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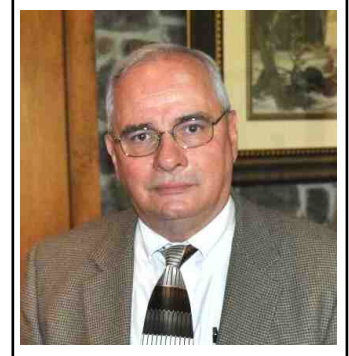
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The annual Florida Get-Together was a rousing success. Although our numbers were small, the conversation and friendship were exceptional. I would like to send my deepest appreciation to Jeanne and Morris Jones for opening up their house to our group on Thursday evening, February 21st and to Jeanne and her sister, Joanne Hogan, for making the arrangements for our luncheon at the beautiful Forest Glen Country Club. After an exquisite meal, we went over some AARPSA business and then had a memorial activity for those members who passed away this year. We shared fond stories of these dear friends and then went outside and released white and black balloons in their memory, watching them float up into the heavens until out of sight. Please see the article by Ione Williams and the pictures taken by John Hammond elsewhere in this newsletter documenting the great times had by all present.

One of the things we discussed extensively was the need to continue this annual event. We discussed how we might be able to enhance the experience by locating the event in the

Sarasota area next year so that folks could attend an Orioles exhibition game and other activities of interest in the area. One person who took full advantage of this year's trip was Charlie Gable, our President-elect. Charlie went down a couple days early and took a tour of the Naples area, spent a good portion of the day on a jet boat exploring the Everglades, and even held a live alligator! All present decided that it was important to continue our connection with our Florida friends. Jeanne and Joanne have already agreed to help with next year's event. I hope that some other of our members in Florida will help out.

A number of our members and I have been spending a lot of time either at our Free School or working on efforts to increase our visits to this wonderful site. Karlie Everett has been working tirelessly updating the school marm and docent materials and led a group through a discussion of when to open the site to the public and provide coverage. If you are interested in helping, please contact Karlie through the AARSPA



website. Max Muller led a group of us through a review of the school facility and developed a plan to clean up the site and look into having the roof inspected. Most recently, Carolyn Webber led a group of women from the Red Hat Society on a tour of the facility and will assist Max and Karlie with a tour by future teachers from Northeast and Broadneck High Schools. Marie Diamond headed up a cleaning party and we spruced up the building and furnishings for the summer season. It is our intent to open the school to the public on the second Saturday and Sunday of each month from April through August along with scheduled special tours. Karlie and I will be attending an elementary principals' meeting on

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April 18th to share with the administrators materials and information about the site, and Mary Dunlap is in contact with TAAAC to present information directly to the teachers about tours of the school. If you are interested in helping out at the Free School, please contact Karlie, Max or me.

Many of you who attended the luncheon at Michael's Eighth Avenue received a letter from me because of a problem we had with the reservations. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused you. We have taken steps in an attempt to make sure that this situation does not occur again. Please note the change on the reservation form for the next luncheon at Renditions found elsewhere in this newsletter.

The Scholarship Committee met this past month and reviewed the

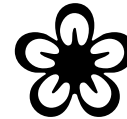
applications for the AARSPA Scholarships provided by the Scholarships for Scholars Foundation and made its selections for our three \$4,000 scholarships. The awards will be presented to the recipients on April 29, 2013 at the Chesapeake Center for the Arts beginning at 7:00 p.m. I encourage you to join us at this event to hear about the many wonderfully talented students our school system is producing.

We had an excellent response to our Trips Committee's Cherry Blossom Tour and Cruise on March 28, 2013. Over seventy people joined Lou Kamm and the committee on this excursion to Washington, DC. Future trips include a crab feast cruise in September, the show "White Christmas" at the Hippodrome in December, and the musical "Sister Act" also at the Hippodrome with a luncheon on Mt. Vernon Square in June 2014. Please see the flyer

and the Crab Feast Cruise sign-up elsewhere in this newsletter and be watching for other announcements in future newsletters.

We are still looking for someone to take the position of Recording Secretary for next year's Executive Board. This position requires the person to attend each of the luncheons and the Executive Board meetings, a total of about ten meetings, generally one per month except in August and December. Please contact me as soon as possible if you can help us out with this position.

By the time this edition is delivered, Passover and Easter will have passed, but on behalf of the AARSPA Executive Board, I hope that each of you had a wonderful holiday.



