



# INFORMER

Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association

April 2018

## Co-Presidents Dixie Stack and Bonnie Schmeltz



Spring is here! At least according to the calendar, it is spring. The weather is trying to stay in the winter mode, but the days are definitely longer, and the sunshine warms things a little more each day. Those of us who traveled to Florida for the 27<sup>th</sup> annual "Florida-Get-Together" March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> welcomed a brief respite from the cold temperatures and enjoyed the hospitality of our Florida colleagues. We had 42 folks who joined us at The Villages, a community of more than 100,000 retirees. The Villages may have captured the interest of several of our Maryland members who saw the benefit of year round warmth and lots of social opportunities. Whether considering relocation or not, all who attended thoroughly enjoyed our visit. We would like to thank Terry Zablonki and Mike Tamberino for welcoming us into their home for Thursday's cocktail hour and arranging the space for our Friday membership meeting and luncheon. Next year's Florida event will be hosted in Mount Dora, Florida by Nancy and Terry Henkelman. This is such a fun get away that you may want to start planning now.

As the legislature comes to a close, we wish to express our gratitude to Virginia Crespo who was diligent in tracking legislation that could impact your finances or health care in retirement. Special thanks also to the members of the legislative committee who wrote letters or provided testimony on important legislation. Virginia organized a legislative luncheon for Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. We wish to thank the seven members who attended the luncheon and spent time discussing important issues with the legislators. The most important issue to most of us is the security of pension funding. We are happy to report that the pension system funding has remained unchanged during this year's session and the goal remains funding at the 80% level by 2023.

The MRSPA annual business luncheon meeting will be held on May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Comfort Inn in Bowie. These meetings provide a great deal of interesting information as well as a perspective on the work of our state organization. We are grateful for the many AARSPA members who attend and participate actively in the work of

MRSPA. The "Membership" section of this newsletter contains information about a special membership incentive being offered by MRSPA. Let's all reach out to new retirees to encourage their membership and active participation.

Each month the Board of Education honors a teacher and employee of the month. These stellar employees are selected from a group of outstanding nominees by a dedicated group of AARSPA members. The Educator/Employee of the Month Committee, led by Anthony Anzalone, carefully reads and reviews each application and selects the individuals to be honored. We sincerely appreciate the efforts of this dedicated group in their commitment to this important activity.

Our final general membership meeting and luncheon, scheduled for May 10 at Renditions in Davidsonville, will include a memorial ceremony for

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those members that we have lost during the time period from May 2017 through April 2018. This time to honor those members whose lives and careers touched ours and the greater Anne Arundel County educational community is an important part of this end of year meeting.

As we conclude the first year of the two year presidency, we would like to thank all those who take on various roles and responsibilities to maintain the quality of our organization. We look forward to continuing our work with these dedicated folks during the next year and meeting more retirees interested in becoming engaged with this vital organization.



## Going Green

We have removed a number of our members from receiving the **AARSPA Informer** electronically because our feedback from our service provider is that they are not opening the link attached to the email that gives access to the newsletter. These members will receive their newsletter via USPS instead.

Please remember when accessing the newsletter online, you must open the email from AARSPA that includes in the subject column the reference to the newsletter **AND** click on the link toward the middle of the email that reads, "Click here for the **AARSPA Informer**." The newsletter will open immediately.

We have learned that some members' computers have firewalls that are blocking the newsletter from their inbox. If you expect to receive the newsletter electronically but do not find it in your inbox, please check your junk mail. If you find it there, you will need to add the following address to your address book: [newsletter@aarspa.org](mailto:newsletter@aarspa.org).

If you would like to receive the newsletter electronically, please send to us your name and email address. Send this information to [asst.treasurer@aarspa.org](mailto:asst.treasurer@aarspa.org).

# Membership



Three issues of this year's **AARSPA Informer** sent to the members listed below have been returned as wrong addresses and/or undeliverable. We have been unable to reach any of them by telephone. Do you know how to contact them and/or where they may reside? We would greatly appreciate your help in locating these members either by your calling "Membership" at (410) 798-0748 or having the member call.

Margaret Albright  
Bruce Dorsch  
Pat Carpenter  
Kathy Naeseth  
Katherine Stultz

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Susan Baugher  
Rich Bumgarner  
Catherine Gilbert  
Martha Preston  
Sarah Shenkells

## MRSPA DUES INCENTIVE

Current members who pay their dues by check or credit card and switch to dues deduction are eligible for a one-time \$10 reduction in their 2018-2019 state dues. Choose this option when your 2018-2019 dues notice arrives from MRSPA.

