

# Retirees Association, Inc.

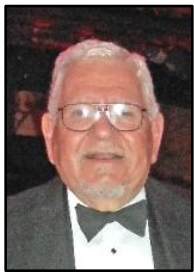


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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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

We just came through a particularly turbulent election cycle, where numbers of popular votes, electoral votes, and delegates were all over the news. Then, I was listening to an advertisement (for a car, I think) which had a catchy jingle about the number zero. It said something like: "My hero zero, before you we could only count on fingers and toes" etc. As a former high school math teacher, all of this emphasis on numbers made me recall the old adage that "numbers matter". Whether it is the number of votes received by a candidate; the size of your pension check; the performance of the stock market; your cholesterol or credit score; or the weight shown on your bathroom scale – numbers mean a lot to each of us every day!

This is particularly true in advocacy groups; size matters a lot. The larger the group, the more attention its legislative platform receives by elected bodies. Just look at the literature that fills our mailboxes daily. It seems that each group that wants my support is telling me how many others are already enrolled and how I can help to make a difference by adding myself to their roles. My friends, MCPSRA is no different. One of, if not the first questions I get when advocating for things like maintaining or improving our health benefits is "How many members do you represent?"

Some of the most important aspects of our lives are "controlled" by legislative bodies. At the federal level, it is Congress that sets our Medicare and Social Security policy. Our pension benefits are primarily governed by the Legislature and Governor of the State of Maryland. The Local Pension System (AETNA), which mirrors the state system, is

controlled by the BOE. Our MCPS Health Insurance, Prescription Drug Insurance, Dental Insurance and Vision coverage are totally and unilaterally governed by the Montgomery County Board of Education (BOE).

It is our association that tracks potential changes and advocates for the maintenance and improvement of these vital aspects of our lives. Our state association, MRSPA, is affiliated with AARP through which it lobbies on our behalf at the federal level. MRSPA also maintains a legislative presence in Annapolis and works with other associations, such as the United Seniors of Maryland, to advocate at the state level. Our association, MCPSRA, is the recognized advocacy group that works with the MCPS BOE.

Your annual dues, currently \$45, buys you all of the above listed advocates at the Federal, State and Local level – a very modest investment to advance and protect our future. SO... why aren't we a larger number than our current 2500 members? I believe it is because we, YOU and I, haven't gotten the word out to our former (now retired) colleagues that we need them. Sure we have fun, we give scholarships, we help children, etc. But most important – we are the advocacy group that stands up for our pensions and benefits.

In summary, we need you to recruit additional members. To advocate for you and your colleagues we need a strong and growing membership. Help us help ourselves by recruiting a new member this month.

Steve

Note:

Please use the membership form on page 13.

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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

The February 23, 2017, luncheon will feature a presentation on the Montgomery College Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) which offers non-credit courses in Art, Art History, Archaeology, World Cultures, History, Politics, Literature, Music, Personal Finance, Career Development, Photography, and Wellness for individuals 50+, but anyone is welcome to register. LLI offers flexibility through daytime, evening, and weekend courses at multiple Montgomery County locations. Individuals ages 60 and over pay fees only; tuition is waived. For complete course information, please visit the LLI website at:

[www.montgomerycollege.edu/lifelonglearning](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/lifelonglearning)

## NOMINATE YOURSELF

The terms of current MCPSRA officers end in June 2017. Although all are eligible to serve a second term, if you are interested in serving a two-year term as President, Vice President or Secretary please contact Betsy Doyle at 301-947-0733.

Names of officer nominees will be published in the April MCPSRA newsletter and the election will be held at the April 20, 2017 luncheon/business meeting. Those elected will be installed at the June 15, 2017 luncheon/business meeting and will begin their terms July 1, 2017.



