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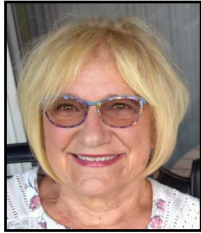
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Co-Presidents Deb Ahalt and Charlie Gable



We hope that everyone is enjoying the warmer weather, longer days, and the beauty of the spring season! Fortunately, some of us got an early start on the warmer weather in Venice, Florida, as we attended the 30th AARSPA Florida Gathering. Special thanks go out to Bob Wagner for hosting a happy hour social at his lovely home and for making arrangements for the luncheon at the Sarasota National Palm Club. All who attended had a great time! This is such a fun event—you might want to include it in your plans for March 2024.

The Maryland General Assembly is about to finish its work for this year's session. MRSPA has closely monitored many of the proposed bills. Virginia Crespo, Legislative Aide for MRSPA, reports that we have opposed bills in which the Legislature has tried to get involved in curriculum. We strongly believe that curriculum needs to be determined by the state and local boards of education.

Members of the Executive Board had the honor of meeting Dr. Mark Bedell, Superintendent of AACPS, at our meeting on April 4. Dr. Bedell shared with us ways that we can support him in accomplishing some of the goals that he has set for the school system. We were impressed with the proposed initiatives that he outlined for us. Watch for additional information about these programs in future issues of

the *AARSPA Informer*. We also had the opportunity to share with him the many ways that AARSPA supports our schools and the communities of Anne Arundel County.

Thirty AARSPA members from both sides of the Bay gathered for a special luncheon event at Snapper's Waterfront Café and Tiki Bar in Cambridge on April 20. Special thanks go out to Bob Kanach and Leslie Schell for planning this outing.

We hope that you will join us for our May Business Meeting/Luncheon to be held at Two Rivers Steak and Fish House in Pasadena on May 11, 2023. A special portion of this meeting is our annual Memorial Service for members who have passed away during the year. Voices in Melody will provide musical selections for this service. Additionally, we will present the 2024 budget for approval, install officers, and vote on changes to our Bylaws. The registration form is in this issue of the *AARSPA Informer*.

The MRSPA Annual Business Meeting will be held at Valley Mansion in Cockeysville on May 9, 2023. Several AARSPA members will be serving as delegates to this important meeting.

The Scholarship Committee received twelve applications from students

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C & D Canal Boat Cruise, Chesapeake City, Maryland July 13, 2023

Welcome to Historic Chesapeake City, Maryland, the "Hidden Treasure of the Chesapeake" in Cecil County. Upon our arrival, we will enjoy a delicious seafood buffet lunch at Schaefer's Canal House, steeped with local history and surrounded by many breath-taking views of the C & D Canal. Following lunch, we climb aboard the "M/V Summer Breeze" for a 2-hour scenic cruise on the C & D Canal. Have your cameras and binoculars ready for sightings of commercial vessels ranging from cargo and container ships, tugs, chemical and oil barges, U.S. Navy ships, research vessels, and mega yachts. Also, view the native wildlife of the Upper Bay including bald eagles, blue herons, and ospreys. The "M/V Summer Breeze" is equipped with an inside salon with paneled windows for bad weather, comfortable custom cushions for seats, bench/booth style seating for 49 passengers, onboard restroom, cash bar, and is handicapped accessible.

Schaefer's Canal House Seafood Buffet

Tossed House Salad - Maryland Vegetable Crab Soup - Schaefer's Crab Cakes - Fried Shrimp
Flounder Roulades Stuffed with Crab Imperial - Cream Sauce Fried Chicken - Roasted Red Skin Potatoes
Rolls & Butter - Vanilla Ice Cream (with Warm Chocolate Chip Cookie) - Coffee, Ice Tea & Soda

You get all this for **\$135.00** per person. This also includes transportation, all taxes and tips including the driver. **Your reservations for this trip must be received by Friday, June 2, 2023.**

Itinerary:

- 9:30 A.M. Depart the Severna Park United Methodist Church on Benfield Road
- 11:15 A.M. Arrive Chesapeake City, MD at Schaefer's Canal House
- 11:30 A.M. Seafood Buffet Lunch
- 1:00 P.M. Group Leader Will Walk Guests to M/V Summer Breeze
- 1:15 P.M. Board M/V Summer Breeze
- 1:30 P.M. Depart on C & D Canal Boat Cruise
- 3:45 P.M. Depart Chesapeake City, MD
- 5:30 P.M. Arrive at the Severna Park United Methodist Church on Benfield Road



