



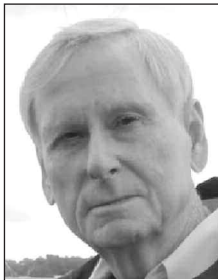
# UPDATE

Baltimore County Retired School Personnel Association

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## From the President

**The end** of my first term as your President is rapidly drawing to a close. As I reflect, I can honestly say that we, as an organization, have made great strides. Our many new initiatives; including trips, social activities, seminars, and an additional website with event pictures, have been warmly received and supported by the membership. Rest assured that our plan is to continue offering these types of activities next



**C. David Copenhagen**

year. In addition, your “Executive Board directed a committee to do a thorough review of the Constitution and Bylaws and to consider combining them into one document: Bylaws.”

While we mourn and remember our many valued members who have passed away, we also celebrate the new members that have chosen to join the organization. Through hard work, we are proud to say that the number of new members is on the rise. Our membership is what keeps us strong and helps our voice to be heard by the benefits negotiation team and our legislators.

The D.C. Luncheon Cruise Trip to see the Cherry Blossoms was fun. Everyone raved about the lunch and

“oohed and aahed” over the beautiful sights. It was such a hit that we might organize it again next spring. If you didn’t get a chance to go this year, or enjoyed it so much that you want to go again, watch for information later this year.

The Annual Spring Business Meeting and Luncheon was well attended. A special thank you goes out to everyone who came out in support of BCRSPA. We conducted important business, including passing the budget and electing and installing new officers. We honored our deceased members in a Remembrance Ceremony and had a health care update from the Office of Benefits. The membership had the opportunity to sign up to join a committee, we had time to socialize with colleagues, and we enjoyed a delicious lunch. Last but not least, the scholarship committee introduced the students who were the recipients of the \$1,500 scholarships presented by BCRSPA and WEBCO. It was a great day all around!

Good news!!! We are holding our crab feast again this year. Be sure to look at the flyer in this newsletter. Space is limited, so get your reservations in early. Also, you might want to get your reservation in for the Fall Luncheon. See the “Early Bird” form.

I hope you enjoy the summer. Be safe and have fun.

**Do you know where this member is?**

**Mrs. Mary Greenberg**

If so, please call Mary Lou Brown at 410-252-4710.

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## MEMBER ACCOUNTING NEWS

Total Membership as of April 1, 2015 was 1,894

### New Members

On behalf of the BCRSPA Executive Board, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the first new members for 2015-16 to our organization and I look forward to meeting you at one of our upcoming events! (Details elsewhere in this publication.)Welcome:

- Veronica Henry
- Margaret Sholl
- Aldona Nash
- Cheryl Skinner
- Kenneth Sachs

*Submitted by: Charlotte Price  
Member Accounting Chair.*

# In Memoriam



Nell M. Craft

Betty Helsel

Frederick Goethe

Ruth R. Hopkins

Beatrice Walcott

## Moving to Oak Crest Village?

**Did you know** that BCRSPA has a partnership with Oak Crest Village? Well, we do! Any time a BCRSPA member moves into Oak Crest and informs them that they are a member of our association, Oak Crest will donate \$500 to our scholarship fund. That's a significant contribution that you can make to BCRSPA, and it won't cost you a dime!

So if you are contemplating a move to Oak Crest Village, be sure to mention that you belong to BCRSPA, and you will earn \$500 for our scholarship program. Also, remember to send a change of address to Charlotte Price at P.O. Box 44016, Nottingham, MD 21236-9998 so you can continue to receive your newsletter.

## Scholarship Memorials

### January 2015

Dr. Ralph Daniels by Mary Lou Brown

Joan Pickins by Mary Lou Brown

### February 2015

Joan Pickens by Anthony G. Marchione

Elizabeth Day by Alice De Shazo

### March 2015

John Heck by John Crossin

Jim Laubheimer by John Crossin

Joan Pickins by Robert L. Kane

Joan Pickins by Mary Ellen & Jack Zimmerman

Sam Herman by Theresa M. Flak

Robert M. McNeish by Theresa M. Flak

Dr. Merrill Egger by Theresa M. Flak

John Young by Theresa M. Flak

Eileen Bevans by Anne Jones

Sam Herman by Marian Drach

Mareen Kelly by Marian Drach

Ralph Daniels by Marian Drach

Richard McCall by Marian Drach

Joan Pickins by Parker E. Koons

Bernard Kotula by Parker E. Koons

## BCRSPA Memorial Scholarship Fund

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Donation Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to: BCRSPA Memorial Scholarship Fund**

