

September 23, 2021

Hi MDSCers,

As promised, here is the recap of the MDSC zoom gathering on Thursday, September 23, 2021 where we were challenged to guess the baby pictures of current MDSC members.

President Leslie Zinza welcomed us with brief comments about what the MDSC board has done for us and what our future plans may be. She would like to leave it to us to help the board decide whether we want to gather indoors or not. For the month of September, the majority of the members that responded to the poll made it clear that they do not want to meet at the Senior Center yet. The poll based on several options - gather outdoors, gather indoors at the senior center, or gather via zoom - will be sent to us on a monthly basis to help the board make plans. The board is now looking at the possibility of an outdoor gathering at a park with a pavilion for our next event on Thursday, October 21st.

Vice President Thelma started the challenging yet fun guessing activity. She certainly did a good job of putting together slides and the polls. We donned our deductive and inductive thinking caps. Some were obvious and easy to identify; some were tricky. We considered several possibilities to make our guess: the period when the picture was taken, mostly as far back as the 1930s to 1960s, background of the picture, clothing style, prominent features, eyes, face shape, hair, smile, teeth and so forth. Many thanks to thirty three (33) MDSCers who contributed to this activity. If you have not done so, it is NOT too late. VP Thelma will gladly accept more baby/most recent pictures to be used in the future zoom event. All you have to do is to find them and send them to her at mdscvicepresident@gmail.com!

Treasurer Cathy Thompson entertained us with the Bank Day drawings. She showed us the MDSC drawing jar with wooden balls numbered from 1 to 191, which is the total number of the current members for 2021-2022. She informed us that **Laureen Lynch-Ryan** is the very first member who signed up for this year so she is MDSC member #1! **Rick Thompson** helped Cathy with the drawing so if you did not win, blame it on RT! One has to be present to win \$100.00 as no one was present at the zoom event the past few months so member #56 **Mike Moore** who was present is the lucky winner this month! Congratulations, Mike! For the 2nd chance drawings, all Cathy did was to enter our names and spin the wheel and the Wheel of Names randomly selected our second chance winners: **Patti Alford** for \$15.00, **Steven Cole** for \$20.00, and **Joe Rose** for \$25.00. Congratulations, Patti, Steven, and Mike!

Treasurer Cathy informed us that she replaced Mike Moore as chair of the Investment Committee (IMC). Many thanks, Mike, for all you have done as the first chair of IMC! Cathy is also chairing the Maryland Deaf Community Center (MDCC) AdHoc committee and members are **Steven Cole, Mike Moore, Sam Sonnenstrahl, and Colette Walker.**

President Leslie made additional announcements and informed us that **Barbara Willigan** who is the chair of the 2021 Holiday Luncheon has started to plan for the big event on Thursday, December 16th tentatively set from 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Logistics regarding food and safety protocols will be worked out with the Martin Crosswinds staff and updates will be shared with us when time comes.

Information about the COVID-19 booster shots was discussed. So for your safety, we strongly recommend that you check with your doctor about taking a 3rd booster vaccine if you have already received your COVID-19 vaccines. A booster dose is an extra administration of a vaccine after an earlier dose. Check <https://www.cdc.gov> from time to time for COVID19 updates. Again, please check with your doctor!

Please stay safe - we care!

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