C & D Canal Boat Cruise & Schaefer's Canal House Seafood Buffet Reservations must be received by Friday, June 2, 2023

Send this reservation form and check payable to **AARSPA** to:

Bob Kanach
512 Augusta Drive,
Arnold, Maryland 21021

Contact Person: _____

Cell Phone (for emergency): _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email Address (for receipt): _____

of Reservations _____ x \$135.00 per person = \$ _____ **Make Checks Payable to AARSPA**

Other names in you party if applicable

REMEMBRANCE

MEMBER DEATHS

Kathy G. Lauritzen
 Minerva D. Martinez
 Eva M. (Asher) Purdy
 Larry J. Radford
 Thelma A. Sparks
 Helen Mae Whitlock

FAMILY MEMBERS DEATHS

Charles Gable	sister
Millie Gardner	cousin
Martin B. McNulty	wife
Barbara Nixon	husband
Wayne Shipley	niece

ANNIVERSARIES

June

6	Vivecar & Marlin Michaels	53
8	Patricia & George Caldwell	60
13	Elaine & Bob DiAiso	60
13	Evangeline & Clifton Prince	53
13	Mary & Larry Lynch	53
15	Mary Ann & Tom Rohr	49
20	Dixie & Bill Stack	53
20	Patricia & Louis Aprigliano	52
20	Pat & Bill McQuade	53
22	Brenda & Rick Terry	60
22	Jeanne & Dick Hawes	70
23	Burma & Lawrence Hill	61
24	Earnestine & Joseph Butler	51
25	Connie & Charlie Smith	57
26	Jim & Carolyn Levay	69
26	Sophie & Bill Sharkey	52
30	Amy & Mark Coover	38
30	Sue & Den Skinner	50

July

2	Ida-Ann & James Dunagan	59
4	Cary & Pat Jones	53
5	Ann & Bill Yakaitis	54
11	Joani & Steve Daugard	53
12	Carla & Jim Duls	26
14	Mary Jo & Bob Kanach	50
16	Joan & Jim Duryee	46
18	Marge & Bill Campbell	55
20	Sally & Jim McGowan	55
22	Phyllis & Jim Butner	56
26	Lisa & Howard Dew	
27	Kathy & Stan Pulz	49
29	Ginny & Stephen Ginatis	51
31	Diane & Hugh Belvin	52



GET WELL

Carolyn Anzalone
 Peggy Fader
 Nina Griffith
 Kris Heck
 Brenda Hurbanis
 Ed Johnson
 Marge Keating
 Brenda McCray
 Phyllis Mentzell
 Patti Nalley
 Dick Powell
 Dennis Roncoroni

EMERITUS BIRTHDAYS

June		
4	Carol Aleksei	93
7	Emma Fortman	94
8	Charles Garvin	91
13	Lois Porter	92
19	Penny Vahsen	91
July		
5	Jack Colleran	92
14	Mary Bagg	99
18	Geraldine Lomb	93
21	Marie Rifenburg	93

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

Anniversaries and Congratulations
 Millie Gardner at milliegardner65@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 wddsrogers@verizon.net or 410-647-7585

FEBRUARY 9 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT YELLOWFIN

AARSPA hosted some very special guests at the February General Business meeting and luncheon. Dr. Joanna Tobin, President of the Board of Education of AACPS, brought greetings and updates from the Board. Chanel Compton and Tony Spenser shared the history and mission of the Banneker-Douglas Museum in Annapolis and its importance to our democracy and Black History Month. Wanda Twigg, Executive Director of MRSPA brought greetings from the state organization.