*(Non tax-deductible donation)*

**In Memory of** \_\_\_\_\_ *(please print)*

**In Honor of** \_\_\_\_\_ *(please print)*

**Mail to:** Treasurer: E. Stuart Tucker  
PO Box 44016, Nottingham, MD 21236-9998

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

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Nottingham MD 21236-9998

### UPDATE

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

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410-803-1970  
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**BALTIMORE COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION****Budget for 2015–16****July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016****Estimated Income**

Membership	\$ 28,475.00
Interest	170.00
Luncheons (Fall and Spring)	6,500.00
Transfer of Funds	2,100.00
<b>(Total Estimated Income)</b>	<b>\$ 37,245.00</b>

**Estimated Expenditures**Officers

President	\$ 600.00
Vice President/President-elect	300.00
Recording Secretary	100.00
Corresponding Secretary	200.00
Treasurer	400.00
<b>(Subtotal)</b>	<b>\$ 1,600.00</b>

Committees

Archivist	\$ 50.00
BCASCO	250.00
Budget	40.00
Community Service	50.00
Constitution/Bylaws	50.00
Consumer Education	25.00
Insurance	50.00
Legislative	100.00
Member Accounting	400.00
Member Recruitment	400.00
Program	600.00
Publicity	200.00
Remembrance/Necrology	2,400.00
Scholarship	300.00
Social/Travel	1,200.00
<b>(Subtotal)</b>	<b>\$ 6,115.00</b>

Operations

Annual Project	\$ 2,530.00
Audit	150.00
Conferences	450.00
Contingency Fund	2,000.00
Liability Insurance	500.00
Luncheon Guests	500.00
Luncheons (Fall & Spring)	6,500.00
Mailing	4,500.00
Office (Telephone, Web page)	800.00
Publication/Update	5,600.00
Scholarships	6,000.00
<b>(Subtotal)</b>	<b>\$ 29,530.00</b>

Total Estimated Expenditures	<b>\$ 37,245.00</b>
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— Submitted by Budget Committee:  
Jack Woodward, Chair

**Emeritus Membership  
in BCRSPA***(Age 90 as of June 30, 2015)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth *(month, day, year)* \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Mrs. Charlotte Price  
PO Box 44016  
Nottingham, MD 21236-9998

**Change of Address**BCRSPA *(effective date)* \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Old Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

New Telephone ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Mrs. Charlotte Price, BCRSPA  
P. O. Box 44016,  
Nottingham, MD 21236-9998

**Thinking of de-cluttering? What  
is my stuff really worth? Part 2**

Here are a couple suggestions where to look to answer this question.

**www.valuemystuff.com** A team of former Sotheby's and Christie's experts appraise items in over 48 collecting categories. Upload photographs and details of your item, and Value My Stuff will email you a report.

**www.kovels.com** Publishers of a yearly price guide of more than 900,000 actual prices of antiques and collectables. Free appraisals and online sales.

Look for more suggestions in future issues of the *Update*.

The information given here is an excerpt from an article in the Senior Spirit newsletter of the Society of Certified Senior Advisors, Sept. 2014 edition. To read the full article, visit [www.csa.us/wpcontent/uploads/0914-Money.html](http://www.csa.us/wpcontent/uploads/0914-Money.html).

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# Recent Membership Events



**Cherry Blossom Cruise on April 8, 2015**



**Annual Luncheon Meeting April 21, 2015**



# New officers elected and installed

**New BCRSPA** officers for 2015–17 were elected and installed by Area Director Janet Williams at the Annual Spring Business Meeting on April 21, 2015. Officers and directors will assume their duties effective July 2, 2015.

The new officers are:

- President Elect . . . . . Donna Copenhaver
- Treasurer . . . . . E. Stuart Tucker
- Assistant Treasurer . . . . . Cindy Schulz
- Recording Secretary . . . . . Bob Kane
- Corresponding Secretary . . . . . Linda Yaffe
- Directors . . . . . Sharon Norman and Ed Veit



*Pictured left to right:* Janet Williams, President C. David, Copenhaver, Donna Copenhaver, Linda Yaffe, Cindy Schulz, E. Stuart Tucker, Bob Kane, Ed Veit, and Sharon Norman.

