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CHANGE OF ADDRESS NOTICE

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

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

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Mail to: Phyllis Purnell, 1 Orkney Ct., Baltimore, MD 21212

**MRSPA**

The only organization that works to preserve the pensions of Baltimore City Public School Retirees. \$35.00 entitles you to membership in MRSPA and ABCPSR. Join through dues deduction and receive a \$5.00 discount. MRSPA: 8379 Piney Orchard Parkway, Odenton, MD 21113 410.551.1517



**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 Daphne C. Hicks 410-361-9401**



*newsletter*

**2011-12  
MEETING  
SCHEDULE**

September 12, 2011  
Meeting

October 4, 2011  
Fall Luncheon

November 14, 2011  
Meeting

December 2011  
No Meeting

January 9, 2012  
Meeting

February 13, 2012  
Meeting

March 12, 2012  
Meeting

April 9, 2012  
Meeting

May 8, 2012  
Spring Luncheon

June 11, 2012  
Executive/Advisory  
Committee Closing Activity  
Place TBA

*All meetings will be held on  
the second Monday of the month  
in the Faculty Lounge  
at Polytechnic High School.*

*Meetings begin at 10 a.m.*

*If there are any changes,  
members will be advised by phone.  
Anyone unable to attend a meeting  
is asked to notify the President.*

President's Message

Dear ABCPSR Members,

Good News!!!! Our pension system will not be turned over to Baltimore City this year. We do not know what next year will bring and we have to be ready. With our membership growing, we will be stronger.

This marks the end of my first year in office. I thank you for all of your encouragement and the ABCPSR committees for their support. Our members are terrific!

Looking back at our 2010-2011 year, we accomplished quite a lot. To name a few:

1. We made donations to three of our city schools in the amounts of \$1000 each to enhance their programs.
2. We provided a consumer workshop to inform you of different resources available.
3. We started a monthly Bingo Club at Emerald Estates.
4. We gave the "Teacher of the Year" an award and recognized Dr. Roy F. Knight, for his many years of dedication and service.
5. We held a pre-retirement workshop for prospective retirees.

The MRSPA will hold its statewide convention at the Wisp Hotel and Conference Center in McHenry, Maryland in September.

The ABCPSR is sponsoring another trip to New York. See the flyer in this newsletter.

Welcome to the 2011-2012 ABCPSR year!!!!

Best Wishes!

*Phyllis Purnell*



# Assoc. of Baltimore City Public School

presents a 3 day / 2 night trip

## New York City Christmas

December 9 - 11, 2011

**Package Includes:**

- 2 nights accommodations in New York City area (staying in New Jersey)
- 2 breakfasts
- 1 full dinner in New York City
- Shopping at Jersey Gardens - New Jersey's largest outlet with over 200 stores under one roof (en route)
- Visit to the Rockefeller Center & the famous Christmas Tree
- Shopping along 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- Guided tour of Manhattan and Chinatown
- Visits to:
  - Cathedral of St. John the Divine: Gothic cathedral and grounds with a Biblical Garden
  - Greenwich Village: historic land-marked brownstone neighborhood
  - United Nations
  - Central Park: over 840 acres of landscaped and recreational land in the Center of New York City
  - Lincoln Center: America's finest performing arts center, home to Metropolitan Opera House and New York City Ballet
  - Wall Street and the Financial District: America's financial nerve
- Visit to an Atlantic City Casino with a bonus package (en route home)
- Baggage handling, hotel taxes and meal gratuities
- Motorcoach transportation included

Insurance information is available upon request



Suggested Payment Schedule  
 \$50.00 deposit due by July 8, 2011  
 2nd payment \$78 due August 10, 2011  
 3rd payment \$78 due September 10, 2011  
 Final payment \$79 due October 5, 2011

Departing from: Rogers Avenue Metro Parking Lot  
 4300 Hayward Avenue - Baltimore, Maryland 21215

Make checks payable to **ABCPSR**  
 Mail to: Phyllis Purnell, 1 Orkney Court, Baltimore, MD 21212

**For Further Information & Reservations Contact:**

**Phyllis Purnell**  
**410-323-1878**

Price: **\$ 285.00**  
 Per Person, Double Occupancy  
 Single Supplement: \$100.00 Additional

**RESERVATION FORM • NEW YORK DECEMBER 9-11, 2011**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Roommate \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

- I would like to see a play.       I would not like to see a play.

## THE CHORUS — DR. RUTH PRATT'S EFFORT

### *Did You Know:*

- that the chorus was organized in 1994?
- that the chorus has given renditions at every Spring and Fall Luncheon?
- that the chorus sang at the MRTA convention in Ocean City, Maryland in 2000?
- that the chorus sang at the War Memorial Building, Baltimore City?
- that the chorus recorded a tape and sent one to the White House and President George W. Bush acknowledged the copy?

## AN INVITATION FOR YOU

You are invited to join members of ABCPSR on the second Thursday of the month from 1:30 to 3:00 P.M. at the Emerald Estates, 3855 Greenspring Avenue, for community activities with the residents. Our members who attend regularly, Mary Gaskins, President Phyllis Purnell and Beverly Reid have enjoyed the sessions. Several retired teachers are residents of Emerald Estates including our 2010 luncheon honoree, Mary C. Allen. On April 12th, she celebrated her 104th birthday.

**Following are the dates for your invitation to come to Emerald Estates:**

THURSDAYS - September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8, January 12, February 9, March 8, April 12, May 10 and June 14.

