



## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT IONE WILLIAMS



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Greetings and Welcome to the 2010-2011 year of AARSPA! Let me tell you how humbled and honored I am to be elected President of the Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association. Never did I dream when I embarked on my first teaching assignment that I would be elected to this prestigious post! To be elected President during the year of AARSPA's 70th anniversary is indeed a special honor!

Furthermore, it is an exceptional honor to be chosen President of the most progressive and proactive retired school personnel organization in the State of Maryland – perhaps in all of the USA. I feel privileged to be given the opportunity to work with the finest retired school personnel association around. Under the exceptional leadership of past presidents, along with the AACPS system, our AARSPA association has been an active proponent for the many benefits we now enjoy as retirees, even during this period of nationwide financial upheaval. I am not sure I can measure up to the likes of the over 40 presidents who have skillfully guided this

organization, but with your help and support, I know we will succeed.

Many of you have already pledged your support. I am urging **everyone** to play a part! We have a place for everyone. Just pick activities that suit your interests and personality. We are into those things which concern our retirees – plus we have a great time socializing. Think of the fun activities we have, such as the trips and tours team, the hospitality bunch, the raffle group, the consumer education panel, the AARSPA chorus (Voices in Melody) and, of course, the luncheons, complete with entertainment afterwards. And why not consider attending the Florida Luncheon. Yes, it's a long way to go for lunch, but it is a heck of a lot of fun in the sun.

On the more serious side, we have our Legislative activity which charts the actions of the state legislature regarding our pension and health care issues and the Scholarship panel, which selects three deserving persons who plan to go into the field of education to receive a \$4,000 scholarship each. Then there is the Newsletter group, the

Free School museum docents, Community Service, and Membership drive. As you can see, we have a wide range of interesting activities. So, I am counting on each and every able AARSPA member to pick an activity (or two) in which to engage their energy to help keep our association moving forward.

Our association is so fortunate to have great talented, resourceful, and hard working leaders, committee chairs, and members, and we commend these wonderful persons for all their teamwork. There is no doubt that we will continue to keep our organization in the forefront of service to our retired membership.

In conclusion, I am reminded of some of TV's favorite shows: So, in this new year, **"As the World Turns,"** I am counting on **"All My Children"** as AARSPA members to provide the **"Guiding Light"** that will fill out the **"Days of Our Lives"** with vim, vigor, and vitality. And if you know of any of our  
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## CONSUMER UPDATE

### Where do you Keep your Medications?

It seems convenient to keep your medications in the bathroom, but bathrooms can become hot and humid. Dampness accelerates deterioration of dry medicines (such as tablets), while heat hastens the breakdown of liquids and creams. Unless a medicine says specifically to refrigerate, don't do it because liquid medications can separate and solid crystals will form and sink to the bottom of the bottle. This would cause one to not get the intended dose.

So, what do you do with your medications? They are best kept in cool, dry places, preferably in a drawer. If there are grandchildren visiting, be sure that your medications are not where there could find them.

### Car Dangers

Cars require 100% attention even when they are not on the road.

Tips to avoid being hurt or hurting someone else:

1. To avoid rolling-vehicle danger, you should always put the car in park when you stop if you have automatic transmission. With manual transmission the car should be left in gear. Parking brakes should be checked regularly.

2. At the service station, static electricity can ignite gasoline and start fires. Don't get back in your car while you are refueling. Sliding across the fabric or leather seat can create static electricity. After refueling leave the nozzle in place for a few seconds which will eliminate

drips.

3. Carbon-monoxide (CO) is deadly. Never warm-up or leave your car running in a closed garage.

4. Trunk-entrapment. Cars manufactured since 2001 have emergency trunk releases. If you have an older car, be sure that the car is locked at all times, thus children cannot get in the trunk.

While you may say, "I've heard these things before," knowing them is not the same as following them.

### Coffee's Many Uses

It can neutralize odors. Ground coffee absorbs moisture and replaces an offending odor with the smell of coffee. Hang a cheesecloth pouch filled with cooled used coffee grounds in the cabinet where the garbage is kept.

