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March 12-13, 2014. The last count that I received from Shirley Phillips, our Florida hostess, is that forty-one people have signed up for the luncheon. We are very excited about these numbers considering that we had only fifteen people present in Naples, Florida last year. The reservation deadline for the luncheon is February 25, 2014. We hope to see you there!

Our last luncheon for this school-year will be held on May 15, 2014, at Renditions Golf Course in Davidsonville, Maryland. Reservation forms will be available in our April edition of the *INFORMER*. As always, this meeting will include a Memorial Service

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We have it made halfway through winter, and spring is just around the corner!

The AARSPA luncheon which was held on February 6 was one of the highlights of the winter season. Approximately 150 members and guests ventured out in the cold air to gather at the Blue Dolphin Bar and Grill to enjoy a delicious lunch. During the business portion of our meeting, the proposed bylaw changes were approved by our members and several of our committee chairpersons reported on their committee's activities. Virginia Crespo shared some valuable information regarding pension legislation being considered by our state legislature. Be sure that you read Virginia's article in this newsletter regarding the proposed legislation. I would also encourage you to visit the MRSPA website to look at the Legislative Updates which are posted there. **It is imperative that we contact each of our representatives to let them know where we**

stand on this issue – they need to hear our voices. Please consider joining us on March 5, 2014, for the AARSPA sponsored Legislative Luncheon. You will have the opportunity to speak directly to members of our county delegation. The luncheon will be held in the Lowe House Office Building, Room 180, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

On the brighter side, our guest speaker, Tyme Gigliotti, shared some strategies for dealing with the winter blahs, and the "Crabtowne Combo" played some favorite standards while we enjoyed our lunches. Following the meeting, some of our members made a visit to the Free School in Davidsonville. A special thank you goes to Karlie Everett for making that opportunity available.

There is still some time for you to escape from our Maryland winter. Consider joining us in Venice, Florida for our annual "Florida Get-Together" which will take place

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remembering those AARSPA members who have passed away during the past year. You will get the chance to hear our Chorus, "Voices in Melody," perform, and officers for the coming year will be installed. Special guests will include Stuart Tucker, President of MRSPA and Judy Zahern, Executive Director of MRSPA, our state affiliate.

Don't forget the MRSPA All Member Event which is being held at the Doubletree Hotel in Annapolis from May 5-7, 2014. AARSPA member and MRSPA Vice President, Estelle Owens Johnson, has lead the way planning this event. The MRSPA Business Meeting/Luncheon will be held during this event on Tuesday, May 6, 2014, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Due to the size of AARSPA, we are entitled to send twenty delegates. We still have a few seats available. If you are interested in representing AARSPA, please contact me. I will be turning in our list of delegates in early March.

I want to close this message by encouraging you to get actively involved in AARSPA – our strength is in our members. I want to thank Margaret Wolfe for volunteering to serve as Parliamentarian and our officers and committee chairpersons for all that they do to make this organization effective and supportive of our membership. We need someone who will be willing to serve as President-Elect for the coming year. Carol Kirby would also like to have someone help her with the Membership Committee. Please help to make AARSPA a better and stronger organization by giving us a little of your time.

**Get Active
Get Involved**



CONSUMER UPDATE

News you can use:

Home

Don't throw away those unused herbs. Place them in the individual compartments of an ice cube tray. Cover the herbs with water, broth, olive oil or butter and freeze. Once they are frozen, remove from the tray, place in a plastic container, and return to the freezer. Simply remove the cubes from the container when you want to add herbs to a favorite recipe.

Money

Always review your credit card statements each month and be on the lookout for a new scam. Apparently, scammers know we will notice a large charge but expect us to ignore a small one. The latest is called the "\$9.84 scam" because that is the amount they steal. Always call the credit card company to get clarification on any charge you don't remember placing. Besides, for the interest they charge, they can answer our questions even if it turns out we simply forgot the purchase.

Your phone rings and caller ID shows an 876 area code. While this appears to be coming from the U.S., it is a Jamaican area code and very often scammers. They can be very persistent, and have been known to threaten to harm victims if money is not sent.

