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President Rick Wiles

It is my honor to serve as President of the Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association (AARSPA) for the next two years. This organization has advocated for the interests of retirees from Anne Arundel County Public Schools since its inception in 1940. With the support and advice of an outstanding Executive Board, officers and committee chairs, AARSPA will continue to prosper and serve our members well.

Our organization is always looking for retirees to volunteer with our many AARSPA committees. The association committees include: Community Service, Consumer Education, Legislative, Educator and Employee of the Month, Free School, Membership, Pre-Retirement, Program, Publicity/Facebook, Raffle, Remembrance and Sunshine, Scholarship, Trips and Travel, and the "Voices in Melody" Chorus.

AARSPA continues to encourage retirees to join the organization. During recent years, we have declined in membership due to the passing of some members and the reduction of new members. Our budget for this year is based on 1750 members, although I would like to see our membership exceed 1900 members with the addition of our recent retirees from AACPS. This

year the new retirees will only receive one mailing of the *AARSPA Informer* from AARSPA and the AACPS retirement office due to a need to update some central office retirement forms and to protect personal information. It is critical that 2019 retirees contact Carol Kirby and Leslie Schell from the membership committee or myself to join AARSPA. Current members need to pass membership information and opportunities for the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA) and AARSPA to friends and former colleagues.

We will continue to recruit new members at our General Membership Luncheons in September, November, February and May, as well as at happy hours, scholarship fundraisers at Brian Boru and the Killarney House, the Alzheimer's Walk, pre-retirement seminars and in each issue of the *AARSPA Informer*. Some other important calendar events include: trips in October, December, May and the annual March Florida gathering, this year in St. Cloud, Florida.


Three AARSPA members (Virginia Crespo, Millie Zipay Gardner and Debbie Ahalt) will be honored at the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame Luncheon on October 24, 2019. The program for our



September luncheon will include information on the Kirwan Commission and the potential effect on retiree health benefits.

On July 24, I represented AARSPA at the MRSPA President's Meeting and received some excellent ideas from my colleagues in the state of Maryland.

Not any one person is responsible for the success of this association. Our success is dependent on teamwork. Thank you for being part of Team AARSPA!



Check out the following pages:

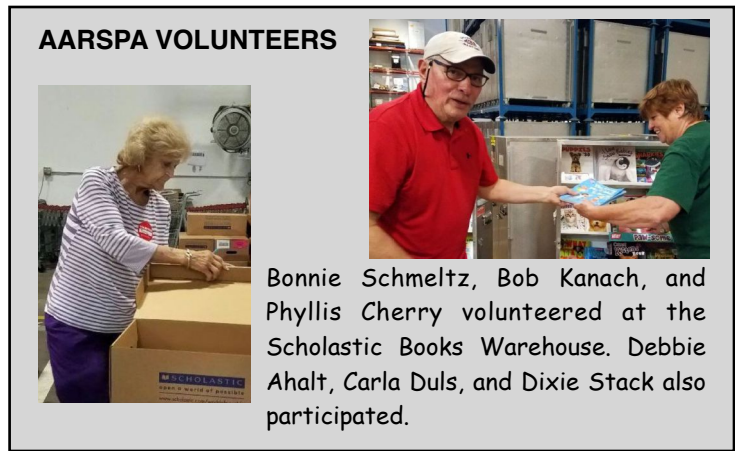
- Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association (AARSPA)
- Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA)
- National Retired Teachers Association (NRTA)
- Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS)

Back to School ...but NOT for You!

Join your retired friends for breakfast at **Romilo's Restaurant** at 478A Ritchie Highway in Severna Park on **September 3** to celebrate the beginning of the school year, and the fact that you don't need to go! AARSPA breakfast service will be available from **9-11 am**. Each person will be responsible for the cost of his/her breakfast. There is no need to pay in advance, but to ensure that the restaurant is adequately staffed for our members (and non-members are welcome too), we do ask that you email either Bonnie Schmeltz beareader50@gmail.com or Dixie Stack dstack12@verizon.net by August 30 to let us know that you plan on coming. We look forward to celebrating with you!



