



Baltimore County Retired School Personnel Association

UPDATE

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From the President

A warm hello

to all! As I am writing this to you, the snow is continuing to fall. This may be our biggest snowfall of the winter. It is a beautiful sight, lying on the ground, untouched. It makes me want to go outside and make a snowman or make snow angels. I would make up a few snowballs and throw them at my husband, but he throws harder than I do, so I will nix that idea. It's all in having fun in life. It's the little things that truly count.



Edna Harris-Kurre

Alas, spring is almost upon us. I can't wait to see the new spring flowers come into bloom. I planted about two hundred bulbs all around the foundation of my home and around my new deck. Hopefully, my butterfly bush will attract lots of those lovely, colorful, flying beauties.

Slowly, but surely, the organization has managed to recruit some new members due to the dedication of Clair and Charlotte Price and David and Donna Copenhaver. If there is any way that you can help us recruit new mem-

bers, please do so.

To our delight Baltimore County Public Schools — Office of Benefits has re-established the Pre-retirement Seminar for non-certificated employees (bus drivers, etc.) who belong to the Baltimore County Employees Retirement System. It is scheduled for the first week in March. We are hopeful for the reopening of the "PreRetirement Seminar" for educators.

I would like to remind everyone that BCRSPA dues will be increased from \$10.00 to \$15.00 effective July 1st. MRSPA dues will stay the same at \$35.00. A new member must join both BCRSPA and MRSPA. Both organizations work for you and me in protecting our pensions and the pension trust, and our health benefits in Annapolis and in Washington, D.C.

Please note the following. There has been a change since November, 2013 in regards to contributions to BCRSPA. The Internal Revenue Service informed us that "donors may not deduct contributions" made to BCRSPA on their taxes. BCRSPA is a "non-profit" which is a "tax-exempt" organization. Evidently, non-profit organizations are being targeted and scrutinized by the IRS. There is a scholarship donation form

that can be downloaded on the website: www.bcrspa.org under "Remembrance" if you wish to make a donation to the scholarship fund.

Have you checked out our new website lately? It's a work in progress. Is there anything you would like us to add or change? Please let me know.

Alas, you will meet our five, lucky scholarship winners on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at the Spring Business Luncheon Meeting. We would love to increase the number of scholarship recipients in the near future if the donations increase.

We still need a Travel Committee Chair. Any future trips depend on filling this position and its committee members. Will you help us?

We would also like to have a third membership event, possibly a breakfast. We will keep you posted. If you would like to help with the planning, let me know.

I look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday, April 8, 2014, at the Spring Business Luncheon Meeting at Columbus Gardens. Send in your reservation(s) before March 28, 2014.

— Edna Harris-Kurre

Membership news

The 2013–14 Membership Year ended February 28, 2014. Although we have added 71 new members, our total membership has still declined by 0.77%.

On behalf of the BCRSPA Executive Board, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our newest members to the organization and look forward to meeting you at our next Luncheon Meeting on April 8, 2014. (The meeting date has been changed due to the Easter Holiday.)

The new members are:

Sharon Almony	Bridget Moeller
Mary Beth Baker	Carol O'Brien
Diana Boothe	Sandra Oroszy
Lynn Carlson	Marguerite Paradis
Joyce Dann	Patricia Pinzuti
Clarice DeShazo	Anna Ritchey
Margaret Delcher	Elizabeth Schumann
Rudolph DiCocco	Maxine Shindel
Catherine Dietz	Joanne Smith
Jenny Dodson	Zenobia Thomas
Joan Hall	Nancy Tobias
Sandra Harding	Bertha Townsend
Margaret Harris	John Trimper
Diana Johnson	Penny Warren
Susan Jones	Paula Wheatley
Thea Jones	Karen Wilkerson
Constance Klima	

Just a reminder: Local dues will be going up \$5.00 for 2014–15 membership year, making the total \$50.00 for both organizations.

— Charlotte Price, Member Accounting 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

BCRSPA Calendar

March 18..... Executive Board at St. Isaac Jogues
March 19 Presidents' Meeting
10 am at Odenton Office
March 21 United Seniors of Maryland Legislative Forum
April 8..... Annual Meeting & Lunch @ Columbus Gardens
May 5–7 2014 MRSPA Event/Annual Meeting
Double Tree Hotel, Annapolis, MD
May 14 MRSPA Annual Business Meeting
May 20 Executive Board at St. Isaac Jogues

UPDATE Deadline

JUNE ISSUE — April 15, 2014

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UPDATE

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

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Scholarship Memorials:

May 2013

Maria Sliwinski by Anne F. Jones
 Lorraine Westerberg by Anne F. Jones
 Betty C. Jackovitz by Anne F. Jones
 Ivan E. Bowser by Martin B. Bernstein
 Clearance E. Beard by Martin B. Bernstein
 Howard Ritter Jr. by Martin B. Bernstein
 Mary R. Lawrence by Martin B. Bernstein
 Virginia Martin by Martin B. Bernstein
 Jacqueline L. Roberts by Martin B. Bernstein
 Edward J. Murray by Martin B. Bernstein
 Robert Taylor by Martin B. Bernstein
 Bob “Boh” Brodrick by William M. Beckwith

June 2013

John Heck by Robert W. Gifford

August 2013

Helen M. Diehl by Loretta Nance
 Abert Sgro by Robert C. Coleman
 Dr. John Heck by Perry L. Conley