If you believe you have been scammed on a phone call, contact the carrier with whom the charge originated, whose name should be printed on the same bill as the charge in question. Often, the problem can be resolved with a single phone call.

Health

Research has shown that one's social network is more important than exercise when determining one's life expectancy. This is not to suggest one should quit exercising. However, getting involved in volunteering and social activities is essential. (AARSPA is a great place to volunteer - support an organization that supports you, meet great people, and increase the years you have to play!)



Useful website

Freecycle.org is a website where you can list items you want to give away as well as find items you need. The site is in its tenth year and boasts over 50 million items exchanged



MARK YOUR CALENDAR



October 25, 2014
 Fall Foliage Train Ride
 Wilmington, Delaware



Registration in April ***Informer***

**Sister Act & Lunch at George's on Mount Vernon Square
 Saturday, June 7, 2014**



Sister Act tells the hilarious story of Deloris Van Cartier, a wannabe diva whose life takes a surprising turn when she witnesses a crime and the cops hide her in the last place anyone would think to look, a convent! Under the suspicious watch of Mother Superior, Deloris helps her fellow sisters find their voices as she unexpectedly rediscovers her own. A sparkling tribute to the universal power of friendship, *Sister Act* is reason to REJOICE! Before the show, you can relax and enjoy the fellowship of friends, old and new, while dining on a delicious luncheon at George's On Mount Vernon Square, located in the historic neighborhood of Mount Vernon on West Monument Street. The attentive service and spectacular views of Baltimore from the hotel's rooftop banquet room will make your dining experience a pleasant one! Both the show and luncheon are yours for only \$137.00 per person. Please complete the form below and mail the check and form to: **Bob Kanach, 512 Augusta Drive, Arnold, MD 21012.** The deadline for registration is Friday, April 11, 2014.

- 10:30 a.m. Depart the left rear parking lot of the Severna Park United Methodist Church on Benfield Road
- 11:15 a.m. Arrive in Baltimore at the Wyndham Peabody Court Hotel
- 11:30 a.m. Luncheon at George's On Mount Vernon Square (Meal Choice)
- 1:00 p.m. Depart Wyndham Peabody Court Hotel
- 1:15 p.m. Arrive at The Hippodrome Theatre
- 2:00 p.m. Showtime for *Sister Act*
- 5:00 p.m. Depart The Hippodrome Theatre
- 5:30 p.m. Arrive at the Severna Park United Methodist Church

LAST ANNOUNCEMENT!

**Luncheon @ George's On Mount Vernon Square & *Sister Act* at The Hippodrome Theatre
 Deadline for tickets is Friday, April 11, 2014 (NO REFUNDS AFTER THIS DATE)**

Please reserve ___ ticket(s) for this event. The cost per ticket is \$137.00. Make your checks payable to AARSPA and mail both the check and this reservation form to Bob Kanach at the address above.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Meal choice: (Place the name and meal choice for you and each person in your party, if applicable.)

Name	Chicken Marsala	Grilled Salmon	Pork Tenderloin
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The following contributions have been made to the Scholarship Fund as of December 2, 2013:

In Memory of:

Frances Leonforte
 Margaret Adams (Music Supervisor)
 Thelma Auman (fantastic photographer)
 Bill Rogers
 Dawn Tucker
 Evan Conner

In Honor of:

Mary C. Lord

Thank you so much!

The Committee will be screening applications for AARSPA'S three \$4,000 scholarships the last two weeks of February.

A collection was taken up for the Scholarship Fund at the February 6, 2014 AARSPA Luncheon Meeting. A total of \$637.50 was donated to the fund at that time.



SCHOLARSHIPS

DID YOU KNOW?

STEWARDESSES is the longest word typed only with the left hand.
 LOLLIPOP is the longest word typed only with the right hand.
 TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be made using the letters on only one row of the keyboard.
 No word in the English language rhymes with MONTH, ORANGE, SILVER, or PURPLE.
 DREAMT is the only word in the English language that ends in "MT".
 The words RACECAR, KAYAK, and LEVEL are the same whether they are read right to left or left to right.
 There are only four words in the English language which end in 'dous". HAZARDOUS, TREMENDOUS, STUPENDOUS, and HORRENDOUS.
 There are two words in the English language that have all five vowels in order: ABSTEMIOUS and FACETIOUS.
 The sentence THE QUICK BROWN FOX JUMPS OVER THE LAZY DOG uses every letter of the alphabet.



