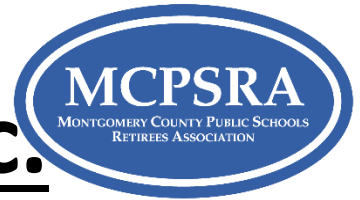


# Montgomery County Public Schools **Retirees Association, Inc.**



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## **PRESIDENT'S**

### **MESSAGE**

Bill Gregory  
President – MCPSRA

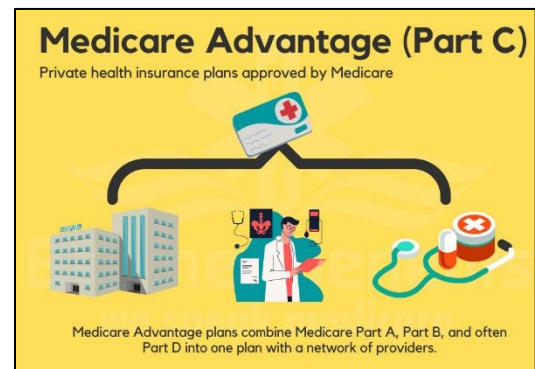
Since our last newsletter, the MCPSRA Board has been very active. We conducted two virtual book clubs, held a game afternoon,

interviewed and endorsed candidates for upcoming elections, voiced our opposition to a proposed bill heading to the County Council, and met with MCPS regarding retiree benefits. Details about these activities are included in this newsletter.

I want to express the gratitude of the Board to those who were able to send emails to members of the County Council expressing our opposition to Bill 28-24. The proposed bill would change the oversight structure of retirement fund trusts from the current collaborative model between the County Council, the Consolidated Retiree Health Benefits Trust, and the Board of Investment Trustees to a structure managed solely by the boards. Our position is that the governance structure should remain as it is. We believe the County should continue to be involved in hiring and supervising the executive director, selecting the actuary, and overseeing the establishment of actuarial assumptions.

As many of you have already heard, MCPS is investigating the possibility of providing a Medicare Advantage plan for retirees who are Medicare-eligible. With the cost of health care rising for both the school system and retirees, MCPS is exploring what other

national Medicare Advantage plans offer. At this point, no decision has been made about moving to a Medicare Advantage plan; the process is purely exploratory. MCPS has kept the MCPSRA Board involved from the beginning. They met with our Board in February, and we were able to raise several concerns regarding Medicare



Advantage. Later in February, Chris Richardson and Steve Raucher met with MCPS to review the Request for Proposal (RFP) before it was sent out. MCPS has indicated that they will meet with us again once proposals are received, and we will share updates with our members through email blasts and social media. Please see the article written by MCPS that appears in this newsletter.

We remain committed to providing opportunities for retirees to connect with one another. To strengthen our outreach and better serve retirees wherever they reside—whether in Montgomery County, elsewhere in Maryland, or outside the state—we have developed a survey to gather your ideas for future programs and activities. When you receive information about the survey, please take a few minutes to share your input. The more feedback we receive, the better we can serve our membership and create meaningful opportunities for involvement.

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## MCPSRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD)

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## February Luncheon: A Home Run!!!

The February luncheon/business meeting was a great success.

School board members **Karla Silvestre, Laura Stewart, and Julie Yang** shared greetings and updates on current MCPS initiatives.

Chris Richardson and Denise Bracalilly-Stultz, co-chairs of the MCPSRA Insurance and Benefits Committee, updated members on **Bill 28-24: Employees' Retirement System and Other Post-Employment Benefits—Administration—Powers and Duties**. Chris thanked members who contacted County Council members to oppose the legislation and encouraged them to do so again before the upcoming vote.

Denise reported that the MCPS Employee and Retiree Services Center is preparing a **Request for Proposals (RFP)** for a Medicare Advantage plan that could affect Cigna coverage for Medicare-eligible retirees. MCPSRA is advocating to ensure retirees can keep their current doctors and providers and that those providers participate in the plan. MCPSRA will also review the RFP and submitted proposals. Kaiser Permanente would not be affected. Denise and Chris will continue to monitor developments and keep members informed.

