



# UPDATE

Baltimore County Retired School Personnel Association

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## From the President

Donna Copenhaver

Where does the time go? It's almost the end of another school year and the conclusion of another exciting and successful year for BCRSPA. As I look back, I am proud to say that we made some great strides as an organization. Our membership increased, our charitable work was expanded, and our social events were particularly noteworthy.

For members 65 and over, our benefit costs remained the same and most of the "kinks" were resolved with the new prescription drug plan. Life insurance premiums did increase a great deal after low rates for many years, but the good news is that these premiums are guaranteed for several more years. On the Legislative front, there was not much happening...our pensions are still safe.

It's hard to believe that my 1st year as your President is drawing to a close. I look forward to 2017-2018 as the Executive Board continues to move us forward. Stay tuned for more great things!

## Oak Crest Presents Check to BCRSPA



On April 18 at the Annual Luncheon Meeting, Bo Lungdh presented a check for \$500 to President Copenhaver. The donation was made on behalf of our partnership. 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!

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 Membership Chairperson at P.O. Box 44016, Nottingham, MD 21236-9998 so you continue to receive your newsletter.

## Membership News

BCRSPA/MRSPA welcomes the following new members:

*Richel Aquino  
Cynthia Bradshaw  
Leslie Brooks  
Clifford Collins  
Cathy Gantz  
Greta Gay  
Vivian Lomax  
JeanAnne McClary  
Glenda Myrick  
Beverly Simms*

Thank you to all of our members who have renewed their membership for 2017-2018. Maintaining your membership is important not only to you, but to future retirees as it supports our Legislative Committee as they work to protect our retirement benefits.

Submitted by:

*Charlotte Price • Member Accounting Chair.*

## Can You eMail Me Now?

Verizon has stopped providing eMail service. That means their previous subscribers must open a new eMail account with another provider. When you change your eMail address, be sure to send your name, new eMail address, and your old Verizon address to [cdavidcopenhaver@gmail.com](mailto:cdavidcopenhaver@gmail.com). By sending this information, you will be able to continue to receive eCommunications from BCRSPA.

Visit...

<https://bcrspaevents.shutterfly.com>

(password is lower case bcrspa)

& [www.bcrspa.org](http://www.bcrspa.org)

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# crab feast fall fun fest

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

**WHEN:** Sunday, September 24, 2017

**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)

**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.*

*Tickets  
\$40 each,  
Same as last  
year!*

*Rain  
or  
Shine*



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

**M**ail 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: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## New Officers Elected & Installed



New BCRSPA officers for 2017-2019 were elected and installed by MRSPA President, Fay Miller at the Annual Spring Business Meeting on April 18, 2017. Officers and directors will assume their duties effective July 1, 2017.

### THE NEW OFFICERS ARE:

President-Elect. .... **Parker Koons**  
 Treasurer ..... **E. Stuart Tucker**  
 Recording Secretary..... **Barbara Barzyk**  
 Corresponding Secretary..... **Linda Yaffe**  
 Directors..... **Della Curtis & Sharon Norman**

Pictured left to right:  
*President, Donna Copenhaver,*  
*MRSPA President Fay Miller, Parker Koons*  
*E. Stuart Tucker, Barbara Barzyk,*  
*Linda Yaffe, Della Curtis, Sharon Norman*

## BCRSPA Awards Scholarships

The Baltimore County Retired School Personnel Association awarded \$9,000 in Memorial Scholarships to six recipients this year. We received 24 applications from fifteen different high schools in Baltimore County. Two applications came from students who also work at Oak Crest Village.



### BCRSPA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Ali Bhatti..... *Eastern Technical High School*  
 Olivia Hare..... *Western School of Technology*  
 Hayle Kyte..... *Patapsco School of the Arts*  
 David Neumeister, Jr. .... *Sparrows Point High School*  
 Matthew Sodeman ..... *Eastern Technical High School*

### MATTHEW TRESS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Lauren Dewberry..... *Overlea High School*

### MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

*Camille Marx, Edith Kozlowski, Edward Veit, and Elaine Bousquet.*



BCRSPA's Facebook page encourages group communication and an opportunity for people to share their common interests and express their opinion. It provides a place for members to come together around a common cause, issue or activity to organize, express objectives, and discuss issues, post photos and share related content.

