



From the President

It was great seeing you at our Spring Luncheon Meeting at Columbus Gardens on April 16, 2013.



Edna Harris-Kurre

I hope you have some wonderful plans for the summer, either traveling, visiting friends and relatives, walking, hiking, swimming, or going to other events. Summertime is so short, so try to enjoy it. Let us hope that it will neither be a real hot summer nor a cold one.

Here are some things that we have accomplished since the last annual report.

- Elected and installed new officers.
- Made revisions to our Constitution/Bylaws.
- Enjoyed a summer Board picnic at a member's waterfront home.
- Continued to publish four newsletters, despite the vacan-

cy of editor. (Your President became the "acting editor.")

- Changed the printing company for the newsletter, which has saved the organization a lot of money.
- Fine-tuned procedures for completing the newsletter.
- Completed the newsletter electronically.
- Established our new website: www.bcrspa.org.
- Received our first and second scholarship check from the Erickson Communities (Oak Crest and Charlestown).
- Met and opened communication lines with the new BCPS Superintendent, Dr. Dallas Dance, and the BCPS Board of Education President, Lawrence Schmidt.
- Conducted our annual fall luncheon meeting and the collection of food and school supplies for the Assistance Center of Towson Churches. We had a 50/50 raffle to benefit scholarships.
- Gave out BCRSPA literature at a TABCO Pre-Retiree Seminar in November 2012.
- Participated in the MRSPA Legislative Day in Annapolis.
- Conducted our Annual Business Meeting and spring luncheon, which included electing and installing officers,

approval of budget, and informational updates from BCPS Office of Employee Benefits.

- Recognized five scholarship recipients who were invited to the spring luncheon, and a WEBCO scholarship recipient.
- Continued to emphasize member recruitment.
- Conducted a successful bus trip to New York to see the Rockettes at Radio City Music Hall. A special thank-you goes to the trip's planners, David and Donna Copenhaver, who raised \$559 for our scholarship fund.

As you can see, we have been very busy doing the work of this organization. It is always a pleasure to work with such talented and caring people.

There is a vacancy on the board which needs to be filled under "Health Care/Insurance." If you know of someone who might be interested, please contact a board member or your president.

Please reach out to new retirees to let them know about our organization and how to become a member. This is vital to our organization. At the spring luncheon meeting, Jim Aldon of BCPS—Office of Benefits mentioned that his office and others in Timonium will be moving to Greenwood (Towson) to

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www.bcrspa.org
Open 24 hours a day!

On Membership

At last count, the Baltimore County Retired School Personnel Association membership stood at 1986, give or take 20 or 30. That's second in the state behind only Montgomery County. However, our membership dropped by about two and a half percent due mainly to the passing of many members during 2012 (see page four) and of course dropouts. As of March 1, 2013, BCRSPA has lost about 41 members.

As an organization, everything we do from lobbying the Maryland Legislature to arranging bi-annual membership luncheons, from creating local bus trips to recommending over seas travel, from defending our

healthcare to awarding scholarships impacts membership recruitment. So, there is a need for each of us to recruit one new member; if 50% of us are successful, we will increase BCRSPA membership by 600 to 700 new members. With a membership of more than 2500 individuals, we can achieve influence on the local bargaining level (healthcare) and the state organizational (MRSPA) level.

EMERITUS MEMBERSHIP

Once a member or prospective member reaches 90 years of age, she or he is granted emeritus status and free membership in the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA); this status includes all membership benefits. Once Baltimore County

members or prospective members reach 80 years of age, they are granted emeritus status for the local dues only.

Please clip the membership form and hand-deliver, ground mail, or email to a retired education friend. All BCRSPA members should know that Baltimore County has the second highest number of retired residents in the US behind only Dade County, Florida.

— E.Veit, Editor

Be an "early bird" ..and send in your reservation for the Annual Fall 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 _____

B C R S P A

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

October 15, 2013



UPDATE Deadline

SEPTEMBER ISSUE — July 15, 2013

September 17 Executive Board at St. Isaac Jogues
October 15* General Meeting @ Columbus Gardens
November 19 Executive Board at St. Isaac Jogues
February 18 Executive Board at St. Isaac Jogues
March 18 Executive Board at St. Isaac Jogues
April 8** Annual Meeting & Lunch at Columbus Gardens
May 20 Executive Board at St. Isaac Jogues

* Find early registration form in his issue.
**Early date because of conflicts with Passover and Spring Break for schools.

**Baltimore County
Retired School Personnel
Association, Inc.**

305 East Joppa Road
Towson, MD 21286-3252

UPDATE

The Baltimore County Retired School Personnel Association newsletter will be published four times a year: September, December, March, and June.

E. Veit, Editor

Publisher, John T. Case
UPPER CASE Letters
410-803-1970

PLEASE COMPLETE:

MRSPA Dues \$ 35.00 + Local Dues (reference chart) \$ 10.00 \$ = \$ 45.00

Please check appropriate box:

- I hereby authorize annual dues deduction from my retirement check.
(Social Security Number Required _____)
- Enclosed is a check payable to MRSPA.

Signature _____ Date _____

Local Association _____

The Membership Year runs from July 1 through June 30.

