



Baltimore County Retired School Personnel Association

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From the President

Join us for an update in April...

It is difficult to predict what the Maryland legislators are going to do this session when the newsletter deadline is in the middle of



Parker E. Koons

Both BCRSPA members and MRSPA (Maryland Retired School Personnel Association) members should know that the state association's legislative priorities are:

- Maintain state funding for pensions—not shift pension funding to local jurisdictions.
- Keep current cost-of-living adjustment formula for existing employees and retirees.
- Return to full actuarial funding—not continuing corridor funding.
- Protect retirees' health care.

We are fortunate to have a MRSPA Legislative Committee that reviews these bills and many others, writes and testifies for or against the bills that would affect retirees and encourages all of us to contact our local representatives to express our thoughts and concerns on these matters.

This session will soon end, and there is always the rush to pass the important bills, especially the budget. This is the time that we must be aware of our representatives' thoughts and actions, and react to them.

On a much lighter note, the April BCRSPA's annual business meeting and scholarship recognition luncheon will be held at Columbus Gardens. As a member, you need to be part of the decision making process as we approve a budget for 2012–2013, vote on constitution and bylaw changes and recognize the newly elected officers.

At the scholarship recognition luncheon, following the meeting, each high school student recipient will be introduced and honored with a \$1500 scholarship. It is also remarkable to hear about some of their amazing accomplishments.

Remember, each member is valuable whether or not you keep track of the legislators' decisions, support our scholarship program or read our newsletter to gain information about the activities of BCRSPA.

— Parker E. Koons

From the CONSUMER Connection

A publication of the MRSPA Consumer Education Committee

Do you know?

Maryland's Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) recently announced it has added an emergency contact option to Maryland driver's licenses. Maryland drivers can now add up to three emergency contacts to their driver's license so police will know who to call if an accident occurs. The emergency contact information is stored electronically on an individual's driver's license and will be available only to authorized personnel.

You can go to MVA's Web site at www.mva.maryland.gov and add three emergency contacts in just a few minutes. You will need to have your driver license number. Go to the Web site, on the right find "Do

It Online" and there you will see the choice and click "Emergency Contacts" and in the next menu again click on "Emergency Contacts" to add your emergency contacts. The entire process takes less than 10 minutes.

Protect yourself from scams

The Maryland State Retirement and Pension System takes data security and the privacy of your personal information very seriously. We wish to remind all members that communication from our office will always be in written format. Do not share financial or personal information prompted by

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Membership update

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

Theresa Coleman
Louise J. Gaston
Gail Harper
Barbara Hinkleman
Ralph E. Murray
Linda J. Thompson

Thank you to all members for renewing your membership. We invite you to join your friends and colleagues at the Annual Spring Luncheon and meeting held at Columbus Gardens on April 17, 2012. More information can be found on pages 6 and 7 of this publication.

— Charlotte Price, Chair
Member Accounting Committee

BCRSPA CALENDAR

- Tuesday, March 20 BCRSPA Executive Board Meeting
St. Isaac Jogues Church, Parkville, Maryland, 10 a.m.
- Tuesday, April 17 .. BCRSPA Annual Spring Luncheon Meeting
Columbus Gardens, 10 a.m.
- Tuesday, May 8 MRSPA Annual Business Meeting
Michaels Eighth Avenue, Glen Burnie, Maryland
- Tuesday, May 15 BCRSPA Executive Board Meeting
TABCO Towers, Towson, Maryland, 10 a.m.
- June No Executive Board Meeting

UPDATE Deadline

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305 East Joppa Road
Towson, MD 21286-3252

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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BALTIMORE COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION**Proposed Budget****July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013****Estimated Income**

Membership	\$18,000.00	
Interest	750.00	
Luncheons (Fall and Spring)	5,520.00	
Transfer of funds	<u>3,800.00</u>	
	\$28,070.00	\$ 28,070.00

Estimated ExpendituresAllotted to Officers

President	\$ 400.00
Vice President/President-elect	200.00
Recording Secretary	100.00
Corresponding Secretary	125.00
Treasurer	<u>300.00</u>
(Subtotal for Officers)	\$ 1,125.00

Allotted to Committees

Archivist	\$ 50.00
BCASCO	250.00
Budget	25.00
Community Service	25.00
Constitution/Bylaws	50.00
Consumer Education	25.00
Insurance	50.00
Legislative	50.00
Member Accounting	200.00
Member Recruitment	500.00
Program	400.00
Publicity	50.00
Remembrance/Necrology	2,200.00
Scholarship	<u>250.00</u>
(Subtotal for Committees)	\$ 4,125.00

