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2016-2017 MEETING SCHEDULE

September 12, 2016
Meeting

October 4, 2016
ABCPSR Fall Luncheon
The Forum

November 14, 2016
Meeting

December 12, 2016
Meeting

January, 2017
NO MEETING

February 13, 2017
Meeting

March 13, 2017
Meeting

April 10, 2017
Meeting

May 2, 2017
ABCPSR Spring Luncheon
TBA

June 12, 2017
Executive/Advisory Committee
Closing Activity, TBA

All meetings will be held on the 2nd
Monday of the month, Baltimore
Polytechnic Institute, Room 111.

Meetings begin at 10:00 a.m.

If there are any changes, you will be
notified. Anyone unable to attend
a meeting is asked to notify the
President at 410-323-7080.

President's Message



Greetings ABCPSR Members,

My first year as president of ABCPSR was successful and rewarding. I deeply appreciate the members of ABCPSR for their support and dedication. Without your support and dedication, we would not have accomplished the challenges.

There have been many highlights for me during my first year. Let me list a few: ABCPSR members attending workshops given by MRSPA, awarding schools for their Written Project Proposals, Spring Luncheon guest speaker, Mrs. Mary Dent, sharing information about Medicare, attending MRSPA Annual Business Meeting at Turf Valley Conference Center and our 3rd Annual Crab Feast.

As I begin my second year as President of ABCPSR, let's continue to support the students, teachers, and retirees of Baltimore City Public Schools. We can do this through mentoring, volunteering, and sharing information that relates to our retirees.

Congratulations to the newly elected officers of ABCPSR and MRSPA. Many thanks to Judith Zahren, MRSPA Immediate-Past Executive Director, for her support to ABCPSR and Best Wishes on her retirement.

The ABCPSR Fall Business Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, October 4, 2016, at The Forum Caterers. Tell your friends who are retiring, and those who have recently retired about ABCPSR and invite them to join and/or attend our fall luncheon.

ABCPSR is looking forward to another great year!

Valma C. Hicks

Save the Dates!

FALL LUNCHEON – October 4, 2016, The Forum
SPRING LUNCHEON – May 2, 2017 TBA
ABCPSR ANNUAL CRAB FEAST – TBA

LUNCHEON CO-CHAIRS

DOROTHY GLASCO-JONES JOYCE WILSON

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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.
Fifty dollars (\$50.00) 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: 410.323.7080



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



NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee for the Association of Baltimore City Public School Retirees held an election at the Annual Business Meeting on May 3, 2016, at the Forum, for the 2016-2018 and 2016-2019 operational years. The following Slate of Officers was elected and presented:

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| Herbert Miller | Treasurer | 2016-2019 |
| Clifford Rosenberg | Assistant Treasurer | 2016-2019 |
| Mary Hughee | Member-at-Large | 2016-2018 |
| Phyllis Purnell | Member-at-Large | 2016-2018 |

It is becoming more and more difficult to find members who are willing to serve in the various offices. Next year will be an election year for the following officers: President, President-Elect, Recording Secretary, and Member-at-Large (2).

We must be diligent in our search for persons to keep our organization moving in the right direction. Will you be the one who will "step up to the plate"?

Nominating Committee Members:

Flora G. Johnson, Chairperson; Donnell Lockhart, Phyllis Purnell, Beverly Reid

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

As retired educators, we are concerned that our health benefits are not protected nor adequately funded. Health benefits for educators, retired and active, are not paid by the state as they are for state employees. Boards of education provide them and they have no contractual agreement to do so. The loss of these benefits are especially disastrous for older retirees whose benefits are based on smaller salaries. The actions of legislators in moving part of pension costs to local jurisdictions put additional pressures on local funding. The general assembly is aware of this potential adverse impact on health benefits for retirees. Leadership by the legislature to promote long term solutions to the challenge of maintaining health benefits for retirees is essential. Every one of us needs to call our representatives regularly with our concerns.

Submitted by: The Legislative Committee

MEMBER BENEFITS

Did you know that only 10% of our members utilize their Maryland Retired School Personnel Association benefits? On June 22, 2016, the MRSPA Member Benefits Committee met in Odenton, Maryland.

We discussed the following:

- The need for a Prescription Drug Program for individuals in Baltimore City who will not qualify for Medicare D
- An updated brochure of member benefits in October
- Submitting testimonials from members regarding their savings from using the benefits
- Recruiting committee members from the Eastern Shore and Western Maryland

If you have a testimonial about using the benefits offered, please call me at 410-536-5715.

Submitted by: Dorothy Glasco-Jones

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2016 Fall Luncheon

Tuesday, October 4, 2016

The Forum, 4210 Primrose Ave., Baltimore, Maryland 21215

11:00 MEET & GREET 11:30 PROGRAM 12:00 NOON LUNCH

Menu

Appetizer: Farmers Spinach Salad w/Chopped Egg and Red Onion; Entrée: Stuffed Breast of Chicken w/Mushrooms & Herbs, Fried Whiting Fish; Red Skin Potatoes w/Parsley & Butter; Seasoned Collard Greens; Dessert: Peach Cobbler; Hot and Cold Beverages

COST: \$35.00pp / \$30.00pp for New Members and Choir Members

SEND RESERVATIONS TO: Dorothy Glasco-Jones, 202 Oak Leaf Way

Baltimore, MD 21227 (410-536-5715).

ALL PAYMENTS ARE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 21, 2016.

Please make checks payable to: ASSOCIATION OF BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL RETIREES, INC. or (ABCPSR)

TABLE ORGANIZER _____ PHONE _____

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| 5 | 10 |

PLEASE NOTE: 1) TO BE SEATED TOGETHER CHECKS MUST BE SENT IN TOGETHER BY TABLE ORGANIZER.

