

ECHOES

THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is an honor and a privilege to assume the Presidency of the Prince George's County Retired Teachers' Association for the coming year. Your participation and support of our organization will be greatly welcomed as the year progresses.

Our PGCRTA had it's beginning when a group of nine retired teachers came together for socialization and discussion of their retirement concerns on June 18, 1964—50 years ago this coming June. The group met at the home of Mrs. Anita Brooks, who was named President, and remained in that office until 1972. With the adoption of a Constitution and By-Laws, on January 26, 1972, PGCRTA was officially established. Our membership has increased steadily, and currently stands at 1700. We became a part of MRTA in 1972, and continue to work closely with our state colleagues on state committees and issues.

It is important that as retired school system employees, we retain our support of PGCRTA for the same reasons that our organization was established: socialization and to voice our concerns about retirement. We do this by coming together for luncheon meetings five times each year, publishing and communicating through our ECHOES newsletter, through established committees that meet and act year-round, and having an elected Board of Directors who conduct the day to day business of the organization.

As an extension of our school and social interests, PGCRTA continues to promote education by giving five \$1000.00 scholarships to college-bound high school graduates, along with smaller contributions to the school system and community throughout the year. We also encourage student mentoring and working with children in other volunteer venues.

So as you can see, we have a vital, involved organization of which you can be proud !

Jannette Wundrow
President 2003-2004

PGCRTA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS May 2003

Latrice Rivers	Crossland High School
Tina Harper	Friendly High School
Nadia Garcia-Cardenas	High Point High School
Terianna Hill	Laurel High School
Danielle Miller	Roosevelt High School

Our best wishes to these students for a successful and happy freshman year at college.

SUPPLEMENTAL NOMINATING REPORT 2003-2004

President Elect	Addie L. Martin
Recording Secretary	Rose Miller

The following were elected in March and installed in May:
President Jannette Wundrow
Treasurer Edward Vest
Corresponding Secretary Ray Smith

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

LEGISLATION UPDATE

I want to thank you for your prompt payment of dues. Those who pay by check kept me very busy during May and June. There are about 100 who have not yet paid. Any cash member that remains unpaid as of November 1st will be dropped.

We have five new members. Please encourage your friends who have recently retired to join us. I will bring membership brochures to our September meeting for you to take to pass on to friends, or call me (301-559-8533), and I will mail brochures.

Sallie Parks won the door prize at the May meeting,

Our Constitution provides the opportunity for spouses of members of this organization to join PGCRTA too.

“Associate membership may be accorded, without payment of dues, to members’ spouses or surviving spouses, who are supportive of goals and purposes of the Association. Associate members shall be entitled to participate in all activities of the Association except chairing a committee, voting, and holding office. Spouses may apply for membership and membership cards will be provided.”

If you would be interested and qualify, fill out and send in the following application.

Jane Jones - Membership Chair

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone # _____
Name of member spouse _____

Send to: Jane Jones
5912 -36th Avenue
Hyattsville, MD 20782-2924

We are happy to report that on May 22, 2003, Delegate James Proctor and Jannette Wundrow witnessed the signing by Governor Ehrlich, of the companion House and Senate Bills that will guarantee a retired teacher representative on the Board of Trustees of the Maryland State Pension and Retirement System! This is a goal that the MRTA Legislative Committee has worked toward for the past two years, and we are pleased, with the help of Delegate Proctor leading the way and gathering support from other county legislators, that this is now a reality. As you are aware, we currently have a retiree representative on the Board, our own Carl Lancaster, but this is only by coincidence, as Carl was an active teacher when first elected. We are pleased to note that Carl was recently re-elected, and will continue to represent retired teachers’ interests on the Board for the next four years.

We continue to monitor the Hearings in Annapolis and Washington on Medicare and Medicaid.

If you’re tired of getting telemarketing sales calls, you may want to put your name on the National Do Not Call Registry by calling (toll free) 1-800-382-1222, or by e-mail at <http://www.donotcall.gov>

WHAT WOULD YOU RECOMMEND ?

In 1996, the Education & Protective Services Committee completed its work on a booklet entitled “All About Me” in an attempt to provide retirees with a single document in which they could record essential facts about themselves.

