

BCRSPA

Fall Luncheon Meeting

October 21, 2014

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

President David introduced the morning program Carver Center Dance Company under the direction of Ms. Stephanie Powell.

Following the program President David led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and introduced the National Anthem. President David greeted the assembly and introduced the guests from MRSPA and the BCPS Office of Employee Benefits. Also present were representative from our health plans.

President David then introduced the guest speaker Baltimore County Teacher of the Year, Ann Cross, a fifth grade teacher at Gunpowder Elementary School. Ms. Cross spoke of her experiences and changes in education and being selected as Teacher of the Year.

MRSPA President, Max Muller, spoke concerning the pension program and the initiative of the Board of Directors. Our retirement system is on a sound financial footing. He mentioned the redesigning of the association web site and the need to have E-mail addresses for communication to members and being a clearing house for members of the association. He commented on gaining membership via personal invitation through association with community service, through organizations and social contact.

MRSPA Executive Director, Judith Zahren, announced MRSPA's drawing awards to help attain the goal of 15,000 members and encourage the locals to be active in recruiting new members. Local associations will be receiving a letter to encourage new membership activities and the locals will be receiving raffle tickets for their scholarship awards.

MRSPA Area II North Director, Janet Williams, welcomed members to contact her with concerns.

Jim Aldon, Employee Benefits Officer was unable to attend. Kelly Mark, Retirement Specialist spoke on his behalf. She mentioned the BCPS Retirement Benefits Book is being mailed to retirees. Retirees having difficulty due to the merger of Express Script should contact her office. There will be no changes to the current programs however the premium will be rising 8% for retirees under age 65 and 3% for those 65+ effective January 31, 2015 payments. A question and answer period followed her presentation. She and Tracey Carroll were available to answer personal questions after the meeting adjourned.

President David reminded the assembly of the following activities:

President Seminar on November 12 from 10 to 11:30 with Karen Strong from the Attorney General Office

Toys for Tots free breakfast on December 11th. Bring a toy and/or a donation for Breast Cancer.

Forms for E-mail addresses are on the lunch table to sign to get current mailings
Volunteers are needed to fill four vacancies on the Executive Committee.

Respectively submitted,

Robert L. Kane, Secretary.