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From the President

I hope you enjoyed the pleasant temperatures and the changing of the foliage into its wide array of fall colors as much as I have. It's a beautiful time of year. So far, I have presided over two BCRSPA Executive Board Meetings and am thrilled and delighted with the open discussions and the sharing of ideas which are taking place. This is always important to any organization.

Our partnership agreement with the Erickson Communities (Oak Crest and Charlestown) has finally come to fruition. I was successful in my work with Erickson in starting the flow of donations for our scholarship fund. At our last meeting, Mark Roussey of Oak Crest, presented us with our first check in the amount of \$1400 for our scholarship fund for Baltimore County High-School students who are college bound. I would like to remind all members that if they refer anyone to either of these communities, BCRSPA will receive a \$300 donation. If a member becomes a client of either community, BCRSPA will receive \$500 for our scholarship fund.



President Edna Harris-Kurre and Mark Roussey (Oak Crest).

In following through with Stu Tucker's message of "Moving Forward: Exploring Change," we have pursued a number of changes for BCRSPA. These changes have been taken due to increasing costs and to improve communication to our members.

- ☐ I am very happy to report that we now have our NEW WEBSITE up and running. Please use www.bcrspa.org as your resource for current information moving forward. We owe a special thanks to Bill Brose for being our webmaster and to my daughter for assisting me in editing, transferring and updating the information.
- ☐ We will now be using the same printer as MRSPA, Stockson Printing, in an effort to cut costs and streamline billing.
- ☐ A BCRSPA dues increase will be proposed at the April, 2013 meeting.

We still need an editor for the newsletter, *Update*. This is a great opportunity to help the organization and only

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Membership News

*from Charlotte R. Price,
Member Accounting Chair*

Thank you to all of our members who have renewed their membership for 2012–2013. Maintaining your membership supports our Legislative Committee as they work to protect our retirement benefits.

Due to privacy issues, the Baltimore County Public Schools Benefit Office may no longer give our organization a list of recent retirees, thus giving us limited access to increasing membership. In addition, we recently learned

that Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) was not going to have any pre-retirement seminars this school year. This has historically been our primary recruiting event. Luckily, through a TABCO contact, we will now be able to attend their two “Understanding Your Retirement” sessions annually. However, we still need your help. If you are aware of someone who has retired in 2011 or 2012, please extend to them an invitation to join and acquaint them with some member benefits. More information and application packets may be obtained by calling our BCRSPA Answering Service at 410-847-9700 or an application may be downloaded at

www.bcrspa.org

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

Gerry Frattali	Regina Martini
Linda Gluc	Rosalie Ranieri
Barbara MacFarlane	Jonnie L. Reuter
Linda Silverman	Denise Stemler
Deborah J. Stephan	Susan Betsill

Belated congratulations to the newest member of the “Over 100th Birthday Group,” Beatrice Pitts Payne, who celebrated her 103rd birthday on April 16th. Best wishes to you for many more “Happy Birthdays!” We apologize for omitting you from the previous *Update* article. □

BCRSPA CALENDAR

Tuesday, February 19, 2013. . BCRSPA Executive Board Meeting
St. Isaac Jogues—Cronin Center, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, March 19 BCRSPA Executive Board Meeting
St. Isaac Jogues—Cronin Center, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, April 16 . . . BCRSPA Annual Spring Luncheon Meeting
Columbus Gardens, Nottingham, MD, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, May 14 MRSPA Annual Business Meeting
Double Tree Hotel, Annapolis, MD

Tuesday, May 21 BCRSPA Executive Board Meeting
TABCO Towson, MD, 10 a.m.

Mon.–Wed., May 5–7, 2014 MRSPA All-Member Event
Double Tree Hotel, Annapolis, MD

UPDATE DEADLINE

MARCH ISSUE — JANUARY 15, 2013

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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UPDATE

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

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From the CONSUMER Connection

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September–October 2012

Password Best Practices

- ☐ An ideal password is long and contains letters, punctuation, symbols and numbers.
- ☐ Change your password on a regular basis.
- ☐ Do not use the same password for a number of logins.
- ☐ The greater variety of characters in your password, the better.
- ☐ Use the entire keyboard, not just the letters and characters you use or see most often.
- ☐ Do not use dictionary words or proper nouns in any language.
- ☐ Avoid passwords that contain personal information, such as your social security number, birthday, age, name, etc.

Coffee Drinkers

Susanna Larsson, PhD, recently found that drinking one or more cups of regular or decaffeinated coffee daily was associated with a 22% to 26% reduction in strokes. Coffee beans contain antioxidants and other disease fighting chemicals that may reduce inflammation and improve insulin activity which lowers blood pressure and reduces stroke risk. So have a cup of coffee! ☐

Be an “early bird”...and send in your reservation for the Annual Spring Luncheon Meeting today!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip+4 _____

Name(s) 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

April 16, 2013

\$23.00 Registration Fee.

For a membership packet or information call:

Charlotte Price at 410-847-9700

or go online at www.bcrspa.org and

www.mrspa.org

New MRSPA Benefit

MRSPA now offers to all members a new benefit—ABENITY.

This is the modern online version of the Entertainment Book and is a web-based Discount Program for MRSPA members.

A member can get discounts at restaurants, movie theaters, pharmacies, motels & hotels, electronics, national attractions theme parks, health & wellness and many more.

There is a link on the MRSPA homepage (mrspa.org).

To access ABENITY, log in to the Members Only section on the MRSPA homepage. Two items are required to log in: your MRSPA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER (found on the MRSPA newsletter address label) and your PASSWORD (this is the first letter of your first name plus your last name—no spaces, all lower case).

This is a free service to all MRSPA members. ☐

President...

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requires a few hours 4 times a year.

We need your input! We will be doing a survey at our next meeting (April 16th) pertaining to entrée choices at our meetings. We hope that you'll participate.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting on Tuesday, April 16, and would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy holiday season and a very happy, healthy, peaceful, and prosperous 2013!

— Edna Harris-Kurre

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BCRSPA's Annual Spring Business Luncheon Meeting

Tuesday, April 16, 2013

Columbus Gardens

4301 Klosterman Avenue, Baltimore MD 21236

Lunch menu will be announced in the **March** issue.

The cost will be \$23.

"Early Bird" Registration Form on page 3.

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Emeritus Membership in BCRSPA

(Age 90 as of June 30, 2013)

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 (____) _____

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