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From the President

C. David Copenhaver

As my Presidency is drawing to a close, I wanted to take a minute to reflect on our successes over the past two years. We have increased our membership significantly, even though we said goodbye to many dear friends. We enjoyed several trips and social functions. In addition to our traditional

## In This Issue:

web site, the more inclusive Shutterfly site was developed. Our UPDATE newsletter has gotten a much needed face lift, and "Keeping You In the Loop" eNews was initiated. Also, our Bylaws were updated to reflect a more modern tone.

These accomplishments would not have been possible without the unwavering support of the BCRSPA Executive Board members and our wonderful membership. As I "exit, stage left", I leave knowing that our next president will have your continued support. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve.

## Navy Band Concert

BCRSPA is planning an afternoon trip to the Navy Band Holiday Concert to be held at the DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C. on December 18, 2016. This concert combines the musical forces of multiple ensembles from the U. S. Navy Band for an entertaining family-friendly show that promises to delight all ages.

The cost of the trip is estimated to be \$30-\$35 which includes the bus and the driver gratuity. We must fill the bus with 50 people. Tickets are not available until September or October. We are currently compiling a list of seriously interested people. To express an interest, eMail C. David Copenhaver at cdavidcopenhaver@ gmail.com or call him at 410-515-0456.



### Oak Crest Presents Check to BCRSPA

June 2016

On October 19 at the Fall Luncheon Meeting, Dan Plakatoris presented a check for \$1,500 to President Copenhaver. The donation was made on behalf of Madeline Lovera, Bill Bevins, and Dennis J. Lane, three BCRSPA members who recently moved into Oak Crest Village . The money will be deposited into the Scholarship Fund and used to help a deserving young person with their college tuition. Thank you Oak Crest Village!



Dan Plakatoris presents check to President Copenhaver

Did you know that BCRSPA and Oak Crest maintain a partnership? 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. 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 continue to receive your newsletter.



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

WHEN: Sunday, September 18, 2016TIME: 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: <u>www.camprunningbear.com</u>

of this form. Need for name tags!

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



**P**lease 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.

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Print Name:	eMail:	
Address:		
Phone Number:	No. of Reservations:	
List names of all attendees on the back	Total Amount Enclosed: \$	

## **BCRSPA** Awards Scholarships

The Baltimore County Retired School Personnel Association awarded \$10,500 in Memorial Scholarships this year. We received 32 applications from fifteen different high schools in Baltimore County.

#### **BCRSPA Scholarship Recipients**



Atalya Barosy Loch Raven High School *Nur*se



**Giana Krieger** Sparrows Point High School *Pharmacist* 



**Puneet Gill** Sparrows Point High School *Pediatrician* 



Morgan Personette Loch Raven High School Educator

*not pictured* Armarpreet Singh • Western School of Technology • Business CFO

#### **WEBCO Scholarship Recipient**



Lindsey Armah Catonsville High School Elementary Educator

#### Matthew Tress Memorial Scholarship



Triston Dabney Milford Mill High School Educator

## **Congratulations to our Recipients!**

Memorial Scholarship Committee Members: Camille Marx, Edith Kozlowski, Madeline Lovera, Co-Chairs and Edward Veit, Elaine Bousquet, & Kay Governale

### How to Block Telemarketing Calls & Texts

If you'd rather not get another offer to fix you up with a "free cruise", a few simple steps can eliminate most such annoying calls and text messages. Start by adding your landline and cell phone numbers to the Federal Trade Commission's Do Not Call Registry (www. donotcall.gov). Your number should appear on the list the next day, and most sales calls will stop after your number has been on the registry for 31 days. Registration does not expire, but it's a good idea to occasionally verify that your number is still listed on the website.

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## **Interest Survey**

# Do you have a suggestion for a future trip or social event?

If so, drop a line to your Social Committee Chair, C. David Copenhaver. He can be reached by email at cdavidcopenhaver@gmail.com, by mail at 419 Amy Drive, Abingdon, MD 21009, or by calling him at 410-515-0456. We do good work for our charities and scholarships; let's have some fun as well.

## Membership News

The BCRSPA Executive Board would like to welcome the first new members of 2016-2017 to our organization. We look forward to meeting all of you at one of our upcoming events!

/elcome:

William J. Addison Joan Belt Angela W. Tanner

Submitted by: Charlotte Price • Member Accounting Chair.



In Memory of ...

