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For those of you who are the holiday season. not MRSPA members, vou

AARSPA members have AARSPA members and been rather busy during guests traveled to Baltimore the last few months! In late for lunch at George's on October, members of the Mount Vernon Square Community Service followed by the Baltimore Committee participated in Symphony's "Holiday Pops the Annapolis Walk to End Celebration" at the Alzheimer's, raising nearly Meyerhoff. At the request of \$5,000. On November 3, the Community Service several members attended Committee. \$200 was the very informative allocated for a donation to MRSPA Legislative the Salvation Army to assist Workshop in Annapolis. a struggling family during

may want to reconsider Looking ahead, we will be joining the state working closely with our association. They are legislative representatives extremely supportive of all to protect, and hopefully the local organizations and enhance, our pension plan. put in endless hours You can follow the bills and monitoring legislation that what the representatives do benefits all of us. On by accessing the MRSPA November 19, nearly 180 website. The Free School members and quests will be reopening in the attended the luncheon spring and additional meeting at CAT-N. docents are needed as well Everyone enjoyed the as help with maintenance. meal prepared and served The chorus, Voices in by the students, especially Melody, will be preparing the desserts, and the for spring concerts and entertainment by Tim always welcomes new Amann. MRSPA Vice members. Plans are also President Nancy Gordon being made for the annual and Area II North Director Florida Get-Together in Janet Williams presented March and a spring box a citation on the occasion lunch cruise to Chesapeake of AARSPA's 75th Bay lighthouses. With a anniversary. Food was membership of nearly 2000 collected for the Harvest members, we need for the Hungry campaign individuals to step up and of the AACPS. On assist the handful of December 9, almost 100 members who do a majority



of the work. There is a lot to do to maintain the success of AARSPA. With your assistance, AARSPA will be around in full force to celebrate our 100th Anniversary in 2040! Please give me a call or email to let me know how you can help.

I hope to see many of you at the February 11 luncheon meeting at the Blue Dolphin as we continue to celebrate our 75th Anniversary. Our speaker will be Fay Mauro, Executive Director of the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Center. Music will be provided by the Crabtowne Combo.



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WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S



Dan and Debbie Ahalt, Karlie Everett, Jim Duls, Matilda Barckley, Phyllis Cherry and Carla Duls. Not pictured: LaShawn Brady, Sharon Henry, and Deborah Williams.

The morning of Sunday, October 25, 2015, began as a grey day with some drizzle. By the Alzheimer's Walk start time, the sun appeared.

Matilda Barckley, Carla and Jim Duls, Debbie and Dan Ahalt, Phyllis Cherry and Karlie Everett walked together for the two-mile route through downtown Annapolis. Deborah Williams, who was also a member of the "AARSPA From the Heart" team, walked with many members of her family in honor of their matriarch, Catherine DeJesus, who was cafeteria manager at Hillsmere Elementary. Sharon Henry and LaShawn Brady were also walkers on the AARSPA team.

AARSPA members can be very proud of themselves and their team. Out of 119 teams, the "AARSPA From the Heart" team ranked number 6, having raised \$4,865. We also had three Grand Champions Club members, Debbie Ahalt, Carla Duls and Deborah Williams, who raised over \$1,000 each.

For our first year participating in the Alzheimer's Walk, AARSPA can certainly hold its head high and be proud of its accomplishments! The planning committee members learned a lot and have great ideas for next year's walk. The planning committee members are especially impressed

by the continued support from AARSPA members for the Community Service Committee efforts which include the Alzheimer's Walk.



AARSTA 2015 SCHOLARSHITS



Emilie Andercyk, Abigail DelPrete, and Morgan Wolf

I would first off like to once again thank you for the scholarship! My college experience is amazing. I am excelling in all of my classes this semester. The course work is rigorous, but it is worth it because it is putting me one step closer to achieving my degree in Elementary Education.

Thank you once again, **Emilie Andercyk**Towson University



My classes are rigorous, but I have stepped up to the challenge and received good grades this semester. Outside the classroom, I participate in club Field Hockey, and I am soon going to be joining a program to help underprivileged children

near my school. Thank

you so much for

awarding me your

Thank you, **Abby DelPrete**Elon University

scholarship.

