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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Dr. Stephen M. Raucher**  
*President - MCPSRA*

In 1859, Charles Dickens published *A Tale of Two Cities*, which begins:

*"it was the best of times; it was the worst of times..."* How prophetic. As you read this issue of the MCPSRA Newsletter we are all "recovering" from one of the nastiest political seasons I can remember. I have (almost) lost lifelong friends and have avoided many conversations with others over the rhetoric and passion of the past several months. However, now that the election is over, I am confident that the great strength of our democracy will rise to affect a smooth transition of power and we will all be able to move forward.

The Holiday season is almost here, and a fresh New Year is at hand. So, let us all take a deep breath, exhale with a sigh of relief, and move into 2017 together.

Our organization stands on a firm four-point footing: our commitment to ourselves and all retirees; our commitment to the students and staff of MCPS; our commitment to our community; and our commitment to see MCPSRA and MRSPA grow.

So, what will 2017 bring for us and our organization? Certainly, with the next legislative session upon us, we and our State organization (MRSPA) must retain our legislative vigilance in securing and protecting our pensions. We must lobby to maintain our health benefits by seeking stable funding for MCPS. We must work with our legislators to help older adults "age in place;" prevent

their abuse, exploitation and neglect; and help protect all of us from fraud and identity theft. We must advocate for a strong educational system and for long term care insurance that will allow each of us to provide for our own care while we can. These "Legislative Priorities" (adopted by MRSPA) form the cornerstone of our activities this coming spring and correspond well with our fundamental goals.

In 2017 MCPSRA, will continue to support our two major projects: "Tool Kits" for our Title I Students and The Josiah Henson Park. More information on each of these activities is contained in this newsletter. We will continue to enjoy ourselves and each other's company through participating in our trips and luncheon programs. [Also detailed in other parts of this newsletter]. We will work to grow our membership by reaching out to

other retirees. This year we will begin distributing the newsletter electronically as well as by US Mail in an attempt to be more timely and cost effective.

Finally, as I discussed in previous newsletters, this is an election year for MCPSRA. We will be electing officers who will serve for the next two years, beginning in July 2017. Betsy Doyle has "volunteered" to chair our nominating committee this spring. I know she will welcome nominations from you (self-nominations gratefully accepted). Feel free to contact her at [edoyle3233@aol.com](mailto:edoyle3233@aol.com) or 301-947-0733. While I doubt that our election will be as exciting or controversial as the one we just came through, it is important that we too effect a smooth transition in our leadership.

Let me be the first to wish you a Happy New Year.

-- Steve Raucher



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## 2016-17 LUNCHEON DATES

Business meetings and luncheons are held four times a year at Normandie Farm, 10710 Falls Road, Potomac, MD 20854. Please join your fellow MCPS Retirees for an afternoon of food, conversation and learning new things.

Thursday, February 23, 2017

Thursday, April 20, 2017

Thursday, June 15, 2017

## WHY JOIN?

Membership in MCPSRA and MRSPA (our state association) connects us to local, state, and national administrators and legislators who make monetary and financial decisions that affect the lives MCPS retirees (teachers, administrators, and support staff). By being a member, you add to our strength. Your voice becomes one of the many that are recognized, and respected by county, state and national bodies. Decision makers listen to us because our combined voices represent a significant block of votes.

**Invite someone to join MCPSRA and MRSPA!**

But why are we telling you this? If you get this newsletter in the mail you are already a member. You pay your dues. You know the benefits. You come to our luncheons. But it's time for you to share the good news of being a member. Encourage a friend who is retired (or is planning to retire in the near future) to join us.

Tell your friend that being a member of MCPSRA and MRSA helps protect our retirement benefits and allows them to enjoy discounted rates from several benefit providers. Tell your friend that he or she will become a part of the only Maryland organization that works exclusively for retired school personnel. Tell them our luncheons are great too.

As the chairpersons of our local membership committee, we challenge each of you to sign up one (1) new member. Invite him or her to join us at our luncheon on February 23.

On page 10 of this newsletter there is a membership form for you to give to your friend(s).