President...

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Building B, top floor, by July 1, 2013. The Office of Benefits will be giving us space in the lobby to put our literature. This year may be a “wash” as most new retirees have already gone through the retirement interview process. We'll just keep on trying any way we can to get new members.

At the spring luncheon meeting, I mentioned that the Erickson Communities (Oak Crest and Charlestown) will only contribute \$500 to our scholarship fund when a BCRSPA member becomes a client of either community. Also, if you know of a BCRSPA member who has recently entered or is about to enter Oak Crest or Charlestown, he or she should note BCRSPA on the application. Let a board member know about it right away.

I have read your entrée flyers and will be including favorites to our menus. Your input was very much appreciated on both flyers. If you wish to volunteer for the Travel Committee, please let us know.

I wish you good health and happy times. Enjoy your summer!

— ***Edna Harris-Kurre***

**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

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
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In Memoriam



Dr. John Heck
—former Re-TABCO and/or BCRSPA President

Dorothy Yox

Margaret M. Workman

Barbara Chilcoat

Lorraine Westerberg

Shirley Kessler

Jean N. Warfield

Glenda Albaugh

Martha L. Staub

Emma Uchuck

Mildred L. Ross

Clarence E. Beard

Albert J. Sgro

Ivan E Bowser

Isis W. Maguire

Margaret W. Bauer

John W. Maloney

Agnes H. Coale

Vera McCullough

Patricia Goodson

Marie E. Miller

Betty C. Jackovitz

Earl Palmer

Ann M. Klingaman

Ruby F. Shubkagle

Scholarship Memorials:

JANUARY 2013

Gene Crouse by William M. Beckwith
Robert Stroble by William M. Beckwith

FEBRUARY 2013

Homer Elseroad by Dr. Edna May Merson
Agnes Coale by Dr. Edna May Merson
Shirley Kessler by Dr. Edna May Merson
Albert Sgro by Dr. Edna May Merson
Gene Crouse by Dr. Edna May Merson

MARCH 2013

John M. Young by Robert G. C. Eads
Howard Ritter, Jr. by Robert G. C. Eads
Eugene H. Childs by Robert G. C. Eads

Eugene Crouse by Robert G. C. Eads
Ann Klegaman by Joy C. Kyne
Maynard Keadle by Bob Dubel

APRIL 2013

Madeline G. Novalis by Kermit Stong
Deceased Members by Doris W. Holmes
Arthur E. Peterson, Sr., by Florence R. Howard
Howard R. Ritter, Jr., by Florence R. Howard
Elaine D. Gosey by Florence R. Howard
Virginia S. Martin by Florence R. Howard
James E. Antal, Sr., Joan & Bernie Meagher
Albert J. Sgro by Mildred H. Murray

**Retired School Personnel Association of Baltimore County
Budget 2013–2014 (Proposed)**

ESTIMATED INCOME

Membership	\$ 17,000.00	
Interest	350.00	
Luncheons (Fall and Spring)	6,000.00	
Transfer of funds	3,150.00	
Total Income	\$ 26,500.00	\$ <u>26,500.00</u>

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

Officers

President	\$ 300.00	
Vice-President/President-elect	150.00	
Recording Secretary	100.00	
Corresponding Secretary	125.00	
Treasurer	300.00	
(Subtotal for officers)	\$ 975.00	

Committees

Archivist	\$ 50.00	
BCASCO	250.00	
Budget	25.00	
Community Service	25.00	
Constitution/ByLaws	25.00	
Education/Protective Services	25.00	
Insurance	25.00	
Legislative	50.00	
Member accounting	200.00	
Member Recruitment	400.00	
Program	650.00	
Publicity	50.00	
Remembrance/Necrology	2,200.00	
Scholarship	200.00	
(Subtotal for Committees)	\$ 4,175.00	

Operations

Annual Project	\$ 1,000.00	
Audit	100.00	
Conferences	200.00	
Contingency Fund	1,000.00	
Liability Insurance	400.00	
Luncheons	6,000.00	
Mailing	4,500.00	
Office (Telephone, WebPage)	725.00	
Publication/Update	5,400.00	
Scholarships	1,500.00	
(Subtotal for Operations)	\$ 21,350.00	

GRAND TOTAL (Expenditures, Committees, Operations)

\$ 26,500.00

BCRSPA

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Scholarship Awards

BCRSPA awards numerous scholarships to qualified applicants. All recipients must be either a BCPS graduating high school senior or a dependent of a BCPS employee. Preference is given to students interested in a teaching career. In addition, a WEBCO scholarship is awarded to perpetuate the name of the Women Educators of Baltimore County. Committee members Edith Kozlowski, Camille Marx, and Madeline Lovera made the awards.



Pictured above are the recipients of the BCRSPA and WEBCO scholarships. From left to right: Haniven Liu, Towson High School; Justine Marshek, Perry Hall High School; Aubrey Baird, Carver Center; John Himes, (WEBCO Scholarship) Catonsville High School; Dr. Dallas Dance, Superintendent BCPS. Not pictured: Thomas Lehner, Sparrows Point High School; Deanna Knox, Catonsville High School.
