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WELL-DESERVED HONORS

Mrs. Joan Donovan, MCPSRA Projects Chair, received the Community Individual Distinguished Service to Public Education Award from the Montgomery County Board of Education on October 18, 2007. She was nominated because of her incredible efforts to raise \$15,000 this past year to provide books and toolkits for children in the Summer Adventures in Learning program in Title I schools and to provide filled book bags for homeless students from non-Title I schools attending the program



Mrs. Joan Donovan and Mr. Fred Evans, MCPSRA President

A week later, on October 25, three long-time MCPSRA Board members, **Mrs. Jane S. Ahlberg**, **Dr. Richard C. Ahlberg** and **Dr. George B. Thomas, Sr.**, were inducted into the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame in Glen Burnie, MD. Family, friends and fellow Board members joined in the celebration. The Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame, Inc. is a private, non-profit all-volunteer organization. Since 1987, its sole purpose has been to recognize and honor individual citizens who are at least 60 years of age. Nominees must live in Maryland and have performed outstanding service in their communities.

October brought a second honor to **Dr. Thomas** when the Montgomery County African American Chamber of Commerce presented its Educator of the Year Award to him.

Congratulations Joan, Dick, Jane and George. We're proud of you.



Dr. Richard C. Ahlberg, Mrs. Jane S. Ahlberg
Mrs. Mary Thomas, Dr. George B. Thomas, Jr.

2008 MCPSRA LUNCHEONS

February 28 – April 24 – June 26

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Fineman Memorial Fund

A fund in memory of Marcia P. Fineman, former principal of Farmland Elementary School, has been established to give MCPS teachers the opportunity to attend staff development workshops, trainings, and/or courses. Tax deductible contributions, made payable to The Marcia P. Fineman Memorial Fund, may be sent to Farmland Elementary School, 7000 Old Gate Rd., Rockville, MD 20852, Attention Bobbie Boland.



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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**



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

**Mail to: MCPSRA – Membership Chair
Box 4367
Rockville, MD 20849-4367**

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

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

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

SSN _____

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

Signature _____ Date _____

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FEBRUARY 28, 2008, LUNCHEON:

"LEADERSHIP IN ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN"

Enjoy friends and food and find future fund-saving ideas at our February 28, 2008 luncheon. Montgomery County's Great Seneca Creek ES is the first school in the State of Maryland to be LEED certified (Leadership in Energy and Environment Design). Great Seneca Creek is a Green School. Anja S. Caldwell, MCPS Green Building Program Manager, will share national and local steps that are succeeding in schools and communities. Come learn how LEED innovations can be utilized in public and personal practices.



Gerald Johnson, Vice President and Program Chair



**17TH ANNUAL MCPSRA GOLF OUTING
Frank Sweeney 2007 Winner**

Twenty-six MCPSRA members and guests enjoyed a cool, crisp, windy day at the Laytonsville Golf Course on Friday, October 12, 2007. Frank Sweeney, former MCPS elementary school principal, successfully battled wind gusts of 25-30 mph to win the 2007 MCPSRA Annual Golf Outing with a score of 82. Tom McAuliffe had the low net score. Other winners included:

2 nd low net	Harry Pitt
3 rd low net	Dudley Skinker
Closest to #5 pin	Dick Ahlberg
Closest to #16 pin	Bruce McKay
Longest drive	Harry Swope
High gross	Don Graham

The Outing is indebted to Bruce McKay and Harvey Strine for most ably handling the score-keeping chores. The following are thanked most profusely for providing favors and/or prizes:

Bill Barrett
Tom Hickman and the MCTFCU
Jack Hill, Harry Swope and the Hendershot
Financial Group
Dean Greer, Head Professional,
Laytonsville Golf Course

The sum of \$338 was raised for the MCPSRA Scholarship Fund.

Richard C. Ahlberg, Outing Coordinator

A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FRED EVANS



Maryland's projected \$1.7 billion state budget shortfall has taken "center stage" as Governor Martin O'Malley called for a special session of the legislature beginning on October 29, 2007. The situation continues to be closely monitored by Ms. Carol Webster, President of the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA) and Ms. Jannette Wundrow, MRSPA Legislative Chair, as well as MCPSRA legislative chairperson, Ms. Jane Hardy. Since my last newsletter message, **Delegate John P. Donoghue**, Washington County, has filed **Maryland House Bill 50**. If enacted, this bill will transfer about half of the state retirement costs to the local jurisdictions, based on "wealth." For example, of the current \$136 million state funding for Montgomery County retirees' pensions, this bill would "pass off" about \$86 million (63.2% of total cost) to our county government! The retirement system is a state responsibility and this legislation must be defeated. I have contacted state and local legislators voicing MCPSRA's strong opposition to this bill. I urge you to continue to contact your state representatives and voice your opposition. (1-800-492-7122 or email through the General Assembly web site <http://mlis.state.md.us>).