FROM THE FREE SCHOOL



CLEAN UP CREW

Tony Anzalone, Mike Kearney, Mary Jo and Bob Kanach, Rich O'Hara, Carol and Gene Kirby, Marie and Joe Diamond

Marie Diamond and her crew of merry dust busters have prepared the Free School for the 2013 season. Open Houses will be held on the second Saturday and second Sunday of April, May, June, July and August from 1:00-4:00 p.m. If AARSPA members would like to bring a group to the school at another time or volunteer as a docent, school marm or school master, contact Karlie Everett at (410) 268-8656.

Special thanks are extended to AARSPA member Carolyn Webber for leading a special tour for a group of Red Hat Ladies and to James (Chip) Adomanis for his donation of over 250 copies of the publication "Going to School...Then & Now in Maryland - Annearrundell County Free School - 1723-1912."

AARSPA members are encouraged to visit this Association treasure.

Attendees at the Free School Meeting on March 20



Carolyn Webber, Mary Dunlap, Joel Madden, Max Muller, Charlie Gable and Bob Kanach



Ron Ruffo, David Shoemaker, Bob Kanach and Karlie Everett

IMPORTANT DATES

Executive Board Meetings - 10:00 a.m.

June 13, 2013 - Free School
July 11, 2013 - Center 3



General Membership Meetings - 10:30 a.m.

May 9, 2013 - Renditions Golf Course

Other Dates

April 13 - Pre-Retirement Seminar, SPHS at 8:00 a.m.

April 29 - Scholarships for Scholars, Chesapeake Center for Arts at 7:00 p.m.

May 14 - MRSPA Annual Business Meeting, Doubletree Hotel, Annapolis

August 1 - **Informer** deadline (Send articles to Editor Carla Duls at kid3dle@aol.com)



**Dorothy-Megan Crab Feast Cruise – Hurlock, MD
Wednesday, September 25, 2013**



Welcome aboard the “Dorothy-Megan,” a working replica of an authentic paddlewheel riverboat for a crab feast cruise. Enjoy a delicious crab feast consisting of steamed crabs, crab soup, fried chicken, clam strips, corn-on-the-cob, coleslaw, dessert, iced tea, soda and draft beer. Relax and take in the splendor of the Choptank River while you eat. On the return trip home, we will make a stop at an Eastern Shore produce stand.

Tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis, and we have fifty seats for this trip. The \$80.00 per person cost includes all of the above plus trip taxes and tips including the driver. The bus will pick up at the Severna Park United Methodist Church on Benfield Boulevard and will leave the left rear parking lot promptly at 9:45 a.m., returning at 5:15 p.m. If you are interested in this trip, please complete the form below and mail it along with payment to Bob Kanach at the address indicated **no later than September 5, 2013**. Mail the check and form below to: **Bob Kanach, 512 Augusta Drive, Arnold MD 21012.**

**“Dorothy–Megan Crab Feast Cruise “
Hurlock, Maryland
Deadline for tickets is September 5, 2013.**

Please reserve _____ ticket(s) for this event. The cost per ticket is \$80.00. Make your checks payable to the Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association and mail to Bob Kanach at the address above.

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

E-mail address: _____

Names of persons in your group if ordering for more than yourself:

CHERRY BLOSSOM & ODYSSEY CRUISE March 28, 2013



Charlie Gable and his mother Catherine Gable

THE ODYSSEY



Sandra and James Edmonds



Martha Lippy and Alicia Hardisky



Margie Hammond, Margaret Cameron-Gross and Arleathea Hackett



Standing: James Edmonds
Seated: Tillie Barckley, Sandra Edmonds, Berkley and Marcella Savage



Carol Petrosky and Virginia Crespo



Camilla Morton



Lorraine and Dave Foster, Millie Zipay and Charlie Gable



Sharon Brodt



Charlie Gable and Virginia Crespo

TRIPS COMMITTEE



Mark Your Calendars!



Saturday, December 7, 2013

“White Christmas” at the Hippodrome Theatre in Baltimore, MD

Includes bus transportation to and from the theatre and reserved orchestra seats

Cost: \$115.00



Saturday, June 7, 2014

Luncheon at George’s on Mount Vernon Square and “Sister Act” at the Hippodrome Theatre in Baltimore, MD

Includes a delicious luncheon at this rooftop hotel banquet room in historic Mount Vernon Square on West Monument Street followed by an amazing musical comedy smash “Sister Act” at the Hippodrome Theatre

Cost: \$140.00

More specific details will be provided in the **Informer** as we move closer to the date of each event, but mark your calendars now so that you do not miss out on these terrific opportunities to spend time with friends while enjoying some of Maryland’s pleasures.

