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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dr. Carol Dahlberg

President - MCPSRA

Welcome, fellow MCPSRA retirees, to the 2018-19 year.

Again, this year we are looking forward to a full agenda of community service projects, luncheons, meetings, and trips. The MCPSRA **Toolkits, Books, and Backpacks Project** (our largest community service project) is celebrating its fifteenth successful year. Special thanks go to chairpersons: Joan Donovan and Trish Bendler, volunteers, and 305 individual donors. Lanny Taylor and his colleagues at the Department of Materials Management have



Members of the Toolkits Assembly Team taking a break at the DMM Warehouse (Diane Wells, Pam Grant, Trish Bendler, Joan Donovan).

been especially supportive. We appreciate your ongoing interest and donations to this community service project. (See page 3 for more information.)

Over the past year, we have supported the establishment of a museum and educational center at the Josiah Henson Park. MCPSRA continues in this effort in two significant ways: we use our funds to match your generous donations, and we do what we can to lobby the school board and County Council to support spreading the word about Josiah Henson. Most recently we have sent a letter to the Board of Education supporting the proposal of County Council President and Catherine Leggett to rename the renovated Woodward High School as the Josiah Henson High School. (See page 12 for an update.)

I look forward to seeing you at our next luncheon on October 18, 2018, at Normandie Farm. The speaker will be Michael Day. He is certified as an Elder Law Attorney by the National Elder Law Foundation. Mr. Day will speak on topics of great interest to our members: (Asset Protection, Medicaid, Medicare Parts A, B, C, D; Powers of Attorney – How to protect assets. He will also answer questions such as: Should I put my children's names on my bank account? Do I have to give my home to my children to protect it? How do I pay for my spouse who is in a NH and still pay the bills?)

Carol Dahlberg

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2018-19 BUSINESS MEETING/LUNCHEON

DATES

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



Here are the dates for our luncheons for this school year:

Thursday, October 18, 2018

Thursday, February 21, 2019

Thursday, April 11, 2019

Thursday, June 13, 2019

The speaker at our October 18 Luncheon is Michael G. Day, the president/principal of The Law Offices of Michael G. Day and Associates, P.C., Hagerstown, Maryland. For over 20 years his firm's practice emphasis has been in Elder Law, concentrating on asset protection and Medicaid issues. He is certified as an Elder Law Attorney by the National Elder Law Foundation. He is founder and president of The Family Heritage Trust Company, Frederick, Maryland, and hosts seminars and weekly television and radio programs focusing on elder issues.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Our Louise S. Walker Scholarship Committee met in April and unanimously selected nine MCPS employees to receive \$1500 scholarships. The scholarships were awarded to John Butler, Stephanie Moxley, Jerome Price, Jeanette Blackwood, Leanne Halling, Denise Hoes, Leslie Lopez, Marisa Stopler, and Mary Ellen Wolfinger at our June Luncheon.

CELEBRATING FIFTEEN YEARS OF SUCCESS

The MCPSRA **Toolkits, Books, and Backpacks Project** has just completed its fifteenth year. During that time, we provided nearly 20,000 kits and 225 backpacks of school supplies, and 8,900 new books to economically challenged Title I ELO SAIL elementary summer school children.

The success of our project over the years has been due to all the individuals, organizations, and corporate sponsors that contributed in so many ways and especially to this summer's kits. First, we wish to express our gratitude to the 305 individual donors who responded to our urgent plea for monetary contributions that amounted to \$27,721.50. This covered the entire expenses for the kits assembled for this year. This hasn't always happened in years past. A very special thanks to the Educational Systems Federal Credit Union for not only providing 4,000 pencils and 2,000 rulers for inclusion in the kits but also for donating \$1,000, which they have done each year for over 12 years. The Germantown Target Store again this summer acquired the 2,000 shoe boxes at cost for us. Thanks to the hundreds of people who collected the more than 110,000 plastic bottle caps needed for the math activities included in the kits, especially Ramarion King and the residents of Asbury Methodist Village in Gaithersburg, students at Seneca Valley HS, church groups, and even athletes at a soccer complex in Philadelphia who heard about our collection and delivered them here to us. A very special thank you goes to a special group of Wootton HS students who spent months counting out and bagging some of the caps for us. Enormous thanks go to Diane Wells and Pam Grant who spent hundreds of hours on this summer's project from its onset to its completion. Most importantly, our project would not be possible without Lanny Taylor, along with his crew, at the MCPS Department Materials Management warehouse who provides space to assemble the kits, orders items for in the kits, and distributes them to the schools. Finally, thanks to all the Title I specialists and Camiele Jones-Akinkuowo who coordinated this summer's project at the 22 school sites and conducted parent seminars on how to use the items and lessons plans in the kits with their children at home.

