



# Newsletter

2009 Report

## Greetings from the Board of Directors



Traditionally, this is the time of year when we pause to reflect upon the various challenges and the accomplishments -- those programs that were proposed, the events sponsored and projects undertaken -- which defined MRSPT over the past twelve months.

Initially, it seemed like an uneventful year. However, utilizing "quality" rather than "quantity" to measure MRSPT's accomplishments for 2009 reflects achievements consistent with our mission and commitment to preserve the history as well as to promote the legacy of the Military Road School. Also, despite the absence of an educational program similar to our two previous symposiums or a major event such as last year's awards banquet, the Board succeeded in accomplishing several administrative and logistical tasks which we believe will prove beneficial in the future.

Since this year's annual Prayer Breakfast, no doubt some of you have experienced a serious illness, the loss of a loved one, or some degree of economic uncertainty. So have some of us. Nevertheless, we have also experienced the joy and gratitude of knowing that our individual and collective endeavors have in some way enriched the lives of others. Your faithful support and encouragement have enabled us to serve as a guardian of history as well a helping hand to those who are living history today and those who will do so in the coming years.

Therefore, although you may not consider yourself to be a vital part of MRSPT's mission, as you read this Newsletter, we hope you will sense the need to continue helping us promote the legacy of the Military Road School through renewing your membership or making a financial gift in support of our educational programs. We also appreciate those of you who donate your time, skills and talents, all of which are equally invaluable resources that are essential to our success.

We would like to thank you for your friendship and support to MRSPT in 2009 as well as extend our very best wishes for a prosperous New Year. We also look forward to hearing from you and to having you attend our annual Prayer Breakfast on January 30, 2010.

## 2009 Prayer Breakfast



Dr. Lewis M. Anthony, Pastor of the Metropolitan Wesley AME Zion Church, was the guest speaker at MRSPT's Prayer Breakfast held on Saturday, January 31, 2009, at the St. Luke Baptist Church in northwest Washington. St. Luke's Pastor, Rev. Aubrey C. Lewis and Assistant Pastor, Rev. John H. Jones, offered prayer, and special music for the occasion was rendered by Mrs. Mona McCammon and Ms. Craiyawna Malloy. Other participants included the DuBose family and Ms. Nancy Barber, daughter of Military Road School alumnus Mrs. Alberta French. Scholarship recipient Amber L. Hill and her family also joined MRSPT's members and supporters for this annual event.



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## New MRSPT Board Members Appointed

The Board of Directors welcomes Mrs. Joyce Bailey as a member-at-large and granted honorary membership to Mrs. Doris Taylor, a former Military Road School teacher. We are honored to recognize these two outstanding ladies who have consistently supported MRSPT as well as assisted us with many of our programs and events.



In addition to serving as an MRSPT Board Member, Mrs. Bailey is also the Director of the Black Fashion Museum. As a charter member of the Female Re-Enactors of Distinction (FREED), an auxiliary organization of the African American Civil War Museum, she portrays Elizabeth Keckley, who was the dressmaker and confidant of First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln. Mrs. Bailey is also actively involved in other charitable and community organizations.



Mrs. Doris (Tracy) Taylor began her teaching career at the Military Road School in 1952 and remained in the D.C. public school system until retiring in 1985. She subsequently moved to Elizabeth City, North Carolina, and resumed teaching as a substitute before returning to the Washington Metropolitan Area. Mrs. Taylor, who has been a substitute teacher, demonstration coach and tutor in Prince George's County School System, currently teaches at the Hillcrest Heights Elementary School.

## Donnessa Lucas Memorial Scholarship Awards

MRSPT Board Members congratulate scholarship fund recipient Amber L. Hill, who received her Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance degree from George Mason University on May 15, 2009.



We received a number of requests for financial assistance this year and thanks to your faithful and generous support, MRSPT was able to provide a \$500 scholarship for the 2009-2010 school year to each of the following four applicants:

- Ms. Kayla Ali-Fisher (Trinity Washington University)
- Mr. Michael D. DuBose (Liberty University)
- Ms. Ashley Jones (Winston-Salem University)
- Ms. Jaqueline Yangua (Trinity Washington University)

## Fort Stevens Day



On July 11, MRSPT took part in the 2009 celebration of this famous Civil War site, located in northwest Washington. In addition to displaying exhibits which depicted the history of the Military Road School, alumni distributed literature and shared their experiences as former students. This annual event, sponsored by the National Park Service, featured authentic music, reenactments and various exhibits through which visitors could learn about the rich history of Fort Stevens.

**Military Road School Signage Replaced**



With the assistance of Ms. Kim Williams, National Register Coordinator for the D. C. Historic Preservation Office, signage has been replaced on the historic Military Road School building. The original structure, designed by Municipal Architect Snowden Ashford in 1911 and completed in 1912, closed as a public school in 1954. The Latin American Montessori Bilingual (LAMB) Public Charter School, which purchased the building from the District of Columbia government, restored its exterior and has expanded the site to include additional facilities.

**MRSPT Accepts Award for Brightwood Heritage Trail Working Group**

For neighborhood Heritage Trails established throughout the city, on November 18, 2009, Cultural Tourism DC received the Mayor's 2009 District of Columbia Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation in the category of "Excellence in Public Education." Each Working Group for the Trails also received a citation; and as the non-profit sponsoring organization of the Brightwood Heritage Trail, MRSPT, which co-chaired the Brightwood Working Group, accepted the award for this wonderful Trail.

**Coming Events**  
**Annual Prayer Breakfast**  
 January 30, 2010

**Pearls of Great Price Mentoring Program**

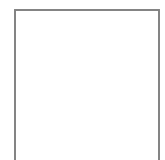
Applications are being accepted  
 Call 202-557-6956 for more information

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**The Power of One**

Now that you've read our newsletter, we hope you are looking ahead to 2010 and considering how you can become more involved. Please contact us by phone at 202/577-6956 or by email at [thelasax@mrspt.org](mailto:thelasax@mrspt.org) to offer your ideas, suggestions or services; and never underestimate the power of *one* and the difference *you* can make!

**Military Road School Preservation Trust**  
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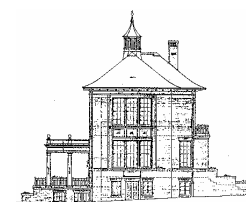
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