The current E & P Committee has adopted a project for this 2003-2004 year that will attempt to update and revise various sections of the booklet. As an important part of this process, the committee is asking for your comments and recommendations regarding ways that the revisions may be improved and become even more useful.

We invite your comment and suggestions. Send to the chair of this committee:

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BITS AND PIECES

Congratulations to Beatrice Sklarewitz and her husband, who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this month ! Beatrice retired as principal of Valley View Elementary in 1991, and has since moved to Oceanside, CA. She is involved in many volunteer activities that include teaching an adult literacy program, facilitating discussion groups about child abuse for ages four through 18, mentoring an unwed high school mother, coaching a communications skills program at Camp Pendleton Marine Base, serving as a CA state certified mediator, working as educational chairman of the North County Opera Guild, acting as an advisory board member of the local Brandeis University National Women's Club , and playing bridge ! Beatrice also finds time to travel, and has been to Spain, Portugal, Morocco, Denmark, and lots of other European countries, as well as cruises to foreign lands.

Carmella Grant retired from Duval High School in 1984. She now lives in Leisure World, in Silver Spring, and volunteers in the Bridges Program for Montgomery County Schools. Since retiring, Carmella has traveled to Europe and throughout the U.S.A. She has four grandsons, who live in Springfield, VA. Sadly, her husband passed away three years ago.

Gary Cooper retired in 1986, after having taught at Princeton Elementary and Douglas High School. He then moved to Parsonsburg, MD, where he continued teaching as a drivers' education instructor in Wicomico County for the next ten years. Gary enjoys hunting, fishing, rooting for the Shorebird's Baseball team, and playing golf. He has won a couple of Senior Golf Tournaments; namely, the 2000 Ocean City Golf and Yacht Club Championship and the 1995 Ocean Pines Senior Golf Championship. Gary likes spending January and February in Bonita, Fl. He and his wife recently celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary. They have two sons.

Ronald Ott retired in 1997 from Duval High School after 33 years as a social studies teacher. But he is still working two jobs! Ron is a history teacher for Central Texas College on Bolling Air Force Base, and an NEA Long Term Care Insurance Agent , assigned to Prince George's County. His wife, Judy, recently completed her 40th year as an elementary language arts teacher. She is based at Goddard French Immersion School. The Otts continue to reside in Greenbelt.

Bonnie Brose has accepted the position of President-elect for the Women's Committee for the National Symphony Orchestra 2003-5. The Woman's Committee raises money to support the Symphony and their education program, which encourages young people to become involved in learning about music. Bonnie also teaches part-time at Anne Arundel Community College.

Donald Conway's Black Baseball Memorabilia and Black Athletes on Cereal Boxes exhibits, were on display during the Tribute to the Negro Leagues at the Bowie Baysox Baseball Game May 31, 2003.

Barbara Collins retired from Surrattsville High School in 1995. She and her husband, Phillip, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary the following year. Barbara became an ordained Deacon of the Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church, Washington, D.C., in September 2000. She has also served as Chairperson of the Church's Cookbook Connection Team that has completed and published "Bless the Food". Naturally, she enjoys preparing delicious meals and artistically decorating cakes. Barbara and her husband have traveled to Detroit, MI, and Ontario, Canada, where they toured sites on the Underground Railroad, Uncle Tom's Cabin, the Museum of African-American History, and the African World Festival. In August, they took a wonderful cruise to Alaska.

Nancy Gorbics retired in 1993, having worked as a media specialist at Tayac Elementary and Robert Goddard Middle School. In 1995 she and her husband, Steve, moved to Stony Lake, near Muskegon, MI. Making antler baskets, has become an important new interest for Nancy. She recently completed basket number 595 ! The handles of the baskets are made of actual antlers, which she acquires from Alaska, deer hunters, eBay, or individuals who bring their own for her to use in their personal baskets. To see Nancy's uniquely, creative baskets, you may contact her website at <http://home.thinkextreme.net/-gorbics>.

Addie and Louise Martin continue to make their monthly trek to Charlotte, NC to visit family and check on property there. July 15th they celebrated when Amir Jonathan Martin was born - Addie's first grandchild, and Louise's first great grandchild!

Anna Holmes attended the Gullah Festival of song, dance, and storytelling in South Carolina in May, which was a most interesting and informative experience. Anna is also

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active in the Prince George's County Historical Society, and urges others to join in helping to share and document the county's history.

