

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS RETIREES ASSOCIATION, INC.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are frequently asked what, as retirees and as a retiree organization, do we really do? Who are the stakeholders we serve, and how do our programs and activities align with these groups? It occurred to me, as our various committee chairs were presenting their reports at our highly successful

luncheon meeting of February 19, that our MCPSRA activities line up very well with the three stakeholder groups we serve. At the risk of repeating some of my comments at that luncheon, I wanted to take this opportunity to share this insight here, so all of our 2,600+ members can better understand what MCPSRA is all about.

As I see it, we serve at least three distinct groups – children/students currently enrolled in MCPS; active staff members of MCPS; and ourselves – the retirees from careers in MCPS. Let me share some examples of how MCPSRA supports each of these focus areas.

- Our annual “Tool Kits” project provides school supplies and grade level appropriate learning materials to Title I students enrolled in the summer SAIL program. Thanks to the generosity of our members and the hard work of the volunteers of our Special Projects Committee we have been doing this for over a decade, and annually provide over 1,200 kits each summer. – WE HELP KIDS
- The MCPSRA Scholarship Program annually seeks out and awards \$1,000 scholarships to current MCPS Staff Members, including teachers and support staff, to help them defray the cost of continuing their education. By helping these staff members gain greater insight and ability to help students and the school system, we support them and the children they serve. In the last ten years, we have provided over \$140,000 in scholarship support to MCPS Staff – WE HELP STAFF HELP KIDS
- Finally, we support you, our members. In addition to working with MCPS on Insurance and Benefits issues vital to our health and financial well-being, we provide you with opportunities to grow intellectually and socially. Research has shown that keeping our minds busy learning new things helps to maintain our mental and physical health. Our trips provide such opportunities for making new friends, learning new things and visiting interesting places. Our luncheons,

which include stimulating presentations on a variety of topics, help give us new insights and ideas as well as the chance to “catch up” with old friends and make new ones. Overarching these specific activities, our involvement with political and legislative issues, involving the administrative, funding and educational issues at the state and local levels, helps everyone involved with MCPS. WE HELP YOU

None of this can happen, however, without volunteers. Our committees are constantly looking for “new blood”. We are currently in the process of nominating and electing new officers. Our Committee Chairs are also Board Members and our monthly Board Meetings are open to all. We need new ideas and new faces. We need YOU. So please, join a committee, volunteer to help on a project, come to a meeting, and help MCPSRA help all our stakeholder groups.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The terms of current MCPSRA officers end in June 2015. All are eligible to serve a second term. The nominating has submitted the following slate of officers for 2015-16.

PRESIDENT.....Steven Raucher
VICE PRESIDENT....Carol Dalhberg
SECRETARY.....Mary D'Ovidio
TREASURER...Ken Muir

Members who may be interested in serving a two-year term as President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer are invited to contact chairperson Betsy Doyle at 301-947-0733. Duties of these officers may be found on page 9.

The election will be held at the April 23 luncheon/business meeting. Those elected will be installed at the June 18 meeting and will begin their terms July 1, 2015.

Committee Members

Elizabeth Doyle...chairman
Carolyn Hickman
Thomas Hickman
Ann Strine
Harvey Strine
Jerry Frick

APRIL 23 LUNCHEON

Assistant Attorney General Karen Straughn will be our program speaker at the April 23 luncheon. She will talk about current scams. She is also the director of the Mediation Unit for the state of Maryland.

MCPSRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS: The Board of Directors meets monthly at 9:30 am except July. All MCPSRA members are welcome to the meetings held in Room 50 in CESC on these dates:

- April 2, 2015
- May 7, 2015
- June 4, 2015

LUNCHEON DATES: Business meetings and luncheons are held four times a year at the Golden Bull Grand Café, 7 Dalmar Street, Gaithersburg, MD 20877. Please join your fellow MCPS Retirees for an afternoon of food, conversation and learning new things. The dates are as follows:

- Thursday, April 23, 2015
- Thursday, June 18, 2015

IN MEMORIAM

Thomas Charles Bolgiano
Dorothy E. Bradley
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Gloria M. Dillon
Annette C. Feldman
Virginia O. Hall
Mabel V. Hoffman
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Grace Tigani	3297 North Hembree Road	Marietta, GA 30062	
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Barbara A. Moore	703-578-7561	
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Danny Snyder	443-497-0044	
Phyllis McCurdy	301-363-5133	
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Molly A. Pirrung	410-672-7012	

HELP INCREASE MEMBERSHIP

It is well accepted that the more members we have the stronger we become, for the larger we are the greater the attention given to decisions by lawmakers. As members, each of us is being asked to be a membership recruiter. It is vital that we work together by keeping aware of county and state actions affecting retirees. We should all consider ourselves as member recruitment staff and urge our non-member colleagues to join without delay so we can continue to safeguard our retirement benefits. All retired school personnel are eligible to join.



