



UPDATE

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From the President

Can we count on you to “Step up to the plate?”

I hope you were able to stay cool during the hot summer that we have had. Many of us will be looking forward to fall for nicer temperatures and relief from the heat.



**Edna
Harris-Kurre**

As I begin my two-year term, I look forward to working with a dedicated and talented Executive Board (all volunteers), faithful BCRSPA members, and the new president of MRSPA, E. Stuart Tucker. I would like to extend a special thanks to Stuart and the former president, Parker E. Koons, for their support and guidance.

We are committed to:

- Ensuring that all retirees receive pension/retirement and health-care benefits.
- Protecting our pension/ retirement system.
- Communicating with BCPS to give updates on our health-care plans.

- Informing our members through our newsletter.
- Increasing and engaging our membership.
- Continuing our community outreach activities, including scholarships and donations.
- Developing and expanding our corporate partnerships.

Of course, we can't accomplish anything without the support of volunteers like you. I would ask that you take some time to think about what this organization does for you, the retiree, and decide to volunteer. Right now, we need a chair for "Publication/Update." Your help would be needed about four times a year and would require computer and typing skills. **CAN WE COUNT ON YOU TO "STEP UP TO THE PLATE?"**

I hope that you will join us on Tuesday, October 23, 2012, at the Luncheon Meeting at Columbus Gardens.

— Edna Harris-Kurre

Membership update

New members

The BCRSPA Board and the General Membership welcome the following new members:

Raymond W. Meyer
Hazel Rike
Patricia Ann Simon
Carmela A. Veit
Edward W. Veit

We invite you to join your friends and colleagues at our next BCRSPA Luncheon to be held at Columbus Gardens, October 23, 2012. More information to follow.

Other news

Three of our members are observing their 100th birthday this year!

Eva Brooks (02/28/1912)
Marie Hoshall (05/12/1912)
Edna Morris (11/03/1912)

Also, according to our records, five of our members are over 100 years of age:

Phoebe Bollinger (01/27/1906)
Leona Bowen (10/05/1905)
Veronica Fisher (01/20/1903)
Jean Gregory (10/26/1908)
Isis Maguire (06/06/1906)

Congratulations and Best Wishes to all who celebrate!

— Charlotte Price, Chair,
Member Accounting Committee

ATTENTION BCRSPA MEMBERS

If you are planning to become a resident of the Oak Crest or Charlestown Retirement Community, let them know that you are a BCRSPA member. These two Erickson retirement communities have agreed to make a contribution of \$500.00 on your behalf to the BCRSPA Scholarship Fund. They will also contribute \$300.00 when any person who is referred by a BCRSPA member becomes a resident of either community. The Oak Crest office number is 410 665-2222. Keep the President of BCRSPA updated.

BCRSPA CALENDAR

- Saturday, August 18 BCRSPA Executive Board Meeting**
Price's Saltpeter Resort, Noon to Dusk
- Tuesday, September 18 BCRSPA Executive Board Meeting**
St. Isaac Jogues — Cronin Center, Parkville, MD, 10 a.m.
- Thursday, September 27 . . . MRSPA Area Leadership Workshop**
Local Association Presidents
MRSPA Office in Odenton, MD
- Thursday, October 18 . . Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame**
Awards Luncheon
Michaels Eighth Avenue, Glen Burnie, MD, 11:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, October 23 . . BCRSPA Annual Fall Luncheon Meeting**
Columbus Gardens, Nottingham, MD, 10 a.m.

UPDATE Deadline

DECEMBER ISSUE — October 15, 2012

Until the vacancy for editor has been filled, please send your articles to Edna Harris-Kurre, email address: emharris.kurre@gmail.com

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Towson, MD 21286-3252

UPDATE

The Baltimore County Retired School Personnel Association newsletter is published four times annually: September, December, March, and June, plus any additional necessary dates.