MCPSRA Membership Chair: Juliette Trevino

## MCPSRA-HENSON PROJECT

The MCPSRA has resolved to help support the establishment of a museum and education center at the Josiah Henson Park in North Bethesda.

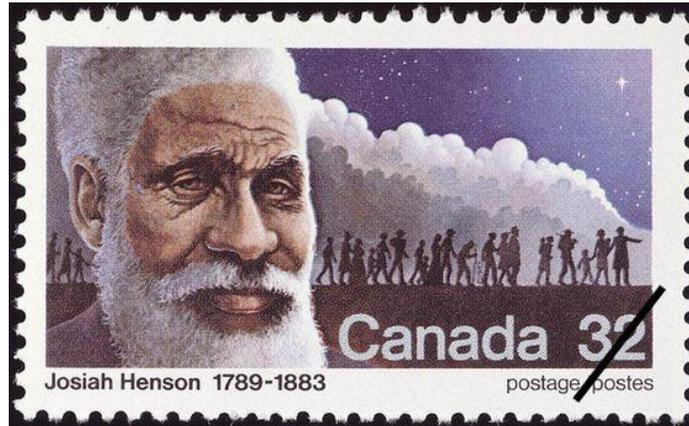
Josiah Henson was a very famous resident of Montgomery County. He lived here from 1795 to 1830 as a slave on the Isaac Riley Plantation near the intersection of what is now Old Georgetown Road and Tilden Lane. The Park is located on a small part of the property where Josiah Henson lived.

In 1849 Henson became one of the most influential international figures of the 19th Century when his autobiography was published. It was entitled *The Life of Josiah Henson, Formerly a Slave, Now an Inhabitant of Canada, as Narrated by Himself*. Henson's autobiography inspired Harriet Beecher Stowe's landmark novel, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. The most liberal abolitionists felt *Uncle Tom's Cabin* was not strong enough. More moderate abolitionists praised the book for putting a human face on slavery.

According to legend, in 1862 Abraham Lincoln greeted Harriet Beecher Stowe by saying "So you're the little woman who wrote the book that started this great war." Whether that story is true or not, the legend underscores the connection between *Uncle Tom's Cabin* and the Civil War.

In his autobiography, Henson vividly described his experiences living as an enslaved person on the Riley plantation. Although, many of these experiences are recreated in Stowe's famous novel, there are major differences too. Unlike the fictional "Uncle Tom" who was killed by the order of his owner (Simon Legree), Henson escaped to Canada where he established the Dawn Settlement for fugitive slaves (located near Detroit, between Lake Erie and Lake Huron). As a conductor on the Underground Railroad Henson led over 200 people

from enslavement in the United States to freedom in Canada. Henson traveled to England three times to raise money for the Dawn Settlement, and on March 5, 1877, he was invited by Queen Victoria to meet with her at Windsor Castle.



In 1983, Josiah Henson became the first black person to be honored with his likeness on a Canadian postage stamp.

Josiah Henson Park preserves the owner's house and a small part of the plantation property of Isaac Riley. The Josiah Henson Project is raising funds to construct a museum and

educational facility to be located on the property where Henson was enslaved. The museum will portray Henson's life and the Maryland slave experience. It will also explore the impact of Stowe's novel.

**We hope you will contribute to this important project. Your donation will go twice as far because MCPSRA will match it!**

Write a check for your tax-deductible contribution to "Montgomery Parks Foundation" and mail it to the MCPSRA Treasurer, Dr. Ken Muir, 3100 North Leisure World Blvd. #508, Silver Spring, MD 20906.

Thank you for your support!



# MESSAGES FROM THE HEART

"You spread good deeds like flower seeds that blossom where you've been. So grateful for all that you are, all that you do." A card



containing this sentiment was sent to our association from Title I Instructional Specialist, Camiele Jones-Akinkuowo, following the distribution of our toolkits to this summer's Title I ELO SAIL Program kindergartners. In her note she wrote, "I just wanted to thank you for your commitment, heart, and work ethic in leading this year's Toolkits Project. Because of the efforts of you and your team, over 1,600 incoming kindergartners at high poverty schools were given a 'seed of opportunity' through the kindergarten toolkits. Children left . . . equipped with supplies, manipulatives, and resources they need to help plant a seed in the beginnings of their educational journey. . . I am SO grateful to have the opportunity to work with you. I look forward to continued years of 'seed planting' through this noteworthy project." This card was accompanied by the adorable creative artwork and notes of hundreds of children expressing their excitement and gratitude for the kits.