REMEMBRANCE COMMITTEE

Member Deaths

Edward Dexter
Ruth M. Edwards
Mildred Gardner
Mildred Holliday
Marjorie Ingalls
Bill Rogers
Kay Killam Spruell
Delores Wallace

Family Deaths

Cynthia Caldwell - sister-in-law
Lillie Caldwell - sister
Patricia Caldwell - sister-in-law
Charles Gable - aunt
Lillian Harvey - husband
David Ingalls - wife
Mary Ann Jakubowski - son
Dianne Rogers - husband
Carolyn Smith - mother
Millie Zapay - mother

Congratulations

Betty Makell Coleman was nominated to the Board of Review of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene by Governor O'Malley.

Emeritus Birthdays

Thelma Auman 8/29
Robert Baxter 8/4
Margaret (Holly) Bevan 3/20
Rene Branin 8/21
Anna Bunker 5/10
Jean Cornwell 8/14
Lillian Harvey 6/5
Virginia Hayes 5/30
Harry Hendrickson 7/8
Edward Payne 5/12
Helen Rosenblatt 8/16
Thelma Sparks 6/26



If you have information concerning AARSPA members, please contact the following people.

Anniversaries and Congratulations - Millie Zipay at mz2teach@aol.com / 410-760-2684

Deaths of AARSPA members and family members - Nina Griffith at bear1134@aol.com / 443-304-2266

Illnesses and accidents, etc. - Dianne Rogers at wwdsrogers@verizon.net / 410-647-7585



STATE EMERITUS MEMBERSHIP - AGE 90

If you will be 90 years of age before July 1, 2013, please contact the MRSPA Office! Once you reach 90, you are eligible for state emeritus status. You will receive your membership in the organization free of charge and will still be able to use all the member benefits, discounted insurances, and all other programs that we offer. If you will be 90 before July 1, 2013, or you are already 90 years of age and you are still paying dues, please contact the MRSPA Office so we can make this change for next year!

MARCH 14 LUNCHEON AT MICHAEL'S IN GLEN BURNIE



President-elect Charles Gable, MRSPA Executive Director Judith Zahren, President Bob Kanach



Ron Ruffo and Mike Kearney



Cpl. Jimmy Miller, Anne Arundel County Police, who spoke on "Safety for Seniors" with President-elect Charles Gable



First Timers Judy German, John Salwach, and Carroll Mobley



Michael's sports a festive St. Patrick's Day decor courtesy of AARSPA's Hospitality Committee.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- Wylma Bagshaw
- Julia Barker
- Karl Behringer
- Diane Christy
- Marcia Clark
- Kathleen Davis
- Carole Day
- Susan Engstrom
- Marie Fries
- Enid Gast
- Terry Hicks
- Elia Howser
- Sylvia Jones
- Shirley Marshall
- John Nalepa
- Pamela Newton
- Kathleen Taylor
- Joseph Ward



LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE NEWS

Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet, nor the threat thereof could keep the AARSPA Legislative Committee from hosting its annual luncheon for the Anne Arundel County delegation on March 6 at the Lowe House Office Building in Annapolis. AARSPA members Alicia Hardisky, Susie Jablinske, Ione and Jim Williams and Committee Chair Virginia Crespo braved the weather forecast and met with 8 delegates or their aides to discuss issues important to retirees and retired educators. The following legislators were present or represented:

- 21-Joseline Pena-Melnyk
- 30-Ron George
- 31-Nicholaus Kipke
- Steven Schuh

- 32-Pamela Beidle
- Mary Ann Love
- Theodore Sophocleus
- 33-Tony McConkey

2013 FLORIDA GET-TOGETHER - Ione Williams

Our gracious hosts Joanne Hogan and Jeanne Jones with President Kanach



Front: Bob Kanach, Jerry and Karlie Everett, Deanna Harding, Alice Roth, Mary Sayre, Steve Sayre
Rear: Joanne Hogan, Jack White, Jeanne Jones, Charlie Gable, Ione and Jim Williams



Memorial Service at Forest Glen Country Club



A few of our retired AARSPA members packed their bags, gassed up their cars, or booked airline passage and headed south to **Warm & Sunny Florida** to attend the 22nd Florida Get-Together in **Naples, Florida** on February 21 and 22.