(to be announced), Editor

UPPER CASE Letters, Publisher
410-803-1970

From the **CONSUMER** Connection

A publication of the MRSPA Consumer Education Committee

8379 Piney Orchard Parkway, Suite A, Odenton, MD 21113

July–August 2012

Sunscreen update

In the May/June issue of the *Connection* was an article regarding sunscreen. The FDA has granted sunscreen manufacturers a six-month extension until December 2012 to comply with new labeling regulations.

Careful with your smartphone

When using a smartphone to pay bills, be careful. You may not enjoy the same level of protection from financial fraud that you get from a debit or credit card. The Better Business Bureau says that it depends on your provider's policies and your cell phone contract.

Always read your contract and understand their protections and find out if your smartphone has security measures installed. Also, watch out for fake apps. Make sure that your phone has a screening process in place for each app you download. While not all free, apps that are fakes are often free.

Carefully check your bill each month, just the same as you do debit or credit card statements.

Now is the time to plan a cruise

Cruise lines are attempting to attract new passengers following the disaster of the Costa Concordia. More than twelve new ships will be launched in 2012. Bargain rates may be available for the area you want to go. A Caribbean cruise out of Baltimore can be a real bargain for the first time "cruiser" in this area.

Package delivery scam

Postal inspection officials report that an e-mail may be sent which appears to come from the postal service stating that a package could not be delivered. The e-mail says to click on a link in the message to arrange delivery or pickup – but clicking on this link loads a malicious virus that can steal information from your computer. The postal service does not send e-mails. If you have a package to be delivered and you are not there to receive it, they leave a notice – never an e-mail.

2012–13 MRSPA Consumer Education Committee

Chairperson — Ann W. Sutton, Kent Co. (Area III — North) Area II North

Betty Ann White, Anne Arundel Co. Connection

Area II South — John Sisson, Prince George's Co.

Area III South — Joyce Willey, Wicomico Co. Area I East

Elizabeth Doyle, Montgomery Co. Area I West — Nancy Martin, Washington Co.

Blueberries and strawberries

They may prevent Parkinson's disease. People who eat the berries two or more times per week are nearly 25% less likely to develop the disorder according to Xiang Gao, MD PhD. The reason these berries are rich in anthocyanins – antioxidants that reduce inflammation and may prevent brain cell damage. Also blackberries, plums, Concord grapes and raspberries are rich in antioxidants.

Vanilla

Don't be surprised when you need to purchase vanilla. The price of vanilla is skyrocketing! It has jumped from \$25 per kilogram to \$49 because of poor vanilla-pod crops in Mexico and India. It is now second in cost to saffron spice. Many are turning to artificial vanilla when baking.

Choking danger for your dog

Dogs that enjoy retrieving balls and carrying them around in their mouths sometimes get them caught in their throat. Select balls that are large enough to not get caught in their throat yet small enough that the dog can carry it around. Tennis balls are often too small.

Web sites you may find useful

www.mayoclinic.com Click on Health information and then First Aid. This will give you information about blisters, food poisoning, heat exhaustion, etc.

www.safercar.gov This will give you recall and complaints regarding cars. www.safetravel-USA.com This site will give you wind, weather and traffic conditions.

Emeritus Membership in BCRSPA

(Age 90 as of June 30, 2012)

Name _____

Address (include Apt # and ZIP+4 code)

