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November 2014

PGPSRA Founded and Established June 18, 1964

The President Speaks



PGPSRA

General Meetings

2014-2015 Calendar

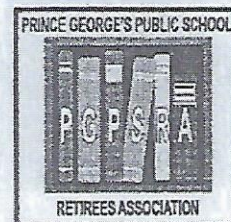
September 24—PGCEA CENTER

November 19—Comfort Inn

January 28—PGCEA CENTER

March 25—Comfort Inn

May 27—Comfort Inn



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From the President:

Thank you to everyone who has graciously helped PGPSRA when asked. Everyone benefits when there is TEAM WORK. The saying, "Many hands make light work" expresses the benefits of cooperating.

October 2, 2014 PGPSRA was represented at the MRSPA Area 2 Leadership Workshop by Charline Jacob, Lorraine Johnson, and this President. The emphasis this year showcased community service, membership, and president/president elect duties. Some of the ways other locals promote membership include: personally inviting prospective members and letting them know what is in it for them. Some sponsor a picnic or cook-out and invite and provide incentives to regular members to bring in new members.

Numbers do count and make a difference! I urge each to invite someone and tell him/her what membership means. The resounding message is that we are an advocacy group and we lobby to protect our pensions and benefits. This should be a resounding message to members and potential members. Have you heard the expression, "Paper tells, people compel"?

Programs should serve our members and provide information that is helpful. Some suggestions for program planning included having the benefits office speak about our benefits, contacting the Department of Aging and/or the State's Attorney General's Office for speakers. Lastly, some locals invite the Vocational Technology students to cater a luncheon.

I urge you to read the MRSPA newsletters for member benefits and travel opportunities as well as upcoming events. The 2015 Annual Business Meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2015 at Turf Valley Resort in Ellicott City. In anticipation of celebrating 70 years, our local will be asked to showcase PGPSRA.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Comfort Inn for our November meeting!

Dr. Norma Martof



Join us for our November Luncheon

Crab Cake Sandwich served with Pasta Salad and Cole Slaw

Ice Tea, Cofee, Decaf, Hot Tea and Dessert

Meeting Speakers

Dr. Segun Eubanks, Chairman

Prince George's Board of Education

And

Rushern Baker, County Executive

Prince George's County



Rushern Baker, County Executive



Dr. Segun Eubanks, Chairman Bd. Of Ed.

WE KNOW YOU ARE OUT THERE!

Your Association needs leaders to make it all happen. We are in need of a President-Elect to come on board as soon as possible. Our officer terms are for one year. Please contact Norma Martof if you would be willing to serve. This is a position to serve to the end of this year and to follow as President during the 2015-16 year. Without officers, to put things together for you, there will not be luncheons, programs or committee work.

Lorraine Johnson, as immediate past president, is also looking for officers for next year. We will need a President-Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary for the 2015-16 year.

Email these ladies....they will welcome your interest!!

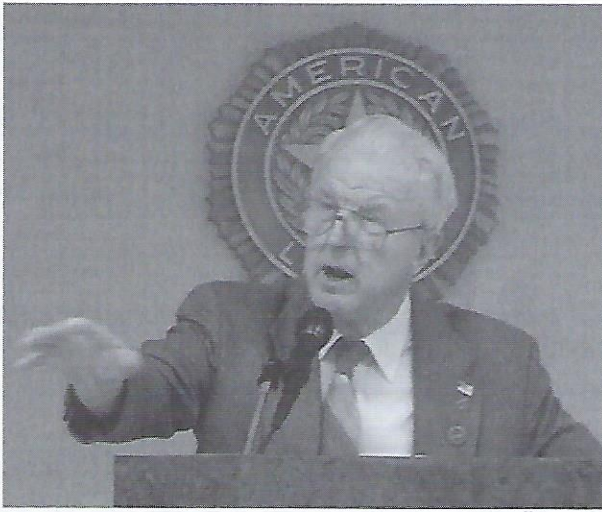
TRIPS

On October 8, 2014, there were seventeen of us who went to Toby's Dinner Theatre in Columbia, Maryland to see the famous Broadway show MEMPHIS. The background was—Memphis in the 1950's. The dancing and singing was very good. This show played on Broadway for several years.

There are shows at the Dutch Apple D.T in Lancaster, PA; The Rainbow D.T. (also in Lancaster) and at Toby's possible for trips later this year. Details will be given out at the November meeting and you can let me know which one(s) you would like to see. All trips require 30 persons to get group rates and to pay for the bus.

Charles Hudson, Chair





Your Money is in Good Hands!

