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When Ken Nichols approached me several years ago and asked me to consider serving on the Executive Board, I had no idea that it would lead to serving as AARSPA President! I felt that it was important to be involved in the organization that would represent me with the Superintendent and the Board of Education and watch out for my newly established retirement. Similarly, I joined our state organization, MRSPA, as it works tirelessly monitoring the Maryland legislature as it "reviews" our pension and retirement funds. All of the folks at AARSPA who keep the organization operating for our benefit are volunteers as are the vast majority of the folks at MRSPA. Won't you join us by becoming actively involved in our organizations? Every little bit helps!

I want to thank the Executive Board members for their dedicated service to our organization and to my first year as your president. Whenever I had a question or concern, help was just a phone call or email away. To the faithful volunteers who help with the "assembly line" at the Board and the cleaners and folks who give up their weekend and serve as docents

at the Free School, I want to express my appreciation. I also wish to thank the members of the various committees, including but not limited to the Pre-Retirement Committee, the Employee/Educator of the Month Committee, the Chorus, the Scholarship and Raffle Committees, the Newsletter Committee, the Photographers, the Trips and Tours Committee of one, the Website ladies, the Legislation Committee, our Historian, the Hospitality Committee, the Bylaws/Constitution Committee, and the Remembrance/Sunshine Committee. I could not name each individual person who has helped because these groups are ever-changing, and I am certain that I have left out a few others. I apologize for my forgetfulness and oversight. It takes many minds, hands and backs to make our organization function. I hope you will join us during my second year as your president to enhance our efforts.

I hope that you saw the article in the Arundel section of the June 17, 2012 edition of the *Baltimore Sun*. Mr. Hall graciously met with the reporter for a good part of a Wednesday afternoon sharing with him the history of the Free School and how our organization, through the hard



work of some dedicated early AARSPA members, secured the site and raised the money to resurrect the building. Many, many man-hours of hard labor were provided by our early members who not only helped rebuild the school but also filled it with numerous historically accurate materials, equipment, and furnishings. Curriculum was written so that volunteers could share with visitors to the school accurate information. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to these dedicated and driven people for all that they have done to keep the history of public education alive in our county.

Congratulations to Patty Nalley, a former principal in the county, member of the Board of Education for the past five years, and a

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member of AARSPA. Patty was selected by the Governor to serve another five year term as a member of the Anne Arundel County Board of Education. I am sure all of you join me in wishing her all the best as an at-large member of the Board.

At the last Executive Board meeting on June 14, 2012, there was a rather significant discussion about whether or not to change the annual January general meeting/luncheon held in Florida for our many members living there to an every other year basis. People who attend this event have a great time touching base with each other and sharing a lovely meal together. Over the past several years, the number of members attending this meeting has diminished. Not as many people are driving/flying down and similarly fewer Florida members are attending. The fear is that if we make the move to every other year, even fewer folks will attend. Alicia Hardisky mentioned that several years ago, AARSPA had a bus trip to New

England that was very well attended and everyone had a great time. We tossed around the idea of providing a bus trip to Florida for interested members and possibly some touring of the area. I asked Mr. Hall, our Trip and Tour Committee chair, to research the cost for such a trip. His research indicated that to hire a bus to drive folks down to Florida for the luncheon/meeting as well as to do some tours of the area would cost around \$700 per person which the Executive Board thought was cost-prohibitive.

Mr. Hall is looking into the idea of folks flying down to Tampa and then renting a bus for transportation to the hotel, luncheon/meeting and some tours. As you may have known, Will Norman was going to host this year's get-together at his house, but with his tragic death a few weeks ago, we are looking to make different arrangements. What I would like to provide Mr. Hall with is a ballpark number of people who might be interested in renting a bus down in Florida to get around and tour. At this point we do not have any idea of the cost or even the itinerary, but I would appreciate an indication of the number