RESTORING HOPE AND BUILDING CONFIDENCE

When and why do we sometimes find it necessary to pour out our heart and soul to someone? Is it mainly during times of crisis when we're looking for someone to share our pain or to help lift a heavy burden we're dealing with in our life? Is it to vent frustration, to scream at the top of our lungs, "Doesn't anybody care?! PLEASE, someone help me!?" Or could it be the only way left to get someone to listen and be inspired to do something. I guess I am guilty of all of these.

As I reflect on my "WILL THIS BE OUR PROJECT'S LAST YEAR?" article in the February newsletter, pouring out my heart and soul didn't turn out to be such a bad thing! I really needed to hear from MCPSRA members that there are others out there who care, who really understand just how important our project has been over the years to the neediest of our county's school children and their families, and who realize how devastating it would be to have to do away with it at this time when it is needed more than ever. Immediate responses starting pouring in from members not only locally but from all over the country --Florida, California, Nevada, South Carolina, Colorado, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, North Carolina -- with notes of encouragement and urgent pleas to continue with the project: "Thank you for alerting us of our dire need to continue to support this project.", "I sure hope lots of contributions result from that excellent article.", "I am surprised that so few people have participated in this project, it's a most worthwhile cause.", "PLEASE try to keep this going!!", "Continue to advertise this project. I only just became aware of it! It must feel awful to know your efforts fall on deaf ears! There MUST be others who are willing to donate!", "SO sorry to hear that you've worked SO hard and so few people are supporting this Project. I've doubled my contribution - may others do the same! Thank you for your hard work and efforts!" "This is a GREAT project - thanks for being so faithful to it." With each kind note and each donation, my hope was restored and my confidence soared. But the best news came when a member called and asked if he and his wife could stop by my house to deliver a very special handwritten note. The face of the card pictured a train, and this is what it said: "We pledge to match new, from this date (February 3), individual contributions up to a total of \$5,000 for the 2015 Toolkits Project. With respect to recognition, we request that the pledge be anonymous. Let's get this train out of the station!" Beyond my wildest hopes and dreams could I have wished for such generosity! I know now that my pleas were heard and taken to heart.

I am now confident that we will be able to provide toolkits for the summer school kindergartners if all of you will accept this Matching Grand Challenge and sponsor toolkits with a tax-deductible donation as soon as possible. Remember, your contribution will be matched dollar for dollar until we reach that \$5,000 goal! Already since my last newsletter article appeared, 120 members have responded by sponsoring one or more kits, for a total of 195 donations for this year's project to date. We have a long way to go, though, to have raised the funds necessary to fully fund our project for this summer. PLEASE fill out the sponsorship form below and send it along with your donation while the Matching Grant Challenge is in effect! Thanks to all of you for restoring my hope in mankind that there are lots of caring, compassionate people out there who feel as I do when it comes to helping needy children. Let's continue as well to build up the children's confidence that there are many, many people who are willing to help them as they begin their educational journey in life. Thank you all SO MUCH, especially our Matching Grant member and his wife!

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

YOUR TRAVEL INFORMATION

PLEASE TAKE TIME TO READ THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION. SHARE IT, ALONG WITH SPECIFIC TRIP INFORMATION, WITH YOUR GUESTS.

1. We all travel at our own risk.
2. There is always some walking involved as we travel. Read each itinerary carefully, keeping in mind your own capabilities.
3. Itineraries, times and details are approximate. Changes are sometimes necessary and unavoidable.
4. Trips are open to members, their families and friends (adults).
5. Smoking and drinking of alcoholic beverages are not permitted on the coach.
6. About three to five days before a day trip, participants are called to remind them of the day and departure time of the trip. For overnight coach trips, about two weeks prior to the date of departure, 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 name and date of trip on check.
8. Send check with completed reservation form.
9. Your reservation is definite upon receipt of deposit/full payment, whichever is required. If a trip has to be cancelled because of insufficient numbers of participants needed by the published deadline, your check will be returned to you. Feel free to call to find out if your reservation and payment were received.
10. Refunds are made only when your space can be filled.
11. Gratuities for driver and local guides are not included in the price of the trip.
12. **We do not provide transportation to and from the airport for trips that require flying.**

Those interested in insurance for overnight trips should call Ellen at Eyre Tour and Travel at 301-854-6600, ext. 3252 or 410-442-1330, ext. 3252 or 1-800-321-3973, ext. 3252.