As we begin to plan for next summer's project and embark on a new fundraising campaign please consider helping another group of eager little in-coming kindergartners and Head Start students who will start their education careers

next September by sponsoring toolkits with a generous tax-deductible contribution. PLEASE fill out the form below and mail it along with your check today (make sure to make it payable to **MCPS Educational Foundation**). Thank you SO much for your continued support of this very worthwhile and highly successful project!



Toolkits Assembly Team, at the DMM warehouse---Orlando (Lanny) Taylor at the Department of Materials Management

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, MD20882-3521

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

I would like to sponsor # _____ toolkits at \$10 per kit. Donation enclosed: \$ _____

Optional: In memory of _____ In honor of _____ Send acknowledgement to _____

Optional: _____ I do **NOT** want my name to appear on the labels of the toolkits that I sponsor.

MEMBERS WITH NEW ADDRESSES AND/OR MISSING INFO FROM DIRECTORY:

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9301 WESCOTT PLACE UNIT- A
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Shiple, Lisa A.	4 Upland Road #11, Baltimore, MD 21210	0
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Woodall, Thomas G.	316 Broadway Street, Frederick, MD 21701	301-378-2258
Woodfield, Cindy	17512 Georgia Avenue, Olney, MD 20832	301-772-2472

Joined in June 2018

Austin, Lucie	2414 Dexter Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20902	301-754-2711
Baker, Jeffrey	809 King Street, Beaufort, SC 29902410-991-2128	
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Winckler, Carol	224 General McClellan Court, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425	304-725-3178
Woodall, Thomas G.	316 Broadway Street, Frederick, MD 21701	301-378-2258

Joined July 2018

Abrunzo, Pat D.	14326 Lewisdale Road, Clarksburg, MD 20871	301-253-5328
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Joined in August 2018

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A Do You Want to Advertise Your Business in the MCPSRA Newsletter?

Business card 3.0" wide x 2.0" tall	\$35
Quarter page 3.5" wide x 4.75" tall	\$60
Half page 7.5" wide x 4.75" tall	\$110
Full page 7.5" wide x 10.0" tall	\$200

An ad cannot exceed the above dimensions and should be emailed to the Newsletter Editor.

Deadline for December newsletter is November 2, 2018.

Send advertising copy to russwright408@gmail.com. Mail check payable to MCPSRA (in advance of publication) to:
Treasurer, P.O. Box 4367, Rockville, MD 20849-4367.

Volunteer!

The MCPSRA appreciates and thanks those of you who donate your time by volunteering and reaching out to others. Volunteering is good medicine!

In the VITALITY---MEMBER RESOURCE GUIDE-2018, on pages 18-19 there is an excellent article on Volunteering. The article descues the many benefits of volunteering. Caring for the wellbeing of others provides positive impact on the health and longevity of those who serve. Hopefully you will find an area in which you would be interested in giving to and serving others and become a volunteer.

Montgomery County has a great website to help you find the volunteer opportunity that's right for you. Check it out:
<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/volunteercenter/>

Volunteering makes life more fun and meaningful. Give it a try.

MCPSRA Consumer Education Update

Timing purchases can save money! Consider the following...