The hospitality provided by Jeanne Jones and Joanne Hogan at Joanne's lovely home for Thursday's reception was superb! Since there was a small number of retirees who attended the reception, our retirees had the opportunity to chat with old and new friends, and sample a variety of delicious homemade dishes and other good foods, desserts and beverages - all the while enjoying the scenery of lawn, lake, and fruit trees outside our host's lovely home. The sunshine and warm temperature of Naples all contributed to this friendly evening.

The Friday luncheon at the **Forest Glen Country Club** was a "picture-perfect" location for our luncheon. AARSPA members were happy to be seated at the huge windows where all could view the beautifully manicured lawns, flower beds, and golf course. Once inside and seated, guests were formally greeted with words of welcome, invocation, and salute to the flag. All during lunch, members were carrying on friendly conversations while enjoying their lunch and continuing admiring the picturesque view from our tables.

After lunch, Joanne expressed sympathies on the recent passing of several of our very active members. Members present gave brief statements of how they were connected to these wonderful members who are no longer with us. Our host explained how we were going to use the balloons in honoring deceased members. Each guest took their inflated balloons outside, whereupon they called the name of the deceased member they wished to honor as they released the balloons. Recognizing the honorable service of the members who have passed in this manner was a moving experience.

President Bob Kanach expressed deep appreciation to hosts Joanne and Jeanne for the wonderful reception Thursday evening and for the splendid arrangements for the entire luncheon experience. Bob then briefly mentioned AARSPA happenings. In commenting on the fact that so few AARSPA members are attending the luncheons, Pres. Bob opened a discussion concerning possible solutions to revive attendance to the Florida luncheons. A lively discussion ensued and members were encouraged to give their suggestions to Pres. Bob.

One highlight of all of the luncheons is the cash drawing. The three winners this year were Charles Gable, John Hammond, and Karlie Everett. Some of the winnings were returned to the treasury for the Scholarship Fund.

Following are the members who participated in the 22nd Florida Luncheon: Gerald and Karlie Everett, Charles Gable, Deanna Harding, John Hammond, Joanne Hogan, Jeanne and Morris Jones, Bob Kanach, Alice Roth, Steve and Mary Sayre, Jack White, Jim and Ione Williams.

Members said their goodbyes to one and all and took with them wishes of safe returns to their homes.

CONSUMER UPDATE

Is your debit and ATM card Pin secure?

A recent study by a former rocket scientist (really –an actual rocket scientist) revealed that nearly 30% of ATM and Debit Card PINs use the exact same 20 passwords. He equates this to a one in five chance of picking an ATM or Debit card off the street and being able to unlock the account within five tries. Scary, right? So what are the top 10 to avoid?

1234	1111	0000	1212	7777	1004
	2000	4444	2222	6969	

How do you go about creating a better ATM PIN? Here are some tips:

- Keep your randomly generated password from your issuer.
- Try to create a random password, like 2791. It doesn't create a word and it doesn't flow easily on a keypad.
- Don't use the same number in succession, like 7777.
- Don't use something that might be known to others, like your date of birth or anniversary.
- Another good tip? If you have multiple cards, use multiple PINs. How lucky is the thief who cracks your code on one card to find that all of the cards in your wallet have the same exact PIN?



AARSPA members Tillie Barckley, Tony Anzalone, Nancy Ealge Lindley, Charlie Gable and Bob Kanach served on the Scholarship Application Review Committee. Selections were made for AARSPA's three \$4,000 scholarships to be presented at the Scholarships for Scholars Award Ceremony at 7:00 p.m. on April 29 at the Chesapeake Center for the Arts, 104 Hammonds Lane, Baltimore, Maryland. The recipients and their parents will be invited to attend the May AARSPA luncheon.

Contributions have been made in memory of Arthur Bruni, Kathy Cundiff, Mildred Gardner, J.R. Gross, Howard Hall, Lois Hendrickson, Eric Maier, Bill Norman, Bill Rogers, JoAnn Schaeffer, JoAnn Schaeffer and Charlie Schaeffer, and Betty Ann White. A contribution was made to honor our 99 year old Emeritus member Ruth Smith.