I'm doing very well in my major classes and in my general education classes. My favorite activity so far has been working at JMU's planetarium; this experience has really solidified my desire to teach. I am so thankful to have been given this opportunity to attend and succeed at my dream school.

Thank you again, Morgan Wolf JMU





Kate Downey of Arden House, a YWCA project in Arnold, serving women facing abusive situations, receives toiletries from Tony Anzalone and Karlie Everett. Toiletries were also delivered to Sarah's House near Ft. Meade.



On behalf of the "AARSPA from the Heart" Community Service Committee, AARSPA sent a \$200 check for a struggling family in the Annapolis area to the Salvation Army. The Salvation Army helps families in Annapolis all year long, and at this time of year, the organization helps struggling families with food, clothing, and toys for their children. As Major Allen Johnson, Corps Officer, wrote, "I hope your heart is filled with joy at Christmas!" Not only should AARSPA members' hearts be filled with joy at Christmas, but our members' hearts can be filled with joy all year long with our "AARSPA From the Heart" projects.

Once again, AARSPA members opened their hearts and gave generously to our Food Drive. At the November luncheon, we collected almost 200 canned



goods and almost 100 boxes of food products. In addition, \$85 in cash was donated. We also collected two large tote bags of toiletries which we accept at every luncheon for donation to senior living facilities as well as other charities. The food products were left at CAT-N for their donation to the school system's Harvest for the Hungry campaign. Committee co-chair Phyllis Cherry took the cash donations directly to the Maryland Food Bank.

DON'T FORGET!

At the February Luncheon, we will collect items for Van Bokkelen and Park Elementary Schools' healthrooms for children who have accidents.

- New underwear, socks, tights
- New or gently worn pants/shorts; jumpers/skorts; stretchy pants; short and long sleeve polo shirts; black or brown helts
- For schools with uniforms, the gently worn pants/shorts, jumper/skorts should be khaki, black or navy in color while polo shirts should be plain navy or white or blue in color. For schools without uniforms, there are no color requirements.
- Sizes should be 4T to 10.

In April 2016, the Anne Arundel County Department of Social Services will hold the annual **Homeless Resource Day**, offering services to over 440 adults and families. Over 90 organizations, including AACPS, donate time, services, and goods. **TRAVEL-SIZE toiletries** collected during the February luncheon will be donated to this event. Please donate only **TRAVEL-SIZE** items.

FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

An investment in knowledge pays the best interest. Thank you for investing!

In Memory of:

Sylvia Day Joseph Diamond Ardis Diaz Florence Foulk Clinton Gosnell Janelle Hall Florence Kerwath Gwendolyn Pindell Nan Smith Ed Stofko John Sturgis



In Honor of:

Betty Coleman - years of dedicated service to the youth of Anne Arundel County

John M. Kokish - intuitive listening skills and compassionate placing of teacher assignments

Dianne Rogers - inducted into the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame

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FREE SCHOOL NEWS



Tours and Field Trips

The Open House season as well as the autumn tour and field trip season has finished for 2015. Carolyn Webber and Mary Dunlap and I have given tours to students from St. Martin's in Annapolis and to students from Rockbridge Academy. We've also given tours to the Broadneck Questers group and opened the Free School Museum as a meeting place for the Chesapeake Doll Club. Bob Kanach has opened the museum as a meeting site for the Cheval Trails Community Association.

During one of the student field trips, we asked the students if they thought they would enjoy attending school in the 1700's. One boy emphatically replied "no." When asked why he wouldn't have enjoyed attending, he said, "No video games." Later in the tour, when we were playing "Anty, Anty Over The Shanty," a game where we divide the group into two teams placing a team on either side of the building and trying to toss a ball over the roof. I went up to the same boy as he waited for the ball to come over to our team. I said something to him about preferring to play a video game. He replied he'd rather be playing "Anty, Anty Over The Shanty." I think he will remember the experience from the Annearrundell County Free School Museum for quite some time! And, we will remember having reached one student!

Artifacts

Our boxes of more than 1,600 artifacts are on loan to Anne Arundel County Archaeology, Planning & Zoning/Cultural Resources Division. The artifacts from the Orr collection are ready for digitizing, but the artifacts from the Myers collection still need to be renumbered before the digitizing can take place. If you are interested in helping with this renumbering process, please contact me.

