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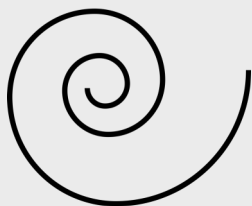
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## President Rick Wiles

It is my honor to continue my service as President of the Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association (AARSPA) for my second term. Although I am finishing my second term for the Association, it's critical that AARSPA has somebody nominated to be the President-Elect or Co-President's Elect for 2020-21 and President(s) in 2021. The nominee(s) can come from our wonderful Executive Board or the general membership. I will be glad to mentor the new nominee(s) with the duties of the President in 2021. 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 members well.

The COVID-19 pandemic has undeniably turned our world on its head, and has changed the way our organization supports our membership. For the safety and health of our membership, it was necessary to postpone or cancel many calendar events as we move into the 2020-21 AARSPA calendar year. Two executive board meetings were conducted via email. The May General Membership Meeting was postponed till September, but it had to be cancelled due to

the most recent Executive Order. The November General Meeting is tentatively scheduled at Renditions since the school system is going to do virtual learning the first semester. The MRSPA President's Meeting was conducted via ZOOM, while the AARSPA July Executive Board Meeting occurred outside at the Free School Museum with masks, proper hand sanitizing and social distancing. The annual Florida gathering was cancelled in March 2020, as well as being cancelled for 2021. Our scholarship fund raiser at Brian Boru occurred as a carry-out event, although some of our members did dine at the restaurant. Although we have made many adjustments to our calendar, we are tentatively moving forward with executive board meetings and the November luncheon.

Our emergency budget is included in this *AARSPA Informer*; however, our bylaws normally require its approval at a general membership meeting. With executive board meetings cancelled since May, we are including a budget vote in this *AARSPA Informer* since it is sent to all members. Please return your vote to Bob Kanach by email or mail so we can have a FY21 budget approved by the AARSPA membership. Communication is critical



during these challenging times. Please consider using email instead of the regular mail so we can get the information to you in a timely manner.

Our budget for this year is based on 1750 members. I would love to see us increase to 1900 members if the new retirees join AARSPA. Some services could be impacted in the future without gaining current membership.

Educators have always had to be flexible and adaptable to unusual and often unexpected situations. Your membership matters greatly to the success of our organization. It is important that you take an active role in helping to make a difference with AARSPA, your family, and in the community. Together we will get through these challenging times and we will come out stronger.

Stay safe and be healthy!

AARSPA members supported the scholarship fund by eating in and taking out at Brian Boru in Severna Park on June 25.



Virginia Crespo



Dan Ahalt, Frank Larson, Charlie Gable, and Terry Moir



Max Muller, Rick Wiles, and Bob Kanach

AARSPA Executive Board hard at work at a meeting at the Free School on July 9.



Karlie Everertt



Tony Anzalone, Phyllis Cherry, Carla Duls, and Brenda Gibson



Marge Smith, Tillie Barckley, Leslie Schell, and Linda Poole

# EDUCATOR/EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

2020 - 2021

- Sep:** Educ: **Meredith McMahan**, Spanish Teacher, South River High School  
Empl: **Denise Anderson**, Human Resources, Central Office Payroll Manager
- Oct:** Educ: **Marlene Kramer**, Art Teacher, Southern High School  
Empl: **Dexter Dunbar**, Permanent Substitute, Corkran Middle School
- Nov:** Educ: **Jeremy Marcus-Wenger**, Science Department Chair, Central Middle School  
Empl: **Brenda Pratt**, Principal Secretary, Brooklyn Park Middle School
- Dec:** Educ: **Jessica Allman**, Eng. Lang. Acquisition Teacher, Nantucket Elem. School  
Empl: **Lauren Grey-Hawkins**, Business & Communication Specialist, Partnership Office, Central Office
- Jan:** Educ: **Nancy Drury**, Family and Consumer Science, South River High School  
Empl: **Darlene McGowan**, Custodian, Central Middle School
- Feb:** Educ: **Jennifer Montagnino**, Department Chair, Academy of Health Sciences, CAT- N  
Empl: **Bonita Jones**, Custodian, CAT-S
- Mar:** Educ: **Lindsey Ellis**, Reading Teacher, Hillsmere Elementary School  
Emp: **Elizabeth Martello**, Central Facilities Technician, Jones Elementary School
- Apr:** Educ: **Valerie Wesnor**, Coordinator of Science, Central Office  
Empl: **Eileen Hehl**, Teaching Assistant, Germantown Elementary School
- May:**
- Jun:** } NONE DUE TO COVID 19