A truly heartwarming and memorable letter along with a very generous donation was sent to us by one of our members who works part of the year in Singapore. She wrote, "I'm taking a break from grading papers from my Singapore beginning teachers to let you know how much I appreciate the fabulous job you are doing with the Toolkits Project. . . Also, I want to thank you for the . . . 'In honor of line. I've been donating in honor of my father who suffers from Alzheimer's. He was SO excited to

receive the acknowledgment you sent him last year. In fact, every time I spoke with him he asked about the toolkits, books, and the students! Somehow



whatever you sent, **imprinted** with him. I know this is extra work for you, and I am sending you a huge hug for your kind efforts! . . . Thank you again for ALL you have done and continue to do to support the MCPS children, especially the children who live in poverty. What a gift you provide for these children -- the power of unlocking the written words!" What a moving memory this will always be to me as I reflect on my many years involved with this project. The letter I sent this time to her father contained a few pictures of the toolkits.

These messages from the heart are true rewards for all of us in MCPSRA who have been committed to the success of our Toolkits Project over the thirteen years of its existence. Because of your caring, generosity, and hours of hard work, we are making a difference in so many lives, most especially in the lives of the children who need us most in Montgomery County. Won't you PLEASE search deep in your heart and consider supporting this very worthwhile and desperately needed project by completing the sponsorship form below and sending it in with as generous of a donation as you can. Please make checks payable to the **MCPS Educational Foundation** (all contributions are tax-deductible).

*Generosity . . . it isn't about the size or the amount of the giving, but more about the spirit of the giver.*

With much gratitude, Joan Donovan, Co-chair of the Special Projects Committee

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Please do **NOT** include my name on the toolkit's label

## Volunteer Opportunities for MCPS Retirees

### THE USO WARRIOR & FAMILY CENTER BETHESDA

The USO Warrior & Family Center Bethesda is looking for volunteers to staff the USO center and assist guests with all of the amenities the center has to offer. Volunteers will be trained to provide local area information as well as support for events and activities taking place in the building. The Warrior and Family Center Bethesda is located at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC).

- Volunteers are asked to commit to at least 2 shifts per month.
- Morning and weekend availability is preferred but day shifts are available.

- Volunteers will interact with active duty military members as well as those Wounded Warriors receiving treatment at Walter Reed.
- Volunteers must be at least 18 years old and will be required to obtain an installation security badge.
- Having fun is mandatory!

To apply to be a USO volunteer go to:

**volunteers.uso.org**

Click "Register" and search for "Bethesda"



**Warrior and Family Center™**  
Bethesda

## Welcome New Members

### Joined in September 2016

Bowers, Larry	825 Aster Blvd., Rockville, MD 20850-2037	301-250-6554
Danka, Charlene	24348 Newbury Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20882-4017	301-414-2357
Elicker, Susannah	15325 Beaufort Place, Colesville, MD 20905-4203	301-384-0634
Skladany, Toni	10200 Democracy Lane, Potomac, MD 20854	301-978-7188
Stein, David M.	7104 Rue de Palisades, Sarasota, FL 34238	240-672-4771

### Joined in October 2016

Mann, Kathleen	9204 Ethan Court, Laurel, MD 20708-2501	202-291-0991
Matthews, John L.	20500 Farcroft Lane, Laytonsville, MD 20882	301-869-5030
Van Grack, Nancy	14937 DuFief Drive, North Potomac, MD 20878	301-294-3354
Whittington, Patricia	782 Kimberly Court East, Gaithersburg, MD 20878	0-0