REMEMBRANCE COMMITTEE

Member Deaths

Reuben Cannady
 Mildred Eutsler
 Walter Jackson, Sr.
 Nancy Wright

Family Deaths

Arleathea Hackett - ex-husband and brother-in-law
 Jane Jackson - father-in-law
 Alice Roth - husband
 Jean Trott - sister
 Edward O. Ulrich, Jr. - wife
 Lambert Zaengle - wife

Emeritus Birthdays

3/7 Helen Baugh
 3/19 Edna Dempsey
 3/20 Margaret Holly Bevan -98 years
 3/24 Mary Rollins Graham
 3/28 Katherine Harkness
 3/31 Edna McClelland
 3/31 Kester Greene, Sr. - 98 years
 4/9 George Doenges
 4/25 Mary Norris
 4/27 Dorothy N. Jubb

ANNIVERSARIES



January 5 - Mattie and Grady McDowell
 February 5 - Lonnie and Jake Kelly
 February 27 - Patty and Ed Johnson
 February 28 - Evelyn and James Gross
 March 18 - Rosalie and Charles Burcaw

CONGRATULATIONS!

AARSPA member **Thomas R. Shipley, Ed.D.**, has published a book containing stories about growing up in Anne Arundel County in the 30's and 40's titled *Pop's Short Story Book*. In the spring, Dr. Shipley's work *The Revitalization of the American Classroom* will be published.

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

Anniversaries and Congratulations

Millie Zipay at mz2teach@aol.com / 410 401-0172
Deaths of AARSPA members and family members
 Nina Griffith at bear1134@aol.com / 443 304-2266
Illnesses and accidents, etc
 Dianne Rogers at wwdsrogers@verizon.net / 410 647-7585

"Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young."

-Henry Ford

IMPORTANT DATES

Executive Board Meetings - 10:00 a.m.
 April 10, 2014 - Center 3
 June 12, 2014 - Free School
 July 19, 2014 - Center 3



General Membership Meetings - 10:30 a.m.
 May 15, 2014 - Renditions Golf Course,
 Davidsonville

Other Dates

March 12-13, 2014 - Florida Get-Together in Venice
 April 5, 2014 - Pre-Retirement Seminar at Severna Park High School at 8:30 a.m.
 April 7, 2014 - **Informer** deadline
 May 5-7, 2014 - MRSPA All Member Event at the Doubletree in Annapolis
 May 6, 2014 - MRSPA Annual Meeting at the Doubletree in Annapolis



Florida Get-Together



The annual "Florida Get-Together" will take place in Venice, Florida on March 12 and 13, 2014. Make your plans early, leave winter behind, and join our members down south in sunny Florida!

On Wednesday, March 12th, there will be an informal gathering at the home of Shirley Phillips at 4:00 p.m. This will be a wonderful opportunity to renew "old" friendships and make "new" friends. A luncheon is planned for Thursday, March 13th, in the Sunset Room at the newly renovated Venice Yacht Club located on the beautiful Intracoastal Waterway.

Directions, lodging information, and points of interest in the area will be forwarded to you upon receipt of your reservation. **Reservations must be received no later than FEBRUARY 25, 2014. Please make your check payable to Shirley Phillips.**

LAST CHANCE!

Name(s): _____
 Address: _____
 E-mail Address: _____
 Telephone Number: _____

Entrée choices: Chicken a la Rainé with Sauce Supreme OR Herb-crusted Baked Salmon with Butter Sauce
Each entrée will cost \$27.00.

Each Guest's Name	Entrée Choice	@ \$27.00 each
_____	___ Baked Salmon, or ___ Chicken a la Raine'	@ _____
_____	___ Baked Salmon, or ___ Chicken a la Raine'	@ _____
_____	___ Baked Salmon, or ___ Chicken a la Raine'	@ _____

Total amount due: \$ _____ (Make checks payable to Shirley Phillips)

Number of reservations: _____ Total Amount included: \$ _____

All reservations are due by **February 25, 2014**. Send this reservation to:

Shirley Phillips, 1608 Valley Drive, Waterford, Venice, Florida 34292.