Congratulations to Board member, Ms. Joan Donovan, who was honored for Distinguished Service to Public Education by the MCPS Board of Education on October 18, 2007. I was honored to be present during the awards ceremony as Joan was recognized (by fellow MCPSRA member and Board of Education member, Dr. Judith Docca) for her incredible effort to provide learning toolkits for incoming kindergarten students. Through Joan's work, the \$15,000 fundraising goal was met to purchase toolkits for all students who needed them as well as some forty packed backpacks for homeless children.

On October 25, 2007, the honors continued for MCPSRA Board members, as Dr. Richard Ahlberg, Mrs. Jane Ahlberg and Dr. George B. Thomas, Sr. were inducted into the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame. It would take an entire newsletter, for each recipient, to list the contributions that each has made to education and their communities! The MCPSRA is proud to have them as members of our Board.

Mr. Raul Ortiz, 2007-08 MCPS Teacher of the Year, was the guest of honor and speaker at our October 18th luncheon. Mr. Ortiz, auto technology teacher at Damascus High School, gave an inspirational presentation about how he became a teacher and how he motivates his students to achieve excellence. Mr. Gerry Johnson, MCPSRA vice president, visited Raul's classroom prior to the luncheon and presented a first hand account of Mr. Ortiz's dynamic teaching ability.

On a personal note, this newsletter message is written in memory of my father, Dan Evans, who passed away on September 24, 2007. Born in Pittsburgh on February 15, 1918, Dan graduated from high school, worked in the steel mills, served in World War II and survived POW captivity in Europe. He was married to the surviving love of his life, Kathryn, for over 61 years. Dan gave of himself to my siblings, Anne and Dan, and me, and cherished his five grandchildren. He was an active member in a variety of community organizations and always had a positive spirit.

GOOD GRACIOUS, THIS IS REALLY FUN!



Do you miss your students? Would you like to be a teacher again for just a few hours each month? Does everyday life in 1820 intrigue you? Are you engrossed by the medical treatments of the 1860s? Do the clothes of past generations captivate your imagination? Connect the past with the present and share that excitement by becoming a school docent at the Montgomery County Historical Society in Rockville. School tours of the Beall-Dawson House and Stonestreet Museum of 19th Century Medicine are given on Wed.-Fri. mornings and last about 2 hours. Most of the tours are for 4th and 5th grade students. You can help a young mind start on the adventure that lasts a lifetime. We will provide training. Call Emily Correll at 301-340-2825 or e-mail her at ecorrell@montgomeryhistory.org. -4-

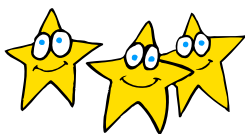
IT'S TAX DEDUCTIBLE!

The MCPSRA Scholarship Fund is used to award scholarships to MCPS active employees taking graduate and undergraduate courses. An MCPSRA committee administers this fund. Each year we have more needy and worthy applicants than we can fund and the cost of higher education continues to soar.

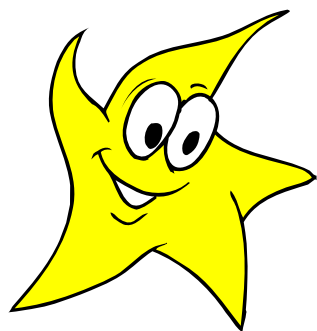
Anyone can make a tax deductible contribution for this purpose by making checks payable to the MCPS Education Foundation **AND** designating "**MCPSRA Scholarship Fund**" on the notation line. Mail to:

Montgomery County Public Schools
850 Hungerford Drive – Room 149
Rockville, MD 20850-1718

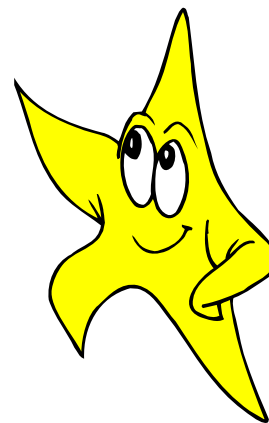
If you want your contribution to be given in honor of or in memory of someone, please note this and give an address for the acknowledgement notification.



