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Greetings to everyone! I hope that you are enjoying the summer. We have been very fortunate to enjoy some mild temperatures and nice weather thus far. In my opinion, we deserve it after a very cold, wet and snowy spring and winter.

Last year when I was installed as the President of AARSPA, I set four goals that I thought we could achieve for our organization. I am happy to report that we successfully achieved three of the goals. We made some changes in our Bylaws intended to strengthen and give more structure to governing our group. The Program Committee continued to identify and make arrangements for interesting and informative guest speakers and to line up quality and enjoyable entertainment for our luncheons. Our twenty-third annual "Florida Get-Together", hosted by Shirley Phillips in Venice, Florida in March, 2014, was a huge success with

seventy-three persons registered for the luncheon—our second largest gathering in our group's history. The goal that we fell short on was increasing our membership to more than 2,000 members. We are happy to report that we have approximately 1,950 members. I still believe that this goal is achievable. Please consider inviting your friends who have retired from Anne Arundel County Public Schools to join AARSPA and our state affiliate, MRSPA.

During my second year as President, we have decided to place a greater emphasis on community service. Phyllis Cherry and Karlie Everett have agreed to co-chair this committee. We will be unveiling our plans for a program that we are calling "AARSPA from the Heart". There is an article in this newsletter regarding this program. A presentation will also be made for our members at our September meeting/luncheon.



As many of you know, for a number of years our September meeting was held at Snyder's Restaurant. Snyder's has gone out of business due to the problems that they have had with flooding. Bob Kanach and I met with staff members of four different venues to find a new location for our meeting/luncheon. For this year we decided to hold our September meeting at La Fontaine Bleue in Glen Burnie on September 11, 2014. Due to the fact that we went into the red on our luncheons last year, we have had to raise the price to \$29.00. For our September luncheon, we have arranged for the Joint Venture Quartet, four

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women (three of them formerly teachers) singing a cappella harmony, as our entertainment. We hope that you will plan to attend! For your planning purposes our other luncheons are as follows: November 6, 2014 – Center for Applied Technology–North; February 12, 2015 – The Blue Dolphin Restaurant; and May 14, 2015 – Renditions Golf Course. Be sure to mark your calendar!

We have tentatively set the dates of March 11-12, 2015, for our twenty-fourth annual “Florida Get-Together”. At this point, we do not have a host or a location for this event. We recently sent a letter to our 112 Florida members hoping that someone might come forth to help co-ordinate this event so that we can keep this tradition alive! We will keep everyone informed should we receive a volunteer to help us with this.

I look forward to serving my second year as the President of AARSPA. I want to thank my fellow-officers and the committee chairpersons for the time and effort that they devote to making AARSPA the viable organization that it is! This is our seventy-fourth year serving the retirees of Anne Arundel County Public Schools. Those of us who are actively involved can tell you that the time that we give to AARSPA is rewarding and worthwhile. Please consider becoming actively involved in our group – new ideas and extra pairs of hands to do the work are surely welcomed!

Enjoy the remainder of your summer!



NEWS YOU CAN USE

There is no need to go to the medicine cabinet for minor ailments when a better remedy might be in the kitchen. Here are some cures from days past which are supported by modern medical research.

Insect bites and stings: Finely grate carrot and wrap the pulp in a thin paper towel or cheesecloth. Place over the swelling for 20 minutes, store in the refrigerator, and repeat four times in 24 hours.

Insomnia: Sprinkle 1/4 teaspoon of nutmeg into warm milk and sip before going to bed. Nutmeg is a mild sedative.

Leg Cramps: A Charlie horse can disrupt sleep so snack on 1 ounce lowfat cheese and a few walnuts an hour before bedtime. Cheese has magnesium and calcium, which relax your muscles and nervous system, while walnuts contain melatonin, a sleep-producing brain chemical.

Poison ivy: Ease the itching by gently rubbing coffee grounds or cooled coffee over the rash. The beverage contains acids that act as anti-inflammatories, which can help soothe the itch.



AARSPA 2014 SCHOLARSHIPS



Scholarship Committee Chair Matilda Barckley, Paige Owen, Mary Virginia Kizer Ball, Shannon Derksen, and President Charles Gable

The recipients for the 2014 AARSPA scholarships are Paige Owen from Annapolis High School, who is interested in special education; Mary Virginia Kizer Ball, also from Annapolis High School, who plans to become an elementary teacher; and Shannon Derksen from Broadneck High School, who is looking forward to earning a degree in elementary education. Tillie Barckley, Charles Gable, and John Hammond attended the Scholarships for Scholars, Inc. Awards Ceremony on April 28, 2014, at the Chesapeake Arts Center, Baltimore, Maryland.





