

# ECHOES

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The Prince George's Public School Retirees Association Newsletter

September 2014

**PGPSRA Founded and Established June 18, 1964**

## The President Speaks



**Dr. Norma Martof**

*Thank you for the confidence you have placed in me to serve as your PGPSRA president 2014-15. I am both honored and humbled to be a part of and continue the distinguished legacy of our organization that celebrated fifty years in March.*

*I hope we will continue to increase PGPSRA's membership and be recognized for this by MRSPA. Moreover, increasing our membership is a measure of how well we are serving the needs of our members socially and through informative programs. One way is to have speakers who address our concerns as retirees and inform us about retirement as a whole.*

*For September's meeting, we will have Prince George's Schools CEO Dr. Kevin Maxwell and Mr. Ken Haines, President PGCEA address our membership. We also have County Executive Rushern Baker and Board of Education Chair, Dr. Segun Eubanks scheduled for the November meeting.*

**Norma**

**PGPSRA**

**General Meetings**

**2014-2015 Calendar**

September 24—PGCEA CENTER

November 19—Comfort Inn

January 28—PGCEA CENTER

March 15—Comfort Inn

May 27—Comfort Inn

**PGPSRA**

**Board Meetings**

**2014-2015**

September 3

November 5

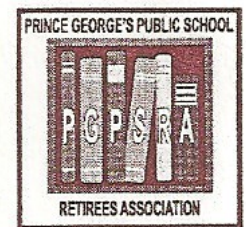
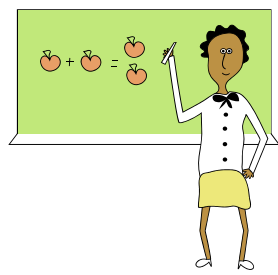
January 7

March 4

May 6

All Board Meetings at:

PGCEA Center



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### Passing of the PGPSRA gavel



Your Money is in Good Hands!  
Here is the latest Treasurer's Report

#### TREASURER'S REPORT – JULY – 2014

##### OPENING BALANCES:

CHECKING ACCOUNT - \$13627.48

SAVINGS ACCOUNT - 3024.99

##### ACTIVITY – CHECKING ACCOUNT:

RECEIPTS - 360.56

EXPENDITURES - 446.60

##### ACTIVITY – SAVINGS ACCOUNT:

INTEREST - 0.38

##### BALANCES AS OF JULY 31:

CHECKING ACCOUNT - 13541.44

SAVINGS ACCOUNT - 3025.37

TOTAL ASSETS - \$16566.81

EDWARD N. VEST

Come to September's meeting for more!



### Scholarship Committee

#### Five Students Awarded \$2000.00 PGPSRA Scholarships 2014

Three high school students planning to enter the teaching profession were awarded a scholarship of \$2000.00 each in May 2014. Dane'a Anderson, a graduate of Frederick Douglas, plans to enter Virginia Union University in Richmond, Virginia, majoring in Elementary Education. Iyana Hunter, a graduate of Charles Flowers, plans to enter Stevenson University in Owings Mills, Maryland, majoring in Elementary Education. Walter Rivera, a graduate of Suitland, plans to enter Delaware Ste University in Dover, Delaware majoring in Foreign Languages.

Lauren Wynn, former graduate of Friendly and last year's PGPSRA scholarship award winner, will begin her second year at Florida Memorial University in Miami Springs, Florida, majoring in Elementary Education. Jenna Isaac, a graduate of Suitland, will begin her senior year at Coppin State University in Baltimore, majoring in Elementary Education.

The scholarship recipients will receive their awards upon submitting proof to the Treasurer of the Prince George's Scholarship Fund, Inc. that she/he is enrolled in an institution of higher learning.

Again, thanks for all your support and contributions to the PGPSRA Scholarship Committee.

