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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dr. Debra Munk
President - MCPSRA

As the days get shorter, and the leaves produce their annual color-fest, we are reminded of the marvelous turn of seasons that makes wherever we live so amazing (except for Florida where Russ lives). When I was cooped up in a school building, I rarely noticed the changes, except when I was freezing along the sidelines in mid-November, hoping that each football game would be the last. Since I retired, I try to walk early each morning – often before daylight. I have become acutely aware of the seasonal rotation and the daylight changes. We truly live on a wondrous planet.

This year we welcome several new members to the MCPSRA Board of Directors. Deb Berner will be assuming the role of Consumer Education Committee Chair. The Membership Committee Chairpersonship will be jointly shared by Marti Gray and Ben Marlin. Deb Mugge will chair the Public Relations Committee.

The MCPSRA Board is resuming in-person meetings and is working diligently to keep you informed about MCPSRA and MRSPA business. At the September 1, 2022, Board Meeting, the Board discussed a change in the bylaws regarding the review of our financial records. The current Bylaws state:

The Auditing Committee shall insure that the Corporation's financial records are audited each year by an independent auditor. [Article X; Section 3]

The Board recommends the following change:

The Finance Committee shall ensure that the Corporation's financial statements are examined each year.

Rationale for the proposed change: Our current Bylaws use the term “audit,” which has become a legal term used by the Accounting Profession (CPAs). The cost of such a professional “audit” would exceed \$14,000 per year, i.e., 43% of our total annual budget. Our current practice has therefore been to have a CPA perform a “compilation,” which restates our financial reports into a CPA approved model. We have been paying \$1,400 for this service, almost the cost of providing an additional scholarship. However, this “compilation” does NOT conform to the CPA term “audit.” It does NOT review the accuracy or integrity of our financial system or satisfy the term “audit” as used in our Bylaws. While the state (MRSPA) does have a formal audit, no other local association does. So, our proposed wording will be in line with other local associations.

According to the Bylaws, “any proposed addition, amendment to, or revision of the Bylaws must be submitted to the members at least two weeks prior to the meeting at which a vote on the proposal is scheduled.” Thus, members will have an opportunity to vote on the change at the October luncheon.

MCPSRA is more than an acronym - it is a mission to protect our defined benefit retirement pension and health benefits, and to inspire the dedication, commitment, skills and abilities of our members in service to fellow retirees and the entire community in an ever-changing world. The highly committed members of the Board of Directors will continue to work on your behalf. However, your membership matters greatly to the success of our organization. It is important that you take an active role in helping to make a difference in our organization and community. Through our commitment to achieving that purpose, we will strengthen our organization and community.

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BUSINESS MEETING/LUNCHEON

Business meeting/luncheons are held four times a year at Montgomery Country Club, 20908 Golf View Dr., Laytonsville, MD 20882.



New Year! New Venue!

The Montgomery Country Club (MCC) will be the new venue for our 2022-2023 MCPSRA luncheons. The MCC is located in a beautiful country setting just 6 miles northeast of Gaithersburg and 6.5 miles west of Olney. For personalized directions check out www.mapquest.com.

Our first luncheon is Thursday, October 27, and will be a buffet. See the back page of this newsletter to check out the menu. The price is \$35.00.

Our new venue is fully handicapped accessible, and parking is plentiful. If you need handicapped parking, once in the parking lot, drive towards the right side.

We had to leave Normandie Farm because it is under new ownership and will come back as something else—sometime. We enjoyed our seven years at NF.

In attempting to find a new restaurant, I checked out ten different places. Many could not accommodate us because of size. Some places just cost too much.

I'm eager to begin a new tradition and look forward to seeing you at the Montgomery Country Club where we can continue sharing friendships, wonderful conversations and interesting and informative programs.

See you October 27!!

