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Co-Presidents Dixie Stack and Bonnie Schmeltz

Salutations! We hope that you have had a wonderful summer and are ready for the excitement of fall, absent the need to return to school. We are anxious to begin our second year as co-presidents, having learned a great deal from our first year. In particular, we learned that our organization runs effectively due to the dedication of the folks that head and serve on our 30 committees. In this, our 78th year, we hope that our new retirees will join us as we continue to advocate for the concerns and interests of the retirees from the Anne Arundel Public School System.

It is important that you join us in reaching out to retirees, both recent and established, and ask them if they are members. If each of you would reach out to one fellow retiree who is not a member and invite them to join, we could easily expand our membership. The state organization, Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA) is offering a \$10 discount through October 1, 2018, to new members for their first year of membership as well as a \$10 gift card if you recruit a new member who signs up for dues deduction. You may also get a \$10 deduction on your first year as a dues deduction member if you are currently a cash member who signs up for dues deduction.

As the Executive Board reviewed the accomplishments of this past year, there are some notable items that we would like to share. AARSPA and MRSPA representatives have advocated on your behalf with the Maryland Legislators, assuring the continued strength of the retirement and pension system. Issues of the costs of medication were also addressed with legislators, resulting in multiple bills. If you are interested in advocating for your fellow members, the Legislative Workshop, provided by MRSPA, our state association, is scheduled for November 14. Another major accomplishment was the awarding of four \$4,000 scholarships to students seeking careers in education. This was funded through the generosity of our members and \$5 of each \$15 membership fee that goes to support the scholarship fund. In addition, our members generously contributed to the Alzheimer's Walk and Sarah's House, donated books for new teacher classroom libraries, and donated to local animal shelters and the food bank. The AnneArundell County Free School Museum is staffed by docents and opens to the public on specified weekends thanks to dedicated AARSPA



volunteers. Our musical group, *Voices in Melody*, has provided entertaining programs at senior centers and assisted living facilities around the county as well as at our own AARSPA meetings. Our trips committee continues to arrange educational and fun trips. The first of the trips this year is scheduled for October 17th to the African American Museum of History and Culture. If you would like to join any of these wonderful groups or activities, please look for information at our September meeting and in future issues of the *AARSPA Informer*.

We have planned informative and entertaining general membership luncheon meetings for this coming year. Please treat yourself to a special lunch and time to connect with former colleagues and join us at one or more of our luncheon meetings. Our first meeting will be at Two Rivers Restaurant in Pasadena on Thursday, September 13. We are fortunate to have AACPS Teacher of the Year, Joshua Carroll, as our guest speaker.

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As we begin the second year of our two-year term as co-presidents, we would like to thank the following people who have stepped forward to support the work of AARSPA:

Rick Wiles - President-Elect
 Max Muller - Treasurer
 Sharyn Doyle - Legislative Chair
 Ken Nichols - Constitution/Bylaws Committee Chair
 Zetta Hart - Assistant Recording Secretary
 Leslie Schell - Membership Assistant
 Barry Fader - Assistant Secretary, *Voices in Melody*



Going Green

If you would like to receive the **AARSPA Informer** electronically, or if you are receiving the newsletter both electronically and by US Mail and prefer it electronically only, please send the following information to, asst.treasurer@aarspa.org:

- Your full name
- Your preferred email address
- Your phone number (just in case we have a problem)

We will limit emails sent out to the newsletter and possibly emergency information such as a cancelled event. Neither we nor our service provider will sell your contact information.

Have you moved, changed your email address or changed your phone number? Be sure to notify us so that we can keep your information in our data base current. Send any changes to asst.treasurer@aarspa.org or to AARSPA, 2644 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD 21401.

If you misplace your newsletter or just need to check on something about the association, you can always go to the AARSPA web site to find what you need. Just go to: www.AARSPA.org and the newsletter, as well as much more information about the association, is at your fingertips.

