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The Prince George's Public School Retirees Association Newsletter

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PGPSRA Founded and Established June 18, 1964

Greetings PGPSRA Members,

It is hard to believe that we are midway through Spring and rapidly approaching Summer. A lot has happened since our last newsletter.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Quinn Patterson, President-Elect of PGPSRA, in early March. Many members of our organization attended a Memorial Service in his honor. Then we were elated that Lorraine Johnson, former PGPSRA President and current Vice President of MRSPA, agreed to finish Quinn's term as President-Elect and become our President in July. She was elected unanimously to the President-Elect position at the March meeting. Past President Brenda Barnes also presented a slate of nominations for officers for 2018-19, which included George Denny as President-Elect, Dr. Ed Vest as Treasurer, Nicole Dias as Recording Secretary, and Courtney Pringle as Corresponding Secretary. That slate was elected unanimously by the membership, and will be sworn into office at the May 23 General Meeting.

Also in March, 27 of our members and guests made the trek to Annapolis to visit the State Legislature and enjoy lunch with a number of our Senators and Delegates. The trip was organized by our **Legislative Committee**.

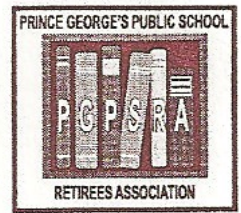
At the May 23 General Meeting we will not only have Faye Miller, President of the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association, swear in our officers, but we also will have our annual scholarships and awards program. The **Scholarship Committee** has identified two applicants to receive scholarships from PGPSRA. The **Community Service Committee** will present graduation and prom assistance to five seniors from Friendly High School. In a unique circumstance, the seniors will not be present at our meeting due to their graduation ceremonies being held the same day, but will be with us via a video presentation produced by the school exclusively for our meeting. The May 23 meeting will be held at the Comfort Inn in Bowie. Please see the registration form elsewhere in this issue.

Our **Travel Committee** is booking reservations for two outings in the coming months. Interested members can tour the 911 Call Center in Bowie on May 16, receive hands-on training in CPR and AED, and enjoy lunch. You can also sign up to see the musical "Ain't Misbehavin'" at Toby's on Oct. 10, 2018. Elsewhere in this issue you will find more details about both activities.

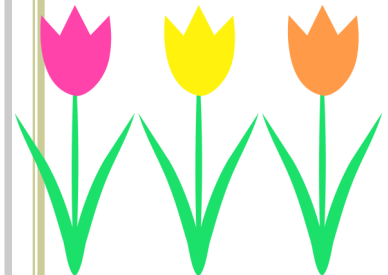
The **Membership Committee** continues to seek your help in attracting new members to help us with all of our activities. This year's membership theme is "Each One Reach Out and Bring in One New Member." If you attend meetings and bring someone with you, you will be helping us to reach that goal.

As you can see, our volunteers are very active in many ways, including planning our programs, publishing our ECHOES newsletter, maintaining our website, and liaising with the Board of Education regarding our benefits. We welcome your participation on committees of your choosing. If you want to learn more about PGPSRA, we encourage you to visit our website at www.pgpsra.org. If you want to know more about the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association, please visit that website, www.mrspa.org.

Hope to see you May 23. George Denny, President



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PROGRAMS FOR MARCH



Chico Oboite from the Maryland Department of Aging gave us “Tips on Preventing Falls in Older Adults”.



Victoria Samuels, VP for Community Relations from the Educational Systems Federal Credit Union spoke on the Millionaire’s Club program in our county high schools

BONUS!

Chico has given us permission to make her handouts available. Go to PGPSRA.org to find out what you missed!

Officers and Committee Chairs of PGPSRA

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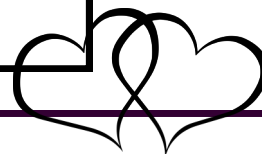
Remembrance: Jannie Goldston (clay1231@verizon.net)

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Senior Outreach: Jayne Johns (jaynejohns@verizon.net) & Brenda Barnes

Trips: Addie Martin and Nicole Dias

BITS AND PIECES



Happy **May** birthday wishes to some of our Emeritus members: Mrs. Virginia Hobble of Princess Anne will be celebrating her 93rd birthday on the 6th; Mr. William Beaver of Silver Spring will be having his 91st birthday on the 8th; Mrs. Henrietta Walker of Fletcher, FL. will be marking her 96th birthday on the 11th; Mrs. Helen Endo of Silver Spring will be celebrating her 97th birthday on the 20th; and Ms. Yvonne Koolhof of Naples, FL. will be having her 94th birthday on the 21st.