Here is the latest Treasurer's Report

TREASURER'S REPORT – SEPTEMBER – 2014

OPENING BALANCES:

CHECKING ACCOUNT - \$26849.90
SAVINGS ACCOUNT - 3025.37

ACTIVITY – CHECKING ACCOUNT:

RECEIPTS - 1845.88
EXPENDITURES - 630.99

NO ACTIVITY IN SAVINGS ACCOUNT

BALANCES AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2014:

CHECKING ACCOUNT - 28064.79
SAVINGS ACCOUNT - 3025.37
TOTAL ASSETS - \$31090.16

Thank you.

E. Vest

Remembrance/Necrology

Hilda Burroughs Bryant 07/30/2014

Ruth Scott Brown

Mary Jane Lusby 08/22/2014

Len Modzelewski 03/13/2014

Levonina Streeter Williams

Anthony C. Yanchulis ,Jr. 08/23/2014

Jannie Goldston, Chair

JANUARY MEETING!

Calling all crafters and hobbyists!

Let me know what your interests are and reserve a table to show your wares at the January meeting!

Time will be given after lunch for all to mingle and view tables and talk with you about your interests.

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Scholarship Committee

The Treasurer of Prince George's Scholarship Fund, Inc. has informed us that the five persons receiving scholarships for 2014 from PGPSRA have submitted proof that they are enrolled in institutions of higher learning and have each received \$2000.00. The Scholarship Committee is very pleased and hopes that the recipients will share some of their college experiences in our future newsletters. The Committee again thanks all persons who contribute to the Scholarship Committee.

In 2015, the Committee will award five \$ 2000.00 scholarships to persons who go into Education/Teaching. The applications for these scholarships will be delivered to the Guidance Counselors' offices of the Prince George's Public Schools during mid-December 2014. The deadline for completing the applications is February 28, 2015. The application will also be posted on PGPSRA web page once they are distributed. We are encouraging members to share this information with family and friends who have seniors in high schools . Encourage them to apply for our scholarships and to follow all instructions for completing the forms and make sure they meet the deadline.

Alveta S. Jones and Delores C. Brown
Co- Scholarship Chairpersons



MEMBERSHIP

Ethel Brown has a ticket in the drawing to win the prize for bringing a **NEW** or **FIRST TIME ATTENDING** member to a PGPSRA meeting. Contact your former co-workers and encourage them to attend a meeting so your name can be added to the drawing which will take place at the May 2015 meeting.

We are happy to welcome **Betty Nicholson** and hope as a **NEW** member she will find a committee to work on - a great way to get to know other members. Sadly, I did not get the name of another **FIRST TIME ATTENDING** woman...let's hope she returns .

Members were pleasantly surprised to learn that we now give (2) TWO money door prizes at each meeting. Mildred Evans and Rose W. Miller won in September. Also, 8 small prizes were given out to several members. All went home with smiles on their faces.

We had a good attendance so I am looking forward to seeing as many or MORE members in November.

Charline Jacob– Chair

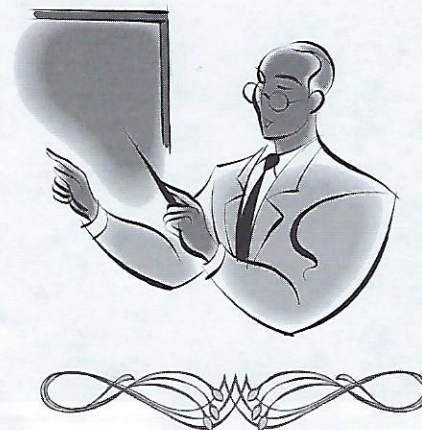
Also, the following names were sent to us from MRSPA as having passed away:

Shirley Ames	Rebecca Armstrong
Bonnie Baumann	Ethel Beverly
Eunice Chesley	Florence Cooke
Viola Davis	Patricia Drummey
Laura Hart	Jennie Kalie
Mary Louie	Barbara Maxwell
Alice Nelsen	Walter Pfaender
Millicent Rose	Regina Schaffer Lucas
Annette Schwartz	Virginia Service
Frances Stricklett	Elizabeth Thorne
Lydia Unkle	

KUDOS

Ms Delores Brown and Mr. Donald Conway have been selected to be honored as members of the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame. They received their awards at a luncheon on October 23, 2014.

Congratulations Delores and Don!!!



Officers and Committee Chairs of PGPSRA

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Programs: Bonnie Brose with Maryclaire Dunlap

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BITS AND PIECES

Happy **November** birthday wishes to: Mrs. Julia Derry of Charlottesville, VA., who will be celebrating her **102nd** birthday on the 28th; Mrs. Dorothy Sojourner of Silver Spring, who will be marking her **92nd** birthday on the 18th; Mrs. Huguette Audin of Mt. Pleasant, S.C., who will be turning 92 years-old on the 19th; and Mrs. Helen Stevens of Ormondo Beach, FL., who will be having her **96th** birthday on the 21st.