Award-winning photojournalist and MCPS graduate **Evan Vucci** delivered an outstanding presentation. Members described it as “incredibly enlightening” and appreciated his tribute to MCPS teachers.

April's speaker promises to be another highlight. **Dr. Troy Boddy**, an MCPS graduate and Morehouse College alumnus, has served as a teacher, principal, and director of MCPS Equity Initiatives. He now co-directs the Sandy Spring Slave Museum and is co-author of the children's book *A Proud History for Alex*.

Luncheons are a great way to stay informed, reconnect with colleagues, and make new friends. Join us at **Argyle Country Club on April 30**. See the menu on page 15.

One additional luncheon remains this year: **June 11**. Mark your calendar.

*LeeAnn Kaye*



## A "Toolkit" for Your Heart: Supporting Our Neediest Children

In our classrooms, we always knew that the most important lessons weren't found in textbooks. They were found in moments of empathy, the extra encouragement for a struggling student, and the innate compassion that drew us to education in the first place.

While we may have hung up our whistles or put away our red pens, that "caring spirit" remains our greatest legacy. We have all seen how a small, thoughtful gesture—a gesture we might forget by the next period—can be cherished by a student for a lifetime. We spent our careers investing in the future, knowing that the "purchase price" of a better world was the love and attention we provided daily.

For 22 years, our **Toolkits Project** has been fueled by that same educator's heart. Thanks to the generosity of members like you, we have provided almost 40,000 toolkits to kindergarten and Head Start children across Montgomery County. These shoeboxes full of school supplies have bridged the gap between school and home, ensuring that our most vulnerable learners have the tools they need to succeed.

Retirement hasn't diminished our lifelong love for children; it has simply given us a new way to express it. True compassion is love in action. We invite you to take a few moments of your day to perform one more act of kindness for our county's neediest children. By filling out the sponsorship form below, your tax-deductible donation will ensure that your impact continues to "glow" in the lives of the next generation.

Kindness never retires, and it certainly has no expiration date. Help us inspire today's students to become the compassionate adults of tomorrow.

Joan Donovan

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### SUPPORT FOR THE MCPSRA TOOLKITS PROJECT

Please provide the following information and mail it along with a check (payable to: **MCPS Educational Foundation**, with "Toolkits Project" on the memo line, to Mrs. Joan Donovan, 13 Hilton Court, Gaithersburg, MD 20882-3521

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Optional: In memory of \_\_\_\_\_ In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Send acknowledgement to \_\_\_\_\_

Select one: \_\_\_\_\_ \*e-mail me a receipt at \_\_\_\_\_

(\*preferred)

\_\_\_\_\_ no receipt is necessary \_\_\_\_\_ mail me a receipt (if necessary)

# Welcome New Members

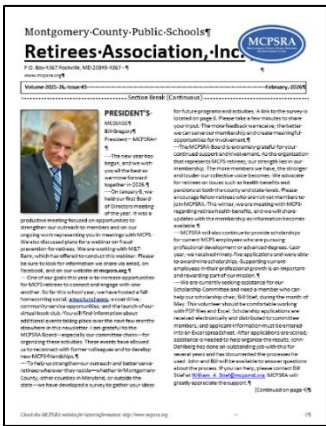
## Joined in January 2026

Jill S. Kramer	164 Spinnaker Way, Chester, MD 21619	301-503-1432
Stuart R. Goldberg	2046 Deertree Lane, Rockville, MD 20851	240-686-1345

## Joined in February 2026

Rachael B. Brewster	8800 Yellow Springs Rd., Frederick, MD 21702	240-344-1670
Susan S. Walden	208 Golden Ash Way, Gaithersburg, MD 20878	240-994-4696

## Get Future Newsletters by Email Only!



Do you prefer reading our newsletter on a screen? If so, you can help us save on printing and postage by getting only the email version!

Let us know if you'd like to join the **228** members who have already switched to email only.

Just send an email to [mail.mcpsra.org@mail.com](mailto:mail.mcpsra.org@mail.com). Include your first and last name and write the words **"EMAIL ONLY"** on the Subject line.