Save the following dates for future luncheons at Montgomery Country Club, 20908 Golf View Drive, Laytonsville, MD, 20882:

February 23, 2023

April 27, 2023

June 15, 2023

LeeAnn Kaye

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So, I invite you to attend our quarterly luncheons, contribute to our Toolkits Project and other service projects, and participate on one of our committees. Consider taking a day trip with other Seniors as part of our partnership with Montgomery County's SOAR and Day Tripper Programs. Having participated myself, I cannot recommend these trips too highly. One friend commented that these trips are like a cruise ship excursion – but without the ship. Of course, they are a lot more reasonably priced, too. The following link is for the Fall Schedule of trips. <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec/Resources/Files/SOAR2022.pdf>. Bernadette Rager, our Trips Committee Chair, can give you additional information or answer questions.

I also encourage you to take advantage of the many benefits that your dual membership in MRSPA affords you. For more information, check out the MRSPA website: <https://www.mrspa.org>.

Finally, please encourage your retired friends to join in the fun by becoming members. Be sure to visit our webpage at mcpsra.org.

Warm regards,
Debra Munk

WHAT A CHALLENGE! WHAT SWEET SUCCESS!



During the 19 years of our Toolkits Project's existence, we have met with and conquered many obstacles along the way, but we must admit that this was our most challenging year ever. That makes its success this summer all the sweeter. We haven't stopped smiling!

We discovered that *triumph* is just *umph* added to *try*. So, we never gave up, even when the task of acquiring all the items for the kits seemed impossible due to lack of availability or long shipping delays. Ken Soisson at the MCPS Department of Materials Management was the driving force that keep us positive, focused, and ultimately able to acquire everything we needed. We completed the assembly of 2,100 toolkits just three days before they were to be delivered to the 32 elementary school sites that hosted the

Extended Learning Opportunities Summer Adventures In Learning (ELO SAIL) Program to Title I students who would be entering kindergarten this fall. Kevin's incredible team delivered all the kits in just two days! Truly a remarkable accomplishment!

We received a much-appreciated note from Camiele Jones-Akinkuowo, the Title I Instructional Specialist coordinator, who has worked with us for several years. She wrote: "The Kindergarten Toolkits distribution went well, and the students were SO excited to get their Toolkits!! The parent workshop was well attended, and families learned various strategies on how to work with their children at home. Thank you SO much for the time, hard work, and dedication that you and your team put forth to bring this project back to life and make it a success once again!" It was truly missed when we were unable to do the kits during the two summers of the pandemic.

Thanks to all of you that continued to donate to our project during the last two years. With the escalation of the cost of almost everything, we were so grateful for your generosity to our project. We could not have done it this year without you! We will need your support again for next summer. Please renew your commitment to our Toolkits Project by filling out and mailing in the form below along with your donation. **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MCPS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**. Thank you SO MUCH!

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 _____

Select one: _____ e-mail me a receipt at _____

_____ mail me a receipt _____ no receipt is necessary

_____ Do **NOT** include my name on the toolkits labels

Welcome New Members

Joined in May 2022

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Joined in June 2022

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Joined in July 2022

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Joined in August 2022

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MCPSTRA Consumer Report by Deb Berner

****October is Fire Prevention Month (source: firstalert.com)**

The goal of Fire Prevention Month (and week October 9th - 15th) is to raise fire safety awareness and help ensure your home and family is protected. In 1922, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) named the second week of October Fire Prevention Week in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire in 1871. Today, we celebrate Fire Prevention Week and Month by raising fire safety awareness and educating families, students and communities across the United States.

Fire Prevention Week is the perfect time to educate and talk with your whole family about fire safety – including testing alarms, changing batteries or upgrading to 10-year sealed battery alarms, knowing how to use a fire extinguisher and escape route planning.



- 3 of every 5 home fire deaths resulted from fires with no working smoke alarms. Having working smoke alarms properly installed in your home can dramatically increase the chances of surviving a fire. The Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service (MCFRS) offers free home safety checks to residents of Montgomery County, Maryland.
- Less than 50% of homeowners have an escape plan
- Carbon monoxide (CO) is the #1 cause of accidental poisoning in the US
- 60% of consumers do not test their smoke and CO alarms monthly
- Only 47% of people report having CO alarms in their home
- Unattended cooking is the #1 cause of home fires

****Daylight Saving Time**

Daylight Saving Time always begins on the second Sunday in March and ends on the first Sunday in November. To remember which way to set their clocks, folks often use the expression, “spring forward, fall back.” (Note that these dates are for locations in the United States and Canada only; other countries may follow different dates.)

- Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 6, 2022, at 2:00 A.M. On Saturday night, clocks are set back one hour (i.e., gaining one hour) to “fall back.”

And finally, a little bit of trivia here: the correct term is “Daylight Saving Time” and not “Daylight Savings Time” (with an extra “s”), though many of us are guilty of saying it the wrong way. The technical explanation is that the word “saving” is singular because it acts as part of an adjective rather than a verb.



****New 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Launches in Maryland**

If you, a friend, or family member are having a mental crisis or just need to talk with someone, the 988 Lifeline is the number to call. The State of Maryland has activated a new crisis line designated for suicide and substance abuse concerns. The 988 Lifeline number is designated for anyone who is experiencing a mental health or substance use crisis,

contemplating suicide, or worried about someone who may need crisis support. 988 is the new National Mental Health Hotline—you can call from anywhere in the United States. The three-digit number will hopefully be easier for people to remember than 1-800 hotline.

****Fall Home Maintenance Reminders:**

1. Clean leaves from gutters and downspouts.
2. Make exterior repairs.
3. Seal gaps where cold air (or pests) can enter.
4. Shut off/drain exterior faucets and hoses.
5. Install/replace weatherstripping on doors and windows.
6. Check indoor safety detectors and replace batteries.
7. Inspect caulking around windows, doors and entry points for electrical, cable, phone and gas... replace if needed.
8. Inspect and repair damaged driveways, walkways and/or steps.



****Are you REAL ID compliant?**

Marylanders will need to be compliant by March 2023. Effective May 3, 2023, federal requirements will require you to be compliant with the REAL ID Act. Having a REAL ID compliant driver’s license or ID card will be necessary to board commercial aircraft or gain access to federal facilities.

To be considered REAL ID compliant, you must have the required (original or certified copy) documents on file with the MDOT MVA. To find out if you are Real ID compliant, visit our REAL ID Lookup Tool . If the Lookup Tool indicates you must provide REAL ID documents, MDOT MVA will provide next steps on how to make an appointment and submit REAL ID documents. Contact your local Motor Vehicle office for times/appointments needed to access these services.

Polycarbonate Card Body
More durable, secure and tamper-resistant card body.

REAL ID Compliant
Meets state and federal regulation.

Laser Engraving
Provides maximum protection against data manipulation and forgery.

Changeable Laser Image
Feature that enables two or more images to occupy the same area.

Tactile Text
Laser engraving on the card raises the print making it difficult to tamper or modify.

Veteran Designation
Veterans now have the opportunity to have this important designation appear on the front of a driver’s license or ID card so the holder’s status is immediately recognized.

*Please check out the September/October Consumer Connection newsletter on the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association site at <https://mrspa.org> for more updates and information.

In Memoriam

The following MCPSRA members have passed away:

APRIL

James A. Simms
Vivian Tremante

MAY

Charles Bayne (husband of Ella)
Eleanor L. Duvall
Joan D. Fyffe
Hildegarde F. MacInnes
Dolores M. Pope

JUNE

Myra Birnkrant
Olaf G. Brockdorff
Patricia A. Eden
Robert M. Foster
Ruby L. Harris
Myrna I. Hawthorne
Phyllis L. Knight
George L. Morse
Sumner W. Patch
Norman L. Stant

JULY

Stanley R. Brodsky
Audrey A. Caldwell
Geoffrey D. Edgar
Michael Feinberg
Mary J. Hess
Ruth M. Hollins
Gabriel H. Jacobs
Florence M. Rahn
James R. Sadler
Doris A. Sampson
Mary L. Thompson
Albin S. Wozniak
Amanda J. Yannes

AUGUST

Warrick S. Hill
Betty A. Montgomery

MCPSRA Trips are Back!