Welcome NEW MEMBERS

Lynn Clark Carol Sowa

Please notify the Membership Committee of any address/phone changes.

The Membership Committee needs help from members who have recently joined and/or who have computer skills to advise and assist us. We need the benefit of your experience/skills in updating our membership procedures. We are currently using a program called Access; but you may know of new database programs more suitable to our needs.



You can contact Carol Kirby at (410) 798-0748 or email membership@aarspa.org. or write - AARSPA, 2644 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD 21401. We look forward to hearing from you.

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE!

It's never too late for success or going after what you want. Just look at this list of people who achieved great things as "seniors"!

Charles Darwin was 50 years old when his book, *On the Origin of Species*, came out.

Leonardo Da Vinci was 51 years old when he painted the "Mona Lisa".

Abraham Lincoln was 52 when he became President.

Ray Kroc was 53 when he bought the McDonalds Franchise and took it to unprecedented levels.

Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger III was 57 years old when he successfully ditched US Airways Flight 1549 in the Hudson River in 2009. All 155 passengers aboard the aircraft survived.

Colonel Harland Sanders was 61 when he started the KFC Franchise.

J R R Tolkien was 62 when *The Lord of the Rings* books came out.

Ronald Reagan was 69 when he became President of the United States.

Jack LaLane, at age 70, handcuffed and shackled, towed 70 rowboats.

Nelson Mandela was 76 when he became President.

Dr. Seuss was 54 when he wrote *The Cat in the Hat*.



ATTENTION ALL AARSPA MEMBERS

The ***Informer*** staff needs your help! We would like to include more contributions from our members in the newsletter. You can help us by letting us know what you have been doing during your retirement years. Have you read any good books? To what interesting places have you traveled? What interests have you modified or developed since you retired, anything from scuba diving to hang gliding? What new hobbies have you developed? Have you had a career change? What volunteer activities keep you busy? With what other organizations have you been involved?



We also encourage you to contribute to our "School Days" column where you can share memories from your working years or encounters with former students.

Send articles, information on your retirement years, or other ideas for the ***Informer*** to Editor Carla Duls at kid3dle@aol.com. or call 410 798-8999.





FEBRUARY 6, 2014 LUNCHEON MEETING



Tyme Gigliotti



Susie Jablinske, Betty Coleman, and Virginia Crespo



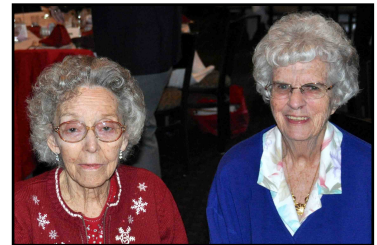
Barbara Bowman



Joan DeTuccio



Crabtowne Combo



Jo Reeves and Pat Ericson



EMERITUS MEMBERS

Above: Mary Etta Dorr
Below: Harry Hendrickson, Frances Middleton, and Rosalie Burcaw

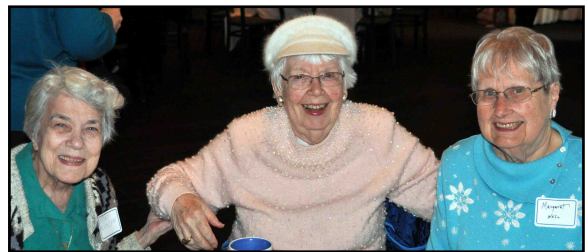


FIRST TIMERS

Back: Walter Flamer, Vickie Coover, Laura Buchanan, Ann Yakaitis and P. David Jernigan
Front: Larry Penn, Hattie Penn, Lynn Clark, Lynn Clough, Mary Donovan, Carol Day, and Cheryl Malone
Front/Center: Barbara Dorsey



Carol Petrosky



Mary Riordan, Jeanne Hartge, and Margaret Wolfe



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



The Maryland General Assembly is back in session and, as expected, requires our attention. After ten years of “Corridor Funding”, our pension fund was at a serious low of 63% funded. Legislation was passed in the 2013 Session that would, among other things, return us to “actuarial funding”. The agreement was that the state would put in an additional \$300,000,000 so that the pension fund would reach full actuarial funding by 2024. The final 2013 budget held out \$100,000,000 to balance the budget, moving the acceptable level of funding out one more year.