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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. 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.

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



Kudos to the Leadership of the GBTLA!

This has been a very "rewarding" year for the GBTLA. President George B. Thomas, Sr. was named Educator of the Year by the African American Chamber of Commerce of Montgomery County and honored at the "Celebration of Excellence Awards Banquet" on October 18th. This award was presented in recognition of Dr. Thomas' dedication and commitment as a leader in education and the community.

JUDGE FOR A DAY

Do you want to hear students cheer as loudly for academic achievements as for basketball? Come judge at the Montgomery County History Day competition!

The competition is Saturday, March 15, 2008, at Julius West Middle School. This is part of the National History Day competition in which students research a topic and present their research in the form of a research paper, an exhibit, a performance, a documentary, or a website. This year's theme is "Conflict and Compromise in History." Last year we had 3000 Montgomery County students participating in History Day at the school level, and 300 competing in the county competition. We expect about the same this year. In order to hold the competition, we need judges. Most judging is done the morning of the competition, although runoffs are in the afternoon.

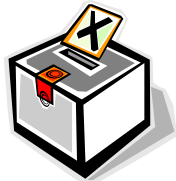
Judges need the following qualifications:

- An interest in history
- Some knowledge of research techniques
- Tact and an ability to deal with adolescents.

If you are interested, please call Emily Correll at 301-340-2825 or e-mail her at ecorrell@montgomeryhistory.org



ELECTION 2008



Have you heard? There is going to be a Presidential Election November 2008! Are you also aware that we will be voting for US House of Representatives as well as our Montgomery County Board of Education? Because Board races do not get the same public attention as other races, the MCPSRA Political Action Committee (PAC) will be actively involved in these particular races. The PAC will interview all BOE candidates Tuesday, January 8, 2008, and then make recommendations to the membership. If you are interested in becoming a member of the interview team or learning more about the process, please contact LeeAnn Kaye at 301-598-5480 or lakaye@comcast.net.



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The 14th Annual George B. Thomas Learning Academy Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, May 16, 2008 at Hampshire Greens Golf Course in Silver Spring. The tournament is held in the morning—shotgun start at 9:00 a.m.—followed by a great barbeque lunch. Save the date—it's a great event!

Can't you just see yourself ...

SAVE THE DATE!



May 16, 2008

At the GBTLA Golf Tournament ?

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Deadlines for future Newsletters are as follows:

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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QUESTION OF THE MONTH:

WIN \$25 FOR DINING OUT

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A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Gaithersburg is in need of volunteers to drive and deliver meals. We are looking for individuals who are willing to take a route once a week, once every other week or be available for occasional substituting. Meals are obtained at Asbury Methodist Home's kitchen and the time commitment is approximately an hour and a half at midday. For further information, please call 301-216-4200 (volunteer office at Asbury). This is a very rewarding service which provides nourishing meals to homebound persons who are unable to prepare their own meals. This request comes from MCPSRA member Bob Stief.

MCPSRA TO INCREASE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ACTIVE EMPLOYEES

At its September meeting, based on a motion from Scholarship Committee co-chairs Joy Schwab and Ann Eberly, the Board of Directors of the Montgomery County Public Schools Retirees Association (MCPSRA) agreed to establish a \$50,000 fund, the interest from which would be used to increase the number of annual scholarships that MCPSRA gives to help active MCPS employees improve their knowledge or skills.

The money for the additional scholarship assistance comes from members' donations in the 1970s for a possible lawsuit against the County Council for doing away with a Retiree Health Benefits Trust. The lawsuit was never filed because the Council and Board of Education worked out a way for the trust funds to supplement retiree health benefits. The trust was finally used up several years ago, but now, in response to federal government regulations (GASB 45), the county's five agencies of government are contributing to new Retiree Health Benefit Trusts.

MCPSRA has provided scholarships for MCPS active employees for many years. In June 2007, the Association gave nineteen scholarships to staff, including six \$1,000 grants from a fund created by a bequest from former MCPSRA President Louise Smith Walker, plus eight \$750 scholarships funded by the MCPSRA budget, and five scholarships of \$750 each given by families in memory of deceased members.

