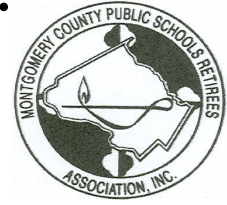


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## **KEEPING OUR EYES ON PENSIONS AND HEALTH**

Lots of members ask, "What do the state or local associations do for me? Why should I continue to give you my dues?"

Do you value your pension and health benefits? We're monitoring them for you, and we're the only organizations who do that on your behalf. Aren't you willing to contribute to protect your pension and health benefits? The more members we have, the more others pay attention.

For several years, there have been unsuccessful efforts in Annapolis to transfer part of the cost of teacher pensions from the state to the counties because pension costs have become a huge factor in the state budget. In 2002, the Teachers Retirement and Pension Systems were funded at 102%. That led Governor Glendenning to propose and the General Assembly to adopt a new pension funding method which reduced the state's contribution—and pension funding levels. In addition, the retirement system lost billions in value when investment values plummeted in 2007-08. The state retirement and pension systems are now funded at about 65%. You will still receive pension benefits as scheduled, but the state faces increasing costs.

The 2009 General Assembly created a Public Employees' and Retirees' Benefit Sustainability Commission. It's job is to look at the state's pension costs, as well as the health benefits it provides to state employees, and to make recommendations regarding affordability. It met twice in October and is supposed to issue an interim report December 1. The Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA), your state organization, is monitoring the Commission's sessions and will continue to monitor legislation in the 2010 General Assembly session.

Nothing may happen regarding pensions this year, but something is sure to happen within the next few years. MRSPA will be part of the action and part of the solution—on your behalf.

If the state is successful in transferring some of pension costs back to the local subdivisions, how will the counties pay for it? Such a transfer wouldn't really be any kind of a solution, just a cost transfer from state taxes to local taxes. And how would the counties deal with a new and huge increase in pension costs? That's a decision that local boards of education and county councils/commissioners will have to make. Where will they find the money?

As you know, active and retiree health benefits are the responsibility of local boards of education. Health benefits are not mandated by law. If Montgomery County was to be faced with a multi-million dollar bill to pay a share of pension benefits, we're concerned that the county may want to reduce retiree health benefits—since they aren't mandated.

Your local association, the Montgomery County Public Schools Retirees Association (MCPSRA), has a long history of working with MCPS staff regarding health benefits. We were instrumental in getting favorable retiree health benefit changes made in 2003 and we continue to monitor benefit issues very closely. Treasurer Ken Muir and Insurance and Benefits co-chair Steve Raucher, together with active employee representatives, met November 10 with MCPS staff on health benefits issues.

How will all this turn out? No one knows yet, but you've got MRSPA and MCPSRA in your corner looking out for your interests. That's something pretty important that you get for only \$45 in annual dues.

--Ken Muir and Steve Raucher

## **FRIEDA PRICE INDUCTED INTO THE SENIOR CITIZENS HALL OF FAME**

Frieda Price, co-chair of the travel committee for our association was inducted into the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame on October 21, 2010, in Glen Bernie, MD. She was one of 43 inductees from the state of Maryland.

Frieda also volunteers at Shady Grove Hospital, Adventist Rehabilitation Hospital and is an active member of Grace United Methodist Church.

Family members, friends and members of the MCPSRA Board of Directors attended the ceremony. Frieda was nominated by the MCPSRA Board of Directors and she is grateful for the support she has received from the Board and also from the membership.

The Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame, Inc. is a private, nonprofit, all volunteer organization which has been functioning since 1987. The sole purpose of the organization is to publicly recognize and honor each year individual seniors who are at least 60 years of age. Nominees must live in Maryland and have performed outstanding service in their communities.

Frieda is pictured on page 5 receiving her certificate.

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

The Board of Directors meet at 9:30 am on the first Thursday of each month with the exception of July. All MCPSRA members are welcome to attend these meetings. The meetings are held in Room 129 in CESC. Following are the dates of the upcoming meetings.

- December 2, 2010
- January 6, 2011
- February 3, 2011
- March 3, 2011
- April 8, 2011
- May 5, 2011
- June 2, 2011

## SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2011-2014

Following is the slate of officers for MCPSRA presented by the Nominating Committee. Members were Gerry Frick, Harvey Strine, Carolyn Hickman, Tom Hickman, Mary D'Ovidio and Betsy Doyle, chairman. These names will be presented at the April luncheon and voted on at that time. There may be nominations from the floor, but those nominees must have been contacted prior to the meeting. Installation of the new officers will take place at the June luncheon.