Charles Gable, AARSPA Co-President and Wanda Twigg, Executive Director of MRSPA



Chanel Compton, Executive Director of the Banneker-Douglas Museum in Annapolis

Dr. Joanna Tobin, President of the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County Public Schools



Tony Spenser, member of the Public Relations Committee of the Banneker-Douglas Museum

Magic & Wonder Theatre "Jukebox Jive" October 4, 2023

Spend a high-spirited afternoon being entertained by the amazing cast of "Jukebox Jive" at the **Magic and Wonder Theater in Paradise, Pennsylvania**. "Jukebox Jive" is a music variety show that celebrates the biggest hits of the 50s, 60s, and 70s with music, comedy, and lots of surprises all built around the theme of a Jukebox. Travel back in time to experience the greatest hits from artists such as the Beatles, Elvis, and Jerry Lee Lewis when the Jukebox was the center of the fun and learn more about the fascinating history of some of your favorite hits. This original music variety show blends breath-taking vocals together with exciting elements like a juggler, an aerialist, quick-change artists, magic, figure skating, and more. You'll find yourself tapping your toes and swaying to the beat of some of the best music from decades gone by. So, journey back in time and enjoy a bit of nostalgia with this dynamic cast as they create an immersive experience full of song, comedy, dancing, variety arts and more!

Bird in Hand Family Restaurant

Before the show enjoy a delicious smorgasbord lunch at the Bird-in-Hand Family Restaurant in Bird-in-Hand, Pennsylvania.

You get all this for **\$103.00** per person. This also includes transportation, all taxes and tips including the driver. **Your reservations for this trip must be received by Friday, August 25, 2023**

Itinerary:

- 10:00 A.M. Depart the Severna Park United Methodist Church on Benfield Road
- 12:15 A.M. Arrive Bird in Hand, PA at Bird in Hand Family Restaurant
- 12:30 A.M. Smorgasbord Lunch
- 2:00 P.M. Depart Bird in Hand, PA
- 2:15 P.M. Arrive Paradise, PA at Magic Wonder Theatre
- 3:00 P.M. Showtime! "Jukebox Jive"
- 5:00 P.M. Depart Paradise, PA
- 7:00 P.M. Arrive at the Severna Park United Methodist Church on Benfield Road



Magic & Wonder Theatre – "Jukebox Jive" - & Smorgasbord Lunch
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Other names in you party if applicable:

From the Free School

Did You Know?

In previous *AARSPA Informer* articles, we have shared how we teach lessons to students who visit the Anne Arundell County Free School Museum. We described how we teach lessons without books, paper, and pencils as the lessons might have been taught in the 1700s. We described how we teach lessons as they might have been taught in the 1800s with slates and McGuffey readers.

Are you wondering how we accommodate adults who visit the Museum? Please continue reading.

We have had Red Hat Ladies, a Doll Club, Church groups, and Sororities hold their meetings at the Museum. We usually give a brief history lesson on the building before or after the group's meeting. We have had classes from Anne Arundel Community College visit the building and did a more in-depth presentation on the history of the building and the history of education in Anne Arundel County. We have had a large family visit the site after their annual Family Reunion at a nearby farm. We have scheduled numerous individual tours for people who live locally and as far away as Iowa. As you can see, our tours for adults can be designed to address the interests of those adults. If you are part of a group, or would like an individual tour, please contact Karlie Everett (karlieeverett@verizon.net) so we can make arrangements.

Dates to Remember

Second Saturday and Second Sunday of April, May, June, July, and August are our regularly scheduled Open Houses from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

October 26, 2023 - The Free School Museum will celebrate its 300th anniversary with dignitaries and guests in attendance.

October 28, 2023 - The Free School Museum will celebrate its 300th anniversary with activities and crafts for children.



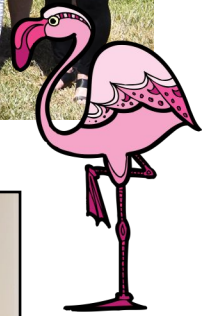
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aspiring to become teachers, from seven different high schools in the county. Thank you to Tillie Barckley, Tony Anzalone, and Sharyn Doyle for their time and effort in the selection process to determine the winners of four \$5000 scholarships offered by AARSPA. Our thanks, too, to all of the members whose donations have made these generous scholarships possible.

Be sure to look through the information in this newsletter regarding day trips planned by our Travel Committee.

With this being our last newsletter message as your Co-presidents, we want to thank the AARSPA membership for their support during the past two years. A special thank you to the members of the Executive Board who have worked tirelessly for the benefit of this great association. We plan to support Sharyn and Brenda in every way as they assume the responsibility as your new Co-presidents. We encourage each of our members to become more active in this very important organization.