Carol Dickinson retired in 1999 from the Challenger Center in Adlephi. She lives in Potomac, MD, and would love to have old friends drop by for a visit—but, you have to catch her at home! Carol stays busy with her four wonderful grandchildren, volunteer church work, reading, Adirondack Mountain Club, Questers (antiques and history buffs), and traveling. Since retiring she's been to Hawaii, Alaska, Norway, Denmark, Sweden and a number of other countries, along with many states in the USA. Unfortunately, Carol's husband is no longer living.

Kitty Walker and her two daughters embarked on an exciting trip to Alaska in July. Seeking even more adventure, Kitty is traveling to Russia and Poland this month. At each stop that the tour group makes, they will be playing duplicate bridge with the local townspeople, which should be most interesting.

Congratulations to Charley and Ann Hudson on their 56th wedding anniversary, which they celebrated in June, with a fun trip to the Allenberg Playhouse in Boiling Springs, PA! In May, they had a relaxing vacation at Bryce Resort in Bayse, VA, where Charley's brother joined them for a week of golf and family fellowship. The Hudsons traveled to Lynden, WA, to visit their son and his family in July, and then to Sunset Beach, NC, for a family gathering in August. This month they are looking forward to a visit from two of their Washington-state granddaughters.

Charley arranged and conducted a bus trip to Holland, MI, for the Tulip Festival in May. The group made other stops of interest along the way, including the Henry Ford Museum in Detroit, MI, and the Warther Carvings Museum in Dover, Ohio. Everyone was totally enthralled by the six miles of vibrant colored tulips that lined the Holland Festival Parade route, where 44 local school bands performed. All of the Marylanders who went had a marvelous time and agreed that Charley, and his wife, Ann, are to be commended as tour guides—as professional, and more personal, than any tour service!

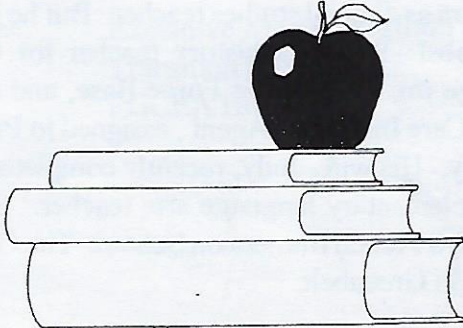
Several of our members attended the annual ESEFCU Credit Union meeting on April 30th. Among them were Rosemary Brinkley (who was re-elected President), Dorothy Marvil (who was re-elected Secretary), Dan Williams, Jane Jones, Lenore Dehnel, Jerome Clark,

Bonnie Duncan, Isabella Macpherson, George Denny, Tom Barron (who was recovering from shoulder surgery, but was planning to work at Skyline Caverns, VA, for the summer), Alveta Jones, and Fred Jones (who won the door prize).

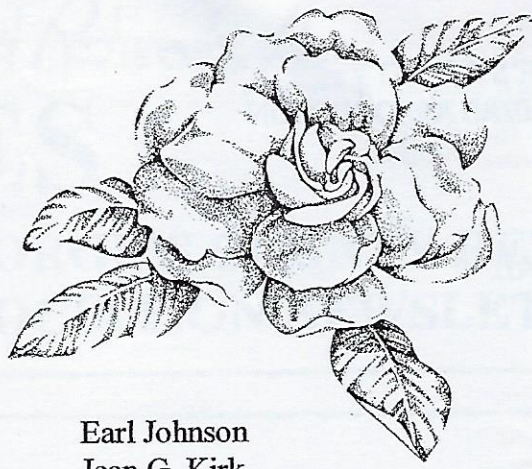
Anne (Candy) Leney retired from Lewisdale Elementary in 1992. She has two sons: one is LCDR Derek Leney, US Navy, who is currently serving as a Flight Officer aboard the USS Carl Vinsen off the coast of Korea. Her other son, Justin, is a systems engineer at the National Institutes of Standards and Testing. Anne has become a full time volunteer for the Fish Middleton Jazz Scholarship Fund, Inc, presenter of the East Coast Jazz festival that was held in Rockville last February. She also does some booking, graphics, and producing of CD's for local jazz artists.