President....Joy Schwab  
 Vice President....Steve Raucher  
 Recording Secretary...Mary D'Ovidio

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**December 2010**

**John Bassett**  
**Maude Burke**  
**Durward Deffenbaugh, Jr.**  
**Mary Margaret Gibson**  
**Dorothy Henderson**  
**Carroll Kearns**  
**Jacob Rabinovich**

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**MEMBERSHIP ALERT**

**MRSPA Membership Chair: Betsy Doyle**

**MCPSRA Membership Chair: Juliette Trevino**

MRSPA is the state "watchdog" of our pension and retirement funds as well as of our health-care coverage. It is up to all of us to help recruit new members. The more members we have the more attention and support we have in Annapolis. Where do we get these new members? We get them from you, our retirees, of course!! As chairperson of the state membership committee, I challenge all of you to recruit and to sign up just one (1) new member. Please talk to all of your retiree friends and encourage them to sign up if they are not already members.

**WE DO NEED YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT!!**

===== **CUT HERE** =====

**COMPLETE THIS FORM ONLY IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP**

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



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Soc. Sec. # \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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 my social security number is required 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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**NEW MEMBERS**

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Harry P. Mazur	6509 Farmingdale Ct	Derwood, MD 20855-1506	301-926-2988
Charles Murkey	16212 Monty Dr	Rockville, MD 20853	301-924-4945
Sarah Pinkney-Murkey	16212 Monty Dr	Rockville, MD 20853	301-924-4945
Adrienne Welch	14801 Windmill Ter.	Silver Spring, MD 20905	301-236-0218
Margaret Zierdt	530 East 4th Street	Loveland Co. 80537	

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M. K. "Mamie" Mohr	12516 Sandra Lee Ct	Monrovia, MD 21770	
Catherine P. Johnston	582 Russell Ave	Gaithersburg, MD 20877	301-216-5932

**NOTE:** Please inform Membership Chair Juliette Trevino of changes in your name, address or phone number by mailing it to MCPSRA, P.O. Box 4367, Rockville, MD 20849-4367 or by e-mail at [jgtrevino@comcast.net](mailto:jgtrevino@comcast.net).

**THOUGHTS ON GIFT-GIVING**

As the holiday season comes around each year, we look forward to the festive and joyful time we spend with family and close friends. We enjoy all the decorations, the delicious meals and decadent sweets, and, yes, the gifts so thoughtfully selected and given to one another. Many long hours of hard work are spent on assuring that everything turns out perfectly. Therefore, most of us will agree that the holiday season can also be a very stressful and harried time as we plan and prepare all the food for the many meals and gatherings, as well as try to budget for, shop, and wrap the ideal gift for each person on our list.

In times past, it used to be the custom to hand make, with much thought and care, each gift we gave one another whether it be a hand-stitched quilt, a hand-knitted sweater, scarf, or mittens, homemade cookies, breads, and candies, or even home canned goods produced from the harvest from our own gardens. "Honestly," you say, "when was the last time you heard of anyone taking the time to do that!" Well, there has been a resurgence in recent years to rethink the whole idea of gift-giving not just during the holidays but throughout the year by putting more meaning and effort into the gifts we give while saving time and money, too. How many of you have received a gift that you know you'll never use or wear but did not want to return it for fear of hurting someone's feelings? Or, we do spend hours in the long return lines at the store following the holidays because a gift was not to our liking.

Here is a suggestion that you may want to consider as you approach this season of gift-giving that may make your life much easier and add new meaning to what you receive or give as gifts. "Please don't get me anything! There isn't a thing I really need or want," I tell my children and friends. But when they insist that I give them an idea, I have requested that they make a donation in my name to a few of the local and national charities and organizations that I have selected for the good work they do for the neediest of the poor and helpless. I would like you to consider doing the same by selecting and donating to our own association's **Toolkits, Books, and Backpacks Project.**

Many of you have donated to this much needed and highly successful project during the seven years of its existence because you know it benefits needy children right here in Montgomery County. More and more individuals have been choosing to send their donations in honor of or in memory of loved ones, like Joann and Dan Rockwell in honor of their grandchildren and Catherine Lamaze in memory of Lewis Morse. The label placed on each toolkit sponsored in this way not only contains the donor's name but also identifies the name of the person designated in the honorarium or memoriam. If the donor provides the name and address of the person to whom an acknowledgement should be sent, we are more than willing to do so. Frequently we receive a heart-felt note of appreciation back from the individual or family when they hear of the sponsorship of toolkits made in their name.