**BELIEF IN THE POWER OF POSITIVE THINKING**

Have you ever described something as *hopeless*? Isn't it at the most difficult times in our lives that we describe some situations as seemingly *hopeless* but in reality, once the crisis passes, we realize that we actually hoped *more* at the time and not *less*? Now think about how often you say the words *I hope* . . . . What does the word really mean? A dictionary defines it as ". . . to wish for something with some expectation, belief, and confidence of fulfillment." I realize just how often I use the word *hope* every year when thinking and talking about our **Toolkits Project**: *I hope we can raise enough money so we can provide a toolkit for each kindergartner who needs one; I hope we can get corporate sponsors to donate items for in the kits; I hope our grant application is accepted; I hope MCPSRA members believe in this project as much as I do and will step forward and sponsor the toolkits; I hope everyone realizes what these toolkits mean to the children and their families who receive them.* The word that is often times overlooked in that dictionary definition of hope is *belief*. Frank Lloyd Wright was quoted as saying, "The thing always happens that you really believe in; and the belief in a thing makes it happen." "In any project the important factor is your belief. Without belief there can be no successful outcome," is how William James said it.

All of us who chose a career in the field of education were gifted with a compassion for and a life-long love of

children. We willingly gave our all each day because we knew that children are the world's most valuable resource and the best hope for the future. We all realize, though, that the future is purchased by the present. For the past thirteen years MCPSRA members have believed in this project and brought hope to so many children who were in need by their charitable generosity in sponsoring nearly 17,000 kindergarten toolkits, purchasing and distributing thousands of books, and providing hundreds of backpacks of school supplies to homeless children in Montgomery County. The belief in the power of positive thinking is a very effective driving force. We have relied on it in the past and it has always brought us success. So, when I say *I hope you will sponsor toolkits with a donation to our project*, I truly am confident and believe that you will. Each year when I think we won't raise the necessary funds to continue with the project, you always come through. Let's make it a reality again this summer! Please complete the sponsorship form below and send 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). Keep *hope* alive!

Joan Donovan, Co-chair of the Special Projects Committee

**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

**MCPSRA TOOLKITS VOLUNTEER FORM**

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to volunteer in assembling the toolkits. Please contact me!

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E - MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

## Volunteer Opportunities for MCPS Retirees

### Heyman Interages® Center

For thirty years, JCA® Heyman Interages® Center has offered seniors and children the chance to experience the unique joy of meaningful cross-generational connections. Whether it's a retired teacher working with a student to master sight words or a teen helping an older adult master his or her new iPad, JCA Heyman Interages brings generations together to the mutual benefit of everyone.

Children who have positive adult role models benefit from seniors' unique knowledge and experience. Stereotypes and misperceptions about youth and aging are erased when they spend time together. Numerous studies have shown that meaningful volunteering enables older adults to stay active, connect to their community, and live happier lives.

Intergenerational volunteering offers seniors the chance to share their skills and knowledge, and it has been proven to lower the rate of depression, increase longevity, reduce the risk of heart disease and burn up to twenty percent more calories.

JCA Interages offers a wide variety of volunteer opportunities in local public schools for adults age 50+:

- **Math Club** provides math support to elementary school students individually or in small groups.
- Through **Grandreaders**, volunteers work one-on-one with second graders to increase reading skills, foster an appreciation of reading and develop a meaningful intergenerational connection.

- **Read Aloud** fosters school readiness and an enjoyment of books for children in pre-kindergarten and Head Start.
- **Intergenerational Bridges** builds relationships between older adult volunteers and ESOL students through a weekly in-school or after school tutoring and mentoring program in elementary, middle and high schools.
- **Dialogues Across the Ages** engages volunteers and high school students in discussions of current events and social studies topics.
- Volunteers with **Mature Mentors** work one-on-one with high school students enrolled in a special education program.

One of Interages' most innovative programs, **REAL**, gives children who must accompany their parents to one of Montgomery County's Department of Health and Human Services offices the opportunity to fall in love with books and learn about healthy eating and healthy lifestyles. Volunteers spend two hours weekly or twice a month reading and interacting with children of all ages in Silver Spring, Rockville, or Germantown HHS offices. One REAL volunteer said, "These are my pseudo-grandchildren. It touches my heart every time I read a picture book to a toddler or work a word search with a young teen."