Date of Birth (month, day, year) _____

Telephone (____) _____

Mail to: Mrs. Charlotte Price
4862 Brightleaf Court
Baltimore, MD 21237-4946

Change of Address

BCRSPA (effective date) _____

Name _____

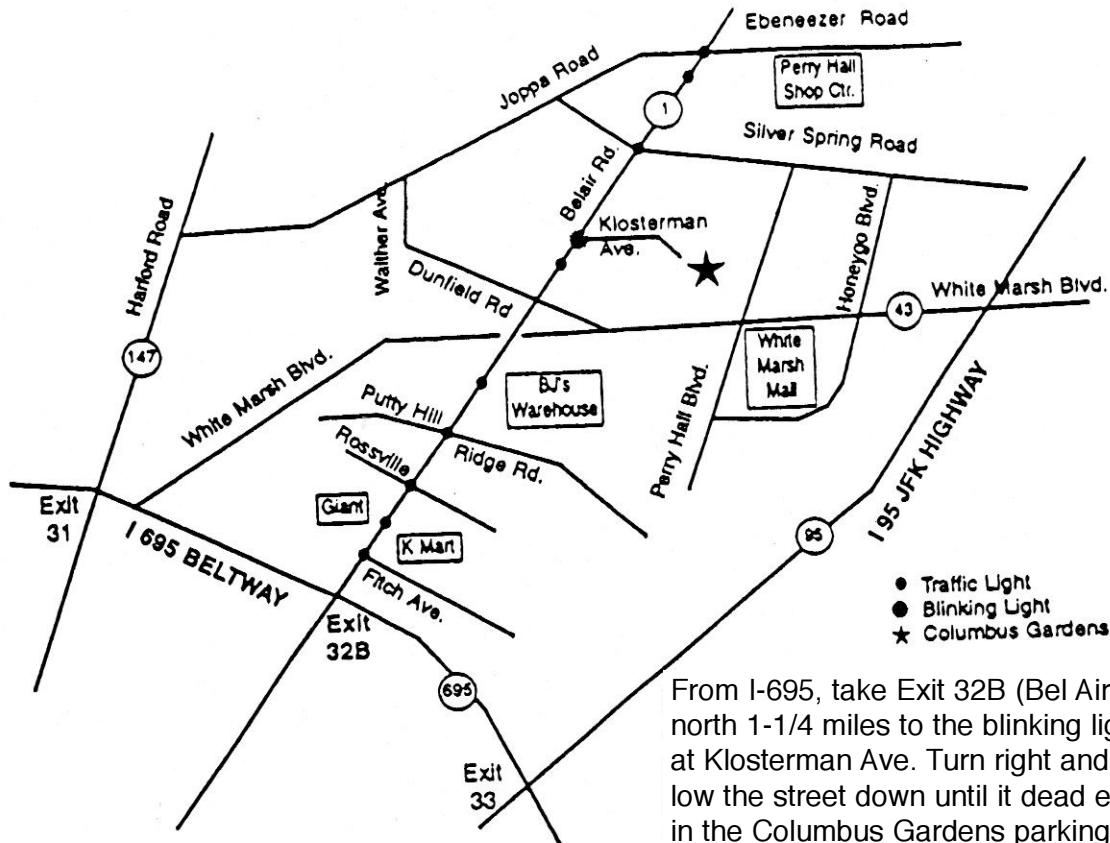
Old Address _____

New Address (include Apt # and ZIP+4 code)

New Telephone (____) _____

Mail to: Mrs. Charlotte Price
4862 Brightleaf Court
Baltimore, MD 21237-4946

Directions to Columbus Gardens



From I-695, take Exit 32B (Bel Air) north 1-1/4 miles to the blinking light at Klosterman Ave. Turn right and follow the street down until it dead ends in the Columbus Gardens parking lot.

Baltimore County Retired School Personnel Association, Inc.
(BCRSPA)



Fall Luncheon Meeting
Tuesday, October 23, 2012
Columbus Gardens

AGENDA

Registration	9:30 a.m.
Program	
Student Entertainment	10:00 a.m.
Baltimore County Teacher of the Year	10:45 a.m.
BCPS Office of Employee Benefits Update	11:15 a.m.
Social Hour - cash bar available	11:45 a.m.
Luncheon	12:15 p.m.

LUNCHEON MENU

Crisp Garden Tossed Salad with Ranch or Italian Dressings
Chicken Cordon Bleu and Top Round of Beef with Gravy
Wild Rice, Italian Blend of Vegetables, Rolls and Butter
Ice Cream with assorted toppings

Cost: \$23.00

Deadline for Registrations: October 16, 2012 (no refunds after this date)
Please remember to bring your food/school supply item(s) for the ACTC.
(For list of items, see article in this issue of *Update*.)

Directions to Columbus Gardens are elsewhere in this issue of *Update*.