The Healthy Launch Program is an opportunity for recently retired teachers to come back to teaching for a limited time to help fill positions yet to be filled at the beginning of the school year. This will allow our students to start the school year with an experienced and caring teacher! Launch teachers will be paid per diem at the rate of a new teacher's salary. Come join us! For more information, call Sue Chittim, Senior Manager of Human Capital Management, at 410-224-6228.



Bonnie Schmeltz, Bob Kanach, and Phyllis Cherry volunteered at the Scholastic Books Warehouse. Debbie Ahalt, Carla Duls, and Dixie Stack also participated.

Educator / Employee of the Month

2018 - 2019

Sep:	NO RECOGNITIONS -Due to School Opening 9/5/2018
Oct:	Educ: Awardee Unable to Attend Due to Conflict Empl William Rey , Interpreter/Translator, Central Office
Nov:	NO BOARD MEETING First Wednesday
Dec:	Educ: Jane Friend , Coord. of Elem. Rdg. & Integrated Literacy, Central Office Empl: Jill Koehler , Teachers Assistant, Old Mill Middle North School
Jan:	Educ: Ian Burns , Band Director, Arundel High School Empl: Pamela Harris , Learning Lab Technician, Oakwood Elementary School
Feb:	Educ: Dana Smith , School Counselor, Arnold Elementary School Empl: Jessica Roos , Specialist: Student Info. Support, Instruction Data Division
Mar:	Educ: Kathleen Smith , Reading Teacher, Fort Smallwood Elementary School Empl: Francine Pratt , Chief Night Custodian, Southern Middle School
Apr:	Educ: Maija Denson , 5th Grade Teacher, Oakwood Elementary School Empl: Donna Golloway , Teacher's Aide, Shady Side Elementary School
May:	Educ: Scott Edwards , Assistant Principal, Lindale Middle School (SS Chair Arundel Middle School)
Jun:	Emp: Theresa Christopher , Chief Custodian, Belvedere Elementary School Educ: Andrea Sporre , Library Media specialist, Glen Burnie High School Empl: Cathy Hubbard , Instructional Assistant, Ruth Eason School

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. Honorees are recognized at Board of Education meetings where they are presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and an engraved brass bell. Each awardee was nominated by their school or office for consideration.

REMEMBRANCE

MEMBER DEATHS

Margaret Albright	Roger McClure
Ginger Babicky	Georgia Pettigrew
Cassandra Beans	Patricia Ryan
Ellen Bentley	Carol Saunders
Barbara Davis	Dorothy Scheupner
Barbara Dorsey	Raymond Spitzer
Mary "Kathy" Drazan	Donna Sponheimer
Martha Ferkel	Theresa Stripling
Marcine Floyd	Nancy Underhill
Eleanor Gicquelais	Margie Williams
Lewis Langdon	Charles Woolford
Elaine Lebar	Dennis Younger

We sincerely apologize for the reporting of the death of Grace Rau. Unfortunately it was Grace's husband who had passed away. We are happy to report that Grace is doing well.

FAMILY DEATHS

Arleatha Hackett - brother	Lou Kamm	Diane Rogers
Betty Stevens - sister	Thomas Nevin	Bill Stack
Mary Ann Younger - husband	Ken Nichols	Mary Ellen Street
		Linda Wiles

GET WELL

EMERITUS BIRTHDAYS

July	September
8 Harry Hendrickson 98	10 Dorothea Dennis 91
14 Mary Bragg 95	16 Hearon Buttrill 102
18 Gladys Lipton 96	16 Geraldine Cassell 93
27 Beverly Madison 91	18 Mary Weber 94
	30 Jacquelin Evans 99
August	30 Janie Fridie 91
6 Rosemary Soldano 96	
23 Anita Murray 92	
28 James Dunagen 91	