of people who might be interested. You can complete the form below and mail it to me at the address indicated, or you could email me at: pres@aarspa.org to let me know of your interest. Please do either by October 1, 2012. Know that this is not a firm commitment on your part at this time, but it will help us determine the feasibility of such a trip and give us contact information should it look possible.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the fall luncheon/meeting on September 13, 2012 at Snyder's Willow Grove. Let's hope that we do not have any hurricanes to impact this meeting! Along with our regular program, Dr. Barron Maberry, a retired Lutheran Pastor will share with us the power of laughter and positive spirit in his presentation entitled, "Take Two Laughs and Call Me in the Morning!" He is the author of *Do You Want To Be Well*, a prescription for wellness in body, mind and spirit. You may remember Barron as he was one of the performers at our luncheon at CAT-N last year. A registration form for this luncheon can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.



FLORIDA TRIP SURVEY FORM

I am interested in using AARSPA provided bus transportation while in Tampa, Florida to attend the AARSPA General Meeting and Luncheon on or about January 24, 2013. I realize this is simply an interest survey and at this time does not commit me to the trip. I want to be contacted should this opportunity materialize.

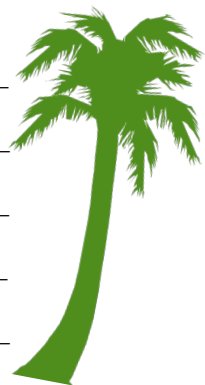
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The AARSPA delegation



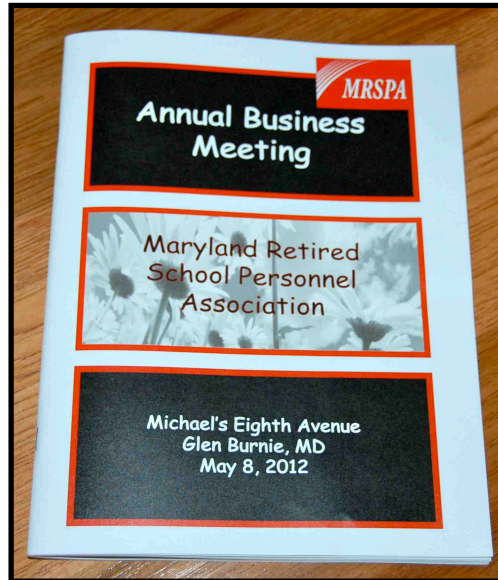
AARSPA members Max Muller, Charles Gable, Mike Kearney, Rich O'Hara, and Ron Ruffo smile for the camera before lunch.



Carla Duls, AARSPA member and MRSPA Area Director, announces the winners of the MRSPA elections.



Carol Kirby, Lonnie Kelly, and President Kanach discuss issues before lunch.



AARSPA member and MRSPA Scholarship Committee Chair Estelle Owens Johnson introduces the 2012 MRSPA Scholarship winners.



Sandra Edmonds and Carlean Clark share a story before lunch.



Tillie Barckley, Max Muller, and Charles Gable confer before lunch.



Anthony Anzalone, Tillie Barckley, Carla Duls, and Carol Kirby enjoy the luncheon.



CONGRATULATIONS!

A hearty "Congratulations" to AARSPA member Sandra Edmonds who was elected to the MRSPA Nomination Committee and to AARSPA'S Estelle Owens Johnson who was elected to fill the office of MRSPA Vice-President.

CONSUMER UPDATE

Over-the-Counter Drugs

If you have high blood pressure, consult your doctor before using any over-the-counter (OTC) cold products. These can be dangerous for people with diabetes, glaucoma or enlarged prostate. These products usually contain decongestants such as pseudoephedrine and phenylephrine that help clear a stuffy nose by narrowing blood vessels. However, they also can raise blood pressure and heart rate and alter blood sugar levels. Consult your doctor or pharmacist before taking any of these medicines.

How to Be Healthier

Stop and smell the roses! New findings found that of the 756 subjects studied, those who took a moment to consider the good things in life throughout the day (such as a beautiful sunrise) had better health compared to those who did not notice such things.