The Walker Scholarship Fund was created from a \$50,000 bequest from Walker in 1996. The bequest was invested and, from its earnings, forty-four \$1,000 scholarships have been granted to MCPS employees over the last 11 years. The additional \$50,000 from the legal fund will be similarly invested and the earnings used each year to grant additional scholarships.

In addition to scholarships, MCPSRA has, for the fourth year, sponsored a Books and Toolkits Project. This project, which raised \$15,000 last year primarily from MCPSRA member donations, helps youngsters in the voluntary, Title I summer school program. Each of the approximately 1,000 kindergarten students received a "toolkit" that includes educational materials for students to use at home with their parents to supplement skills learned in summer school. Each student in grades 1-5 enrolled in the Title I summer school receives a new book to begin or add to their personal library. The Books and Toolkits project has been led by Joan Donovan, who will be assisted in the future by Trish Bendler.

Kenneth K. Muir, Treasurer

Uncovering the Secrets of a Southern Family: a Memoir

In a new book by MCPSRA member Wayne Busbice, Wayne takes you along on his seventy-year walk through history. Beginning life in a Walton-esque family on a Louisiana backwoods cotton farm, Wayne followed his parents' advice to get education and more education. Humorous stories about friends and neighbors, church hymns and "all-day singin'" and country music on a wind-up Victrola were the only leavening agents of a hard life in the Depression, when farming was done with mules, and currency was so scarce it was called "actual cash money".

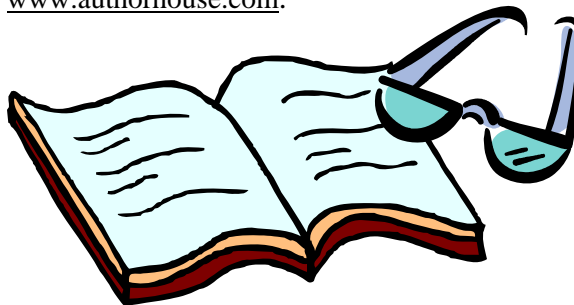
The family tradition of service led Wayne to a career as a teacher, counselor and principal in Montgomery County. He writes not only about innovative programs and curriculum, but about people, foibles and funny stories that make his years memorable.

The family musical talent led Wayne (and his brother, Buzz Busby) into a parallel career of singing, performing and songwriting. And as a military officer in Washington D.C., his calls to duty afforded frontline participation in many historic events. He joined the D.C. Air National Guard as a 2nd Lt. and worked his way up to Lt. Col. with duties as Director of Logistics and Inspector General.

But the undercurrent of Wayne's life remained a driving need to uncover the family secret: a killing the adults whispered about when they gathered behind closed doors. Wayne discovered he was living under a false name; his grandfather had lived a double life as a fugitive.

Wayne unearthed court records, news articles and family letters documenting the murder of his other grandfather, an event that fractured the family and sent two aunts to insane asylums. Together, these two story lines -- the two killings and their dramatic human consequences, set against a background of a warm and intimate family life -- animate this charming memoir of a vanished time.

The book can be ordered at www.amazon.com, or www.authorhouse.com.



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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TRIPS IN PROGRESS – 2008

At press time, the following trips are in various stages of planning; dates and itineraries are **tentative** as well. We'll keep you posted in each Newsletter as to additions, availabilities or changes. These trips are described in this Newsletter:

- Mar. 12 **International Spy Museum and Kennedy Center Tour**, Washington, DC
- Apr. 2 **Annual Odyssey Luncheon Cruise**
Washington, DC
- May 7 **"Guys and Dolls" at Dutch Apple Theatre**, Lancaster, PA
- May 27 **Andre Rieu Concert**, First Mariner Arena, Baltimore, MD (if tickets become available)
- June 22-27 **Mackinac Island and Dearborn, MI**

Descriptions of the following trips will be in later issues:

- July 16 Harrisburg, PA day trip including State House tour and train and boat excursion
- August ? Boston Pops at Wolf Trap
- July and August Additional theatre, concert and/or trips as 2008 schedules are published
- Sept. 2-5 IT'S BOSTON! (city tour, Kennedy Library, a harbor cruise, Salem, etc).
- Sept. 18-27 Cruise to New England and Canadian Maritimes, departing from Baltimore, MD
- Nov. 30- Asheville, NC – Nashville, TN for Holiday
- Dec. 6 Shows and Candlelight Tours



**INTERNATIONAL SPY MUSEUM
KENNEDY CENTER TOUR
Washington, DC
Wednesday, March 12, 2008**



Come with us to visit the world of cloak-and-dagger intrigue and learn what it takes to be a spy. Exhibits tell stories about spies, intelligence operations and deceptions that have changed history. After lunch-on-your-own, we will tour the Kennedy Center featuring the Hall of States, the Hall of Nations, the Center's main theatres and the dozens of paintings, sculptures and other artworks given to the Center by foreign countries.

