

BCRSPA

Fall Luncheon Meeting

October 20, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Columbus Gardens, Belair Road by President David Copenhaver.

Program

President Copenhaver lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and Brittany Garland played on her trumpet The National Anthem

President Copenhaver introduced the Perry Hall High School Steel Drum Band under the direction of Mr. Scott Engel. The band of twelve musicians played a selection of music from various eras and received a standing ovation from the members in attendance.

Greeting and Recognition of Guests

President Copenhaver introduced the guests Mr. William Burke Chief of Organizational Effectiveness who will be representing Dr. Dance, Superintendent of Baltimore County Public Schools and Mr. David Uhlfelder, Chairperson of the Board of Education of Baltimore County. Both were expected to arrive for the luncheon. He introduced Mr. Max Muller, President of MRSPA, Judith Zahren, Executive Director of MRSP and M's Janet Williams, Area II Director of MRSPA. In addition, Kelly Marks and Tracey Carroll, Retirement Specialist from BCPS Office of Employee Benefits. Jim Antonakos from Oak Crest Retirement Community will join us later for lunch.

Introduction of the Guest Speaker

President Copenhaver introduced Mrs. Orly Mondell, Baltimore County Teacher of the Year from New Town High School, Owings Mills, Maryland. She spoke of her early years of teaching in The Bronx, New York and of the influence her parents and grandfather had on her early years. She currently is the ninth grade coordinator and considers all the ninth grade students her children and treats them as her own. She remembers all the students in the school since most have had her as a teacher in ninth grade.

Updates

MRSPA President, Max Muller spoke of two concerns 1) Financial investment yields have been lower and this year the organization has to use some of the principle and the Board will need to obtain more revenue, and 2) Emeritus Membership for those ninety years or older cost has financial concerns which will need to be addressed by December of this year. Financial matters must be corrected during 2016 for action to occur in 2017 according to the bylaws.

MRSPA Executive Director, Judith Zahren announced MRSPA is attempting to reduce the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter. One solution is to have the newsletter e-mailed to members. Members wishing to sign-up for e-mailing will find a sign-up sheet at the luncheon table. Members may continue to receive the newsletter by mail and need not sign-up for e-mail.

MRSPA Area II North Director Janet Williams congratulated members BCSPA on its seventieth anniversary.

Jim Aldon, Employee Benefits Officer was unable to attend. Kelly Marks, Retirement Specialist announced that Jim will be leaving this office and a new officer has been hired and is training for the transition which will take place January 1st. Benefit books are being mailed to all retirees with the new costs. Express Script will no longer provide prescription service effective January 1st. Cigna will be the new carrier and new cards will be mailed to all members in December. Members may need new prescriptions from their physician on file to continue their current medication. All will need to show their new card to their provider. Prescription cost will remain the same.

Celebrating 70 Years

President Copenhaver asked all members of the past and present Executive Boards to please stand and be recognized. Parker Koons, RETABCO President 1992-1993 remarked on the beginning of TABCO with the founder, Mary Ellen Logan and her board meeting at various places. He spoke of the most recent seventy years and the changes that have transpired. Dr Edna May Merson, RETABCO President 1990-1991 sent greetings and sharing her thoughts through President Elect Donna Copenhaver. "One, watch retirement benefits carefully; two, maintain a healthy relationship with the Baltimore County Public Schools and lastly, work hard and play hard."

President Copenhaver reminded members to check the archives exhibit at the table in the back of the hall. The table was prepared and set up by Mary Lou Brown.

New Business

None

There being no new business the meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Respectively submitted,

Robert L. Kane, Secretary.