Now is the time to consider making truly meaningful holiday gifts to some individuals (who have everything, as they say!) by sponsoring toolkits in their names. It is a gift that keeps on giving since the children receive the kits in July and use the school supplies in them throughout the year. All donations are TAX-DEDUCTIBLE. Thank you for your spirit of generosity during this holiday season and throughout the year in supporting our project.

Joan Donovan  
Special Projects Co-chair

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**MCPSRA TOOLKITS SPONSORSHIP FORM**

Please provide (print clearly) the following information and mail it along with a check (payable to: **MCPS Educational Foundation**, with "**Toolkits Project**" on the memo line) to Mrs. Joan Donovan, 13 Hilton Court, Gaithersburg, MD 20882-3521

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

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Optional: In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Send acknowledgement to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### MCPSRA COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

MCPSRA has many committees involved in a variety of activities. Membership on the committees is open to all MCPSRA members. If you are interested in joining a committee, please contact the committee chair or the MCPSRA president. Their telephone numbers and e-mail addresses are listed on page 2 of this newsletter. All members are encouraged to become involved.

Below is a summary of the current activities of the following committees.

Hospitality/Luncheon: Trish Bendler stated that most of the politicians that our Association recommended were at the luncheon. Most just mingled but some stayed for lunch.

Legislative: Jane Hardy shared that the seven-member commission formed to review the present pension system met on October 7 and will have a report by mid- December. There is just one member on the Commission from Montgomery County.

Louise S. Walker Scholarship: Dick Ahlberg stated that the fund had dropped below \$50,000.00 and was hoping that it would go up before spring so that we would have money to present scholarships.

Membership: Julie Trevino reported that we have 2682 members..

Public Relations: Gerry Johnson reported that he was working with the State Public Relations Committee.

Special Projects: Trish Bendler stated that she and Joan Donovan will be meeting with the Title I personnel and Lanny Taylor of MCPS Materials Management to review the summer program for Tool Kits.

Trips: Frieda Price discussed the upcoming trips. Descriptions are in this newsletter on pp. 8-10.

### MCPSRA SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship time is coming soon! As 2011 approaches, consider giving a tax deductible contribution to help fund an MCPSRA Scholarship for MCPS employees to further their education. If you are interested, please write a check payable to MCPS Educational Foundation, indicating MCPS Scholarship Fund on the notation line.

If you want your contribution to be given In Honor of or In Memory of someone, please note this and include an address for an acknowledgement notification. Mail check and information to:

Montgomery County Public Schools  
MCPS Educational Foundation  
850 Hungerford Drive - Room 149  
Rockville, MD 20850-1718

Ann Eberly and Joy Schwab  
Scholarship Co-Chairs

### CONSUMER CONNECTION, MRSPA

#### Watch Your Credit Cards

According to Consumer Reports, it is important to check your credit cards even after the federal reforms. Fees have climbed and interest rates have increased. This is because banks are trying to offset costs. Rewards cards usually have higher rates particularly if you carry a balance. You would probably be better off with a non-reward, lower rate card if you don't pay your cards off every month.

#### Ways to Get More Calcium

Bok Choy, collard greens and Swiss chard are excellent sources of calcium. But, "They don't sound very appetizing." Then try a handful of almonds as a snack (unsalted). They contain as much calcium as a half cup of milk.

A recipe that is rich in calcium and will be tasty: Pumpkin Rice Pudding -- Combine 2 cups of cooked rice with 3 cups reduced fat milk, 1 cup pumpkin puree, 3/4 cup honey, 1 tsp. vanilla, 3/4 tsp. cinnamon and 1/4 ts each of ginger, nutmeg and salt. Bake at 375 degrees F. for about 45 minutes. Stir Well, then chill for 8 hours before serving. (Recipe from Ellie Krieger, Cookbook author)

#### Microchips Can help you find a Pet

If your cat has a microchip identification, you are 20 times more likely to be reunited with the cat. Dogs with microchips are two-and-half times more likely to be reunited with their owners. It may be worth the cost to save your beloved pet.