It can be a stress buster. Inhaling the scent of roasted coffee beans eases stress and produces a natural relaxation.

It can be a skin exfoliate. Mix one cup of ground coffee, one-half cup sugar and one-half tablespoon of jojoba oil. Apply the mixture to your body, rub gently in a circular motion, rinse, and pat dry.

### If you Lose your Laptop

Confidential files, email, bank account numbers, passwords, etc. may fall into the hands of wrongdoers. To be safe –

regularly back up the files on your laptop to a desktop computer, portable disk drive, or online data-storage service and encrypt the files on your computer so no wrongdoer who obtains it can access them. Many commercial encryption software products are available. To find the latest reviews of new products, go to Google.com and enter "encryption software reviews" to search.

### New Gift Card Rules

Starting this month (August 2010) there are new rules for gift cards. You will have one year to spend a gift card before any fees can be charged and they won't expire before five years.

### Believe it or Not!

Paying bills as soon as you receive them can reduce stress.

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members who feel that they are "**Desperate Housewives**" (or Despondent Housemen), encourage them to examine our list of activities and pick out one that they feel they can make a contribution. Even though this year may not produce an "**American Idol**," we can still offer guidance to the "**Young and the Restless**" and help mold them into the "**Bold and the Beautiful**" retirees. Finally, knowing that we have just "**One Life to Live**," let us walk arm-in-arm and hand-in-hand as we continue our travels down AARSPA lane. See you at our first luncheon meeting on September 16 at the Sheraton, Annapolis.

**MEMBERS'  
CORNER**

**Thanks**

Frances Middleton is on the quick road to recovery. She sends her thanks to all who have sent messages of good health during her recent period of recuperation.

**Only in Education**

From Mary Ann Iverson

"I was reading a story to first graders that had the word pigpen in it. As I came to that word, one little girl blurted out 'pigpen - that's what my father says our house looks like'."

Send your stories to Betty Ann White at [bettypurple@verizon.net](mailto:bettypurple@verizon.net) or P.O. Box 6573, Annapolis, Maryland 21401-0673

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**AARSPA Officers**

**President**

Ione Williams

**President-Elect**

Robert "Bob" Kanach

**Immediate Past President**

Alicia Hardisky

**Recording Secretary**

John Hammond

**Assistant Recording Secretary**

**Corresponding Secretary**

Nancy Mann

**Treasurer**

Mary Overholser

**Assistant Treasurer**

Pat Ericson

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**EARLY VOTING**

Registered voters can vote in person before the Primary Election Day. If you are a registered voter, the early voting centers will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, September 3 through Thursday, September 9, **except for Sunday, September 5**. The early voting sites are: Severna Park Library, 45 McKinsey Road., Severna Park; North County Library, 1010 Eastway, Glen Burnie; West County Library, 1325 Annapolis Road, Odenton; Edgewater Library, 25 Stepneys Lane, Edgewater; Annapolis, Senior Center, 119 South Villa Avenue, Annapolis.

For the November 2 General Election the early voting centers will be open starting Friday, October 22 through Thursday, October 28 **except for Sunday, October 24** at the same locations and time.

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## New Members And Corrections

A very special greeting to the 276 retirees of FY2010 who are receiving The Informer for the very first time. Several brand new retirees have already joined AARSPA/MRSPA and it is our hope that others will follow. *Remember, YOU are AARSPA.* With your support we will continue to be a strong advocate in maintaining the quality of your retirement years. Again, WELCOME!

**Note:**

Member address/phone updates may be obtained by calling Carol Kirby, Membership Committee at (410) 798-0748.

**If you would like information on new members or corrections, please contact the Membership Committee.**

**NOTICE:** This is the last newsletter for the 72 cash/local members who have not yet paid their FY11 dues. ***Your continued support is vital.*** Please retain your membership by mailing your dues or, better yet, sign up for dues deduction. Call Carol Kirby with any questions.

## AARSPA — Going Green

More and more organizations are going green by publishing their newsletters electronically.

### What are the advantages?

It will save money. The costs of paper and postage continue to increase. It averages \$1900.00 per issue. That amounts to about \$5.00 of your \$10.00 dues each year.