All new members choosing the dues deduction method of paying their state dues will receive the same one-time \$10 reduction in their 2018-19 state dues. The local dues amount remains at \$15.

## From the Scholarship Committee



Thank you for your generous giving and your kind hearts!

Donations have been made in memory of:

Thomas George  
Marjorie Lampe  
Yvonne Matthews  
Kathy Pitt  
Richard C. Webber

# From the Free School

During the 2017 calendar year, the Annearrundell County Free School Museum was open to visitors on ten weekend days. Approximately 60 visitors toured the building with the guidance of AARSPA docents.

Six private tours were given to approximately 77 people. These guests were from the Maryland Historic Trust, the Board of Education Planning Office, Voices in Melody members, the Fairview Farm Annual Family Reunion, and retirees from Arnold Elementary. Guests also attended the unveiling of the artificats display. Four tours were given to students with a presentation by school marms. These students were from Adams United Methodist Church, South River Senior High School, Rockbridge Academy, and Severna Park/Chesapeake High Schools.

The Free School Museum building was also used by the LaVall Community for their annual meeting and was open in March for the annual spring cleaning completed by a dozen and a half AARSPA members.

In addition to being a member of AARSPA, you are probably a member of another group. Consider inviting these friends to a special tour of the museum which can be arranged to suit your group's needs. Contact Karlie Everett to arrange such a private tour:

(410) 268-8656      karlieeverett@verizon.net

# REMEMBRANCE

## MEMBER DEATHS

Margaret (Holly) Bevan  
 Anna Buechling  
 Rosalie Burcaw  
 Olga Chanat  
 Dorothy Duvall  
 Charles Gender  
 Leonard Greene  
 Rosilyn Johnson  
 Dorothy Jubb  
 Dorothy McCullough  
 Betty Moreland  
 Betty Nahas  
 Mary Riordan  
 Donna Sadler  
 Betty Shafer  
 Joy Shoemaker  
 Edith Sims  
 Geraldine Spinnenweber  
 Eleanor Sturgis  
 Helen Timity

## FAMILY DEATHS

Shirley Allen - son  
 Janet Gender - husband  
 Jane George - husband  
 Walter Jackson - mother-in-law  
 Kathy Lawhon - brother  
 Richard Micklos - mother  
 JoAnn Parrish - husband  
 Amy Perry - husband  
 Carolyn Webber -father-in-law  
 Glyn Webber - father

## GET WELL

Ken Burlingame  
 Peggy Fader  
 Millie Gardner  
 Linda Wiles

## EMERITUS BIRTHDAYS

April 10	<b>Anna Pasculle</b>	<b>95</b>
11	Ida Messier	94
25	Irene Wieneke	93
May 1	Evelyn Reed	94
6	Mary Tereshinski	91
June 26	<b>Thelma Sparks</b>	<b>97</b>



## ANNIVERSARIES

April 19	Doris and Leon Brown	64
May 7	Carolyn and Tony Anzalone	52
11	Linda and Lee Watkins	44
11	Lorraine and David Foster	44
22	Dale and Ron Smith	47
June 8	<b>Patricia and George Caldwell</b>	<b>55</b>
17	Martha and Don Ferkel	
18	Mary Kay and Ken Crosby	63
20	Dixie and Bill Stack	48
21	Annette and Don Smith	52
21	Shirley and Vernon Thomas	
22	Jeanne and Dick Hawes	
23	<b>Burma and Lawrence Hill</b>	<b>55</b>
24	<b>Earnestine and Joseph Butler</b>	<b>45</b>
25	Dotty and John Schleupner	51
26	Carolyn and Jim Levay	63
29	Ellen and Robert Bentley	
30	Amy and Mark Coover	32

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

### Anniversaries and Congratulations

Millie Gardner at [mgbw16@gmail.com](mailto:mgbw16@gmail.com) or 410 401-0172

### Deaths of AARSPA members and family members

Nina Griffith at [bear1134@aol.com](mailto:bear1134@aol.com) or 443 304-2266

### Illnesses and Accidents, etc.

Dianne Rogers at [wddsrogers@verizon.net](mailto:wddsrogers@verizon.net) or 410 647-7585

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Executive Board Meetings - 10:00 a.m.

June 7, 2018      Free School  
 July 12, 2018      Center 2A



### General Membership Meeting - 10:30 a.m.

May 10, 2018      Renditions

### Other Dates

May 8, 2018      MRSPA Annual Meeting, Comfort Inn, Bowie  
 May 16, 2018      The Back Road to Freedom Tour  
 August 1, 2018      August **AARSPA Informer** deadline



Check out the AARSPA Facebook page at:

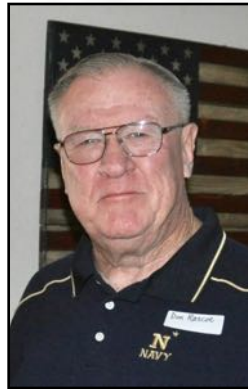
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Debbie Ahalt has brought us into the 21<sup>st</sup> century with our own Facebook page. She will post pictures and articles from our events. Debbie is very careful to get permission from anyone whose picture appears on the site before posting it.

