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## "Tait Tournament" & All Star Weekend



Ross Emerson League All Stars 2012

Saturday and Sunday, July 13 and 14, 2013 is All Star Weekend.

On Saturday, at 9:30 a.m., the All Star game between the 60+ teams from the Wednesday Night League versus the Ross Emerson League will take place.

At 11:30 a.m. there will be time for some of the players to enjoy the MCSSA Picnic before softball gets underway again.

At 1:00 p.m. you will see the All Star game between the 50+ Tuesday night league versus the Ron Schell 50+ Draft league.

All games will be played on Olney Manor Field #4. The games will be a single nine-inning affair. The prizes here are the bragging rights for the coming year over the conquered opponents. It is a lot of fun and teams are encouraged to bring out their fan clubs to see the games.

The Annual MCSSA Picnic will begin at 11:00 a.m. at the picnic grounds just beyond the fence of Field #4. As usual, there is a small fee (\$5) for food and each person is required to bring their own beverages, dessert and folding chairs, although there will be tables available at the park. See the flyer on Page 10 of this issue of *The Senior Athlete*.



Ron Schell League All Stars 2012

On Sunday we will be conducting the Eighteenth Annual MCSSA Invitational Softball Tournament at Olney Manor Park. There will be three 65+ teams (Delaware, Montgomery County and Emerson Select) along with four 70+ teams (Hamel 70s, Delaware 70s, Montgomery County 70s and Cloverly Cannons) as well as four 75+ teams (Senior Moments, Maryland Baysox, Delaware 75s and Hamel 75s) participating.

The first round of games are played at 8:30 a.m. amongst the 70 and 75 groups. Then at 9:45 a.m. we have the "Opening Ceremonies" on Field #4. The ceremony consists of teams lining the softball diamond while a Color Guard presents the U.S. Colors for the singing of the National Anthem. This is followed by brief remarks by a guest speaker and then the team managers are introduced. To officially get the tournament underway there will be a ceremonial "first-pitch" from an invited guest

A team trophy as well as individual "desk trophies" will be presented to the winners in each age bracket. A First Aid Unit will be present all day and refreshments will be available too.

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### Dates to Remember

- \* **July 13** MCSSA Picnic at Olney Manor Park plus league All-Star games.
- \* **July 14** Eighteenth Annual "Bill Tait" Invitational Softball Tournament.
- \* **Aug 16** Fall Softball begins.
- \* **Sep 5-8** Maryland Senior Olympic Softball Tournament at Olney Manor Park
- \* **Nov 8** MCSSA Annual Party at Golden Bull Restaurant in Gaithersburg.





**From the Editor's Desk:**

Just a reminder that the Softball Tournament for the Maryland Senior Olympics will be held during the period of 5—8 September 2013. Teams in the 65, 70 and 75 category will play on the 5th and possibly on the 6th. Teams in the 50, 55 and 60 category will play on the 7th and possibly on the 8th.

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Parks and Planning Commission have posted notice that softball fields will not be available during the period 15-30 August for maintenance. As a result, the Recreation Department may be forced to compress the season for nighttime leagues once again to just five weeks (ten games) instead of the usual seven weeks (fourteen games).

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Just a reminder, MCSSA's Annual Dinner will be held at the Golden Bull Restaurant in Gaithersburg on Friday, November 8, 2013. Nomination Forms for the Newbury Award and the "Spike" Comeback Kid Award are available on Page 8.

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I would like to invite all commissioners to offer news items on their league for publication in the newsletter. Something like a summary of events or unusual events that occur during the season. This is important from a historical perspective as well.

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**Memorable Moments**

By Richard Sherman

I have been playing senior sports for 23 years, mostly in MCSSA leagues. I have witnessed many great catches, clutch hits, smart base running, good coaching and also some downright dumb plays. However, my most memorable moment occurred several years ago as I was umpiring a senior softball game at the local Regional Park. Lenny Mordfin was playing that day but it was not one of his catches that secured a win or a hit over the infield that drove in the winning run that left me with a most memorable moment. It was the fact that a fan club consisting of his wife, his daughter, his granddaughter and his great grandson were there to see him play. Four generations in attendance; it doesn't get any better than that. I was impressed.

