



February, 2021

Dear Fellow Retiree,

I would like to begin this letter by first thanking Terry Gerard for his outstanding leadership as our BGERA President for the past 2 years! During Terry's first year he mentored a new Vice President providing guidance and support. Terry's pairing of a new team member with seasoned committee members provided exciting, well-planned events for your enjoyment. Last year with the COVID 19 Pandemic, Terry and the BGERA Executive Committee members were forced to cancel all scheduled events. Our members' safety is still and always will be our top priority.

It is with excitement and hope we enter 2021! Vaccines are now becoming available that many of our members are eligible to receive. We are hoping that once all our members are able to receive the vaccine we can begin to start gathering again and enjoy events together. We will continue to monitor the COVID situation while the Executive Committee begins planning future events.

Unfortunately the following events are postponed or canceled:

Our March Bull Roast is once again postponed and we are looking at how to safely schedule this event at a later date.

Our April Spring Meeting (at Martin's East - now closed) is canceled.

Below is important information about Dues and our Website:

We will be extending the membership of all 2020 paid members for another year. If you have paid your dues for this year, your membership will now expire on January 31st 2022 (our membership year runs from February 1st to January 31st of the following year).

Our website (www.bgeretirees.com) makes it easier for our members to find information. Although we still cannot accept applications for membership or for our various trips through the website due to the need for payments, we do continue to have electronic attendance response available for the General Membership Meetings which is more convenient for some of our members. We also added the ability to access information concerning volunteer opportunities through BGE for our members.

A note to new members: You can access the website for the first time by using the last 5 digits of your EMPLOYEE NUMBER as the user ID and your LAST NAME (in caps) as the password. Once you sign in for the first time, you need to change your password to one unique to you.

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If you are not a member or know other retirees who are not members, we encourage you and them to join. In order to join for the first time, simply complete the application on the bottom of this letter and return it, along with your check or money order for the \$25.00 Annual Dues made payable to BGERA and mail to:

James M. Bishoff
1730 Mews Way
Fallston, Maryland 21047-2865

Remember, membership for current paid members for 2020 has been extended thru January 31st 2022.

Please Be Safe and Wear Your Mask and Social Distance! Looking forward to seeing all of you at future events!

Jim Hock

President 2021-2023

BGERA Dues Payment – 2021

Name: _____ Employee No: _____

Address: _____

Address (add'l): _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ - _____ - _____ email Address: _____

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