MCPSRA is partnering with the Montgomery County Recreation Department in scheduling day trips. This in a combined effort to offer trips at a reasonable cost to our members. Trips are all day trips picking up travelers at the Olney Manor Recreation Park, 16605 Georgia Ave., Olney, MD and returning there at the end of the trip. Buses do not stop at any other location.

There are two types of trips, SOAR (Senior Outdoor Adventures in Recreation) for vigorous senior adults, age 55 and over, and Day Trippers (children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.)

For more info on upcoming trips and registration, visit WWW.MOCOREC.COM or call Paula Rodgers, Recreation Specialist, Senior Facilities & Programs

Questions about upcoming trips? Call Bernadette Rager, MCPSRA Trips Chair, at 301-774-0345.

REGISTRATION BEGINS, MONDAY, AUG. 15, 2022 AT 8:30 A.M. FOR MORE INFO, VISIT WWW.MOCOREC.COM.

R07082 - 101	Tour of Port Deposit, MD	W, Sept. 14	• Leave: 7:30 a.m., Return: 5:30 p.m.	• Fee: \$89
R07082 - 102	Tour of Port Deposit, MD	Th, Sept. 15	• Leave: 7:30 a.m., Return: 5:30 p.m.	• Fee: \$89
<small>We will have tours and the history of various sites as well as lunch at the estate overlooking the Chesapeake Bay and Susquehanna River included.</small>				
R07082 - 103	Walking Tour of Mt. Vernon, VA	W, Sept. 21	• Leave: 8:30 a.m., Return: 3:30 p.m.	• Fee: \$79
<small>We will tour Mt. Vernon with our guide Rick Sinder who grew up across the river and has seen its evolution over more than 50 yrs. Meal not included participants will pay on own at the food court.</small>				
R07082 - 104	Tudor Place Guided Tour	Th, Oct. 6	• Leave: 9:45 a.m., Return: 3 p.m.	• Fee: \$89
<small>Guided Tour of Tudor Place and lunch included on the site. Explore the gardens and the museum shop.</small>				
R07082 - 105	Rocky Gap Casino Resort, MD	Tu, Oct. 11th	• Leave: 8 a.m., Return: 5 p.m.	• Fee: \$69
<small>Enjoy the magnificent fall foliage on the way to the Resort through the Mountains of Western Maryland. Try your Luck at the Casino, or take advantage of the fall views, walking trails and dining with majestic lake views.</small>				
R07082 - 106	Northern Central Railway Excursion, PA	W, Oct. 19	• Leave: 8 a.m., Return: 5 p.m.	• Fee: \$99
<small>Enjoy a scenic excursion on a vintage diesel train at foliage time through the breathtaking Pennsylvania countryside.</small>				
R07082 - 107	Tour Thomas Jefferson's Estate, Monticello, VA	W, Oct. 26	• Leave: 7 a.m., Return: 6 p.m.	• Fee: \$99
<small>Guided tour of the home of Thomas Jefferson, the philosopher of the American Revolution. Also tours of the gardens and the slave community included. Lunch at Historic Michie Tavern.</small>				

Humor from Skip Rideout

I just read that 4,153,237 people got married last year, not to cause any trouble but shouldn't that be an even number?

Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool. I gave him a glass of water.

I find it ironic that the colors red, white, and blue stand for freedom until they are flashing behind you.



Relationships are a lot like algebra. Have you ever looked at your X and wondered Y?



America is a country that produces citizens who will cross the ocean to fight for democracy but won't cross the street to vote.

Did you know that dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity, they can train people to stand on the very edge of the pool and throw them fish?

My therapist says I have a

preoccupation with vengeance. We'll see about that.

I think my neighbor is stalking me as she's been googling my name on her computer. I saw it through my telescope last night.

Money talks... but all mine ever says is good-bye.

You're not fat, you're just... easier to see.

"To get back to my youth I would do anything in the world, except exercise, get up early, or be respectable." - Oscar Wilde

"The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for." – Will Rogers

"We must recognize that, as we grow older, we become like old cars – more and more

repairs and replacements are necessary." - C.S. Lewis

"Old age comes at a bad time." – San Banducci “

My 60-year kindergarten reunion is coming up soon and I’m worried about the 175 pounds I’ve gained since then.