# 27th Annual Florida Get-Together



Carol Thornburg, Dixie Stack, and Barbara Selwocki



Don Rascoe



Hosts: Terry Zablonksi and Mike Tamberino



Larry Brogden



Charlie Gable and Lora Johnston



Joyce Christie, Dianne Myers, and Bud Slocombe



Terry Zablonksi and Nancy Andrews



Don and Debbie Ahalt and John Cherry



Donna Spencer and Laurie Ullery



Allen and Gail Stemple



John Johnston



First Timers: Nancy and Terry Henkelman



Penny Rascoe

# March 8-9, 2018 The Villages



Hosts: Mike Tamberino and Terry Zablonski



Bill and Dixie Stack, Betty O'Neill, and Bonnie Schmeltz



Phyllis Cherry, Lois Lee Porter and Pat Porter



First Timers: Liz and Gil Stouch



Annette and Don Smith



The Four Amigos: Barry Fader, Bob Kanach, John Hammond and Charlie Gable



Henry and Janis Horn



Howard and Lisa Dew



27th Annual Florida Get-Together



## AARSPA Has a Really Big Heart

The staffs at Hilltop and Van Bokkelen Elementary Schools were appreciative of the clothing donations from AARSPA. While we were dropping off the clothing in the Health Room at Van Bokkelen, the guidance counselor immediately started looking for size 7 clothing. She headed away saying, "He needs these now." While Debbie Ahalt and I enjoyed the pleasure of delivering the clothing, you deserve the credit for making the moment happen.



Our second stop was the Anne Arundel Animal Control Center with lots of pet toys, large bags of food and boxes of linens. The manager immediately pulled old wash cloths and dish cloths from the boxes. It was like Christmas for her. She uses the cloths attached to a swiffer to clean under the cages. Apparently old wash cloths are seldom donated. Keep those worn out wash cloths coming!!

While our focus is on giving back to the community, there seems to be benefit to AARSPA as well. Everywhere we go people want to know more about the organization. We often hear school staff comment on how many years until retirement and joining us.

## Volunteer Opportunity

WHAT: South County Reading Camp  
 WHEN: July 30 - August 3  
 WHERE: St. James Episcopal Church  
 5757 Soloman's Island Road  
 Lothian, MD

Paula Davis, an AARSPA member, is in charge of a reading camp serving students from Lothian, Tracey's, Deale and Shady Side Elementary Schools. The camp includes five hours of reading instruction alongside educational activities including field trips, arts/crafts, and games. Breakfast, lunch and snacks are served daily. The camp is tuition-free to all students.

To continue the program, volunteers are needed in the following areas:

- Teachers to help with instructional groups (teachers leave at 12:30 p.m.)
- Volunteers to help with arts/crafts (M/W/F 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.)
- Volunteers to help in the kitchen
- Volunteers to help move with the children
- Monetary donations ( \$200 sponsors a child)

For more information, contact Paula Davis at [southcounty.md.readingcamp@gmail.com](mailto:southcounty.md.readingcamp@gmail.com).

There is also a reading camp at St. Albans in Glen Burnie. For more information, contact Maija Denson [majadenson@gmail.com](mailto:majadenson@gmail.com).

## May Donations

We will continue to collect pet supplies (and worn wash cloths) as well as toiletries.

## BOOKS!! BOOKS!! BOOKS!!



Remember being a new teacher trying to purchase supplies for your first classroom while having no money? AARSPA to the rescue! This year we will provide new books donated by our members to first year teachers. We plan to take the books to an in-service day for all new teachers and have them take what is appropriate for their classroom.

For the first time we are also accepting gently used books. These will be donated to family shelters and volunteer reading programs throughout the county. Books have already been given to Sarah's House and volunteers with the STAIR reading program which serves students in grades K-3 in their home schools and in community centers in Annapolis.

## New on the AARSPA Website

We are now listing volunteer opportunities on the website. Remember, research confirms that people who volunteer live longer. (Considering the amount of time some of our members volunteer, they should live forever!)

# NEWS YOU CAN USE

Are you currently taking an opioid? Listed below are the most commonly prescribed opioids.