**FALL BALL**

The Fall Softball season gets underway approximately on August 16, 2013.

As usual, we will have Ron Schell Draft League on Friday Nights, Super Senior League on Monday Mornings and the Ross Emerson 60+ League on Tuesday and Thursday Mornings.

The Super Senior League and the Ross Emerson League will play games in Gaithersburg for the last two weeks in August and will move to Olney Manor for the remainder of the season in September.

In addition to these leagues, there will be the Women's Masters on Monday Night, a Two-division 50+ Men's league on Tuesday Nights and a league for 55+ Men on Thursday Nights.

Registration forms for the Draft Leagues can be found on Page 9 of this publication. Other leagues register through the County Recreation Offices.

The entire MCSSA family would like to express our condolences to the families of our recently departed:

Kevin Giuffreda  
May 1955—May 2013

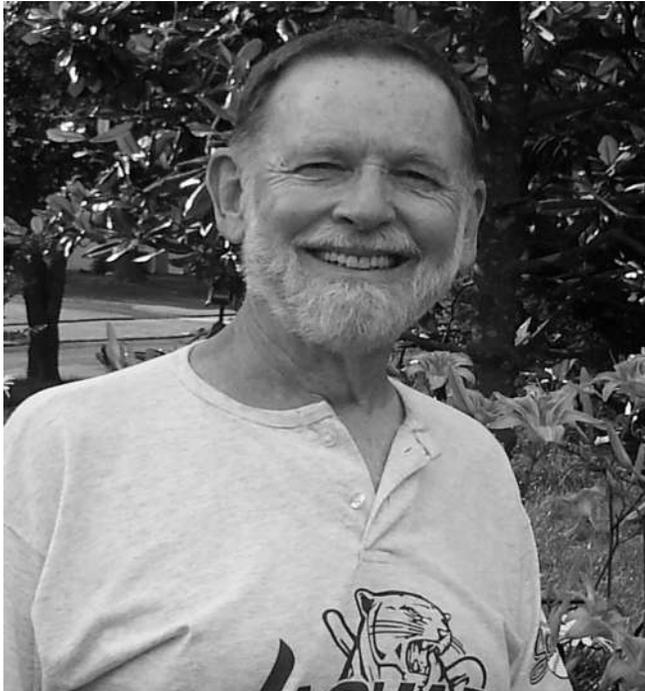
Richard "Bucky" Beavers  
November 1932—June 2013

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## MCSSA Personality Profile Dan “The” Mann



To paraphrase, Andy Warhol said each person during his or her lifetime would experience 15 minutes of fame. Who knew this profile would be my third “15 minutes of fame”—the other two being: working for the Watergate Special Prosecutor and appearing on the cover of *Focused on You*, the quarterly publication of Medstar Montgomery Hospital (Olney, Md), along with Buzz Burroughs. But I digress...

I, Daniel Francis Mann, came into this world on a very hot summery day, July 13, 1941, to be precise. Yeah, there I was, all about me—the first child of my parents, Alberta and Daniel. First kids are special, right? But wait a minute. About 12 minutes later, there’s Maureen Theresa making her appearance! Well, so much for that. My father emigrated from Ireland in 1929 (of all years). He was a cabinetmaker, and a good one he was. Even during the lean years of the ‘30s, he said it was still better over here than any life he would have had in Ireland. He loved this country, dearly. My mother was a Georgia peach, and a peach of a lady and mom. My dad was the stern, Irish disciplinarian; my mom was very loving and nurturing. That was the way it was in most homes during that era, right?