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

Juanita Lucille Anderson  
 Marian Fran Andrews  
 Mary Bragg  
 Carmen Day  
 Joel Drapalski  
 Sharon Fulton  
 Jean Isabelle Gunther  
 Mary Lord  
 Thomas Neuenschwander  
 Earl Hanson Peterson, Jr.  
 Robert C. Rude  
 Bonnie Schmeltz  
 Fred Stauffer  
 Linda Symes  
 Jean Trott  
 Rosemary Dickson Winters

## EMERITUS BIRTHDAYS

**July**  
 18 Gladys Lipton 97

**August**  
 6 Rosemary Soldano 97  
 23 Anita Murray 93  
 28 James Dunagan 92

**September**  
 10 Dorothea Dennis 92  
 16 Hearon Buttrill 103  
 16 Geraldine Cassell 94  
 18 Mary Weber 95  
 30 Jacquelin Evans 100  
 30 Janie Fridie 92

## GET WELL

Marie Diamond Barry Fader  
 Erma Eastland Lou Kamm  
 Peggy Fader Lauralee Whitmore

## ANNIVERSARIES

### July

2 James & Ida -Ann Dunagan 56  
 4 Pat & Cory Jones 50  
 5 Anne & Bill Yakaitis 51  
 5 Debbie & Dan Ahalt 51  
 11 Joani & Steve Daugard 50  
 12 Carla & Jim Duls 23  
 14 Mary Jo & Bob Kanach 46  
 18 Marge & Bill Campbell  
 20 Dixie & Bill Stack 49  
 26 Lisa & Howard Dew  
 26 Phyllis & Jim Butner 53  
 27 Kathy & Stan Putz 46  
 31 Diane & Hugh Belvin 49

### August

2 Marla & Jeff Kollar 51  
 5 Carole & Bob Grimm 53  
 12 Nancy & William Lively 58  
 13 Laura & Don Buchanan 54  
 13 Doris & Bob Kniess 54  
 16 Barbara & Don Greg 53  
 17 Millie & Bryan Williman 4  
 26 Karlie & Jerry Everett 53  
 27 Evelyn & James Svoboda 60

### September

22 Shigmi & Dan Higgs 30  
 22 Sandra & James Edmonds 47  
 28 Carolyn & Glyn Webber 36

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

### Anniversaries and Congratulations

Millie Gardner at [mgbw16@gmail.com](mailto:mgbw16@gmail.com) or 443-784-2190

### Deaths of AARSPA members and family members

Linda Poole at [mlp2118@yahoo.com](mailto:mlp2118@yahoo.com) or 410-570-4020

### Illnesses and Accidents, etc.

Dianne Rogers at [wwdsrogers@verizon.net](mailto:wwdsrogers@verizon.net) or 410-647-7585

## FROM THE FREE SCHOOL

For the safety and comfort of our guests, the Free School Museum is closed until further notice.

## Did You Know?

Some time after 1878 the original stone free school building was remodeled and became a home for Stephen Beard who worked for the Maryland Public School System. In March of 1911 the Legislature sold the original property to Luther L. and Fannie McKenney. In May of 1915 the building was deeded to Benjamin F. and Bertha P. Van Horne. In September 1940, it was deeded to Myer Lynsky and conveyed to Morris Lynsky in October 1956. In September 1958, the property was conveyed to the Green Hill Company and then conveyed to Lavall, Inc., the company that built the homes in the community, in January 1974. From that point in time until now, the property has been owned by Anne Arundel County Public Schools.

## 2021 FLORIDA GATHERING

We want to take this opportunity to thank Arlene and Ron Derflinger for all the time, effort and work they put into the AARSPA in Florida event we had scheduled for this year but had to cancel because of the COVID-19 pandemic. They were most helpful in gathering the necessary information about lodging, the place to hold the luncheon and opening their house for our social gathering. The planning for the event actually began in the spring of the previous year and ran up to the luncheon. Thank you, Arlene and Ron, for all your help!