"If you find it in your heart to care for somebody else, you have succeeded."

-Maya Angelo

The philosophy of Maya Angelou and other great leaders has lead AARSPA to rekindle a belief in the importance of reaching out to our community. Many of us know someone who is struggling to provide shelter for his or her family, where dinner is a bowl of cereal, and new school supplies are a luxury which cannot be afforded. We have seen the loneliness of those in nursing homes where the gift of a smile, hand lotion and a moment of conversation is a gift beyond measure. Even if we haven't met these struggling members of our community, we still know of them.

We, the members of AARPSA, can make a difference. Experience has taught us that even the smallest act of kindness can have a huge impact. The stories abound of a life changed because of a small act of kindness, not to mention the personal happiness one receives when helping others.

We are asking our members to participate in our "AARSPA from the Heart" campaign. The Community Service Committee has identified four specific needs on which to focus in the coming year. We are asking our members to bring items to each of our four luncheons. Specific collections are detailed in the chart below.

In addition, at each meeting we will collect toiletry supplies for distribution at senior living facilities in the county. Donations could include lotions, shampoo, conditioner, shower caps, new tooth brushes, tooth paste, hand sanitizer, tissues, etc. We are asking our members to bring one or more of the following items to each of our luncheons.

Phyllis Cherry and Karlie Everett
Co-chairs

<p>SEPTEMBER 11 La Fontaine Bleue</p>	<p>School supplies to be distributed at elementary schools with the greatest need (also includes tissues and hand sanitizer)</p>	<p>Toiletries for senior living facilities</p>
<p>NOVEMBER 6 CAT-N</p>	<p>Non-perishable food items for the Harvest of the Hungry Campaign</p>	<p>Toiletries for senior living facilities</p>
<p>FEBRUARY 12 BLUE DOLPHIN</p>	<p>New underwear, tee shirts, sweatshirts and pants, jeans and socks to be given to elementary school nurses for the children who have accidents</p>	<p>Toiletries for senior living facilities</p>
<p>MAY 14 RENDITIONS</p>	<p>A new book or money to purchase a book that will be given to a school library in the memory of an AARSPA member who passed away during the year</p>	<p>Toiletries for senior living facilities</p>



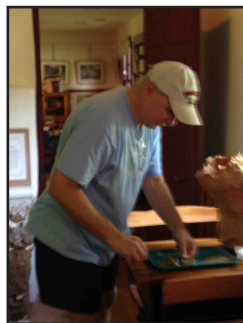
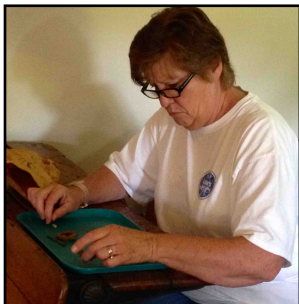
FREE SCHOOL NEWS

On June 30, 2014, six hard-working and dedicated AARSPA members worked on the collection of artifacts at the AnneArrundell County Free School Museum. The volunteers were Tony Anzalone, Phyllis Cherry, Carla Duls, Karlie Everett, Bob Kanach, and Carol Kirby. They worked under the supervision of Kate Dinnell, an archaeologist with the MAC Lab in Calvert County. Kate is one of the archaeologists who, in 1987, completed digs around the Free School as part of the restoration of the site.

The artifacts from the digs have been stored in the Free School attic all these ensuing years. Carol, Bob, Karlie, Carla, Phyllis, and Tony unpacked and repacked the artifacts in anticipation of the collection being stored at a more appropriate site. The unpacked objects were interesting, for example, two small glass bottles, several buttons, an ax head, and porcelain, probably from an 18th century tea set. Although the group worked diligently, there are more artifacts to be unpacked and repacked with appropriate labeling. If you are interested in helping with the remaining pieces in the collection on August 18, 2014, please contact Karlie at 410-268-8656 or karlieeverett@verizon.net.