You receive it sooner. It does not have to be labeled, stamped and depend on the post office to deliver it.

It saves paper. Are you aware that we print 2200 copies of the *Informer* 5 times a year for a total of 55,000 sheets of paper?

### How can this be accomplished?

The membership committee must have your email address. (Are you aware that you can create an email address for free at sites such

as Hot Mail?)

You can send your email address to the committee along with your name and phone number to [AARSPAInformer@yahoo.com](mailto:AARSPAInformer@yahoo.com). And, if you make changes it can be done the same way.

### How is my information protected?

The membership committee would keep the list which would not be available to the general membership.

The website is restricted to use by the membership and newsletter committee.

The newsletter would be sent using a blind copy so your email address would not appear.

### When will this happen?

It will not take place all at once. It will be tested first by the executive board and expanded until all

members with email will receive their newsletters electronically.

### Questions that you may arise:

“I don’t have a computer and it isn’t convenient for me to get to a library or senior center.”

“How will I make my luncheon reservations?”

“How will I know when there are changes of addresses and phone numbers?”

“Will I be able to send contributions to the scholarship fund?”

Yes, these are a few of the questions that will come up and will have to be answered, but AARSPA must begin to join the host of organizations that are going green.

What is the first step?

Send your name, email address, and phone number to [AARSPAInformer@Yahoo.com](mailto:AARSPAInformer@Yahoo.com).

## AARSPA Opportunities For Volunteering

Mentoring Benfield Elementary School Students.

Benfield Elementary School is looking for mentors for our Community Mentoring Program. They invite AARSPA members to consider taking part in the program. As a mentor you will be matched with a child who would benefit from a little extra attention and support. You will meet with that child once a week at the school. You would be encouraged to come during the child’s lunch period and eat together in the cafeteria. Following the lunch period you spend the recess period with the child either playing together, working on a school assignment or tutoring, or just talking.

You do not need any previous experience or special skills. You will be given a volunteer orientation, training session and background check. The training can be scheduled to suit your individual schedule. For more information: Contact Tammy Perunovich at 410-222-6555 or [tperunovich@aacps.org](mailto:tperunovich@aacps.org).

The Boys and Girls Club is looking for retired teachers to tutor children in Reading, Arithmetic and Algebra around 3:30 p.m. The time can be negotiated. Contact John Wesley Smith at 410-263-2542 if interested.

# May 20, Luncheon at Renditions in Davidsonville

Ione Williams presents a gift to the outgoing President Alicia Hardisky.



Alicia Hardisky passes the gavel to the incoming President Ione Williams.



New elected officers for AARSPA 2010-11 (L to R) Past President Alicia Hardisky, President Ione Williams, President-Elect Bob Kanach, Secretary John Hammond, Treasurer Mary Overholser, Assistant Treasurer Pat Ericson, Assistant Secretary Lonnie Kelly, and Corresponding Secretary Nancy Mann.



Joe Butler and John Hammond getting together before the luncheon.



The winners of the scholarships given by AARSPA (L to R) Julie A. Durbin of Arundel High School, Rachel A. Baranoski of Northeast High School, and Gaida H. Mahgoub of Arundel High School.



Harry Hendrickson and his daughter-in-law attend the luncheon.



Gaida Mahgoub and her family attend the luncheon.

Gaida Mahgoub thanks AARSPA for the scholarship she won.



## Sunshine/Necrology Committee

Nina Griffith, Dianne Rogers, Sandie Sweeney

### Get Well/Thinking of You

Jean Curry  
 Bill Kerns  
 Frances Middleton  
 Lula Brown  
 Robert Shillinburg  
 Herb Sappington  
 Thomas Maxwell  
 Ted Brown  
 Nellie Lewis

### Member Deaths

Teresa Calvin  
 Jean M. Boyd  
 Kit Schneider  
 Edward Miller  
 Barbara Graas  
 Rose Wiseman  
 Bill Kerns  
 Lorelle Machen  
 Ray Herbert  
 Vivian Lynch  
 Mary Christine Conley