Gerry Johnson  
MCPSRA/MRSPA

### FRIEDA PRICE'S INDUCTION

Frieda Price is pictured below with Gloria Lawlah, Maryland Secretary of Aging, Salvatore Molite, President of Edenwall Community and MSCHF president Peter Koons as she receives her certificate.





**COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS**

The Maryland Retired School Personnel Association will be recognizing individuals for community service on May 10, 2011. If you are involved in community service and would like to be considered for a recognition, please complete the following information and send it to *Gerald W. Johnson, 12104 Kerwood Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904-2816*.

- Name \_\_\_\_\_
- Phone number \_\_\_\_\_
- Project Title \_\_\_\_\_

- Brief (100 words or less) description of the project (This may be a separate attachment.)  
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- Describe the time frame for the project. When did it take place? Estimate hours involved.  
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- How many people were affected and HOW were they affected.  
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**TOM McAULIFFE**  
**WINNER OF 2010 FALL GOLF OUTING**

The twentieth anniversary of the MCPSRA Annual Golf Outing at the Laytonsville Golf course was played under a blue, cloudless sky and a bright sun with temperatures in the mid-70's – a picture-perfect day for golf. Tom McAuliffe, a former winner, shot a fine 78 to become the 2010 champion. Rob Ahlberg, son and guest of Dick Ahlberg, won low net honors with a score of 73.

Other prize winners included the following golfers:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> low net                      John DiTomasso
- 3<sup>rd</sup> low net                        Fred Evans
- Closest to #3 pin                Harvey Strine
- Closest to #5 pin                Bob Anastasi
- Longest drive                    Tom McAuliffe
- High gross                         Jane McAuliffe

Once again, our thanks go out to Bruce McKay and Harvey Strine for their excellent handling of the score sheet and the Callaway handicap scoring system.

Others who contributed greatly to the success of this year's outing included the following:

- Bill Barrett for providing golf ball prizes
- Tom Hickman and MCTFCU for providing a desk clock as a favor for each participant
- Dean Greer, Laytonsville Golf course head professional and Mike Kenny, Needwood Golf Course head professional, for their gift certificates of golf and carts for four players at their courses.

Thanks to additional donations by Jane Ahlberg, Jerry Johnson and Dick Ahlberg the MCPSRA Scholarship fund that was enriched by \$500.75.

Richard Ahlberg  
Outing Coordinator

**WANT A WANT AD?**

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 as a WORD attachment or camera ready in the mail

Deadlines for future Newsletters are as follows:

January 6, 2011	for the February 2011 issue
March 3, 2011	for the April 2011 issue
May 5, 2011	for the June 2011 issue
September 1	for the October 2011 issue

Send advertising copy ([jdahlberg2@verizon.net](mailto:jdahlberg2@verizon.net)) or by mail to Newsletter, P.O. Box 4367, Rockville, MD 20849-4367. Mail check payable to MCPSRA (in advance of publication) to Treasurer, P.O. Box 4367, Rockville, MD 20849-4367



**PARKING INFORMATION**

Overnight trip parking information will be indicated in each trip description. Day trips will leave from Park & Ride lot on Norbeck Rd. & Georgia Ave.

**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, a letter with up to date information, including parking details, and one baggage tag per person will be mailed to you.
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 deadline as published, 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. Anyone 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.
13. We do not provide transportation to and from the airport for trips that require flying.

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 105 N. Summit Ave. #4  
 Gaithersburg, MD 20877-2935

Mary Ann Davis.....301-253-6256  
 23509 Woodfield Rd.  
 Gaithersburg, MD 20882-3017

**MCPSRA TRIPS**

**December 2010 –September 2011**

All trips are listed and described on the web site:

[www.mcpsretirees.org](http://www.mcpsretirees.org)

December ?? White House  
 March 8 or 10 Philadelphia Flower Show  
 Theme: SPRINGTIME IN PARIS  
 April 6 Odyssey Luncheon on the Potomac  
 May 3 Charlottesville, VA Highlights  
 July 2-5 Boston, Boston Pops, Fireworks over the Charles River

**2011 Cruises from Baltimore**

March 12 The Bahamas – 10 days/9 nights  
 June 4 Alaska – 13 days/12 nights  
 September 22 New England and Canada – 10 days/9 nights

**Note:** Please do not send any payment for 2011 trips until January 2011. This excludes Cruises. Book them any time. Change in Alaska itinerary from October newsletter

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**PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW**

**Tuesday, March 8, 2011\*\*\***

Presenting the 2011 Philadelphia Flower Show “Springtime in Paris.” Featured displays will show us Opulent Paris, Romantic Paris, Gourmet Paris, Artists’ Paris, Underground Paris and Timeless Paris. In addition to such exotic floral displays, there will be shopping and sipping including innovative garden tools, plants and flowers, jewelry, and crafts for sale as well as cabaret performances, spectacular flower sculptures and carousel topiaries. \*\*\*Since weather is such an unpredictable factor for trips in March, our alternate date in case of inclement weather is **Thursday, March 10, 2011**. Please reserve both dates on your calendar. Tickets are non-refundable.

