



INFORMER

ANNE ARUNDEL RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

APRIL 2014

Volume 39 Issue 5

President Charles Gable



President

Charles "Charlie" Gable
(410) 590-9786
chasgable@cablespeed.com

Immediate Past President

Robert "Bob" Kanach
(410) 693-7396
rkanach@verizon.net

Recording Secretary

Mary Wagner
(443) 745-3460
Mewagner2@verizon.net

Assistant Recording Secretary

John Hammond
(410) 674-2484
jmchammond@yahoo.com

Treasurer

Alicia Hardisky
(410) 757-6762
ahardisky@verizon.net

Assistant Treasurer

Bob Kanach
(410) 693-7396

Corresponding Secretary

Charles Toth
(410) 227-0985
charlestoth@hotmail.com

AARSPA - Riva Road

For Information
(410) 222-5000
www.aarspa.org

AARSPA Informer

Carla Duls, Editor
(410) 798-8999
kid3dle@aol.com

As I sat down to write this article, I looked out of my window and what did I see – it was snowing, AGAIN! If you are like me, I am sure that you can't wait for warmer temperatures and spring flowers! We have certainly endured a long and hard winter here in Maryland!

Speaking of warmer weather, about forty of us from Maryland joined about thirty of our former colleagues who now live in Florida for AARSPA's 23rd Annual "Florida Get-Together" on March 12-13 in beautiful Venice, Florida. The daytime temperatures were in the mid to upper seventies and the Florida sunshine felt so good! Shirley Phillips, our hostess for this wonderful event, opened her lovely home for a "welcome reception" on March 12th. Approximately 50 people attended. She also made arrangements with the Venice Yacht Club for our luncheon the following day. Seventy people were present. I was told that it was one of the largest AARSPA Florida gatherings! The views from

the Yacht Club were spectacular and the food was delicious. Many thanks go out to Shirley and her friends who made this event possible. I can safely say that everyone who attended had a GREAT time! Shirley made arrangements with Dr. Ronald Higel to speak to us about the history of the Venice area. His presentation was both informative and enjoyable. I was pleased to meet Margaret Sherkey who started this event twenty-three years ago. John Hammond and I got a chance to reunite with our former principal from Arundel High School, James Dunagan. John and I were in his first graduating class, 1966. Be sure to take a look at the photographs in this newsletter that John took while attending this event. Thanks, John!

In our last edition of the AARSPA *Informer*, we made you aware of our concerns regarding pension funding. Virginia Crespo, who serves as our Legislative Chairperson,

did a great job presenting this information to you in her article. Last year, the State Legislature passed bills that stated an annual \$300 million extra payment would be made to the Maryland Pension System over the next ten years. With the extra payment, the pension funding would increase from 63% to 80% by 2023. Initially, we were told that the Governor had proposed to change the extra payment from \$300 million to \$200 million in order to help balance the budget. It now appears that the State Legislature will be cutting almost the entire \$300 million to balance the budget for this coming year. It is important that we let our

(Continued on page 2)

(Continued from page 1)

legislators know how disappointed we are in them for renegeing on this commitment that they made to us. Please know that the state has included the \$1.9 billion allocated for the retirement system which is required by the actuaries. Our pension benefits are not at stake; however, we need to be concerned for the pension benefits of future retirees. A further concern is how this action may impact the bond rating for the state of Maryland.

Be sure to sign up for our upcoming luncheon and business meeting to be held at Renditions Golf Course in Davidsonville on May 15, 2014. The reservation form is in this newsletter.

During our May meeting, we always include a Memorial Service remembering those AARSPA members who passed away during the past year. This year we have lost 42 members. Our chorus, **Voices in Melody**, will participate in the service and will also provide some entertainment following our lunch. Special guests will include leaders from MRSPA, our state affiliate: Stuart Tucker, President; Judy Zahern, Executive Director; and Parker Koons, Area II North Director. We hope to introduce you to this year's scholarship winners as well. We look forward to seeing you at our last luncheon for the 2013 – 2014 school year!

