPSRA 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

Thursday, October 28, 2010

GOLDEN BULL GRAND CAFE

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

Luncheon: 12:00 noon

Luncheon Dates 2011

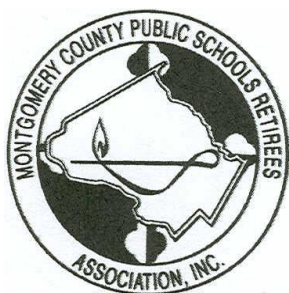
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