Happy **June** birthday greetings to several other Emeritus members: Mrs. Edna Long of Dameron, MD. will be marking her 98th birthday on the 7th; Ms. Carolyn Davis of Rancho Palos Verdes, CA. will be celebrating her 92nd birthday on the 11th; **Ms. Althea Carrick of Catonsville will be having her 103rd birthday on the 20th**; Mrs. Mary Mills of Mechanicsville will be marking her 97th birthday on the 20th; and Ms. Dora Halton of Mitchellville will be turning 92 years-old on the 21st.

Happy **July** birthday wishes to more of our Emeritus members: Ms. Margaret Ann Beardsley of Austin, TX. will be celebrating her 97th birthday on July 4th! Mr. Robert Forrest of Broomfield, CO. will be having his 92nd birthday on the 5th; Mr. John Moran of Silver Spring will be turning 93 years-old on the 8th; Mr. Calvin McMillion of Waldorf will be marking his 95th birthday on the 12th; Dr. Joseph Hall of Washington, D.C. will be celebrating his 96th birthday on the 22nd; and Mrs. Alice Konze of Oxon Hill will be having her 98th birthday on the 31st.

Happy **August** birthday greetings to Emeritus members: Ms. Leah Martin of Gaithersburg will be celebrating her 98th birthday on the 1st, and Mr. Oliver Myers of Brandywine will be turning 95 years-old on the 28th.

Sara Sutton taught at Forestville Elementary until it closed in 1981. She was then transferred to Greenbelt Elementary for the next 12 years, retiring in 1993. Afterward, Sara and her husband, Ron, moved to Pinehurst, N.C. to play golf! There, she became involved with the Women's Golf Club, where she served as President, Vice-President, and on several committees, including Act II and the Newcomers Organization. Sara served as a Board Member of the North Carolina Symphony in Pinehurst, did computer work for the Convention & Visitors' Bureau, volunteered at Sunrise Theater, helped establish, and was a founding member, of the Sandhills Jewish Congregation, where she held the office of Secretary for six years. Sara also finds time for Tai Chi, Mah-Jongg, and reading. She has enjoyed travels to Europe, Australia, New Zealand, and National Parks in the U.S. Sara has two stepchildren, two step-grandchildren, and one step-great-grandson. She and Ron moved to San Diego two years ago, where they continue to enjoy retired life.

Kathleen (Kathy) Norville of Millersville, retired from Samuel Ogle Elementary in 1994. However, she continued her work in education in Anne Arundel County, part-time, in the reading-study skills lab for the next 11-years. She also tutored adults for the Literary Council. Kathy took several non-credit art history classes during the next 10-years and enhanced those with a number of day trips to museums. She now takes other non-credit classes on various topics of interest. She volunteers at SPAN, a food bank and assistance network in Severna Park. Kathy is an avid reader and has been in a book club for 30-years, but has also found time to take yoga classes for the past several years..

Joanne Norton retired from Pointer Ridge Elementary. She and her husband, Greg, have been spending time building a new home in Locust Grove, VA., in a community called Lake of the Woods. Their property is water-front, and they love to spend time on their pontoon boat – docked right in front of the house! Joanne has one daughter, Lindsay, who lives in Stafford, VA., works at Patient First, and is married to a Naval Academy graduate, who is now Captain of a ship. She also has one son, Jeffrey, who lives in Annapolis and works in the re-finance business. The Nortons have three granddaughters and one grandson.

To contribute to BITS & PIECES, contact: jannetteWundrow@comcast.net or 301-390-7324

MEMBERSHIP



Our meeting on March 28th was enjoyed by all but especially two of our “visiting guests”! The 2- two \$20.00 door prizes went to visitors, Chiso Oboite- Presenter for MD Dept of Aging (special thanks goes to her because she donated her funds to our Scholarship Fund) and the next went to my mother Helen Lewis, celebrating her 102nd yr of birth she held on to her \$20.00 for use in the future! Member, Thelma Barnes won \$5.00 for bringing a new/ first time attending retiree- Jearsel Watson. They will contact MRSPA to arrange to get the \$10.00 the state organization is offering members who sign up new members who will use DUES DEDUCTION in the future.. Jearsel informed me that she had worked in Prince George's County for 53 years. Many of you may remember her since she worked in many different positions over the years. Jearsel we thank you for your service.

During our May meeting we will also give 2 -two-\$20.00 door prizes and will again have 4-four-\$5.00 prizes for members who bring a new member to the meeting/ or to first time members who attend on their own.