## Members on the Move

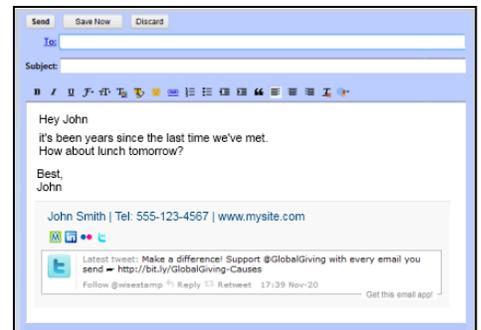
### Update your directory with new information from existing members:

Eggers, Paula S.	8603 Wintergreen Ct #-304, Odenton Md. 21113	410-396-5398
Richards, Theodore	Sutton Towers #-512, 3101 New Mexico Ave NW Washington DC 20016-5913	202-342-0777
Ward, Tonisa	3620 Littledale Road, Kensington MD 20895	301-949-2853

## An Email Experiment is Coming

MCPSRA has 2546 members, but we only have 1232 email addresses (and some of those addresses probably no longer work). It's time to test our ability to move MCPSRA into the 21st Century. During the week of December 18, we will send this newsletter to every email address we have.

If you get the December email, examine it carefully... notice the colorful pictures! But if December 23 comes and you haven't gotten an email from us it means one of two things: either we don't have an email address for you, or the email address we have is incorrect. If you don't get our email, please send your name to us from your current email address. Send it to [MCPSRA.Newsletter@ebsinstitute.com](mailto:MCPSRA.Newsletter@ebsinstitute.com).



## Congratulations to Montgomery County Board of Education Winners

At Large: Jeanette Dixon  
District 2: Rebecca Smondrowski  
District 4: Shebra Evans

## MCPSRA TRAVEL 2017 -- 2018

### 2017

**March** 16 Philadelphia Flower Show  
**April** 4 Cherry Blossom Luncheon Cruise  
**May** 9 Hillwood Estates and Gardens  
**June** 21-22 Richmond, VA ???  
**September** 7-16 Canada & New England Cruise

### 2018

**February** 1-10 Southeast Coast & Bahamas Cruise  
**March** 3-15 Southern Caribbean Cruise

??? Exact date and additional information will be in the February Newsletter - 2017.

**SPECIAL NOTICE: PLEASE READ:** All trips require some walking, some more extensive than others. Theatre trips usually have less walking, overnight trips with lots of tours and sightseeing require more walking. Trips like the Biltmore, a large home, with steps and gardens much more walking is required. **HOWEVER:** You may do as much or little as you see fit. Study each itinerary to help you understand and judge the physical activities involved.

Please make separate checks for each trip.

PLEASE OBSERVE THE DEADLINES FOR RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT...

We must make commitments by the deadlines indicated so it is very important that we hear from you in time.  
THANK YOU.

### NOTICE – PARKING FOR OVERNIGHT TRIPS.

As of 2016 pickup for overnight trips will be at the Park-and-Ride, Georgia Ave. – same lot where we pick up for day trips. People coming from out of the area and in the vicinity of the Eyre Bus terminal can arrange to park and board the coach at their location in Glenelg, MD. Rt. 70 to Rt. 32 S. 5 miles to terminal at 13600 Triadelphia Rd. For arrangements, timing and information call Ellen at Eyre. 1-800-321-3973 x 325

### TRAVEL QUESTIONS ???

**Please check our website:**

[www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/mcpsretirees/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/mcpsretirees/)  
or call our Travel Committee Co-Chairs:

**Frieda J. Price**  
301- 926-2286

**Mary Ann Davis**  
301-253-6256

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## PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW

MARCH 16, 2017

### THEME: HOLLAND – FLOWERING THE WORLD

Celebrate the wonders of Holland: from Windmills, wooden shoes and cheese, to bicycles, canals and vibrant tulip and flower fields. There is also a Marketplace and much more to see and enjoy.

7:30am – Depart from Park and Ride, Ga. Ave.

Arrive in Philadelphia. By 11:00am

ENJOY FLOWER SHOW

Lunch on own.

4:00pm -- Depart for home.

7:30pm -- Arrive back at Park and Ride

INCLUDED: Round trip transportation by Eyre motor coach with restroom.