Alveta S. Jones and Delores Brown, Co-Chairs

### Remembrance/Necrology

Eleanor King Creveling 5/09/2014

Francis G. Tracey

4/29/2014

Roberta H. White

4 / /2014

Jannie Goldston, Chair



## MEMBERSHIP- Charline Jacob

If you are reading this article and did not attend the March 26, 2014 50th Anniversary Celebration you missed seeing many longstanding members of our organization. Just speak to Kathy Rupard and Irma Proctor two FIRST TIMERS who were there. Because our January meeting was canceled by one of our area's famous SNOW DAYS of this winter- many members stood as we called for the January-February and March birthday group to stand and get their prizes : Ann Chotiner was given a special welcome because she had just made 95 years of age. Others who claimed their prizes include Phyllis Evans- Ruby Gross- Ann Robinson- Margaret Fleet- Doris Hall- Maryann Royall- Leah Fowble- Mitzi Wicker- Judy Naugle- Robert Poling- Gretel James- Helen Butler- Lillie James- Katherine Brown- Thelma Boyd-Nash and Fran Doyle. The BIG MONEY PRIZE winner was Joyce Conway then Ann Chotiner, Greta Garrett, Oliver Myers, Judy Naugle, Leroy Cowan, Jennie Jones, Marcia Poling and Brenda Thomas all were door prize winners and selected from the many items on the table. Remaining prizes were given out at the May meeting after Judith Naugle claimed the \$\$\$ Door Prize.

Special thanks goes out to Pat Tompkins , Alice Hutchinson and Lou Vest for their help in 13/14.

We invite others to consider joining the Membership Committee for 14/15 to

: Enjoy bringing smiles to the faces of members who will receive prizes

: Help plan exciting activities for the meetings

: Get to know some members better

During 14/15 there will be a **BRING A MEMBER** contest . Any person who brings a **NEW or First Timer MEMBER** to a meeting will have their name entered into the contest. If you bring a **NEW or First Timer Member** to each meeting your chance of being the winner increases. The name pulled at our May meeting will get the GRAND PRIZE.

See you September 24th.

## New MRSPA President, Max Muller Accepts the gavel from outgoing Stu Tucker



## Officers and Committee Chairs of PGPSRA

President: Dr. Norma Martof (nmartof@verizon.net)

Past President: Gretel James (Gret22@verizon.net)

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Consumer Ed. **Open: Interested? Contact Norma!**

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Alveta Jones (alvetajones@verizon.net)

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Programs: **(Awaiting a new volunteer!)**

**Like Uncle Sam**

**We need You.**

**Come to the meetings!**

**Meet old friends.....find new ones.**

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## Legislative Report

Hello PGPSRA members and welcome back to a “new year.” As we approach elections for governor, legislators and local delegates it is most important that we are well informed concerning their positions on education and retirement benefits. How can I best do this? By reading various news articles and attending local forums you where I will hear about current issues. Read your ECHOES newsletter and the MRSPA newsletter. Respond whenever asked to contact state and local representatives voicing your support and/or concerns pertaining to the issues at hand.

Please consider joining us on Fridays in Annapolis during the Prince George’s County delegate session and most of all we encourage you to set aside time in March to attend our annual legislative trip to Annapolis. There is no cost and lunch is included. Look for information in future issues of ECHOES.

Sue Finan  
Legislative Chair



Members at MRSPA Annual Meeting in May

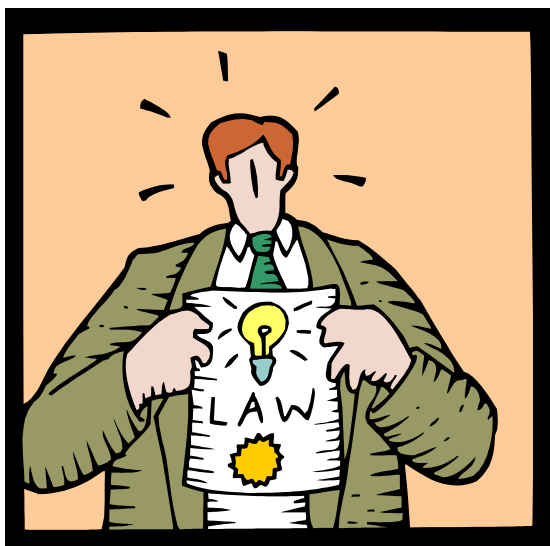
## DISCOUNTS!!

Check out **Abenity** on Your MRSPA website

for special offers for you.

Visit the site often!

From pizza to movies and lots in-between.