Best Buys in October

Cars
Costumes
European Vacations
Pizza (Yes, October is National Pizza Month!)
Gardening Tools
Plants

Best Buys in November

Large Home Appliances
iPhone 7 and older
Laptops
Clothing (not winter outerwear)
TV's
Game Consoles and Games
Kitchen items (small appliances)

CONSUMER COMPLAINTS:

The first place to report a consumer concern is to the Federal Trade Commission's Complaint Assistant.

ftccomplaintassistant.gov

This site gives valuable information in resolving consumer complaint issues. The FTC cannot resolve individual complaints, but it can provide information about what next steps to take. Click on the following general areas for more detailed categories:

- Scams and Rip-offs
- Unwanted Telemarketing, Text or SPAM
- Mobile Devices or Telephones
- Internet Services, Online Shopping, or Computers
- Education, Jobs, and Making Money
- Credit and Debt
- Other (i.e., automobile; satellite and cable TV provider; books and magazines; grants or scholarships; health and fitness; charitable solicitations; travel, vacations, or timeshares, immigration or tax services, digital media/streaming)

econsumer.gov: to report international scams and learn about other steps you can take to combat fraud. Your complaints help consumer protection agencies around the world spot trends and work together to prevent international scams.

Identity Theft.gov to report identity theft.

MCPSRA TRAVEL 2018-2019

- **Welcome to our latest MCPSRA TRAVEL TEAM offerings for the coming months. We hope you will find one or more tours that interest you and some that your family or friends might enjoy, too! Please share this list with others so we can continue to build the program and share the love of travel and adventure with many more. Your ideas are always encouraged! Please contact us and let us know how we can do our best for you!**
- **DEADLINES:** We don't want to cancel any of the trips, so please pay for your trip as soon as possible. If a trip has to be cancelled because of insufficient numbers by the published deadline, your check will be returned to you.
- **Some trips are shared by EYRE Tour & Travel and MCPSRA. Trips marked "EYRE TRIP" can be paid by credit card directly to EYRE. Make sure they know that you are traveling with MCPSRA!**
- **GRATUITIES** for drivers are not included in the price of the trip.
- Most trips require at least 30 participants.

DAY TRIPS

9/11 Memorial & Museum (NYC) — Thursday, October 25, 2018

\$120 pp **7:00 am - 11:00 pm** **Georgia Avenue Park & Ride (Olney, MD)**

The Memorial Museum is an educational and historical institution honoring the victims and examining 9/11 and its continued global significance. (Security screening on-site) **Activity Level** - A lot of walking **DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 19**

Barnes Collection (Philadelphia, PA) — Thursday, November 8, 2018

\$132 pp **8:00 am - 7:00 pm** **Georgia Avenue Park & Ride (Olney, MD)**

Docent-guided visit to the Special Exhibit: Berthe Morisot, one of the major impressionists, worked alongside Degas, Manet, Monet, and Renoir. **Activity Level:** Moderate. **DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 19**

Museum of the American Revolution (Philadelphia, PA) — Thursday, November 15, 2018

\$85 pp **7:00 am - 5:30 pm** **Georgia Avenue Park & Ride (Olney, MD)**

The museum displays objects pertaining to the Revolutionary War. Explore stories of enslaved and free Africans, Native Americans and women — in addition to the Founding Fathers and Revolutionary War soldiers — through immersive displays and artifacts that create a modern storytelling experience. **Activity Level:** Moderate **DEADLINE: OCTOBER 15**

NYC ON YOUR OWN — Wednesday, October 3, 2018 OR Tuesday, December 11, 2018

\$80 pp **7:00 am - 11:00 pm** **Georgia Avenue Park & Ride (Olney, MD)**

A museum exhibit? A matinee on Broadway? Stroll down Fifth Avenue? Want to meet a NY friend for lunch? Whatever your plan, this is a great way to do it! **Activity Level:** Your choice!

OVERNIGHT TRAVEL

***Deck The Halls and Mansions, PA & DE (Thurs. December 6 - Fri. December 7, 2018)**

EYRE TRIP

\$499.00 pp double / \$599.00 pp single occupancy **Georgia Avenue Park & Ride (Olney, MD)**

Travel Protection Plan: \$39 pp double and \$58 pp single due at final payment.

