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I hope that you had a wonderful holiday spending time with your families and friends. My "holiday spirits" were raised when I went to hear our AARSPA chorus, "Voices in Melody", perform their Holiday Concert at the Pascal Center. Nineteen voices joined together to sing and entertain under the direction of Judy Engelmeyer and Joyce Nellenback. Special thanks to these two ladies who have kept the chorus moving forward as Tom Neuenschwander continues to recover from his surgery. The chorus rehearses on Tuesdays at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Severna Park from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. New members are always welcome!

Our November luncheon at CAT-North was a great success. One hundred and sixty-two AARSPA members and guests attended this luncheon – one of our largest luncheons ever! The school staff and students

made us feel very welcome and prepared a delicious lunch for us. It is always great fun to interact with the students who prepared and served us lunch. During the meeting portion of our luncheon, we shared the proposed bylaw changes and heard a presentation on Venice, Florida made by Phyllis Cherry. Our guest speakers included Greg Pilewski who shared information about Common Core and Florie Bozzella who spoke to us about our health care benefits and challenges for the future. Following lunch, Tim Amann entertained us with oldies but goodies!

Speaking of Florida, we hope that you may be planning to join us in Venice for our 23rd Annual "Florida Get-Together". This event is being hosted by Shirley Phillips on March 12-13, 2014. There will be a reception at Shirley's home on March 12th at 4 p.m. The luncheon will be held in the "Sunset Room" at the Venice Yacht Club on March 13th at 11:30 a.m. Bob Kanach is



working on getting a block of tickets for those interested in attending an Orioles game on March 11th in Sarasota (close by to Venice). In a recent conversation with Shirley, she tells me that she has already received reservations for twenty people! The deadline for making reservations is February 25, 2014.

Looking ahead, our next luncheon and general membership meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2014, (Snow Date: February 13th) at the Blue Dolphin Restaurant. This will be the first time that we have tried this venue. During the business portion of this meeting, we will vote on the proposed

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will vote on the proposed changes to our bylaws. Arrangements have been made for a guest speaker, Tyme Gigliotti, who will speak to us about "Dealing with the Winter Blahs!". Entertainment will be provided by the "Crabtowne Combo" from 12:45 until 1:30 p.m. Karlie Everett will open the Free School for those members who wish to visit following the entertainment. The Free School is about five miles away from the Blue Dolphin. Directions will be available!

Virginia Crespo and Bob Kanach, who attended the MRSPA Legislative Workshop in November, will update us on what is going on in the state legislature regarding our pensions and other legislation important to seniors. Please remember that United Seniors of Maryland will be sponsoring a Legislative Forum at St. John's College in Annapolis on January 21, 2014. A fifteen-dollar membership will allow you to attend this important and informative meeting.

I want to close this article by wishing you and yours a very happy, healthy and prosperous new year. We hope that you might discover that you have a little extra time to volunteer to help to make AARSPA a stronger and better organization. We are interested in your ideas! An extra pair of hands to help with our activities is always appreciated – please get involved!



CONSUMER UPDATE

HOME

If you use one roll of paper towels per week, you can save \$100.00 per year by replacing them with a stack of dishcloths placed next to the sink to use for hand drying and wiping down appliances.

The dishwasher dulls blades. Take the time to wash knives and you will save on sharpening or replacing them.



Does the seal around your refrigerator need replacing? Close the fridge door over a dollar bill. If you can pull it out easily, the seal needs to be replaced. A new gasket costs as little as \$30 and is simple to install. Search "fridge gasket" at youtube.com. for helpful how-to videos.

HEALTH

Raising your home's humidity may make it harder for the flu virus to spread. Set your humidifier for a minimum of 40%.

The National Institutes of Health: Institute on Aging is seeking individuals ages 80 or older, who are mentally sharp and have no chronic conditions requiring drug treatment (people taking drug treatments for hypertension, cholesterol or osteoporosis may be eligible). They are conducting research to determine the factors that lead to successful aging. Participants receive an extensive physical and cognitive assessment free of charge. The tests are performed at Harbor Hospital annually over a 2-3 day visit. All test results are shared with the participants and sent to their family doctor. To learn more about the program, call toll free to 1-855-804-3325.

TRAVEL

Have you booked your trip to Venice, Florida for the annual get-together in March? Don't you deserve a break after all the additional work that comes with the holidays? If you would like any additional information, please feel free to contact Phyllis Cherry at pacherry@comcast.net .