Phyllis Cherry



Bob Kanach



Carol Kirby



REMEMBRANCE COMMITTEE

MEMBER DEATHS

Alice Battle
 Rosalie Bell
 Ann West Clark
 Virginia Clark
 George (Bob) Doenges
 Betty Hallmark
 Dorothy Martin
 Mary Prayley
 Lois Randall
 Ruby Simms
 Ann Tart
 Carroll Wenttker
 Eileen Zindell

EMERITUS BIRTHDAYS

Jean Cornwell 8/14
 Helen Rosenblat 8/16
 Rena Branin 8/21
 Christina Greene 8/26
 Hearon Buttrill 9/16
 Jacquelin Evans 9/30
 Hope Meyer 10/17



GET WELL

Dr. Ted Brown
 Phyllis Mentzell

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

Anniversaries and Congratulations

Millie Zipay at mx2teach@aol.com/ 410 401-0712

Deaths of AARSPA members and family members

Nina Griffith at bear1134@aol.com/ 443 304-2266

Illnesses and Accidents, etc.

Diane Rogers at wwdsrogers@verizon.net/
 410 647-7585

FROM THE TRIPS COMMITTEE

The **Trips Committee** will be meeting on August 28, 2014, to plan trips for 2015. If you have any suggestions, call Lou Kamm at 410 647-5914.



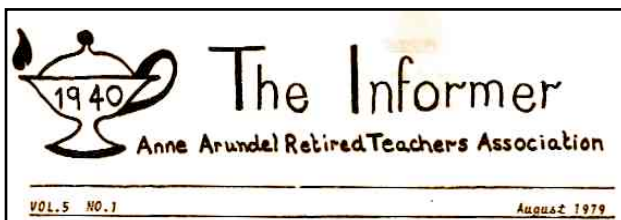
FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.....



With this issue of the **AARSPA Informer**, our Association newsletter begins its 40th year of keeping our members up-to-date on Association activities. The newsletter was issued four times a year until Volume 31, 2005-2006, when a December issue was added. Today, the newsletter is also available in living color on the AARSPA and AACPS websites. While going through the newsletter archives recently, I tracked the evolution of the newsletter's names and logos over the years. The content also proved interesting!



The first edition of **AARTA NEWS** was published in August, 1975. The staff of TAAAC typed and reproduced this issue. Mrs. Virginia D. Moore was the President of the Association which boasted 179 active members and two honorary members. The State Association, MRTA, had approximately 5,000 members. AARTA and MRTA dues were both \$3.00. AARTA had an office on the second floor in the "new Board of Education building, Riva Road, Annapolis." Two AARTA members, Ethel N. Andrew and Ruth P. Eason, were to be honored at the MRTA Annual Convention in Ocean City in September. On July 1, 1975, retired teachers in Maryland received a cost-of-living increase ranging up to 10.9%.



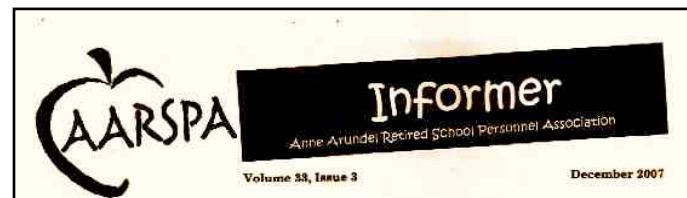
In August of 1979, the newsletter adopted the name **The Informer** and the masthead included the "Lamp of Learning" inscribed with "1940", the year of AARTA's inception. Mr. Norwood Wetherhold was AARTA's President while Lena A. Clemmer was the editor of the newsletter. Kay Kibler provided the following information about the Free School: "...The Maryland Historical Trust.....and the Board of Education are waiting for the Historical Structures Report being done by Joseph Wollon, Architect. When the report has been completed and analyzed, the next step will be to apply for funds for architectural drawings; then funds for structural preservation." The cost for a planned all day trip to the Air and Space Museum, Woodrow Wilson's Home, and the Textile Museum was \$6.00.



In August 1980, a new logo was added to the masthead which featured aspects of the Maryland flag as well as the inscribed lamp. The August 1981 issue of **The Informer** is the first that was professionally printed. Luncheon at La Fontaine Bleu on September 17, 1981 cost \$7.85.



At the Annual Business Meeting in May 2007, the Association's name changed to the "Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association" or AARSPA. This change was noted in the name of the August issue of the newsletter: **AARSPA Informer**. The masthead, however, still included the AARTA logo. Betty Ann White, President of the Association, reminded members "we are the watchdogs of the retirement/pension system." Tickets for the **Holiday Spectacular** at the Meyerhoff in Baltimore were \$36.00. The Free School "is open for visitors on Sunday afternoons, 1-4 p.m. through October 28, 2007." The Yarn Ladies thanked members for their donations of yarn, material, seam binding, and sewing thread.