If you would like to join our closed group, simply click the + JOIN box below our profile picture. As long as you are a member of BCRSPA, you can be added to this page. Once your membership is verified, you will be added to the group! Once you join, visit BCRSPA "wall" by searching (top of your window or screen) for BCRSPA!



# Scholarship Memorials

January 2017 - May 2017

*In Memory of...*

- Robert Cox *by* Stanley Smith
- Mike and Helen Eder *by* Robert Coleman
- Robert Gifford *by* Margaret Hediger
- Bruce Harvey *by* Doris Forster
- Charles Johnson *by* Linda Yaffe
- Charles G. Miller *by* Roger A. Proehl
- Charles G. Miller *by* Don & Becky McIntyre
- Charlotte Price *by* David & Donna Copenhaver
- Charlotte Price *by* Linda Yaffe
- Charlotte Price *by* Parker Koons
- Charlotte Price *by* Stu & Ruth Tucker
- Charlotte Price *by* Robert Kane
- Charlotte Price *by* Dr. Edna May Merson
- Wm. Howard Shannon *by* Phyllis Bailey
- D. Bixler Wheeler *by* Mr. & Mrs. James Skeens
- D. Bixler Wheeler *by* Margaret Hediger

## In Memoriam

- Charlotte Diekmann
- Maurice Feldman
- Mildred R. Irvin
- Mildred H. Murray
- Charlotte Price
- Dixie B. Rodgers



## How to Report the Death of A BCRSPA Member

If you know a member who has passed away, please call Mary Ellen Zimmerman, BCRSPA Remembrance Committee Co-Chair (410.668-2563), Mary Lou Brown, BCRSPA Remembrance Committee Co-Chair (410.252-4710), or Barb Catron (410.551-1517) at MRSPA to let one of them know.

# BCRSPA Memorial Scholarship Fund

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to BCRSPA Memorial Scholarship Fund or BCPS Education Foundation.\***

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

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

\*For non-tax deductible contributions, make the check payable to BCRSPA Memorial Scholarship Fund.

\*For tax deductible contributions, make the check payable to BCPS Education Foundation. Be sure to put BCRSPA Memorial Scholarship Fund on the memo line of the check.

### Mail to:

E. Stuart Tucker, Treasurer • P.O. Box 44016, Nottingham, MD 21236-9998

# BCRSPA Calender:

June 19 ..... **Executive Board Meeting** ..... *St. Isaac Jogues, Church Hall*

September 19 ..... **Executive Board Meeting** ..... *St. Isaac Jogues, Church Hall*

September 24 ..... **4th Annual Crab Feast** ..... *See page 2 for registration*

October 17 ..... **Fall Meeting at Columbus Gardens**

*Deadline for reservations is Monday, October 10, 2017*

November 21 ..... **Executive Board Meeting** ..... *St. Isaac Jogues, Church Hall*

December 7 ..... **Breakfast with Colleagues at Columbus Gardens**

December 30 ..... **Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre Trip to see White Christmas**

*Registration enclosed, see page 6*

**UPDATE Deadline:** September Issue – July 15, 2017



## YOU ARE OUR MOST VALUABLE RESOURCE!

You can help bring more retirees into the fold of BCRSPA! Listed below are the latest Baltimore County retirees. If you recognize someone, please take a few minutes to contact them and invite them to attend an upcoming event and to join the organization. BCRSPA is counting on you!

