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President Rick Wiles

Spring has finally arrived in Maryland! We are seeing the flowers starting to bloom, the trees getting their leaves, and hopefully, warmer weather forecasts. Although Spring is in the air, today we are still facing an unprecedented set of challenges as the coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to impact our way of life in so many ways. I am encouraged that many of our members have been vaccinated, and the new normal way of life is improving for the safety of our members and their families.

With our schools beginning hybrid and virtual learning, restaurants expanding service, and many businesses opening, most of our association business has been conducted electronically. We will still use Constant Contact for emergency information, so it is important to have our membership using email. For those members that don't use email, members should share current news by phone with each other.

AARSPA has been continuing to work behind the scenes. We

had a Zoom business meeting in February that was attended by Executive Board members, as well as some of our membership. The finance committee met virtually in March to prepare our FY22 budget. I attended the MRSPA Zoom Presidents' Meeting in February, and we are sending delegates to the Zoom Annual MRSPA Meeting on May 12. The Executive Board will be meeting via Zoom in April, and the May Luncheon and AARSPA 2021 Annual Business Meeting will take place in person at Two Rivers Steak and Fish House in Pasadena on May 13, 2021. Since many of our members have been vaccinated, AARSPA is hoping that many people will consider attending to meet their colleagues. We will have the usual business information and memorial service at that meeting with attention to safe adherence to COVID-19 guidelines.

AARSPA is still in need of a member(s) to take on the roles of President-Elect and President, since I will move to the role of Past President on July 1, 2021. Also, please consider stepping up to fill possible committee positions on the Executive Board. Our association is



blessed with many dedicated officers and committee members; however, we always need more people to provide service to the association and to work with MRSPA to protect our benefits and pensions.

We wish to express our gratitude to Sharyn Doyle and Virginia Crespo for their diligence in tracking legislation that could impact our finances or health care in retirement. Special thanks also to the legislative committee members who wrote letters or provided testimony on important legislation.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and flexibility as we continue to tread unforeseen waters. Be safe, keep exercising, and stay healthy!



REMEMBRANCE

MEMBER DEATHS

Thomas J. Donahue
 Preston T. Hebron, Jr.
 Anna Pasculle
 John A. Randell
 Lucille S. Salisbury
 Mary B. Smith
 Susan M. Sosnowski
 Oliver B. Wittig
 Patricia A. Yoerger

FAMILY MEMBERS DEATHS

Barbara Bruso	mother
Walt Bruso	mother-in-law
Kathy Hartge Lawhon	father
Doreen M. Rath	husband
Katherine Tarter	sister
Elaine Weber	sister
Starr Patricia Whiten	husband

EMERITUS BIRTHDAYS

May	1 Evelyn Reed	97
	6 Mary Tereshinski	94
	10 Olivia Thompson	96
	11 Josephine Reeves	96
	15 Marge Rasheff	95
	24 Helen Cook	94
June	29 Jeanne Hawes	91
	7 Emma Fortman	92
	15 Margaret Cutchins	97
	26 Thelma Sparks	100

ANNIVERSARIES

April	9 Abigail & Bill Jackson	54
	18 Kathy & Denis Schanberger	48
May	7 Carolyn & Tony Anzalone	55
	11 Linda & Lee Watkins	47
	11 Lorraine & David Foster	47
June	22 Dale & Ron Smith	50
	23 Karen & Dave Lanham	51
	6 Vivecar & Marlen Michaels	51
	13 Evangeline & Clifton Prince	51
	20 Dixie & Bill Stack	51
	21 Annette & Don Smith	55
	21 Shirley & Vernon Thomas	
	22 Jeanne & Dick Hawes	68
	24 Earnestine & Joseph Butler	49
	25 Connie & Charlie Smith	55
26 Jim & Carolyn Levay	68	
26 Sophie & Bill Sharkey	50	
30 Amy & Mark Coover	36	

AARSPA Informer

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

Anniversaries and Congratulations

Millie Gardner at mgbw16@gmail.com or 443-784-2190

Deaths of AARSPA members and family members

Linda Poole at mlp2118@yahoo.com or 410-570-4020

Illnesses and Accidents, etc.