Final payment is due

October 22

Step back in time at Yuletide at Winterthur, Henry Francis duPont's home in seasonal splendor. At Longwood Gardens, take in the twinkling lights, whirling fountains, and adorned trees. Check into the Hotel duPont, one of the most lavish hotels of America's Gilded Age, for overnight and enjoy a wonderful dinner. The next day, tour the world-famous Nemours Mansion & Gardens beautifully decorated for the holidays. The duPonts have left a living legacy that you can experience at the Hagley Museum and Library. **Activity Level:** Moderate

OVERSEAS TRIPS (offered by private tour companies)

****Detailed flyers available for these tours. Please request one from Ann Vermillion or Judy Adler Reiff**

****Land Journey to NORMANDY honoring the 75th Anniversary of D-Day (AHI Travel) July 13-21, 2019** **A Brochure is coming! See page 14 if you don't want to receive the brochure.**

9 days/7 nights - 7 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners - Discovery excursions that highlight the local culture, heritage, and history, including: the impact of WWII at the Caen Memorial Museum; the bravery of the Allied landing forces and the wartime history of Utah Beach & Sainte-Mere-Eglise, D-Day and the Battle of Normandy; historic Honfleur's harbor; a UNESCO World Heritage site - Mont St.-Michel; and the vivid details of the Bayeux Tapestry; and the region's cider brandy, Calvados.

Price includes 7-night stay at 1st Class hotel in Honfleur, meals as listed, excursions, Welcome & Farewell Receptions, VOX headsets for tours, tips for guides and drivers, roundtrip airfare to/from Paris with transfers to/from Honfleur.

No Single Supplement! Small Group (28 passengers max.) Contact us for additional information.

****Land Journey to Italy's Amalfi Coast (AHI Travel)
2019**

September 4 - 12,

9 days/7 nights - 7 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 4 dinners - Discovery excursions that highlight the local culture, heritage, and history, including: Naples and the Museo Archeologico Nazionale; Herculaneum and Pompeii; a Sorrento farm; Meet the People luncheon in Paestum and a visit to the ruins with the well-preserved Greek temples; as well as the charming Amalfi Coast with Positano, Amalfi, and Sorrento; and an optional tour to the Isle of Capri.

Price includes 7-night stay at 1st Class hotel in Sorrento, meals as listed, excursions, Welcome & Farewell Receptions, VOX headsets for tours, tips for guides and drivers, roundtrip airfare to/from Naples with transfers to/from Sorrento.

****Spain & Portugal in Depth (Grand Circle Travel)
2019**

September 13-27,

15 days/13 nights - 13 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 6 dinners - 10 guided tours and 2 exclusive Discovery Series events: Home-Hosted Lunch and Horse-breeding farm visit; 3 nights stays in Madrid, Torremolinos, Lisbon and 2 nights stays in Granada and Seville; tours included in Madrid, Toledo, Alhambra, Cordoba, Malaga, Ronda, Seville, Lisbon, Sintra, and Cascais; optional pre-trip tour to Barcelona and post-trip tour to Madeira, Portugal. Price includes hotel accommodations, meals, tips for guides and drivers, headsets for tours, baggage handling.

Tour only: **\$3195 pp. Tour with airfare from BWI: \$4195 pp. Deposit: \$350 Final Payment: June 12, 2019**

No Single Supplement! (GCT Good Buy Plan can save you up to 10% - book early, save more!)

For reservations and information: 1-800-221-2610 Mention G9-28170 when booking.

**For additional travel opportunities, check out the website
for MRSPA at <https://www.mrspa.org/travel-1>**

REMINDERS ABOUT THE MCPSRA TRAVEL PROGRAM

- 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.
- Itineraries, times and details are approximate. Changes are sometimes necessary and unavoidable.
- Trips are open to members, their families and adult friends, unless otherwise indicated.
- **ACTIVITY LEVEL:** Most tours require considerable walking, often with steps to climb or limited accessibility. Participants should be capable of maintaining the group's pace.