**The change will take effect with the June 2026 issue.**

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So far this school year, we have hosted a fall homecoming social, three luncheons, a coat drive, community service opportunities, a game day (afternoon), and our virtual book club. You will find information about additional events taking place over the next few months elsewhere in this newsletter. I am grateful to the MCPSRA Board—especially our committee chairs—for organizing these activities. These events have allowed us to reconnect with former colleagues and develop new MCPS friendships.

The MCPSRA Board is extremely grateful for your continued support and involvement. As the organization representing all MCPS retirees, our strength lies in our membership. The more members we have, the stronger and louder our collective voice becomes. We advocate for retirees on issues such as health benefits and pensions at both the county and state levels. Please encourage fellow retirees who are not yet members to join MCPSRA. To encourage new members, MRSPA is waiving the membership fee for retirees who join between March and May.

Finally, I wish you a happy spring as we transition from the cold, icy winter to the promise of warmer days ahead.

Bill Gregory  
President, MCPSRA

<b>FY 26 - 27 Board Recommended Budget</b>						
		<b>FY 25 Budget</b>	<b>FY 25 Actual</b>	<b>FY 26 Budget</b>	<b>Projected FY 26</b>	<b>Proposed FY 27</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>						
Membership Dues @ \$15/per year		\$34,000.00	\$27,270.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$32,000.00
Advertising		\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>\$34,500.00</b>	<b>\$27,270.00</b>	<b>\$30,500.00</b>	<b>\$30,500.00</b>	<b>\$32,500.00</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>						
Archives		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Budget		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Charitable Contribution		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Committee for Montgomery		\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Community Service		\$0.00	(\$7.00)	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Donations/Contributions		\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Finance		\$150.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Hospitality		\$500.00	(\$1,522.60)	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Insurance & Benefits		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interfaith Works		\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Legislative		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Membership		\$2,500.00	\$2,895.55	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,500.00
Newsletter		\$10,000.00	\$7,290.40	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$9,500.00
Political Action		\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Program		\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Recognition		\$200.00	\$95.96	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Scholarship		\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$13,500.00
Special Projects / Toolkits		\$1,000.00	\$550.02	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Supplies		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Trip Committee		\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Website		\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Officers		\$1,000.00	\$345.91	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Contingency		\$1,600.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,150.00
<b>Total Expense</b>		<b>\$34,500.00</b>	<b>\$25,248.24</b>	<b>\$30,000.00</b>	<b>\$27,750.00</b>	<b>\$32,500.00</b>
<b>SURPLUS/DEFICIT</b>			<b>\$2,021.76</b>		<b>\$2,250.00</b>	

## BUDGET NOTES

*The proposed budget will be voted on by MCPSRA members at our April 30, 2026 Business Meeting/Luncheon*

The Proposed Budget includes all requests from relevant committees. The budget is “balanced” between Revenue and Expense as required.

Major changes from the FY 25-26 Budget as proposed are:

1. Net Growth in Membership of at least 134 members [= + \$2000]
2. Creation of a “Charitable Contribution line, charity(s) TBD, in lieu of the current Interfaith Works Line [no dollar impact]
3. Elimination of MCPSRA Participation in Committee for Montgomery Breakfast [=+\$1,000]
4. Increase of funds for Membership Recruitment/Retention [= \$1,000]
5. Decrease in Printing Budget for Newsletter [=+\$500]
6. Increase of Scholarships [= \$1500]
7. Decrease in Officer’s discretionary expense [=+500]
8. Inclusion of a Supplies Budget formerly taken from various committees.

## Community Service Update by Judy Mills

Finally... spring is in the air! Time to brush off the warm weather apparel, outdoor furniture, or gardening tools! Whatever your warm weather hobbies, hope you are looking forward to being outdoors more often!

Once each month, MCPSRA hosts a 2-hour volunteer session at Interfaith Works (IW), Rockville, MD. Our upcoming dates are: Mar 12, Apr 9, and May 14. IW volunteer dates are posted on MCPSRA website, Facebook, and in MCPSRA newsletters. Also visit <https://iworksmc.org/> for more information on IW services and additional volunteer opportunities.