Edna Eshelman  
 John Irvine

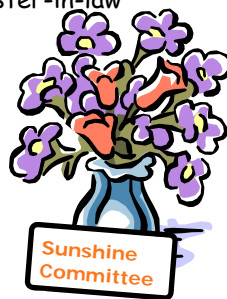
### Family Members' Deaths

Rosemary Soldano-husband  
 Thelma Sparks-sister  
 Katherine (Missy) Lawrence-husband  
 Deborah Huey-father  
 Jim and Ione Williams-sister-in-law  
 Otho Johnson-brother  
 Angela Cromwell-brother  
 Lillian Harvey-husband  
 Helene I. Sank  
 Hannah Williams-McCall

### Congratulations

Isaac and Evelyn Miller  
 Rosalie and Charles Burcaw  
 Barry J. Fader-Retired after 16 years as  
 Principal of Edgewater Elementary.  
 Donald Lilley, Principal of Annapolis High  
 School was named "Principal of the  
 Year" by the Maryland Association of

Secondary School Principals.  
 Erin Sullivan of Anne Arundel County  
 Public Schools was named  
 "Teacher of the Year."



Please save this list to notify us of the deaths, get wells, birthdays, and anniversaries of our members.

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 email: Bear1134@aol.com

Dianne Rogers: Get Well/Thinking of You/Anniversaries  
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Sandie Sweeney: Birthdays  
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 email: shalimar428@aol.com

## Luncheon and General Membership Meeting



On Thursday, September 16, 2010, we will have our luncheon at the Sheraton Annapolis Hotel.

Registration ---- 9:30-10:30  
 Meeting ----- 10:30-12:00  
 Lunch ----- 12:00-1:00  
 Entertainment -- 1:00-2:00

**No Refunds After September 12**

**PLEASE NO WALK-INS**

### LUNCHEON RESERVATION DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 10, 2010

Name of person(s) attending \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ No. of reservations \_\_\_\_\_

Cost is \$25 Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_Lemon Dill Salmon: Pan-seared salmon served with white and wild rice pilaf topped with lemon dill sauce.

**OR**

\_\_\_\_\_Rosemary Chicken: Pan-seared chicken breast marinated in rosemary, garlic, and lemon served with garlic mashed potatoes.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO AARSPA AND MAIL TO Ms. Pat Ericson, 8223 Grainfield Road, Severn, Maryland 21144.

\_\_\_\_\_ Check here if this is your first AARSPA luncheon.

\_\_\_\_\_ Check here if an Emeritus Member.

## PROPOSED BUDGET FY 2011

### INCOME

Balance Forward FY 2010		\$11,794.38
Membership Projection 1900		
Dues - General (\$6.00x1900)	\$11,400.00	
Scholarship (\$3.00x1900)	\$5,700.00	
Free School (\$1.00x1900)	\$1,900.00	
MRSPA - Postage/LegLunch	\$40.00	
50/50 Drawing & Scholarship Donations	\$600.00	
Interest	\$20.00	
Scholarship Contributions	\$6,300.00	
Pre-payment Reimbursement	\$1,500.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$27,460.00</b>	<b>\$39,254.38</b>

### EXPENDITURES

Officers' Expense - President	\$1,000.00	
President-Elect	\$300.00	
Corresponding Secretary	\$0.00	
Recording Secretary	\$50.00	
Treasurer & Assist Treasurer	\$50.00	
Program	\$600.00	
History	\$50.00	
Consumer Education Committee	\$0.00	
Legislative Committee	\$500.00	
Membership Directory	\$0.00	
Hospitality/ Centerpieces	\$200.00	
Necrology/Sunshine	\$500.00	
Pre-Retirement Workshops	\$0.00	
Pre-Retirement Reception	\$750.00	
Public Relations-Central Office	\$600.00	
Newsletter & Directory Printing	\$5,000.00	
Postage	\$5,500.00	
Photography	\$25.00	
Contingency Printing	\$100.00	
Senior Citizens Hall of Fame Table	\$0.00	
Senior Citizens Hall of Fame Ad	\$100.00	
MRSPA Endowment Fund	\$100.00	
AARSPA Chorus - Voices in Melody	\$300.00	
Bonds & Legal Fees	\$100.00	
Scholarship for Scholars	\$12,000.00	
President's Award Cup	\$60.00	
Free School	\$1,900.00	
Miscellaneous	\$500.00	
USM Membership & Ad	\$200.00	
Preservation Records/Archives	\$10.00	
Auditor Fee	\$200.00	
<b>TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$30,695.00</b>	<b>\$8,559.38</b>



