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## Co-Presidents Dixie Stack and Bonnie Schmeltz

Happy New Year! We hope that each of you had a wonderful holiday season, filled with the joy of family and friends. It was wonderful to have some snow just before the holiday to put us all in the mood, but if you are like us, we don't need anymore. Adding to the spirit of the holidays was our own Voices in Melody chorus. We were fortunate to attend their December 15 concert at the Pascal Senior Center, where the voices and talents of 30 AARSPA members, under the direction of Judy Engelmeyer and accompanied by Joyce Nellenback, brought smiles and toe taps to the seniors who attended. This was only one of the eight holiday concerts that the Voices in Melody chorus presented during the months of November and December.

Our November luncheon was very successful. With more than 160 folks present, including fifteen first-time attendees and 6 emeritus members, this was one of AARSPA's most well-attended meetings. Part of the draw to this meeting are the talents of the CAT-N culinary arts and baking/pastry students who prepare and serve the noontime meal. As usual, the presentation and the food were outstanding. Our special guests at the meeting included Ruth Clandaniel, President of the Retired School Personnel of Dorchester County, Janet

Williams, MRSPA Area II North Director, Dr. George Arlotto, Superintendent of Anne Arundel County Public Schools, and Jessica Cuches, Director of Human Resources. Dr. Arlotto shared the new strategic plan for the county school system and responded to questions from members. Ms. Cuches was available to respond to issues about benefits. Two members, Alicia Hardisky and Charles Gable, had their nominations for state offices unanimously approved. Alicia has been nominated for a second term as treasurer, and Charles has been nominated to serve as the MRSPA vice-president. At each meeting, the opportunity is provided to donate to the AARSPA scholarship fund. Once again our members showed their generosity by donating \$1,278 for future scholarships. The afternoon entertainment was provided by Evolve, a vocal ensemble from Chesapeake High School under the direction of Mr. Michael Brisentine. These extraordinarily talented students performed a number of selections, each showcasing the vocal range and versatility of the performers. Based on the performance of the students from two of our county's high schools, we can be assured that the legacy of excellence continues in Anne Arundel County Public Schools.

On November 14, several of our members attended the



Legislative Workshop, organized by MRSPA and held at the Miller Senate Office Building in Annapolis. We received information about the state budget, a legislative forecast, and an update on the Maryland Retirement and Pension system. The good news is that the funding has increased for the pension and retirement system and most importantly, the system is fiscally sound. Special thanks to Virginia Crespo who helped plan this important meeting.

The annual Florida event will be held in The Villages on Thursday, March 8 and Friday, March 9, 2018. Terry Zablonski, a recent retiree, has opened her home for the evening social event on Thursday, March 8, 2018, from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. The general meeting and luncheon will be held at The Waterfront Inn on Friday, March 9, 2018, between 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Please get the registration information from this issue of the *AARSPA Informer* and plan on joining your Florida colleagues. It will be lots of fun, and you will be ready for a break from the cold weather by March.



## FEBRUARY LUNCHEON DONATIONS

At the February luncheon, we will collect **clothing** for the health rooms at Hilltop and Van Bokkelen elementary schools for children who have accidents. Items that will be accepted include new underwear, socks, and tights as well as new or gently worn sweat pants in sizes 4T -12. Van Bokkelen is a uniform school requiring belted pants and polo shirts. The colors for pants are dark blue or black. Shirts must have a collar and be white, light blue or navy.

**Toiletries**, preferably travel size, will be collected for local charities. Items that will be accepted include deodorant, soap, shampoo, hand sanitizers, wipes, mouthwash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, lotions, hand creams, etc.

**Pet supplies**, such as unopened canned and dry food, toys, puppy pads, metal bowls, cat carriers, litter (clay, not clumping), towels, treats, wash cloths, blankets, Pet Smart/Petco gift cards, etc., will be collected for Friends of Anne Arundel County Animal Control.

Our hope is you will contribute to whichever of these efforts is closest to your heart

### "Just where do all of these toiletries go?"

Thanks to the outstanding generosity of members, *AARPSA from The Heart* has helped the homeless, the disadvantaged, the abused, the recovering. *AARSPA from The Heart* has donated to the Anne Arundel County Homeless Resource Event, Arden House and Sarah's House (agencies for battered and abused women and children), Lighthouse Shelter, St. Martin's Lutheran Church, Samaritan House, Arundel Lodge, and several Assisted Living facilities.