Educator / Employee of the Month

2017 - 2018

Sep: Educ: **Sally Pazo-Mano Wilson**, Tyler Heights Elementary, Second Grade Teacher
 Empl: **Mike Edgar**, Central Office, Photographer

Oct: M.A.B.E. Conference
 No Awardees

Nov: Educ: **Colleen Rowe**, Broadneck Elementary, Physical Education Teacher
 Empl: **Angela Capuano**, Rolling Knolls Elementary, Sp. Ed. Teaching Assistant

Dec: Educ: **Claudette Robinson**, MacArthur Middle, School Social Worker
 Empl: **James Sellman**, Corkran Middle, Custodian

Jan: Educ: **Lisa Whipp**, Marley Glen Elementary, Sp. Ed. Teacher
 Empl: **Constance Fortney**, Glendale Elementary, IEP Clerk; Media Assistant

Feb: Educ: **John Heislee**, Southern Middle, School Counselor
 Empl: **Brian Brenneman**, Piney Orchard Elementary, Chief Custodian

Mar: Educ: **Karen Simpson**, Jones Elementary, Reading Teacher
 Empl: **Kevin Parker**, BOE Logistic Services, Mail Services Driver

Apr: Educ: **Cheryl Vineyard**, Severna Park High, Teacher/DC ACC
 Empl: **Maureen Kostkowski**, Central Office Career & Tech Ed., Administrative Secretary

May: Educ: **Pam Kline**, Center of Applied Technology - South, Culinary Arts Instructor
 Empl: **Rebecca Harryman**, Richard Henry Lee Elementary, School Secretary

Jun: Educ: **Scott Geoff Bernstein**, Severna Park High, Tech. Ed. Teacher
 Empl: **Theresa Gysegem**, Marley Glen Elementary, Para-Educator

The Anne Arundel County Board of Education recognizes an Educator and an Employee of the Month from September to June. Each awardee is nominated by their school or office for consideration. The selection committee consists of members of the Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association. Honorees are recognized at Board of Education meetings where they are presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and an engraved brass bell.



From the Free School



Even with a road detour increasing the difficulty of getting to the Lavall Community where the Free School Museum is located, we think we have had a successful Open House season. A warm and heartfelt thanks goes to the following AARSPA members for serving as docents during the Open House days: Mary Dunlap, Bob Kanach, Max Muller, Carla Duls, Jim and Martha Preston, Vicki Hutchins, Jean Curry, Carolyn Webber, John and Judy Youngblood, and Penny Quinn. Without the time these members donate, we could not keep the Free School Museum the vibrant historical site it is!

As autumn approaches, the Free School Museum is now open by appointment for special tours. If you have a group of friends or family or people from other organizations in which you are a member, and you would like a special tour of the Museum tailored for your group, please contact Karlie Everett (420-268-8656 or karlieeverett@verizon.net).

Did you know? Johns Hopkins and his brother, Samuel, attended the Free School in 1806. When their father, a Quaker, freed the slaves on their farm, the boys were needed back on the farm to help with chores. We believe from letters of a Hopkins' descendent that the schoolmaster at the Free School may have traveled on weekends to the Hopkins' farm, which is about three miles from the school, to tutor the boys.

Don't forget to check out our
FACEBOOK page!
Anne Arundel Retired
School Personnel Association

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

Anniversaries and Congratulations

Millie Gardner at mgbw16@gmail.com or 410 401-0172

Deaths of AARSPA members and family members

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

Illnesses and Accidents, etc.

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

REMEMBRANCE

MEMBER DEATHS

- Shirley Knapp Ayers
- Nancy Berlett
- Thomas Brennen
- Gerald Brown
- Janice Brown
- Anna Dickerson
- John Fleming
- Natalie Grace
- Jean Hebeler
- Linda Hess
- Camilla Holmes
- Nancy Mann
- Ann Peugh
- Shirley Phillips
- Herb Sappington
- Marjorie Schaller
- Edna Szczepkowski
- Sheila Watson
- Phyllis Windsor

EMERITUS BIRTHDAYS

July		
8	Harry Hendrickson	97
14	Mary Bragg	94
18	Gladys Lipton	95
August		
6	Rosemary Soldano	95
16	Helen Rosenblatt	97
26	Christina Greene	98
28	James Dunagan	90
September		
16	Hearon Buttrill	101
18	Mary Weber	93
30	Jacquelin Evans	98



FAMILY DEATHS

- | | |
|----------------|----------------------------|
| Ellen Bentley | husband |
| Sherry Hawkins | daughter and granddaughter |
| Janis Horn | son |
| Nancy Sutphin | husband |
| Kay Tarter | sister |
| Linda Wolf | husband |

GET WELL

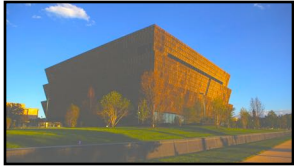
- Ken Burlingame
- Jean Curry
- Louise DeJesu
- Nancy Henkelman
- Max Muller
- Ken Nichols
- Colleen Stauffer
- Fred Stauffer