#### January

Leslie Milboune by Clair & Charlotte Price

#### Febuary

James Peeling *by* Patricia McCall-Paquid Sarah A. Burbank *by* Michael & Phyllis Kennedy Sheila Bonnell *by* Michael & Phyllis Kennedy

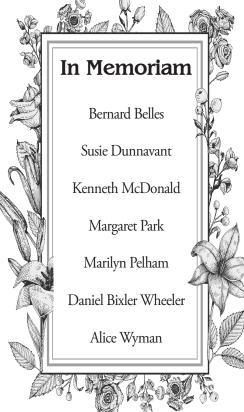
#### March

Marguerite Voorhies *by* Lorraine (Libby) M. Aaronson Leslie Milbourne *by* Michael & Phyllis Kennedy D. Bixler Wheeler *by* Elaine Bousquet

In Honor of...

#### April

Mary Sue Sklarevsk *by* Martin B. Berstein Maynard Henry *by* Martin B. Berstein



	Membership in BCRSPA
	(Age 90 as of June 30, 2016)
Name:	
Address: (Include Apt. # & Zip	p +4 Code)
Date of Birth: (month/day/yea	ur)
Telephone:	
-	<b>ail to:</b> Mrs. Charlotte Price 16 • Nottingham, MD 21236-9998
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	<b>il to:</b> Mrs. Charlotte Price 16 • Nottingham, MD 21236-9998
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### Retired School Personnel Association of Baltimore County Approved Budget 2016–2017

#### **Estimated Income**

Membership	\$28,195.00
Interest	
Luncheons (Fall and Spring)	6,500.00
MRSPA (reimbursement)	
Transfer of Funds	
(Total Income)	\$36,115.00

#### **Estimated Expenditures**

President	\$600.00
Vice-President/President elect	400.00
Recording Secretary	100.00
Corresponding Secretary	
Treasurer	
(Subtotal for officers)	\$1,700.00
Committees	
Archivist	\$50.00
BCASCO	
Budget	40.00
Community Service	50.00
Constitution/By Laws	100.00
Consumer Education	
Insurance	50.00
Legislative	
Member Accounting	400.00
Member Recruitment	400.00
Program	600.00
Publicity	
Remembrance/Necrology	
Scholarship	
Social/Travel	
(Subtotal for Committees)	\$6,365.00
Operations	
Annual Project	\$2,600.00
Audit	-
Conferences	450.00
Contingency Fund	
Liability Insurance	400.00
Luncheon Guests	550.00
Luncheons	6,500.00
Mailing	5,000.00
Office (Telephone, Web Page)	
Publication/Update	
Scholarships	
(Subtotal for Operations)	\$28,050.00

#### **Grand Total**

(Expenditures, Committee	es, Operations)	\$36,115.00
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### 2016 Legislative Report

As the legislative session drew to a close, here are a few updates to monitor in the future.

#### Income Tax Subtraction Modification Retirement Income

Increasing the maximum amount allowed as a subtraction modification under the State Income tax for specified retirement income of a resident who is at least 70 or who is totally disabled or the resident's spouse is totally disabled; providing the amount of the subtraction modification may not exceed specified amount during specified taxable years; etc.

\$36,115.00

#### State Retirement & Pension System Disability Retirement • Alterations

Authorizing the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to require retirees who are under normal retirement age and receiving a disability retirement allowance to undergo examination if good cause exists;

#### Income Tax Exemption Amount Elderly Individuals

Increasing from \$1,000 to \$5,000, the exemption allowed under the State income tax for an individual that is at least 65 years old on the last day of a taxable year; phasing the increase over 4 taxable years; etc.

Additional Legislative updates are available on the MRSPA website.

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

P.O. Box 44016 Nottingham, MD 21236-9998

UPDATE

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

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## New Officers Elected & Installed



New BCRSPA officers for 2016-2018 were elected and installed by Area Director, Janet Williams at the Annual Spring Business Meeting on April 19, 2016. Officers and directors will assume their duties effective July 1, 2016.