- Brenda Baker ☞ Edmund Bennett
- Wendy Berman ☞ Robert Brady ☞ Linda Brown
- Mildred Brown ☞ Robert Caperna
- Leslie Cochran ☞ Robin Cooney ☞ Linda Cotter
- Dorothy Curran ☞ Ann Marie Davis
- Sherry Davis ☞ Patricia Fiero ☞ Everette Gomez
- Gale Gleisner ☞ Pam Glovitch ☞ Barbara Gregg
- Deborah Hall ☞ Yvette Harris
- Sylvia Hart ☞ Alvina Hickey ☞ Richard Hecht
- Pamela Herzbeger ☞ Beverly Heusler
- Maraha Hooey ☞ Arthur Holliman
- Margaret Hoosier-Wirtz ☞ Liliana Juez
- Linda Keller ☞ Victoria Kinnse ☞ Deborah Knapp
- Mary Ann Knapp ☞ Denise Kropkowski
- Joyce Kurtz ☞ Connie Lemon ☞ Sandra Lovejoy
- Mary Martino ☞ Susan Miller ☞ Edward Mills
- Deborah McClintock ☞ Nancy Murray
- Barbara Phoebus ☞ Michele Prumo ☞ Ian Reid
- Elizabeth Richardson ☞ Ruth Rodowsky
- Lois Ruchlewicz ☞ Katherine Scheulen
- Lynne Schmaus ☞ Mark Schoenagel
- Mary Scott ☞ Ellen Selover ☞ Judith Sergotick
- Louise Smith ☞ Patricia Subrizi ☞ Rhona Stein
- Mary Teel ☞ Delvin Walters
- Denise Webster ☞ Richard Wheatley
- Bernard Yates ☞ Robert Zienta

## Rockin' Retirees



In June of 2016, Patti Butler retired after thirty five years in as a classroom teacher, school to career coordinator and a CTE department chair in Baltimore County. She attributes her successful career to the outstanding role models she had as a student at Kenwood High School.

In her junior year, Patti was chosen to be an exchange student through the American Field Service program and she lived with a family in Vejle, Denmark for four months. This was her first experience with travel and it created a passion in her that is still alive and well. During her tenure at Owings Mills High School, she spent the last twenty years taking students to Denmark on a spring break exchange program with a high school in Holsbro, Denmark.

Although, Patti took her last group to Denmark in 2015, her love of travel and helping people realize their own travel dreams had just begun. Last September, she became a certified travel planner and an independent agent with IntelTravel. She is loving her new "career" and finds great joy in helping people with all aspects of travel planning.

Although some may think travel agents are a thing of the past, the reality is that there are more agents than ever because baby boomers don't want to be bothered doing the legwork anymore and millennials are traveling more. Patti is ready and well equipped to help you with all of your travel plans. You may contact her at pbutler.it@gmail.com.

## Application for Automatic Dues Deduction



MARYLAND RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION  
BALTIMORE COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION UNIT #04



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

STATE DUES .....	\$45.00
LOCAL DUES .....	15.00
<b>TOTAL: .....</b>	<b>\$60.00</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: \_\_\_\_\_

# BCRSPA – December 30, 2017

## Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre, Lancaster, PA

BCRSPA's holiday trip to the Dutch Apple Theatre on December 30, 2017 is a holiday favorite. White Christmas is based on the beloved movie, veterans Bob and Phil are a successful song and dance team when they meet a sister duo and follow them to an inn in Vermont. They discover it's owned by their old General who fell on hard times, so they decide to put on a show to save the inn and their General's future. The Irving Berlin score features Blue Skies, Sisters, Count Your Blessings and the favorite White Christmas.

We are leaving the driving to Superior Tours of Baltimore County

### Join us!

**Date:** December 30, 2017

**Location:** Baltimore County I-695 at Cromwell Bridge Rd Park & Ride. Take exit #29B-A/MD-542 S/Loch Raven Blvd./Cromwell Bridge Road

**Time:** Depart: Baltimore 9:30am  
Return: Baltimore 5:30pm (approximately)



**Reservations:** Please send reservation and payment to:  
**C. David Copenhaver**  
419 Amy Drive  
Abingdon, MD 21009

**Costs:** \$100.00 per person ... no refunds Please make checks c/o BCRSPA

The cost of the trip includes: Superior Tours Motor Coach, Show, Holiday Buffet, gratuity, return trip snack and Driver's gratuity. We have a limit of 50 participants.