At the most recent AARSPA executive board meeting on July 9, 2020 there was a serious discussion about holding the event this coming year. With so much uncertainty about the pandemic future, the uncertainty and safety about air travel, the fact that the vast majority of us who attend are seniors and many with health issues it was decided that the 2020-21 Florida event will not be held. As much as we regret to announce this, it was felt it is the correct and prudent action to take at this time.



## AARSPA Trips Cancelled

Because of the various restrictions put on businesses, restaurants, and travel, the C&D Canal Boat Cruise and Seafood luncheon scheduled for Wednesday, October 14, 2020 has been cancelled. Likewise, the trip to Toby's Dinner Theatre in Columbia to see "Elf" scheduled for Wednesday, December 9, 2020 is also cancelled.

Once things start to stabilize as far as the number of people allowed in a gathering and hopefully a vaccine is available, the committee will meet and explore some interesting trips for the membership. Keep an eye for announcements in future newsletters.

In addition, the 2020 Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame Luncheon and Induction Ceremony has been moved from October 22, 2020, to Thursday, April 15, 2021.

## KEEP BUSY!

Keeping busy is a great way to help feelings of isolation and improve your health and mind.

Did you know that there are many sources for free e-books?

**Your local library website.** Many local libraries partner with online services, like the free app Libby to offer free audiobooks and e-books (loaned for a limited time) to those with a library card. Some libraries will let you sign up for one online.

**Amazon's Kindle Store.** Offers thousands of free e-books compatible with Kindle or e-readers, Fire tablets, and most smartphones and tablets. Amazon Prime members can also get one free book each month with First Reads.

**Apple Books app.** On Apple devices, you'll find this app with a free collection of about 1,000 e-books and audiobooks for kids and adults.

**Project Gutenberg.** This site has more than 60,000 titles, many of which are older books with expired copyrights. All you need is a web browser. No apps or log-in required.

Other sites, including Audible and Google Play Bookstore have some free offerings as well.

**CONSUMER CONNECTION**  
MRSPA Consumer Education Committee

## NEWS YOU CAN USE

Humans do not adjust well to situations we cannot control and that certainly applies to the current Covid 19 pandemic. Mental health experts report anxiety levels are on the rise as people are forced adjust to the "new normal". While some emotional stress can be expected it can also impact our physical health causing shortness of breath, chest pain, agitation and disrupted sleep to name a few.

Here are a few suggestions to help us maintain our emotional and physical wellbeing until we can able to return to life as it was before the pandemic.

- Did you just grab that bag of chips because you are hungry or because you are bored? If you are hungry grab a piece of fruit. If bored go outside. Even a 15 minute walk can make you feel better.
- We are social beings and do not do well with social distancing. Call someone different several times a week. Maintain current friendships and renew ones you haven't seen in a while. You may be making them smile as well as helping your emotions.
- Clean closets, finish a craft project, learn a new skill. Check out **YouTube**. It's what you can learn.
- Take virtual tours. Every monument park and city has them ( try nps.gov)
- Do something good for someone else.
- Sit quietly and take deep breaths for 15 minutes. ( This one puts me to sleep)

( Edited from **Consumer Reports** August 2020)

## THANK YOU FOR DONATIONS!

Thank you for your donations! MRSPA's Community Service Committee's goal of raising \$1,945 for the Maryland Food Bank in honor of our Association's founding in 1945 has been exceeded! Thank you to those who contributed to help our fellow Marylanders in need during this difficult time! Our generous members and friends donated \$3,193!