Stephanie Grimm, a 2012 scholarship winner, writes: "My first semester was so exciting and fun! Although it was very stressful at times, I pulled through with a good GPA and great memories! I have made some really good friends and am excited for next semester.

Unusual Uses

Since it hit the market in 1959, **cooking spray** has evolved into a kitchen cupboard staple. Now it can be a valuable household tool.

Shoveling Snow - make the job easier by coating your snow shovel with cooking spray.

If squeaky doors drive you crazy - spritz the hinges with no stick cooking spray. Use a paper towel to wipe up any drips.

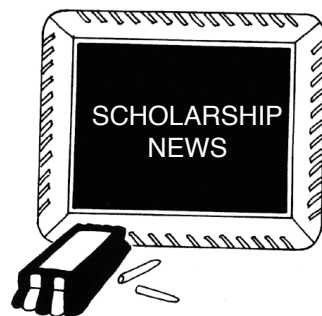
Cornstarch is commonly used as a thickener - try using it to polish silver or fight stains.

A couple of **aspirin** can do more than help your headache! It can help cut flowers last longer by dropping them in the water with the flowers. It can turn chlorine ruined hair back to a natural state by dissolving 6-8 tablets in water and coating hair. In addition, aspirin can be mixed with potting compost to prevent fungus forming around roots of plants.

It Wasn't All Bad

America's oldest teacher turned 99 last week but has no plans to retire. Agnes Zhelesnik started teaching cooking and sewing at the Sundance School in North Plainfield, N.J. back when she was 81. Her daughter, Agnes, 69, teaches at the same school. The school's children, who affectionately call Zhelesnik "Granny," threw a birthday party last week and presented her with a patchwork quilt they'd made. The children, she said, make it worth coming to work - even at their age. "They're just something else," she said.

(from *The Week*, February 1, 2013)





SCHOOL DAYS



The first grade teacher was helping a small group of students in the corner of the room. A distraught six year old came over in tears. She was holding her tooth in her hand, shouting that she was dying. The teacher said, "No honey, it's normal to loose a tooth in first grade. Look, I have a special tooth shaped plastic container, so you can take your tooth home and show it."

The teacher crossed the room to her desk and pulled out the tooth shaped necklace. Then she realized that there were 8 other students standing behind the little girl, each with a tooth in hand. Quickly, the teacher announced, "There will be no more tooth prizes."

-Submitted by Millie Zipay

Submit **your** "School Days" recollection to the **Informer** by sending it to Editor Carla Duls at kid3dle@aol.com.



Luncheon and General Membership Meeting



May Luncheon & General Membership Meeting

On **May 9, 2013**, we will have our luncheon at Renditions Golf Course, 1380 West Central Avenue, Davidsonville, MD 21035.

Registration-----9:45-10:30
 Meeting-----10:30-12:00
 Lunch-----12:00-12:45
 Entertainment---12:45-1:30

No Refunds after April 25, 2013

PLEASE NO WALK-INS

LUNCHEON RESERVATION - DEADLINE - April 25, 2013

Name of person(s) attending: _____

Phone: _____ Number of reservations: _____

Cost - \$25/person Amount Enclosed: _____

Entrée Choices:

- Cornbread stuffed chicken breast Crab cake
- Vegetarian plate

Each entrée is served with a mixed green luncheon salad, oven roasted potatoes, a seasonal vegetable, and sheet cake for dessert. Coffee, iced water and sweet tea will be served with the meal.

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO AARSPA AND MAIL TO:
 Bob Kanach, 512 Augusta Drive, Arnold, MD 21012**

- Please check here if this is your first AARSPA luncheon.
- Please check here if you are an Emeritus Member (age 90 or over)



Scholarship Fund Donation

Scholarships are of the utmost importance to ensure the contribution of quality teachers entering the education profession.

I wish to make a donation to the scholarship fund.

Donation Amount is: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

for:

_____ birthday _____ anniversary

_____ other (please indicate) _____

Please make checks payable to:

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Mail all checks to:

Karlie Everett
725 Warren Drive
Annapolis, Maryland 21403

Name and address of the honoree.

We will inform the honoree(s) and/or the family of the deceased that a gift has been made to the scholarship fund.

Send notice of my donation to:

Name _____

Address _____

Donor's Name _____

Address _____

For questions, please contact:

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