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NOTICE – PARKING FOR OVERNIGHT TRIPS.

As of 2015, pick up for overnight trips will be at the Georgia Avenue Park and Ride (same lot that 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 Eyre location in Glenelg, Md.

Rt. 70 to Rt. 32 S. 5 miles to terminal. 13600 Triadelphia Rd. For arrangements, timing and information call Ellen at Eyre. 1-800-321-3973 x 3253.

MCPSRA TRIPS in 2015

All trips are listed and described on the website:

www.mcpsretirees.org

April 13	Odyssey, Cherry Blossom Luncheon Cruise
April 14-16	Greenbrier
May 13	Longwood Gardens and Hotel DuPont High Tea
June 11 Luther	White House Visitor's Center, Martin King Memorial, Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima)
June 25-July 1	Montreal, Quebec, plus
August 5-6	New York: 9-11 Memorial and Museum, Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, Dinner Cruise
September 16	Riverside Dinner Theatre: Sister Act Fredericksburg, VA
November 20-23	Biltmore Estate, Asheville, NC Abingdon, VA Barter Theatre: Miracle on 34th Street (Details in June newsletter)

PLEASE MAKE SEPARATE CHECKS FOR TRIPS ALSO PLEASE OBSERVE THE DEADLINES FOR RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT.

October 3-11, 2015 American Eagle "QUEEN OF THE MISSISSIPPI" CRUISE: Memphis – New Orleans.

Overnight in Memphis for tour of Graceland

October 24-November 1, 2015 "BAHAMAS CRUISE"

For brochure and additional information please contact

Jill Wood at Eyre. 1-800-321-3973 X 3225

jillw@eyre.com

WASHINGTON PLUS VIRGINIA

Thursday, June 11, 2015

Our trip will include the Marine War Memorial, often referred to as the Iwo Jima Memorial. The memorial stands adjacent to Arlington National Cemetery next to The Netherlands Carillon. We then visit the FDR Memorial and the Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial on the Tidal Basin. Inscriptions on the walls feature quotations from landmark speeches like "I Have A Dream" and emphasize Dr. King's four primary messages: justice, democracy, hope and love. We will also visit the new \$12.6 million renovated White House Visitor's Center with the new permanent museum gallery and temporary exhibit. Featured are stories of the White House as a home, office, stage, ceremonial space, museum and park. More than 90 artifacts are on display.

8:45am	Depart Georgia Ave. Park and Ride,
9:45 -10:20	U. S. Marine War Memorial
10:30- 11:15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial FDR Memorial
11:20-12:45	Lunch (on your own) at the Food Court in the Ronald Reagan Building. Photo ID is required. Visitors must pass through security metal detectors.
12:50 -2:00 pm	White House Visitors Center
2:00 pm	Depart for home

3:00 pm Arrive back to Park and Ride

Included: Motor coach transportation by Eyre bus, tolls and taxes.

Not included: Gratuity for coach operator and lunch

Cost: \$35.00 per person

Due Date: May 12, 2015

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

Frieda J. Price
105 N. Summit Ave. #4
Gaithersburg, MD 20877

NEW YORK: 9-11 MEMORIAL AND MUSEUM,
STATUE OF LIBERTY, ELLIS ISLAND

August 5-6,2015

Day 1

7:30 am Depart Georgia Ave. Park and Ride

12:30 pm 9-11 Memorial and Museum This museum is an educational and historical institution honoring the victims and examining 9/11 and its continued global significance. The museum displays artifacts associated with the events of 9/11 while presenting stories of loss and recovery.

(Security screening on-site)

4:00 pm Travel to our New Jersey Hotel

5:30 pm Depart for the Spirit of New Jersey cruise. Until you've seen Manhattan from the water, you really haven't seen Manhattan. It's a vantage point you have to experience firsthand to fully comprehend. And when you cruise out of our dock at Lincoln Harbor Marina in Weehawken, NJ, you will get exactly that – a –Wide-open, ever-changing view that will take your breath away.