## OPIOIDS



Codeine	Vicodine	Lortab
OxyContin	Percocet	Lorcet
Duragesic	Dilaudid	Demerol
	Fentanyl	

## Eye-Opening National Opioid Statistics

1. From 2000 to 2015, more than half a million people died from drug overdoses.
2. Deaths from prescription opioids, drugs like oxycodone, hydrocodone, and methadone, have more than quadrupled since 1999.
3. The majority of drug overdose deaths (more than six out of ten) involve an opioid.
4. From 1999 to 2015, more than 183,000 people have died in the U.S. from overdoses related to prescription opioids.
5. Each day, more than 1,000 people are treated in emergency departments for not using prescription opioids as directed.
6. Among new heroin users, approximately three out of four report having abused prescription opioids prior to using heroin.

## Questions to ask your insurance agent

1. What discounts do you offer?
2. What are my deductible options?
3. If I have an auto accident, can my rates go up even if it's not my fault?
4. Will my homeowners insurance cover all disasters?
5. What are the coverage limits on items such as jewelry, art and other expensive items if they are lost or stolen?
6. What is the maximum amount of liability my homeowners policy will cover?
7. Will my possessions be covered even if they are stolen outside my home?



## VOICES IN MELODY SPRING SCHEDULE

May 4	South County SC	12:30 p.m.
May 7	Pasadena SC	12:30 p.m.
May 10	Renditions AARSPA Luncheon Meeting	
May 14	Arnold SC	12:30 p.m.
May 17	Pascal SC	12:30 p.m.
May 21	Annapolis SC	12:30 p.m.
May 24	O'Malley SC	12:15 p.m.

Come out and support AARSPA's good will ambassadors!

## DID YOU KNOW.....

**Bookkeeper** and **bookkeeping** are the only 2 words in the English language with three consecutive double letters.



There are only 4 words in the English language which end in **-dous**. They are hazardous, horrendous, stupendous and tremendous.

The word **strengths** is the longest word in the English language with just one vowel.

FROM THE  
EDITOR



The AARSPA Informer staff is always looking for contributions from our membership. Consider submitting an "Under the AARSPA Spotlight" article highlighting the accomplishments of an AARSPA member; a "School Days" article recounting a school memory; or an "On the Road with AARSPA/MRSPA" article detailing a recent trip. Send your ideas or suggestions for articles to the Editor at [kid3dle@aol.com](mailto:kid3dle@aol.com).

Spring is nature's way of saying "Let's Party!"

-Robin Williams



# SPRING IS IN THE AIR

Spring is the time of plans and projects.

-Leo Tolstoy

Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush.

-Doug Larson

With the coming of spring, I am calm again.

-Gustav Mahler

In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt.

-Margaret Atwood

## May Luncheon and General Membership Meeting



**DATE:** Thursday, May 10, 2018

**PLACE:** Renditions Golf Course, 1380 West Central Avenue, Davidsonville, MD 21035

**COST:** \$32.00 per person (Please make checks out to AAARSPA.)

Our entrée choices are: chicken picatta, sliced roast beef with sherry mushroom gravy, or crab cake. Each entrée is served with a mixed green luncheon salad, mashed potatoes, a seasonal vegetable, and an ice cream sundae for dessert. Coffee, sweet tea and iced water will be served with the meal.



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

No refunds after FIRM reservation deadline  
**Monday, April 23, 2018**

**PLEASE NO WALK-INS**

**Mail reservation and payment to :  
Bob Kanach, 512 Augusta Drive, Arnold, MD 21012**

**Cut below and keep the upper portion for your reference!**



### LUNCH RESERVATION - DEADLINE APRIL 23, 2018

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name(s) including contact person above	Chicken Piccata	Roast Beef	Crab Cake
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Number of reservations X \$32.00 per person = Total Due: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Please check if this is your first AARSPA luncheon.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Please check if you are an Emeritus Member (90 or greater)



# Luncheon and General Membership Meeting Blue Dolphin February 8, 2018



Tony Spencer, Guest Speaker



Jeanne Hartge and Tillie Barckley



Louise DeJesu and  
Nina Griffith



Mary Etta Dorr



Carroll Mobley and Ethel Bohle



Lorraine Johnson, MRSPA  
Vice President



Mary Tereshinski and Margaret Wolf



Herb Sappington and Marge Smith



Wanda Ruffo Twigg, MRSPA  
Executive Director



Linda Crosby and Mary Kay Crosby



Yvonne Henry and Pat Caldwell



Susie Jablinske  
and Virginia Crespo



First Timers: Angela Barber and  
Linda Crosby



Bill Yakaitis  
Crab Towne Combo



Bill and Bonnie Brose, Guests



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## 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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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** \_\_\_\_\_

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