ANNIVERSARIES

July		
2	James and Ida-Ann Dunagan	54
5	Debbie and Dan Ahalt	49
11	Joni and Steve Dougard	48
12	Carla and Jim Duls	21
14	Mary Jo and Bob Kanach	44
18	Marge and Bill Campbell	
26	Lisa and Howard Dew	
26	Phyllis and Jim Butner	
28	Irma and Frank Eastland	66
August		
5	Carole and Bob Grimm	51
13	Laura and Don Buchanan	52
13	Doris and Bob Kniess	52
16	Marsha and Kenneth Stewart	49
16	Barbara and Don Greg	51
17	Millie and Bryan Williman	2
26	Karlie and Jerry Everett	51
27	Evelyn and James Svoboda	58
September		
3	Kathy and Dan Bush	58
22	Shigemi and Dan Higgs	28
22	Sandra and James Edmonds	45

National Museum of African American History and Culture

Lunch at Saints Paradise Cafeteria Washington, D.C.



Wednesday, October 17, 2018

Smithsonian

Welcome to the Smithsonian’s newest museum, the National Museum of African American History and Culture, the only national museum devoted exclusively to the documentation of African art, history and culture. The museum is a place where all Americans can learn about the richness and diversity of the African American experience, what it means to their lives, and how it helped to shape this nation. The museum transcends the boundaries of race and culture that divide us and becomes a lens into a story that unites us all. The museum seeks to help all Americans remember, and by remembering will stimulate a dialogue about race and help us to foster a spirit of reconciliation and healing.

Before visiting the museum, enjoy a delicious lunch at Saints Paradise Cafeteria, a Southern and soul food restaurant where “love is the main ingredient.”

\$69.00 per person

Includes: Deluxe motor coach transportation, lunch, entrance into the National Museum of African American History and Culture, all taxes and tips, including the driver and Gunther Tours escort. **The deadline to make your reservation is Wednesday, September 19, 2018.**

Itinerary:

- 9:15 a.m. Depart Severna Park United Methodist Church on Benfield Road
- 10:45 a.m. Arrive Washington, D.C. at Saints Paradise Cafeteria
- 11:00 a.m. Lunch
- 12:30 p.m. Depart Saints Paradise Cafeteria
- 12:45 p.m. Arrive at the National Museum of African American History
- 1:00 p.m. Self-Guided Tour of Museum (four hours)
- 5:00 p.m. Depart Washington, D.C.
- 6:15 p.m. Arrive at Severna Park Methodist Church

Reservations due by September 19, 2018

**National Museum of African American History and Culture
Lunch at Saints Paradise Cafeteria**

Please reserve _____ seats for me. The cost is \$69.00 per person. **Make checks payable to AARSPA** and send your reservation and payment to:

Bob Kanach, 512 Augusta Drive, Arnold, MD 21012

(# of reservations _____ X \$69.00 = amount included _____)

Primary Contact Person _____ Phone # _____

Address _____ Cell # _____

Email _____

Please list other members of your party.

RENDITIONS MAY 10, 2018



Co-President Bonnie Schmeltz; Karlie Everett, recipient of the AARP 2018 Chapter & REA Unit Community Service Award; and Co-President Dixie Stack



Remembrance Committee Chair Millie Gardner with names of those honored during the annual Memorial Service.



2018-2019 AARSPA Officers: Bob Kanach (Assistant Treasurer), Max Muller (Treasurer), Zetta Hart (Assistant Recording Secretary), Sharyn Doyle (Recording Secretary), Barry Fader (Immediate Past President), Rick Wiles (President-Elect), Dixie Stack and Bonnie Schmeltz (Co-Presidents)



Tim Dangle gave a presentation on the Peer Learning Partnership at Anne Arundel Community College.



Voices in Melody, directed by Judy Engelmeyer and accompanied by Joyce Nellenback, participated in the annual Memorial Service and entertained after lunch.



First Timer Kate Gilbert and Program Chair Charlie Gable



Thank you for the donations made at the May luncheon.



SEPTEMBER DONATIONS

The Board of Education estimates that approximately 1000 students will start the school year homeless simply because working parents do not earn enough to pay rent on even a one bedroom apartment. Let's help these children who have so little by providing them with the supplies they need for school. The **school supplies** you donate at the September luncheon will be given to students at Marley Elementary School, where 66% of the students qualify for free and reduced lunch.

As always, we will be collecting **pet supplies** for the animal control center and **toiletries** for various shelters.

While the general membership is unable to see the joy on the faces of those we support, know your generosity is appreciated.