## Matthew J. Tress Scholarship

**BCRSPA** is pleased to announce a new scholarship in the name of Matthew J. Tress, a former member who generously donated ten percent of his estate to a BCRSPA scholarship fund. Mr. Tress died in 2013, a widower in Florida at the age of 98.

As Mr. Tress was a very private man, we were only able to find a very limited amount of biographical information about him. He had been in the United States military before embarking on a career in education where he was an administrator with the Baltimore County Public School System.

Mr. Tress was a very charitable man. Not only did he

donate part of his estate to BCRSPA, he also remembered other local and national organizations. Among these were: the Habitat for Humanity, a local blind organization, a local university, the American Red Cross, the American Lung Association, and a local library.

The first Matthew J. Tress Scholarship will be awarded in 2016 and will be awarded annually thereafter until the funds he allocated are depleted.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following: the law firm of Blalock Walters, Mr. Tress' personal representative Mr. Joe Rowland, and BCRSPA's publisher, Mr. John T. Case, who directed the personal representative to me.

*Submitted by: Edna Harris-Kurre  
Vice President BCRSPA*

## Scholarship recipients

**The** 2014–2015 BCRSPA and WEBCO Scholarship recipients are:

### BCRSPA:

- Bethany Guthall . . . . . Hereford High School
- Endasia Mitchell . . . . . Perry Hall High School
- Saba Qaiser . . . . . Western School of Technology
- An Qi Xu . . . . . Parkville High School
- Walter Young . . . . . Towson High School

### WEBCO:

- Joy Roy . . . . . Western School of Technology

Congratulations to all our recipients! We had applications from 15 of the 25 Baltimore County High Schools and one application from a Baltimore County parochial school. A total of 26 applications were received this year. Thank you to guidance departments and sponsors of FEA for publicizing our scholarship program.



*Pictured with President Copenhaver are Saba Qaiser and Endasia Mitchell.*

# crab & feast fall fun fest

Crabs/ Shrimp/ Fried Chicken/ Cole Slaw/ Potato Salad/ Beer/ Soda/ Dessert

**WHEN:** Saturday, September 26, 2015

**TIME:** 3:00 p.m–6:00 p.m.

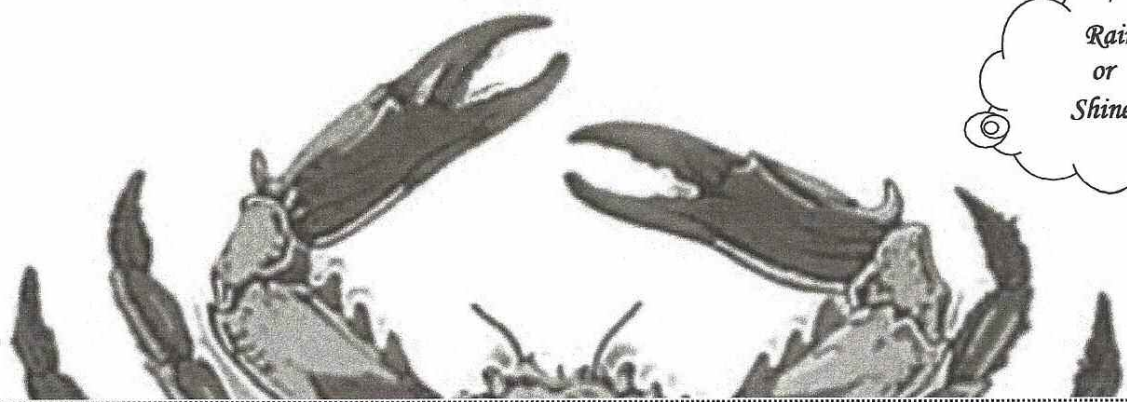
**WHERE:** At Camp Running Bear in Monkton

**DIRECTIONS:** Take I-83 N to Exit 27, Hereford. Turn right on Mt. Carmel Road. At light turn right on York Road. Make an immediate left turn on Monkton Road. Turn left on Big Falls Road. Camp is on the right.

**WEBSITE:** [www.camprunningbear.com](http://www.camprunningbear.com)

**Early-Bird Registrations:** Purchase tickets by August 24th for \$40.00 per person. Tickets purchased after August 24th will be \$50.00 per person. NO TICKET SALES THE DAY OF THE EVENT. (There will not be any refunds unless the event is cancelled.) Register early ... Space is limited!