Happy **December** birthday greetings to: Mrs. Nana Bush of Marysville, TN., who will be marking her 95th birthday on the 16th; Mr. Dale Woodburn of College Park, who will be having his 95th birthday on the 17th; Mrs. Betty Moore of Port Orange, FL., who will be celebrating her 94th birthday on the 19th; and Mrs. Annie Barbour of Indian Head, who will be turning 99 years-old on the 28th.

Jennie Jones of Bowie, retired from Kenmore Elementary in 2002. She and her husband, Bill, also a retiree, celebrated 50 years of marriage this past June. The Joneses have three grown children - all products of the Prince George's County School System, who went on to obtain advanced degrees. They have one granddaughter. Since retiring Jennie and Bill have travelled extensively, not only in the U.S.A., but internationally, as well, to South America, Spain, Costa Rica, and Aruba. A favorite trip, that the Joneses take often, is to New York City with another couple to see a play and have dinner. Jennie also travels frequently to South Carolina to visit her mother, who is 95 years young. Jennie and Bill started a Book Club that meets four or five times a year. So far they have reviewed more than 40 books, covering a broad range of topics. Last year Jennie started a book club for children ages 6 to 12 years-old. The Joneses also spend time doing volunteer work in their church and community, and mentoring young married couples.

Mrs. Margaret Ann Beardsley retired from the Prince George's School System - Office of Education in 1982. Four years later she moved to Austin, Texas and became very active in volunteer work. Margaret Ann is a participant in the Austin Women's Club, St. Louis Church food bank and recycling programs, Antiques Club, Knives & Forks Club, Austin Women's Federation, and a Mahjong Club. She has enjoyed travels to England, France, Italy, California, Arizona, and Iowa. She has several nieces, nephews, and even great-great nieces and nephews. On July 4th, 2014, Margaret Ann celebrated her 93rd birthday; she's toying with the idea of slowing down a little!

Karen Lindsey of Crofton, MD, retired in 2012 from Cool Spring Elementary. Before coming to Prince George's County, Karen taught elementary school in Jeannette, PA. Since retirement, she enjoys walking each day, taking bio-fitness classes and other courses at the Senior Center in Bowie. As an active PGPSRA member, Karen serves on the PGPSRA Community Service Committee. She likes playing Bridge and getting together with friends and former colleagues. Last May, Karen traveled to London to visit her daughter, who has lived at the U.S. Embassy there for three years. Together they traveled to Krakow, Poland. Karen is happy to report that her daughter has recently moved back to Maryland. She also has a son, daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren, who live in Olney. Sadly, Karen's husband, Dean, passed away two years ago.

Patsy Johnson retired as Secretary to the Principal of Bowie High School in 1997. Since then, she has volunteered to keep the alumni informed of various activities, most recently through a "Good News" email. Patsy enjoys staying in touch, not only with Bowie alumni, but also with a group of school secretaries and some teachers, who meet once a month for lunch and reminiscing. Her travels have been mostly to Maine, her home state, with some trips south to visit family and friends. Patsy and her husband plan to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on December 27th. They have lived in Beltsville since 1958. The Johnsons have two daughters, twin grandchildren (a boy and a girl), and one great-granddaughter.

Joseph Lippert retired in 2008 from Laurel High School. He has since moved to Schertz, Texas, just northeast of San Antonio. Joseph has immersed himself in the culture of the area, and is serving as a volunteer ranger at San Antonio Missions National Park. He has produced two exhibits about the Mission Indians, and has written an article titled "Harvesting Souls" (published March/April 2012) for "Native Peoples Magazine". Joseph also plays on the San Antonio Men's Senior Baseball League. He has played twice, since 2008, in the MSBL World Series, held in Phoenix. Joseph and his wife, Sandra, recently celebrated their 17th wedding anniversary. They have enjoyed travels to Scotland, where they saw the Edinburgh Military Tattoo; to Ireland, sightseeing from Belfast to the Ring of Kerry; to Spain, travelling to the cities of Madrid, San Sebastian, Barcelona, Seville, and Pamplona (but saw no bulls!). These travels are posted on Joseph's Facebook page. In the coming year, the Lipperts are looking forward to a trip to Germany.

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www.MRSPA.org and
www.PGPSRA.org

We will soon have a facebook



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MRSPA website
for special offers for you.

Bits and Pieces, Cont.