By December, 2007, AARSPA boasted three different apple-themed logos. The version sporting a red apple was added to the masthead of the **AARSPA Informer**.

May 15, 2014 General Membership Meeting



Florence Kerwath



Pat Abend and Joan DeTuccio



Voices in Melody



Nancy Horne and Shirley Brooks



Joanne and Bob Jervis



Frances Middleton and David Jernigan



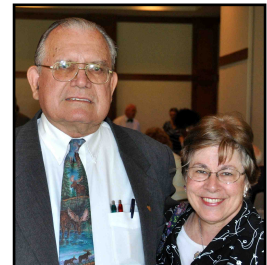
MRSPA Guests: Area Director Parker Koons, Executive Director Judith Zahren, and President Stuart Tucker



First Timers Jo Ann Lang and Barbara Miller



Speaker: AACPS Teacher of the Year Jodie Hogan, a Spanish teacher at South River High School



Jim and Martha Preston



NEW MEMBERS

- Rebecca Atwater
- Mary-Jo Bedsworth
- Mary Bembe
- Dorothy Brown
- Margaret Buzzelli
- Harry Calendar
- Katherine Calendar
- Richard Chilipko
- Paula Davis
- George Drummond
- Susan Errichiello
- Deborah Gideon
- Amy Hadsell
- Dolores Hall
- Linda Halterman
- Lora Johnston
- Alvin Jones
- Linda Kamosa
- Mary Jean Maness

- Diane McGrath
- Gail Miller
- Joyce Nixon
- Anita Parker
- Michael Patton
- Dorothy Phillips
- Eleanor Rascoe
- Susan Rosskoph
- Barbara Schmidt
- Linda Seivert
- Cathy Spore
- Mary Steffey
- Michael Svec
- Linda Swanhart
- Marie Tatro-Collins
- Ronald Wagner
- Cecelia Wegge
- Eileen Williams

AMERICAN MUSIC THEATRE
The 2014 Christmas Show & Buffet Lunch at Eden Resort Arthur's Terrace in Lancaster, PA

It's the time of year to be dazzled and delighted with musical merriment! ***The American Music Theatre*** singers, dancers and orchestra are back with an all-new show featuring the very best holiday music, dynamic dancing and even a visit from Santa himself. This production will leave you with new Christmas memories and reliving wonderful memories of holidays past. Before the show, you can relax and enjoy the fellowship of friends, old and new, while dining on a delicious buffet lunch at the Best Western Eden Resort Arthur's Terrace located in Lancaster, PA. ***We could only reserve 50 seats at the theatre so make your reservations early to assure your seating.***

Transportation, buffet lunch, reserved seats for the show, all taxes and tips including the driver and tour escort are only ***\$103.00 per person. Make checks payable to AARSPA. Please note that because we will be crossing state lines, seating must be assigned. So, let us know with whom you want to sit on the bus.***

Itinerary:

- 10:30 a.m. Promptly depart the left rear parking lot of the Severna Park United Methodist Church on Benfield Road
- 12:30 p.m. Buffet lunch at the Best Western Eden Resort Arthur's Terrace
- 2:00 p.m. Depart Arthur's Terrace
- 2:15 p.m. Arrive at the American Music Theatre
- 3:00 p.m. Showtime! The 2014 Christmas Show
- 5:45 p.m. Depart Lancaster, PA (Note: **There will be a fast food stop en route home.**)
- 8:30 p.m. Arrive at the Severna Park United Methodist Church on Benfield Road



The 2014 Christmas Show - Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Deadline to reserve your seat(s) is October 28, 2014. No refunds after this date.

Please reserve _____(s) for me for this event. **The cost is \$103.00 per seat.** Make your checks payable to AARSPA and mail both the payment and this reservation form to:



Bob Kanach, 512 Augusta Drive, Arnold, MD 21012

Primary Contact Person _____

Address: _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please list any additional names in your party.