## VISIT THESE WEBSITES

[www.MRSPA.org](http://www.MRSPA.org) and [www.PGPSRA.org](http://www.PGPSRA.org)

We will soon have a facebook page!

Keep in touch.....

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

## BITS AND PIECES

Happy **September** birthday wishes to several of our Emeritus members: Mr. James Nicholson of Temple Hills will be having his 99<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 2<sup>nd</sup>; Mrs. Margaret Routten of Port Royal, S. C., will be turning 92 years-old on the 6<sup>th</sup>; Mrs. Mildred R. Gray of Mitchellville will be celebrating her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 9<sup>th</sup>; Miss Jane Hand of Catonsville, will be marking her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday on the 15<sup>th</sup>; and Mrs. Ruth Hanson of Annapolis, will be celebrating her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Happy **October** birthday greetings to: Mrs. Beatrice Sager of Hyattsville, who will be marking her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 21<sup>st</sup>, and Mr. Charles Hudson of Silver Spring, who will be having his 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Miss Ada Warrington of Seaford, DE, celebrated her 97<sup>th</sup> birthday with friends and family on August 27<sup>th</sup>. She retired as Supervisor of Physical Education (Elementary and Girls-Secondary) in 1973. She then returned to her home state of Delaware, where she developed the Retired Senior Volunteer Program for Sussex County. She also cared for her elderly mother and played golf. Following her mother's passing, she spent the winters in Florida. Miss Warrington resides at the Life Care Retirement Community in Seaford, where she remains very active and happy, while presiding as the Matriarch of the Warrington Family in Delaware!

Ora Jordan is a 2006 retiree of Oxon Hill Middle School. She continues her work as an educator, by having established a home-based tutoring business. She also participates in the Harmony Hall Senior Citizens Organization and volunteers at Riverside Baptist Church in the Deacon Ministry, the Women of Praise Ministry, the Sister to Sister Ministry, and as the Tutoring Ministry Leader. Ora takes physical fitness seriously, exercising five days a week by doing Zumba dance, pilates and yoga, cardio, strength training, cycling, and kickboxing! She also participates in Biblical Studies courses. Ora enjoyed a week-long Eastern Caribbean cruise to Port Canaveral and Freeport, Bahamas. She lives in Ft. Washington, MD, where she enjoys reading and socializing with friends and family. Ora is proud of her two adult sons and three grandchildren.

Joan Johnson of Hyattsville, retired from Ridgecrest Elementary in 1996. Her husband, Willard, is also a retired educator from Washington, D.C. public schools. The Johnsons celebrated their 54<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in August. They have three adult children and six grandchildren. Since retiring Joan and Willard have traveled, along with family and friends, to Hawaii, Thailand, Spain, Italy, and the Greek Isles. Both of the Johnsons stay active in their

church and community, and are leaders/distributors of Youngevity Essential Life Sciences, Inc. – a health and wellness company that promotes and educates about the importance of nutritional supplements to live younger and longer. The Johnsons attend aerobics classes five days a week, and Joan manages to include a weekly Zumba class into her schedule and performs with the Michigan Park Line Dancers. In their free time, the Johnsons enjoy attending theatrical performances. Joan is always pleased when former students stop her in the community, to tell her of their achievements.

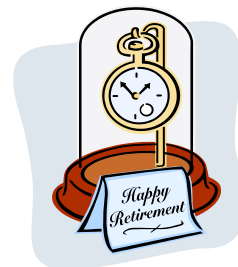
Dr. Mathildia (Tillie) Webb retired after 20 years of working with the ESOL Program in Prince George's County. Following the death of her husband, Leonard, she returned to her home state of CA. She first settled in San Diego, where she enjoyed time with nieces and nephews, and participating in interesting groups, such as the World Affairs Council, a Writers Alliance, and various church groups and ministries. Next, Tillie bought a house in Ojai, CA. There she taught English to adult immigrants and joined the Society of Military Widows. About two years ago, she moved to an Independent Living Residence in Boise, Idaho, to be near her sister and other family members. Tillie now enjoys participating in many social activities and local events in the Boise community.