The pharmacist asked me my birth date again today. I'm pretty sure she's going to get me something.

Retiree Benefits Open Enrollment to Be Held October 10–November 4, 2022

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) will conduct benefits Open Enrollment for retirees from October 10 through November 4, 2022. Open Enrollment is your opportunity to make changes to your medical, dental, vision, and prescription plan options; to drop coverage; or, under certain circumstances, to add coverage that you previously dropped.

Benefit Plan Highlights

Effective January 1, 2023, Cigna will replace CareFirst as a benefit plan provider. Cigna has a nationwide network of providers, offers 24/7 customer service, and will provide in-network coverage of between 92-95 percent of providers currently being used by MCPS retirees.

Cigna will offer eligible retirees the following plans:

- Open Access Plus (OAP) plan (replacing CareFirst BlueChoice Advantage POS)
- Open Access Plus In-Network (OAPIN) plan (replacing CareFirst BlueChoice HMO)
- Indemnity/Medicare Supplemental plan

If you are currently enrolled in CareFirst, your enrollment for 2023 will automatically change to the corresponding plan option with Cigna, unless you select another plan during Open Enrollment. If you wish to keep the same plan option under Cigna, you do not need to submit MCPS Form 455-22: *Retiree Benefit Plan Enrollment*, unless you are making other benefit changes.

Kaiser Permanente will continue to provide its HMO plan in 2023. Also, there will be no changes to dental, vision, or prescription vendors in 2023.

Learn More

The Employee and Retiree Service Center (ERSC) will mail the *2023 Retiree Benefit Summary* to retirees beginning the third week of September. The mailing will include detailed benefits information, including benefits-plan comparison charts, rate information, and an enrollment form to make changes to your current benefits. The updated summary also will be available online several days prior to Open Enrollment at www2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/ersc/retirees/benefits/open-enrollment. Be sure to read the benefit summary as it contains important details about all of your retiree benefit options for 2023.

Open Enrollment Benefit Fairs and Webinars

You will have the opportunity to learn more about your Open Enrollment options with benefits plan vendors and ERSC staff at both in-person and online Open Enrollment Benefit Fairs/Webinars. Representatives from ERSC and benefit plan vendors will be available to answer your questions. Instructions for accessing the fairs and webinars will be posted on the Retiree Open Enrollment web page at www2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/ersc/retirees/benefits/open-enrollment, beginning September 22, 2022.

Making Changes to Your Benefits During Open Enrollment

To make a change to your retiree benefits during Open Enrollment, you must complete and submit MCPS Form 455-22, *Retiree Benefit Plan Enrollment*, to the Employee and Retiree Service Center (ERSC) by Friday, November 4, 2022. Submit a signed enrollment form in any one of the following ways:

- Mail your signed form to ERSC at 45 West Gude Drive, Suite 1200, Rockville, MD 20850.
- Email an electronically signed form or a form that you have signed and scanned to ERSC@mcpsmd.org.
- Fax your signed form to ERSC at 301-279-3642 or 301-279-3651.

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Become A Seniors Helping Seniors® Caregiver Today!

MCPSRA Luncheon and Business Meeting

Thursday, October 27, 2022
Montgomery Country Club
20908 Golf View Drive
Laytonsville, MD 20882
240-912-9515

If MCPS is closed, luncheon is cancelled. Delayed opening, luncheon is held.

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

Buffet Menu

Chicken Cordon Bleu

Fettuccine Alfredo

Whipped Potatoes

Chef's Vegetable

Rolls and Butter

Dessert

Iced Tea, Coffee, Lemonade

\$35.00

Cut Here _____

Thursday, October 27, 2022

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Total amount enclosed: _____

Reservation form and check must be received by Friday, October 21, 2022.

Make checks payable to MCPSRA. Mail to:

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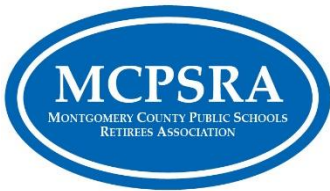
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Next Luncheon Date October 27, 2022

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