Please **eMail** [cdavidcopenhaver@gmail.com](mailto:cdavidcopenhaver@gmail.com) with any questions., or call: 410.515-0456

**We only have 50 seats for this trip. Please send your reservation and payment ASAP!**

**BCRSPA Bus Trip:**  
**Dutch Apple Theatre - Lancaster, PA**  
**Registration Form**

\* **The trip is limited to 50 participants. Registration and payment deadline is September 1, 2017**

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.

# Retired School Personnel Association of Baltimore County Budget 2017-2018

## Estimated Income

Membership.....	\$25,475.00	
Interest .....	400 .00	
Luncheons (Fall and Spring).....	6,500.00	
MRSPA (reimbursement).....	45.00	
Transfer of funds.....	5,445.00	
<b>Total Income .....</b>	<b>\$37,865.00</b>	<b><u>\$37,865.00</u></b>

## Estimated Expenses

<b>Officers</b>		
President .....	\$ 600.00	
Vice-President/President- elect .....	400.00	
Recording Secretary .....	100.00	
Corresponding Secretary .....	150.00	
Treasurer .....	400.00	
(Subtotal for officers).....	<b>\$1,650.00</b>	
<b>Committees</b>		
Archivist.....	\$ 50.00	
BCASCO.....	250.00	
Budget .....	40.00	
Community Service.....	50.00	
By Laws.....	50.00	
Consumer Education.....	25.00	
Insurance .....	50.00	
Legislative .....	300.00	
Member accounting .....	400.00	
Member Recruitment .....	400.00	
Program .....	600.00	
Publicity.....	200.00	
Remembrance/Necrology.....	1,900.00	
Scholarship .....	300.00	
Social/Travel.....	1,200.00	
(Subtotal for Committees) .....	<b>\$5,815.00</b>	
<b>Operations</b>		
Annual Projects.....	\$4,500.00	
Audit.....	150.00	
Conferences .....	450.00	
Contingency Fund.....	1,000.00	
Liability Insurance .....	400.00	
Luncheon Guests.....	500.00	
Luncheons .....	6,500.00	
Mailing .....	4,500.00	
Office (Telephone, Web Page) .....	800.00	
Publication/Update.....	5,600.00	
Scholarships .....	6,000.00	
Subtotal for Operations.....	<b>\$30,400.00</b>	

## Grand Total

(Expenditures, Committees, Operations)	<b>\$37,865.00</b>
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## 2017 Legislative Report

I could easily report that retirees will continue to receive their monthly retirement checks and that their health care coverage will remain.

But, here is a quick overview of this year's legislative session in Annapolis:

Over 2500 bills were submitted by our legislators.

Bills were introduced that would affect or change the retirement system for those persons working. Most of these bills did not make it out of committee.

Closer to home, our health care system is negotiated for us by TABCO through its Master Agreement. BCRSPA is fortunate to have a close working relationship with BCPS and receive updates to our program at our general meetings in the Spring and Fall.

*Submitted by Parker E. Koons*

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## UPDATE

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

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## 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):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Reservations: \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Make checks payable to **BCRSPA**

Send Reservation(s) and check(s) to:

Luncheon Chairperson • PO Box 44016 • Nottingham, MD 21236-999

**October 17, 2017 • \$23 Registration Fee**

## Emeritus Membership in BCRSPA

*(Age 90 as of June 30, 2017)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: *(Include Apt. # & Zip +4 Code)*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: *(month/day/year)* \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to:** Membership Chair

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

## Change of Address

BCRSPA *(Effective Date)* \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

New Address: *(Include Apt. # & Zip +4 Code)* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

New Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to:** Membership Chair

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