2023 FLORIDA GET-TOGETHER



HAPPY HOUR SOCIAL ON MARCH 30



Co-presidents Debbie Ahalt and Charlie Gable



Karlie and Gerry Everett



Kim Bibeault and Kate Gilbert



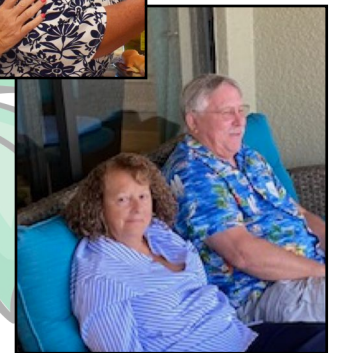
Tom Leary and Dan Ahalt



Dianne Myers



Louise DeJesu and Terry Zablonski



Janis and Henry Horn



Penny Rascoe and Ray Bibeault



Sharon Stratton and Edie Picken



Nancy Henkelman, Arlene Derflinger, Ron Derflinger, and host Bob Wagner



Support for Residents in Assisted Living Facilities

Did you know that two thirds of nursing home residents have their entire income taken for their care? This includes Medicare/Medicaid, Social Security, pensions and all other income. In 1972, Congress established a personal needs allowance of \$25.00 monthly. This amount was raised to \$30.00 a month in 1987 and hasn't increased since. While family members often supply needed items, this is not always the case. Some residents have no family and even when there are family members, they are not able to help. For some residents, buying toothpaste becomes an expense that needs to be planned.

We have no way of knowing who among those residents may have impacted our lives; we know how we can impact theirs. While toiletries and resources for activities may seem a small item to you and me, it means so much to the them.

Working with the Anne Arundel County Dept. of Aging, the following locations were selected by the committee:

- FutureCare —Chesapeake (Arnold area)
- Assisted Living with Compassionate Care (Millersville)
- Autumn Lake Healthcare (Crofton)
- Glen Burnie Health and Rehabilitation

Requested Items:

- Toiletries (lotions, soap, shampoo, conditioners, shaving products, etc.)

- Books, word searches, crossword puzzles, Sudoku (prefer large print but others ok)

- Puzzles (100-500 pieces) board games, (checkers, Monopoly, etc.)

PLEASE, NO MISSING PIECES!!

- Bingo cards and markers

- Colored Pencils, small glue sticks, double sided tape, construction paper

- Craft Supplies: acrylic paint, coloring books, Zen coloring books, paint with water coloring books, painted stones project, ribbon, popsicle sticks, buttons, pipe cleaners, markers

- Bingo prizes: small coloring books, pre-wrapped snacks (anything that fits in a small gift bag)

- Bird Seed: There are feeders outside the dining room.

- Snacks! Snacks! Snacks! They love their snacks.

Please donate only those items you would want to go to your loved one.

Scholarship News

Your incredible generosity means the world to our high school students. Thank you for your support as they continue striving for excellence.

In Memory of...

Ginny Bell

Harry Calender

W.E. Craig - Heavenly Birthday, 2/23/2015

Katherine Lauritzen - Charles Gable, Jr., sister
Millie Gardner, 1st cousin

Nancy Mann

Tom Menneck

Betty Moreland

Bill Schadt

Ann Fraser Sole

Thelma Sparks

Olivia Thompson - Birthday

Mike Trippett

Dennie White



Summer Fundraiser

Our scholarship fundraiser will be held at the Killarney House Pub on **Tuesday, June 13, 2023.**

The menu price is \$30 per person plus tax and gratuity. \$10 from each menu chosen will be donated to our scholarship fund. It is available all day and order online at www.killarneyhousepub.com. It is located at 584 W. Central Avenue, Davidsonville.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Many thanks to those who switched to receiving the newsletter by email. You are making a difference!

Address Changes

After each *AARSPA Informer* mailing, we receive several returned newsletters, often without forwarding addresses. We make every effort to contact those people to correct the mailing address and resend the newsletter. To ensure that you don't miss any information, please contact us with any updates. Our goal is to keep you *informed!*

Dues Renewal Letters

Just a reminder that the Local AARSPA members will receive their renewal forms by mail in late May. Those MRSPA members will receive their renewal letters in late June. Both are for the 2023-2024 membership year.