Are you intrigued? Would you like to learn more about how you can make a difference in the life of a Montgomery County child? Please email [lbradley@accessjca.org](mailto:lbradley@accessjca.org) or call 301-255-4234. You can also visit <https://www.accessjca.org/programs/interages/>

## Welcome New Members

### Joined in November 2016

Derge, Sandra	9435 Hickory View Place, Montgomery Village, MD 20886	301-873-8774
Irish, Kim W	20003 Mattingly Terrace, Gaithersburg, MD 20879-4502	301-704-9909
Jocham, Diane Lowe	12001 Suffolk Terrace, Gaithersburg, MD 20878	240-447-1574
Kovach, Janet M.	406 Pershing Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20910	301-588-7240
Libby, Sharon Swanke	5702 Rossmore Drive, Bethesda, MD 20814	301-530-9259
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Peters, Robert A.	7105 Ridge Road, Frederick, MD 21702	301-371-5773
Reiff, Joseph M.	3728 Mount Olney Lane, Olney, MD 20832	301-824-4016
Weisel, Frank	11055 Cedarwood Drive, North Bethesda, MD 20852-3400	301-984-8448
Williams-Caison, Elisabeth	633 Halterman Drive, Capon Bridge, WV 26711	301-806-5051

### Joined in December 2016

Jassel Goldstein, Arlette	6212 Robinwood Road, Bethesda, MD 20817	240-602-3632
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## Members on the Move

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

The phone number in the following move announcement was incorrect when it appeared in the December Newsletter.

Please note the corrected number here:

Eggers, Paula S.

8603 Wintergreen Ct #-304, Odenton Md. 21113

410-672-7253

## Email-Test Results

In December we tested our email list by sending our Newsletter to 1237 of our 2546 members. Here are the preliminary findings:

- 15 email addresses failed
- 3 people wrote back saying they are willing to get the newsletter online only. (Please let us know if you are willing to get the newsletter online and forgo the USPS version  
MCPSRA.Newsletter@ebsinstitute.com .)
- 15 people who didn't receive the newsletter sent us their correct email to add to our list.

We will again be sending this Newsletter as an email attachment to all members we can. But there are still over 1300 members for whom we have no email address. If you are one of those, and if you would like to receive email updates and a color version of the Newsletter please send an email to  
MCPSRA.Newsletter@ebsinstitute.com.

## MCPSRA TRAVEL 2017 -- 2018

### 2017

<b>March</b> 16	Philadelphia Flower Show Theme: Holland--Flowering World
<b>April</b> 4	Cherry Blossom Luncheon Cruise
<b>May</b> 9	Hillwood Estates and Gardens
<b>June</b> 21-22	Richmond, VA
<b>July</b> 18	African American Museum
<b>August</b> 27-31	Pigeon Forge
<b>September</b> 7-16	Canada & New England Cruise*

### 2018

<b>February</b> 1-10	Southeast Coast & Bahamas Cruise*
<b>March</b> 3-15	Southern Caribbean Cruise * ***

\*Detailed information on the 3 cruises above was published in the December, 2016, newsletter. You can find it on our web site (see footer below).

\*\*\* NOTE: Prices have changed on the Southern Caribbean Cruise.

The new prices are:

Inside Cabin Category	N	\$972
Outside Cabin Category	H	\$1,169
Balcony Cabin Category	D2	\$1,957

**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.**

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

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

## TRAVEL QUESTIONS ???

**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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## **RICHMOND, VA.**

**JUNE 21-22- 2017**

Day 1

6:30am – Depart Ga. Ave Park and Ride (rest stop en-route)

10:00 am. Arrive at Maymont Estate for a guided tour of mansion, gardens on own.

12:30 noon Lunch on own –

Visit the Va. Museum of Fine Arts/ self guided tour. Ancient to contemporary art is represented in collections of paintings, jewelry, decorative arts and sculpture at the museum, one of the largest in the South. Among highlights are a collection of Faberge jeweled objects including five Russian Imperial Easter Eggs. Also featured is a sculpture Garden.

