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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This week reminded me of the verse in Ecclesiastes "To everything there is a season..."

First, it is the season in which we choose our leadership for the next two years. At our April

Luncheon, the membership re-

lected the current slate of officers including: myself as President, Dr Carol Dahlberg as Vice President, Mary D'Ovidio as Secretary, and Dr Ken Muir as Treasurer (3 year term). I know that I speak for all of us in saying that we appreciate your confidence and look forward to the additional time to serve the membership of our great organization. That said, I am also looking forward to reaching out to additional individuals to become more involved as committee members, committee chairs and as part of our Board. We need more members to get involved. So, please feel free to contact me

(sraucher@comcast.net) to "volunteer".

Second, it is the season to approve the budget. In this newsletter, you will find our budget for next year. As you can see, we are continuing to fund our important projects and scholarships in a fiscally prudent matter. While our investment account has had its ups and downs, we are confident that we will have the ability to do what is needed to keep our organization alive and well in the coming years.

Third, it is the season to reach out and help active MCPS employees increase their skills. We will be awarding 17 scholarships (of \$1,000 each) at our June luncheon. The recipients represent a cross section of MCPS staff with one thing in common, they are all trying to improve their skills in order to help the students of MCPS. It is our pleasure to help them reach that objective.

Finally, as we near the end of another school year, it is the season for retirements from MCPS. I have received invitations to attend a retirement reception for MCEA and another to speak at the "graduation ceremony" (my words) that MCPS holds annually to honor the new class of retirees, the Class of 2015. I proudly plan to attend both events. These events are part of our most important activity, recruiting new members. While we are the largest chapter in the state organization, we cannot rest on our numbers. We need to increase our membership annually. And that's where you come in. I can attend receptions and talk at retirement planning seminars. We can welcome new faces at our luncheons and pass out copies of our brochures and newsletters, but ultimately the job is everyone's. There is no substitute for personal contact in recruiting new members. So, if you know someone who is retiring this year, or who has already retired but not yet joined MCPSRA, take the time to reach out and solicit their membership.

Ecclesiastes says "There is a time to reap and a time to sow". Let's all sow the seeds of the benefits of being an MCPSRA member and then all help to reap the harvest of new members.

Have a great summer.

Steve

LUNCHEON - JUNE 18, 2016

The business meeting and luncheon on June 18, 2015, is the last of this school year. There will be the installation of officers: Steve Raucher, president, Carol Dahlberg, Vice-president, and Mary D'Ovidio, secretary. Meet the MRSPA President Max Muller and Executive Director, Judith Zahren who will be joining us. This year scholarships will be awarded to more than 14 MCPS employees whose goals and talents will be shared during the program.

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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS: The Board of Directors meets monthly at 9:30 am except July. All MCPSRA members are welcome to the meetings held in Room 50 in CESC on these dates:

- June 4, 2015
- August 6, 2015
- September 3, 2015
- October 1, 2015

LUNCHEON DATE: Business meetings and luncheons are held four times a year at the Golden Bull Grand Café, 7 Dalmar Street, Gaithersburg, MD 20877. Please join your fellow MCPS Retirees for an afternoon of food, conversation and learning new things. The dates are as follows:

- Thursday, June 18, 2015

In Memoriam

Mary L. Byron
Anna A. Cohen
Patricia A. Coyle
Jessica L. Dunkley
Anna O. Ellin
Denece M. Feldman
Rita M. Hawvermale
Linda Irene Hunt
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CORRECTIONS

Joyce Able	(1st name To read Joyce not Judy)		
Marjorie Taylor Coleman	(Last name to read Coleman not Taylor)		
Anita Willens	Brighton Gardens 5555 Friendship Heights Blvd #710	Chevy Chase, MD	301-312-6902

HELP INCREASE MEMBERSHIP

It is well accepted that the more members we have the stronger we become, for the larger we are the greater the attention given to decisions by lawmakers. As members, each of us is being asked to be a membership recruiter. It is vital that we work together by keeping aware of county and state actions affecting retirees. We should all consider ourselves as member recruitment staff and urge our non-member colleagues to join without delay so we can continue to safeguard our retirement benefits. All retired school personnel are eligible to join.



