



# Retirees Association, Inc.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Dr. Debra Munk**  
*President - MCPSRA*

Welcome to spring! This is my favorite season, particularly in Maryland. I love the blooming cycle that begins with the crocuses and daffodils, followed by the tulips, dogwood, rhododendrons and lilacs. We truly live in a beautiful place. Adding to my love of the season is the fact that my maiden name is “Spring”. My family always celebrated the beginning of “our” season. So, it’s time to go outside and enjoy this beautiful time of year!

The Board of Directors continues to meet monthly to direct our organization. At the March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, the Board voted to hold the April luncheon in person at Normandy Farms (yeah!) and discussed the processes for interviewing political candidates and selecting scholarship recipients. Additionally, the Board voted to partner with Interfaith Works (IW), a local charity working to eliminate poverty and homelessness in Montgomery County. The Board revised the FY2022 budget to include a \$1000 matching fund donation to IW.

The annual MRSPA Legislative Workshop was held virtually on January 26, 2022. The MRSPA Board of Directors voted to take NO Position on HB420/SB405 Retirement Tax Elimination Act of 2022. Passage of these bills would provide a state income tax cut for retirees; however, MRSPA is concerned that the benefits would be outweighed by

the potential costs in the long-term. For more information, visit the MRSPA website.

Again, this year, we will award scholarships of up to \$1500 to MCPS teachers and staff to help defray the costs of course work in a recognized educational program for the summer and fall of 2022. Information on how to apply will be made available in MCPS schools, offices, warehouses and depots.

Finally, I would like to thank E.A. Stonesiffer and Juliette Trevino for their extraordinary service to retirees and MCPSRA. E.A. served for the past two years as chairperson of the Scholarship Committee. Under her leadership many MCPS staff received financial assistance to continue their educations. Bill Stief, a member of her committee, will now assume this leadership role on the Board of Directors.

Juliette, served for over 15 years as chairperson of the Membership Committee. During these years she updated the membership records monthly. Her detailed work resulted in the directory that you each received earlier this year. Although she is stepping down as membership chairperson, she plans to continue to be involved with MCPSRA. [Maybe you are interested in filling her vacant position? If so, please let me know!]

Again, Happy Spring! I hope to see you all at the April Luncheon at Normandy Farms.

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## BUSINESS MEETING/LUNCHEON

Business meeting/luncheons are held four times a year at the delightful Normandie Farm Restaurant, 10710 Falls Road, Potomac, MD 20854.



**Normandie Farm Restaurant**

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### **YES!! A LUNCHEON—FINALLY!! April 21, 2022 Luncheon**

It is hard to believe that once again we are able to come together to celebrate as Montgomery County Public Schools Retirees Association. It has been almost two years since we last gathered to enjoy each other's company and the delicious food at Normandie Farm.

As I indicated in the October newsletter, there are some changes. Just as the price of everything else has increased, so has the price of the luncheon. To maintain the same quality of food and service, the cost of the luncheon will now be \$30.00 for any entrée selection. Included are soup or salad, dessert, coffee, tea, soda and popovers... still very reasonable for the amount and quality of the food.

One other change is that besides a vegetarian entrée, there will only be two other choices instead of the three we had before. For example, you might choose between beef and chicken (see page 11). Another time it might be chicken and fish or beef and fish. (There will always be a vegetarian option.)

We so appreciate that Chef/owner Cary was able to work with us so we can continue meeting at the delightful Normandie Farm.

I look forward to seeing you, Thursday, April 21!! And don't forget to save Thursday, June 16, for our final luncheon of this school year.

LeeAnn Kaye



## INVESTING IN TOMORROW

As retired school personnel, we have always believed that today's youth are our future. Educate and treat them well, guide and show them the way, for they will determine and shape the world we will all live in tomorrow. We chose our profession because we wanted to be a positive influence in the lives of children. We dedicated our lives to equipping children with the skills and knowledge they would need later in life. But we all know that classroom learning is only one aspect of a child's development in the full array of competencies needed to succeed in life. Studies have shown that we must support not only the children but also their parents so they can effectively care for and provide for their children. We can and must continue to play a contributing role in the well-being of our county's children if there is to be hope for a promising future that they will mold.