ANNIVERSARIES

July
2 James & Ida -Ann Dunagan 55
4 Pat & Cory Jones 49
5 Anne & Bill Yakaitis 50
5 Debbie & Dan Ahalt 50
11 Joni & Steve Dougard 49
12 Carla & Jim Duls 22
14 Mary Jo & Bob Kanach 45
18 Marge & Bill Campbell
20 Dixie & Bill Stack 48
26 Lisa & Howard Dew
26 Phyllis & Jim Butner

August

2 Marla & Jeff Kollar 50
5 Carole & Bob Grimm 52
13 Laura & Don Buchanan 53
13 Doris & Bob Kniess 53
16 Marsha & Kenneth Stewart 50
16 Barbara & Don Greg 52
17 Millie & Bryan Williman 3
26 Karlie & Jerry Everett 52
27 Evelyn & James Svoboda 59
31 Diane & Hugh Belvin 48

September

3 Kathy & Dan Bush 59
22 Shigmi & Dan Higgs 29
22 Sandra & James Edmonds 46

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

Anniversaries and Congratulations

Millie Gardner at mgbw16@gmail.com or 410 508-1680

Deaths of AARSPA members and family members

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

Illnesses and Accidents, etc.

Linda Poole at mlp2118@yahoo.com or 410-451-4782

From the Free School

On Saturday April 6, volunteers made sure that the Free School was in spic and span shape for visitors.



L to R: Carla Duls, Karlie Everett, Bob Kanach, Evelyn Svoboda, Monica DeLucia, Gerald Everett, Carol Kirby, Gene Kirby, Marie Diamond, Jim Duls, Larry Brogan, and Tony Anzalone (Not pictured: John Hammond)

This year we thank Mary Dunlap, Carolyn Webber, Bob Kanach, Carla and Jim Duls, Jean Curry, Jim and Martha Preston, Vicki Hutchins, Penny Quinn, and John and Judy Youngblood who served as docents during the Free School's open season.

Did You Know?

In 1853, Barbara Green was hired as the school's first female teacher. She taught there until 1863. Around the time of the Civil War less than 1/3 of children in Maryland attended school. Parents still had to pay for students to attend the Free School. Remember, only the land and building materials were paid for with "tax dollars."



Ike, Gettysburg and the Cold War Lunch at Hickory Bridge Farm Wednesday, October 16, 2019

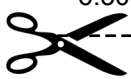


We will be traveling to the Eisenhower National Historic Site in Gettysburg, PA. and visit the home and farm of President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Located adjacent to the Gettysburg Battlefield, the farm served the President as a weekend retreat and a meeting place for world leaders. To provide you with the best possible tour experience we will begin with a 15-minute orientation tour of the grounds and farm operation highlighting how the farm was used during his presidency. The Eisenhower home and its furnishings have changed little since Ike and Mamie's years together in Gettysburg. A tour of the home offers an intimate glimpse of the Eisenhowers' life and times. After the tour, we will depart for Hickory Bridge Farm in Orrtanna, PA for a delicious family style lunch. Following lunch, we return to Gettysburg to meet our step-on guide and tour the historic Gettysburg Battlefields. Through the amazing storytelling provided by the Gettysburg National Military Park Licensed Guide, you will be able to visualize Civil War history as the guild recreates the voices and stories of the battlefield.

All this is yours for only \$97.00 per person and includes transportation, the tours, family style lunch, all taxes and tips including the driver, step-on guide and our escort.