- 9:00 am Depart Norbeck Park & Ride
- 10:00 am Arrive International Spy Museum
Lunch –on-your-own. Two options in the museum; gift shop.
- 1:00 pm Depart for Kennedy Center
- 1:30 pm Tour as described above.
- 2:45 pm Depart for Norbeck Park & Ride
- 3:45 pm Arrive at Norbeck Park & Ride

Included: Round-trip transportation on EYRE motorcoach; admissions and tours as described above. (Gratuity for driver **NOT** included)

Cost: \$50 per person

DUE: February 7, 2008

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ANNUAL ODYSSEY LUNCHEON CRUISE
Washington, DC
Wednesday, April 2, 2008

9:00 am Depart from Norbeck Park & Ride
(Driving tour of memorials as time and
traffic permit prior to boarding)
11:00 am Board ODYSSEY III
11:30 am - Luncheon and Cruise
2:00 pm
3:00 pm Approximate time of return to Norbeck
Park & Ride

Included: Round-trip transportation on EYRE motorcoach; luncheon and cruise on ODYSSEY, including tax and gratuity. (Gratuity for driver **NOT** included)

COST: \$78.00 per person

DUE: February 27, 2008

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GUYS AND DOLLS
Dutch Apple Theatre, Lancaster, PA
Wednesday, May 7, 2008



This favorite musical never grows dull! This production includes all the familiar songs (*Luck be a Lady Tonight*; *If I Were a Bel*; *Sit Down, You're Rockin' the Boat*; and *Guys and Dolls*). In desperation to find money for his floating crap game, Nathan Detroit bets high-rolling gambler Sky Masterson \$1000 that he can't make the

next lady he sees fall in love with him. Along comes Sarah Brown, a prim and proper Salvation Army girl and the rest, as they say, is history!

9:00 am Depart Norbeck Park & Ride.
6:30 pm Approximate return to Park & Ride

Included: Round-trip transportation on EYRE motorcoach; admission to theatre and dinner, including tax and gratuities. (Gratuity for driver **NOT** included)

Cost: \$89.00 per person

Date Due: April 2, 2008

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MACKINAC ISLAND AND DEARBORN, MI
June 22 – 27, 2008

Day 1 - June 22 Depart for our six-day, five night journey to the state of Michigan, highlighting **Dearborn's Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, Mackinac Island and Frankenmuth.**

7:30 am Depart Rockville Civic Center on Edmonston Drive, Rockville. We overnight in Dearborn, MI. Dinner included.

Day 2 After an included continental breakfast, we tour the Ford Museum and Greenfield Village. The Museum commemorates 300 years of American experience; celebrates American innovative genius; and displays such national treasures as the Rosa Parks bus, presidential limousines, the chair in which Lincoln was assassinated, and a folding camp bed used by George Washington. Visit historic homes and workshops of famous Americans such as the Wright Brothers, Thomas Edison, Henry Ford and Robert Frost. Enjoy lunch on your own in the Museum or the Village. Enjoy an included dinner and tour at the home of Edsel and Elinor Ford in Grosse Pointe Shores

Day 3 After an included breakfast, we travel north to Mackinaw City and take the ferry to the Island. We will be driven by horse and buggy to the Lake View Hotel, our home for two nights. A free afternoon precedes our included dinner at the Lake View Hotel.



Day 4 After an included breakfast, we will enjoy a two-hour horse-drawn carriage ride and tour of Mackinac, including Fort Mackinac. Lunch at the Grand Hotel is included. Free afternoon and evening with dinner-on-your-own.

Day 5 After an included breakfast, we depart to ferry back to the mainland where we meet the motorcoach and travel south to Frankenmuth. There we will have free time and an included dinner. Then we travel to Dearborn for our night's lodging.

Day 6 After an included breakfast we depart for Rockville with rest and food stops enroute.

6:30 pm Approximate arrival back in Rockville

Included: Round-trip transportation on EYRE motorcoach, including tolls; 5 nights accommodations, including baggage handling and gratuities; 5 breakfasts, 1 lunch at Grand Hotel, 4 dinners including taxes and gratuities; admission to attractions as described above. Does **NOT** include gratuities for driver or local guides.