## GOING SHOPPING?

August deals include:

- Maryland Tax-Free Week—August 11-17
- School supplies
- Patio furniture
- Outdoor toys
- In-season fruits and vegetables

<b>Proposed FY2021 Budget</b>					
		<b>FY 2020</b>		<b>FY 2021</b>	
		Cum. Activity			
		2020 budget	Thru 6/30/20	Proposed	Revised
1	Membership Projection NNNN	1750	1,738	1,750	
2	Dues - General (\$9.00xNNNN)	\$ 15,750.00	\$ 15,642.00	\$ 15,750.00	
3	Scholarship (\$5.00xNNNN)	\$ 8,750.00	\$ 8,690.00	\$ 8,750.00	
4	Free School (\$1.00xNNNN)	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,737.00	\$ 1,750.00	
5	Dues - Total (\$15.00 x NNN)	\$ 26,250.00	\$ 26,069.00	\$ 26,250.00	
6	MRSPA - Legislative lunch	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	
7	50/50 Drawings	\$ 400.00	\$ 323.00	\$ 100.00	
8	Scholarship Contributions FY 2021	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,407.50	\$ 2,000.00	
8a	21st Century Scholarship Contributions	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,730.00	\$ 2,000.00	
8b	Excess Scholarship Cont - FY 2020	\$ 5,393.00	\$ 5,393.00	\$ 1,648.50	
9	Interest	\$ 300.00	\$ 294.63	\$ 50.00	
10	Voices in Melody donations	\$ 700.00	\$ 525.00	\$ 550.00	
11	Miscellaneous/Community Service		\$ -	\$ 100.00	
12	<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 40,743.00</b>	<b>\$ 39,942.13</b>	<b>\$ 32,898.50</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>budget</b>	<b>thru 6/30/20</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Revised</b>
13	Officers' Expenses - President	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 250.00	
14	Past President/President Elect	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	
15	Program	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 540.00	\$ 800.00	
16	Preservation/Records	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	
17	Community Service	\$ 400.00	\$ 177.53	\$ 600.00	
18	Legislative Committee	\$ 650.00	\$ 834.95	\$ 800.00	
19	Membership Directory	0	\$ -	\$ 475.00	
20	Hospitality/ Centerpieces	\$ 125.00	\$ 96.85	\$ 125.00	
21	Remembrance / Gift Cards	\$ 500.00	\$ 402.59	\$ 500.00	
22	Pre-Retirement Workshops/social(s)	\$ 500.00	\$ 154.00	\$ 200.00	
23	Pre-Retirement Reception	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 750.00	
24	Public Relations-Central Office	\$ 250.00	\$ 156.53	\$ 450.00	
25	Newsletter & Directory Printing	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 3,504.77	\$ 4,400.00	
26	Postage	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,837.95	\$ 3,125.00	
27	Photography	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	
28	Senior Citizens Hall of Fame	\$ 725.00	\$ 489.00	\$ 725.00	
29	MRSPA Endowment Fund	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	
30	Voices in Melody	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,091.13	\$ 800.00	
31	Bonds & Legal Fees	\$ 100.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 100.00	
32	Scholarships (@ \$4,000)	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 14,607.00	\$ 12,850.00	
32a	Scholarship funds carried from 2020	\$ 5,393.00	\$ 5,393.00	\$ 1,648.50	
33	President's Award Cup	0	\$ -	\$ 150.00	
34	Free School	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,737.00	\$ 1,750.00	
35	Web site renewal/Constant Contact	\$ 400.00	\$ 395.99	\$ 400.00	
36	Miscellaneous	\$ 350.00	\$ 81.22	\$ 200.00	
37	USM Membership/ Ad/Leg, Forum	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 550.00	
38	Archives	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	
39	Auditor Fee	\$ 700.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 40,743.00</b>	<b>\$ 33,444.51</b>	<b>\$ 32,898.50</b>	
<b>line 17 includes \$100 from MRSPA</b>					



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS!

Because of your support we have again won the MRSPA Community Service Award. The award is in recognition of the over 1600 books given to new teachers to establish their first classroom library. The recognition came with an award of \$100.00 that will be used to purchase books for the Little Libraries Project. AARSPA members are awesome! When each gives a little, the result is amazing!



New teachers chose books for their classroom libraries in August 2019.

## LITTLE LIBRARIES UPDATE

The AARSPA community project to sponsor two Little Free Libraries at local schools is moving forward. A \$500 grant was received from the State of Maryland Literacy Association for the AARSPA little libraries project. Bob Kanach picked up the libraries from CAT-N recently. He took them to Rick Wiles for two Eagle Scout candidates for their project. Principals from Park Elementary and Ferndale Early Learning Center selected colors for their library and submitted the paperwork to the BOE for location approval. We are currently waiting for the scouts to finish. We will keep you posted on the progress.