So, we are asking you to invest in a child's education today to assure that he or she will become a contributing member of society in the not-too-distant future. MCPSRA members along with many corporate partners and community organizations have contributed thousands of dollars to our **Toolkits Project** over the seventeen years of its existence. They have invested not only their money but also their time and talents in assuring the success of this project each summer. The return on their investments has been beyond measure. You can join them now by sponsoring one or more toolkits of school supplies for Title I kindergartners who participate in the Extended Learning Opportunities Summer Adventures In Learning (ELO SAIL) Program, you are guaranteed to make a difference in the lives of the neediest of our county's school children. Give them a foundation for lifetime success even as young as 5 or 6 years old. In the overall scheme of things, \$10 doesn't seem like much of a sacrifice or investment, but to a child and his or her family, a gift of a box of school supplies can be a Godsend. Your donation is far-reaching and guaranteed to make a difference in a child's present as well as future.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we were very disappointed that we had to suspend for the last two years assembling and distributing toolkits to Title I kindergartners. We are very eager to resume our project this year and are moving ahead quickly with plans to provide approximately 2,400 kits this coming summer.

Help guarantee a bright future for today's needy school children in Montgomery County by donating to our much-needed Toolkits Project. PLEASE complete the sponsorship form below and mail it with your tax-deductible donation. Remember to make checks payable to: **MCPS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION** with "Toolkits Project" at the bottom of your check on the memo line. The returns on your investment are guaranteed!

### ----- **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 January 2022

Marianne K. Brown	615 North Maple Ave., Brunswick, MD 21716	301-712-8139
Philip J. McGaughey Jr.	4039 Preakness Dr., Damascus, MD 20872	301-482-0497
Ellen S. Miller	949 Bermuda Ln., Annapolis, MD 21401-6840	301-807-9041
Cindy J. Norell	10310 Conover Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20902	301-785-6573
Percidia A. Norris	15000 Pennfield Cir., #412 Silver Spring, MD 20906	301-890-2051
Donna Leah Schena	210 Decoverly Dr., Apt 408, Gaithersburg, MD 20878	301-718-1061
Martha Schrenk	5110 Brookeway Drive, Bethesda, MD 20816-1906	240-498-2517

## Joined in February 2022

Kathleen M. Heinrich	1836 Angel Pond Ln., Leland, NC 28451	703-915-6299
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## MCPSRA Consumer Report by Reggie Ott

*The following information has been copied from the Consumer Connection publication for March-April 2022.*

As we move closer to Springtime and we have changed the clocks to Daylight Savings Time, here are questions to serve as reminders:

- Did you change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon dioxide detectors?
- Have you taken time to clean out your medicine cabinet getting rid of expired or medicines you no longer take?
- Did you remember to flip your mattress (it should be flipped twice a year)?
- Did you change your air/furnace filters?
- Have you organized your seasonal clothes? (As the time changes, so does the climate-it's time to move the winter clothes aside.)

### Friday, April 22nd is Earth Day

Remember the bees who do so much for our planet-you can help by providing food sources and nesting sites for bees; limit the use of pesticides around your home; leave some weeds for the bees.

**Have you ever sent a check that was cashed, but the recipient said it never arrived? You may be a victim of check washing. Check washing is a scam in which the name of the payee and often the dollar amounts on the checks are changed and then deposited.**

The checks are occasionally stolen from mailboxes and chemically washed to remove the ink. Some scammers will even use copiers or scanners to print fake copies of a check. Here are some steps you can take to protect yourself.

Deposit mail before last pickup. Deposit your outgoing mail in blue collection boxes before the last pickup at your local Post Office.

Retrieve mail frequently. Never leave your mail in your mailbox overnight.

Hold mail at the Post Office. If you are going on vacation, have your mail held at the Post Office or have it picked up by a friend or neighbor.

Use a gel ink pen with black ink—It provides the best protection against check washing.

The FBI recently issued a warning about using Quick Response, or QR codes, scannable by smart phones.

Thieves and scammers can use these codes to collect personal information, plant malware on your device, or even get you to pay a cyber thief. The FBI says you can protect yourself by checking the URL to make sure you've reached the correct site once you've scanned, practicing caution with your private personal and financial data and avoiding app downloads from QR codes.

You can also request a physical menu or full link and put it in yourself to prevent yourself from falling victim.

Do your part to help end opioid addiction by removing unused, unwanted medication from your home.

National Take Back Day is April 30<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 2 PM. Check DEA's official website.

## MCPSRA FY 2022 Budget

(See notes on page 6)

MCPSRA Bylaws require the Board of Directors to approve the budget for next year, which was done at the March 3 Meeting. [Since no increase of dues is proposed, there is no membership vote required on the budget for next year.] A copy of the Board Adopted Budget for FY 2023 and explanatory notes are shown below.