Taxes, tolls, admission to show.

NOT INCLUDED: Gratuity for coach operator. Lunch

COST: \$85.00 per person.

Date Due: Feb. 24th, 2017

Mail completed reservation form, with check made to MCPSRA, to  
Frieda J. Price 105 N Summit Ave. #4 Gaithersburg, MD 29877

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## **ODYSSEY- CHERRY BLOSSOM LUNCHEON CRUISE**

**APRIL 4, 2017**

Enjoy a leisurely luncheon cruise on the Potomac River with narration of the interesting and historical sites along the river. Hopefully the beautiful Cherry Blossoms will be in full bloom. Time permitting we will also visit the WW II Memorial.

9:00AM - Depart Ga. Ave Park and Ride

10:00AM Visit WW 2 Memorial (TIME PERMITTING)

11:00am - Board the ODYSSEY

2:00 pm Cruise Ends/ Depart for Home

3:00pm - Arrive back at Park and Ride.

**INCLUDED:** Round trip Eyre motor coach transportation, lunch, cruise, tolls, taxes and gratuities.

**Not included:** Gratuity for coach operator.

**COST PER PERSON:** \$105.00

**Payment Due:** March 10, 2017

Mail completed reservation form, with check made to MCPSRA, to  
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## **HILLWOOD ESTATE AND GARDENS**

**MAY 9, 2017**

9:00am – Depart Park and Ride, Ga. Ave.

10:00am – Arrive Hillwood House. – Begin at 10:00 with orientation film, (15 min.)

This is a wonderful introduction to Marjorie Merriweather Post's life and the legacy she left at Hillwood. Following the film you have the audio tour (go at your own pace)

Tour estate, museum and gardens

12:00pm -- Lunch in the café.

Tour gardens

2:00pm – Depart for Park and Ride. 3pm. Arrival time to Park and Ride.

**Includes:** Transportation by Eyre motor coach, taxes, tolls, gratuity, admission, tours, lunch.

**Not included:** Gratuity for coach operator

**COST:** \$78.00

**DATE DUE:** April 20th, 2017

**LUNCH SELECTION:** Please indicate choice on reservation form.

1,2,3,4,5,6.

1 -- Turkey sandwich w/salad

2 -- Turkey sandwich w/soup

3 -- Ham sandwich w/salad

4 -- Ham sandwich w/soup

5 -- Veggie wrap w/salad

6 -- Veggie wrap w/soup

All served with cookies and choice of beverage (water, tea, soft drinks)

Mail completed reservation form, with check made to MCPSRA, to  
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## **MCPSRA PRESENTS**

### **CANADA & NEW ENGLAND**

**WITH ROYAL CARIBBEAN CRUISE LINE ON THE GRANDEUR OF THE SEAS**

**10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS ~ SEPTEMBER 7 – 16, 2017**

Baltimore, Maryland ~ Boston, Massachusetts ~ Portland, Maine ~ Bar Harbor, Maine ~  
Saint John, New Brunswick (Bay of Fundy) ~ Halifax, Nova Scotia

Inside Cabin Category Q \$1,107

Outside Cabin Category G \$1,458

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

**\*DEPOSIT POLICY:** An initial deposit of \$350 per person double occupancy or \$700 per person single occupancy is required to secure reservations and assign cabins. Final balance is due May 9, 2017.

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**MCPSRA PRESENTS**  
**SOUTHEAST COAST & BAHAMAS**  
**WITH ROYAL CARIBBEAN CRUISE LINE ON THE GRANDEUR OF THE SEAS**  
**10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS ~ FEBRUARY 1 – 10, 2018**

Baltimore, Maryland ~ Charleston, South Carolina ~ Orlando (Port Canaveral), Florida ~ Miami, Florida ~  
Nassau, Bahamas ~ CocoCay, Bahamas

Inside Cabin Category N \$1,064 Outside Cabin Category H \$1,171  
Inside Cabin Category L \$1,085 Outside Cabin Category G \$1,216  
Outside Cabin Category \$1,149 Balcony Cabin Category D2 \$1,629  
Balcony Cabin Category D1 \$1,697

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

**\*DEPOSIT POLICY:** An initial deposit of \$350 per person double occupancy or \$700 per person single occupancy is required in order to secure reservations and assign cabins. Final balance is due by October 3, 2017.