THE FUTURE IS PURCHASED BY THE PRESENT

Why did you choose the career that you did? It was not most assuredly for the money, the hopes of striking it rich and making your first million. Then why? Was it because a teacher made a lasting impression and a positive influence in your formative years to help direct your life's journey into adulthood? Elizabeth Dole is quoted as saying, "When we're in our nineties and we're looking back, it's not going to be how much money we made or how many awards we've won. It's really 'What did we stand for? Did we make a positive difference for people?'" John F. Kennedy believed, "Children are the world's most valuable resource and the best hope for the future." Too, Christa McAuliffe said, "I touch the future. I teach." Was it your vision of the future that directed your career choice? Whatever the reason, you have made a difference in the lives of countless young people who have grown to adulthood and are now living the present because of your commitment to making a better tomorrow by shaping their future.

The Montgomery County Public Schools Retirees Association has been committed to making a positive difference not only in the lives of its members but also of the youth in our county. Since it was initiated twelve years ago, the **Toolkits, Books, and Backpacks Project** has focused on thousands and thousands of children living in poverty in Montgomery County, providing them with the supplies they needed to assure them a fair chance of success as they started each school year. Each year the number of children who are affected by the stress and are victimized by the challenges of economic hardships within their families has grown dramatically. At times this commitment by our association hasn't been easy and has brought its own challenges and stress as fundraising efforts stalled and need and costs escalated. But failure has never been an option. Failure is the path of least persistence and never can it be said that we weren't persistent! Have faith! A task may be difficult but it can be done is the attitude that leads to fulfillment. People don't fail, they give up, and we will never give up as long as the need for our project exists in our county.

That being said, let me reflect on one of my favorite attitudes and that is gratitude. Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it. So incredible has been the response from our members since February when the continuation of our project was truly in jeopardy that a mere *Thank You!* seems quite inadequate. Since that time our urgent plea led to a Matching Grant Challenge by a very generous member and his wife that generated donations from 184 members that totaled \$12,115! Add to that their \$5,000 grant, the \$17,115 collected since our appeal goes a long, long way in helping assure that we can continue our good works for this coming summer! The train definitely left the station and there is light at the end of the tunnel! But we haven't arrived at our destination yet. We still have a considerable distance to travel before we have raised the necessary amount to completely fund all three components of our project. Title I summer school staff have asked us to consider reinstating the backpack component of our project since the children who would receive them are homeless and are frequently unable to take advantage of other countywide school supplies initiatives. In addition, last year we could not afford to purchase books for a grade level of Title I ELO SAIL program participants. This summer, it would indeed be a joy and an accomplishment if we could again distribute not only toolkits to summer school kindergartners but also books for second graders and backpacks for homeless children. Let's do it! It's time to think with the heart!

Passion is a contagious attitude and we are passionate about continuing this project. We hope you are, too. PLEASE, if you have not done so already, send in your sponsorship form and donation as soon as possible. Do it in memory of or in honor of someone who has made a difference in your life. Do it because of your love of children. Whatever the reason, just do it! It takes each of us to make a difference for all of us. And remember, the future is purchased by the present. Help make the future a bright one for today's neediest children in our county. With passion and gratitude we express our heartfelt appreciation.

MCPSRA TOOLKITS SPONSORSHIP FORM

Please provide (print clearly) the following information and mail it along with a check (payable to: **MCPS Educational Foundation**, with "Toolkits Project" on the memo line) to Mrs. Joan Donovan, 13 Hilton Court, Gaithersburg, MD 20882-3521

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

I would like to sponsor # _____ toolkits at \$10 per kit. Donation enclosed: \$ _____