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm Spirit of New Jersey dinner cruise

10:00 pm Return to hotel.

Day 2 Breakfast at Hotel

8:30 am Depart for Cape Liberty, N.J., to take ferry to Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island.

2:00 pm Depart for home.

7:00 pm Arrive back to Georgia Ave. Park and Ride

Cost: \$455.00 per person double; \$585.00 Single

Included: Round trip transportation by Eyre deluxe motor coach (with restroom), 1 night accommodation including breakfast, 1 dinner cruise, admission to listed attractions, fees, tolls, baggage handling, taxes and gratuities.

Not included: Gratuity for coach operator and tour guides

Due Date: \$100.00 deposit by May 5, 2015

Balance Due: June 24, 2015

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

Frieda J. Price
105 N. Summit Ave. #4
Gaithersburg, MD 20877

RIVERSIDE DINNER THEATRE

Fredericksburg, VA -Wednesday, September 16,2015

10:00 am Depart Georgia Ave. Park and Ride.

11:30 am Arrive Riverside Theatre for lunch and show

1:30 pm Showtime: **SISTER ACT**

4:00 pm Depart for home.

6:00 pm Arrive at Georgia Ave. Park and Ride

Included: Transportation by Eyre Motor coach, lunch, show, gratuities, taxes, tolls.

Not included: Gratuity for coach operator

Cost: \$108.00 per person

Date Due: August 3 ,2015

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

Frieda J. Price
105 N. Summit Ave. #4
Gaithersburg, MD 20877



RESERVATION FORMS

LONGWOOD GARDENS & HOTEL DUPONT HIGH TEA***Wednesday, May 13, 2015

*Name _____ Phone # _____ Member of MCPSRA? Yes ___ No ___

Name _____ Phone # _____ If not, guest of: _____

Total # Reservations _____ Total \$ Amt Enclosed _____ *Cell phone # _____

Make check payable to **MCPSRA**. Mail to Frieda J. Price, 105 N. Summit Ave. #4, Gaithersburg, MD 20877

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MONTREAL & QUEBEC CITY***June 25-July 1, 2015

*Name _____ Phone # _____ Member of MCPSRA? Yes ___ No ___

Address _____ *Cell phone # _____

Name _____ Phone # _____ If not, guest of: _____

Address (if different from above) _____

Total # Reservations _____ Total \$ Amt Enclosed _____ if paying by check Make check payable to **MCPSRA**. Mail to Frieda J. Price, 105 N. Summit Ave. #4, Gaithersburg, MD 20877

I am paying by credit card to Eyre _____ 1-800-321-3973 X3252 – Ellen.

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WASHINGTON PLUS VIRGINIA***Thursday, June 11, 2015

*Name _____ Phone # _____ Member of MCPSRA? Yes ___ No ___

Name _____ Phone # _____ If not, guest of: _____

Total # Reservations _____ Total \$ Amt Enclosed _____ *Cell phone # _____

Make check payable to **MCPSRA**. Mail to Frieda J. Price, 105 N. Summit Ave. #4, Gaithersburg, MD 20877

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NEW YORK: 9-11 MEMORIAL AND MUSEUM, STATUE OF LIBERTY, ELLIS ISLAND
August 5-6,2015

*Name _____ Phone # _____ Member of MCPSRA? Yes ___ No ___

Name _____ Phone # _____ If not, guest of: _____

Total # Reservations _____ Total \$ Amt Enclosed _____ *Cell phone # _____

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RIVERSIDE DINNER THEATRE***Fredericksburg, VA -Wednesday, September 16,2015

*Name _____ Phone # _____ Member of MCPSRA? Yes ___ No ___

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Article IX -Duties of Officers

Section 2. The President shall:

- a. Preside at the meetings of the MCPSRA and of the Board of Directors;
- b. Call meetings in accordance with the provisions of Article VII of the Bylaws;
- c. Represent the Corporation at meetings of civic, professional, and fraternal groups that invite representation from MCPSRA, or shall designate a representative;
- d. Appoint a Corresponding Secretary and a Parliamentarian;
- e. Appoint chairs of the standing and special committees, and shall cooperate with the chairs in the selection of the committee members;
- f. Be a member *ex officio* of all standing committees;
- g. With the approval of the Board of Directors, fill any vacancy that may occur among the officers or committee chairs;
- h. Call to the attention of the members any situation influencing their well-being and shall ask support for actions required to deal with such situations; and
- i. With the approval of the Board of Directors, provide for an external audit of the financial accounts of the Corporation annually and whenever there is a change of Treasurer.