2) THE MENU, AS STATED ABOVE, WILL BE SERVED WITHOUT ANY SUBSTITUTIONS OR VARIATIONS. IF YOU HAVE A SPECIAL DIETARY NEED, PLEASE INDICATE ON THIS RESERVATION!

CONGRATULATIONS

ABCPSR would like to offer congratulations and best wishes to the following:

Frances (Fay) W. Miller, Incoming President, MRSPA
 Max Mueller, Immediate Past-President, MRSPA
 Shachar Weizman, Incoming Executive Director, MRSPA
 Judith Zahren, Immediate Past-Executive Director, on her retirement after 22 years with MRSPA

TRIPS/ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The ABCPSR Trips/Activities Committee sponsored the 3rd Annual Crab Feast, on Saturday, June 11, 2016 at Columbus Gardens. One hundred guests were in attendance. Guests sang and danced to familiar old and new R&B music provided by Hard Core Entertainment Services with Big Gil at the mic, and Tony and Big Ta at the sound system. Several guests were awarded prizes.

Vendors provided women's apparel, handbags and accessories, and just in time for Father's Day, men's apparel. Also, colorful photographs were provided by Keel Photography.

Guests indulged on bountiful steamed crabs, barbeque chicken, fish, macaroni/cheese, fresh salad bar, Maryland crab soup, Pit choices, dessert, and an open bar of beverages.

Were you among the one hundred (100) guests?

CONSUMER EDUCATION

Our ABCPSR Spring Business Luncheon was held at the Forum on May 3, 2016. The following door prizes were won by guests: (1) \$50 bill, (2) \$15 Applebee Gift Certificates, (3) bottles of wine, (2) \$15 Walmart Gift Certificates, (2) Books of Stamps, (4) Flowering Plants, (1) \$25 Macy's Gift Certificate, (1) Jewelry, (1) Tote.

Guests at our Third Annual Crab Feast held on June 11, 2016 at Columbus Gardens received the following door prizes: gift certificates, live plants, bottles of wine.

The MRSPA Annual Spring Meeting was held on May 10, 2016 at Turf Valley Resort and Spa in Ellicott City, MD. Mary Eastman won \$500 as the 1st prize raffle ticket winner. Money received from the sale of the raffle tickets is used for the Scholarship Fund.

SAVE THE DATE!!

The next Consumer Workshop will be held on October 11, 2016 at the Woodlawn Senior Center.

Submitted by: Mary Eastman, Chair, Consumer Education

COMMUNITY OUTREACH - Activity Program - Lamplight Inn

Another successful year of activities was completed at the Lamplight Inn of Baltimore. The residents anxiously looked forward to our monthly sessions with them.

We would love to have you join us from September – June, on any second Thursday from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m., at the Lamplight Inn of Baltimore, 3855 Greenspring Avenue.

If you are not available at that time, you can still help by contributing any of the following items that are used as gifts for Bingo and other games. These items include: soap, Kleenex tissues, powder, socks, knee high stockings, gloves, cologne, (no mouthwash), large-print books, and games.

Committee members are: Catherine Moore-DeFord, Mary Gaskins, Mary Hughee, Beverly Reid

LIAISON TO BCPSS

ABCPSR continues to participate in the Public School Administrators and Supervisors Association of Baltimore City's, (PSASA) Fall Conference held each year in October.

Members of ABCPSR distribute materials regarding the benefits of joining this association, scholarships available for non-tenured teachers, and opportunities for community service awards to the participants.

Special thanks is given to Dr. Gregory Thornton, immediate past CEO of the Baltimore City Public School System for supporting the efforts of ABCPSR to place information regarding the benefits of this association into the schools. Persons interested in attending the BCPSS Board Meetings as a representative of ABCPSR are asked to call 410-466-1284.

Submitted by: Catherine Moore-DeFord, Liaison to BCPSS

COMMUNITY OUTREACH - Baltimore City Public Schools Project Program

The Association of Baltimore City Public School Retirees, Inc. awarded school grants of \$1000 each to Claremont High School and Baltimore Polytechnic Institute. The grants were awarded based on submission of the following approved project proposals:

Claremont High School received a one thousand dollar grant to purchase "Swivel Robot" technology, to improve student employment "soft skills", to manage student behavior, to improve student academic performance, and to utilize during professional development training.

Baltimore Polytechnic Institute received a one thousand dollar grant to assist with the cost of student entry fees, transportation, and hotel accommodations for the Indoor Track Program.



ABCPSR presents \$1000 grant to Baltimore Polytechnic High School



Baltimore Polytechnic High School Indoor Track Team



Claremont High School receives \$1000 grant from ABCPSR

A grant application received from Abbottston Elementary School was reviewed at the March ABCPSR meeting. Timeline limitations would only allow two months to execute the project, therefore, ABCPSR decided to table the request until September 2016. A letter of explanation, from our president, was sent to the school principal to explain the delay.

Submitted by: Donnell Lockhart, Community Outreach Chair

MEMBERSHIP

ABCPSR's current membership is 1,026. In the last month, we gained two new members, and two moved to our emeritus roll. Please encourage Baltimore City Public School System retirees, old or new, former co-workers, friends and family to join us for fellowship and to support our efforts to improve the current climate in the BCPSS. Our organization also actively fights to secure our retirement benefits. There is strength in numbers. Be aware that dues for MRSPA will increase by \$10 in 2017. For more information regarding membership, please contact Angela Hill at 443-652-2053.

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