Your Pet

If you live alone, it is important that you take steps to ensure your pet is taken care of if you are in an accident. Choose a caregiver – someone your dog or cat is familiar with and who knows how to care for your pet. Keep the information in your wallet so that you can give it to emergency personnel. Be sure the caregiver has access to your house, necessary information of your pet’s schedule and vet’s number. You can sign an agreement with your vet that will allow him/her to treat your pet if needed. It is also a good idea to put a rescue alert label in your window – this tells firefighters and other emergency personnel that there is a pet in the house.

**FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
PROPOSED DUES CHANGE**



At the last Executive Board meeting, there was a discussion about the need to raise AARSPA dues. The Executive Board voted to present to the membership an increase in dues of \$5.00, from \$10.00 per year to \$15.00 beginning next fiscal year. As the bylaws state, a final vote on a dues increase must take place at the May 9, 2013 general meeting at Renditions. Research in the *History of the Anne Arundel Retired Teachers Association Inc. 2000-2005* indicates that the last time Association dues were raised was in July 2003 when they went from \$5.00 to \$10.00.

For the past several years, putting together a workable budget has become increasingly difficult. Committee chairs have had to work with fewer and fewer funds in their budgets. Historically, AARSPA has provided three scholarships as part of the Scholarship for Scholars program to deserving high school graduates. However, because of budget constraints we have only been able to offer two scholarships the past two years. It is only because of some very generous donations from outside organizations and members that we have been able to pay for three, but there is no guarantee. We have been looking at saving some money by sending out our newsletter, the *Informer*, electronically, but thus far we have only 600 email addresses of members who would like to receive this communication electronically. With this small number it is about a wash as far as saving money. We would need at least 1,000 of our 1900+ members to take the newsletter electronically to realize any real savings.

I bring this to your attention now so that you have a “heads up” before the first meeting in September. I ask that you give this some consideration and ask that you share your thoughts and suggestions with members of the Executive Board. You can email any Executive Board member from the “Contact Us” button on our website, www.aarspa.org or mail your thoughts to me at: AARSPA, 2644 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD 21401, Attention: Bob Kanach. We will consider any and all recommendations.

 <p>IMPORTANT DATES</p>	<p>Executive Board Meeting</p> <p>October 11 - Conference Room 1 @ 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Other Important Dates</p> <p>September 27 - MRSPA Fall Leadership Workshop</p>
	<p>General Membership Luncheon Meetings</p> <p>September 13 - Snyder's Willow Grove @ 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>November 15 - CAT-N @ 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>September 28 - <i>Informer</i> Deadline</p> <p>October 18 - Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame Luncheon</p> <p>November 10 - Pre-Retirement Seminar</p> <p>TBD November - MRSPA Legislative Workshop</p>



CLEAN UP DAY AT THE FREE SCHOOL



Howard Hall dusts off the school marm's desk.



The work party takes a break.

Front: Howard Hall, Tony Anzalone, Joe and Marie Diamond, Mike Kearney, and John Youngblood



Ready for Sunday visitors!



NEW FACES ON THE INFORMER STAFF

For several years, Betty Ann White and Pat Ericson have worked together to gather articles for the *Informer*. **Thelma Auman** has been AARSPA's faithful photographer and Jill Vanderhook at the Central Office, the graphic designer. When the *Informer* is ready for mailing, **Carol Kirby** has put out a call for volunteers to meet in the BOE cafeteria to affix the labels.

With this issue, there is a changing of the guard. New AARSPA member **Melissa Mowrey** has stepped forward to join **Carla Duls** as co-editor of the Association newsletter. Carla has also taken on the job vacated by Jill as graphic designer. Carol will continue in her capacity as volunteer coordinator while **John Hammond** has joined Thelma as an AARSPA photographer.

The *Informer* staff would like to thank Betty Ann, Pat, and Jill for their many years of service to the *Informer*. We also encourage AARSPA committee chairs and members to submit articles of interest to the general membership. Articles for the next *Informer* should be emailed to Melissa by September 28. If you are interested in volunteering to help prepare the *Informer* for mailing, contact Carol by October 5.