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**MCPSRA PRESENTS**  
**SOUTHERN CARIBBEAN**  
**WITH ROYAL CARIBBEAN CRUISE LINE ON THE GRANDEUR OF THE SEAS**  
**13 DAYS / 12 NIGHTS ~ MARCH 3 – 15, 2018**

Baltimore, Maryland ~ Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas ~ St. Johns, Antigua ~  
Castries, St. Lucia ~ Basseterre, St. Kitts ~ Philipsburg, St. Maarten

Inside Cabin Category N \$1,310  
Outside Cabin Category H \$1,441  
Balcony Cabin Category D2 \$2,514

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

**\*DEPOSIT POLICY:** An initial deposit of \$550 per person double occupancy or \$1100 per person single occupancy is required in order to secure reservations and assign cabins. Final balance is due by November 3, 2017

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For additional information about the three cruises listed above please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to  
Frieda J. Price 105 N. Summit Ave. #4 Gaithersburg, MD 20877

**FOR CRUISE RESERVATIONS OR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT GRAND AMERICAN TOURS**  
**1-800-423-0247**

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## REMINDERS ABOUT THE MCPSRA TRAVEL PROGRAM

1. We all travel at our own risk. When signing up for one of the sponsored trips, participants accept all liability for any loss, damage or personal injury related to that trip and hold MCPSRA, its Officers and Board harmless should any accident, injury or loss occur.
2. Itineraries, times and details are approximate. Changes are sometimes necessary and unavoidable.
3. Trips are open to members, their families and friends (adults).
4. Smoking and drinking of alcoholic beverages are not permitted on the coach.
5. PLEASE OBSERVE THE DEADLINES FOR RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT. We have to make commitments by the dates indicated so this is very important in making a trip go or having to cancel for lack of participation.
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, participants will get a letter with up-to-date information, including parking details. One baggage tag per person will be mailed to each participant.
7. Write a separate check, payable to MCPSRA, for each trip. Include the name and date of the trip on each check.
8. Send your check with your completed reservation form. Your reservation will be definite upon receipt of your deposit/full payment, whichever is required. If a trip has to be cancelled because of insufficient numbers of participants needed by the published deadline, your check will be returned to you. Please feel free to call to find out if your reservation and payment were received.

9. Refunds are made only when your space can be filled.

10. Gratuities for driver and local guides are not included in the price of the trip.

**11. We do not provide transportation to and from the airport for trips that require flying.**

Those interested in purchasing travel 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.

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Gaithersburg, MD 20882-3017

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**TRIP RESERVATION FORMS**

**PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW - MARCH 16, 2017**

\*NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Member of MCPSRA –Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If not, guest of \_\_\_\_\_.

Total number \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Paid by Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_ (Yes/No)

I am paying by CC to Eyre. \_\_\_\_\_ 1-800-321-3973 x 3252 Ellen

Please, also, send reservation form to Frieda if paying by CC.

\*Cell Ph.# \_\_\_\_\_

**CHERRY BLOSSOM ODYSSEY LUNCHEON CRUISE - APRIL 4, 2017**

\*NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

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\* cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

**HILLWOOD ESTATE and GARDENS - MAY 9, 2017**

\*NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Member of MCPSRA –Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If not, guest of \_\_\_\_\_.

Total number \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Paid by Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_ (Yes/No)

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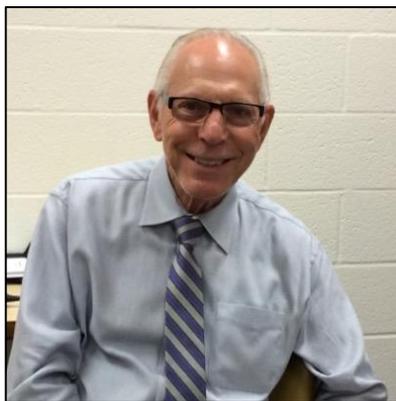
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