Optional: In memory of _____ In honor of _____

Send acknowledgement to _____

_____ Please do **NOT** include my name on the toolkit's label

Montgomery County Public Schools Retirees Association

2015-2016 Budget

Income	2014-2015 Budget	2015-16 Budget
Local Membership Dues	25,200	25,200
MRSPA Postage/Mbrship Grant	45	45
Investment Income		
Newsletter Advertising	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
Total Income	\$ 26,245	\$ 26,245
Transfer from Surplus	\$ 14,365	\$ 105
Total Revenue	\$ 40,610	\$ 26,350
Expenses		
Officers		
President	100	100
Vice President		
Recording Secretary		
Treasurer/Assistant Treasurer		
Committees		
Archives		
Auditing	1,200	1,200
Budget		
Community Service		
Donations and Contributions	1,100	1,100
Education & Protective Services		
Hospitality		
Insurance		
Legislative		
MRSPA Donations/Fees		
Membership	700	700
Membership Chair Stipend	1,500	1,500
Membership Directory	14,260	
Newsletter	11,500	11,500
Political Action	50	50
Program	400	400
Recognition	200	200
Scholarship	6,000	6,000
Special Projects	2,000	2,000
Trips	200	200
Contingency	200	200
Website	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,200</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 40,610	\$ 26,350

YOUR TRAVEL INFORMATION

PLEASE TAKE TIME TO READ THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION. SHARE IT, ALONG WITH SPECIFIC TRIP INFORMATION, WITH YOUR GUESTS.

1. We all travel at our own risk.
2. There is always some walking involved as we travel. Read each itinerary carefully, keeping in mind your own capabilities.
3. Itineraries, times and details are approximate. Changes are sometimes necessary and unavoidable.
4. Trips are open to members, their families and friends (adults).
5. Smoking and drinking of alcoholic beverages are not permitted on the coach.
6. About three to five days before a day trip, participants are called to remind them of the day and departure time of the trip. For overnight coach trips, about two weeks prior to the date of departure, participants will get a letter with up-to-date information, including parking details. One baggage tag per person will be mailed to each participant.
7. Write a separate check, payable to MCPSRA, for each trip. Include name and date of trip on check.
8. Send check with completed reservation form.
9. Your reservation is definite upon receipt of deposit/full payment, whichever is required. If a trip has to be cancelled because of insufficient numbers of participants needed by the published deadline, your check will be returned to you. Feel free to call to find out if your reservation and payment were received.
10. Refunds are made only when your space can be filled.
11. Gratuities for driver and local guides are not included in the price of the trip.
12. **We do not provide transportation to and from the airport for trips that require flying.**

Those interested in insurance for overnight trips should call Ellen at Eyre Tour and Travel at 301-854-6600, ext. 3252 or 410-442-1330, ext. 3252 or 1-800-321-3973, ext. 3252.

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NOTICE – PARKING FOR OVERNIGHT TRIPS.

As of 2015, pick up for overnight trips will be at the Georgia Avenue Park and Ride (same lot that we pick up for day trips). People coming from out of the area and in the vicinity of the Eyre Bus terminal can arrange to park and board the coach at Eyre location in Glenelg, Md.

Rt. 70 to Rt. 32 S. 5 miles to terminal. 13600 Triadelphia Rd. For arrangements, timing and information call Ellen at Eyre. 1-800-321-3973 x 3252.

MCPSRA TRIPS in 2015

All trips are listed and described on the website:

www.mcpsretirees.org

- June 11 White House Visitor's Center, Martin Luther King Memorial, Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima)
- June 25-July 1 Montreal, Quebec, plus
August 5-6 New York: 9-11 Memorial and Museum, Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, Dinner Cruise
- September 16 Riverside Dinner Theatre: **Sister Act** Fredericksburg, VA
- October 13 Skyline Drive and Marker-Miller Orchard
- December 2-5 Biltmore Estate, Ashville, NC
Abingdon, Va. Barter Theatre:
Miracle on 34th Street

SPECIAL NOTICE: PLEASE KEEP ALL OF THE TRAVEL INFORMATION IN THIS NEWSLETTER SINCE THERE WILL NOT BE ANOTHER NEWSLETTER UNTIL OCTOBER 1.

PLEASE MAKE SEPARATE CHECKS FOR TRIPS ALSO PLEASE OBSERVE THE DEADLINES FOR RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT.

October 3-11, 2015 American Eagle "Queen Of The Mississippi" Cruise": Memphis – New Orleans.