As always, I make a pitch to increase the involvement of members in our organization! There is a lot of work to be done, and we need your help! We are going to be in need of some new folks to take on leadership positions. Some of our committees and chairpersons have indicated a desire for assistance. If you have a little free time, consider getting more involved in AARSPA. Your time and efforts will be both rewarding and appreciated!



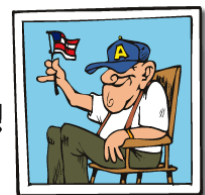
CONSUMER UPDATE

As seniors, we are often targets of common scams, medical billing problems, home improvement scams, and financial exploitation, to name a few. When faced with any of these issues, many seniors are left with a sense of helplessness and don't know where to turn for help in resolving the problem. Sometimes we seek advice from friends and family who are no more knowledgeable than we in resolving the issue. Sometimes we hire a lawyer that may be more expensive than the original cost, and sometimes we simply give in to the unscrupulous individuals because we believe there isn't a choice. Fortunately, help is available through the Maryland Office of the Attorney General, and it's free. Trained representatives are available Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. to help identify and resolve issues. This help is available by calling the **Consumer Hotline at 410-528-8662**.

There is a publication entitled **Consumer Guide for Seniors** that covers topics such as consumer scams, health issues, financial matters such as home equity fraud, living trusts, and burial and funeral contracts. I will be using this guide as a resource as I write the articles for the **Informer**. Considering all the valuable information available in the guide, you may want to get your own copy free of charge by calling 888-743-0023. Also, by visiting their website, www.oag.state.md.us, you will find a list of other helpful publications as well as information on a wide range of topics.

I have just discovered a treasure house of information on this above-mentioned website. There is a new publication pertaining to what you need to know about nursing homes, consumer protection news releases, health care information, the outcome of lawsuits the state has entered on the behalf of citizens, foreclosure counseling, consumer recalls, and information about any complaints against contractors or area businesses. This is only a partial list of the information available to us. Remember, the more we know, the less likely we are to fall prey to those who would underestimate the power of a senior citizen!

**SENIOR
POWER!**



-Phyllis Cherry

AUTUMN LEAF TRAIN RIDE EXCURSION



On Saturday, October 25, 2014, travel with your friends to Wilmington, Delaware for an exciting **Autumn Leaf Train Ride Excursion** from Wilmington to Hockessin, Delaware and surround yourself with the colors, splendor, and beauty of autumn. You will travel round trip in antique passenger coaches pulled by a coal-burning steam or an early-generation diesel locomotive. From your seat on the vintage train, you'll experience the golden age of railroading as you chug across bridges, clickety-clack through lush tall forests, and wind through narrow rock cuts in the beautiful valley of the Red Clay Creek. You will disembark in Hockessin and enjoy a layover to browse the local shops before reboarding the train for the return trip. Before the adventure, you can relax and enjoy the fellowship of friends while dining on a delicious buffet lunch at the Old Country Buffet located in Newark, Delaware.

You get all of the above, along with taxes and tips for the driver and tour escort, for only \$75 per person. **Please note that because we will be crossing state lines, seating will be assigned, so let us know with whom you to want to sit.** Please complete the form below and mail the check and form to Bob Kanach. The deadline to reserve your seat is September 15, 2014.

Itinerary:

- 9:45 a.m. Depart the left rear parking lot of the Severna Park United Methodist Church on Benfield Road
- 11:15 a.m. Arrive Newark, DE and have lunch at Old Country Buffet
- 1:15 p.m. Depart Newark, DE
- 2:15 p.m. Arrive Wilmington, DE at Wilmington & Eastern Railroad Station and visit the gift shop
- 2:30 p.m. Depart Wilmington, DE on the Autumn Leaf Train Ride
- 3:30 p.m. Arrive Hockessin, DE and visit the shops in Hockessin
- 4:00 p.m. Depart Hockessin, DE on the Autumn Leaf Train Ride
- 5:00 p.m. Arrive Wilmington, DE at the Washington & Western Railroad Station
- 5:25 p.m. Depart Wilmington, DE
- 6:45 p.m. Arrive at the Severna Park United Methodist Church on Benfield Road



AUTUMN LEAF TRAIN RIDE EXCURSION

October 25, 2014

Deadline to reserve your seat(s) is September 15, 2014. No refunds after this date.