9:00 a.m. Depart Norbeck Park and Ride Lot  
 12:00 noon Arrive Philadelphia Flower Show  
 Afternoon and Lunch on your own  
 5:00 p.m. Depart Philadelphia  
 8:00 p.m. Return to Norbeck Park and Ride Lot

**Included:** Round-trip transportation, Deluxe EYRE motor coach, admission to Flower Show, taxes and tolls.

**NOT Included:** Gratuity for motor coach operator.

**Cost:** \$79.00 per person

**Due Date:** February 1, 2011

Make check payable to **MCPSRA** and send completed registration to

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

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**ANNUAL ODYSSEY LUNCHEON CRUISE**

**Wednesday, April 6, 2011**

Join us as we enjoy good food, good service and good company while cruising down the beautiful Potomac on the ODYSSEY III, the only craft of its kind in the U. S. Outside decks and glass ceilings provide panoramic views of the cherry blossoms, historic national monuments and the Washington skyline.

9:00 a.m. Depart Norbeck Park and Ride Lot  
 10:00 a.m. Drive through monuments as time permits  
 11:00 a.m. Board ODYSSEY III  
 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 pm Luncheon and Cruise  
 3:00 p.m. Approximate time of return

**Included:** Round-trip transportation, luncheon and cruise on the ODYSSEY, including tax and gratuity  
**NOT Included:** Gratuity for motor coach operator.  
**Cost:** \$89.00 per person  
**Due Date:** March 5, 2011

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

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**CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA HIGHLIGHTS**  
**May 3, 2011**

**Monticello:** Visit the home and showpiece botanic gardens of Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence, third President of the United States and founder of the University of Virginia.

**Ashlawn-Highland:** Located adjacent to Monticello is the former estate of James Monroe, fifth President of the United States.

**Michie Tavern ca. 1784:** Today, experience the Tavern's past through an historical journey which recreates 18th-century tavern life and a dining experience rich in southern hospitality.

7:45 a.m. Depart Norbeck Park and Ride Lot  
 10:30 a.m. Ashland-Highland Tour  
 1:00 p.m. Depart for lunch & tour at Michie Tavern  
 3:00 p.m. Tour Monticello  
 5:30 p.m. Depart for home  
 8:00 p.m. Arrive Norbeck Park and Ride Lot

**Included:** Transportation by deluxe Eyre motor coach; lunch, tours, taxes and gratuities.  
**Not included:** Gratuity for motor coach operator.  
**Cost:** \$105.00 per person  
**Due Date:** April 6, 2011

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

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**WELCOME TO BOSTON**  
**July 2-5, 2011**

This vibrant, thriving city is renowned for its cultural facilities, world class educational institutions, champion sports franchises and its place at the forefront of American history. The highlight of the trip features the Boston Pops and fireworks over the Charles River. Boston will entertain you a few other cities can!

**Day 1 - Saturday, July 2**

6:30 a.m. Depart Norbeck Park and Ride Lot  
 Today we are traveling with lunch and rest stops on route before checking into the **Holiday Inn Select** in **Woburn, MA**

**Day 2 - Sunday, July 3**

After a continental breakfast at the hotel, we embark upon a **Historic Boston Tour** including parts of the **Freedom Trail** and a visit to **Old North Church**. We will also visit the **Charlestown Navy Yard** to see the **USS Constitution**, the oldest commissioned warship afloat in the world. Lunch is on your own at **Quincy Market** where there are over 100 shops, carts and artisans to offer treasures to take home. After lunch we head across the Charles River to Cambridge and see **Harvard University and Harvard Yard**. In the late afternoon we go to the **Esplanade** and settle in with a **Summer Barbecue Picnic**. At 8:30 p.m. the **Boston Pops 4th of July Rehearsal Concert** begins! (Eyre will provide folding chairs for dinner and concert.)