## 2020 WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

**AARSPA From the Heart** is once again participating in the Annapolis Walk to End Alzheimer's. Scheduled for Sunday, October 18, 2020, the walk will take place **anywhere, anytime**. Due to Covid-19, the walk will not take place in a central location. Participants can choose to walk in their neighborhoods, in a nearby park, or even on their treadmill at home! Some members of the **AARSPA from the Heart** Team are planning to meet at the Free School at 1:00 p.m. on October 18 to walk around the building, weather permitting. If this option interests you, please let one of the team captains know you will be joining us so we know how many to expect and whom to contact in the event we need to cancel due to weather.

We encourage you to participate! You can register with the **AARSPA From the Heart** team to physically walk at a site and time of your choosing 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, contact Deborah Ahalt ([djahalt@aol.com](mailto:djahalt@aol.com) or 410-997-3942) or Carla Duls ([kid3dle@aol.com](mailto:kid3dle@aol.com) or 410-798-8999) for information or forms.



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)**





# SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

You cared, you shared, for the future you helped to prepare! Thank you for your generous donations accelerating five students to higher education. After reviewing 18 applications, the following students were selected to receive \$4000.00 each:

- **Akilah Curtis**, Old Mill High School, will major in Education of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing at Flagler College in St. Augustine, FL.
- **Evan Hodgson**, Annapolis High School, is poised to enter CIVICUS, a Residential Living and Learning Program at the University of Maryland.
- **Amanda Pscherer**, Arundel High School, will advance toward the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom she dreams about at the University of Maryland.
- **Grace Smith** of Annapolis High School, will study Elementary Education in college and plans to earn an advanced degree in Special Education or Reading Instruction.
- **Olivia Yost** of Arundel High School, fell in love with teaching as a sophomore during her first day on the job at Kumon Math and Reading Center. Her irrepressible spirit is poised to become a difference-maker at the University of Maryland.

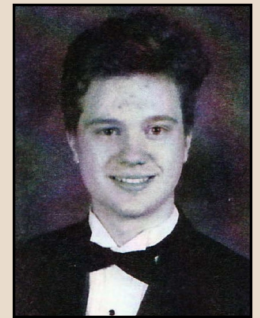
Donations are continuing to arrive for both AARSPA and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Education Foundation, Inc. A note and check were received from Margaret Cutchins, who is 96 years old. Checks have been sent in loving memory of...Melvin Booze, Sr., Joel Drapalski, Eunice J. Emge, Elizabeth "Betty" Feusahrens, Marvin Heptinstall, Thomas Neuenschwander, Olin Yoder, Ronald "Butch" Young and Eileen Zindel. A check was sent in honor of Jean Trott.

We are appreciative of your participation with the three course meal from Brian Boru Irish Pub carryout fundraiser. Our profit was \$730.00 from the serving of 73 meals with three donations that equaled \$70.00. Applause! Applause! Applause!



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Old Mill High School

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Annapolis High School



Amanda Pscherer  
Arundel High School



Grace Smith  
Annapolis High School



Olivia Yost  
Arundel High School



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### MEETING DATES

#### Executive Board Meetings

October 8, 2020     Center 2A(10:00 - 12:00 )  
 January 14, 2021     Center 2A(10:00 - 12:00)

#### General Membership Meetings. - 10:30 a.m.

September 10, 2020     **Cancelled**  
 November 12, 2020     Renditions Golf Course,  
    Davidsonville

### OTHER DATES

September 25             Deadline for October *AARSPA Informer*  
 October 18                 Walk to End Alzheimer's

## September Luncheon and Business Meeting

On Thursday, September 10, 2020 the first luncheon of the year was to be held at Two Rivers Steak and Fish House in Pasadena, Maryland. This luncheon was also going to serve as our annual Business Meeting since we had to cancel the luncheon at Renditions Golf Course this past May. Although the restaurant is open for business, as a result of the latest executive order from the County Executive we are limited to only 25 people in attendance. We generally have between 110 and 115 people attend this luncheon.

Because of this very limited number of people allowed in attendance at this time coupled with an abundance of caution and safety for our members, the luncheon on September 10<sup>th</sup> at Two Rivers has been cancelled. Hopefully we will be able to gather at the next scheduled general membership meeting and luncheon at Renditions Golf Course on Thursday, November 12, 2020.