We continue to search for an archaeology student who has a course requirement of assisting with a

REMEMBRANCE COMMITTEE

MEMBER DEATHS

Joneice Anderson Wayne Droll Martin Eichorn Florence Kerwath Virgina Levin Jean Safley Gladys Sinicrope Nan Smith Ed Stofko

FAMILY MEMBER DEATHS

Helen Cook husband
Judy Lee mother
Leona Munoz husband
Eleanor Sturgis husband
Lauralee Whitmore husband
Theresa Williams mother

EMERITUS BIRTHDAYS

January 2 Mrs. Frances Middleton 95

19 Mrs. Bobbye Kudzma

21 Ms. Margie Williams

February 1 Ms. Jeanne McGinnis

9 Mrs. Martha Clarke



ANNIVERSARIES

January 29

February 27

Sandra & Charles Dewling 49 years Patty and Ed Johnson Joel Drapalski Lou Kamm Gene Kirby Frances Middleton Tom Neuenschwander Ken Nichols

Ken Nichols Clara Perkins

GET WELL

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

project. Our project would be to review the collections and assist with the selection and display of several pieces. If you know of anyone who might be interested or who could point us to someone who might be interested, please contact me.

Meanwhile, our collection of artifacts from the 1978 archeological digs will be housed in a climate-controlled environment and available for study by interested persons.

Karlie Everett (410-268-8656)

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With this edition of the AARSPA Informer, we will not be sending out the newsletter to those members who have opened the email and clicked on the link to access the October newsletter. We will continue to monitor our electronic mailings and continue to take members off the list receiving the newsletter by US Mail as additional members utilize the electronic version. For those members who have let us know you prefer receiving the AARSPA Informer via US Mail, be assured that this method of delivery will continue until we hear otherwise from you.

During this transition time, we are certain to have some glitches. If you experience such a glitch, please email us at. newsletter@aarspa.org, and let us know. We will work to address the problem. Please do not unsubscribe yourself from the service by clicking on the "unsubscribe" at the bottom of the email containing the AARSPA Informer. Rather, email us at the address above, and let us remove you from the mailing list. If you use the "unsubscribe" feature, it removes you from all other organizations you may belong to that use the service provider to send you information, plus it is more difficult to put you back onto the data base should you want to resume receiving the newsletter electronically in the future.

We want to thank you for working with us as we make this transition.

VOICES IN MELODY HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE







The Voices in Melody Chorus had a full schedule of holiday performances, including one for Chapter 251 of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) in Annapolis on December 16.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

10/01/15 - 12/31/15

Carolyn Anderson Alberta Baker Darnita Baker Judith Brady Anna Buechling Gretchen Carmo Deborah Derrickson Rebecca Phillips Patricia Dudley

Elliott Harvey Deborah Knight Janice Lazzari Kathleen McGlew Marilynn Morris-Revelle Mary Ellen Mulvaney Sheila Rousseaux Charlene Hargraves Bennett Seidenstein

Patricia Shimek Doreen Smith Lydia Smithers Joyce Stafford Bobbi Sundquist Patricia Suriano Deborah Vernon



The Membership Directory will be available at the February meeting and by mail or email afterwards. Please notify the Membership Committee if you want one. Please respond promptly; the quantity printed is limited.

Approximately forty members have not paid their 2016 dues and will, therefore, not receive this newsletter. If you know of someone who is unpaid, encourage them to continue their membership.

MRSPA LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP **NOVEMBER 4, 2015**

Several AARSPA members attended the MRSPA Legislative Workshop held on November 4, 2015, in the Miller Senate Office Building in Annapolis. Speakers included Tish Raff, MRSPA Legislative Aide; R. Dean Kenderline and Andrew C. Palmer, Maryland State Retirement/Pension System; Steve Sakamoto-Wenzel, Attorney General's Office; Delegate Eric Ebersole, Ways and Means Committee; Tammy Bresnahan, AARP Maryland; and Lt. Governor Boyd K. Rutherford.