You will see many mentions of our local and as a result-state organization- decreasing memberships. We need your help to bring our numbers back up. While chatting with former co-workers ask if they are paying dues to our organization which is the main one working to keep our elected officials alerted to our need to keep funds for pensions in view while they are in session in Annapolis. You can help protect your future funds by making sure all retirees join and pay dues. As you know, local officers don't get paid, but to keep good workers doing their jobs well at MRSPA we have to keep them on the payroll....our DUES = their paycheck. If you use any of the services/benefits/trips found on <https://www.mrspa.org/> they may be at risk in the future. All are there by members helping members- members paying their dues to provide for other members. Remember we are all in this boat together and we all need to pay our share to keep it afloat!

PGPSRA will host the Annual Business Meeting of MRSPA in May this year. For more info log on to <https://www.mrspa.org/abm-2017> .

Hoping to see more of you at our May23rd meeting. Until then enjoy the SPRING weather we are beginning to have after a long Winter.

Also remember, **EACH ONE REACH OUT AND BRING IN ONE NEW MEMBER** is our aim for 2018.

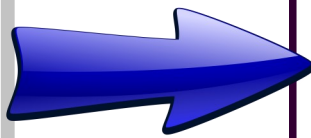
Charline Jacob- Chair
M. Isbell- F. King- I. Woodley -Committee Members

May Program

Come and meet our Scholarship Winners!

We have a show featuring the High School winners as our meeting date has conflicted with their graduation ceremony. They are putting together their thank-you thoughts for us.

COME AND SEE WHERE YOUR MONEY IS GOING!



TREASURER'S REPORT – MARCH – 2018

OPENING BALANCES:
 CHECKING ACCOUNT - \$10729.24
 SAVINGS ACCOUNT - 2030.40

ACTIVITY – CHECKING ACCOUNT:
 RECEIPTS - 1395.47
 EXPENDITURES - 7409.87

NO ACTIVITY IN SAVINGS ACCOUNT

BALANCES AS OF MARCH 31:
 CHECKING ACCOUNT - 4714.84
 SAVINGS ACCOUNT - 2030.40
 TOTAL ASSETS - 6745.24

Thank you.
 Ed Vest, Treasurer

Thank you Lorraine!

When hearing our plight with the opening of the job of President for next year, Lorraine Johnson has come through and volunteered her help. Here she is taking the oath after being elected in March.



REMEMBRANCE

Cadle, Katherine M.	01/30/2018	Donovan, Mary M.	02/03/2018
Griffith, Ethel Tolson	02/24/2018	Mullins, George	01/31/2018
Parfitt, Terry	02/18/2018	Patterson, Quinn	03/12/2018
Regentin, Marilyn	02/18/2018		

Jannie Goldston, Chair



LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Twenty seven members of PGPSRA had a great Legislative Trip to Annapolis on March 8, 2018. We enjoyed a smooth trip followed by a most informative program, group photo on the State House steps, observation of House and Senate proceedings and tours of Historic Rooms and Governor's House. We gathered for lunch in Room 150 where we were joined by ten Delegates or their aides and three State Senators.

Our sponsor, Delegate Carolyn Howard, will be retiring this year and Delegate Susie Proctor has gladly stepped up to sponsor our 2019 trip.

Those of you who did not receive your group photo at our March 28th meeting can get it from me at our May meeting.

Sue Finan, Legislative Chair

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

The Community Services "Teams" are steadily assisting their assigned schools in the Southern Area:

Clinton Grove Elementary	Friendly High
Panorama Elementary	Rose Valley Elementary
Tayac Elementary	

Our five (5) seniors from Friendly High School are:

Yesslyn Vasquez	Kailah Minor
DeAndre Wansom	Destiny Allen
Cameron Pinkney	

This year, there is a conflict of their presence at our May 2018 meeting since May 23 is the actual date for Friendly High's graduation. However we will hear from them digitally. The Senior Prom is scheduled at the Camelot on May 11, 2018.

Thanks, again, for your generous support.

Ethel L. Brown, Chairperson

202 285 5524

Calling All MRSPA Members!

Who? YOU and New MRSPA Members What? New Member Recruitment Incentive When? Now through October 1, 2018 Where? Anywhere you find a new member

Why? There is strength in our numbers and

1. Earn a \$10 gift card for recruiting a new member who signs up for dues deduction
2. Save \$10 (one-time) for the new member when they sign up for dues deduction
3. Renewing automatically, so no membership interruption
4. Saving time and money: 1 less bill to pay & no stamps or checks needed
5. Using less paper helps to save our environment

MRSPA offers a time-limited opportunity for you to earn a \$10 gift card for each new member you bring in who signs up as a dues deduction member.

