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## Co-Presidents Deb Ahalt and Charlie Gable



Salutations from your Co-Presidents! We look forward to serving you over the next two years and to working with the membership and AARSPA committees to strengthen our organization. Between the two of us, we served Anne Arundel County Public Schools for eighty plus years. Debbie worked as an Art teacher in the Arundel feeder system while Charlie worked as a Social Studies teacher and administrator in middle schools.

We want to thank Rick Wiles for his leadership during the past two years. The second year was particularly challenging due to COVID; AARSPA, however, continued to thrive under Rick's direction as he organized and handled the group's business virtually.

As we move ahead, we are meeting again in person; planning luncheons, trips, fundraisers and social outings; and feeling like our membership has a returned sense of normalcy. And even though we lived in a virtual world for nearly a year and a half, a number of important things were achieved.

We are excited that we are able to meet in person again! In May, nearly 50 members gathered at Two Rivers Steak & Fish House for a delicious meal and for installation of officers. The annual Memorial Service remembering the 44 members that we lost this past year was also held. The next luncheon will be at Kurtz's Beach in Pasadena on September 8, 2021. In addition, the

Executive Board met in person at the Free School in June and July.

Despite dealing with COVID, AARSPA had several major accomplishments. We were able to award three \$4000 scholarships to deserving Anne Arundel County students planning careers in education. The scholarships are funded through generous contributions by AARSPA members and by fundraisers at local restaurants. Kudos to an enthusiastic Tillie Barckley for her committee leadership.

This year the Community Service Committee, under the guidance of Zetta Hart and with the help of the Severna Park Scout Troop 918, installed two Little Libraries—one at Park Elementary School and the other at Ferndale Early Education Center. The AARSPA *from the Heart* team took part virtually in the 2020 **Walk to End Alzheimer's** and raised a total of \$2245! The Committee also gave monetary support to The Lighthouse in Annapolis, the Anne Arundel County Animal Care and Control, and the Maryland Food Bank. Plans are in the works for collections at luncheons as we have had in the past, for another Little Library, and for the 2021 Alzheimer's Walk.

We are hoping that during our tenure we can grow our membership and include many new retirees. Leslie Schell and Marge Smith have been

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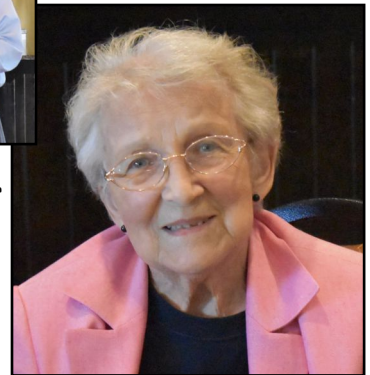
working diligently to update membership records. If each of our current members reached out to a fellow retiree, we could really increase our numbers — **remember that strength grows in numbers.** AARSPA helps monitor our health care while MRSPA works hard to protect our pensions and other issues important to seniors.

We want to thank all of the members of our Executive Board, both officers and committee chairpersons, for the time and effort they give to making this organization successful. We hope that more of our members will become actively involved in the work and the activities of AARSPA. Not any one person is responsible for the success of this association. Our success is dependent on teamwork — please consider becoming an active part of our team!

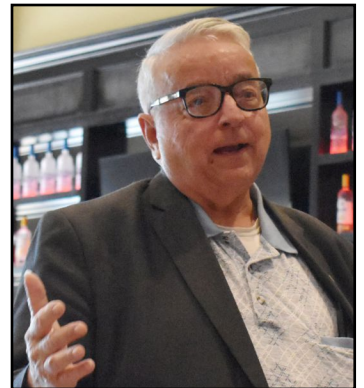


Emeritus member  
Ethel Bohle

Maryland Senior Citizens  
Hall of Fame Honorees  
Michelle and Charles Day



First Timer  
Carole Seeling



President George Denny  
brought greetings from MRSPA.



Co-Presidents Charlie Gable and Deb Ahalt received the gavel from outgoing President Rick Wiles.

# ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AND LUNCHEON

## May 13, 2021

### Made a Change? Let Us Know!

Has any of your AARSPA information changed...**address, email, home phone, cell phone?** If so, please complete the form below and submit to Membership Chair **Leslie Schell, 706 Rosewood Road, Severn, Maryland 21144** or lahschell@verizon.net. In the subject line, please indicate "AARSPA Update" and please include your full name.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your primary phone number

# REMEMBRANCE

## MEMBER DEATHS

Marian L. Anderson  
Bernice Cohn  
Eleanor E. Krupinsky  
Gladys C. Lipton  
Geraldine Riggs  
Rose R. Wise

## GET WELL

Don Smith  
Annette Smith  
Janice Spicknell  
Lou Kamm  
Ken Nichols  
Max Muller  
Marge Keating  
Phyllis Mentzell  
Barry and Peggy Fader

## FAMILY MEMBER DEATHS

Leah Alcala	husband
Tillie Barckley	sister
Lillie Caldwell	brother
Diane Holmes	sister
Katherine (Missy) Lawrence	daughter
Beverly Paul	mother
John Youngblood	sister
Judy Youngblood	sister-in-law

## EMERITUS BIRTHDAYS

### July

18 Geraldine Lomboy 91

### August

6 Rosemary Soldano 98  
23 Anita Murray 94  
28 James Dunagan 93

### September

10 Dorothea Dennis 93  
16 Hearon Buttrill 104  
16 Geraldine Cassell 95  
18 Mary Weber 96  
30 Jacquelin Evans 101  
30 Janie Fridle 93

## ANNIVERSARIES

### July

2 James & Ida-Ann Dunagan 57  
4 Pat & Cory Jones 51  
5 Anne & Bill Yakaitis 52  
5 Debbie & Dan Ahalt 52  
11 Joani & Steve Daugard 51  
12 Carla & Jim Duls 24  
14 Mary Jo & Bob Kanach 48  
18 Marge & Bill Campbell  
20 Sally & Jim McGowan 53  
22 Phyllis & Jim Butner 54  
26 Lisa & Howard Dew  
27 Kathy & Stan Putz 47  
31 Diane & Hugh Belvin 50

### August

2 Marla & Jeff Kollar 52  
5 Carole & Bob Grimm 54  
12 Nancy & William Lively 59  
13 Laura & Don Buchanan 55  
13 Doris & Bob Kniess 55  
15 Carolyn & Larry Smith 51  
16 Barbara & Don Greg 54  
17 Millie & Bryan Williman 5  
26 Karlie & Jerry Everett 54

### September

22 Shigemi & Dan Higgs 31  
22 Sandra & James Edmonds 48  
28 Carolyn & Glyn Webber 37

## Free School Reopens

Now that you are once again out and about, if you are looking for something enjoyable to do, why not consider visiting the Annearrundell Free School Museum! After a year's closure due to Covid, the Free School is open **by appointment**, although with a few precautions. For more information or to make an appointment, call Karlie Everett at (410) 268-8656.

The Free School is now included in the Four Rivers Heritage Area!

**FOUR RIVERS**  
HERITAGE AREA

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

### Did You Know?

During reading lessons with student visitors to the Free School Museum, the school marms explain and show Horn Books and explain and show the use of the Battledore. Actual lessons are taught using the McGuffey Reader. The Museum owns multiple copies of readers at the primary and intermediate levels.

William Holmes McGuffey was born in 1800. His first position as a teacher was in a one-room schoolhouse. He became an ordained Presbyterian minister and taught at Miami University in Ohio. It was during this period that McGuffey developed the McGuffey Readers (1836).

Content of the readers promoted moral development. Bible selections are part of the reading lists. McGuffey believed in phonics instruction while learning to read. He also believed in memorization. Furthermore, he believed in developing a good vocabulary and did that through contextual clues.

At present the McGuffey Readers are used in some private Christian Schools. They are also used by some students in Home School settings.