Itinerary

- 7:00am Depart the Severna Park United Methodist Church on Benfield Road
- 9:15am Arrive Gettysburg, PA at the Gettysburg Visitor Center, featuring:
 - Restroom break
 - Eisenhower National Historic Site Shuttle @ 10:00am
 - ✓ Tour of the grounds and farm operation
 - ✓ Tour of the Eisenhower home
 - ✓ Free time to explore the grounds on your own
- 12:00pm Depart Gettysburg, PA
- 12:25pm Arrive Orrtanna, PA at Hickory Bridge Farm
- 12:30pm Family style lunch
- 2:00pm Depart Orrtanna, PA
- 2:15pm Arrive Gettysburg, PA at the Gettysburg Visitor Center
- 2:30pm Depart with licensed guide featuring:
 - Tour the historic Gettysburg Battlefield
- 4:30pm Depart Gettysburg, PA
- 6:30pm Arrive at the Severna Park United Methodist Church on Benfield Road



**DEADLINE - Thursday, September 12, 2019
Ike, Gettysburg and the Cold War**

Please reserve _____ seats for me. the cost is \$97.00 per person. Make checks payable to AARSPA and send your reservation and payment to:

Bob Kanach, 512 August Drive, Arnold, MD 21012 before Thursday, September 12, 2019

Primary Contact Person _____ Phone # _____
Address _____ Cell # _____
Email (for receipt) _____

Please list other members of your party.

RENDITIONS MAY 23, 2019



Co-President Bonnie Schmeltz, Anne Arundel County Teacher of the Year Heather Carnaghan, Monarch Global Academy Contract School, and Co-President Dixie Stack



Guests Bill and Bonnie Brose



Emeritus member Ethel Bohle



2019-2020 AARSPA Officers: Bob Kanach (Assistant Treasurer), Brenda Gibson, (Corresponding Secretary) Max Muller (Treasurer), Rick Wiles (President), and Charles Gable, MRSPA Vice President.



Shirley Brooks, Nancy Horne, and Tillie Barckley



AARSPA Chorus "Voices in Melody"



Flowers from the annual Memorial Service with a list of those honored were on display at the Central Office.



Raffle Committee members Sandra Edmonds and Sylvia Jones



Emeritus member Mary Ruth Tereshinski and Carla Duls



SEPTEMBER DONATIONS

The **school supplies** you donate at the September luncheon will be given to students at schools most in need.

As always, we will also 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 to appreciated.

AARSPA From the Heart is once again participating in the Annapolis Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's. Scheduled for October 20, 2019, 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**, type **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 (djahlta@aol.com or 410-997-3942) or Carla Duls (kid3dle@aol.com or 410-798-8999) for information or forms.

Last year we provided another opportunity for your participation which is explained in the form below. Many people participated in this way. At the November meeting, the flowers carried by **AARSPA from the Heart** walkers were on display.



Thank you for the generous donations made at the May luncheon.

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, made out to **ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION**, to **Carla Duls, 3518 Cedar Drive, Edgewater, MD 21037**. All donations will be credited to the **AARSPA from the Heart** team. **Deadline: September 30, 2019.**

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 _____

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS



2019 AARSPA Scholarship recipients: Monique Maxwell (North County), Savanna Kerbe (North County), and Haley Boyd (Severna Park)
Not pictured: Alexis Poe (Southern)

Thank you for making dreams a reality with your generous donations!

In Honor of...

Ethel Bohle – dedication and support to help in educating our A.A. Co. students

Ken Nichols

In Memory of...

Virginia Babicky

Joseph Cardamone

Charlotte Elizabeth Carnaghan

Kathy Drazan

Eleanor Gicquelais

Clint Gosnell

Mary Kasper

Donna Sponheimer

Nancy Underhill

Dennis Younger

Dining Out to Benefit our Scholarship Fund

Thursday, October 10, 2019

Brian Boru Pub

487 Ritchie Hwy, Severna Park
5:00-9:00 p.m.

Select from specific \$25 menu of which \$10 returns to the scholarship fund.

Reservations 410-975-2678

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Killarney House,

584 W. Central Ave., Davidsonville
5:00-9:00 p.m.

Select from specific \$25 menu of which \$10 returns to the scholarship fund.