FAQs:

Is there a limit to the number of new members I can recruit? No. You'll receive a \$10 gift card for each new member you recruit, who signs up via dues deduction.

How do I sign them up? Give them the newest membership application with your name inserted as recruiter. Return the completed application to MRSPA. To be eligible, does a new member have to join my local? Not in most cases, but there are a few locals that stipulate state and local membership. You are encouraged to bring new dues deduction members into the local of their choice.

Questions: Judy I. Thompson, Membership Chair, 301-371-5729 or mym-rspa@gmail.com or call MRSPA at 410-551-1517.

Can you Help Us?

We are thinking of saving money for the expense of the newsletters. As we lose members, our budget is tightening. If you are willing to receive these online, we need to have you "opt out".

To do so, send an email to the newsletter editor, Bonnie Brose, saying so. Put "Echoes" in the subject line. You will be on a list to be notified when your next issue of Echoes is available.

Bonus! Your newsletter will be in color!!

Remember also: You can access all newsletters at PGPSRA.org.

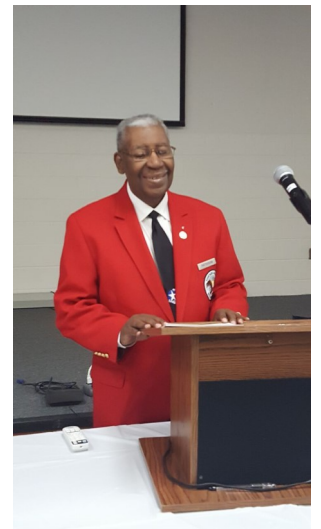
The list will be compiled over the summer. Thank you for the consideration of this for us.

IN MEMORY

As you may already know, we are mourning the passing of our President-Elect, Quinn Patterson. He quickly stepped up to help us when we needed him and we will miss him greatly.

Quinn taught Technology Education in Prince George's County for 44 years before retiring in 2010. His many interests included the Tusgeege Airmen and shared this with our members at our January meeting. It was a program enjoyed by all and we are thankful that he brought it to us.

Our sympathies are extended to his wife Ida and the family.



VISIT THESE WEBSITES

www.MRSPA.org and www.PGPSRA.org

If you have not already done so,
send your email address to Dr. Vest

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OCTOBER
2018



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Per Person

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9706 Frank Tippet Road
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

**Bus will Leave from the PGCEA Building on
8008 Marlboro Pike, Forestville, MD at 9:00 am**

Please call the phone number below
if you need wheelchair accessibility.

QUESTIONS? }

(301)868-6081

Addie Martin



Making Good Hands-On Safety Tips

911 Call Center

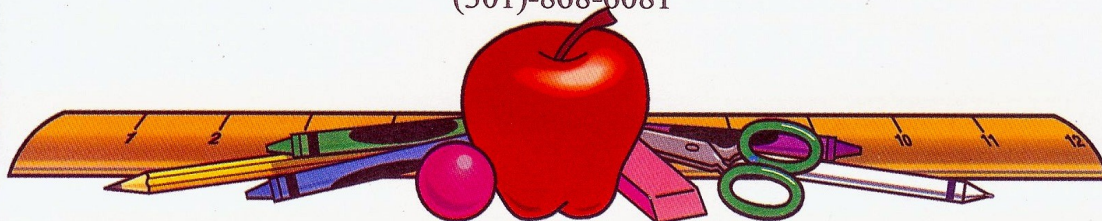
17321 Melford Boulevard
Bowie, Maryland 20715

May 16, 2018
10:00 a.m.

- Greetings
- Film by 911 Call Center
- Tour of the 911 Call Center
- Hands -On Training - CPR and AED
- Lunch - Catered on Site - \$15.00

If you are interested in attending this informative training please let me know ASAP so I can confirm with the 911 Call Center.

PGCEA Travel/Trips
Addie L. Martin
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Upper Marlboro, MD 20772
(301)-868-6081



PGPSRA Reservation Form

May 23, 2018 at 11:00 A.M.

Comfort Inn, Bowie

PLEASE MAIL THIS FORM TO THE ADDRESS BELOW:

Dr. Ed Vest, 7908 Klovstad Drive, Fort Washington, MD 20744-1729

Name(s) _____

Amount Enclosed **\$30.00** (checks payable to PGPSRA) for each lunch reservation— \$ _____ **(We need the count by the May 16 mail delivery!)**

This will be a plated lunch: Chicken Cordon Bleu, garden tossed salad, garlic bread stick, carrot cake, tea, coffee or tea.

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Next Meeting

May 23, 2018

Comfort Inn, Bowie

11:00 am