From the bottom of our hearts, we THANK our members as well as a special dental office, the "Socks Lady" and the "Beanies Baby Lady" for all that has been given.

The AARSPA from the HEART  
Committee



Front row: Tillie Barckley, Erin Hines, Elysa Hines, Karlie Everett, Deb Ahalt, Carla Duls

Back row: Antoinette Hines, Phyllis Cherry and Dan Ahalt. Not pictured: Jim Duls

On Sunday, October 22, 2017, the *AARSPA from the Heart* team participated in the Walk to End Alzheimer's held in downtown Annapolis. Debbie and Dan Ahalt, Matilda Barckley with her daughter Antoinette Hines and granddaughters Eryn and Elysa Hines, Phyllis Cherry, Carla and Jim Duls, and Karlie Everett walked the route through historic downtown Annapolis.

AARSPA can once again be very proud of themselves and their team's fundraising efforts. Team *AARSPA from the Heart* placed 11 out of 148 teams, having raised \$3,095. Thirty-seven contributions were made to the AARSPA team, ranging from \$10 to \$500. AARSPA also had a Champion, Deb Ahalt, who raised over \$500, and a Grand Champion, Carla Duls, who raised over \$1,000.

Members of Team *AARSPA from the Heart* are grateful for the continued support of AARSPA members!

## Donations Sought

**Hope for All** is seeking donations of clean and washable coats of all sizes. The coats will be donated to local school children. Call 410 544-4800 for donation sites.



# 2018 FLORIDA GATHERING

The annual Florida event will be held in The Villages on Thursday, March 8 and Friday, March 9, 2018. Terry Zablonki, a recent retiree, has opened her house for the evening social event on Thursday, March 8, 2018, from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. The general meeting and luncheon will be held at The Waterfront Inn on Friday, March 9, 2018, between 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The choices of entrées are listed below, so please carefully indicate the preference for each guest. *Directions to both sites along with additional lodging information will be sent to you upon receipt of your reservation and payment. The Waterfront Inn has blocked some rooms for AARSPA until February 8 should you desire to stay there.*

**Reservations must be received no later than Friday, February 2, 2018.**



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

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

The luncheon entrée choices will be: Flounder topped with Ritz cracker crumbs and garlic butter, broiled with lemon and white wine, or Herb Chicken Breast marinated with fresh herbs and olive oil, pan seared, topped with a white wine cream sauce, or Bourbon Glazed Sirloin Steak (medium) 6 oz. center cut served with caramelized onions and Idaho mashed potatoes. All are served with a house salad, bread, chef's choice of vegetable, and the chef's choice of dessert. Coffee, decaf coffee, and iced tea will be available to drink. There will also be a cash bar available as well. The cost of the meal is \$35.00 per person.

Guest's Name	Flounder	Chicken	Steak	
_____	_____	_____	_____	@ \$35 = _____
_____	_____	_____	_____	@ \$35 = _____
_____	_____	_____	_____	@ \$35 = _____

**LAST CHANCE!!**

**Total amount** \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to AARSPA**

Even if you are not able to attend the luncheon on March 9, you are welcome to join us at the social gathering at Terry Zablonki's on March 8. We need to know who will be coming so that we have enough food and refreshments available.

I/We plan to be at the social at Terry's house on Thursday, March 8 from 4:30 to 7:00pm. There will be \_\_\_\_\_ person/persons attending this event.

All reservations and payments are due **no later that Friday, February 2, 2018.**



*Mail your reservations and payments to:*  
**Bob Kanach**  
**512 Augusta Drive**  
**Arnold, Maryland 21012**



# Scholarship News

Thank you for empowering our youth who are striving to continue their educational journey. Your generous donations are greatly appreciated!