AARSPA From the Heart is again participating in the Annapolis Walk to End Alzheimer's. Scheduled for **October 21, 2018**, the walk will begin and end at Susan B. Campbell Park in downtown Annapolis.

We encourage you to participate! You can register with the **AARSPA From the Heart** team or make a donation for the team or a specific team member by going to (<https://www.alz.org/walk>). Click on **FIND A WALK**, enter **21401**, and choose **Annapolis, MD**. Search the team list for **AARSPA from the Heart**. An opportunity to print a paper registration or donation form is also available here.

If you prefer to not use the internet to participate, all forms will be available at the September luncheon. You can also contact Deborah Ahalt (djahalt@aol.com or 410-997-3942) or Carla Duls (kid3dle@aol.com or 410-798-8999) for information or forms.

This year we are providing another opportunity for your participation which is explained in the form below.



If you live out of the area or are unable to take part in the walk, let members of the **AARSPA from the Heart Team** walk to honor you or your loved one. We will write your name or that of a loved one on a **Promise Garden** flower which we will carry as we walk. Simply fill in the appropriate information below and mail this form and your check (in an amount of your choice) made out to **ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION**, to **Carla Duls, 3518 Cedar Drive, Edgewater, MD 21037**. You will be registered as a team member, and your donation will be credited to the **AARSPA from the Heart** team. **Deadline: September 30, 2018.**



Add a person's name on the appropriate line:

I have Alzheimer's or dementia (blue flower) _____

I am a caregiver for someone with Alzheimer's or dementia (yellow flower) - name of the person for whom you care _____

I have lost someone to Alzheimer's or dementia (purple flower) - name of the person you have lost _____

I support the cause (orange flower) _____

My check made out to the **Alzheimer's Association** in the amount of _____ is enclosed.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

NEWS YOU CAN USE

New Medicare cards are coming:

This year you will be receiving a new Medicare card with a number that is different from your Social Security number. (You can learn when your card will arrive by going to [Medicare.gov/NewCard](https://www.Medicare.gov/NewCard)).

The new card is an effort to prevent fraud. However, scammers are already targeting beneficiaries by calling and demanding a processing fee. Sometimes they say there is a reimbursement from the old card. They then ask for a bank account number where they can send the money.

There is NO processing fee and there are NO refunds. NEVER GIVE ANY PERSONAL INFORMATION ON THE PHONE, THE INTERNET, IN A LETTER OR AT YOUR FRONT DOOR!

Increasing the life expectancy of a friend:

Who knew we had the power to increase the longevity of a friend. The latest research has described loneliness as the “new smoking.” It is as bad as inhaling 15 cigarettes a day! Studies show that loneliness can shave eight years off life expectancy. CareMore, based in California, became the first health care provider to hire a “chief togetherness officer” to directly address loneliness and its impact on health.

People with close friends are more likely to get plenty of sleep, eat healthy foods, have less stress, engage in brain healthy activities, and take on new challenges or hobbies.

Is there someone you have been intending to call or invite to lunch? DO IT; it will be good for both or you.

New Smoke Alarm Law:

A new smoke alarm law went into effect January 1, 2018. It requires the replacement of battery-only alarms with new, ten year smoke alarms with sealed batteries and a “hush” feature which silences the alarm temporarily during cooking.

Hard-wired smoke alarms older than ten years must be replaced with another hard-wired alarm. You cannot replace a hard-wired with a battery-only alarm.

In the future, the law requires replacement of ALL smoke alarms when they are ten years old.



SCHOLARSHIP NEWS



2018 AARSPA Scholarship recipients: Autumn Allen, Old Mill High School; Jessica Thomson, Southern High School; Celina Owens, Old Mill High School. Not pictured is Alyssa Frostbutter, Arundel High School.

With your generous donations, our scholarship recipients will be able to dream big, sparkle more and shine bright. Thank you!

Donations have been made to the Scholarship Fund In memory of...

Charles Bowers
Rosalie Burcaw
John Fleming
Beatrice Henderson
Nancy Mann
Shirley Phillips
Herb Sappington
Geraldine Spinnenweber

Don't forget! If you attend AARSPA luncheons in September, February, and/or May, you can support the Scholarship Fund by participating in the 50/50 raffle!