## Children's Book Contest

The NRTA is announcing **The National Children's Book of the Year** contest, which is sponsored by the National Association of Elementary School Principals Foundation (NAESPF). This is an opportunity for aspiring authors to enter their work for consideration. The Children's Book of the Year award contest is open to anyone who wants to have his/her children's book published. The cut-off date for submissions is February 15, 2011. You can download the entry form by visiting NAESPF's website:

<http://www.naesp.org/NAESPFoundation.aspx>





### CLEAN UP DAY AT THE FREE SCHOOL

On June 5, a team led by Marie Diamond worked on the annual clean-up of the Free School. Special thanks to Joe Diamond, Howard Hall, Bob Kanach, Marijo Kanach, Mike Kearny, Max Muller, Dennis Roncoroni, Betty Ann White, and Lambert Zaengle for their efforts in getting the building in shape for the Sunday openings from 1-4 p.m. from June 6 - October 24.

### Come and Visit the Free School

The 1724 Annearrundell Free School is now open on Sunday afternoons 1-4 p.m., for visitors through October. This living history museum is a real treasure. Get a feel for how early schooling got its start in Anne Arundel County. Write on a slate, read an early textbook, ring the school bell, solve the "mystic stick," stand in the huge fireplace, identify the farm implements and enjoy how schools became an important part of every community. You might even find a photo of one of your schools.

These AARSPA members are serving as volunteers at the school this year: Betty Ann White, Patricia Ericson, Mary Ann Iverson, Howard Hall, Martha Collison, Kay Tarter, Betty Mitchell, Mary Ellen and Frank Street, Carol Aleksei, Vicki Hutchins, Judy and John Youngblood, Lynn and Bill Foley, Barbara Hunter, Linda and Rick Wiles, Carla Duls, and Karlie Everett. Thanks to all these volunteers.

The school is located at 1298 Lavall Drive just off Rutland Road near Route 450. Admission is free and children are welcome.

Note: This school is now air conditioned.



## 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 is: \_\_\_\_\_  
 In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 for:  
 \_\_\_\_\_ birthday \_\_\_\_\_ an anniversary  
 \_\_\_\_\_ other (please indicate) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to:**  
 21st Century Education Foundation, Inc., (AARSPA)

**Contributions are tax deductible.**

**Mail all checks to:**  
 Linda Waldmann  
 109 Pinecrest Drive  
 Annapolis, MD 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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 188 Green Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 (telephone: 410-222-2909). 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/CH 1395/28a (Rev. Aug 09)*



Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association  
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## Dates to Remember

### **Executive Board Meetings, Central Office – Center 3 , 10:00 a.m. Thursdays**

October 14, 2010                  June 6, 2011  
January 6, 2011                  July 21, 2011  
April 14, 2011

### **General Membership Meetings, Thursdays**

September 16, 2010 – Sheraton, Annapolis  
November 11, 2010 – Snyder’s Willow Grove,  
Linthicum  
January 27 – 28, 2011 – Sarasota, Florida  
March 17, 2011 – Michael’s Eighth Avenue, Glen  
Burnie  
May 19, 2011 – Renditions – Davidsonville

### **Informer Deadlines**

October 8, 2010                  February 1, 2011  
December 16, 2010              April 11, 2011

### **The AARSPA Chorus – Voices in Melody**

Rehearsals take place at Belvedere Elementary  
School, Tuesdays, 3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. All are  
welcome to join.



### **Information From the Newsletter Committee**

\* Please email your articles to AARSPA  
informer@yahoo.com or you may send your  
articles to Pat Ericson, 8223 Grainfield Road,  
Severn, Maryland 21144 or Betty Ann  
White, PO Box 6573, Annapolis, MD 21401.

**Next Deadline October 8, 2010.**