In Honor of: Bonnie Schmeltz  
Dixie Stack

In Memory of: Bruce Blackman  
Charles Bowers  
Ada Lou Cherry  
Robert Fier  
Gene Flook  
Alice Hardisky  
Janice Kaiser  
Suzanne Kauffman  
Ann Walter  
Ione Williams



## New Members

Joanne Antkowiak  
Jean A. Bates  
Barbara S. Flook  
Dolores A. Hall  
Nancy E. Henkelman  
Wendy J. Jaacks  
Linda Johnson  
Deborah D. LeBon  
Patricia McIntyre  
Beth A. Nasielski  
Susan D. Shugars  
Barbara R. White  
Arlene Whitmore  
Debbie Wolleyhand  
Mildred Youse

Member Directories will be available soon. Place your request with the Membership Committee, AARSPA, 2644 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD 21401.

# REMEMBRANCE

## MEMBER DEATHS

Ann Beers  
Mary Ann Iverson  
Janice Kaiser  
Dorothy Scruggs  
Ann Walter  
Ione Williams

## FAMILY MEMBER DEATHS

Alicia Hardisky mother  
Josephine Whipple sister

## EMERITUS BIRTHDAYS

January 2	Jeanne Hartge (92)
19	Bobbye Kudzma (95)
February 9	Martha Clarke (95)
March 5	Lillian Jackson (93)
7	Helen Baugh (95)
17	Doris Phibbons (95)
20	Margaret Bevan (102)
24	Mary Graham (97)
24	Theresa Stripling (94)
31	Edna McClelland (95)

## GET WELL

Ken Burlingame  
Peggy Fader  
Millie Gardner  
Lou Kamm

## ANNIVERSARIES

November 24	Sharyn & Ed Doyle	47 years
December 16	Bob & Anne Schult	<b>50 years</b>
January 29	Sandra & Charles Dewling	52 years
February 27	Patty & Ed Johnson	21 years
March 18	Rosalie & Charles Burcaw	40 years
March 28	Jeanne & Fritz Corey	62 years



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 410 401-0172

### Deaths of AARSPA members and family members

Nina Griffith at [bear1134@aol.com](mailto:bear1134@aol.com) or 443 304-2266

### Illnesses and Accidents, etc.

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

*A snowflake is  
winter's butterfly*



# Scholarship Updates



**Marissa Schmidt**  
Annapolis High School



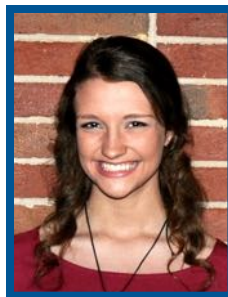
My experience, here at Salisbury University, has been amazing and I am loving every minute of it! My classes are tough, especially being in the Honors College, but I am succeeding! I still have my finals to complete, but I am very close to receiving straight A's in my first semester of college. I am able to focus solely on school and not worry about finances due to receiving your scholarship. I am very thankful and that is part of the reason why I am doing so well in college. Thank you, again, for the scholarship.



**Hana Vicente**  
South River High School



I am very grateful to the members of AARSPA who awarded to me the scholarship that has funded my first semester in the Honors College at the University of Maryland, CP. As part of the academic and professional exploration I have done during this semester, I have been working with first grade students through America Reads. The experience has been great, but I've learned that I definitely will be teaching secondary school. I've learned so much in the past few months and can't wait for next semester when I can begin taking education classes.



**Emily Sherrick**  
South River High School

Thank you, AARSPA, for I have been blessed enough to receive this wonderful scholarship that helped me fund my first semester spent at Anne Arundel Community College. I am majoring in Special Education and am excited to transfer to the University of Maryland, College Park in the fall of 2018! This semester, my classes were great, receiving an A in all five of them.

# Voices in Melody

In addition to performing at a number of Senior Centers throughout the county, Voices in Melody also entertained members of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) at the Elks Lodge in Annapolis on December 20, where they received rave reviews!



Frosty and Susie Snowflake



Elvis was in the house!



Rick and Linda Wiles sang "Winter Wonderland."



Carolyn Webber and Bonnie Booth entertained with "The First Noel/Pachelbel's Canon".