PAYMENTS: Write a separate check payable to MCPSRA for each trip. Include the name and date of the trip on each check. Send your check with your completed reservation form. Your reservation will be definite upon receipt of your deposit/full payment, whichever is required.

- Upon receipt of registration form and payment confirmation, the Travel Team will send an email to the participant acknowledging the booking.
- **REFUNDS** are made only when your space can be filled.

TRIP RESERVATION FORM
(use one for each tour, please)

TOUR _____

NAME _____ Email _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone# _____ Cell # _____

Member of MCPSRA Yes ____ No ____ Are you traveling with others? Yes ____ No ____ If yes, complete next line.
Names & contact information for travel companions:

Are your travel companions paying independently? Yes ____ No ____ If yes, please enclose that check with registration.
Total number of travelers, including self _____ X TOUR FEE = TOTAL PAYMENT \$ _____

CIRCLE ONE: Method of payment: check OR credit card payment to EYRE.
CREDIT CARD payment is accepted for trips offered by EYRE only. If paying by credit card, call the **Tour Department** at EYRE
TOUR & TRAVEL: 1-800-321-3973 x 3252.

Please let us know if you have special needs or requests. (seating, mobility, food allergies, medical issues, etc.)

CHECKS should be made payable to **MCPSRA**. One check per tour, please.
MAIL all checks and reservation forms to **Ann Vermillion, 3438 Chiswick Ct, Silver Spring, MD 20906**
QUESTIONS: Please contact Judy Adler Reiff, Travel Chairperson, via email at jadlerreiff@gmail.com or by phone/text at 240-481-4016 with any questions regarding the trips. We welcome your suggestions, too!

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Mailing Address _____

Phone# _____ Cell # _____

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CIRCLE ONE: Method of payment: check OR credit card payment to EYRE.
CREDIT CARD payment is accepted for trips offered by EYRE only. If paying by credit card, call the **Tour Department** at EYRE
TOUR & TRAVEL: 1-800-321-3973 x 3252.

Montgomery County Board of Elections
Early Voting Sites for 2018 General Election

Early voting Thurs. Oct. 25, 2018-

Thurs. Nov. 1, 2018

10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Activity Center at Bohrer Park
Social Hall
506 S. Frederick Avenue
Gaithersburg, MD 20877

Marilyn J. Praisner Community
Rec Center Social Hall
14906 Old Columbia Pike
Burtonsville, MD 20866

Damascus Community Rec Center
Social Hall
25520 Oak Drive
Damascus MD 20872

Mid-County Community Rec Center
Social Hall
2004 Queensguard Road
Silver Spring, MD 20906

Executive Office Building
Auditorium
101 Monroe Street.
Rockville, MD 20850

Potomac Community Rec Center
11315 Falls Road
Potomac, MD 20854

Germantown Community Rec Center
Social Hall
18905 Kingsview Road
Germantown, MD 20874

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The Ballroom
17921 Brooke Rd.
Sandy Spring, MD 20860

Jane E. Lawton
Community Rec Center
Social Hall 4301 Willow Lane
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Silver Spring Civic Building
Great Hall
One Veterans Place
Silver Spring, MD 20910

St. Catherine Laboure
Claridge Room
11801 Claridge Rd
Wheaton, MD 20902

You may go to **any** of the early voting sites to vote!



Vote YES on Question 1

When Marylanders approved casino gaming, we thought the new revenue would increase education funding. While almost \$2 billion in casino revenue went into the Education Trust Fund – which can only be used for funding public education – nearly the same amount of existing funding was *shifted* from education to other parts of the state budget. The result? The new revenue from casinos *didn't add* to existing funding; it supplanted or simply maintained existing, minimum levels.

Passing (Constitutional Amendment) Question 1, which will be on the General Election ballot on November 6, will Fix the Fund, stop this budget gimmick, and ensure that casino revenues go to *increasing* or supplementing school funding over current levels. This could be an influx of \$500 million dollars within 4 years to education funding.