Cost: \$1299.00 per person, double occupancy
\$1599.00 single occupancy

Due: \$400.00 Deposit due March 14, 2008
Balance due May 15, 2008

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

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

NOTE: If you prefer to pay by credit card, call **Ellen** at **Eyre Tours (1-800-321-3973 x3252)**. Please mention **MCPSRA**. Mail only the Reservation Form to Mary Ann; **DO NOT SEND HER ANY CREDIT CARD INFORMATION**.

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A thief in Paris planned to steal some paintings from the Louvre. After careful planning, he got past security, stole the paintings and made it safely to his van. However, he was captured only two blocks away when his van ran out of gas. When asked how he could mastermind such a crime and then make such an obvious error, he replied, "Monsieur, that is the reason I stole the paintings. I had no Monet to buy Degas to make the Van Gogh." (And you thought I didn't have De Gaulle to print this. Well, I figured I had nothing Toulouse.)

HAVE FUN! MAKE NEW FRIENDS! GET PAID!

Get a head start on your vacation plans! The National Education Association Convention is coming to Washington, DC, this summer. Volunteers are needed to serve on various committees during the convention. Volunteers receive \$40.00 each day worked as well as lunch, snacks and breaks. You will also be reimbursed for parking/bus/metro expenses. Hours are approximately 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dates are June 30-July 6. You need not work every day, however consecutive days are encouraged.

Volunteers are needed for two different subcommittees: the RA Telephone Network and The NEA Fund for Children and Public Education. Volunteers will be trained. You need not have been a member of the National Education Association to participate. For further information contact LeeAnn Kaye at lakayeneaconvention@comcast.net or 301-598-5480.

RA Telephone Network Subcommittee

Over 10,000 NEA members from all over the country gather to conduct the business of the association. Effective communication on the floor of the Representative Assembly (RA) is vital for the success of the workings of the RA. Volunteers for this subcommittee are responsible for staffing and operating the microphone/telephone system used by delegates to communicate with the Presiding Officer and the Assembly in order to participate in the Association's business. (You do not need to speak on the microphones.)

The NEA Fund for Children and Public Education

Volunteers will assist in the NEA Fund booth by collecting money from individuals wishing to make voluntary contributions to the NEA Fund for Children and Public Education.



PLEASE, continue to save clean plastic bottle caps, particularly colored ones, for the Toolkits. Bring them to the February 28 Luncheon. Thank you.

TRIP RESERVATION FORM: International Spy Museum/Kennedy Center March 12, 2008

Name _____ Phone # _____
Name _____ Phone # _____
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Name _____ Phone # _____

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

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



TRIP RESERVATION FORM: Annual Odyssey Luncheon Cruise April 2, 2008

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

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TRIP RESERVATION FORM: “Guys and Dolls”- Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre May 7, 2008

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

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TRIP RESERVATION FORM: Mackinac Island, MI June 22 – 27, 2008

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 _____



THE NEXT LUNCHEON WILL BE HELDON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2008.

The menu, reservation form and directions will be printed in this space in the February Newsletter.

The program for this luncheon appears on page 3 of this issue. Please plan to attend.

Gathering: 11:00 am

Business Meeting: 11:30 am

Luncheon: 12:00 noon

Program

MCPS 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: \$ _____

In honor or memory of _____

Please acknowledge to _____

Name

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Special Projects Update

Our new fundraising campaign for our special Toolkits, Books, and Book Bags Projects for the Title I and homeless children who will participate in next summer's Extended Learning Opportunities Summer Adventures in Learning Program was introduced in our October MCPSRA Newsletter and is well on its way. Thank you to the 38 members who have already sponsored toolkits for a total of \$1510. Congratulations to Barbara DeWitt who made her donation at the October Luncheon and won the drawing for a fall silk flower arrangement

Your help is needed throughout the upcoming six to seven months to assure the continued success of these projects. Remember that any donation to our Projects is tax-deductible, so now is a good time to sponsor toolkits before the end of 2007 rolls around. If you cannot make a donation at this busy time, please consider making a New Year's resolution to support the projects early in 2008. Donations can be made in memory of loved ones, in honor of special persons or to commemorate a retirement or other special occasion. Donor's names will be indicated on the labels that are put on the toolkits.

Please consider sponsoring one or more toolkits by completing the form below and sending in your TAX-DEDUCTIBLE donation



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