John Salwach & Charles Gable



This year's annual Florida event will be held in Sarasota on March 8 and 9, 2016. It will be a little different this year because we do not have a member's house to go to for socialization. Instead, on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, we will be holding a "Happy Hour" at *The Starlite Room* in downtown Sarasota from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. with appetizers and a cash bar. This will be a wonderful opportunity to renew old friendships and create some new ones. Then, instead of a luncheon on Wednesday, March 9, 2016, we will have a dinner gathering at *Marina Jacks* with its beautiful view of the water. The choices of entrées are listed below, so please carefully indicate the preference for each guest. Directions to both sites will be sent to you upon receipt of your reservation. *Reservations must be received no later than February 25, 2016. Please make your check payable to AARSPA.*

NAME:		
ADDRESS:		
EMAIL ADDRESS		
TELEPHONE NUMBER		
tomatoes, buffalo mozzarella, pes	sto cream and drizzled wit	oasted breast of chicken topped with vine ripe h balsamic reduction. Each entrée will include a toss naigrette, chef's choice of potato or rice and vegetab
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All reservations and payments are due no later than February 25, 2016.



Mail reservation and check to:

Bob Kanach
512 Augusta Drive
Arnold, MD 21012



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November 19, 2015 General Membership Meeting



PAST PRESIDENTS: (Front) Ione Williams, Alicia Hardisky, Jean Trott, Carla Duls, Estelle Owens Johnson, and Rich O'Hara (Rear) Billl Scott, Jim Williams, Barry Fader (Current President) Charles Gable, Ron Ruffo, and Bob Kanach.



Florie Bozzella, AACPS



Dr. Maureen McMahon **AACPS**



Janet Williams MRSPA Area II North Director



Nancy Gordon MRSPA Vice President



1st TIMERS: (Front) Janice Knight, Diana Radford Larry Radford, Gale Erbe, Bejetta Arnwine, Karen Patterson, and Joyce Stafford (Rear) Barry Fader, Marjorie Chesnut, Gail Matthews, Debbie Knight, Emma Smith, and Cabrini Kriewald.



President Fader with Emeritus Members (Left) Herb Sappington and (Right) Dr. Harry Hendrickson





Tim Amann



President Fader with MRSPA Citation



(L) Bruce Davis, Teacher & (R) Monica Marshall, TA with the Culinary Arts Students



Dan Schaffhauser CAT-N



Gail Erbe & Bejetta Arnwine



Ron Pfeiffer & Dixie Stack



Diana & Larry Radford



Bonnie Schmeltz, Donna Spencer, & Patti Nalley



Peter Akerboom, Teacher, with Baking and Pastry Students

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IMPORTANT DATES

Executive Board Meetings - 10:00 a.m.

April 14, 2016 Center 2A June 9, 2016 Free School July 14, 2016 Center 2A

General Membership Meetings - 10:30 a.m.

February 11, 2016 Blue Dolphin Restaurant, Gambrills May 12, 2016 Renditions Golf Course, Davidsonville



Other Dates

January 29, 2016 February 3, 2016 March 8-9, 2016 May 10, 2016 May 18, 2016 AARSPA Informer Deadline
USM Legislative Forum, Annapolis
Florida Get-Together, Sarasota
MRSPA Annual Meeting, Turf Valley
Chesapeake Bay Lighthouse Cruise

LUNCHEON AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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

No refunds after FIRM reservation deadline

January 29

PLEASE NO WALK-INS

DATE: Thursday, February 11, 2016

PLACE: Blue Dolphin Seafood Bar and Grill, 1166 Rt.3, South, Suite 201,

Gambrills, MD 21054

ENTRÉE CHOICES:

A mixed salad with two dressings available on the table; entrée choices of crab cake, 14 oz. New York Strip Steak, or Chicken Marsala served with vegetable and mashed potato. A pasta salad is available for those preferring a non-meat entrée. Dessert choices are strawberry shortcake or chocolate mousse. Coffee, tea, or soft drink will also be available.

COST: \$30.00 per person

Make checks payable to AARSPA and mail to: Bob Kanach, 512 Augusta Drive, Arnold, MD 21012 Should the weather be inclement, and if AACPS has a delayed opening or are closed, the luncheon will be moved to the "snowdate" of Thursday, February 18, 2016.