Here's a new Volunteer Website discovered while scrolling the AARP app. This website provides virtual and in person volunteer opportunities in the US. Visit: <https://createthegood.aarp.org/> for more information. Discover more volunteer opportunities at [Volunteer in MoCo or Nationwide Doc.docx](#)

<https://1drv.ms/w/c/152c940f64f06d0c/IQBxZITWdKEFSLC6lxa87H1aAXz-JSbyXaGzY3zznWgfG4s?e=z8QIIA>

**JCA Interages** has begun a meaningful intergenerational reading program at S. Christa McAuliffe Elementary School, Germantown, MD called **Grandreaders**, in which volunteers aged 50 and older read one-to-one with second graders at the school on Wednesdays from 10:30-11:00am. Application and background check are required. If interested, please contact JCA Interages at [idingledine@accessjca.org](mailto:idingledine@accessjca.org) or call Indira Dingledine at (301)255-4239.



**Toolkits Project Needs YOU.** Please email [pame2k1@aim.com](mailto:pame2k1@aim.com) to sign up and bring your clean plastic bottle caps to the luncheons. Last year nearly 1200 kits were assembled and distributed to selected schools' Pre-K students across Montgomery County (MD). Read the Toolkits article found on page 3 in the newsletter to find more information for supporting our perennial Toolkits project.

**FUTURE LINK**  
WHERE POTENTIAL MEETS OPPORTUNITY

**Future Link Montgomery County (MD) "Where Opportunity meets Potential"** Future Link was founded to address issues of inequity and social injustice in our community. Volunteers work one-to-one with a student serving as Mentors, Career Coaches, Tutors, informational interviewers, resume reviewers, and more. Visit Future Link at <https://futurelinkmd.org/get-involved/> or call 240-553-3955.

**The Truancy Prevention Program is recruiting**

**Mentors. Please open the link to learn more about this important MCPS/Montgomery County(MD) partnership:**  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ffLLVOvmXBNKiytMrM5SrzB4CIExNiQj/edit?usp=sharing&oid=110149433091853627923&rtpof=true&sd=true>

If you're 55+ in Montgomery County MD, be sure to check out classes, sports and wellness, along with multiple volunteer opportunities across Montgomery County. Seniors 60 or over can even sign up for lunch! Please call (240) 777-4999, or visit [www.mocorec.com](http://www.mocorec.com) "Some activities are free; some charge a fee!"

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## Consumer Education April/May 2026 by Deb Berner

Summer will be here before you know it, and travel and other activities may be in your future. As plans pick up, remember to protect yourself from sales pitches you don't need — and from scammers trying to take your hard-earned money.

### Don't Be Trapped or Scammed!

Every year, thousands of people, many of them senior citizens, unknowingly pay for unused subscriptions or fall victim to scammers. We tend to be loyal customers and may not question small recurring charges. When fees are only \$7–\$19 a month, they're easy to miss — especially when automatic renewals are buried in the fine print.

Although I am getting better at recognizing scams, I recently discovered that I had been paying for an online program that automatically renewed — even though I hadn't used it in two years. It took some sleuthing, but I tracked down the charge, stopped the payment, and was even reimbursed for several months. It was a good reminder that even careful consumers can overlook things. Here are some ways to make sure you don't fall into a similar trap.



### \*\*\*Subscription Traps & Automatic Renewals

Many seniors do not realize that they may be paying for unused subscriptions. A good first step is to review at least three months of both credit and debit card statements and highlight anything that appears to be recurring. Look for:

- Small recurring charges under \$20
- Annual renewals that appear only once a year
- App store charges through Apple Store or Google Play subscriptions
- PayPal recurring authorizations

Common subscription "traps" include:

- Streaming services you signed up for to watch one show
- Free trials that required a credit card
- Identity theft monitoring services you forgot about
- Newspaper or digital magazine trials
- Antivirus software that auto-renews at a higher price

**THE  
SUBSCRIPTION  
TRAP**

- Fitness or meditation apps
- Automatic Amazon “Subscribe & Save” deliveries

### Red Flags to Watch For

- “Free trial — cancel anytime” (but cancellation is difficult)
- Companies that require you to call during limited hours
- Auto-renewal language buried in terms and conditions

### How to Cancel Effectively

- Cancel through the same method you used to sign up (website, app store, etc.)
- Take screenshots of cancellation confirmations and save confirmation emails
- If necessary, dispute charges through your credit card company
- Know your rights under guidance from the Federal Trade Commission (FTC)



### Annual “Subscription Check-Up”

Pick one month each year — perhaps during tax season — to review every recurring charge. Ask yourself:

- Do I still use this?
- Is it worth what I’m paying?
- What is the total annual cost?