EDUCATOR / EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH 2013 - 2014

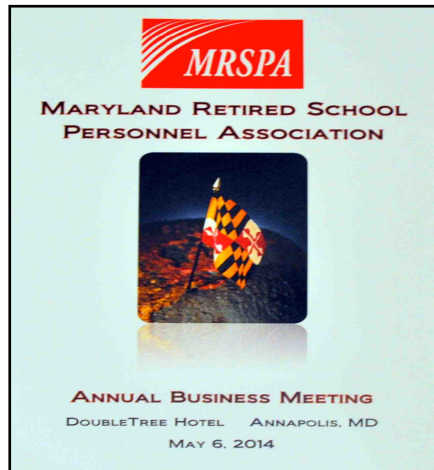
- SEP. Educ: Sean McElhane, Old Mill Middle North School Principal
Empl: Sharon Kraft, Special Ed Office BOE Brailist/Tchr Assistant
- OCT Educ: Tiffany Stewart, Meade Middle School Alternative One Tchr
Empl: Andy Moede, Old Mill High School Business Manager
- NOV Educ: Brittany Duty, Solley Elementary School Phys Ed Tchr
Empl: Angelina Robertson, Human Relations Office BOE Customer Support
- DEC Educ: Jan Delph, Severna Park Middle School Special Ed Tchr
Empl: Mike Fuller, Operating Supplies Warehouse Repairman Industrial Arts I
- JAN Educ: Kecia Johnson, Belle Grove Elementary School Counselor
Empl: Patricia (Patty) Rocker, Central Elementary School Secretary
- FEB Educ: Margaret Buck, Annapolis Middle School Media Specialist
Empl: Johanna Espey, Old Mill High School Technical Support 1
- MAR No Awardees Due To Mandated State Testing
- APR Educ: Wendy West, Belevedere Elementary School Media Specialist
Empl: Gus Gambrell, Manor View Elementary School Chief Custodian
- MAY Educ: Todd Stanzione, Nantucket Elementary School Counselor
Empl: Mary Werner, Linthicum Elementary School Cafeteria Manager
- JUN: Educ: Chastity Ludd, Crofton Middle School Assistant Principal
Empl: Debra Stickney, Arundel High School Business Manager

The Anne Arundel County Board of Education recognizes an Educator and an Employee of the Month from September to June. The Selection Committee consists of members of the Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association. Each awardee was nominated by their school or office for consideration.

Tony Anzalone, Chair
Betty Coleman
Larry Day
Carl Stewart
Charlotte Stewart



AARSPA delegates Charlie Gable, Karlie Everett, and Phyllis Cherry



MRSPA Scholarship Committee and AARSPA member Sandra Edmonds (L) and MRSPA Vice President and AARSPA member Estelle Johnson (right) assist Chair Phyllis Purnell (center) with the MRSPA Scholarship raffle.



AARSPA member Max Muller, at far left, becomes the fourth AARTA/AARSPA member to serve as State President. Also pictured (left to right) are Vice President Nancy Gordon, Treasurer Frances Miller, Secretary and AARSPA member Carla Duls, and Immediate Past President Stuart Tucker.



AARSPA members Tillie Barckley, Annette Smith, Alicia Hardisky, Carol Kirby, Anthony Anzalone, and Don Smith greet delegates to the Annual Meeting.



IMPORTANT DATES

Executive Board Meetings - 10:00 a.m.
October 9, 2014 - Center 3

General Membership Meetings - 10:30 a.m.
September 11, 2004 - LaFontaine Bleue, Glen Burnie

November 6, 2014 - CAT-N, Severn



Other Dates

September 26 - AARSPA Informer deadline
October 2 - MRSPA Fall Leadership Workshop
October 23- Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame
October 25 - Autumn Leaf Train Ride
October 25 - Pre-Retirement Seminar @ Severna Park High School
November 13 - MRSPA Legislative Workshop
December 3 - American Music Theatre 2014 Christmas Show

LUNCHEON AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: Thursday, September 11, 2014



PLACE: LaFontaine Bleue, 7514 Ritchie Highway, Glen Burnie

ENTRÉE CHOICES: Chicken Chesapeake with Imperial Topping, Sirloin with Red Wine Demi Glace & Roasted Onions, or Vegetarian Lasagna.



Each entrée includes a fresh garden salad with house dressing, warm rolls and butter, home baked apple pie, coffee, tea, decaf, iced tea

COST: \$29.00 per person (**Please note change**)

Mail reservation and check (payable to AARSPA) to:
 Bob Kanach, 512, Augusta Drive, Arnold MD 20112

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

No refunds after reservation deadline
August 26
 PLEASE NO WALK-INS

LUNCH RESERVATION - Deadline August 26, 2014

Contact person: _____

Phone number: _____ E-mail: _____

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

Name (s) - Including Contact Person above	Chicken	Sirloin	Lasagna
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Number of reservations X \$29.00 Total Due: _____

_____ Please check if this is your first AARSPA luncheon.

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



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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) _____

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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 _____

For questions, please contact:

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