4:00pm Depart for hotel

6:00pm Depart for Dinner

Return to hotel.

Day 2 Breakfast at hotel

8:30am Depart with local guide, for a city tour of Richmond.

Seeing many historical sites in the city, including memorials, and Monument Avenue, featuring rows of magnificent mansions lining one of America's most beautiful streets. Also, see monuments to include Lee, Stuart, Jackson

Tour of State Capitol which is the oldest state capitol, with a wealth of interesting history. Designed by Thomas Jefferson and features the famous statue of George Washington which stands under the interior dome of the two story rotunda surrounded by marble busts of seven other Va. Born presidents.

12:00pm We will continue on to Shockoe slip for lunch(on own) and shopping.

2:00pm We will enjoy a narrated sightseeing excursion canal boat ride on the James and Kanawha River.

3:00pm Depart for home.

. Dinner en-route home (on own).

7:30pm Approximate return time.

**INCLUDED:** Transportation by Eyre motor coach, with rest room.

Admission to all attractions, 1 dinner. One night hotel accommodation, continental breakfast, baggage handling, Taxes, tolls, gratuities.

**NOT INCLUDED.:** Gratuity for coach operator and local guides, lunches

**COST:** Dbl. per person \$ 340.00 Single: \$390.00

Payment Due: May 4, 2017

Send check, with completed reservation form to:

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

If paying by CC to Eyre please send reservation form to Frieda.

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## **NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE**

**July 18, 2017**

We will be assigned one of these dates.

9:00AM Depart Park and Ride—Ga. Ave.



10:00am -- Arr. At Museum  
Tour Museum at your leisure Lunch on own.  
2:00pm Depart for home.  
3:00pm -- Return time to P&R

Included: Transportation by Eyre Bus  
Gratuity for Driver -- Not included.

COST: \$36.00 pp  
Date Due: June 13, 2017

Mail completed reservation form, with check made to MCPSRA, to  
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**PIGEON FORGE – GATLINBURG, TN**  
**August 27-31 – 2017**

We have been invited to join Eyre and other loyal customers on a Smoky Mountain adventure to help celebrate their 70-th Anniversary. They're offering the lowest price possible to make this trip the best value ever.

Sunday, August 27  
Depart 7:00AM , from Park and Ride, Silver Spring.  
Rest stops and lunch, on own, en-route.  
Check into Country Cascades Hotel, Pigeon Forge, TN.

Monday, August 28  
Enjoy a delicious deluxe continental breakfast at the hotel.  
Board coach for a guided tour of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.  
Enjoy lunch and shopping on your own in downtown historic Gatlinburg.  
Take a tour of the Ole' Smoky Moonshine Distillery.  
Enjoy the Hatfield and McCoy Dinner Show.

Tuesday, August 29  
Breakfast at hotel.  
The Smith Morning Variety Show at the Smoky Mountain Opry with Eyre's Anniversary Celebration after the show.  
Lunch and shopping on your own at The Island Pigeon Forge.  
Enjoy a delicious dinner at The Applewood Farmhouse Restaurant.  
Lots of laughs tonight at the Comedy Barn.

Wednesday, August 30  
Breakfast at hotel.  
Visit Dollywood Theme Park for lunch, shows and shopping on your own.  
Guided tour of the Titanic Museum and dinner in the 3rd floor Secret Dining Room.  
Celebrate the evening at the Smoky Mountain Opry

Thursday, August 31  
Breakfast at hotel.  
Check out and depart for home.  
Rest stops and lunch on own en-route.  
8:00pm -- Return time to Ga. Ave.

INCLUDED: Eyre motor coach with rest room, 4 night stay, 4 shows, visit Dollywood,  
Dinners, breakfasts, tours and more.  
Not included: Lunches, gratuity for local guide and coach operator.