Safe Driving Tips: It is never too late to refresh driver safety. The following website offers short videos, only about one minute each, on senior driving safety.

www.nhtse.gov/Driving+Safety/Older+Drivers



HELPFUL WEBSITE

This free service of the National Council on Aging helps you find state, federal, and private benefit programs available where you live. These programs can help pay for prescriptions, health care, food, utilities, and more. You can also get help with tax relief, transportation, legal issues, or finding work.

www.benefitscheckup.org

**MARYLAND SENIOR CITIZENS HALL OF FAME
October 17, 2013**

Congratulations to AARSPA members Patty Nalley and Tony Anzalone who were inducted into the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame in October!



**MRSPA Legislative Workshop
November 14, 2013**



Virginia Crespo, Bob Kanach, and Max Muller represented AARSPA at the MRSPA Legislative Workshop in November.



***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! Your choices are chicken marsala, grilled salmon or pork tenderloin. 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

**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
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

NEWS FROM....



Were you aware that AACPS offers comprehensive coverage for hearing exams and hearing aids?

- The BlueChoice HMO and Triple Option Plans (under and over 65) provide exams with participating providers at no charge. Hearing aid coverage is available at no charge once every 36 months per ear.
- The PPN (under 65 retiree plan for those out of the service area) pays \$15 for the hearing exam at participating providers and hearing aids are covered at 100% of the allowed benefit every 36 months per ear.
- The CareFirst Medicare Supplemental Plan (over 65 plan) covers hearing exams with no co-payments and hearing aids are covered at 100% of the allowed benefit.

Please remember: if there is a hearing aid cost above the allowed benefit, the member is responsible for that portion.

Locally, Dr. Amanda Connelly is a participating CareFirst audiologist at Hearing Solutions Audiology Center at 1413 Annapolis Road, Suite 104, in Odenton. For more information, call 410-672-1233 or visit www.hearsolutions.com. For other participating providers be sure to check out www.carefirst.com.



Florida Luncheon and Spring Training

We are looking into securing a block of tickets for the Orioles vs. Red Sox game in Sarasota on Tuesday, March 11, 2014, for those folks who live in the Venice/Sarasota area or are going down to Venice, Florida, for the annual meeting and luncheon. Reserved grandstand seats run \$20 per person plus taxes and fees. If you are interested in attending this game in Sarasota, please either email Bob Kanach at rkanach@verizon.net or call him at 410-693-7396. Please be sure to indicate the number of tickets you desire and your email and/or phone number contact information.

We need to get an idea of how many people might be interested so that we can contact the Orioles and try to work it out. We have been told that this game is expected to be sold out once the ticket sales go live on January 25, 2014, so the earlier we place our order, the better our chances of getting a block of seats. They have also informed us that we would need a minimum of 25 tickets to secure a block of seats. ***The absolute deadline for notifying us of the number of seats you would desire is Monday, January 13, 2014.*** Once we are certain that we are able to secure the block of seats, you will be notified as to the final cost.

REMEMBRANCE COMMITTEE

Member Deaths

Thelma Auman
 William Callaghan
 Marita Carroll
 Edwin Copeland
 Betty Dawson
 Katherine Frantum
 Ida Lambert
 Sarah Shannon
 Alberta Showalter-Witzgall
 Jean Stallings
 Beverly Wood



Emeritus Birthdays

1/6 Louise Layton - 98 years
 1/19 Bobbye Kudsmas
 1/2 Frances Middleton
 2/1 Jeanne McGinnis
 2/2 Blanche Carter - 99 years
 2/9 Martha Clarke
 2/13 Eileen Zindel
 2/15 Ruth Smith- 100 years
 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

Family Deaths

Harry Hendrickson - brother
 Barbara Miller - husband
 Geraldine Riggs - husband
 Dave Shoemaker - son
 Don and Annette Smith - daughter-in-law

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 wvdsrogers@verizon.net / 410 647-7585

IMPORTANT DATES

Executive Board Meetings - 10:00 a.m.

January 9, 2014 - Center 3
April 10, 2014 - Center 3

General Membership Meetings - 10:30 a.m.

February 6, 2014 - Blue Dolphin Restaurant,
Crofton (Snow date February 13, 2014)
May 8, 2014 - Renditions Golf Course,
Davidsonville



Other Dates

January 21, 2014 - United Seniors Legislative
Forum at St. John's College in
Annapolis
March 12-13, 2014 - Florida Get-Together in
Venice
May 5-7, 2014 - MRSPA All Member Event
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.**

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

Please notify the Membership Committee of any address/phone changes. Call - (410) 798-0748; email - membership@aarspa.org or write - AARSPA, 2644 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD 21401.