Eve (Ethel) Jordan is now a resident of Heathsville, VA, a small rural area close to the Chesapeake Bay, Potomac River, and Rappahanock River. Eva loved working at the Oxon Hill Staff Development Center as a Pupil Personnel Worker with students and staff, but she didn't know how much more she would enjoy retirement! Eva retired in 2003, and is finding that every day is an adventure. She is very involved in her new community, serving on the Board of Directors of the local library, as well as, the Lancaster County Education Foundation. Eva has traveled extensively since retirement; she most recently took a trip to Russia in July and is anticipating a trip to India in October. Eva has no spouse or children; however, she has a small white dog named Warren Buffett, who is a complete delight.

To contribute to BITS & PIECES, contact:

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1007 Packton Lane, Bowie, MD. 20716



**Community Services**  
**PGPSRA**  
**May 28, 2014**  
**“Together Everyone Achieves More”**

Welcome to a New Fiscal Year!!! (2014-2015). We, the Community Services Team, hope you had a safe, super summer.

Thanks to all of your support, the fiscal year 2013-2014 was a grandiose success!!

What a fantastic year of service (2013-2014) this was for our Central Area Schools:

**Central High School—Hillcrest Heights Elementary School—Kenmoor Middle School**  
**Longfields Elementary School - William Beanes Elementary School**

We have served 312 families this fiscal school year 2013-2014!!! Our projected projects included:

**School supplies (technology included), 10 APPS, I-PAD Program grades K-4**  
**Food baskets -School uniforms - Coat Drive—Shoes and socks for Easter**  
**300 composition booklets**  
**12 eighth-graders – assistance for the end-of-the-year matriculation**  
**End-of-year matriculation for prom and graduation for four (4) seniors—380 pencils**

To the “Team,” I thank you for another job well done. This “Team” went above and beyond their voluntary spirits by purchasing extras for the food baskets due to needs. Several teams delivered their baskets to homes rather than schools.

On May 6, 2014, in Annapolis, Maryland, the PGPSRA Community Services Ad Hoc Committee received the Outstanding Local Association Award from MRSPA (Maryland Retired School Personnel Association). The Award was graciously received by our President, Mrs. Lorraine Johnson. A job well done by the “Team.”

You, the members, have lifted many spirits by your caring and sharing!!! Thank you.

Our esteemed seniors from Central High School were with us. They were:

Marcus Brock and his brother, Mr. Travis Rogers  
Christopher Forbes and his grandfather, Mr. Cephus Addison  
Tonii Garrison and her mother, Mrs. Arlondria Garrison  
Montay McMillan and his mentor, Mr. Victor Graves

**YOU MISSED A TREAT IF YOU WERE NOT PRESENT TO HEAR THEIR STORIES.**

Further representation from Central High School:

Mr. Charoscar Coleman, Principal - Dr. Cathleen Rozanski, Senior Advisor and Assistant Principal  
Senior Class Sponsors: Sergeant Gregory Ferguson and Officer Donald Marks



## Community Service Continued

We're looking forward to serve next school term in the Southern Area.

***"Teamwork Makes the Dream Work."***

I further would like to leave you with these words:

### **Generosity**

"The unselfish effort to bring cheer to others will be the beginning of a happier life for ourselves.

We look forward, with your further generosity, to do even more this year.

Ethel L. Brown, Chairperson  
Community Services Committee  
202-581-0740



Lorraine accepts MRSPA Community Award Certificate  
From Stu Tucker and MRSPA Chair Trish Bendler



PGPSRA Reservation Form

Kick off the New PGPSRA Year!

September 24 , 2014 at 11:00 A.M.

PGCEA Center, Forrestville, MD

PLEASE MAIL THIS FORM TO THE ADDRESS BELOW:

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

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \$10.00 for each lunch reservation— \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**(We need the count by Sept. 17th mail delivery!)**

This is a box lunch meal. If you choose, you may bring your own.

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## Join us In September

**Plan to Be There!**

**September 24**

**11:00 A.M.**

**PGCEA Center**

**\$10.00**

Welcome our 2014-2015 Officers

President: Dr. Norma Martof

Treasurer: Dr. Edward Vest

Secretary: Joann Sloan

Corresponding Secretary:

Courtney Pringle