## Proposed 2020-21 AARSPA Budget

On page 5 of this edition of the *AARSPA Informer* you will find the proposed 2020-21 AARSPA budget. This budget was developed by the Budget Committee taking into consideration the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic most likely will have on our ability to meet. Since we were not able to hold our annual Business Meeting at Renditions this past May and have had to cancel the September luncheon and general meeting to discuss and vote on this proposed budget, we ask that you carefully review the document and vote. You can do this by either completing the response ballot below or by emailing your vote to:

[rkanach@verizon.net](mailto:rkanach@verizon.net)

**Please submit your vote no later than Thursday, September 10, 2020.**

**If you do not have access to a computer, you may complete the ballot on the proposed budget below and send it to:**

**Bob Kanach  
 512 Augusta Drive  
 Arnold, MD 21012**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I approve the proposed 2020-21 AARSPA budget.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not approve the proposed 2020-21 AARSPA budget.



# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

## Going Green !

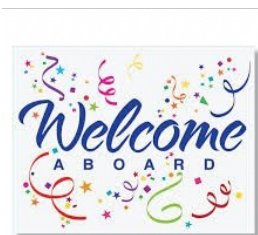
As the world, country, state, and county face this new challenge in our lives, many sought comfort in staying connected with family and friends through emails. If you are a member who receives the *AARSPA Informer* through the mail, please consider moving to email communication. If you do not do email or have difficulties opening the link, you may wish to consider having a family member receive it via their email and print it out for you. Your copy will then be in living color! You will receive the newsletter more quickly and assist the organization with not having to pay for postage. Helping to "Go Green" means your dollars support the various activities within AARSPA.

## WHERE ARE THEY?

The Membership Committee needs your assistance in updating our files. Some of our folks have moved, and we do not have their current address—that's where YOU come in. Please review the following list to contact that person or contact Leslie Schell(lahschell@verizon.net or (410) 969-0129 with information. I am willing to make the contact.

Claire Anderson	Barbara Mason
Joanne Buritsch	Mary Papetti
Elizabeth DeBeauvoir	Shirley Rudolph
Elizabeth Derby	Marilyn Sabatini
Betty Edwards	Clifton Stoneburner
Minerva Martinez	

Cindy Clift  
Sharon H. Hansen  
Judy H. Jenkins  
Patricia Anne McCloskey  
Nancy Wagner



## Renewal Time for Membership

As we begin to face a "new normal" in our lives, we are grateful for our family, friends, and colleagues who have supported us along the way. Your **membership committee** is especially thankful for the executive board who has remained in contact with each other and worked to the betterment of **your** association.

If you pay your dues by check, you received your annual renewal membership letter in May for fiscal year 2020-2021, which runs July 1 through June 30. Consider the benefits you receive for your membership. At this time you could also make changes to your membership, such as upgrading to include MRSPA and state your preference as to how you receive the newsletter, the *AARSPA Informer*.

However, as we have moved forward, there has been a big **OOPS!** moment in our local renewal campaign. First, let me explain. When the BOE closed their doors due to COVID-19, your association was closed out as well. We were unable to physically retrieve any mailings addressed to us at the Riva Road address. As responses were received and recorded, we noted the returns were low. As a result, a June reminder letter was readied and mailed.

**Surprise!** When we finally had access to the Board of Education building, we found an overwhelming number of returned renewal letters sitting in our mailbox. However, this was **after** the second mailing went out. Therefore, I apologize to those who received a second notice that caused frustration and confusion.

Secondly, through this situation, we learned the importance of your communicating with membership your **changes in address, email, and phone information**. For every returned newsletter or renewal letter, a phone call was made to contact a member to verify information. As the directory is the revised each year, we need to keep this information accurate. To those who have updated, thank you.

Thirdly, this has provided valuable information about the content of the renewal letter for the future. To work towards a clearer return mailing address, we will revisit it to ensure all mailings get to where they need to be in a timely manner.

Finally, many thanks to Bob Kanach who has assisted in the exchange of information and has kept us moving forward.



Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association  
2644 Riva Road  
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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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