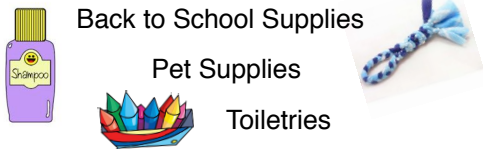
1 ticket for \$1.00
6 tickets for \$5.00



MEETING DATES			OTHER DATES	
Executive Board Meetings - 10:00 a.m.			September 24	Deadline for articles for the October <i>AARSPA Informer</i>
October 11, 2018	Center 2B	October 17	Trip to National Museum of African History and Culture, Washington, D.C.	
January 10, 2018	Center 2B	October 20	Pre-Retirement Seminar, Annapolis High School	
General Membership Meetings. - 10:30 a.m.		October 21	Walk to End Alzheimer's @ Susan B. Campbell Park, Annapolis	
September 13, 2018	Two Rivers Restaurant, Pasadena	October 25	Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame Awards Luncheon, Michael's 8th Avenue	
November 15, 2018	CAT-N, Severn	November 14	MRSPA Legislative Workshop, Annapolis	
		December 13	Trip to ICE at the Gaylord Hotel National Harbor and lunch at Old Ebbitt Grill	

September Luncheon and General Membership Meeting

Donation Opportunities:



Back to School Supplies

Pet Supplies

Toiletries

DATE: Thursday, September 13, 2018

PLACE: Two Rivers Steak and Fish House (located at 4105 Mountain Road, Pasadena, MD)

COST: \$32.00 per person (Please make checks out to AARSPA.)

Our entrée choices are: Chicken Chesapeake, 6 oz. center cut sirloin grilled to medium temperature, or grilled vegetable stack, each with basmati rice, green beans, garden salad with ranch dressing, freshly baked rolls and 2 layer cake for dessert. Beverages will be coffee, iced tea, and water.



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

No refunds after FIRM reservation deadline

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

Because of limited space, only first 130 reservations accepted.

PLEASE NO WALK-INS

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

Cut below and keep the upper portion for your reference!

LUNCH RESERVATION - DEADLINE September 4, 2018

Contact Person _____
 Phone Number _____

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

Name(s) including contact person above	Chicken Chesapeake	Sirloin	Vegetable Stack
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Number of reservations X \$32.00 per person = Total Due: _____

- _____ Please check if this is your first AARSPA luncheon.
- _____ Please check if you are an Emeritus Member (90 or greater)
- _____ I will not be able to attend the luncheon but would like to make a donation to the Community Service Committee's project in the amount of \$_____. (Please send this donation payable to AARSPA to the above address.)

MRSPA ANNUAL MEETING

May 8, 2018



MRSPA Officers installed: Fay Miller (Immediate Past President, AARSPA member Alicia Hardisky (Treasurer), Nancy Gordon (Secretary), AARSPA member Charlie Gable (Vice-President), AARSPA member Max Muller (Nominating Committee Chair), and Ann Marie Downey (President)

AARSPA Co-Presidents Bonnie Schmeltz and Dixie Stack participate in the annual Memorial Service led by AARSPA member Tillie Barckley.



AARSPA Delegation: Front row (l to r) Barry Fader, Alicia Hardisky, Karlie Everett, Dixie Stack, Bonnie Schmeltz, Tillie Barckley, and Sharyn Doyle
 Back row (l to r) Phyllis Cherry, Charlie Gable, Annette Smith, Tony Anzalone, Max Muller, Carol Kirby, Bob Kanach, Rick Wiles, Carla Duls, and Don Smith.

Welcome

Jacqueline Barnes
 Ruth Beerli
 Wendy Boardman
 Flori Bozzella
 Mary Caltrider
 Linda Carpenter
 Arthur Chenowith
 Barry Clark
 Mary Ann Clevenger
 Sheila Cooper
 Linda Crosby
 Louis Czachor
 Gerald Everett

Margaret Hannan
 Michelle Harbison
 Nancy Heiles
 Elizabeth Hepler
 Mary Sylvia Huey
 Theresa Huntley
 Ilene Jack
 Virginia Klocko
 Patricia McCloskey
 Paula McKnight
 Gloria Melnick
 Sandra Muir
 Joyce Nolan

Jeanne Olsen
 Marie Riggs
 Linda Rzepkowski
 Allan Samonisky
 Patricia Schram
 Daniel Spak
 Allan Stevenson
 Carol Thornburg
 Susan Vohrer
 Maryland Watson
 Nancy Wilson
 Susan Wilson
 Esther Wilson-Craig
 Linda Yirka

SAVE THE DATE

The AARSPA Travel Committee has planned a trip to ICE at the Gaylord Hotel National Harbor and lunch at Old Ebbitt Grill on **December 11, 2018**. Details will be in the October issue of the **AARSPA Informer**.





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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 all checks to:

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:

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

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