Section 3. The Vice President shall, in the absence of the President, carry out the duties of the President, shall be a member *ex officio* of the Hospitality Committee, and shall perform other tasks delegated by the President.

Section 4. The Recording Secretary shall take the minutes and maintain a complete record of business transacted at meetings of the Corporation and of the Board of Directors, and shall make summary reports to the membership.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall:

- a. Receive and deposit those annual MCPSRA and Maryland Retired School Personnel Association, Inc., dues collected by the Membership Chair and transmit the latter to MRSPA;
- b. Deposit MCPSRA annual dues collected by MRSPA;
- c. Collect funds for purposes specifically designated by the Board of Directors (e.g., legal fees, special projects);
- d. At the direction of the Board of Directors, establish separate bank accounts for specified purposes and deposit receipts in the appropriate accounts;
- e. Pay by check all financial obligations of the Corporation provided for in the annual budget or approved by the Board of Directors, and attach a

letter of transmittal to payments of a non-routine nature;

- f. At each regular meeting of the Corporation and or the Board of Directors, submit a written report of the current financial status of the MCPSRA, including a record of all transactions completed since the last report, and provide an oral summary statement to the members present' and
- g. Be a member of the Budget Development Committee

TAX DEFERRED SAVINGS CHANGE

In an effort to reduce investment charges for employees, the Board of Education is in the process of changing the MCPS Tax-Deferred Savings Plan. This will have little or no effect on retirees. But, if a retiree is still invested in an MCPS 403(b) or 457 plan and wishes to change their investment to an individual IRA, the certificate to document that a retiree is no longer an MCPS employee is available on-line. There may be a black-out period sometime in 2015 which could delay such a transfer. A transfer to an individual IRA could give a retiree more flexibility and control of their funds, but a transfer should only be made with the guidance of a qualified financial advisor to ensure that it is done in the proper manner.

Anyone considering a move should make sure they understand the investments they are moving to, and their costs. The plan offered by MCPS will have institutional quality mutual funds with fees that are significantly lower than retail mutual funds available in most IRAs.

Jack Hill

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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

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MCPSRA LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING
Thursday, April 23, 2015

GOLDEN BULL GRAND CAFÉ

7 Dalamar Street
Gaithersburg, MD 20877
Telephone: 301-948-3666

MENU CHOICES:

Breast of Chicken	\$18.00
Broiled Salmon	\$22.00
English Prime Rib	\$22.00
Vegetarian Pasta	\$18.00

TIME: Gathering at 11:00 a.m.
Business Meeting at 11:30 a.m.
Luncheon at 12:00 Noon
Program following the Luncheon

DIRECTIONS TO THE GOLDEN BULL GRAND CAFÉ:

- Take Exit #11 off I-270 onto Route 124E (Quince Orchard Road Toward Gaithersburg and Montgomery Village)
- Turn RIGHT onto Rt. 355 South (Frederick Ave.)
- Go approximately 0.6 miles
- Turn RIGHT onto Dalamar Street. Restaurant is on the left, parking available to the left or right of the building as well as in the lot across the street.

MEAL ALSO INCLUDES:

Fresh Garden Salad
Red Skin Potatoes
Vegetable of the Day
Dessert

Choice of Coffee, Hot or Iced Tea, Soda
Cash Bar

Please be aware that if Montgomery County Public Schools are closed that day, the luncheon is cancelled. If there is a delayed opening of any kind, the luncheon will be held.

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RESERVATIONS FOR MCPSRA LUNCHEON/BUSINESS MEETING
Thursday, April 23, 2015, at the Golden Bull Grand Cafe

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

CIRCLE ENTRÉE CHOICE

Name: _____ Phone: _____

e-mail address: _____

Chicken	\$18.00
Salmon	\$22.00
Prime Rib	\$22.00
Vegetarian Pasta	\$18.00

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Total Amount Enclosed: _____

YOUR RESERVATION FORM AND CHECK MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, April 17, 2015.
Mail reservation form and check payable to MCPSRA. Mail to:

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

For information call: LeeAnn Kaye 301-598-5480 or Trish Bendler 301-540-5160
geolakaye@gmail.com patricia_bendler09@comcast.net



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GOLDEN BULL GRAND CAFÉ

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Luncheon: 12:00 noon

Next Luncheon Date

April 23, 2015

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