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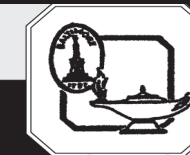
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## 2016-2017 MEETING SCHEDULE

January, 2017  
NO MEETING

February 13, 2017  
Meeting

March 13, 2017  
Meeting

April 10, 2017  
Meeting

May 2, 2017  
ABCPSR Spring Luncheon  
The Doubletree by Hilton  
1726 Reisterstown Road

June 10, 2017  
ABCPSR Annual Crab Feast  
Columbus Gardens  
4301 Klosterman Avenue

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,

As I start the second year as President of the Association of Baltimore City Public School Retirees, I want to thank you for your generous support and I deeply appreciate your dedication, assistance, and cooperation for a successful year.



In September, MRSPA sponsored their Annual Leadership Workshop. President, Velma C. Hicks, President-Elect Beverly Reid, and Membership Chair Angela Hill were in attendance. MRSPA Executive Director, Shachar Weizman gave a very informative presentation on changes to MRSPA that began on October 1, 2016. Additional information is forthcoming as it relates to our new website.

ABCPSR Fall Luncheon Speaker, Dr. LeMarr Darnell Shields, showed-up and showed out. Dr. LeMarr Darnell Shields, is a social entrepreneur, inspirational speaker, and educator, who loves to create and build with purpose. Dr. LeMarr Darnell Shields, has dedicated his life to inspiring adults and youth alike to pursue a higher purpose, achieve sustainable value for long-term success, and cope with adversity in order to create opportunities in their personal, professional, and spiritual lives. His new book, "What I Learned in the Midst of KAOS: The Making of an Ubuntu Teacher" is available in bookstores. A standing round of applause was given to Dr. LeMarr Darnell Shields.

MRSPA Executive Director, Shachar Weizman, presented a slide presentation on the new MRSPA web site that was launched on October 1, 2016, at our Fall Luncheon on October 4, 2016. MRSPA Vice-President Lorraine Johnson, brought remarks on behalf of MRSPA President, Fay Miller.

A Congratulatory Letter was sent to Athansia (Sis) Kyriakakos for being selected as Baltimore City Teacher of the Year 2016. On October 7, 2016, she was selected as Maryland State Teacher of the year. Her hard work and dedication has paid off. Congratulations again from the Association of Baltimore City Public School Retirees, Inc.

Thanks and kudos to ABCPSR Luncheon Committee Co-Chairs, Dorothy Glasco-Jones and Joyce Wilson and committee members, ABCPSR Chorus Director, Flora Johnson and Chorus, and Mary Eastman, for decorations and door prizes. Thanks to Catherine Moore DeFord, Chair, Liaison to BCPSS and ABCPSR members for volunteering at PSASA Conference on October 21, 2016. ABCPSR members, we all played an important role in making our Fall Luncheon 2016 a success.

The MRSPA Legislative Workshop was held in Annapolis, MD on November 10, 2016. ABCPSR President Velma C. Hicks, Legislative Members, Mary Hughee, Phyllis Purnell, and Trudy Williams were in attendance.

I am honored and humbled by the opportunity to continue to cultivate great things with you as we start the New Year 2017. ABCPSR continues to support students, teachers, administrators, and retirees of Baltimore City Public Schools. We can do this through mentoring, volunteering and sharing information that relates to our retirees. As we continue to grow our membership, let's continue to remember the Mission of ABCPSR.

Wishing you and your family a New Year filled with Peace, Love, Happiness, and Good Health.

*Velma C. Hicks*

### Save the Dates!

SPRING LUNCHEON – May 2, 2017  
The Doubletree by Hilton  
ABCPSR CRAB FEAST – June 10, 2017  
Columbus Gardens

#### LUNCHEON CO-CHAIRS

DOROTHY GLASCO-JONES JOYCE WILSON

#### NEWSLETTER CO-EDITORS

ANNA BOSTON CAROLYN 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. 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



**SAVE THE DATE!!**

**The 4th Annual Crab Feast will be held on  
Saturday, June 10, 2017 at Columbus Gardens.**

**More information about this event will be coming in our next newsletter.**

**BCPSS LIAISON**

Members of ABCPSR (The Association of Baltimore City Public School Retirees, Inc.) were able to again participate in the PSASA's (Public School Administrators and Supervisors Association) Annual Fall Conference held at the Forum Caterers on Friday, October 21, 2016. Materials from the Local and State associations were distributed to the participants that visited our display table located in the lobby of the facility.