COST: \$569 pp double Single \$710.00

Payment Due: \$200 deposit -- April 20th 2017 Balance: June 15th 2017

Send check, with completed reservation form to  
Frieda J. Price 105 N Summit Ave. #4 Gaithersburg, MD 20877-2935  
If paying by CC to Eyre please send reservation form to Frieda with the necessary information. Ellen at Eyre, 1 800 321-3973 x 3252



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For additional information about the three cruises listed on page xxx 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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**Please visit our website: [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/mcpsretirees/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/mcpsretirees/)**

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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. \_\_\_\_\_ Call Ellen at 1-800-321-3973 x 3252 Also send the reservation form to Frieda.

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

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

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

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

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

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SELECTION FOR LUNCH \_\_\_\_\_ JUST PUT NUMBER OF YOUR SELECTION

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**RICHMOND, VA - June 21-22, 2017**

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

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**AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM, JULY 18, 2017**

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**PIGEON FORGE, GATLINBURG, TN - AUGUST 27-31, 2017**

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

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_,

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

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*Make travel checks payable to MCPSRA—Send with reservation form to:  
Frieda J. Price, 105 N. Summit Ave. #4; Gaithersburg, MD 20877-2935  
To use credit card, call Ellen at Eyre, 1-800 321-3973 X 3252, and also send Reservation Form to  
Frieda.*

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## CONTEST

### **Help us name our newsletter and win a free lunch at the June MCPSRA Luncheon.**

The Baltimore County Retired School Personnel Association calls their newsletter "Update." Kent County calls theirs "The Bell Ringer," and Allegany County has the "ACRSP Record." Perhaps(?) it's time for our newsletter to have a name too.

Send your suggestion to [MCPSRA.Newsletter@ebsinstitute.com](mailto:MCPSRA.Newsletter@ebsinstitute.com) by midnight May 3. The MCPSRA Board of Directors will select a winner at our May 4, Board Meeting. The winner will be announced in the June Newsletter and will be invited to attend as our guest to the MCPSRA Luncheon on Thursday June 15.

Rules:

- One entry per member.
- MCPSRA Officers and Board Members are ineligible.
- There will be one winner. (If more than one member submits the winning name, the free-luncheon prize will be awarded to the member with first submission.)
- Although a winner will be declared, and free a luncheon will be awarded, the MCPSRA Board of Directors may decide not to rename the newsletter after all.



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### **Our Auditing Committee Needs a Chair**

Due to the untimely death on Christmas Day of Dr. George B. Thomas, Sr., the beloved Chair of our Auditing Committee, there is now a vacancy. According to our Bylaws, the sole responsibility of the Auditing Committee is to insure that the Corporation's financial records are audited each year by an independent auditor.

If you are interested in filling this vacancy please contact Dr. Stephen Raucher: [sraucher@comcast.net](mailto:sraucher@comcast.net).

## **IN MEMORIAM**

The following MCPSRA Members have passed away in 2016:

### **JANUARY:**

Louise E. Prichard  
Monique B. Marbury  
James J. Toquinto  
Rachel S. Kennedy  
Lillian L. Toh  
Dr. Blanca G. Wright  
Adrienne Arlene Aiello  
James B. Johnson  
Audrey J. Burdette

### **FEBRUARY:**

Phyllis A. Cartwright  
Grace J. Tigani  
John S. Maykuth, Jr. (husband of Jean)  
Audrey B. Rhiel

### **MARCH:**

Dorothy F. Wangner  
Marie E. Heck  
Doris Brown  
Ann R. Mathias  
Robert Walton Johnson  
Richard M. McNally  
Nelson McLeod

### **APRIL:**

Jean A. Wynes

### **MAY:**

Marie O. Hasert  
Thomas J. O'Toole  
Lois R. Regan

### **JUNE:**

Eleanor Plitt  
Patricia A. Channell  
Francis B. Frampton  
L. Jean Hanan  
Susan Dollard