Reservations 410-798-8700

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

AARSPA Out and About



Annette Smith, Tony Anzalone, and Karlie Everett enjoyed the AARSPA Happy Hour at the Elks Lodge on April 2.



The June Executive Board meeting was held at the Free School.



Deb Ahalt delivered AARSPA donations to the Animal Shelter.

MEETING DATES		OTHER DATES	
Executive Board Meetings		September 23	Deadline for October <i>AARSPA Informer</i>
October 10, 2019	Center 2B (12:00 - 2:00)	October 10	Brian Boru Fundraiser, Severna Park
January 9, 2019	Center 2B (10:00 - 12:00)	October 16	Eisenhower National Historic Site and Gettysburg Battle Field Trip
General Membership Meetings. - 10:30 a.m.		October 19	Pre-Retirement Seminar, Annapolis High
September 12, 2019	Two Rivers Restaurant, Pasadena	October 20	Walk to End Alzheimer's @ Susan B. Campbell Park, Annapolis
November 14, 2019	CAT-N, Severn	October 22	Killarney House Fundraiser, Davidsonville
		October 24	Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame Awards Luncheon, Michaels 8th Avenue
		November 13	MRSPA Legislative Workshop, Annapolis
		December 13	Riverside Dinner Theater "Christmas Spectacular" Fredericksburg, VA
		March 18-19, 2020	Florida Gathering, St. Cloud, FL

September Luncheon and General Membership Meeting

Donation Opportunities:

- Back to School Supplies
- Pet Supplies
- Toiletries

DATE: Thursday, September 12, 2019

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

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



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 3, 2019
 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 3, 2019

Contact Person _____

Phone Number _____

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

Names of those in your party 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, 2019

MRSPA Officers installed: AARSPA Member Charles Gable (Vice President) AARSPA member Carla Duls (Secretary), George Denny (President-Elect), Ann Marie Downey (President), and AARSPA member Alicia Hardisky (Treasurer)



Phyllis Cherry and Dixie Stack

AAARSPA Delegation: Front row (l to r) Alicia Hardisky, Dixie Stack, Sharyn Doyle, Deb Ahalt, Carla Duls, Annette Smith, Sandra Edmonds
Back row (l to r) Millie Gardner, Charlie Gable, Tillie Barckley, Phyllis Cherry, Virginia Crespo, Don Smith, Bonnie Schmeltz, Bob Kanach, and Barry Fader



Tillie Barckley,
MRSPA
Scholarship
Committee Chair

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- | | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Karen Bailey | Joan Duryee | Donna Moore |
| Marilyn Barber | Leigh Fleckenstein | Jean Pallett |
| Angela Barber | Lorie Hankins | Paula Riley |
| Karen Bennett | Nancy Jones | Kathleen Russo |
| Raymond Bibeault | Patricia Keffer | Justeen Sherwood |
| Kimberly Bibeault | Eunice Kline | Nickolas Silvestri |
| Jane Bionolillo | Rosemary Lathroum | Jane Wilhelm |
| Ruth Bishop | Mary Malloy | Deborah Williams |

SAVE THE DATE

The AARSPA Travel Committee has planned a trip to the Riverside Dinner Theater "Christmas Spectacular" in Fredericksburg, VA on **December 13, 2019**. Details will be in the October issue of the **AARSPA Informer**.



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Scholarship Fund Donation



*Scholarships are of the utmost importance to ensure the contributions of quality teachers entering the education profession.
I wish to make a donation to the scholarship fund.*

Donation Amount is: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

for

_____ birthday _____ anniversary

_____ other (please indicate) _____

Please make checks payable to:

Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association
or for

Tax Deductible Donations make checks payable to:
21st Century Education Foundation, Inc.

Mail checks to:

Matilda Barckley
8238 Great Bend Road

Glen Burnie, Maryland 21061

Name and address of the honoree.

We will inform the honoree(s) and/or 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
barckley@comcast.net
410-768-3408

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