# NEWS YOU CAN USE

## Another Scam

Have you been receiving phone calls and emails advising you that a certain amount of money has been charged to your account or credit card? They usually state an amount large enough to get your attention. They will tell you to call if you didn't make the charge.

### DO NOT RESPOND!!!

If you call them, they will ask you for your credit card number so they can remove the charge from your account. When you do so, you have given them access to your account, and they can make purchases at your expense.

Instead, go directly to your account with the specific company they named and check for any recent purchases. All credit cards, stores, and online markets such as Amazon will list the most recent purchases charged to your account. Or you can call customer service directly at the number listed on the credit card.

## Executive Board Meets at the Free School June 10, 2021



## The World of Misinformation

No longer trusting anything you hear or read? That's because it is so easy to spread false information. While it has always existed, it has never been to the level we experience today. The purpose of misinformation and propaganda is to push a certain viewpoint. Part of the problem is the speed at which information spreads. Everyone wants to get the story out first so facts aren't checked. With the Internet, anyone can say anything without presenting any facts. Every time we do an Internet search, we leave a digital footprint. Our browsing targets us for more advertisements or articles that support our already established viewpoint. It is a fact that we seek information that reinforces what we already believe and ignore any articles counter to our beliefs. An individual who believes Elvis is still alive and living in the Amazon Basin will only seek information that supports that belief.

To determine the trustworthiness of the information ask a few questions. Who created the content? Is there a byline or source you can trace? Are there ads or a donation request? Do they want you to buy something? What is the point of view represented? Can it be verified?

A good way to navigate online stories is to go through these steps.

- Have you found this website reliable in the past?
- Look for other stories that verify the claims
- Scan reporting from multiple trusted news sites to determine if the article is presenting common, controversial or outlying viewpoints.

### Quick Click Fact Check

**Snopes:** type in a topic or question and it will present the facts.

**Wikipedia:** You can look up anything. The information is actually checked for accuracy by we the public.

**Tineye:** Enter a photo and determine where it came from and if it has been altered.

# American Music Theatre 2021 Christmas Show: "Winter Wonderland" and lunch at Shady Maple Smorgasbord Tuesday, December 14, 2021



We're back! Come join your friends and recapture the Christmas spirit! This highly acclaimed live music production will ignite your yuletide spirit! Once you step through the American Music Theatre doors, you will gaze upon the magical sights and sounds of the season and be transported to a wonderland of music and enchantment – from a Bavarian Mountain village to the festive, holiday excitement of the North Pole. The extraordinary costumes and stunning sets will make you feel like you are really there! "Winter Wonderland" is American Music Theatre's newest original show, featuring the secular and sacred holiday songs you know and love, with all-live performances by a sensational cast of singers and dancers, as well as the remarkable American Music Theatre Orchestra. After the show, enjoy a delicious smorgasbord lunch at Shady Maple Smorgasbord in East Earl, PA.

**Transportation, reserved seats for the show, the smorgasbord lunch, all taxes and tips including the driver for \$113.00 per person. Your reservation for this trip must be received no later than Thursday, November 18, 2021.**

### Itinerary

- 7:30 a.m. Depart the Severna Park United Methodist Church on Benfield Road
- 9:45 a.m. Arrive at Lancaster, PA at the American Music Theatre
- 10:30 a.m. Showtime – "Winter Wonderland"
- 1:15 p.m. Depart Lancaster, PA
- 2:00 p.m. Arrive at Shady Maple Smorgasbord in East Earl, PA
- 2:15 p.m. Smorgasbord lunch
- 4:15 p.m. Depart East Earl, PA
- 6:30 p.m. Arrive at the Severna Park United Methodist Church on Benfield Road



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## American Music Theatre 2021 Christmas Show: "Winter Wonderland" and lunch at Shady Maple Smorgasbord

Send this reservation form and check payable to **AARSPA** to:

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

Primary Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone # (for emergency during trip): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (for receipt): \_\_\_\_\_

# Of Reservations: \_\_\_\_\_ x\$113.00 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Make checks payable to AARSPA

Others in your party, if applicable:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



While you were locked away in your homes during the pandemic, you were still helping the community. Part of your AARSPA membership dues was used to make donations of \$100.00 each to the Maryland Food Bank, The Anne Arundel County Animal Control Center, and the Lighthouse in Annapolis that provides services to the homeless.