DIRECTIONS: From Annapolis: Take MD Rt. 50 to MD Rt. 424 and turn right at end of ramp. After you cross MD Rt. 3, make the first 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. Make the first 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. Make the first right into Princess Shopping Center. Park in the rear of the center and use the private entrance to the banquet hall. (Keep this portion for easy reference.)

LUNCH RESERVATION - Deadline January 29, 2016						
Contact person:						STE SM
Phone number:	E-mail:					
Below, please indica	ate the entrée	choice for	each pers	son in your pa	arty.	7
Name (s) - Including Contact Person above	Crab Cake	NY Strip	Chicken	Pasta Salad	Shortcake	Mousse
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Number of reservations	X \$3	0.00 per pe	erson = To	otal Due:		
Please check if this is your first AA	ARSPA lunched	n.				
Please check if you are an Emerit	us Member (90	or greater)			

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AARSPA INDUCTEES MARYLAND SENIOR CITIZENS HALL OF FAME

OCTOBER 22, 2015



Betty Coleman, Mary Overholser, Carol Kirby, Dianne Rogers, and Carla Duls

Betty Coleman

After 33 years of teaching in the AACPS, Betty has become an active volunteer on various committees such as the Annapolis Human Relations Commission, the Maryland State Government Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Board of Review, the County School Board Nominating Committee, and the Bannecker-Douglas Foundation Board. She has been a Board Member and Scholarship Committee member with AARSPA. She helps provide scholarships at Mt. Olive A.M.E. Church, and clothing, eyeglasses, and scholarships through the Anne Arundel County Teachers Association Foundation.

Following the death of her daughter, an elementary school teacher for 19 years, Betty established the Robin Coleman Scholarship Fund in her memory.

Mary Overholser

Before retiring, Mary was a high school secretary and financial secretary. Mary's greatest volunteer effort involves spending many hours at the USO, manning the information desk, finding lodging or transportation for the men and women of the military, cleaning the sleep room, and stocking the snack bar. She particularly enjoys assisting Honor Flights for Veterans at local airports, often accompanying them on tours to Washington, D.C. war memorials.

Mary also volunteers at the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the Anne Arundel Medical Center doing general support work for the nurses, including folding laundry and restocking supplies. She has also served as treasurer of AARSPA.



Carol Kirby

For 17 years, Carol has worked with the AARSPA Membership Committee, updating record keeping by moving paper and pencil records to a computer database. She also produces a yearly membership directory. She is currently involved in making the AARSPA newsletter available electronically and also aids in its production and mailing. Other contributions to AARSPA include the maintenance and cleaning of the Free School and assisting the AACPS Human Resources in organizing packets for recruitment purposes.

Carol is an active volunteer for 20+ years with the Commodore Mayo Kiwanis Club serving the Edgewater/Mayo area.

Dianne Rogers

For the past nine years, Dianne has volunteered with Partners in Care, whose mission is to help the elderly remain in their homes. She volunteers with H.O.P.E., an organization that collects clothing, toiletries and toys for the needy, and she has been a member of Alpha Delta Kappa for 20 years.

Dianne volunteers at the Living Water Inclusive Community Church as a member of the Discernment Committee and at the Severna Park Library, where she processes reserve orders.

Dianne has served on AARSPA's Remembrance Committee for 13 years.

Carla Duls

Carla has been involved with AARSPA since her retirement from the AACPS in 2000. She has held a variety of positions including Recording Secretary, President, Historian, and Newsletter Editor/Layout Designer. At the state level, she has served as MRSPA Area II North Director and is currently Secretary.

Carla is also active with Chapter 251 of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), currently serving as President, Newsletter Editor, Facebook Administrator, Lupus/Alzheimer's Coordinator, and USM Representative.

She serves as a catechist, lector, Eucharistic Minister, Pastoral Council member, and Liturgy Committee Chair at her church, Our Lady of Perpetual Help.



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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:	Name and address of the honoree.				
In honor of: for: birthday anniversary	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:				
other (please indicate)	Name				
Please make checks payable to: Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association	Address				
Tax Deductible Donations, make checks payable to: 21st Century Education Foundation, Inc.	Donor's Name				
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