Please reserve _____ seat(s) for me for this event. **The cost is \$75.00 per seat.** Make your check payable to AARSPA and mail both the check and this reservation form to:

Bob Kanach, 512 Augusta Drive, Arnold, MD 21012

Primary Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email _____

Please list any additional names in your party:

FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The following contributions have been made to the Scholarship Fund as of March 4, 2014:

In Memory of:

Abraham Brown
 Violet Contee
 Paul Greska - Dad, former Board of Education Member
 Virginia Hayes - special lady, master teacher, friend
 Virginia Hayes - wonderful teacher, mentor, friend



The Florida Get-Together Schlarship Fund collection was \$119.00; \$70 from the 50/50 raffle and \$49 from the envelopes.

Thank You!

The Scholarships for Scholars, Inc.
 31st Annual Awards Ceremony
 Monday, April 28, 2014, 7:00 p.m.
 Chesapeake Arts Center
 194 Hammonds Lane
 Baltimore, MD 21225

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

New Members 3/1/14 - 4/1/14

Kenneth Burlingame	Lydia Lumpkin
Francine Chandler	Karen Miller
Ebbie Derr	Sidney Molofsky
Kathy Drazan	Bruce Rayburn
Nita Dressel	Josephine Reeves
Eleanor Flanzraich	Helen Ricketts
Carolyn Gorden	Patricia Shipley
Karen Hahn-Walter	Cynthia Smith
Jane Hall	Bonnie Thompson
Helen Hamrick	Gail Trettel
Sharon Jennings	Susan Woelpper
Evelyn Klahr	Kathleen Zelezen
Lee Lougee	Irene Zozulak

Reminder:

The response to FY15 Local Dues Notice has been remarkable. I hope the checks are **"in the mail"** from the 65 locals who have yet to renew.

Our Emeritus members now total 42 with the addition this year of ...

Rosalie Burcaw	Ida Messier
Martha Clark	Matilda Pair
June DeShields	Alice Roth
Annie Donaldson	Theresa Stripling
Gladys Lipton	



REMEMBRANCE COMMITTEE

Member Deaths

Abraham Brown
 Hilda Copeland
 Mae Fenwick
 James Gross
 Anita Monson
 Lois E. Sparks
 Zelda Thomas
 Natalea Thumel
 Kay Weinstein
 Nancy Wright



Emeritus Birthdays

3/24 Theresa Stripling
 4/09 George Doenges
 4/11 Ida Messier
 4/25 Mary Norris
 4/27 Dorothy N. Jubb
 5/01 Mary Klaas (98 years)
 5/03 Gladys Sinicrope
 5/10 Anna Mae Bunker
 5/30 Virginia Hayes
 6/11 June M. DeShields
 6/26 Thelma Sparks
 7/05 Rosalie Burcaw
 7/08 Harry Hendrickson
 7/18 Gladys Lipton

Family Deaths

Marva Gaither - brother
 Janis Horn - father
 Theresa Williams - husband

ANNIVERSARIES

5/11 Linda and Lee Watkins
 5/11 Lorraine and Dave Foster
 5/19 Jean and Calvin Trott
 5/22 Carol and Jim Koch
 6/08 Pat and George Caldwell
 6/17 Martha and Dan Ferkel
 6/21 Shirley and Vernon Thomas
 6/22 Carolyn and Donald Dixon
 6/22 Jeanne and Dick Hawes
 6/23 Burma and Lawrence Hill
 6/29 Ellen and Robert Bentley



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

Anniversaries and Congratulations

Millie Zipay at mz2teach@aol.com/ 410 401-0172

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



Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me! I want people to know **WHY** I look like this. I've traveled a long way, and some of the roads weren't paved.

-Will Rogers

IMPORTANT DATES

Executive Board Meetings - 10:00 a.m.