Overnight in Memphis for tour of Graceland

October 24-November 1, 2015 "BAHAMAS CRUISE"

For brochure and additional information please contact Jill Wood at Eyre. 1-800-321-3973 X 3252
jillw@eyre.com

2016 CRUISES

March 30-April 9 Royal Caribbean Cruise Line "Grandeur of the Seas" EASTERN CARIBBEAN: Ports of Call: Baltimore; Labadee, Haiti; San Juan, Puerto Rico; Carlote Amalie, St/ Thomas; Phillipsburg, St. Maarten. For brochure, pricing, cabin selections and other information, please contact GRAND AMERICAN TOURS 1-800-423-0247. Identify yourself with MCPSRA.

September 15-24 Royal Caribbean Cruise Line "Grandeur of the Seas" CANADA AND NEW ENGLAND: Ports of Call: Baltimore; Boston; Portland, Maine; St. John, New Brunswick; Halifax, Nova Scotia.

NEW YORK: 9-11 MEMORIAL AND MUSEUM, STATUE OF LIBERTY, ELLIS ISLAND

August 5-6, 2015

Day 1

7:30 am Depart Georgia Avenue Park and Ride
 12:30 pm 9-11 Memorial and Museum This museum is an educational and historical institution honoring the victims and examining 9/11 and its continued global significance. The museum displays artifacts associated with the events of 9/11 while presenting stories of loss and recovery.

(Security screening on-site)

4:00 pm Travel to our New Jersey Hotel
 5:30 pm Depart for the Spirit of New Jersey cruise. Until you've seen Manhattan from the water, you really haven't seen Manhattan. It's a vantage point you have to experience firsthand to fully comprehend. And when you cruise out of our dock at Lincoln Harbor Marina in Weehawken, NJ, you get exactly that-a-wide-open, ever-changing view that will take your breath away.
 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm Spirit of New Jersey dinner cruise
 10:00 pm Return to hotel.

Day 2

Breakfast at Hotel
 8:30 am Depart for Cape Liberty, N.J., to take ferry to Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island.
 2:00 pm Depart for home.
 7:00 pm Arrive back to Georgia Ave. Park and Ride

Cost: \$455.00 pp double; \$585.00 Single
Included: Round trip transportation by Eyre deluxe motor coach (with restroom), 1 night accommodation including breakfast, 1 dinner cruise, admission to listed attractions, fees, tolls, baggage handling, taxes and gratuities.
Not included: Gratuity for coach operator
Due Date: \$100.00 deposit by May 5, 2015
Balance Due: June 24, 2015

Make check payable to MCPSRA and mail with completed reservation form to:

Frieda J. Price
 105 N. Summit Ave. #4
 Gaithersburg, MD 20877

RIVERSIDE DINNER THEATRE

Fredericksburg, VA, September 16, 2015

10:00 am Depart Georgia Ave. Park and Ride.
 11:30 am Arrive Riverside Theatre for lunch and show
 1:30 pm Showtime: **SISTER ACT**
 4:00 pm Depart for home.
 6:00 pm Arrive at Georgia Ave. Park and Ride

Included: Transportation by Eyre Motor coach, lunch, show, gratuities, taxes, tolls.
Not included: Gratuity for coach operator
Cost: \$108.00 per person
Date Due: August 3, 2015

Make check payable to MCPSRA and mail with completed reservation form to:

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SKYLINE DRIVE AND MARKER-MILLER ORCHARD BUS TRIP

October 13, 2015

Located along Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains, Skyline is one of the best mountain drives to see colorful fall foliage. We will visit the Visitor's Center to view an introductory film, see exhibits and converse with rangers for information and enjoy the beautiful view. As we continue on, we will have stops at overlooks for viewing and picture taking. Lunch will be at the Skyland Resort. On our return, we stop at the Marker -Miller Orchard where you can purchase fresh fruit and baked goods.

8:00am Depart Georgia Avenue Park and Ride
 4:30pm Approximate return time,
Cost: \$98.00 per person

Included: Transportation by Eyre motorcoach, Skyline entrance fee, lunch, tolls, taxes, gratuities.
Not included: Gratuity for Coach operator.
Date Due: September 3, 2015

Make check payable to MCPSRA and mail with completed reservation form to:

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 105 N. Summit Ave. #4
 Gaithersburg, MD 20877

MENU: Salad w/ blackberry vinaigrette, 1/4 Dickey Ridge Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Rolls, Butter, Blackberry Ice Cream, Coffee, Ice Tea or Soda.