Edith Einhorn retired in 1993, as vice-principal of Kettering Middle school. She and her husband, David, moved to Las Vegas, NV, in 1997, where their three young grandchildren live. The Einhorns celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary this past August. Edith volunteers as a teacher of computer skills to senior citizens, and as director of training for community employees with an emphasis on computer skills. She also serves on the Board of Directors of Brandeis University/ National Women's Committee, and on the Board of Directors of the University of Nevada at the Las Vegas Institute for Learning/Retirement Program. Edith enjoys traveling, and has been to every continent except Antarctica!

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IN MEMORIAM



Members:

Betty K. Alton	06-08-03	Earl Johnson	05-26-03
Katherine Baird	12-20-02	Jean G. Kirk	06-08-03
Ellen J. Beckman	04-20-03	Horace A. Lassiter, Sr.	07-01-03
Elvin R. Butler	07-14-03	Phyllis Marie Lovell	07-13-03
Anna A. Citron	05-13-03	Ethel Logan	03-17-03
Patricia A. Culhane	04-09-03	Marianne S. Lucas	01-11-03
Helen K. Forsht	05-20-03	Clara T. Marton	03-13-03
Joseph J. Gieda	06-06-03	Andrena H. McCraw	05-18-03
Carolyn R. Goff	06-07-03	Nellie V. Miller	05-07-03
Melda Henry	06-13-03	Louise J. Moore	04-03-03
Emil C. LaCivita	04-19-03	Barbara J. Nalls	05-31-03
Mary F. Macquillan	05-04-03	Theresa Parker	05-29-03
Muriel P. Matheny	?	Carla J. Polley	06-22-03
Barbara A. Russell	06-08-03	Margaret J. Pontious	04-13-03
John F. Scoleri	04-27-03	Valverdina M. Reed	06-01-03
Dessie L. Smith	06-21-03	Myrtle M. Rice	04-19-03
Mary Vandegrift	05-30-03	Loretta Richardson	04-02-03
Harry I. D. Williams	05-06-03	James F. Riddle	05-31-03

Non-Members:

Milton E. Abrams	07-03-03	Sue A. Robie	06-25-03
Theodore F. Allen	04-23-03	Lucille S. Roy	04-13-03
Maurice I. Allison	03-22-03	Jean O. Scott	01-12-03
Johnnie L. Alston	04-27-03	Margaret L. Sellers	06-04-03
Christine I. Anderson	05-18-03	Richard T. Sellman	07-06-03
Margie M. Annan	04-18-03	Arthur H. Sharpsteen	06-29-03
Mary R. Ash	04-24-03	Margarite W. Sisson	06-04-03
Lonnie Barnett, Sr.	05-07-03	Sally V. Taylor	04-10-03
Evelyn M. Blackman	05-01-03	Mildred V. Thomas	03-03-03
Bertie Blake	05-23-03	Frances S. Tomaselli	05-18-03
Robert W. Brown	04-01-03	Jerome Washington	05-04-03
Marie A. Chamberlain	05-14-03	Mary Wessel	02-08-03
Marianne S. Conrad	06-03-03	Celestine P. West	06-12-03
Carolyn M. Cottrell	05-23-03	Frank T. Wilson	06-17-03
Christine Finnerty	05-18-03	Ruby I. Xander	04-08-03
Annie F. Foriest	03-07-03		
Agnes F. Frazier	05-04-03		
Bernice J. Goldich	03-10-03		
Mary A. Harris	06-10-03		

Remember to contact the Remembrance/Necrology Committee Chair, Doris Hall, at 301-249-7669, if you know that a member is ill, is hospitalized, has experienced the death of a spouse, or has passed on. She should also be notified if any non-member who was eligible for membership has passed on.

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INFORMATION FOR YOUR ATTENTION and CALENDAR !

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September 24.2003
11:00 am
PGCEA Building
Light luncheon (no charge)

FLORIDA REUNION

February 26, 2004 (Thursday)
Holiday Inn, Altamonte Springs, FL

and for those interested

Cruise from Port Canaveral
4 days, 3 nights

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DID YOU VOTE ?

You recently received a letter with a postcard ballot inclosed. This vote is about the renaming of our organization. If you haven't already done so, circle your selection and put it into the mail. The deadline for receiving this is September 30th. DON'T FORGET !

FROM MRTA

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