Allotted to Operations

Annual Project	\$ 1,000.00
Audit	100.00
Conferences	200.00
Contingency Fund	1,000.00
Liability Insurance	500.00
Luncheons	5,520.00
Luncheon Guests	900.00
Mailing	4,500.00
Office (Telephone, Web page)	700.00
Publication/Update	5,400.00
Scholarships	<u>3,000.00</u>
(Subtotal for Operations)	\$22,820.00

Grand Total \$ 28,070.00
 (Expenditures, Committees, Operations)

— Submitted by Budget Committee:
 Jack Woodward, Chair

COMMUNITY SERVICES PROJECT

Please bring one (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-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

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OPEN
24 hours
a day!

2012 Proposed Amendments to the BCRSPA Constitution

Current Language	Proposed Change	Rationale
<p>Article II -- Purposes</p> <p>Section 5. To cooperate with the Teachers Association of Baltimore County, the <i>Maryland State Teachers Association</i>, the National Education Association, the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association and the NRTA, AARP's Educator Community.</p>	<p>Section 5. To cooperate with the Teachers Association of Baltimore County, the <u>Maryland School Employees Association</u>, the National Education Association, the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association and the NRTA, AARP's Educator Community.</p>	<p>To update to the current name of the active state education association.</p>
<p>Article III -- Membership</p> <p>Section 3. Emeritus Membership Emeritus membership shall be awarded to those members who have reached the age of ninety (90), and therefore shall be exempt from further payment of BCRSPA dues.</p> <p>Section 4. Honorary Membership Section 5. Associate Membership</p>	<p>Section 3. <u>A member of BCRSPA shall also be a member of MRSPA.</u></p> <p>Section 4. Emeritus Membership Section 5. Honorary Membership Section 6. Associate Membership</p>	<p>To add new language. BCRSPA membership will be unified with MRSPA membership. Renumbers respectively Emeritus, Honorary, and Associate Membership.</p>
<p>Article VI – Officers</p> <p>Section 1. The elected officers of this Association shall be a President, a Vice-President or a President-Elect, a Recording Secretary, <i>an Assistant Recording Secretary</i>, a Corresponding Secretary, <i>an Assistant Corresponding Secretary</i>, a Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer and Directors.</p> <p>Article IX – Elections</p> <p>Section 2. ...The term of office for the Recording Secretary, <i>the Assistant Recording Secretary</i>, the Corresponding Secretary, <i>the Assistant Corresponding Secretary</i>, the Treasurer and the Assistant Treasurer shall be for two (2) years.</p>	<p>Section 1. The elected officers of this Association shall be a President, a Vice-President or a President-Elect, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer and Directors.</p> <p>Section 2. ...The term of office for the Recording Secretary, the Corresponding Secretary, the Treasurer and the Assistant Treasurer shall be for two (2) years.</p>	<p>To delete officer positions that have not been utilized— Assistant Recording Secretary and Assistant Corresponding Secretary.</p>
<p>Article VII – Executive Board/Committees</p> <p>Section 1. The Executive Board shall consist of the officers of the Association, <i>the Directors</i>, a BCASCO Representative, a TABCO Liaison, and the chairmen of standing and ad hoc committees.</p>	<p>Section 1. The Executive Board shall consist of the officers of the Association, a BCASCO Representative, a TABCO Liaison, and the chairmen of standing and ad hoc committees.</p>	<p>To remove a redundancy. Directors are elected officers of the organization and do not need to be listed separately.</p>

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2012 Proposed Amendments to the BCRSPA Bylaws