**Day 3 - Monday, July 4**

After a continental breakfast at the hotel, we will travel to Boston Harbor to board a cruise ship for a 2 ½ hour **Boston Harbor Cruise** that includes a buffet lunch with boiled lobster. In the afternoon, we visit the **JFK Library and Museum**. A pasta-station dinner is included tonight at the **Hyatt Regency Cambridge** which is ½ mile from the fireworks barge.

**Evening Options:**

- A. After dinner take your chair and walk the few blocks to the MA Avenue Bridge where you can hear (but not see) the concert. Watch the fireworks from there and walk back to the hotel where the coach will be parked.
- B. Stay at the Hyatt and watch the entire 4th of July Concert on a big screen where it will be simulcast. (There is no way to see the Boston Pops up close this evening which is why we go the rehearsal on July 3.) At 10:30 p.m. the **Fireworks Spectacular** gets underway for about 25 minutes of explosions creating a magical light show in the summer night sky! At 11:00 p.m. the coach will take everyone back to our hotel.

**Day 4 - Tuesday, July 5**

After a leisurely continental breakfast, we will check out of the hotel and travel home.

7:00 p.m. Arrive Norbeck Park and Ride Lot  
**Included:** Transportation by Eyre deluxe motor coach, 3 nights lodging, baggage handling, 3 continental breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners, local guide, all tolls, taxes and gratuities.

**Not Included:** Gratuity for local guide or motor coach operator and rest stops en route. Lunches are on your own except for the luncheon cruise.

**Cost:** \$779.00 per person double, \$979.00 single  
**Due Date:** May 27, 2011

If you would like to make 2 payments this is fine. If so, a deposit of \$150.00 is **Due** March 3, 2011 with balance **Due** May 27, 2011.

Make check payable to **MCPSRA** and send with reservation form to Mary Ann Davis  
 23509 Woodfield Rd.  
 Gaithersburg, MD 20882

**CRUISE FROM BALTIMORE to THE BAHAMAS**  
**With ROYAL CARIBBEAN CRUISE LINES on**  
**ENCHANTMENT OF THE SEAS**  
**10 DAYS/9 NIGHTS**  
**MARCH 12, 2011**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>PORT</b>	<b>ARRIVE</b>	<b>DEPART</b>
1	Baltimore, MD		4:00 pm
2	Cruising		
3	Port Canaveral, Florida	9:00 am	9:00 pm
4	Cruising		
5	Key West, Florida	7:00 am	3:00 pm
6	Nassau, Bahamas	11:00 am	7:00 pm
7	CocoCay, Bahamas	8:00 am	5:00 pm
8	Cruising		
9	Cruising		
10	Baltimore, MD	7:00 am	
	Inside Cabin Category	Q	\$1,119
	Outside Cabin Category	I	\$1,469
	Balcony Cabin Category	D2	\$1,869

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

**\*\*VALID PASSPORT REQUIRED FOR TRAVEL\*\***

**DEPOSIT POLICY:** An initial deposit of \$350.00 per person double occupancy or \$700 per person single is required to secure reservations and assigned cabins. Final balance is due December 1, 2010.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT**  
**FRIEDA J. PRICE OR MARYANN DAVIS**  
**301-926-2286 301-253-6256**

**FOR RESERVATIONS CALL GRAND AMERICAN TOURS at 1-800-423-0247**

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**ALASKA with PRINCESS CRUISES on the CORAL**  
**PRINCESS OF THE SEAS**  
**13 DAYS/12 NIGHTS**  
**JUNE 4, 2011**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>PORT</b>	<b>ARRIVE</b>	<b>DEPART</b>
1	Sail from Vancouver, B.C.		4:30 pm
2	At Sea		
3	Ketchikan, Alaska	6:30 am	2:00 pm
4	Juneau, Alaska	7:00 am	8:30 pm
5	Skagway, Alaska	7:00 am	8:30 pm
6	Glacier Bay National Park (Scenic Cruising)	6:00 am	3:00 pm
7	College Fiord Alaska (Scenic Cruising)	5:30 pm	8:30 pm
8	Anchorage (Whittier)	12:30 am	
	Whittier/Mt. McKinley - Disembark in Whittier and board the McKinley Express rail direct to Talkeetna. Continue by motor coach to the Mt. McKinley Princess Wilderness Lodge. The afternoon and evening are at your leisure.		
9	Mt. McKinley - A full day to plan however you choose. Stop by the Tour Desk for a variety of optional excursions. Walk the nature trails around the lodge or just relax on the deck and enjoy the view!		
10	Mt. McKinley/Denali -Transfer to Talkeetna then board Princess Rail to Denali National Park. The		

afternoon is free to spend as you choose. Overnight at Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge.