Membership directories are printed and will be available at the February meeting to those who requested them at the November meeting and by mail. Please use the check-off sheet to avoid duplication and postage costs. Directories will be mailed to requestors unable to attend the luncheon. There will be extra copies available.

New Members 10/1/13 - 12/5/13

Alfreda Adams	Carol A. DeCesaris	Arlene Johnson	Marcie Nourse
Lydia Battle	Paula Dougher	Cecelia Johnson	Edith Pandolfino
Judith Beran	Kerry Drapalski	Sandra Lepori-Myers	Carlotta S. Robinson
Joyce Burke	Barbara Garner-Hudak	Diane Lorton	Ann Russo
Lynn Clough	Thomas George	Joanne Markiewicz	Deborah Shacklock
Vickie Coover	Arlene Griswold-Matys	Jane Mineweaser	Janice Smith
Daniel Cosner	Margaret Hirsch	Carol Myers	Kathleen Taylor
Laurene Davidsburg	Serge Joffe	Thomas Newman	Vickie Wardell



FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The following donations have made to the AARSPA Scholarship Fund.

Thank you to our members for all of their thoughtful and generous donations to the Scholarship Fund!

In honor of:

Abe Brown
Dr. Harry Hendrickson

In memory of:

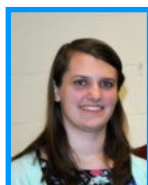
Edwin Copeland
Frances Leonforte
Bill Rogers
Betty Ann White



AARSPA 2013 Scholarship Recipients' Reflections...

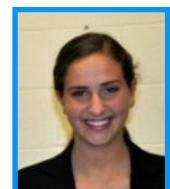
My first semester of college is going well. I have decided to double major in Sociology and Human Development and work toward an elementary teaching certificate. I had my first field experience observing a second grade class at a local elementary school in Chestertown, Maryland, which has only helped confirm that I truly do want to become an elementary teacher. I can't express how truly grateful I am to have received a scholarship from the Retired School Personnel Association, and I am excited to start my career as a teacher in the coming years.

Thanks,
Sarah Kraus
Washington College



I have been having a great time in my first semester at the University of South Carolina! I have already begun some of my Early Childhood Education courses and spent 25 hours observing and helping in classrooms. As a member of the Capstone Scholars Program, I have performed service projects and achieved (survived!) my personal challenge - Skydiving. Additionally, I joined the Chi Omega Sorority here, which has helped me be more involved with service on campus. As an organization, we raised enough money to grant a child's wish to go to Disney World through Make-A-Wish Foundation. Doing so was a very rewarding experience for me.

Thank you, again, for the scholarship and for staying in touch.
Annie Galligan
University of South Carolina



NOVEMBER 14, 2013 LUNCHEON MEETING



Guests from the AACPS
Florie Bozzella shared benefits information and
Greg Pilewski spoke about Common Core



Yvonne Henry, Carlean Clark, and
Esther Rooks White



Neil Fertitta



CAT-N Culinary students with Instructor Bruce Davis and
TA Monica Marshall



Phyllis Cherry shared
information about
Vencie, Florida



Rose Rausch and Mr.
Bruce Davis, Culinary
Arts Instructor



Joyce Fink



Dixie Stack and
Mary Dunlap



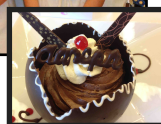
Tim Amann
entertained with
Oldies but Goodies



First Timers
Front: Carita Randall, Deborah Sabel, Paula Dougher, Alicia
Youngbar, Karen Miller and Joann Kahler
Back: Kathy Lauritzen, Laura Goodhand, Barry James, Janet
Hoisey and Ginny Cunningham



CAT-N Baking and Pastry students with
Instructor Peter Akerboom



Emeritus Members
Front: Frances
Middleton and
Rosalie Burclaw
Back: Dr. Harry
Henderickson and
Mary Etta Dorr



FROM THE FREE SCHOOL

During the autumn, third grade students from Rockbridge Academy on Generals Highway in Millersville made their annual visit to the Annearrundell County Free School Museum. The students sent thank you letters which were completed in beautiful cursive penmanship. Below is a sampling of the contents of some of the letters:

Thank you so much for letting us visit the one-room schoolhouse. I especially enjoyed the dunce cap. (David)

Thank you so much for letting us visit the one-room schoolhouse. I especially enjoyed writing my name in the book. (Meredith)

Thank you so much for letting us visit the one-room schoolhouse. I especially enjoyed writing on the slates. (Nathan) (Jack)

Thank you so much for letting us visit the one-room schoolhouse. I especially enjoyed the mystic sticks. (Lucas)

Thank you so much for letting us visit the one-room schoolhouse. I especially enjoyed ciphering. (Jane)

The February 6, 2014 AARSPA Luncheon will be held at the Blue Dolphin Restaurant in Crofton. The Blue Dolphin is about 5 miles from the Annearrundell County Free School Museum. After the luncheon, the Free School will be open for visitors. Please stop by and experience this historical gem which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is most likely the only surviving schoolhouse built as a result of the Maryland Free School Act of 1723. Docents will be there to give you a tour and answer your questions.