BILTMORE ESTATE, ASHVILLE, NC
 ABINGDON, VA, BARTER THEATRE

December 2-5, 2015

Dec. 2

7:00 am Depart from Georgia Avenue Park and Ride
 Rest and lunch stops enroute.
 5:30pm Hotel check-in and dinner

Dec. 3

9:00 am Breakfast at hotel
 Depart for the Biltmore, the beautiful and unusual estate of George W. Vanderbilt that first opened on Christmas Eve in 1895. The 250-room French chateau is filled with treasures Vanderbilt collected during his world travels. The mansion is modeled after the chateau in France's Loire Valley.
 We'll visit the Winery for a tour and wine tasting and Antler Hill Village.
 12:30 pm Lunch/ shopping on own in Antler Village
 2:30 pm Biltmore Winery
 3:30 pm Return to hotel for rest and relaxation before dinner and the candlelight tour.
 6:00 pm Dinner at Deerpark followed by Candlelight tour of Biltmore.
 9:00 pm Return to hotel

Dec. 4

8:30am Breakfast at hotel
 Depart for the Thomas Wolfe Memorial State Historic Site - the childhood home of Wolfe which is furnished with family possessions. The house retains the atmosphere of Dixieland, the boarding house in "Look Homeward Angel."
 11:00 am Depart for Abingdon, the county seat for Washington County
 Lunch enroute.
 Check in our hotel - The Martha Washington Inn, now known as Martha's Hotel and Spa. This classic historic hotel, built in 1832 as a private home, later served as a Women's College.
 6:00 pm Dinner at hotel.
 7:30 pm Attend Barter Theatre performance, **Miracle on 34th Street.** This is one of the country's oldest professional regional theaters, The State Theatre of Virginia. It was founded in 1933 on the theory that drama could be bartered for food. During the depression, founder, Robert Porterfield convinced 22 Broadway actors that it was better to eat in Virginia, than to starve in New York.

The original theatre tickets were offered in exchange for milk, ham, chicken, garden vegetables and other provisions.

Dec. 5

9:00 am Breakfast at hotel.
 Depart for home.
 Rest and lunch stop enroute
 4:00 pm Approximate return to Park and Ride.

Cost:

\$798.00 pp, double; \$1010.00, single
Included: Round-trip motor coach transportation, 3 nights' accommodations, baggage handling(1 piece per person), 3 breakfasts, 3 dinners, self-guided day and candlelight tour at the Biltmore and the winery, admission to Thomas Wolfe's home, Barter theater ticket.

Not Included:

Gratuity for coach operator, lunches.

Deposit:

\$200.00 DUE: July 15, 2015

Balance Due:

October 7, 2015

Make check payable to **MCPSRA** and mail with completed reservation form to:

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Biltmore Estate

RESERVATION FORMS

NEW YORK: 9-11 MEMORIAL AND MUSEUM, STATUE OF LIBERTY, ELLIS ISLAND
August 5-6, 2015

*Name _____ Phone # _____ Member of MCPSRA? Yes ___ No ___

Name _____ Phone # _____ If not, guest of: _____

Total # Reservations _____ Total \$ Amt Enclosed _____ *Cell phone # _____

Make check payable to **MCPSRA**. Mail to Frieda J. Price, 105 N. Summit Ave. #4, Gaithersburg, MD 20877

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RIVERSIDE DINNER THEATRE***Fredericksburg, VA -Wednesday, September 16, 2015

*Name _____ Phone # _____ Member of MCPSRA? Yes ___ No ___

Name _____ Phone # _____ If not, guest of: _____

Total # Reservations _____ Total \$ Amt Enclosed _____ *Cell phone # _____

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SKYLINE DRIVE AND MARKER-MILLER ORCHARD***Tuesday, October 13, 2015

*Name _____ Phone # _____ Member of MCPSRA? Yes ___ No ___

Name _____ Phone # _____ If not, guest of: _____

Total # Reservations _____ Total \$ Amt Enclosed _____ *Cell phone # _____

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ASHVILLE - BILTMORE, ABINGDON & BARTER THEATRE***December 2-5, 2015

*Name _____ Phone # _____ Member of MCPSRA? Yes ___ No ___

Address _____ *Cell phone # _____

Name _____ Phone # _____ If not, guest of: _____

Address (if different from above) _____

Total # Reservations _____ Total \$ Amt Enclosed _____ if paying by check Make check payable to **MCPSRA**. Mail to Frieda J. Price, 105 N. Summit Ave. #4, Gaithersburg, MD 20877

I am paying by credit card to Eyre _____ 1-800-321-3973 X3252 – Ellen.