Adding up the yearly total can be eye-opening.

### Quick Action Steps

- Review statements quarterly
- Use one credit card exclusively for subscriptions
- Set calendar reminders before free trials end
- Avoid storing payment information on retail sites



### \*\*\*National Slam the Scam Day

Each March during National Consumer Protection Week, the Social Security Administration (SSA) and its Office of the Inspector General sponsor National Slam the Scam Day. They highlight common tactics scammers use and how to recognize warning signs.

Common scam tactics include:

- An unexpected problem or promise of a prize or benefit increase
- Pressure to act immediately
- Requests for unusual payments such as cryptocurrency, gift cards, gold bars, cash, or wire transfers

Use tools from the SSA and the [Federal Trade Commission](#) to recognize imposters — including Social Security-related scams — and stop scammers from stealing your money and personal information. Report suspicious Social Security-related activity to SSA’s OIG at [oig.ssa.gov/report](http://oig.ssa.gov/report) and other fraud concerns to the FTC at [reportfraud.ftc.gov](http://reportfraud.ftc.gov).



**Help us #SlamTheScam and stop government imposters in their tracks.**

Protect yourself from fraud and know what to do if your Social Security information is compromised.



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Finally, staying alert does not mean being suspicious of everything. It simply means taking a few minutes each year to review where your money is going and recognizing the warning signs of fraud. A little attention now can prevent a lot of frustration later — and help keep your hard-earned money where it belongs.



**REPORT  
SUSPICIOUS  
ACTIVITY**

# MCPERS BYLAWS

## Excerpts Showing Proposed Changes.

*[These recommended changes will be accepted or rejected by a vote of MCPERS members at our April 30, 2026 Business Meeting/Luncheon]*

To see our entire Bylaws document, visit the MCPERS website at [www.mcpsra.org](http://www.mcpsra.org).

### Article II - Purposes and Powers

**Section 1.** The Corporation is organized to operate exclusively as a nonprofit business league or trade association within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law), and, more specifically,

- d. To cooperate with the **state and national retired school personnel associations,**
- g. To provide a forum through discussion, study, and publications for the professional exchange of ideas, techniques, and experiences and for the expression **of** issues of concern to retirees; and

### Article IX - Duties of Officers

**Section 2.** The President shall:

- d. Appoint a **Corresponding Secretary and a** Parliamentarian,
- i. With the approval of the Board of Directors, provide for **an external audit a review of** the financial accounts of the Corporation annually and whenever there is a change of Treasurer.

### Article X - Committees

**Section 1.** The Board of Directors:

- d. Shall approve the selection of **auditor(s), reviewer(s)** to conduct all required **(external audits) financial reviews.**

**~~f. Emergency powers: during a national, state, or local emergency as declared by the appropriate federal, state or local authorities, that prohibits or otherwise prevents in-person meetings, all functions of the "Membership" as specified in the Bylaws shall be assumed by the Board of Directors.~~**