### **JULY:**

Jane R. Magee  
Kyle W. Wilson  
Mary J. O'Toole (wife of Thomas)  
Glorianne J. Beegle  
William E. Clair  
James C. Falcon (husband of JoFran)  
Donald M. Davis

### **AUGUST:**

Philip F. Warner  
Ruth Y. Julien  
Frances E. Barry  
Willanette W. Dilday

### **SEPTEMBER:**

Mary O. Butts  
Robert T. Stevens  
Clara C. Toms  
Paul S. Young  
William A. Hughes

### **OCTOBER:**

Elizabeth M. McDonald  
Jacqueline L. Gross  
Paul H. Magee, Jr.  
James W. Hayes  
Mary Jane Lynch  
Peter Ferrara  
William H. Melton  
Helen L. Shulman

### **NOVEMBER:**

Evelyn L. Turner  
Vernon T. Fox, Jr.  
Anne E. Mullis  
Ester Haar  
Elizabeth A. Lutz  
Barbara B. Feeter  
May Fillah

### **DECEMBER:**

Rosemary T. Baugher  
Sherill Stover  
Allen E. Thomas  
Dr. George B. Thomas, Sr.

### **DATE OF DEATH UNKNOWN:**

Louise G. Barnett  
Clair A. Baum  
Rebecca L. Brock  
Joyce (Mickey) Conley  
Dorothy Gene Crabill  
Lillian W. Goodwin  
Arthur Robert Harris  
Mary M. Ingram  
Mary E. Ottenad  
Shirley P. Perry  
Zelma W. Ritvo  
Mariam W. Roper  
Homer B. Smith  
Frank Stewart  
Hortense F. Sutton  
Virginia G. Thompson  
Madge W. Tonneman  
Genevieve M. Tracey  
Mildred W. Young

## WHY JOIN?

Membership in MCPSRA and MRSPA (our state association) connects us to local, state, and national administrators and legislators who make policy 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.

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 MRSPA 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.

Use the membership form below to enroll your friends.

MCPSRA Membership Chair: Juliette Trevino

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### COMPLETE THIS FORM ONLY FOR THOSE WHO ARE APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP

Maryland Retired School Personnel Association  
Montgomery County Public Schools Retirees Association  
Application for Membership

Invite someone to join MCPSRA and MRSPA!
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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign authorization for dues deduction (see below) or make check payable to MCPSRA.

<b>NOTE</b>	<b>Mail to: MRSPA</b>	<b>MRSPA DUES</b>	<b>\$45.00</b>
<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>8379 Piney Orchard Parkway</b>	<b>(This includes both state and local dues.)</b>	
	<b>Odenton, MD 21113</b>		

I hereby authorize the Retirement and Pension System of the State of Maryland to deduct annual membership dues for the MRSPA and the MCPSRA from one of my retirement checks each membership year. I understand that I am entitled to all the benefits of both associations and further that my social security number is required only if I wish to become a dues deduction member. SSN \_\_\_\_\_. **This authorization will remain effect until cancelled by written notice mailed to the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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# MCPSRA Luncheon and Business Meeting

Thursday, February 23, 2017

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: 12:00 Noon Program**

## **Menu Choices:**

Boneless Chicken Breast Parmesan	\$23.50
Beef Tips Bordelaise	\$23.50
Lightly Blackened Catfish w/citrus drizzle	\$23.50
Penne Pasta w/Roasted Vegetables & garlic	\$20.00

All entrees include carrot/ginger soup, popovers, vegetable of the day, dessert, tea, coffee, soda. Cash bar available.

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**Thursday, February 23, 2017**

## **Circle Entrée Choice**

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

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Fish Vegetarian

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

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Fish Vegetarian

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

**RESERVATION FORM AND CHECK MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, February 17, 2017.**

**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**

**GEOLAKAYE@GMAIL.COM PATRICIA\_BENDLER09@COMCAST.NET**

**ANY FOOD ALLERGIES?? PLEASE LET ME KNOW. THANKS.**



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Luncheon: 12:00 noon Program**

Next Luncheon Date  
February 23, 2017

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