Dianne Rogers at wwdsrogers@verizon.net or 410-647-7585

FROM THE FREE SCHOOL

The annual Maryland Day Weekend activities took place March 19-21, and once again, the Free School Museum was included in the celebration, only this year virtually. A 2005 DVD virtual tour of the Free School Museum, conducted by AARSPA members Howard Hall, Betty Ann White, Estelle Johnson, and Max Muller, was posted to the AARSPA Facebook page, detailing the history of the Free School. The video is still available on the AARSPA Facebook page (Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association) as a February 4 posting. It can also be accessed at <https://youtu.be/INGslwDJ8HY>. If you have never visited the Free School, this is your chance to see why we are so proud of this ongoing project!



Check out the following pages:

Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association (AARSPA)

Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA)

National Retired Teachers Association (NRTA)

Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS)



MEETING DATES**Executive Board Meetings**

June 10, 2021 Free School
 July 8, 2021 Zoom

General Membership Meetings - 10:30 a.m.

May 13, 2021 Two Rivers Steak and Fish House
 Pasadena

DATES TO REMEMBER**OTHER DATES**

May 12, 2021 Virtual MRSPA Annual
 Business Meeting
 July 21, 2021 MRSPA Local Presidents'
 Meeting
 TBD

AARSPA Couple in Hall of Fame

Although the annual Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame Luncheon and Induction Ceremony was not held in person in 2020 due to the pandemic, nominations were made and those individuals were accepted into the Hall of Fame. AARSPA members Charles and Michelle Day were among the honorees. The Hall of Fame *Blue Book* recounted the Days' volunteer efforts.



Charles and Michelle Day approach their volunteer efforts with energy and enthusiasm. They support each other's endeavors.

Charles attended Glen Burnie High School where he later became a teacher and an active alumni member. In retirement, he continues to be the "go to man" working at the annual craft fair, or as an announcer at special events and music concerts.

His love of baseball and museums led him to be a tour guide at the Sports Legend Museum in Camden Yards and the Babe Ruth Birthplace. Charles led tours and helped develop and adapt information for visitors with special needs.

Michelle's interest in science led her to volunteer at the National Aquarium where she

trains tour guides and gives guided tours for special needs children and senior citizens. One of her special duties is being a dolphin watcher, observing all stages of their life cycle.

Both of the Days are devoted to more than one Glen Burnie church. At St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Michelle used her skills as a reading specialist to set up a free summer reading program for elementary students to improve their reading and writing skills. Charles works with youth activities and other church business. Michelle also supports Christ the King Catholic Church by providing cooked food for the *Our Daily Bread* casserole ministry.

Charles and Michelle Day support each other in their individual volunteer programs and at times, call on each other when extra hands are needed. They see life's challenges as opportunities to learn and share.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Captain Avery Museum is looking for volunteers to help in the Rain Garden. They also need help with some maintenance projects around the museum.

Address: 1418 West Shady Side Road, Shady Side, Md.

Phone: 410-867-4486

For an ever-changing list of volunteer opportunities check out the website: volunteer@aacc.edu.



While many donations are limited by precautions during the pandemic, the need for help and support in our communities continues. Since AARSPA members are always so generous supporting the work of the Community Service Committee, we know you are doing whatever you are able while keeping safe and healthy.

Listed below are some locations accepting donations. Many more can be found through an internet search using keywords like *Anne Arundel County food distribution* or *Anne Arundel County homeless support*.

Animal Care and Control Center: Accepting food, towels, and toys

Address: 411 Maxwell Frye Road, Millersville
Phone: 410-222-8900

FOOD DONATIONS

The Anne Arundel County Food Bank

Address: 120 Marbury Road, Crownsville
Phone: 410-923-4244

The Light House

Address: 10 Hudson Street, Annapolis
Phone: 410-349-5056

Email: info@annapolislighthouse.org.

Check out their website for a list of items and requirements.

SPAN (Serving People Across Neighborhoods)

Address: 400 Benfield Road, Severna Park
Phone: 410-647-0889

Email: spanhelps@yahoo.com

They also collect toiletries and baby goods.