**QUESTIONS:** Email or call David and Donna Copenhaver at: [cdavidcopenhaver@gmail.com](mailto:cdavidcopenhaver@gmail.com) or at: (410.515-0456) ... *Remember: Bring your own crab mallets.*



Please fill out the form below and send it along with your check(s) made payable to BCRSPA.

Mail check(s) and reservation form to: C. David Copenhaver, 419 Amy Drive, Abingdon, MD 21009.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ eMail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Reservations: \_\_\_\_\_

List names of all attendees on the back of this form. Need for name tags!

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**Maryland Retired School Personnel Association  
Baltimore County Retired School Personnel Association Unit #04**



**Application for Automatic Dues Deduction**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Soc. Sec. #: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

*I understand that my social security number is required if I wish to become a dues deduction member.*

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip+4: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Please sign authorization below for dues deduction and MAIL TO:**

**BCRSPA Membership Chair  
P.O. Box 44016  
Nottingham, MD 21236-9998**

<b>STATE DUES</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>
<b>LOCAL DUES</b>	<b><u>15.00</u></b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>

*I hereby authorize the Teachers Retirement System of the State of Maryland to deduct annual membership dues for the MRSPA and Local Retired School Personnel Associations from one of my Retirement checks each year. This authorization is to remain in effect until cancelled by written notice mailed to the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Banana immunity

**Did you know** that full ripe bananas with dark patches on the yellow skin produce a substance called TNF (Tumor Necrosis Factor)? TNF has the ability to combat abnormal cells. Hence, the riper the banana, the better the anti-cancer quality.



## Summer sun safety tips

**Take time** to read and share these important sun safety tips:

1. Most skin cancers are a direct result of exposure to the UV rays in sunlight.
2. Avoid direct exposure to the sun between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
3. Use sunscreen with SPF 30 or higher.
4. Wear sunglasses with 100% UVA and UVB absorption.

### **A note from a scholarship recipient**

*My name is Kathryn Skalski. I graduated from Dundalk High on June 2, 2014. Your organization granted me a scholarship which I greatly appreciate. I just wanted to take the opportunity to bring you up to date on my accomplishments and how I utilized the money you so kindly gave me.*

*I was accepted to and currently attend the University of Maryland, College Park. I am in the College Park Scholars Life Sciences program, which I was invited to join upon acceptance. I live on campus in Centerville Hall and thoroughly enjoy campus life! I worked diligently throughout the fall semester and received a 3.85GPA which put me on the Dean's List. I am currently undecided but I plan on declaring psychology major next fall as well as following the Pre-Medical track. My career goal is to become an OB/GYN. In addition, I am very excited that I may be traveling abroad in the summer to study history, ecology, and geology in Australia!*

*I am inquiring if your organization gives additional scholarship funds for second-year college students. Any amount of money would be appreciated; as you know college is very costly. Again, thank you very much!*

*Kathryn Skalski (2014)*



# **BCRSPA**

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## **BCRSPA Calendar**

May 19 .....Executive Board Meeting  
*TABCO — 305 E. Joppa Rd., Towson MD 21286*

June 16 .....Executive Board Meeting  
*St. Isaac Jogues, Cronin Center, Room 1*

July/August .....No Executive Board Meeting

September 15 .....Executive Board Meeting  
*St. Isaac Jogues, Cronin Center, Room 1*

October 20 .....Annual Fall Business Meeting  
*Columbus Gardens*

*(Deadline for reservations is Monday, October 12, 2015)*

### **UPDATE Deadline**

**SEPTEMBER ISSUE — July 15, 2015**

***Be an “early bird”...and send in your reservation for the Annual Fall Luncheon***

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 and \$23 check to:  
Luncheon Chairperson,  
PO Box 44016, Nottingham, MD 21236-9998**

## **VISIT**

***[www.bcrspa.org](http://www.bcrspa.org) and <https://bcrspaevents.shutterfly.com/>***

***(Password is bcrspa)***

## ***And the winner is...***

**I**n the March newsletter we ran a contest for a \$25 VISA gift card. In an attempt to keep people informed, members not on the current e-mail list were asked to send their email addresses to President David Copenhaver. At the Spring Meeting/Luncheon, we drew the name of the winner.

AND THE GIFT CARD GOES TO:

**Francine Russell**

*Congratulations, Francine.*