Current Language	Proposed Change	Rationale
<p>Article II -- Duties of Officers</p> <p><u>Section 5.</u> <u>The Assistant Recording Secretary</u></p> <p><u>Section 7.</u> <u>The Assistant Corresponding Secretary</u></p>	<p><u>Section 5.</u> The Corresponding Secretary</p> <p><u>Section 6.</u> The Treasurer</p> <p><u>Section 7.</u> The Assistant Treasurer</p>	<p>To eliminate the unutilized positions of Assistant Recording Secretary and Assistant Corresponding Secretary and their respective duties.</p> <p>Renumbers respectively the Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer and their duties.</p>
<p>Article VI -- Elections</p> <p>Section 5.</p> <p>A slate shall be prepared by a Nominating Committee of five (5) members, one (1) from each Board of Education area, appointed by the President and Directors of the Corporation at least three (3) months prior to the Annual Meeting in the spring. The slate shall be presented to the Executive Board for their approval prior to the Annual Meeting in the spring.</p>	<p>Section 5.</p> <p>A slate shall be prepared by a Nominating Committee of five (5) members, one (1) from each Board of Education <u>Transportation</u> area, appointed by the President and Directors of the Corporation at least three (3) months prior to the Annual Meeting in the spring. The slate shall be presented to the Executive Board for their approval prior to the Annual Meeting in the spring.</p>	<p>To clearly define the Board of Education areas when appointing the Nominating Committee.</p>
<p>Article VII -- Committees</p> <p>Section 3. Standing Committees</p> <p>e. <u>Education and Protective Services Committee</u></p>	<p>e. <u>Consumer Education Committee</u></p>	<p>To be consistent with the name change of this committee by MRSPA.</p>

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**For a membership packet
or information call:
Charlotte Price at 410-847-9700
or go online at www.bcrspa.com
and www.mrspa.org**

The human contribution is the essential ingredient. It is only in the giving of oneself to others that we truly live.

— Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus

Baltimore County Retired School Personnel Association, Inc.

SPRING LUNCHEON MEETING

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Columbus Gardens

AGENDA

Registration9:30 a.m.

Annual Business Meeting.....10:00 a.m.

- Treasurer's Report
- Budget Presentation
- Constitution & Bylaws Amendments
- Election of Officers
- Installation of Officers
- Remembrance Service

Program

Update — Baltimore County Public Schools, Office of Employee Benefits

Social Hour — *cash bar available*.....11:30 a.m.

Luncheon 12:00 noon

Introduction of Scholarship Recipients

LUNCHEON MENU

Fresh Garden Salad, Top Round of Beef, Boneless Stuffed Breast of Chicken, Sautéed Red Potatoes, Green Beans Almandine, Rolls and Butter, Ice Cream Sundae with assorted toppings.

Cost: \$20.00

Deadline for Registrations: April 5, 2012 (*no refunds after this date*)

Please remember to bring your food/school supply item(s) for the ACTC.

(For list of items, see article on page 3 in this issue of *Update*.)

Directions to Columbus Gardens are on the facing page of this agenda.

RESERVATION FOR SPRING LUNCHEON MEETING—APRIL 17, 2012

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Name 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

Emeritus Membership in BCRSPA

(Age 90 as of June 30, 2011)