We grew up on New Hampshire Avenue in Takoma Park, three-quarters of a mile over the D.C. line (Eastern Avenue). We recall walking to the D.C. line and taking the Capital Transit bus to St. Gabriel’s School on Sherman Circle in Washington. My parents

never worried about our safety (how different today, huh?). Finally, Our Lady of Sorrows was built within walking distance and we transferred there for grades 4-8, where we had Sister Mary Seraphia, a very tough, but effective, Irish nun (weren’t they all?), for all those years. My childhood was a happy, normal one, when I compare it with my friends.

Of all my schooling, I was the happiest at Archbishop John Carroll High School in D.C. We had the Augustinian priests from Villanova University and they were smart, and tougher than the nuns. But I got an excellent grounding in education for my future. To this day, I’m still very active in our alumni association, particularly for the class of ‘59, along with four other guys. We’re planning our 55<sup>th</sup> year reunion for next year. By the way, it was during my senior year and the following year that Archbishop Carroll set the still-standing record in D.C. of 55 consecutive wins in high school basketball. That was the team composed of Tom Hoover, John Thompson, Monk Malloy and George Leftwich. And no, I was neither big enough nor good enough to play with them.

I attended the University of Maryland and graduated, but not in the major I started with—pre-dental. I was done in eventually by organic chemistry. I had simultaneously taken elective courses in psychology and sociology, and finally found my fit. Giving up the dream of being a dentist was my first real disappointment in life—obviously, other disappointments would follow. (What’s new for any of us?)

A funny thing then happened to me on the road of life—I got drafted. I went in on May 3, 1962, and was released in 1964. I was a radio operator, using voice and Morse code equipment. Jerry, from Detroit, whom I met in basic training, and I, along with our wives, celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> year of friendship last year in Cleveland, at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame (yes, we’re still rockers). After the Army, I went back to school, and worked in the D.C. Post Office picking up mail. I loved that job—the pay was excellent, the evening hours great and it was outdoors.

In 1968, I was offered a position in a Federal Management Intern Program. I was long drawn to public service; my father supervised the cabinet shop at the Treasury Department. As an immigrant, he loved serving his country as a public servant. He passed that on to me. The rest, as they say, is history. I served 31 years, and really loved all but seven years of it. I became an Administrative and Executive Officer (private sector equivalent to Director of Management and Administration) for various federal office and agencies.

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## 2012-13 Basketball Results



### Baby Boomers win 55+ Championship

The Baby Boomers finished in first place during The regular season and then edged the Flyers 63-56 to win the 2012-2013 55+ basketball championship. Buddy Mercer led the balanced Boomers attack with 13 points. Four Boomer players scored in double figures.

#### Playoff games

Road Runners 52, The Real 37  
 Flyers 53, Terps 43  
 Baby Boomers 41, Road Runners 25  
 Baby Boomers 63, Flyers 56

#### Regular Season Standings

Baby Boomers	5-1
Flyers	4-2
Terps	3-3
The Real	2-4
Road Runners	1-5

#### Top scorers during regular season

Hunter (Flyers)	149
Williams (Baby Boomers)	78
Connor (Road Runners)	77
Stanton (The Real)	70
Peterson (Road Runners)	61

#### Top three-point shooters

Hunter (Flyers)	16
Mercer (Baby Boomers)	13
Connor (Road Runners)	12

#### Top free-throw shooters      Made-Attempted

Hunter (Flyers)	28-32
Stanton (The Real)	18-26
Peterson (Road Runners)	11-20

Commissioner: David Schardt

### Jade East wins 60+ Championship

Jade East beat the Black Shirts 42-33 to take the 2012-2013 60+ basketball championship. Jade East finished first during the regular season, losing only the final game by one point. The Black Shirts reached the championship game after losing the first three games of the regular season.