June 12, 2014 - Free School
 July 10, 2014 - Center 3



General Membership Meetings - 10:30 a.m.

May 15, 2014 - Renditions Golf Course,
 Davidsonville

Other Dates

April 28, 2014 - Scholarships for Scholars,
 Chesapeake Center for the Arts at 7:00 p.m.
 May 5-7, 2014 - MRSPA Event CANCELLED
 May 6, 2014 - MRSPA Annual Meeting at the
 Doubletree in Annapolis (Will be held as
 scheduled)
 August 1, 2014 - **Informer** deadline (Send articles
 to Editor Carla Duls at kid3dle@aol.com)

SCHOOL DAYS

Dee Lenzi, wife of AARSPA member Ray Lenzi, writes:
 "While unpacking boxes in our new house, I found this
 note in my personal folder of correspondences from Park
 Elementary's parents. How, why, or whatever the reason
 I possessd it is a mystery. I thought it might be a
 "chuckle" for your "School Days" column."

2/1/50

Dear.....

I would like for you to
 try to locate the child in my
 daughter's class that is
 stealing her things. I keep her
 home one day and all her things
 are stolen. I spend at least
 50¢ per week for paste,
 crayons, books, etc. and they
 are stolen from her. I would
 like for you to answer this
 note or I shall have to see the
 principal.

Yours truly,



DID YOU KNOW?

Peanut oil is used for cooking in submarines because it doesn't smoke unless it's heated above 450F.

Kites were used in the American Civil War to deliver letters and newspapers.

The University of Alaska spans four time zones.

In ancient Greece, tossing an apple to a girl was a traditional proposal of marriage. Catching it meant she accepted it.

Warner Communications paid \$28 million for the copyright to the song "Happy Birthday."

The military salute is a motion that evolved from medieval times, when knights in armor raised their visors to reveal their identity.

The Earth gets 100 tons heavier every day due to falling space dust.

The letter "J" does not appear anywhere on the periodic table of the elements.

Due to Earth's gravity, it is impossible for mountains to be higher than 15,000 meters.

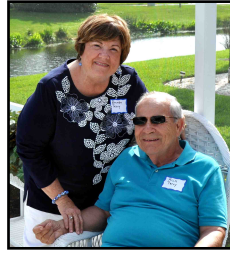
If you get into the bottom of a well or a tall chimney and look up, you can see stars, even in the middle of the day.



23rd AARSPA FLORIDA GET-TOGETHER



Alice Roth



Brenda and Rick Terry



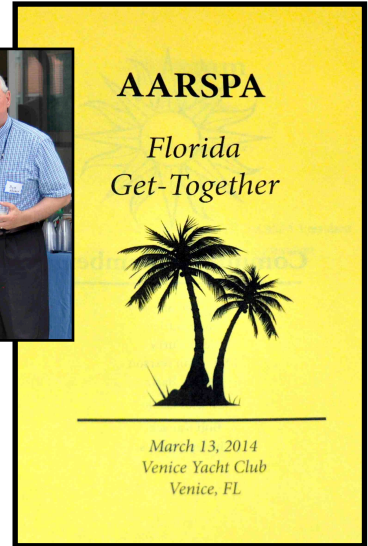
Charlie Gable, Jim Dunagan and John Hammond



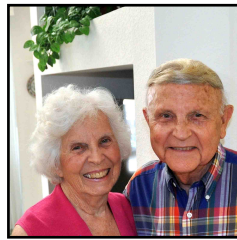
Dianne Prather Myers and Noveda Webster



ELEMENTARY PRINCIPALS: Shirley Phillips, Janis Horn, Marion Keenan, Lou Kamm, Don Smith, Karlie Everett, and Bob Kanach