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RESERVATION FOR FALL LUNCHEON MEETING - OCTOBER 23, 2012

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Name of Guest(s): _____

Number of Reservations: _____ Scholarship Donation (\$): _____

Total Amount (\$) Enclosed: _____

Make checks payable to BCRSPA.

Send reservation(s) and check(s) to: Mr. Clair Price, 4862 Brightleaf Court, Baltimore, MD 21237-4946.

BCRSPA Bus Trip to New York City



Radio City Musical Hall has been one of the premier entertainment destinations in the world since opening in 1932 in New York City in the Rockefeller Center. The Radio City name was derived from the first tenants the Radio Corporation of America. Radio City Music Hall has hosted the Radio City Christmas Spectacular as an annual holiday musical production since 1933 featuring the dance team known as The Rockettes. The seating capacity is 5,933 for most shows. Radio City Music Hall has hosted the some of the biggest events on television including the Grammy's, the Tony's, the MTV Video Music Awards, and the ESPY Awards.

We are leaving the driving to Superior Tours of Baltimore County

Join us!

Date: November 28, 2012

Time: Depart: Baltimore 6:30am

Return: Baltimore 10:00pm

Location: The Bowling Alley at 601 Southwick Drive at the corner of Providence Road & Southwick (next to Royal Farm Store)

Reservations: Please send reservation and payment to:

C. David Copenhaver
419 Amy Drive
Abingdon, MD 21009

Costs: \$110.00 per person ... no refunds Please make checks c/o BCRSPA

Any profits will benefit the BCRSPA Scholarship Fund.

Additional trip information will be eMailed upon receiving your completed registration form and payment... If no eMail provided, trip information will be by phone.

Please eMail cdaavidcopenhaver@gmail.com with any questions. Or call: 410.515-0456

We only have 54 seats for this trip. Please send your reservation and payment ASAP!

BCRSPA Bus Trip to New York City Registration Form

* The trip is limited to 54 participants. Registration and payment deadline: when all tickets are sold!

Please complete registration form and mail with payment to:
C. David Copenhaver
419 Amy Drive, Abingdon, MD 21009

Name(s): _____

Phone/cell: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

eMail: _____

(Please Print... eMail address)

Guest(s): _____

My check made payable to BCRSPA is enclosed:

Total enclosed: _____

Note: Confirmations and itineraries will be eMailed upon receipt of your payment and registration. If no eMail provided, confirmation will be by phone. Please remember, no refunds. The bus leaves on time. Please allow yourself time to board and settle in.

Our NYC arrival and departure location will be Rockefeller Center (40th and 5th)

**For a membership packet
or information call:
Charlotte Price at 410-847-9700
or go online at www.bcrspa.com
and www.mrspa.org**

**VISIT
www.bcrspa.com
OPEN 24 hours a day!**

COMMUNITY SERVICES PROJECT

**Please bring one (1) item below
to the Fall Luncheon:**

FOOD ITEMS NEEDED

(Assistance Center of Towson Churches)

canned pasta (meals with meat)
powdered milk
peanut butter, jelly
canned beef stew, Spam
canned peas
individual size cans/cartons of juice
any nonperishable item such as rice,
cereal or boxed potatoes
small, hotel-size bottles of shampoo
toothpaste/toothbrush
toilet paper, hand lotion

If you prefer, a check may be written payable to the
Assistance Center of Towson Churches

SCHOOL SUPPLY ITEMS NEEDED

pencils (new), pens
school boxes
glue sticks, paper
marbleized black composition books

Membership News

New Members

The BCRSPA Executive Board and the General Membership welcome the following new members:

Elizabeth Bloom
Diane Bogansky
Joan Elizabeth Calabreze
Karl Froeb
Amy Branum Huggins
Teresa E. Kaminski
Judi Maranic
Susan G. McCormick
Donna M. Provost
Judith Rothenberg

We invite you to join your colleagues and friends at our next BCRSPA Luncheon and meeting to be held at Columbus Gardens, October 23, 2012. Details can be found elsewhere in this issue.

— *Charlotte Price, Member
Accounting Chair*

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trip to New York
on November 28,
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