Virginia (Ginny) Beauchamp retired from High Point High School in 1992. During the next nine years she worked for the National Association for the Self Employed in Washington, D.C. She has served, since retirement, on the Board of Directors for the Maryland School for the Blind. For three and a half years, Ginny was the Legislative Aide in Annapolis for Delegate Sue Kullen – District 27. She remains active with the Democratic Party in Calvert County. Ginny has returned to work for the Prince George's School System as a Supervising Teacher in the Resident Teacher Program, and she sometimes substitutes. When not working, she enjoys travelling to Venice, Florida, where she has a "free hotel room" at her brother's home. Ginny lives in the lovely town of Chesapeake Beach, MD., that was severely damaged by Hurricane Isabell in September 2003, but has been rebuilt in a most attractive fashion.

Janice Loftus, a former physical education and health teacher at Laurel Senior High School, retired in 1990. Since that time, she has been working as a tax assistant/preparer for CPA - Wakeley & Kline in Laurel. She volunteers at her Presbyterian church with pastoral care and as financial secretary. Since 1984, Janice has been a Board Member and Treasurer of the Whispering Woods Condo Association in Ocean City, MD, where her family has spent many happy times. She served as Treasurer of the Laurel American Association of University Women for 26 years. Janice and her husband, Joseph, live in Laurel, MD. She has one daughter, one granddaughter, three step-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren. Janice and Joseph have enjoyed travels over the years to Europe, the Western United States, the Canadian Rockies and Maritimes and the Gaspe Peninsula, Florida, Michigan, Tennessee, and Alabama. The Loftuses are sports fans of the Washington Nationals and the University of Maryland teams.

Beulah Logan King of Upper Marlboro, retired from the Employee Relations Office in 1990. She has five children, six grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. Beulah is enjoying her retirement!

To contribute to BITS & PIECES, contact:

Jannettewundrow@comcast.net, or at:

1007 Packton Lane, Bowie, MD. 20716



Edward M. Felegy

New School Named for Superintendent Edward Felegy

There is a new school in Hyattsville and it has been named after former Prince George's County School Superintendent, Ed Felegy. He was named superintendent in 1991. He began his career here as a teacher at Seat Pleasant Elementary School. Ed died on March 30, 2014 and retired in 1995. After choosing the name for the new school, current Superintendent, Kevin Maxwell said that he, "believes that the naming of Edward M. Felegy Elementary School will serve to honor the contributions and services of a distinguished educator for over 37 years to the Prince George's County School System."

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

According to MRSPA, the Maryland Retirement Trust Fund gained 14.37 percent on investments in fiscal year 2014, which ended June 30, leaving the fund with a total market value of assets at \$45.4 billion, the highest it has ever been. The returns were nearly double our actuarial expected rate of return of 7.7 percent.

Every year, the MRSPA Legislative Committee holds a workshop in Annapolis. This year the date is Thursday, November 13. We will hear about election results and brought up to date on federal and state issues. If you are interested in attending, the cost is \$18. Please send an email to me for further information.

Our own Legislative trip to Annapolis will be on Thursday March 18, 2015. Remember, there is no cost and lunch is included. Sign up at our PGPSRA meetings or on line at my email sfinan77@gmail.com

Sue Finan, Chair



Community Services

PGPSRA

May 28, 2014

“Together Everyone Achieves More”



We serviced 312 families in the Central Area during the 2013-2014 school year!! The benefitted schools were: Central High, Hillcrest Heights Elementary, Kenmoor Middle, Longfields Elementary, and William Beans Elementary.

We, the working team of the Community Services Committee of PGPSRA, are looking toward an even greater year for 2014-2015. Our services will be rendered to schools in the Southern Area. The schools are: Forest Heights Elementary, Fort Washington Forest Elementary, J. Frank Dent Elementary, Potomac High, and Thurgood Marshall Middle.

Our projects for the year are: School Supplies (Sept. 2014-June 2015), Share Food Baskets (Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine’s Day, Easter and Mother’sDay), Coats/Uniform Drive (January 2015), Shoe Drive (Easter), and Senior High Graduation and Prom assistance (June 2015).

If you are able, bring an unwrapped, new toy, to the meeting. We would like to make a contribution to “Toys for Tots” this year and need your help to be able to do so.

Membership is open for this committed team. Contact Ethel Brown (202 582 0740).

We thank everyone for the extra support and hope you will continue throughout this, and future, years.

PGPSRA Reservation Form

November 19 , 2014 at 11:00 A.M.

Comfort Inn

Bowie, MD

PLEASE MAIL THIS FORM TO THE ADDRESS BELOW:

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

Name(s) _____

Amount Enclosed \$25.00 for each lunch reservation— \$ _____

(We need the count by Nov. 18 mail delivery!)



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