MRSPA extends an invitation to cash dues paying members to switch to dues deduction for 2023-2024. If you make the switch, you are eligible for a one-time \$10 reduction in state dues. You would pay \$35 for state dues, plus our local dues amount. Members need to complete and return the 2023-2024 Dues Deduction Authorization Form, which is available on the MRSPA website under Switch and Save (<http://www.mrspa.org/switchandsave> before June 30.



- Denise Anderson
- Patrick J. Bathras
- Suzanne M. Colohan
- Lawrence Inscoe
- Charles Jansky
- Kathleen Notari
- Lisa Seaman-Crawford
- Barbara Segratelli
- Carol A Zieba

Made a Change? Let Us Know!

Has any of your AARSPA information changed... **address, email, home phone, cell phone?** If so, please contact Membership Chair **Leslie Schell, 706 Rosewood Road, Severn, Maryland 21144** or lahschell@verizon.net.

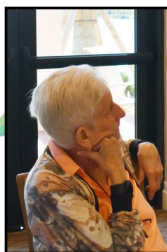
LUNCHEON AT SARASOTA NATIONAL PALM CLUB ON MARCH 31



Ray Bibeault and Bob Wagner



Janice Horn, Nancy Henkelman, and Terry Henkelman



Madlyn Scott

DATES TO REMEMBER

MEETING DATES

Executive Board Meetings -10:00 a.m.

- June 8 Free School
- July 20 MRSPA Conference Room Odenton

General Membership Meeting - 10:30 a.m.

- May 11 Two Rivers Steak and Fish House Pasadena

OTHER DATES

- May 9 MRSPA Annual Business Meeting Valley Mansion, Cockeysville
- June 13 Killarney House Fundraiser
- July 13 CD & Canal Boat Cruise
- July 24 August *AARSPA Informer* deadline
- July 25 MRSPA Presidents' Meeting

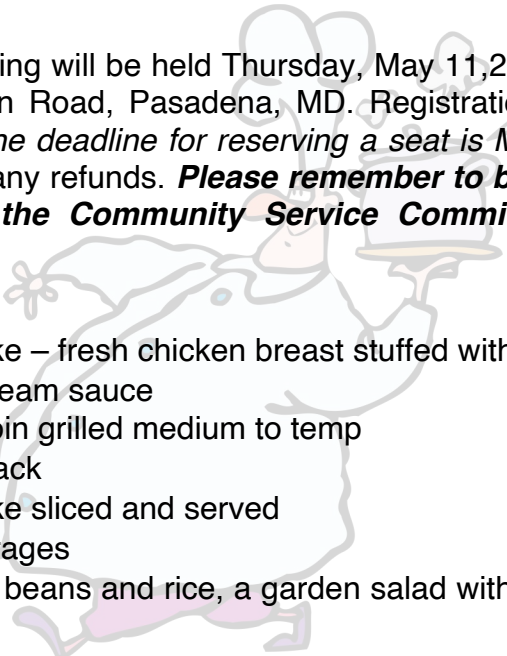
AARSPA Luncheon and 2021-2022 Annual Business Meeting Thursday, May 11, 2023

Our annual business meeting will be held Thursday, May 11, 2023 at **Two Rivers Steak and Fish House** located at 4105 Mountain Road, Pasadena, MD. Registration will begin at 9:45 a.m. with the meeting starting at 10:30 a.m. *The deadline for reserving a seat is Monday, May 1, 2023*, and after this date, we will not be able to give any refunds. ***Please remember to bring your donation for the Senior Centers drive sponsored by the Community Service Committee. Items requested are listed elsewhere in this newsletter.***

Our entrée choices are:

- Chicken Chesapeake – fresh chicken breast stuffed with spinach, prosciutto and lump crab, served with Dijon cream sauce
- 6 oz. center cut sirloin grilled medium to temp
- Grilled vegetable stack
- Two-layer sheet cake sliced and served
- Non-alcoholic beverages

Each entrée is served with green beans and rice, a garden salad with ranch or bleu cheese dressing and a freshly baked roll.



Cost per person is \$38.00 (**Please make checks payable to AARSPA**)
Mail the reservation form and payment **to arrive no later than May 1, 2023** to:
Bob Kanach, 512 Augusta Drive, Arnold, MD. 21012



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 \$38 = _____
_____	_____	_____	_____	x \$38 = _____
_____	_____	_____	_____	x \$38 = _____

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

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



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 Annapolis, MD 21401





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:

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