Faith Baptist Church

Address: 7378 East Furnace Branch Road
Phone: 410-761-5346

Emmaus Center Food Pantry

Address: 407 Crain Highway South, Glen Burnie

Phone: 410-766-7729

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Education is not only a ladder of opportunity, but it is also an investment in our future. Thank you for your investment. Donations have been made:

In Honor Of
Margaret Cutchins

In Memory Of

Jay D. Catlin
Rachel Christy
Thomas Donahue
Irene Butler Hebron
Preston Hebron, Jr.
Ann Jonske
Michael Malone

Mike Morrison
Lucille Salisbury
Bonnie Schmeltz
Mary Barcus Smith
Sue Sosnowski
Bernie Walter
Oliver Wittig

AARSPA Scholarship Fundraiser 2021

Your AARSPA Scholarship Committee invites you to dine out for our scholarship fundraiser at Brian Boru Pub (489 Ritchie Hwy, Severna Park 21146) on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, from 3-8 p.m. Due to changing COVID-19 restrictions, the safety rules may be subject to change. Their contact information is 410-975-2678 or manager@brianborupub.com. The \$25.00 + tax and gratuity menu includes:

Starter – Caesar Salad or garden salad / Potato Leek Soup or Tomato Whiskey Soup

Main Course - Shepherd's Pie or Whiskey Chicken Leek or Fish and Chips, or Vegetarian Boxty

Dessert – Chocolate Mousse or Irish Bread Pudding



The AARSPA Executive Board hard at work via Zoom!

NEWS YOU CAN USE

As I started this article, I intended to write about ways to protect oneself from scams. Quickly finding the topic boring, I ended up watching the panda cubs on the National Zoo's webcam. While scams are on the rise, and the fact that being isolated makes us more willing to answer the phone and talk to ANYONE, there is a better and safer use of your time, without giving out any personal information.

Check out the online resources offered by museums, NASA, colleges and one for any of your interests, and they are free.

One can spend hours at the Smithsonian website. There are museum tours, online classes, Gallery talks, and cooking classes, just to name a few. This is true for museums around the world.

Isn't it amazing? We can travel to the most amazing places on earth (or even outer space) without leaving our homes or wearing a mask.



Happy exploring!

How To Help Others During the Pandemic

- Only buy what you need, so everyone in your community can get what they need.
- Give to your local food bank (MRSPA will be holding a virtual food drive from April 1 through May 31, 2021, in honor of our annual meeting. Look for information on how to contribute by going to our website: mrspa.org.)
- Give blood. According to the American Red Cross, there is an urgent need for blood due to the coronavirus outbreak. Find a blood drive near you at redcross.org.
- Consider fostering or adopting a pet in need, as typical shelter volunteers aren't able to make it in to help at this time—and they are always in need of food and cleaning supplies, too.
- Check on seniors, disabled or other at-risk neighbors in your area. Since there should be no contact, leave a nice note or card on their doorstep so they will know that they can reach out to you.

For the complete list of ideas, see the *Consumer Connection* available on mrspa.org.

May Luncheon and AARSPA 2019-2020 Business Meeting Thursday, May 13, 2021

Our annual business meeting will be held Thursday, May 13, 2021, at **Two Rivers Steak and Fish House** located at 4105 Mountain Road, Pasadena, MD. Registration begins at 9:45 a.m. with the meeting starting at 10:30 a.m. The deadline for reserving a seat is **Wednesday, April 28, 2021**, and after this date, we will not be able to give any refunds unless we have names on our wait list. Please note the following:

- **We are limited to 50 people in attendance so reservations will be on a first come, first serve basis. A wait list will be created after the 50 is reached. Seating will be six or less people per table.**
- **All members present will have to wear a mask while in the facility except when eating the meal, and your temperature will be taken prior to you entering the banquet room.**
- **For the safety of all, if you have not received your COVID vaccination yet, please consider joining us at another future luncheon meeting.**

Our entrée choices are chicken Chesapeake, 6 oz. center cut sirloin steak grilled to medium temperature, or grilled vegetable stack. Each entrée will be served with basmati rice, green beans, garden salad with ranch dressing and fresh baked rolls. The dessert will be a two layer sheet cake. Coffee and tea will be available at the bar, and water will be available at the tables.