#### Playoff games

Wizods 42, Trojans 34  
 Black Shirts 69, Over the Hill 50  
 Jade East 54, Wizods 30  
 Jade East 42, Black Shirts 33

#### Regular Season Standings

Jade East	5-1
Over the Hill	4-2
Black Shirts	3-3
Wizods	2-4
Trojans	1-5

#### Top scorers during regular season

Connor (Over the Hill)	79
Johnson (Over the Hill)	76
Wilson (Black Shirts)	66
Feldman (Wizods)	64
Mann (Over the Hill)	62
Gessel (Black Shirts)	62

#### Top three-point shooters

Wilson (Over the Hill)	16
Gessel (Black Shirts)	13
Ballard (Jade East)	11

#### Top free-throw shooters      Made-Attempted

Lake (Wizods)	15-22
Mercer (Jade East)	11-12
Connor (Over the Hill)	8-8

Commissioner: David Schardt



## Softball Standings (As of June 23, 2013)

### Women's Monday Night League

Team	Won	Lost	Tied	Points
Sparks, Stein & Sperling	8	0		16
Like a Fine Wine	4	3	1	9
TST	4	4		8
Tornados	3	5		6
Old Bats	0	9	1	1

Commissioner: Carmen Campbell

### Super Senior League Monday Mornings

Team	Won	Lost	Tied	Points
Jaguars	14	0	2	30
Cougars	8	7	1	17
Tigers	8	8		16
Lions	7	8	1	15
Bobcats	5	11		10
Panthers	4	12		8

Commissioner: Ed Guillette

### Wednesday Night Men's 60+ League

Division A	Won	Lost	Tied	Points
Spicers	10	4		20
Ron's A/C	9	6	1	19
Division B				
MemberCar Stars	10	5		20
Blue & Gold	2	13	1	5
Division C				
Mustangs PJ's Sports	12	4		24
Ledo Pizza Wheaton	11	5		22
Blue & Gold	1	17		2

Commissioner: Joe Fry

### CoRec Wednesday Morning League

Division A	Won	Lost	Tied	Points
The Tavern	11	5		22
PJ's Sports	10	6		20
Senior Moments	6	10		12
Division B				
CoStars	12	4		24
Rockers	6	10		12
Eagles	3	13		6

Commissioner: Don Juran

### Tuesday Night Men's 50+ League

Division "A"	Won	Lost	Tied	Points
Maryland Cougars	2	0		4
Spicer	2	0		4
Gaithersburg Rentals	0	0		0
Division "B"				
ReMax	2	0		4
Marauders	2	2		4
Hamel	1	1		2
Stylers	1	1		2
Armands	0	4		0
Division "C"				
Raiders	6	2		12
Silverado	5	3		10
Meyers & Meighan	4	2		8
Union Jacks	3	3		6
Blue & Gold	3	5		6
Nats	1	3		2

Commissioner: Bud Marshall

### Ron Schell Draft League 50+

Team	Won	Lost	Tied	Points
Green Machine	9	4		18
Midnight Special	8	6		16
Long Riders	5	8	1	11
Legends	4	8	1	7

Commissioner: Dave Hyder

### Ross Emerson Men's 60+ League

Team	Won	Lost	Tied	Points
Senators	27	5		54
Good Sports	20	11	1	41
Dust Busters	17	15		34
Fire Balls	16	16		32
Centurions	8	21	1	17
Patriots	6	26		12

Commissioner: Jacky Loube

### Thursday Night Men's 55+ League

Division "A"	Won	Lost	Tied	Points
Senior Ballers	2	0		4
Marauders	2	2		4
Hamel	0	0		0
Division "B"				
Meyers Meighan	0	0		0
Blue and Gold	0	2		0

Commissioner: Bud Marshall



(Con't Mann from Page 3)

I did start-ups for four presidential commissions, the most rewarding of which was the Watergate Special Prosecutor's Office. It was one-of-a-kind, never to be repeated, hopefully. Being a part of the Watergate experience for a public servant like me was going to the mountain top. Other stints on the presidential commissions, Budget Officer for the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Officer for the Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, and other federal agencies were truly satisfying. But nothing else was as personally rewarding and enriching.