At the luncheon on September 8th. We will resume collecting items:

- School supplies for elementary school children
- Pet food, sheets, towels and other fabric items, leashes, toys, kitty litter, cat carriers, metal bowls, PetSmart/PetCo gift cards for Anne Arundel County Animal Control
- Trial or regular size soaps, toothpaste, men's or women's deodorant, lip balm, shaving cream, new toothbrushes, and new socks and underwear for the Lighthouse Shelter

## New Volunteer Opportunity

Currently our community service committee is **NOT** collecting items for this organization, but you may be interested in supporting them.

The Anne Arundel County Public Libraries are sponsoring:

The Mama and Baby Pantry located at **Discoveries: The Library at the Mall**. It is open to anyone who needs help getting basic baby and/or women's supplies:

- baby/infant supplies up to 5T
- diapers
- wipes
- baby soap and shampoo
- menstrual products (pads and tampons)
- incontinence supplies

Donations can be made via their Amazon wishlist. Go to the Amazon website and enter

**diapers4AACPL**

They are open every Saturday 10:00 a.m. until noon.



*AARSPA From the Heart* is once again participating in the Annapolis Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's. Scheduled for October 17, 2021, the walk will begin and end at Susan B. Campbell Park in downtown Annapolis.

We encourage you to participate! You can register to walk 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 there.

If you prefer to not use the internet to participate, all forms will be available at the September luncheon. You can also contact Deb 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.



MRSPA President George Denny presents the 2020 Community Service Award to Phyllis Cherry at the May 2021 Annual Business Meeting.



Canned food collected for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank.



# SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

*“Your generous donations will never be erased from the hearts and minds of our graduating high school seniors!”*

Thank you for supporting the Voices of Tomorrow.

## In Honor of...

Donald and Annette Smith's 10 grandchildren

## In Memory of...

Kenneth W. Crosby	Annabelle Morris
- birthday August 19	Ann Pasculle
Dawn Duea	Rosemary Ronayne
Mary Frances Funk	Mary Barcus Smith
Clint Gosnell	Susan Sosnowski
Marvin Heptinstall	Rose Wise
Beverly King	Dr. Oliver Wittig
Nancy Mann	

## You Are Cordially Invited!

Please join us at **Garry's Grill**, 533 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd., Severna Park, 443-544-0499, on Thursday, **August 12, 2021** from 4-9:00 p.m. (Call by 2:00 p.m. if ordering take out.)

and/or

**The Killarney House Pub**, 584 W. Central Avenue, Davidsonville 21035 (Reservations requested – 410-798-8700) on Tuesday, **October 12, 2021**, beginning at 12:00 p.m.



**Garry's Grill** and **The Killarney House Pub** are partnering with us to offer delicious meals for either carry-out or dine-in to ensure our scholarship fund continues to grow. For \$25 each meal, \$10 of each will go to our AARSPA Scholarship Fund.

## 2021 AARSPA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



**Kaitlyn Mummert**  
Severna Park  
High School  
University of  
Delaware  
Music Education



**Cayla Haney**  
Chesapeake  
High School  
Hood College  
Education



**Caroline Pallett**  
Chesapeake  
High School  
Salisbury University  
Elementary Education

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)**



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### MEETING DATES

**Executive Board Meetings - 10:00 a.m.**

October 7, 2021 BOE, Center 2A  
 January 13, 2021 BOE, Center 2A

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

September 8, 2021 Kurtz's Beach, Pasadena  
 November 11, 2021 Renditions Golf Course

### OTHER DATES

September 27	Deadline for October <i>AARSPA Informer</i>
September 29	MRSPA Leadership Workshop
October 12	Killarney House Scholarship Fundraiser
October 17	Walk to End Alzheimer's
December 14	American Music Theatre - <i>Winter Wonderland</i>

# SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON & GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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

No refunds after FIRM  
 reservation deadline  
**Wednesday, August 25, 2021**

PLEASE NO WALK-INS

**DATE:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021

**PLACE:** Kurtz's Beach, LTD, 2070 Kurtz Avenue,  
 Pasadena, MD 21122.

**COST:** \$35.00 per person (Please make checks out to AARSPA.)

Our served buffet luncheon will include Maryland crab soup, entrée choices of dimensional salad with grilled chicken, or beef tips and buttered noodles, sautéed vegetables, rolls and butter, and dessert. Beverages will be soda, coffee, tea, and water. Note: Servers will plate your meal and then hand it to you at the end of the line.

Donations of pet supplies, toiletries, and school supplies will be accepted!

**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 August 25, 2021**

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name(s) including contact person above	Grilled Chicken	Beef Tips				
Contact Person _____	_____	_____	X	\$35	=	_____
_____	_____	_____	X	\$35	=	_____
_____	_____	_____	X	\$35	=	_____
_____	_____	_____	X	\$35	=	_____
_____	_____	_____	X	\$35	=	_____

Total Amount Due = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Please check if this is your first AARSPA luncheon.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Please check if you are an Emeritus Member (90 or greater)



# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Melanie Carter  
Donald Counts  
Sharon Ferralli  
Kathi Foley  
Leslie Gershon  
Beth Holden  
Carole Janesco

Brenda McCray  
Andrea Mucci  
Carole Seeling  
Sharon Stratton  
Valerie Wesner  
Elizabeth Yuan

## NEW RETIREES

*Congratulations to the 2021 Anne Arundel County Public Schools RETIREES!*

In mid-July, a letter of congratulations was mailed to 252 retirees who designated their desire to be contacted by AARSPA. An application form to join AARSPA and MRSPA along with a flyer about the Garry's Grill scholarship fundraiser was included in the mailing. They will also receive the *AARSPA Informer* for a year in the hopes they become aware of our community work, legislative activity, and our fun times together. Many thanks to **Tara Benson** in Human Relations, for providing the list of retiree names.

## AARSPA In Florida

We are hoping to be able to resume our annual event in Florida in mid-March, 2022. To pull this off, we are in need of someone living in Florida to serve as the contact for us. In the past, this AARSPA member would host a gathering at their house and assist us in locating a suitable facility to hold the general meeting and luncheon. Once the location for the general meeting is identified, arrangements will be made by the association.

If you are willing and able to assist with this event or if you have any questions, please contact Bob Kanach at [rkanch@verizon.net](mailto:rkanch@verizon.net) or call him at 410-693-7396.



## New Directory Arrives!

“What a year this has been, what a rare mood I’m in” --- do you hear a song in your head? After a year’s worth of calling, emailing, and postcard sending, the directory is the best it can be at this given moment in time. Please remember, it is a living document that is constantly changing.

Our database, which co-ordinates information about our AARSPA only membership and the MRSPA members into one, is the basis for our directory. With much anticipation all the information was sent out in late June, hoping for a late August delivery. **The directory arrived ahead of schedule!** With deep appreciation to the Print and Design Dept. at the Board of Education, the Fall 2021 membership directory is ready for distribution at the September 8<sup>th</sup> luncheon being held at Kurtz’s Beach. There will be a “sign-in” to receive your directory and we are requesting one directory per family. However, if you are picking up a directory for someone who cannot attend the meeting, you may sign out **one** for them. There were a limited number of directories printed so they may go quickly.

A work of this kind takes many hours and willing hands to accomplish such a task. Thanks go to **Carol Kirby**, who laid the foundation of the database and maintained it for many years. To **Marge Smith**, my co-chair and tech support, who taught me lots about different programs. I called our almost weekly meetings “Tuesdays with Marge.” To **Sharyn Doyle and Dixie Stack** who assisted in tracking information about some of our members. To **Linda Poole** who kept us current on member deaths. Through this team effort, *your* directory is available today.





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:** \_\_\_\_\_

**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, MD 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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