Melissa Mowrey (mmowrey@air.org / 240 486-9002)

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

Carol Kirby (cmk825@msn.com / 410 798-0748)



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Every day volunteer mentors and tutors make a difference in the lives of children living in the City of Annapolis. Caring adult volunteers have come together in a united effort to help “every child succeed, no exception” by becoming mentors and tutors for organizations serving Annapolis City youth. The Treasure Hunters Clearinghouse follows the above Kids at Hope philosophy that says “all children are capable of success, No Exception.” The Volunteer Center For Anne Arundel County is proud to join in this effort through housing the Treasure Hunters Clearinghouse. The Clearinghouse screens, trains, matches, and supports these volunteers in an effort to increase the number and quality of caring adult mentors, tutors, and role models for youth living in the City of Annapolis.

This program would not be successful without these amazing volunteers and the collaborative effort that provides the backbone for this program. The Clearinghouse is very fortunate to partner with the Board of Education and its representatives, such as Kathy Lane and Carlesa Finney, the Mayor’s office, MD House Speaker Mike Busch’s office, and the Annapolis City Police Department, who have all worked tirelessly to see that this program comes to fruition. However, the work is not done and will not be done until every child who needs a mentor or tutor in Annapolis is matched with one.

So please become a mentor or tutor today and continue your support in helping all children to succeed. Email sarah@volunteerannearundel.org for an application or call 410-897-9207 for more information. “A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove ... But the world might be a better place because I was important in the life of a child.” (author unknown.)

Retirees Are Regifting to Educators

R.A.R.E.

The Teacher Induction Program for newly hired special educators and speech-language pathologists has initiated a new program. We are requesting gently used materials, bulletin board materials, posters, book, etc., from newly retired educators K-12. These donated items can be boxed up and shipped to Old Mill Middle South A108. We will distribute them to the novice educators in the fall of the year. We greatly appreciate your generosity and wish you smooth sailing and warm breezes upon your retirement.

Thank you for considering this request. Please contact Pam Courson or Bobbi Pedrick at 420-222-5470 if you have questions.

Sunshine/Remembrance

Member Deaths

Rachel Brown (99)
Barbara Ellis
Nancy Wetzel
Susan Watkins
William Norman
Virginia Benac
Doris Taylor
Mary Wood
Ruth Bunch
Betty Gaffney
Thomas Hunt
Elaine Hutchko
Doris Manzo
Delores Poulson
Emily Scott
Connie Six

Family Deaths

Nancy Clayton - sister
Tom Neuenschwander - sister
Judy Knode - husband
Yvonne Henry - son
Anne Donaldson - husband
Doris Shoemaker - brother

Get Well/Thinking of You

Howard Hall
Dr. Tim Dangel
Bill Rogers

EMERITUS BIRTHDAYS

Edward Dexter
Harry Hendrickson
Marlise Springsteen
Robert Baxter
Rena Branin
Jean Cornwell
Christina Greene
Helen Rosenblatt



Please save this list to notify us of member events.

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email: Bear1134@aol.com

Get Well/ Thinking of You/Anniversaries :
Diane Rogers (410) 647-7585
email: wwdsrogers@verizon.net

Birthdays: Millie Zipay (410) 760-2684
email: mz2teach@aol.com

MEMBERSHIP

A cordial welcome to our newest members

- Thomas E. Bartenstein
- Shirley Brooks
- Vicki Jean Daniel
- Wayne T. Edwards
- Robin Ellinwood
- Gale Erbe
- Lynn Evans
- Lucy Green
- Bonnie Habicht
- Nancy Hahn
- Wesley A. Hill
- Judith A. Homberg
- Marjorie Hughes
- Rosilyn R. Johnson
- Myrtle C. Link
- Lynn Morgan
- Donna L. Pergerson
- Marilyn L. Perry
- Gloria J. Petit-Clair
- Myriam Ramsey
- Sharon S. Reed
- Yvonne M. Rouse
- John C. Scripture
- Katherine M. Seifert

F.Y.I.