Pictured left to right: Janet Williams, President, Donna Copenhaver, C. David Copenhaver, E. Stuart Tucker, Cindy Schulz, Bob Kane, Linda Yaffe, Ed Veit, Sharon Norman, Jack Woodward Not pictured: Patsy Holmes, William Groth

#### The new officers are:

Applicatio	n for Automatic Dues Ded	uction ·····
	ND RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION Y RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION	
Name:	Soc. Sec. #:	Birthdate:
I understand that my social security number		
Address:	Tele	ohone #:
City:	State:	Zip:
*Please sign authorization below for du	es deduction and MAIL TO:	
BCRSPA Membership Chair	STATE DUES	\$35.00
P.O. Box 44016	LOCAL DUES	S 15.00
Nottingham, MD 21236-9998	TOTAL:	\$50.00
I hereby authorize the Teachers Retirem	ent System of the State of Maryland to dedu	ct annual membership dues for the
MRSPA and Local Retired School Personne	5 5 5 5	ecks each year. This authorization is to
Signature:		Date:

## Toby's & South Pacific a Hit!

Thirty-six members and friends enjoyed a fabulous luncheon and show on March 8 at Toby's Dinner Theater. The show, South Pacific, was well performed as a theater-in-the-round format. A good time was had by all.

## "Energize Your Body with Deep Breathing"

by Patricia Danflaus

Did you know that deep breathing can be very beneficial to the body? Deep breathing cleans the blood as it removes carbon dioxide and increases oxygen. Breathing deeply regenerates the body as we take in new, fresh oxygen and it contributes to better physical, mental and over-all well- being.

The technique for deep breathing involves breathing into the abdomen. You should breathe in slowly; use your diaphragm to circulate oxygen in the lungs. When you exhale, it should be done slowly (about twice as long as inhaling) pushing air out of the lungs.

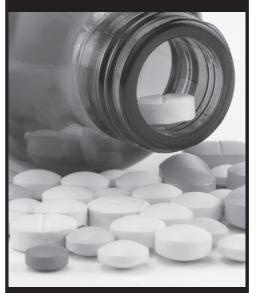
## The benefits of deep breathing are numerous:

- Releasing stress and anxiety
- Regulating weight
- Relieving pain
- Increasing cardiovascular activity
- Lowering blood pressure
- Improving posture
- Improving digestion
- Improving sleeping patterns

With these important health benefits, it is worth taking the time to practice deep breathing.

Inspire Health • March/April 2016

## Find the Best Prices on Medicine



An ABC news report recently gave some great information about shopping around for your prescription medicine. There are two sites that are free to use – GoodRx and LowestMeds. Both of these websites allow you to put in the name of the medication and the zip code where you live and it gives you a price comparison in your area. You will be amazed to see the some of these medicines are sometimes twice as expensive from one place to the next. Shop around and save some money.

## Popular Spices Can Reduce Appetite & Fat

#### Pepper and ginger fight fat.

A substance in black pepper called pipperine helps block the formation of new fat cells, according to a recent study on mice from the Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry. Women who ate about one and a half teaspoons of cinnamon or ground ginger every day for six weeks experienced a decrease in muscle soreness brought on by exercise. Ginger also helps you feel fuller and even burn more calories. When overweight men ate breakfast with ginger tea, they felt more satisfied and ate less throughout the day.

#### Vanilla cuts

**appetite.** Overweight individuals who wore a vanilla scented patch on the back of

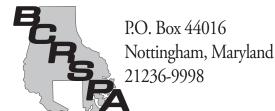


their hands cut their intake of sweet foods in half. To get a similar effect and to help you avoid overindulging on sweets, light a vanilla scented candle in your kitchen or wear a vanilla infused body spray or perfume.

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https://bcrspaevents.shutterfly.com (password is lower case bcrspa) & www.bcrspa.org

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## **BCRSPA** Calender:

- June 21 Executive Board Meeting St. Isaac Jogues • Cronin Center, Room 1
- July No Executive Board Meeting
- August No Executive Board Meeting
- Sept 18 Crab Feast at Camp Running Bear
- Sept 20 Executive Board Meeting St. Isaac Jogues • Cronin Center, Room 1
- Oct 18 Fall Meeting at Columbus Gardens Deadline for Reservations is 10/10/16
- Nov 15 Executive Board Meeting TABCO – 305 Joppa Rd., Towson, MD
- Dec 8 Breakfast with Colleagues at Columbus Gardens
- Dec No Executive Board Meeting

## ···· Be an "Early Bird" ····· ... and send in your reservation

for the Annual Fall Luncheon Meeting today!

Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Name(s) of Guest(s):		
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Number of Reservations:		
Scholarship Donation: \$		
Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _		
Make checks pa <i>Send Reservatio</i> Luncheon Chairperson • PO Box <b>October 18, 2016</b> •	n(s) and check 44016 • Nottin	<i>k(s) to:</i> 1999 gham, MD 21236-999

# Community Services Project



Please Bring (1) item below to the Spring 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-Sized 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