Directions from the Blue Dolphin: Take Route 424 toward Crofton Middle School. Turn left onto Route 450 toward Annapolis. Turn right onto Rutland Road. Turn left on Lavall Drive into the community of Lavall. The Free School is on the left among the homes in the community.

Taking Community College Classes

You may know that when you take a noncredit class at the community college, tuition is waived and you pay only the fees associated with the class. However, did you know it might be cheaper to sign up for a credit class and audit it? Tuition is waived for Maryland residents age 60 and older. There will be some fees such as a \$25.00 registration fee and others if signing up for a physical education class or science lab.

Anne Arundel Community College is offering a lecture and tour series on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The cost of the lecture series is only \$17.00. The lecture and tour series costs \$59.00. Topics include the Reginald Lewis Museum, National Museum of Crime and Punishment, National Watch and Clock Museum, and Riverside. The series runs from February 4th-May 6 with one lecture/tour per month.



"There is a fountain of youth: it is your mind, your talents, the creativity you bring to your life and the lives of people you love. When you learn to tap this source, you will truly have defeated age" – Sophia Loren



LUNCHEON AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

On Thursday, February 6, 2014, we will have our luncheon at the **Blue Dolphin Seafood Bar and Grill**, 1166 Rt. 3, South, Suite 201, Gambrills, MD 21504

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

No refunds after
 January 24, 2014

PLEASE NO WALK-INS

February Luncheon & General Membership Meeting

DIRECTIONS: From Annapolis: Take MD Rt. 50 to MD Rt. 424 and turn right at end of ramp. After you cross MD Rt. 3, go approximately .01 mile and make a right into Princess Shopping Center. **From Baltimore:** Take Interstate 97 South to Rt. 3, South/Crofton. Go 5 traffic lights and bear right on MD Rt. 424/Conway Rd. Go approximately .01 mile and make a right into Princess Shopping Center. **From Washington:** Take MD Rt. 50 East towards Annapolis. Take Exit 13b/ MD Rt. 3 North. Follow 4 traffic lights and make a left onto MD Rt. 424/Conway Rd. Go approximately .01 mile and make a right into Princess Shopping Center.

Park in the rear of the center and use the private entrance to the banquet hall.

Should the weather be inclement, the "snow date" for this luncheon is Thursday, February 13, 2014. Please check our website, www.aarspa.org, should the weather become inclement to see if the luncheon is rescheduled.



LUNCHEON RESERVATION - Deadline January 24, 2014

Contact person: _____

Phone _____ E-mail address _____

Entree Choices: Crab Cake, NY Strip Steak, Chicken Marsala OR Pasta Salad for those preferring a non-meat entrée

Entrees are served with a vegetable and mashed potatoes. Coffee, tea, or soft drink will also be available. Dessert choices will be strawberry shortcake or chocolate mousse.

Choose one entrée and one dessert:

Guest's Name	Crab	Steak	Chicken	Pasta Salad	Shortcake	Mousse
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Cost: \$25.00 per person Number of reservations: _____ Amount enclosed: _____

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO AARSPA AND MAIL TO:
 Bob Kanach, 512 Augusta Drive, Arnold MD 21012**

_____ Please check if this is your first AARSPA luncheon. _____ Please check if you are an Emeritus Member (age 90 or over)



Scholarship Fund Donation

Scholarships are of the utmost importance to ensure the contribution of quality teachers entering the education profession.

I wish to make a donation to the scholarship fund.

Donation Amount is: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

for:

_____ birthday _____ anniversary

_____ other (please indicate) _____

Please make checks payable to:

Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association
or / for

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

Mail all checks to:

Matilda Barckley
8238 Great Bend Road
Glen Burnie, Maryland 21061

Name and address of the honoree.

We will inform the honoree(s) and/or the family of the deceased that a gift has been made to the scholarship fund.

Send notice of my donation to:

Name _____

Address _____

Donor's Name _____

Address _____

For questions, please contact:

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

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