Because local school systems would benefit from this additional revenue, it could mean better protection for the health benefits you enjoy as a retired educator.

To learn more, go to www.fixthefund.org and please **VOTE YES on Question 1** this November!

DOES MY VOTE COUNT?

Absolutely! In the spring Primary Election in Montgomery County there had to be two major recount votes. One House of Delegates race was decided by 12 votes and the County Executive race by 77 votes. And, remember, last year, in one of Virginia’s races a name had to be drawn from a hat to determine a winner. “There is no second place in politics. You lose the championship game, you’re runner-up. You come in second at the Olympics, you get a silver medal. You lose the election, you just lose. There is no second place.” (Tony Fazio)

Your vote does make a difference.

The General Election is Tuesday, November 6, with early voting October 25-November 1. (See early voting sites listed on page 11.) After interviewing 120 candidates, the MCPSRA Political Action Committee is making the following recommendations:

County Executive Marc Elrich

County Council
 Council At-Large Gabe Albernoz
 Evan Glass
 Will Jawando
 Hans Riemer*

Council Dist. 1 Andrew Friedson
 Council Dist. 2 Craig Rice*
 Council Dist. 3 Sidney Katz*
 Council Dist. 4 Nancy Navarro*
 Council Dist. 5 Tom Hucker*

Maryland General Assembly

Dist. 14 Senate Craig Zucker*
 Dist. 14 Delegate Anne Kaiser *
 Eric Luedtke*
 Pamela Queen*
 Dist. 15 Senate Brian Feldman*
 Dist. 15 Delegate Kathleen Dumais*
 David Fraser-Hidalgo*
 Harvey Jacobs
 Dist. 16 Senate Susan Lee*
 Dist. 16 Delegate Ariana Kelly*

Dist. 17 Senate	Marc Korman*
Dist. 17 Delegate	Sara Love
	No recommendation
	Kumar Barve*
	Julie Palakovich Carr
	Jim Gilchrist*
Dist. 18 Senate	No recommendation
Dist. 18 Delegate	Al Carr*
	Jared Solomon
	Emily Shetty
Dist. 19 Senate	Ben Kramer
Dist. 19 Delegate	Bonnie Cullison*
	Charlotte Crutchfield
	Vaughn Stewart
Dist. 20 Senate	Will Smith
Dist. 20 Delegate	Lorig Charkoudian
	David Moon*
	Jheanelle Wilkins*
Dist. 39 Senate	Nancy King*
Dist. 39 Delegate	Gabriel Acevero
	Lesley Lopez
	Kirill Reznik*

Board of Education

Bd. of Ed. At-Lg.	Karla Silvestre
Bd. of Ed. Dist. 1	Judy Docca*
Bd. of Ed. Dist. 3	Pat O’Neill*
Bd. of Ed. Dist. 5	Brenda Wolff

* **Denotes incumbent**

All of the MCPSRA’s recommended candidates have been invited to attend the October 18th luncheon so you will have an opportunity to meet them.

Many thanks to the interview team: Carol Dahlberg, Lou D’Ovidio, George Kaye, Ken Muir and Darlene Simmons for their countless hours, thoughtfulness, knowledge and dedication.

VOTING IS A PRIVILEGE AND A DUTY!!

VOTE THE GENERAL ELECTION!!

NOVEMBER 6, 2018

In Memoriam

The following MCPSRA members have passed away:

April

Sherry B. Adams
Michael J. Fasanella
Donna J. Gullickson
Helen S. Joseph
Fumie Yamamoto

August

Bertha Meister
Lois P. Parker

May

Jeanne F. Drew
Gail F. Hooker
Mildred G. Kline
Gregory A. Slatniske
Nancy S. Walker

June

Jerome K. Bradford
John Haddad
Helene McKamey

July

Barbara S. Davis
Barbara A. DeWitt
Frances A. Hendrickson
Julia K. Mills

JOSIAH

The Story That Sparked the American Civil War

Narrated by Danny Glover

On August 10, 2018 The Montgomery Parks Foundation hosted the local premiere of *Josiah*, a documentary film, at the American Film Institute Silver Theater in Downtown Silver Spring, which traces Josiah Henson's harrowing journey from slavery in Montgomery County and Kentucky to freedom in Canada.