Michae Kahat, Phyllis Valek, and Charles Gable



June and Al Gurley



Eleanor Pitzer and Joanne Hogan



Julie Fortier, Ron Wagner, Carol Graves, and Leo Bridgland



Anne Kifer wins 50/50



President Gable thanks Shirley Phillips for hosting the event



Margaret Sherkey offers the invocation



Rose and Rich O'Hara



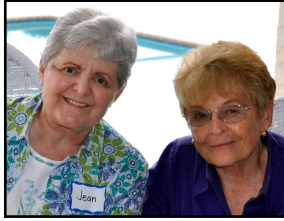
Janis and Henry Horn



June Gurley introduces the speaker, Dr. Ronald Higel



Julie and Michael Turney



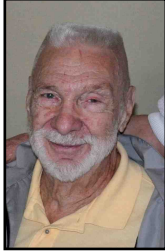
Jean Curry and Donna Bartz



Debbi Ahalt and Carol Gorden



Suzie French



Ralph Johnson



Linda Kolosky



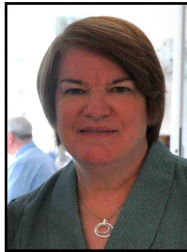
Dick and Jeanne Hawes



Don and Barbara Gregg



Martha Collison and Bob Kanach



Kathie Kamm



Jerry Everett



Lois Lee Porter



Mary Ann Iverson, Millie Zipay and Janet Tucker



Annette Smith



PUPIL PERSONNEL WORKERS: Pete Patterson, Karen Patterson, Cheryl Schafer, Mary Lou Delina and Kathy Hartge Lawhon



Ione Williams, Phyllis Cherry and Jim Williams



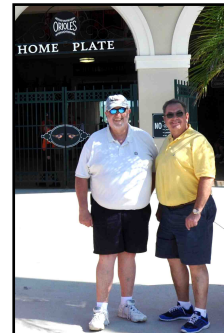
Janice Kaiser, Lorraine and David Foster



Charlie and Jane Iglehart



Ida-Ann and James Dunagan



John Hamond and Charlie Gable enjoy an O's game.

IF YOU INVITE THEM, THEY WILL COME!



2014 LEGISLATIVE LUNCHEON

For the second year in a row, the prediction of inclement weather threatened to interfere with AARSPA'S annual Legislative Luncheon on March 5, 2014. Yet once again, Legislative Chair Virginia Crespo, along with AARSPA members Jeanne Hawes, Susie Jablinske, Charlie Gable, Alicia Hardisky, and Jane Astle, braved the wintry mix to greet legislators in the Lowe House Office Building in Annapolis and discuss issues important to seniors and retired school personnel.

Delegates who stopped by to chat were Mary Ann Love (District 32), Barbara Frush (District 21) Pamela Beidle (District 32) as well as Senator John Astle (District 30).

The following legislators were represented by aides: Del. Tony McConkey (33A), Del. Steve Schuh (31), Del. Ron George (30), and Del. Josephine Pena-Meinyk (District 21).



MARGARET WOLFE

At the February, 2014, AARSPA meeting, President Charles Gable asked for a volunteer to serve as Parliamentarian for the Association. Much to his surprise and delight, AARSPA member Margaret Wolfe immediately stepped forward.

Margaret is a familiar face at AARSPA luncheons as she is a regular attendee. For many years, she has provided transportation to meetings for other AARSPA members, including Jeanne Hartge, Jean Trott, and Mary Ruth Tereshinski. In addition, Margaret sings with AARSPA's *Voices in Melody*, joining when it was the AARTA Chorus under the direction of Lois Hendrickson.

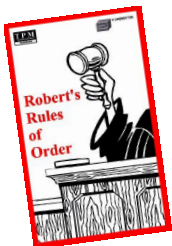
Margaret taught CORE for a time at Hyattsville and Annapolis Junior Highs before graduating to Anne Arundel Community College where she taught Freshman Composition, World Literature, and American Literature for twenty years. Margaret did not join AARTA immediately after her retirement in 1987. In fact, she came to the Association in a rather circuitous way. When AARTA held a meeting at the then new Elks Lodge in Annapolis, Margaret, who was curious to see the new Lodge, decided to attend the meeting. The rest is history.