The AARSPA and MRSPA membership year is from July 1 to June 30. Local Only dues requests (\$10) are mailed in March for the fiscal year beginning July 1. State and Local dues requests (\$45) for cash members are mailed on May 1 by MRSPA for the fiscal year beginning July 1. Postage costs for second and third reminder letters impact the AARSPA funds used for scholarships, newsletters and other vital functions of this association. Therefore, you are cordially invited to respond to the first request for payment of yearly dues before July 1. The Member Directory is produced once a year and is available to requesting members. Send your directory requests to AARSPA, 2644 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD 21401, or email to Membership@AARSPA.org. The quantity produced is based on the requests received; let us know before October 1st. If an email directory will fit your needs, we have that capability and welcome your requests for this medium which will save printing and postage costs. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

AARSPA SCHOLARSHIPS

The Executive Board is preparing a budget for 2012-2013. It looks as though the budget will once again propose awarding two scholarships rather than three.

As you may remember, last year the Budget Committee proposed awarding two rather than three scholarships. However, through the generous donations of AARSPA members at the luncheons and by sending donations through the U.S. mail in memory or in honor of someone, we were able to award three scholarships last year.

Hopefully, we will be able to raise enough funds to award three \$4,000 scholarships this year. So when you are trying to think of a gift for the person who has everything or the person who wants to downsize, consider sending a donation in their name to the Scholarship Fund.



The recipients of the 2012 AARSPA Scholarships in the amount of \$4000 each are Bailey Falk from South River High School, Stephanie Grim from Northeast High School and Rebecca Mount from North County High School.

Scholarship Fund Donations have been made in Memory of:

- Jack Morrow
- Yana Turner
- Albert Keul
- James Rodney Gross, Sr.
- James Rodney Gross, Jr.
- Judith Zahren's mother
- Bob Harrell

Scholarship Fund Donations have been made in Honor of:

- Frederick L. White
- Julia White
- Leslie A. White
- Louise Bozman
- Jean Gray
- Nadine Roberts
- Betty Ann White
- Past Presidents of the Association
- Eileen Zindel
- Howard and Janelle Hall's contributions to AACPS and AARSPA
- Mary Frances Funk's 80th Birthday

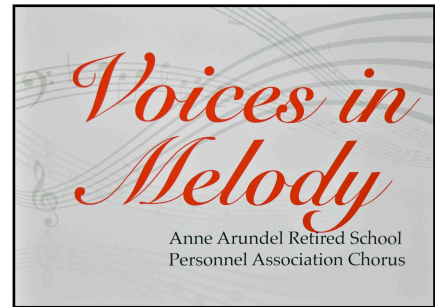
May 17 Luncheon at Renditions, Davidsonville



Sandra Edmonds and Pat Ericson



The AARSPA Chorus leads the singing for the Necrology Service



WELCOME FIRST TIMERS! Novella Wright, Melissa Mowrey, Sue Hersman, Della Hanna, and George Rehorn



President Kanach presides over the meeting.



Director Tom Neuenschwander and accompanist Joyce Nellenback



Earnestine and Joe Butler enjoy the lunch.

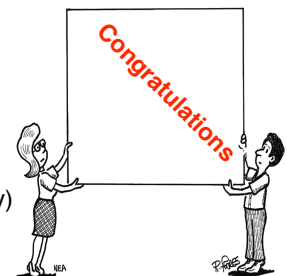


AARSPA OFFICERS FOR 2012-2013

Front: Pat Ericson (Assistant Treasurer), Lonnie Kelly (Assistant Recording Secretary), and Alicia Hardisky (Treasurer)
Back: Bob Kanach (President), Charles Gable (President-elect), John Hammond (Recording Secretary), and Charles Toth (Corresponding Secretary)



Nina Griffith, Karlie Everett, and Millie Zipay pose behind the Remembrance Bouquet arranged in honor of deceased AARSPA members.





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 _____ an anniversary

_____ other (please indicate) _____

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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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