

BCRSPA
LUNCHEON MEETING
October 23, 2012

The semi-annual luncheon meeting of the BCRSPA was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by President Edna Harris-Kurre at Columbus Gardens.

President Edna Harris-Kurre introduced Jason Adams, the director of the General John Stricker Middle School Steel *Drum* Band. The music presentation was enjoyed by all.

President Edna Harris-Kurre led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance. She announced the program to follow. The manager of Oak Crest Retirement Community presented a check for \$1,400.00 to be donated to the Scholarship Fund. This is the first check received from Oak Crest through our agreement with them.

President Stu Tucker of the MRSPA was introduced and he presented two changes related to the conventions. The November 5-7, 2014 convention will be held in Annapolis, Maryland at the Double Tree Hotel. The program will consist of entertainment and information to MRSPA members. Secondly, the annual business meeting in May, 2013 will also move to the Double Tree Hotel in Annapolis. President Tucker requested feedback from the membership by thinking outside the box. He then referred to the handout received upon entering announcing the new benefit ABENITY. He cited an example of savings one member obtained by using this new benefit and how others may login to MRSPA home page.

Judith Zahren, Executive Director of MRSPA spoke of the Legislative issues and the upcoming work shop on November 13, 2012 concerning the state budget. MRSPA membership goal is to double membership by using the October and April mailings to retirees.

Baltimore County Teacher of the Year, Angela Rountree was introduced by President Edna Harris-Kurre. Mrs. Rountree spoke of her interest in art teaching and projects she used to stimulate interest in student learning. Pending her master's degree in December Mrs. Rountree hopes to bring her teaching experience to special education students.

Jim Aldon, Director of Baltimore County School Employee Benefits and Retirement, spoke of changes which will take effect on January 1, 2013. These changes were mailed to all retirees and cited in the Retiree Benefits Guide. For most of the membership no change in benefits is expected, however there will be a slight increase in the cost. Following the presentation a brief question and answer period was conducted.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 A.M.

Directly after the meeting, the membership was introduced to the new Superintendent of Baltimore County Public Schools, Dr. Dallas Dance.

The next Board meeting is November **13**, 2012 at TABCO Headquarters.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert L. Kane, Secretary