



RECAP: Welcome Back to MDSC Kick-Off Event

Secretary Janet S. Weinstock

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A total of one hundred one (**OH YES, 1-0-1!**) people - 89 old & new members, 5 visitors, 2 tactile interpreters, 2 caregivers, and 3 volunteers - flocked to the Schweinhaut Senior Center in Silver Spring, MD for the Kick-Off event. **President Leslie Zinza** got on the stage to welcome everybody to the very first MDSC event of the 2022-23 year. She invited the officers and board members to come to the stage for an introduction. Then she asked individual committee members to stand up and be recognized. Please check <https://mddeafseniors.org/mdsc-board> for a couple of vacancies so if you are interested in getting involved, please let us know at mddeafseniors@gmail.com.



Vice President Mike Weinstock informed us that the MDSC Website Team of **Webmaster Eric Hamlow**, **Treasurer Cathy Thompson**, **Secretary Janet Weinstock**, and Mike himself worked throughout the summer to update the website contents. He offered a free tutorial, “MDSC Website Navigation 101” by guiding us through selected components so we’d become MDSC Website savvy! Mike then invited Cathy to show us where to find the membership and donation forms and Janet who pointed out where to find the recap of past MDSC events and resources that show the link to the agencies and organizations of interest to Deaf Seniors of Maryland.



Food & Beverage Chair Jeff Dunefsky took care of the Mamma Lucia pizza order with a choice of cheese, pepperoni, and vegetable toppings and purchased water bottles. Board members and volunteers assisted Jeff with serving us two pieces of pizza per person. Some brought their own lunch. All in all, we had a satisfying lunch break!



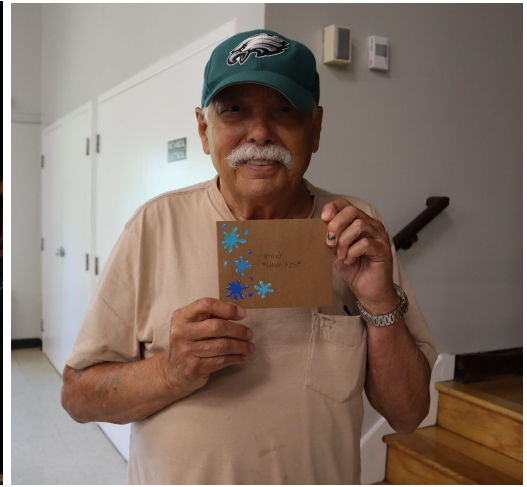
After lunch, VP Mike got back on the stage to emcee two fun activities. The first one is the “How Much Do You Know Your Spouse?”, the MDSC version of “The Newlywed Game” that was aired on TV from 1966 to 1974. Three couples were selected from a drawing of a pool of couples who have expressed interest in participating. The Lucky Couples were **Ann and Steven Cole** (49 years), **Ginny and James Lindsay** (55 years), and **Colette and Bob Walker** (8 years). One of the questions Emcee Mike asked each couple was “When and where was your first kiss?” The winners are... DRUM ROLL... Ann and Steven who earned themselves \$50.00 for showing us that they do know one another pretty well.



Next, Ten Lucky Individuals **Ann C. Black, June Freeman, Margaret Huang, Patricia Huston-Hoover, Jim Perry, Karen Perry, Carolyn Snyder-Mason, Bob Walker, Colette Walker,**

and **Marcia Zisman** were selected via the lottery among paid members to take turns to answer trivia questions that covered a variety of topics, such as, “Which US city is known as the City of Brotherly Love?” A: Philadelphia, “When was MDSC founded?” A: 1976, and “How many children does Marlee Matlin have?” A: 4. The winner is **Bob Walker** who got his 2nd chance and won \$25.00! YAY!





BANK DAY: The very lucky winner of today's Bank Day is none other than our very own **Cathy Thompson** who won \$100. Next month, it will go back to \$25.00. If the "un-lucky" winner is a no show, then it will double to \$50.00 the following month so be sure to show up at all events this year so that you don't lose out on the lucky draw!



SECOND CHANCE WINNERS: Seremi LaRue - \$15, Patty Alford - \$20, and the Birthday Kid Rick Thompson - \$25.



50/50 RAFFLE: WHOA! **Steve Nover** won half of the 50/50 raffle money last spring and he “earned” \$118.00 this time! The other half of the proceeds from the 50/50 raffle sales will be donated to Deaf Seniors of America (DSA).



MANY, MANY THANKS TO...

- Our fabulous **MDSC Volunteers Diana Moore, Mike Moore, and Rick Thompson** for making life easier for our Treasurer Cathy by welcoming people as they arrive to sign in, to fill out forms, and to get tickets. By the way, if you were wondering why Rick was wearing that birthday hat on the top of his head, well, it was his birthday!!! What a cool time to spend one's birthday at a MDSC event!!!



- Our **Community Liaison Peter Un** assisted our **Media Chair Barry White** to make sure

our laptop is up and running.

- Our **Photographer Andriana Canning** took a number of cool pictures of us in action and individual pictures of Board Members to be uploaded on the website.
- Our very helpful **Community Volunteers Aimee Burke, Tabatha Patrican and her hearing dog JEM, and Arleena Thompson** for their assistance throughout the day under the direction of our **Volunteer Chair Bev Boateng**.



- A little over **100 of YOU** who have already paid for your membership for the 2022-23 year!!!



- **LAST BUT NOT LEAST...**MDSC is committed to support the Deaf Ecosystem by working with **Keystone Interpreting Solutions (KIS) of Frederick** - <https://md.kisasl.com> - to provide tactile interpreting for our DeafBlind members at our monthly events this year. In addition to the 2 KIS tactile interpreters who were assigned to work with one of our DeafBlind members, two very generous members **Rebecca Blumenfeld** and **Jill Kotcher** jumped in to tactile interpret for a DeafBlind individual who is brand new to MDSC this year. From now on, we will do our best to ensure that our DeafBlind members receive

reasonable accommodations to information.

See you at the next MDSC event on Thursday, September 15th!!!

