

RPM Fall 2016 Welcome Letter from *Rosalind Robbins, RPM President*

Welcome Educators to the 2016–2017 academic and transitional school year. If you are retired, the Retired Principals of MESPA (RPM) board and I would like to invite you to join RPM. Please read the purpose and the necessary qualifications listed in the next section. We hope you will consider attending one of the RPM activities. The 2016–2017 tentative activity plans are included. Also, consider submitting your application to become a 25 Year Service Award recipient. The application is on the RPM website: www.mespa.net/rpm.

The purpose of RPM is to:

- Facilitate and enhance communication between MESPA and RPM.
- Promote, enhance, and unify the professional energy among retired MESPA members.
- Serve as a resource for MESPA and its members.
- Recognize individuals who have demonstrated career-long dedication to the principalship and individuals who have made outstanding contributions to education.
- Engage in activities that promote the networking of its members.

Qualifications for membership are:

1. Retired and a member of MESPA
2. Served as a licensed elementary/middle school principal or assistant principal.

Tentative plans for our upcoming 2016-17 meetings:

September 28, 2016 (11:00a.m.) Tour of U.S. Bank Stadium, home of the MN Vikings.

90-minute behind-the-scenes, private tour. The cost of the tour is \$14.00 per person. The Stadium has an advance payment policy; that means your **check needs to be made out to RPM and mailed by September 12, 2016 to: Robert Lundberg, RPM, 3515 Glen Oaks Avenue, White Bear Lake, MN 55110.** Lunch after tour.

November 15, 2016 (10:00a.m.) *Got Conflict? Find Your "Conversation Peace"* training by Jodi Janati

Learn 101 things to "say and do" during difficult interactions. Maintain your personal integrity through effective communication strategies that really work. Participants will learn step-by-step responses to transform difficult conversations. Location: T.I.E.S. Building, 1667 Snelling Ave. N, St. Paul, MN

February 1, 2017 (3:00p.m.) RPM Reception at MESPA Institute, Doubletree by Hilton, 7800

Normandale Blvd, Minneapolis, MN 55439. This is our annual reception. Principals receiving the 25 Year Service Award (10 years as a principal, 15 years as a teacher or other education position) will be honored. RPM's Distinguished Service to Education Award will also be presented at this time.

Do you qualify for the 25 Year Service Award? Principals will be receiving the 25 year award at the Institute. To qualify for the 25 year award, an individual must have 10 years as principal and 15 years as a teacher or other education position. If you are a qualifier for the 25 year award, please complete the application on the RPM website.

May 17, 2017 (10:00a.m.) MPR, MN Public Radio station, 480 Cedar Street, St. Paul, MN. Tour of newsroom, see press releases, and other station programming highlights.

For more information on RPM, go to <http://mespa.net/RPM>. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Michele Brouse, Membership at michele@rmbrouse.com.