Many members of MCPSRA are already aware of his story from presentations at our quarterly luncheons and the contributions to the Foundation to support the development of the Josiah Henson Park Museum and Education Center.

A large group of Henson descendants attended the screening. They were here for an annual family reunion. The August 10th screening was sold out and an additional showing was scheduled for the next day to accommodate the community interest.

The screening was followed by a Q and A with the filmmaker Jared Block, Catherine Leggett, Montgomery County First Lady, Montgomery Parks Historian Jamie Kuhns and Josiah Henson descendant Dennis Green, moderated by historian Anthony Cohen of the Menare Foundation.

Josiah Henson (1789-1883) spent 41 years enslaved. He was a principled man who overcame incredible odds to escape his enslavers and improve the lives of hundreds of freed people. His real story has until now been largely lost to history even though he was immortalized by Harriet Beecher Stowe in "Uncle Tom's Cabin" in 1852.

A trailer of the film is available on line for viewing.

MCPSRA-Henson Project Donation Form

Please provide (print clearly) the following information and mail it along with a check (payable to: "Montgomery County Parks Foundation") to MCPSRA Treasurer, Dr. Ken Muir, 3100 North Leisure World Blvd. #508, Silver Spring, MD 20906.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

OPT OUT?

AHI Travel has planned a trip to Normandy France next July to honor the 75th Anniversary of D-Day (see page 8). AHI wants to send a brochure about the trip to our members. They have asked us to provide a mailing list for a one-time mailing.

If you do not wish your name and address to be shared with AHI (or any other company in the future), please, write the words **OPT OUT** on a piece of paper along with your name and address and mail to:
MCPSRA PO Box 4367, Rockville, MD 20849.

ARE YOU GETTING YOUR NEWSLETTER AS AN EMAIL ATTACHMENT?

We are sending every issue of the Newsletter as an email attachment to all members for whom we have a working email address.

Here are the advantages of the email version:

- it's in color
- it arrives earlier than the print version, and
- if you only get the email version it saves our organization money.

If you are not getting the email version, it's because we don't have your correct email address. If you are one of these people, and if you would like to receive the color version of the Newsletter as an email attachment please send an email to MCPSRA.Newsletter@ebsinstitute.com. Use **this same address to let us know if you want the newsletter by email only**.

NEW LOGO!!



Did you notice that our logo has changed? Each general election year, the MCPSRA Political Action Committee interviews candidates for many public positions and "endorses" those it thinks will be good public officials and those who will best support the interests of MCPS retirees. Candidates frequently want to use the logos of the organizations that have endorsed them in their political advertising.



Here's the problem... The MCPSRA logo looks very similar to the MCPS logo, with the "lamp of learning" as its focal point. Since MCPS is a non-political public agency, we and they want to make sure that the retiree association logo is not mistaken for that of MCPS. So, the MCPSRA Board of Directors has approved a new organization logo that is displayed for the first time on our newsletter masthead.

MCPSRA Luncheon and Business Meeting

Thursday, October 18, 2018

Normandie Farm 10710 Falls Road

Potomac, MD 20854

301-983-8838

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 PM

Menu Choices:

Coq au Vin	\$23.50
Hungarian beef stew	\$23.50
Fresh salmon cakes w/béarnaise sauce	\$23.50
Penne Pasta w roasted vegetables	\$20.00

Entrees include: Potato leek soup, popovers, vegetable of the day, lemon sorbet, tea, coffee, soda.
Cash bar available.

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Thursday, October 18, 2018

Circle Entrée Choice

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Chicken Beef
email address: _____ Fish Vegetarian

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Chicken Beef
email address: _____ Fish Vegetarian

Total amount enclosed: _____

RESERVATION FORM AND CHECK MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, October 12, 2018.

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
October 18, 2018

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