September 2013

John Heck by Robert G. C. Eads
 Maynard Keadle by Robert G. C. Eads
 Dr. Walter Snyder by Bob Gifford
 Jim Hickman by Bob Gifford

October 2013

Dr. Walter Snyder by Dr. Edna May Merson
 Dr. James Hickman by Dr. Edna May Merson
 Jim Hickman by Robert G. C. Eads

December 2013

Joel Bailey by Mary Ann & Thomas Schaefer

Scholarship fund so far for 2013–2014

Member donations	\$375
Donations w/Luncheon Reg.	\$304
BCRSPA Donations	\$900
<i>(\$25 for each deceased member)</i>	
50/50 held at Luncheon.	\$ 71
TOTAL	\$1,650

2014–2016 Slate of Officers

The Executive Board recommended the following slate of officers to be elected:

President:C. David Copenhaver

Assistant-Treasurer: .. E. Stuart Tucker

Director:Donna Copenhaver

Director:Clair Price

Director:Jack Woodward

Nominations for these positions will also be accepted from the floor at the Spring Business Luncheon Meeting on April 8, 2014, at Columbus Gardens.

After being elected, the slate of officers will be installed by the MRSPA President, E. Stuart Tucker. An updated Executive Board Directory will be published in the June 2014 newsletter.

Attention: New Members

BCRSPA needs your help.

There are committees which lack a Chairperson and supporting members. Won't you please consider volunteering for one of the following vacancies:

- Travel (Planning trips),
- Health Care/Insurance (Gives us updates from BCPS – Office of Benefits),
- Member Recruitment, and
- BCASCO Representative?

I personally know some of you who have just joined BCRSPA. The committees will not take up much of your time. The workload is minimal. There are currently four Executive Board Meetings a year. Of course an emergency meeting may have to be called. We need you. We need your talents and skills. Be a “Team Player.” Say, “Yes.”

– Edna Harris-Kurre

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SPRING LUNCHEON MEETING

Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at *Columbus Gardens*

Program

Registration9:30 a.m.

Annual Business Meeting10:00 a.m.

Treasurer's Report
Budget Presentation
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 with Ranch or Italian Dressings, Turkey Cutlet with Stuffing and Baked Honey Ham, Au Gratin Potatoes, Italian Blend of Vegetables, Rolls & Butter, Ice Cream with Assorted Toppings

Cost: \$23.00

Deadline for Registrations: March 28, 2014 (*no refunds after this date*)

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

(For list of items, see page 2)

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

RESERVATION FOR SPRING LUNCHEON MEETING—Tuesday, APRIL 8, 2014

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, 2014)

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
4862 Brightleaf Court
Baltimore, MD 21237-4946

VISIT

www.bcrspa.org

**OPEN
24 hours
a day!**

BCRSPA Memorial Scholarship Fund

Name _____

Street _____

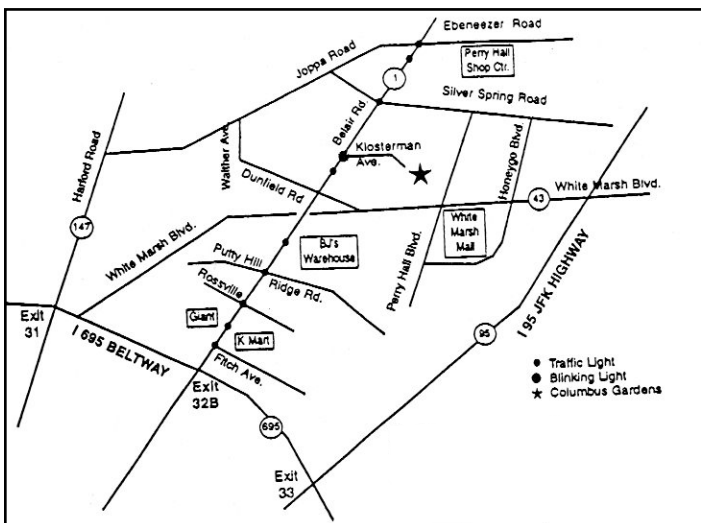
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Donation Amount \$ _____

Make check payable to: BCRSPA Memorial Scholarship Fund
(donations are not tax-deductible)

Mail to: Treasurer David Peters
1708 Goodview Road, Baltimore MD 21234

Directions to Columbus Gardens



From I-695, take Exit 32B (Bel Air) north 1-1/4 miles to the blinking light at Klosterman Ave. Turn right and follow the street down until it dead ends in the Columbus Gardens parking lot.

In Memoriam



Louis Brocato

James Hickman

Amelia Loveless

Genevieve Slomba

Dr. Walter Snyder

Matthew J. Tress

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From the CONSUMER Connection

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Five hidden credit card perks

Credit cards are usually known for high interest rates and extra fees, but did you know they also have some hidden benefits? Here are some your credit card may provide:

- Rental car insurance. Most credit cards include collision insurance. Check before buying extra!
- Cell phone replacement. If your phone gets damaged or stolen, certain cards will pay for a new cell, although you may have a \$50 co-pay.
- Trip cancellation. A Discover card may give you up to \$2,500 if you have to cancel your trip due to illness. It has to be a serious illness with a doctor's note or an event like death in the family.
- Price (or return) protection. If you buy an item and find the same one advertised for a lower price

elsewhere within 30 to 60 days, your card might refund the difference. Check for exclusions.

- Extended warranties. Visa and AmEx automatically double the length of any manufacturer's warranty. You need documentation and some products aren't covered, but it can save you money!

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**For a membership packet
or information call:
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and www.mrspa.org**