**Section 3.** Duties of the Standing Committees

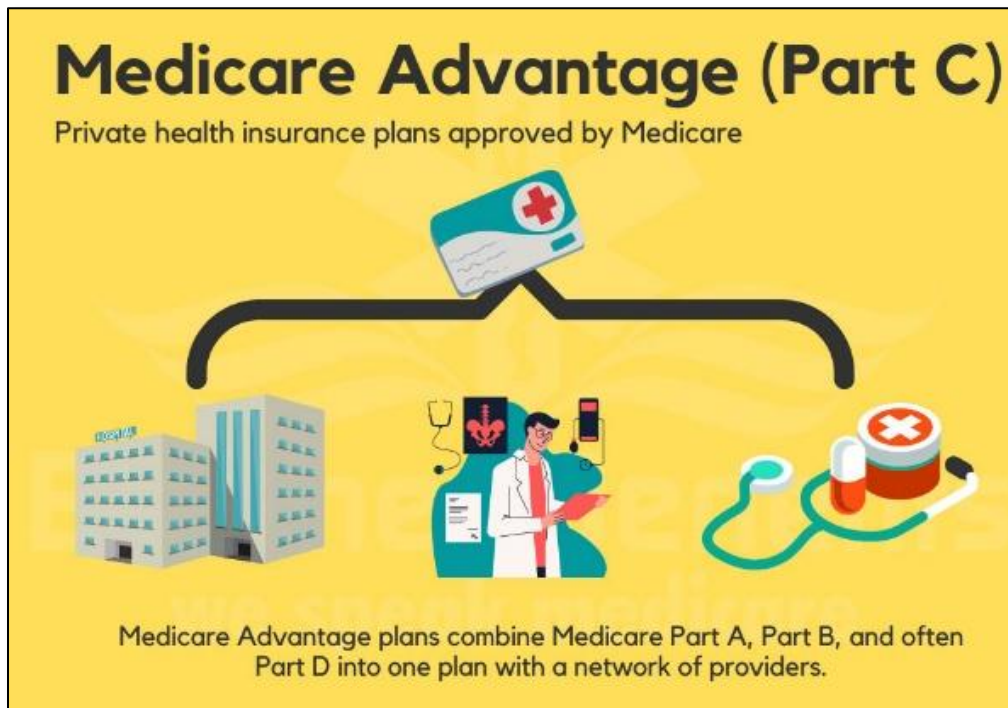
**~~k. The Membership Committee shall, semiannually, invite to become members of MCPERS those eligible personnel recently retired or about to retire, and those previously retired who are not members of the Corporation, and after the fall meeting shall send a second invitation to the retired persons who have not become members; receive various reports from MRSPA and MCPS, review, report differences to MRSPA to update database, and report numbers to the MCPERS Board of Directors.~~**

**k. The Membership Committee shall:**

1. Semiannually invite to become members of MCPERS those retirees who have recently retired or who are about to retire
2. Send a reminder to all members who have not renewed their membership
3. Maintain up-to-date records of members by coordinating with MRSPA and MCPS
4. Coordinate activities aimed at member recruitment and retention

**r. The Social Media Committee shall be responsible for updating the general membership through the use of a variety of social media platforms **including the website.****

## Information about the Request for Proposal Issued by MCPS for Possible Medicare Advantage Program



MCPS sent this information for publication in our newsletter. The full article will appear in Retiree Times.

“This spring, Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) is conducting a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Medicare Advantage program for Medicare-eligible MCPS retirees. The RFP was released in late February and a decision on whether to proceed is expected by June 2026.

Representatives from Aon, a third-party benefits consultant, recommended that MCPS conduct a market analysis to evaluate the Medicare Advantage options currently available. Aon has supported similar reviews for other school districts and advised that a Medicare Advantage program may present a valuable cost-saving opportunity.

Following this recommendation, staff from the Employee and Retiree Service Center (ERSC), in collaboration with the MCPS Retirees Association (MCPSRA), reviewed the structure and coverage features typically included in Medicare Advantage plans. ERSC and the MCPSRA will jointly review the submitted proposals for plan options and pricing. Any decision to move forward with this type of plan will depend on the overall quality and competitiveness of the proposals received.

ERSC will provide additional updates on the review process and its status to the MCPSRA and MCPS retirees as more information becomes available.”

# 2026 Member Survey by Christina Sutter

It's that time of year again! Before you know it, your Board of Directors will be preparing the 2026-2027 plan of action. Effective planning means that we need to hear from ALL voices. Please take the 2026 Member Survey and let us know what YOU want from this organization. The ten questions that will take you about 5 minutes to complete.