Mr. Archibald Cox, the Special Prosecutor, was a gem of a man—scrupulous, brilliant, fair-minded, judicially devoted and one of the last of the truly great public servants. I'll relate one brief remembrance from Watergate. I had been given a heads-up by Mr. Cox's deputy, Henry Ruth, on Friday to stay in town that weekend. I quizzically asked why. Mr. Ruth said he couldn't answer that, but to stay in D.C. Obviously, when I was watching Agronsky and Company that Saturday night, it became clear. At about 7:40 p.m., I recall, the news broke that President Nixon had fired Mr. Cox. Within minutes, I received a call from Mr. Ruth directing me to come in. Our offices were at 1425 K Street, N.W., on the eighth and ninth floors. I was met at the elevators by an FBI agent whom I had known from office dealings on the break-in. We had been friendly with each other previously, but all of a sudden, things had changed and I and other staff were forbidden access to our office area. I remember the feeling of real fear that came over me. This is what a coup or dictatorship is like: the individual no longer exists, only the state. In the next hour, negotiations took place between the White House, Department of Justice and the FBI. It was a terrifying feeling: momentarily it seemed our country's governance had been drastically changed.

***“Finally, guess what happened to me on the road to the rest of my life—I had a heart attack! “***

For some of us, it takes two attempts to get marriage “right.” Fortunately for me, I got it right the second time with Raquel, whom I met on a blind date. We've been together 32 years, and have a delightful daughter—my Irish Colleen, now 27. I also have two wonderful daughters, Stephanie Lynn and Courtney Maureen and two granddaughters in Florida, from my first marriage (ten years). Well, because my last agency was abolished, I was able to retire and fulfill my

longtime wish to be a stay-at-home dad, or “Mr. Mom” as the ladies called me, with Colleen Elizabeth, who was in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. The good feeling of “mothering” my kid was priceless.

When I was in undergraduate school, I had wanted to get a master's degree in social work, but that never came to fruition. After being at home with Colleen my first year of retirement, I started a service for seniors called “Driving Miss Daisy” (and now I'm one). I did it for 13 years, until Raquel's retirement. At its peak, there were 23 “Daisies”, ages 83 to 97 (as you guessed, most were women). I'd do everything from taking them to medical appointments, being their advocate, and helping with their daily needs. This was a very fulfilling second “career” for a frustrated social worker.

Finally, guess what happened to me on the road to the rest of my life—I had a heart attack! I was playing the outfield on a sunny, mild June 11, 2012 morning. Prior to the game, I had done 25 pushups as part of my pre-game warm-up exercises. No problem, to quote the youth of today. In the third inning, I started to feel out of sorts but just attributed it to only getting five hours of sleep. I continued to play, even getting two hits (a rarity for me!), and noticed all of a sudden I was bent over each time I ran after a ball or to make a catch. Jim Ehrenfried and Bob Kiatta alertly noticed something was wrong and insisted on calling an ambulance. Thank God they did. Raquel refers to them as her “angels”. They are, for they saved my life by getting medical assistance so quickly. Anyhow, I now have three stents in the right artery of my heart, which had been blocked and non-functioning for who knows how long. I also arrested on the table. When the doctor revived me, I finally had the fearful thought that I could actually die and this was no academic exercise. Here I am a year later. I think I'm going to be around to walk Colleen down the aisle, providing she doesn't make me wait until I'm 90!

Dr. Castine tells me I'm doing fine and has given me the all clear for playing softball (my third career). As you know, softball is the passion of my life. I enthusiastically embrace both the sport and those with whom I play. Eight games a week are just about right for this geezer. All of this heart jazz resulted in fellow ballplayer Buzz Burroughs and me gracing the cover of *Focused on You*. What some of us won't do for an extra “15 minutes of fame”! How about them apples? (And “no”, I don't color my hair.)

Dan is the recently elected Secretary of MCSSA.