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 _____

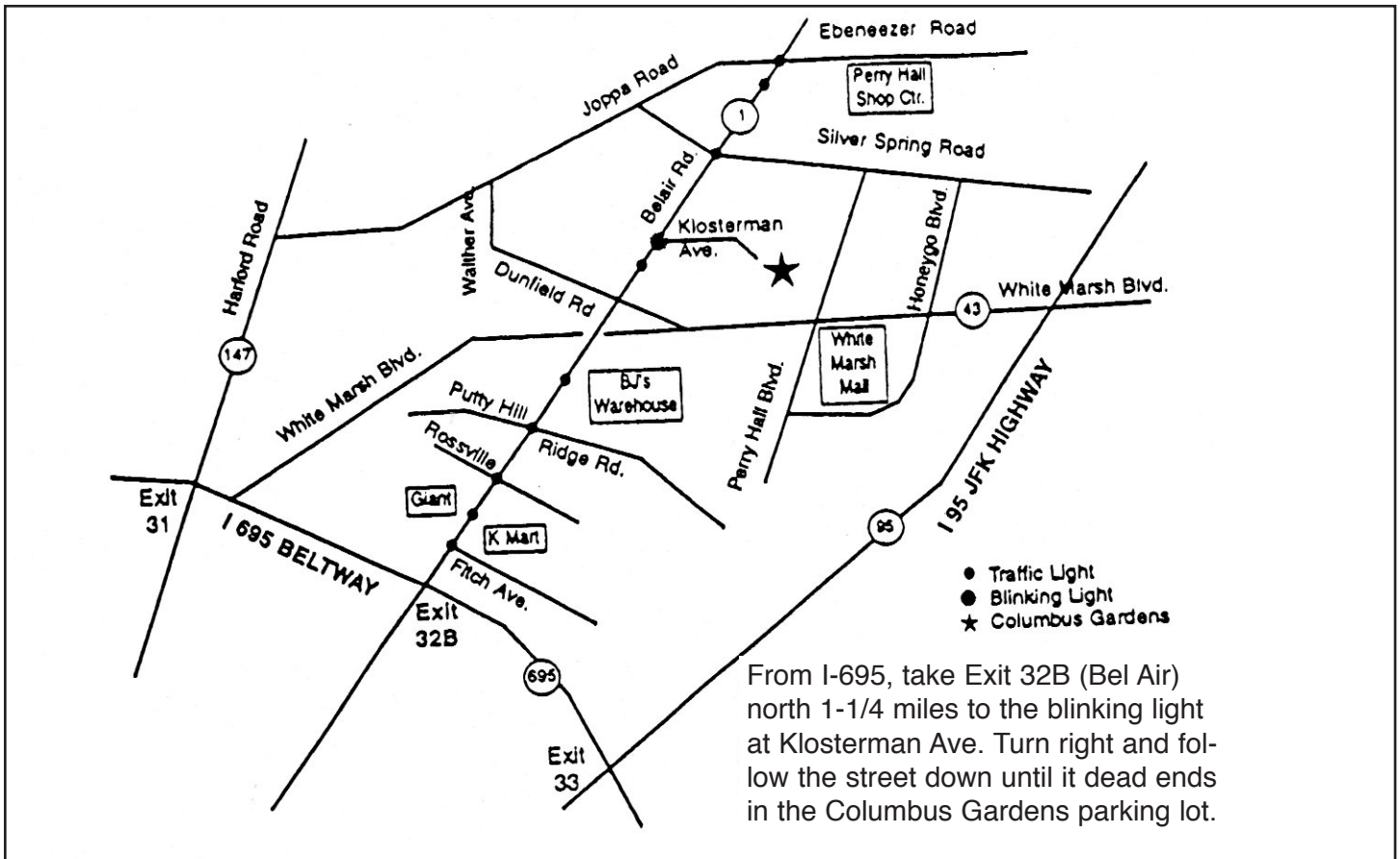
Old Address _____

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

New Telephone (____) _____

Mail to: Mrs. Charlotte Price
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Baltimore, MD 21237-4946

Directions to Columbus Gardens



BCRSPA welcomes memorial contributions

The Scholarship Committee welcomes and encourages memorial contributions to the Scholarship Fund in memory of deceased colleagues. Checks should be made payable to BCRSPA with “Memorial Scholarship Fund” written on the check memo line, and sent to the Treasurer, David Peters, 1708 Goodview Road, Parkville, MD 21234.

Please include the name of the person(s) being remembered and the name and address of the person(s) to be notified. Your contribution is tax-deductible and will be acknowledged.

We acknowledge with thanks the following contributions to The BCRSPA Memorial Scholarship Fund:

In memory of

Eloise E. Weimer
Doloris Gentes
Ester Sandstrom-Lambert
Joann Buza
Robert C. Lewis
Benjamin Herman
Janet Hickel
Sharlene Thompson
Francis O. Fleming
Elizabeth Hodges
Josephine “Jo” Manson
Gloria Furtan
Ed Wolf
June Reillo
Anne Hamilton
Charles N. Miller
DeLane A. Gebken
Jean Warfield
Hilda R. Anderson
Marie W Kasckow
Constantine “Gus” Micklos
Helen Siegrist

Donor

Carolyn & Stan Smith
Rita Goldstein
Anna J. Gallagher
Merriam Turner
Susan L. Erbaugh
Rita & Bob Gifford
Nick & Susan Spinnato
Walter M. Snyder
Marian C. Drach
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Marian C. Drach
Mary Ann Schaefer
Lane & Helen Lee
Susan Trump
Linda Smith
Linda Smith
Linda Smith
Mildred H. Murray
Ted Kasckow
John & Carole Micklos
George D. Arnold

In memory of *Dean Pickens* by:
Mildred H. Murray
Rita Goldstein
Barbara Bennett Carr
Jack & Mary Ellen Zimmerman
Walter Snyder

In memory of *Pearl Blewitt* by:
Mildred H. Murray

George D. Arnold

In memory of *L. Blanche Stevens* by:
Dorothy R. Hicks
Donna J. Carr
Paul & Katherine Menear
Frances R. Bell
Nancy Lee Rock
Evelyn J. Cogswell
Joyce Bricker
Mary & Paul Plevyak
Mildred S. Nethken
Clair & Charlotte Price
Mildred H. Murray
Katherine M. Klier

BCRSPA supports the Scholarship Fund with a contribution of \$25 from the Remembrance Committee in memory of each deceased member.