The survey can be found on our website ([mcpsra.org](http://mcpsra.org)) or at the link below:

<https://forms.gle/KZnBUr1Sa9UMeY8L6>

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***Have you checked out the Upcoming MCPSRA Events? Information is available on Facebook and the MCPSRA Website.***



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DEBBY VIVARI



"I belong to Osher at JHU because I like nurturing my mind and interacting with peers who share my interests. Through Osher, I'm exposed to different viewpoints from people locally, and from as far away as California... and even England!"

BILL LEWIS



"In-person classes provide an invigorating opportunity to socialize with other members, not only in class but over lunch or coffee. The Zoom classes are convenient and allow us to learn from instructors who are outside the Washington metropolitan area—as far away as Pennsylvania and California."

MILLIE ROGERS

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Johns Hopkins offers enrichment classes, field trips, and travel opportunities for adults. Memberships include one, two, four, or six classes per semester. Keep your mind active and have fun like these members do.

For program details, visit [osher.jhu.edu](http://osher.jhu.edu), call the staff cell phone at 240-595-2319, or email [osher@jhu.edu](mailto:osher@jhu.edu).

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## *In Memoriam*

The following MCPSRA members have passed away.

### **January 2026**

Mary Ella Weikel  
Frances Eckstein Robertson  
Virginia Marie Craig  
Andrew Haba

### **February 2026**

Luna Coleman  
Mary Elizabeth Hickey  
Betty B. Knight  
Patricia Parker  
Dr. John T. Rynn

# Political Action Committee Report by Debra Munk

The MCPSRA Political Action Committee conducted candidate interviews for County Executive, County Council and Board of Education on February 2, 3 and 4, 2026. After consideration of written and interview responses, the committee endorsed the following candidates:



## MCPS Endorsements – 2026 Primary

County Executive	Andrew Friedson
County Council – At Large	Fatmata Barrie
	Laurie-Anne Sayles
	Mark Elrich
	Karla Sylvestre
County Council – District 1	Julie Yang
County Council – District 2	MarylN Balcombe
County Council – District 3	Jud Ashman
County Council – District 4	Kate Stewart
County Council – District 7	Dawn Luedtke
Board of Ed. – At Large	Omar Lazo
Board of Ed. – District 3	Bret DiResta

## Uncontested and Didn't Interview

County Council – District 5	Kristin Mink
County Council – District 6	Natali Fani-Gonzalez
Board of Ed.	Grace Riviera-Oven

# MCPSRA LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING

Thursday, April 30, 2026

Argyle Country Club

14600 Argyle Club Road

Silver Spring, MD 20906

If MCPS is closed, luncheon is cancelled. Delayed opening, luncheon is held.

Gathering: 11:00 a.m. Business Meeting: 11:30 a.m. Luncheon: Noon Program: 1:00 p.m.

## Menu Choices

Chicken Parmesan, Pasta,  
Asparagus w/herb butter

\$40.00

Entrees include: Appetizer, Rolls and Butter,  
Coffee, Hot and Cold Tea, Lemonade, Dessert

**OR**

Flounder with Garlic and Parmesan,  
Pasta, Asparagus w/herb butter

\$40.00

Appetizer: Mixed Green Salad w/feta,  
Candied Pecans, Raspberry Vinaigrette  
Dressing

**OR**

Vegetarian Stuffed Red Pepper (yellow  
onion, tomato paste, chili powder, cumin,  
brown rice, black beans, corn kernels)  
Asparagus w/herb butter

\$40.00

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**Thursday, April 30, 2026**

## Circle Entrée Choice

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Fish

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Fish

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian

Total amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reservation form and check must be received by Wednesday, April 22, 2026. Make check payable to**

**MCPSRA. Mail to:**

**LeeAnn Kaye**

**3210 N. Leisure World Blvd. #306**

**Silver Spring, MD 20906**

**For information: LeeAnn Kaye 301-598-5480 or Trish Bendler 301-540-5160**

**[geolakaye@gmail.com](mailto:geolakaye@gmail.com)**

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**MCPSRA Luncheon/Business Meeting  
ARGYLE COUNTRY CLUB**

**Gathering: 11:00 a.m.; Business Meeting: 11:30 am.  
Luncheon: 12:00 Noon; Program 1:00 pm.**

**Next Luncheon Date April 30, 2026**

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