The Community Service Committee (*AARSPA from the Heart*) will be collecting donations of non-perishable food for the Maryland Food Bank. Don't forget to check expiration dates!

Cost: \$35.00 per person (Please make checks payable to AARSPA)

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

no later than Wednesday, April 28, 2021.

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Contact person: _____

Phone number: _____ E-mail address: _____

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

Name	Chicken Chesapeake	Sirloin Steak	Veggie Stack	
_____	_____	_____	_____	x \$35
_____	_____	_____	_____	x \$35
_____	_____	_____	_____	x \$35
_____	_____	_____	_____	x \$35
			Total due	_____

_____ Please check here if this is your first AARSPA luncheon.

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

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Membership Special

MRSFA is running a **Membership Special** from March 1 to June 5, 2021. **New** members who sign up during this time, will be charged only \$10 state dues. If you sign up for dues deduction, you will pay NO state dues for the remainder of the 2020-2021 membership year, as you will get your \$10 off incentive. *All new members who join during this time, will be billed for the 2021-2022 dues in June like everyone else or have the dues deducted on July 31, if you choose deduction.* We encourage the new retirees to take advantage of this reduced rate to become members of the state association.

Resolution



Here it is – April 1st – April Fool's Day - and I am still working on my New Year's resolution. **NO**, I did not plan to lose weight or exercise more. Those were not feasible – I love to bake as does my neighbor AND with the pandemic surrounding us, we did just that! trying new recipes and SHARING. We have only eliminated two. But I digress.

The resolution was to better handle the clutter that accumulates in my office. This “office” space is a bedroom in the lower level of my home. My desk of 40+ years with matching chair, the computer desk with rolling padded chair, (a hand-me-down from Dennis), two wooden file cabinets, two tall bookcases, one metal bookcase, a drop-leaf table, and 4 well positioned lights. So, with all this space, why does so much of what comes into my office find its way to the top of a well-cluttered desk, and even worse, to the piles on the floor! I even have binders in which to file some of my clutter, I have files for my file cabinets, but still the paper piles remain. I know what each pile is – church stuff, stuff to be filed, and, yes, to be completely honest, AARSPA stuff. My husband knows when I have been hard at work on my resolution – he smiles and makes comment about how he can see the floor! My problem somehow returns, and I am back to bad habits. Therefore, if you have any suggestions on how to jump start my resolution, and keep me on track, please let me know. I still have lots of time to work on this!

-Leslie Schell

Let's Meet a New Member!

Eric Jack retired after 41 years of service at the Millersville Center as a repair technician. He would work with the media specialist and others in the schools to assist in addressing the technical aspects. Eric stated he enjoyed traveling around to the different schools and the diversity of addressing the various problems presented to him. When asked what he missed about working, the answer was – the people he worked alongside each day. As a new retiree, he is also missing the structure and environment of the work experience. However, he is making good use of his “at home” time, by catching up on little projects around the house. As the pandemic eases, Eric hopes to travel both domestically as well as overseas. He joined AARSPA to stay connected and as a next step in his retirement experience. For now, he is adjusting to a different lifestyle. Welcome to AARSPA!

Directory Update

As you are aware, the Membership Directory continues to be a “living” document that will forever change even after it is published. However, the goal is for a Fall distribution. Many of you may have been contacted to confirm email addresses, verify mailing addresses, and update phone numbers. Marge Smith and I are deeply appreciative of the assistance from Dixie Stack and Sharyn Doyle who have worked on this endeavor. Also, thanks to Bob Kanach for keeping the Constant Contact list updated for the electronic distribution of the Informer. This team of volunteers want your directory to be the best it can be at this time.

Protecting,

Connecting,

Making a Difference



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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:

Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association
 or for

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

Mail checks to:

Matilda Barckley
 8238 Great Bend Road
 Glen Burnie, MD 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:

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