- 11 Denali - A full day at Denali National Park. Choose from a variety of optional excursions. In the afternoon, you'll travel into the park on a Natural History Tour. Enjoy another evening at the lodge.
- 12 Denali/Fairbanks - You'll have the morning to relax, then travel by scenic motor coach to Fairbanks. This evening take a riverboat Cruise down the Chena River.
- 13 Fairbanks - Your tour ends this morning in Fairbanks.

Inside Cabin Category	I	\$3,138
Outside Cabin Category	EE	\$3,663
Balcony Cabin Category	BE	\$3,863

\*Rates are per person, double occupancy, and include roundtrip airfare from Baltimore, cruise, port charges and government fees and transfers. PRINCESS HAS ADVISED THAT ALL AIR PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND ARE NOT GUARANTEED UNTIL FULL PAYMENT HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

**\*\*VALID PASSPORT REQUIRED FOR TRAVEL\*\***

**DEPOSIT POLICY:** An initial deposit of \$620.00 per person double occupancy or \$1,240 per person single is required to secure reservations and assigned cabins. Final balance is due February 21, 2011.

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**CRUISE FROM BALTIMORE to CANADA AND NEW ENGLAND**

**With ROYAL CARIBBEAN CRUISE LINES on**  
**ENCHANTMENT OF THE SEAS**  
**10 DAYS/9 NIGHTS**  
**September 22, 2011**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>PORT</b>	<b>ARRIVE</b>	<b>DEPART</b>
1	Baltimore, Maryland		4:00 pm
2	Cruising		
3	Portland, Maine	10:00 am	7:00 pm
4	Bar Harbor, Maine	7:00 am	5:00 pm
5	Saint. John, New Brunswick	7:00 am	3:00 pm
6	Halifax, Nova Scotia	9:30 am	7:00 pm
7	Cruising		
8	Boston, MA	8:00 am	4:00 pm
9	Cruising		
10	Baltimore, MD	7:00 am	
	Inside Cabin Category	N	\$1,098
	Outside Cabin Category	I	\$1,318
	Balcony Cabin Category	D2	\$1,918

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

**\*\*VALID PASSPORT REQUIRED FOR TRAVEL\*\***

**DEPOSIT POLICY:** An initial deposit of \$350.00 per person double occupancy or \$700 per person single is required to secure reservations and assigned cabin. Final balance is due June 14, 2011.

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**TRIP RESERVATION FORM: PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW**

**\*\*\*Tuesday, March 8, 2011**

**Or alternate inclement weather date – Thursday, March 10, 2011**

\*Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Member of MCPSRA? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ If not, guest of: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Total # reservations \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Make check payable to MCPSRA.

\*Cell phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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**TRIP RESERVATION FORM: Annual ODYSSEY Luncheon Cruise**

**Wednesday, April 6, 2011**

\*Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Member of MCPSRA? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ If not, guest of: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Total # reservations \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Make check payable to MCPSRA.

\*Cell phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Dinner Choices: \_\_\_\_\_

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**TRIP RESERVATION FORM: CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA HIGHLIGHTS**

**May 3, 2011**

\*Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Member of MCPSRA? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ If not, guest of: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Total # reservations \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Make check payable to MCPSRA.

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**TRIP RESERVATION FORM: BOSTON-BOSTON POPS**

**July 2.5, 2011**

\*Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Member of MCPSRA? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ If not, guest of: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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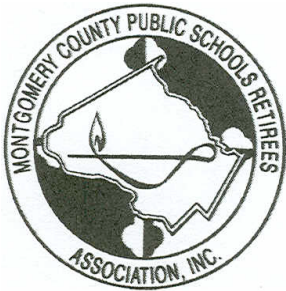
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# MCPSRA Luncheon/Business Meeting

GOLDEN BULL GRAND CAFE

Gathering: 11:00 a.m. Business Meeting: 11:30 a.m.

Luncheon: 12:00 noon



## Luncheon Dates 2011

Thursday, February 24, 2011

Thursday, April 28, 2011

Thursday, June 16, 2011

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