<b>MCPSRA Budget - As Approved by BOD 3/3/2022</b>							
<b>FY 2022 / 2023</b>							
		FY21 Actual	FY 22 Budget	12/31/2021	Projected	Draft FY 23	Notes
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>							
Archives		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Auditing		\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$0.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	
Budget		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Committee for Montgomery		\$700.00	\$1,150.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,150.00	
Community Service		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Donations/Contributions from MCPSRA		\$250.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
Hospitality		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	1
Insurance & Benefits		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Interfaith Works		\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	2
Josiah Henson Special Project		\$665.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Legislative		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Membership		\$529.50	\$500.00	\$486.73	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	3
Membership Honorarium		\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$750.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	4
Membership Directory		\$0.00	\$9,350.00	\$5,286.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	5
Newsletter		\$9,891.50	\$10,000.00	\$1,882.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	
Political Action		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$400.00	6
Program		\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$400.00	7
Recognition		\$55.00	\$100.00	\$18.02	\$50.00	\$100.00	
Scholarship		\$14,700.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$9,000.00	\$12,000.00	8
Scholarship - Walker		\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	9
Special Projects - Toolkits		\$73.72	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	
Trip Committee		\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	
Website		\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	
Officers		\$282.98	\$200.00	\$149.90	\$300.00	\$500.00	10
Contingency		\$191.00	\$800.00	\$191.00	\$500.00	\$150.00	11
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>\$42,238.70</b>	<b>\$44,500.00</b>	<b>\$9,863.65</b>	<b>\$37,050.00</b>	<b>\$32,500.00</b>	
<b>REVENUE</b>							
Membership Dues		\$21,950.00	\$31,500.00	\$31,955.00	\$32,500.00	\$32,500.00	12
Trip Net Income		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Transfer from Surplus		\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Transfer from Scholarship Fund		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>\$21,950.00</b>	<b>\$37,500.00</b>	<b>\$31,955.00</b>	<b>\$37,500.00</b>	<b>\$32,500.00</b>	

## Budget NOTES

Note	Item	FY 23 Amount	FY 22 Amount	Comment
1	Hospitality	\$ 300	\$ 0	Guests at luncheons
2	Interfaith Works	\$ 2,000	\$ 1000	Matching Donations Limit
3	Membership	\$ 1,000	\$ 500	Emphasis Program
4	Membership Honorarium	0	\$ 1500	No longer pay for “volunteer work”
5	Membership Directory	\$ 0	\$10, 000	Published Triennially
6	Political Action	\$ 400	\$ 0	Election Year
7	Program	\$ 400	\$ 100	Return to in person luncheon
8	Scholarship	\$10,500	\$ 9,000	Increase due to available funds
9	Walker Scholarship	\$ 0	\$ 0	Not part of MCPSRA Budget
10	Officers	\$ 750	\$ 200	Flexibility to respond to circumstances
11	Contingency	\$ 150	\$ 800	Balance Budget
12	Membership Dues	\$32,500	\$ 31, 500	2167 dues paying members

## In Memoriam

**The following MCPSRA members have passed away:**

**NOVEMBER**

**Barbara J. Robb**

**DECEMBER**

**Patricia A. Hibbert  
Loretta M. Quinting  
Charles Frank Bready  
Wynn Shugarts Lawry  
Beatrice A. Laneve  
Robert T. Rahn  
Mary E. Haggerty**

**JANUARY**

**Bruce D. Gibbs  
Virginia Cooper  
Nadine L. Roberts  
Carol C. Chaney**

**FEBRUARY**

**Alice M. Dixon  
John E. Becker  
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# MCPSRA LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Normandie Farm 10710 Falls Road  
Potomac, MD 20854  
301-983-8838  
[www.popovers.com](http://www.popovers.com)

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

Gathering: 11:00 a.m. Business Meeting: 11:30 a.m. Luncheon: Noon Program: 1:00 p.m.

## Menu Choices

Chicken Piccata w/garlic/capers/lemon butter	\$30.00	Entrees include: salad, dessert, Coffee, tea, soda, POPOVERS!! Cash bar available.
Beef a la Bourguignon w/mashed potatoes, Carrots, mushrooms & pearl onions, Brussels Sprouts	\$30.00	
Roasted Tofu and broccoli over ginger Jasmin rice	\$30.00	

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Thursday, April 21, 2022

### Circle Entrée Choice

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Beef

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Beef

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian

Total amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reservation form and check must be received by Friday, April 15, 2022. Make check payable to MCPSRA. Mail to:**

LeeAnn Kaye  
3210 N. Leisure World Blvd. #306  
Silver Spring, MD 20906

For information: LeeAnn Kaye 301-598-5480 or Trish Bendler 301-540-5160  
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**MCPSRA Luncheon/Business Meeting  
NORMANDIE FARM**

**Gathering: 11:00 a.m.; Business Meeting: 11:30 a.m.;**  
**Luncheon: 12:00 Noon; Program 1:00 p.m.**

Next Luncheon Date April 21, 2022

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