



# newsletter

## 2024 MEETING SCHEDULE

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, all ABCPSR, Inc. Executive/Advisory and Committee Meetings will be held via conference call until further notice. Meetings begin at 10:00 a.m.

**April 8, 2024**  
Meeting/Conference call

**May 7, 2024**  
MRSPA Annual Business Meeting/  
Luncheon  
Turf Valley, Ellicott City

**May 14, 2024**  
ABCPSR Annual Business Meeting/  
Luncheon  
Forum Caterers  
4210 Primrose Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215

**June, 2024**  
ABCPSR Executive/Advisory  
Committee  
Closing Activity  
TBA

Please call *Patricia Pickett, President* at 410-900-6781 if you have any questions.

If there are any changes you will be notified.

Check our website:  
[www.ABCPSR.org](http://www.ABCPSR.org) for updates.

## President's Message

The Spring is here and it's time to come out! SAVE THE DATE and plan to attend our Annual Spring Meeting on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at the Forum Caterers. Bring a friend. Form enclosed.

In December, the Executive Board met in person, at Poly. We had a good meeting, shared a Christmas meal, and gifts. We continued planning for our then upcoming Health Fair which was held on March 15, 2024, at the Zeta Center. The Health Fair was sponsored by ABCPSR, Inc., Alpha Beta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., the Baltimore City Health Department, and Iota Chapter of Lambda Kappa Mu Sorority, Inc. Vaccines, and screenings for blood pressure, glucose, and cholesterol were provided, along with a wealth of information. Handouts, and refreshments were available. I hope you were able to attend, and if you did, found the information and services made available helpful and enjoyable. Let us know what you think!

Covid has wiped out a lot of our membership. We continue to keep an eye on bills in the local and state legislative sessions by serving on various state and local committees to protect our needs. Please consider coming on board to assist. We need help! We need new ideas, new members and new energy. Check MRSPA.ORG for Legislative Updates and Membership information for new members you would like to bring aboard.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** MRSPA is planning a \$5 dues increase from \$45 to \$50, effective July 1, 2024. If you have dues deduction, the automatic payment of \$65 (\$50 state, and \$15 local) will be made. Members who pay by check or credit card will receive their first billing notices in late June.

Hoping to see you soon,

*Patricia E. Pickett*



## SENIOR CALL CHECK PROGRAM

The Maryland Department of Health provides a free opt-in telephone service for Maryland seniors 65 years of age or older. Participating seniors will get a daily wellness phone call at a regularly scheduled time between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. If the participant does not answer their first call, they will be tried two more times. If those calls go unanswered, additional calls will be made to notify an alternative person (a reliable emergency contact) who is selected by the participant during program enrollment. The alternate will then be encouraged to check on the older adult program participant. Failure of the participant and alternate to answer will result in a call to your local non-emergency service. If you're interested, call toll-free 1-866-50-CHECK (1-866-502-0560) or register at: [aging.maryland.gov](http://aging.maryland.gov).

## **SCAM ALERT!**

Recognize scammers. They may: • ASK for money or personal information – Ignore them! • PRETEND to be from an agency or organization you know.  
• Say there's a PROBLEM or promise a PRIZE.

How to avoid a scam: • Remain calm. Talk to someone you trust. • Hang up or ignore the message. DO NOT click on links or attachments. • Protect your money. Criminals will insist that you pay in a hard-to-trace manner, such as with a gift card, prepaid debit card, cryptocurrency, wire transfer, money transfer, or by mailing cash. • Protect your personal information. Be skeptical of a contact you didn't initiate. • Spread the word. Share your knowledge of Social Security-related scams. Post on social media using the hashtag #SlamtheScam to share your experience and warn others. Please also share with your friends and family. Visit [ssa.gov/scam](http://ssa.gov/scam) for more information.



**VOTE!!!** Make sure YOU vote! Every vote counts. All registered Maryland voters have the option to either vote in person or to vote by mail. You can request a mail-in ballot online at: [vote.md.gov/NeedBallot](http://vote.md.gov/NeedBallot).

**YOUR VOTE = Your Choice**

**DON'T VOTE = Their Choice**



**Annual Spring Luncheon**  
**Tuesday, May 14, 2024**

**THE FORUM CATERERS**  
**4210 PRIMROSE AVENUE, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21215**

11:00 REGISTRATION                      11:30 PROGRAM                      12:00 NOON LUNCH

**MENU.** Appetizer: California Style Salad with Mandarin Oranges; Entree': Fried **OR** Roasted Rosemary Chicken with Dressing; Creamy Whipped Potatoes, and Collard Greens; Dessert: Cheesecake w/Cherry Topping; Fresh baked Rolls and Butter; Hot and Cold Beverages.

**COST: \$40 pp.** (\$35 pp for New Members and Choir Members.)

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ASSOCIATION OF BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL RETIREES, INC. or (ABCPSR). NO CASH OR CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR. DEADLINE: APRIL 30, 2024.**

Send check(s) with Reservation Form to: **Dorothy Glasco-Jones, 202 Oak Leaf Way, Baltimore, MD 21227, Phone: (410)536-5715.**

NOTE: TO BE SEATED TOGETHER, CHECKS MUST BE SENT TOGETHER.

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) Indicate choice of chicken beside name: **(R) Roasted OR (F) for Fried.**

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**Save the Date!**

ABCPSR Spring Luncheon  
May 14, 2024, 11:00 a.m.

LUNCHEON CO-CHAIRS

DOROTHY GLASCO-JONES JOYCE WILSON

NEWSLETTER CO-EDITORS

ANNA BOSTON JOYCE WILSON

CHANGE OF ADDRESS NOTICE

(Please Print)

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Address \_\_\_\_\_

New Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Angela Hill, 3320 W. Rogers Ave., Baltimore, MD 21215

**MRSPA**

The only organization that works to preserve the pensions of Baltimore City Public School Retirees. Sixty dollars (\$60.00) covers your membership in MRSPA and ABCPSR.

You may join through dues deduction.

MRSPA: 8379 Piney Orchard Parkway, Odenton, MD 21113  
410-551-1517

Current ABCPSR President's contact number: 410-900-6781



**RSVP – An Invitation to Serve**

**Lead With Experience**

The Corporation for National and Community Service provides grants to qualified agencies and organizations, including RSVP, for the dual purpose of engaging persons 55 and older in volunteer service to meet critical community needs; and to provide a high quality experience that will enrich the lives of volunteers.

**Who Is Eligible for RSVP?**

Individuals that are 55 and older, want to serve in Baltimore City and want to make a difference.

**RSVP Volunteer Opportunities**

Companionship and Outreach, Mentoring, Health and Other Education, Helping Seniors Living Independently, Senior Center Programs, Community Revitalization and Improvement, Disaster Preparedness, Serving Meals to Seniors, Delivery of Health Care Services, Food Collection and Distribution, and Marketing and Recruitment.

**Benefits of Volunteering**

Free volunteer placement, use your experience skills, gain new and marketable skills, supplemental accident and liability insurance, opportunity to meet new people, training opportunities, reimbursement for transportation, recognition and incentives, and the satisfaction of knowing you are making a difference.

**For More Information, Call RSVP 410-361-9400  
or Stephanie Ross 410-361-9401**