One Hundred Fifty participants attended the conference. Staff members from six schools and central office visited our table to discuss retirement concerns. Eleven 2016 BCPSS retirees from this organization were invited to the afternoon luncheon for recognition of services provided to schools in the Baltimore area.

A highlight of this conference was meeting and talking to the new CEO of Baltimore City Public Schools.

Thank you to the newly elected Executive Director of PSASA, Reginald Robinson, for allowing ABCPSR to continue to participate in this annual event.

Members of ABCPSR that assisted in the distribution of materials during the activity were: Carol Nichols, Phyllis Purnell, Velma Hicks, Kathleen Curry, Mary Hughee, Donnell Lockhart, and Catherine Moore-DeFord. Remember— We still need a volunteer to attend the BCPSS monthly Board Meetings.

Submitted by Catherine Moore-DeFord, Liaison to BCPSS

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

The Community Outreach Committee has started another session at the Lamplight Inn with an exceptionally large number of residents in attendance for our monthly activities.

We would like for you to join us for Bingo and other activities on the second Thursday of the month from 1:30 -3:00 p.m. at the Lamplight Inn, 3855 Greenspring Avenue. The residents would be glad to have you with us.

We need the following items as gifts for our Bingo games: large boxes of tissue, soap, knee high stockings, socks for men, powder, cologne, handkerchiefs, toothpaste, (no mouthwash), crossword puzzles, books, and nail polish.

Our committee members are Catherine Moore-DeFord, Mary Gaskins, Mary Hughee, and Beverly Reid.

**GENERAL MEETINGS AND LUNCHEON COMMITTEE**

The ABCPSR Annual Spring Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2017, at The Doubletree by Hilton, 1726 Reisterstown Road, Pikesville, MD 21208. The menu will include: Chicken Marsala, Herb Roasted Red Skin Potatoes, California Vegetable Medley and Carrot Cake.

The reservation form for the 2017 Spring Luncheon will be included in the spring newsletter, which you should receive in March. The form should be completed and mailed in as usual with your payments. All payments for the luncheon will be due by Wednesday, April 19, 2017, NO EXCEPTIONS. We will not be able to make accommodations for anyone whose check has not been received by this deadline. We can no longer accept money or checks at the door. If you plan to attend the luncheon, please be prepared to meet our payment deadline. We would hate for you to miss seeing your friends and former co-workers, and more importantly, the information received at the luncheon.

The cost for this luncheon will remain at \$35 per person or \$30 per person for new ABCPSR members and choir members. The actual cost for the luncheon has gone up, but ABCPSR has decided to pick up the difference, for this luncheon only. The change in location is due to complaints from some members about parking, menu items, and wait time for food, etc. Anyone with physical limitations, difficulty walking, or needing wheelchair access should use the parking lot in front of the Tennis and Fitness Center, on the west side of the building. For more information, contact Dorothy Glasco-Jones on 410-536-5715 or Joyce Wilson on 410-581-2602.

Submitted by Dorothy Glasco-Jones and Joyce Wilson, Luncheon Committee Co-Chairs

**MEMBER BENEFITS**

The Member Benefits Committee met on November 14, 2016. The committee recommended to the Board of Directors the following new member benefits:

- Pet Insurance: PetsBest Pet Health Insurance offers several options for coverage. This nationwide organization provides members a 5% discount for one pet and 10% discount for two.
- MRSPA Visa Card: This card will provide \$35/new account and 0.20% of the net purchase volume on all cards will be put into MRSPA's General Fund.
- SMARTMOVE: A personal move coordinator. This company offers cash back incentives, etc.
- FASTPARK: The company offers discounted airport parking at BWI with shuttle service, complimentary luggage assistance, etc.

All of these benefits can be viewed in detail on the MRSPA website.

Submitted by Dorothy Glasco-Jones, Benefits Committee Member