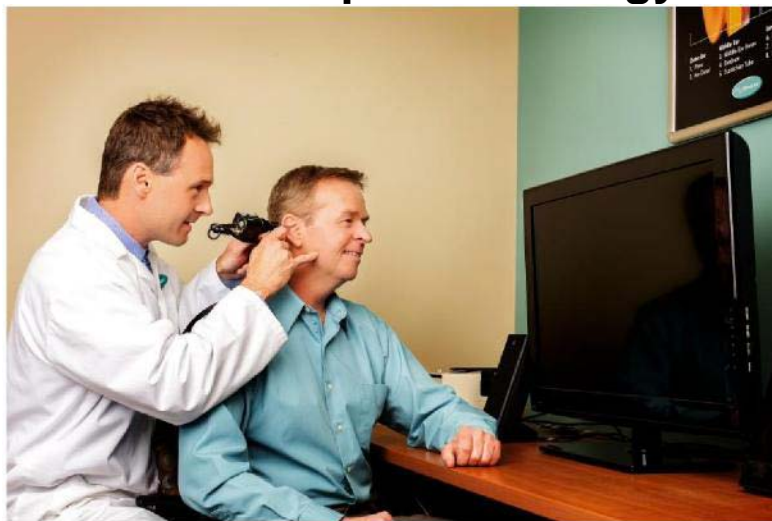
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MCPSRA LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING
Thursday, June 18, 2015

GOLDEN BULL GRAND CAFÉ

7 Dalamar Street
Gaithersburg, MD 20877
Telephone: 301-948-3666

MENU CHOICES:

Breast of Chicken	\$18.00
Broiled Salmon	\$22.00
English Prime Rib	\$22.00
Vegetarian Pasta	\$18.00

TIME: Gathering at 11:00 a.m.
Business Meeting at 11:30 a.m.
Luncheon at 12:00 Noon
Program following the Luncheon

MEAL ALSO INCLUDES:

Fresh Garden Salad
Red Skin Potatoes
Vegetable of the Day
Dessert
Choice of Coffee, Hot or Iced Tea, Soda
Cash Bar

DIRECTIONS TO THE GOLDEN BULL GRAND CAFÉ:

- Take Exit #11 off I-270 onto Route 124E (Quince Orchard Road Toward Gaithersburg and Montgomery Village)
- Turn RIGHT onto Rt. 355 South (Frederick Ave.)
- Go approximately 0.6 miles
- Turn RIGHT onto Dalamar Street. Restaurant is on the left, parking available to the left or right of the building as well as in the lot across the street.

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RESERVATIONS FOR MCPSRA LUNCHEON/BUSINESS MEETING
Thursday, June 18, 2015, at the Golden Bull Grand Cafe

Gathering: 11:00 a.m. Business Meeting: 11:30 a.m. Luncheon: 12:00 Noon Program

CIRCLE ENTRÉE CHOICE

Name: _____ Phone: _____

e-mail address: _____

Chicken	\$18.00
Salmon	\$22.00
Prime Rib	\$22.00
Vegetarian Pasta	\$18.00

Name: _____ Phone: _____

e-mail address: _____

Chicken	\$18.00
Salmon	\$22.00
Prime Rib	\$22.00
Vegetarian Pasta	\$18.00

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

YOUR RESERVATION FORM AND CHECK MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, June 12, 2015.
Mail reservation form and check payable to MCPSRA. Mail to:

LeeAnn Kaye
3210 N. Leisure World Blvd., #306
Silver Spring, MD 20906

For information call: LeeAnn Kaye 301-598-5480 or Trish Bendler 301-540-5160
geolakaye@gmail.com patricia_bendler09@comcast.net



MCPSRA Luncheon/Business Meeting

GOLDEN BULL GRAND CAFÉ

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Luncheon: 12:00 noon

Next Luncheon Date

June 18, 2015

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