This year the Governor’s Budget calls for an **ongoing funding shortfall of \$100,000,000**. The funding ratio of the MSRPS is at approximately 64.5%. Actuarial standards for public pensions consider a funding ratio of 80% or higher as necessary for maintaining a healthy system that can meet long term liabilities and responsibly manage market volatility.

As presented, the Governor’s Budget states the following:

SB 172/HB161

BUDGET RECONCILIATION AND FINANCING ACT OF 2014

“30 Article – State Personnel and Pensions

For fiscal year **2014 and each fiscal year thereafter** ...the Governor shall include in the budget bill [\$300,000,000] **\$200,000,000.**”

Clearly, reducing the State’s share by \$100,000,000 is unfair and a violation of the intent of the legislation passed in 2013. Most importantly, we cannot allow the words “...**each fiscal year thereafter**...” to stand. This would continue to push back the achievement of a funding ration of 80% another year, every year.

Opponents include MRSPA, MSEA, State Treasurer Kopp, State Comptroller Franchot, and Lt. Governor Brown. MRSPA has sent a letter to the Governor, the Senate President, the Speaker of the House, committee chairs, and other legislative leaders stating our concerns related to this proposal.

We must be certain that our legislators hear from us – members. Phone calls, visits, letters are all excellent. You can also go to the MRSPA web site. The “TAKE ACTION” tool located on the member page makes this process easy and convenient. Members may send the letter provided there or create their own.

Attend the AARSPA Legislative Luncheon on March 5th, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Room 180 of the Lowe House Office Building.

Understand that our pension benefits are secure. However, the state must honor its commitments to current and future retirees with the promised adequate funding. The proposed budget may raise red flags once again with rating agencies that evaluate the state’s debts, unfunded liabilities, and commitments to pension sustainability.

AARSPA ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE LUNCHEON MARCH 5, 2014

FROM THE FREE SCHOOL



FOR THE RECORD

During the 2013 calendar year, the Free School had 10 Open Houses with 32 guests. Docents provided 8 separate tours for 58 guests, and schoolmarms provided 10 tours with schoolhouse lessons for 225 students.

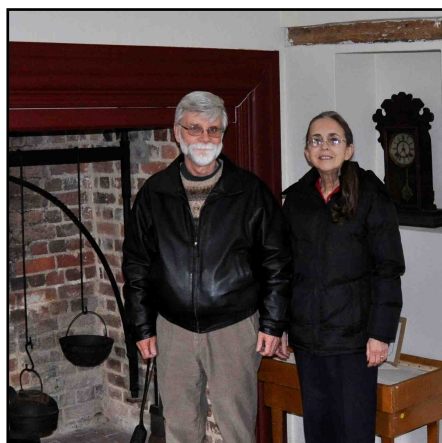


Don and Annette Smith, George Rehorn, Carol Day and Carla Duls

The Annearrundell County Free School Museum will be open for visitors on the second Saturday and the second Sunday of April, May, June, July, and August 2014, from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. The Museum has been on the National Register of Historic Places since June 16, 1983. Please stop by and see the Museum, most likely the only remaining schoolhouse built as a result of the Maryland Free School Act of 1723. Retired school personnel will be available to give visitors a brief history of the Museum and to answer questions.



Back: Dave and Lorraine Foster
Front: Millie Zipay



Charles and Michelle Day

A paranormal investigation of the Free School Museum will be done at the beginning of March by the Pasadena Paranormal Investigation Organization. Look for information in future newsletters on what was discovered in the investigation.

Spring cleaning of the Free School Museum will take place on Saturday, March 29, 2014 starting at 9:00 a.m.

Following the AARSPA Luncheon Meeting on February 5, several members traveled to the nearby Free School for a tour of the building.



Deborah Ahalt, Marcia Gampel, Pat Abend, and Arleathea Hackett



Mary Donovan and Dottie Dodge



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

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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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