Why did Margaret volunteer to be Parliamentarian? There's a story there too. Margaret once served as President for the local chapter of an organization called Book Lovers. It seems that in the 1920's, Isabel Robert, the wife of Brig. Gen. Henry Martyn Robert, author of the well-known *Robert's Rules of Order*, was a member of this same organization. Therefore, Margaret thought it behooved her to become familiar with Robert's collection of rules for Parliamentary Procedure. Now she once again has an opportunity to put that knowledge into practice.

AARSPA isn't the only source of Margaret's volunteer activities. As a result of a presentation at an AARSPA luncheon seven or so years ago, she now volunteers as a driver for Partners in Care. She also volunteers at the local library once a week. Margaret and her husband Carvel are active members of the Mayo United Methodist Church where Margaret is the President of the women's group and also sings in the choir and plays in the handbell choir.

What does she do in her spare time? She and Carvel enjoy square and round dancing and taking brisk walks through their neighborhood. They love to travel and have been on every continent except Antarctica.

AARSPA thanks you, Margaret, for all you are doing for AARSPA and your community!





The annual spring cleaning of the Annearrundell County Free School Museum took place on March 29, 2014. AARSPA members and friends who participated were Monica DeLucia, Carol and Eugene Kirby, Bob Kanach, Tony Anzalone, Marie Diamond and Karlie and Jerry Everett. Marie Diamond coordinated the event.

Just a reminder that the Free School Museum will be open on the **second Saturday** and **second Sunday** of April, May, June, July, and August 2014, from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. The Museum has been on the National Register of Historic Places since June 16, 1983. Please stop by and see the Museum, most likely the only remaining schoolhouse built as a result of the Maryland Free School Act of 1723.



MAY LUNCHEON AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, May 15, 2014



Our next luncheon and general membership meeting will be held at Renditions Golf Course, 1380 West Central Avenue, Davidsonville, MD 21035. **The deadline for reserving a seat is Tuesday, April 29, 2014, and after this date we will not be able to give any refunds.** Please remember we cannot accept walk-ins.

Our entrée choices are: cornbread stuffed chicken breast, crab cake, or pasta Primavera. Each entrée is served with a mixed green luncheon salad, mashed potatoes, a seasonal vegetable, and sheet cake for dessert. Coffee, sweet tea, and iced water will be served with the meal.

Cost: **\$25.00 per person** (Please make checks payable to AARSPA)
Mail reservation and payment to:

Bob Kanach, 512 Augusta Drive, Arnold, MD 21012

KEEP THE UPPER PORTION FOR YOUR REFERENCE

SAVE THE DATE

The Trips Committee is planning a bus trip to Lancaster, PA on Wednesday, December 3, 2014 to see **The 2014 Christmas Show** at the American Music Theatre and enjoy a buffet lunch at Best Western Eden Resort Arthur's Terrace. Cost of this trip will be \$103.00 per person. Join your friends for an excellent meal followed by an all new show featuring the very best holiday music, dynamic dancing, and even a visit from Santa himself. More specific information will be in the August newsletter.

Contact person: _____

Phone number: _____ E-mail: _____

Below, please indicate the entrée choice for each person in your party.

Name	Chicken	Crab	Pasta
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Number of reservations X \$25.00 Total Due: _____

Please check if this is your first AARSPA luncheon

Please check here if you are an Emeritus Member (90 or greater).



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:

Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association
or / for

Tax Deductible Donations, make checks payable to:
21st Century Education Foundation, Inc.

Mail all checks to:

Matilda Barckley
8238 Great Bend Road
Glen Burnie, Maryland 21061

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:

Matilda Barckley • barckleya@comcast.net • 410-768-3408

The 21st Century Foundation, Inc., is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit, charitable organization, donations to which are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. A copy of the foundation's current financial statement is available upon request by contacting the 21st Century Education Foundation at 2644 Riva Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 (telephone: 410-222-5370). Document and information submitted to the state of Maryland under the Maryland Charitable Solicitations Act are available from the Office of the Secretary of State for the cost of copying and postage. *DPS/CB 1395/28a (Rev. 7/13)*



Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association
2644 Riva Road
Annapolis, MD 21401