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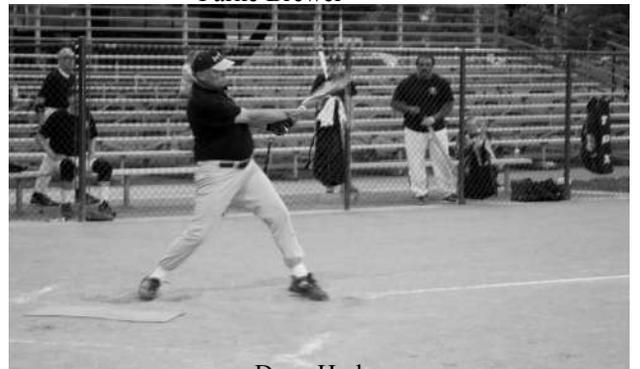
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**Nomination Form  
2nd Annual  
"Spike" Comeback Kid Award**

I would like to nominate \_\_\_\_\_

List in detail the factors that should be considered for presentation of this award (on a separate sheet of paper).

The award committee will evaluate the nominations, for either man or woman, based on the data submitted justifying your candidate's accomplishments.

Richard Sherman will chair the committee and submissions can be made either by U.S Mail addressed to Richard Sherman, 15403 Wentbridge Court, Silver Spring, MD 20906 or by email to rgsappraising@verizon.net.

**Nominations should be submitted by Tuesday, October 15, 2013.**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Abbreviated Nomination Form  
9th Annual  
William E. (Bill) Newbury Memorial Award**

I would like to Nominate \_\_\_\_\_

List in detail why your nominee's contributions should be considered for this award (*The more information you can provide, the better*):

***All nominations must be received by Tuesday, October 15, 2013***

To submit a nomination, simply send by e-mail to one (or all) of the following committee members:

Or, send through the U.S. Postal Service to:

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Spike Bauroth—ekips3@verizon.net  
Bill Birmingham—wfbham@aol.com

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Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



Gloria Hong's team, the 55 Club, won their bowling league championship. From the Left: Bob Mallasch, Gloria, Denny Woolaver and Ken Roberts. Gloria posted the High Average for Women

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**REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE FALL DRAFT LEAGUES**

Please indicate which 2013 Fall League(s) you wish to play in and enclose the proper amount as indicated below. Make check payable to MCSSA. **Deadline: August 3, 2013**

I want to play in the Super Senior Draft League on Monday and Wednesday Mornings	(\$50.00)	\$ _____
I want to play in the 60+ Ross Emerson Morning League	(\$105.00)	\$ _____
I want to play in the 50+ Ron Schell Draft League on Friday Nights	(\$70.00)	\$ _____
Include \$5.00 for Annual MCSSA membership if not already paid	(\$5.00)	\$ _____
Optional: Donation to MCSSA to further the goals of MCSSA		\$ _____
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE</b>		<b>\$ _____</b>

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

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Emer contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

The participant assumes all risks associated with participation in the above activities. MCSSA assumes no liability for injury or damages arising from participation in these activities. Due to the strenuous nature of some activities, MCSSA encourages each participant to consult his or her physician concerning fitness to participate in the program. The participant consents to emergency treatment.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form with a check for the TOTAL AMOUNT DUE made out to MCSSA to:  
MCSSA - 14320 Fairdale Road - Silver Spring MD 20905



## MCSSA Annual Picnic, Saturday, July 13, 2013

\* **Open to all MCSSA members, spouses, and guests.** Join your friends for a great day of food, fun, and fellowship. Hot dogs, hamburgers, and veggie-burgers furnished. Play in a Horseshoe Tournament and watch All Star games on Field #4.

\* **Bring** your own beverage (no alcohol allowed), and those of you with an even year of birth, please bring a dessert or fruit to share. Those members with odd year of birth; please bring a salad, vegetable, or other side dish of your choosing to share, i.e., devilled eggs, baked beans, etc.

There are plenty of picnic tables at the park but you might want to bring your own folding chairs.

\* **Sign up:** \$5 per person before July 112.

\* Send check (payable to MCSSA), to: MCSSA, 14320  
Fairdale Road, Silver Spring, MD 20905

\* Or at softball fields: give check payable to MCSSA)  
to Susan Lake.

\* **Help needed:** set up at 10:00 a.m., run a grill at 11:00 a.m., clean up afterwards. Please call Susan at 301-774-4174.

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