— *David Peters, Treasurer*

Getting credit score reports

After the article in the December issue, “Check your credit score” from the MRSPA CONSUMER Connection, at the request of several retirees, here are the contacts for the three major credit bureaus:

Equifax	1-800-525-6285
Experian	1-888-397-3742
TransUnion	1-800-680-7289

You can also access free reports by going to www.annualreport.com.

Remember:

Check your scores annually.

Get all three reports because scores can differ between the bureaus.

Playing on words

To write with a broken pencil is pointless.
When fish are in schools they sometimes take the debate.
A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.
When the smog lifts in Los Angeles, U.C.L.A.
The professor discovered that her theory of earthquakes was on shaky ground.
The batteries were given out free of charge.
A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.
A will is a dead giveaway.
With her marriage, she got a new a dress.
Show me a piano falling down a mine shaft and I'll show you A-flat miner.
You are stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.
Local Area Network in Australia: The LAN down under.
A boiled egg is hard to beat.
When you've seen one shopping center, you've seen a mall.

— Denise Johns
via The Augsburg Gazette,
Augsburg Lutheran Home of Maryland, Inc.,
Baltimore, Maryland, August 2011

In Memoriam



Elise Brown	Guy T. Germana
Marilyn Katzen	Raymond Rattan
Louise C. Rouleau	Mary Jane Shank
Gerald J. Smith	L. Blanche Stevens
Nola Stuart	

CONSUMER Connection...

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an unsolicited phone call or e-mail.

If you are uncertain of the legitimacy of someone representing the Maryland State Retirement and Pension System, please contact Member Services at 410-625-5555 or 800-492-5909.

The Maryland Attorney General's Office has a booklet entitled "A Consumer Guide for Seniors" that provides helpful suggestions to help you protect your personal information. The guide can be read online at www.oag.state.md.us/seniors.htm or a free copy can be ordered by mail by calling 410-576-6500.

Another valuable source of information regarding the prevention of fraudulent and deceptive business practices is the Federal Trade Commission. Their article "How Not to Get Hooked by 'Phishing Scam'" can be found at www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/alerts/alt127.shtm.

Easy computers

For seniors and others that want a home computer that is easy to use, there are several that are specifically designed today:

- Talking touch screens. By simply touching the clearly labeled on-screen option of your choice with your finger. You can usually find one for about \$600 to \$999 depending on the size of the screen. 500 gigabytes is plenty for most.
- HP Senior PC is a brand of Hewlett Packard that comes completely set up and ready to use right out of the box. There are several models, even a laptop.
- Autopilot desktop computer offers speech-to-text capabilities that let you write letters, e-mails and documents by speaking into the computer's microphone. This model is more expensive. It will cost from \$1100 to \$1800.
- There are also some computers designed for impaired vision.

While the iPad 2 tablet computer is not designed specifically for seniors its simple iOS operating system makes it easy to understand and use.

BCRSPA

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Scholarships to be awarded at Annual Spring Luncheon

The Annual Spring Luncheon will be held at Columbus Gardens, 4301 Klosterman Avenue (near Route 1—Belair Road and Route 43—White Marsh Boulevard), on Tuesday, April 17, 2012.

The Annual Business Meeting will include proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws, the proposed budget presentation, the election and installation of officers, a remembrance service and the recognition of the 2012 Memorial Scholarship recipients. Representatives from the Office of Employee Benefits, BCPS, will update retiree information; a social hour will precede the luncheon.

BCRSPA continues its community service project with food and school items for the Assistance Center of Towson Churches (ACTC). Please bring one (1) item to the luncheon. (See page 3 for suggested items.)

A registration flier with complete details is found

on page 6. In an effort to contain mailing costs. Please complete the registration portion of the flier and mail it with your check payable to BCRSPA to:

Mr. Clair Price
4862 Brightleaf Court
Baltimore, MD 21237-4946

The deadline for reservations is April 5, 2012.

We look forward to seeing you. If you have any questions, please contact Parker Koons at 410-828-5852.

— *Parker E. Koons, Chair, Program Committee*