Since the residents anxiously look forward to receiving prizes during the group activities, please support us by purchasing gifts that include the following: large print books, puzzles, Bibles, lotion, shaving cream, after shave lotion or spray, powder, toilet tissue, facial tissue, nail polish, body wash, toothpaste (no mouthwash) and head scarves. You may bring your donation to Emerald Estates or to our Luncheon on October 4.

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

## INFO ABOUT CLOTHES DRYERS! THIS IS BIG!

The heating unit went out on my dryer! The gentleman that fixes things around the house for us told us that he wanted to show us something and he went over to the dryer and pulled out the lint filter. It was clean. He told us that he wanted to show us something; he took the filter over to the sink and ran hot water over it. The lint filter is made of mesh material. Well... the hot water just sat on top of the mesh! It didn't go through it at all! He told us that dryer sheets cause a film over that mesh; that's what can burn out the heating unit.

You can't SEE the film, but it's there. It's what is in the dryer sheets to make your clothes soft and static free ... that nice fragrance too. Dryer sheets can feel waxy when you take them out of the box ... this stuff builds up on your clothes and on your lint screen. **THIS IS ALSO WHAT CAUSES DRYER UNITS TO POTENTIALLY BURN YOUR HOUSE DOWN WITH IT!** He said the best way to keep your dryer working for a very long time (and to keep your electric bill lower) is to take that filter out and wash it with hot soapy water and an old toothbrush (or other brush) at least every six months. He said that makes the life of the dryer last at least twice as long!

Test your screen yourself. Pass this on to other people! Not only could you save someone's home, but it could save someone's life.

## FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE – *Welcome Aboard!*

The Friendship Committee is happy to have a new member, **Mildred Forehand** on board! She will be responsible for sending spring greeting cards. Vivian Reed will continue to send Holiday cards in the winter.

The following members have received cards:

1. Ruth Tignor Rosedom - sympathy card to family
2. Bernice Dutton - sympathy card to family
3. Mary Lou Sanders - sympathy card to family
4. Edward Boston - sympathy -loss of cousin
5. Louise H. Jackson -sympathy card to family
6. Robert Palumbi - get-well card
7. Velma Hicks - sympathy -loss of two nephews
8. Patricia B. Richardson - sympathy card, loss of mother-in-law
9. Kathryn Millings - sympathy card to family
10. Kathleen Cain - get well card
11. Mary Urquhart - get well card



## *Spring Luncheon* DOOR PRIZES

1. \$50 Bill - Janet Merritt
2. \$25 Gift Certificate (Macy's) - Jean Beckett
3. \$25 Gift Certificate (Giant) - Henry Philyaw
4. Flowers - Jean Chaney
5. Book of stamps - Edna Randolph
6. Plant - Nahketah Johnson
7. Bottle of Wine - Lucy Miller
8. Plant - Lottie Lucas
9. Bottle of Wine - Marilyn Beatty
10. Bottle of Wine - Hortense H. Henry

50/50 Raffle Winner \$65 - Gwendolyn Howard

## IN MEMORY OF A RETIRED TEACHER

On Saturday, May 14, 2011, residents of the Beckett-Green complex in Owings Mills gathered at 2:00 p.m. in front of 9450 Wordsworth Way for the planting of a tree in memory of Betty Louise Warren, retired teacher. Her last assignment was at Cecil Elementary School #7 in Baltimore City.

The plaque located in front of the tree indicates that Betty had worked on the grounds from 2002 - 2010. Several neighbors and friends were at the tree planting including our ABCPSR members, Betty Fitzgerald and Beverly Reid (Betty Warren's sister). Whenever you are in the Beckett-Green section of Owings Mills, take time to stop to see this tree.

## ASSOCIATION OF BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL RETIREES – COMMITTEES –

<b>Executive Committee</b>	membership consists of all elected officers.
<b>Advisory Council</b>	membership consists of the president, vice president and all committee chairs.
<b>Archives</b>	responsible for maintaining all historically significant documents of the organization.
<b>Awards / Recognitions</b>	responsible for recommending members and community persons for recognition of outstanding volunteerism. Selects award for local Outstanding Teacher of the Year.
<b>Budget &amp; Finance</b>	responsible for receiving budget requests from committees and preparing annual operation budget.
<b>Bylaws</b>	responsible for drafting any proposed changes/amendments to the bylaws.
<b>Friendship</b>	responsible for reporting to the executive committee any assistance needed by members and sending appropriate remembrances to individuals and families.
<b>Legislative</b>	responsible for maintaining liaison with MRSPA and local government on keeping membership apprised of any and all legislative issues affecting retirees pension and health benefits.
<b>Luncheon</b>	responsible for planning location, menu and all matters pertinent to the semi annual luncheon meetings. Executive committee must approve plans.
<b>Member Benefits</b>	responsible for keeping membership advised on matters concerning health, insurance and other available benefits.
<b>Membership</b>	responsible for maintaining current membership roll. Works with MRSPA to insure accuracy of membership roster. Solicits new members.
<b>Necrology</b>	responsible for notifying membership of deceased members.
<b>Nominations</b>	responsible for preparing proposed slate of officers and submitting to Executive Committee.
<b>Publicity / Publications</b>	responsible for publication of newsletter and any public information regarding the organization.
<b>Treasurer / Asst. Treasurer</b>	responsible for maintaining all financial records, making deposits, writing checks, etc. with approval of the president.
<b>Trips / Activities</b>	responsible for planning and implementation of trips and social activities for membership.
<b>Consumer Education</b>	responsible for keeping membership on the alert for discount benefits, senior frauds and other false practices.
<b>Scholarship / Endowment</b>	responsible for monitoring and keeping membership informed regarding the status of our fund and soliciting donations to the fund.

**JOIN ONE!**