"For last year's words belong to last year's language  
And next year's words await another voice."  
T.S. Eliot, *Four Quartets*

**IMPORTANT DATES**

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

April 12, 2018 Center 2A  
June 7, 2018 Free School  
July 12, 2018 Center 2A

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

February 8, 2018 Blue Dolphin Restaurant,  
(February 15 snowdate) Gambrills  
May 10, 2018 Renditions Golf Course,  
Davidsonville

**OTHER DATES**

January 17, 2018 USM Legislative Forum, Annapolis  
January 26, 2018 February AARSPA Informer Deadline  
February 21, 2018 Legislative Luncheon, Annapolis  
March 8-9, 2018 Florida Get-Together, The Villages  
May 8, 2018 MRSPA Annual Meeting, Comfort Inn,  
Bowie



**LUNCHEON AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Registration: 9:45 - 10:30  
Business Meeting: 10:30 - 12:00  
Lunch/Entertainment: 12:00 - 12:45  
  
No refunds after reservation deadline  
  
**January 30**  
  
PLEASE NO WALK-INS

**DATE:**

Thursday, February 8, 2018

**PLACE:**

Blue Dolphin Seafood Bar and Grill  
1166 Rt. 3 South, Suite 201, Gambrill's, MD 21054

**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 right into Princess Shopping Center. From Baltimore: Take Interstate 97 South to Rt. 3, South/Crofton. Go 5 traffic lights and bare right on MD Rt. 424/Conway Rd. Go approximately .01 mile and make 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 building and use the private entrance to the banquet hall.



Should the weather be inclement, and if AACPS has a delayed opening or is closed, the luncheon will be moved to the snow date of Thursday, February 15, 2018.



**PROGRAM**

The Crabtowne Quartet will entertain during lunch.

**ENTRÉE CHOICES:**

Crab Cake, 14 oz. New York Strip Steak, or Chicken Marcela. All entrees served with a mixed salad with two dressings available on the table, vegetable, and mashed potato. Dessert choices will be strawberry shortcake or carrot cake. Coffee, tea, or soft drink will also be available.

**Make checks payable to AARSPA and mail to :  
Bob Kanach, 512 Augusta Drive, Arnold, MD 21012**

**COST:** \$32.00 per person



**KEEP THIS UPPER PORTION FOR EASY REFERENCE**

**LUNCH RESERVATION - Deadline January 30, 2018**

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name (s) - Including Contact Person above	Crab Cake	Steak	Chicken	Shortcake	Carrot Cake
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

\$32.00 per person x Number of Reservations = Total Due: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check if this is your first AARSPA luncheon. \_\_\_\_\_

Please check if you are an Emeritus Member (90 or greater) \_\_\_\_\_

# Legislative News

Several AARSPA members attended the Maryland Retired School Personnel Legislative Workshop on November 14, 2017, in the Miller Senate Office Building in Annapolis. David Juppe, Senior Operating Budget Manager for State Legislative Services, gave an excellent overview of the State budget and what to expect in 2018. Delegate Alonzo Washington (District 22 PG) and Delegate Mark Chang (District 32 AA) discussed the upcoming session and how we, as citizens, can affect the outcomes that we want. Dean Kenderdine, Executive Director of the State Retirement Agency of Maryland, reassured us that our retirement and pension fund is in a good fiscal position and should continue to move closer to full funding. Wanda Twigg, Executive Director of MRSPA, explained how to navigate the new and improved MRSPA website (mrspa.org). As we approach the 2018 Legislative session, we expect to once again face bills that attempt to undermine our pensions. It is an election year, so we do not expect much controversy, but we may see some positive action on issues such as tax deductions for seniors, health care assistance, and reducing the cost of prescription medications. Virginia Crespo, MRSPA and AARSPA Legislative Chair, urges all members to keep informed on legislative actions by checking the MRSPA website regularly.

Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel  
Association  
2018 Legislative Luncheon  
February 21, 2018  
Lowe House Office Building Room 180  
10:30 – 1:00

This is an excellent opportunity to meet our delegates and senators to share our views on legislation that is important to us and for them to know us as well as for us to know them.



## MRSPA Legislative Priorities 2018

### Pension Protection

MRSPA seeks to protect defined benefit pensions which contribute to the state economy and promote personal security. Full actuarial funding of the state system ensures sustainability of the fund and is in the best economic interest of all taxpayers.

### Secure Choice Retirement

MRSPA supports a secure retirement for all Marylanders. State assistance to achieve this goal is commendable and encouraged.

### Education

MRSPA supports public education in all Maryland jurisdictions, including pre-school and lifelong learning options. State support for these programs is essential to forming an educated and productive citizenry.

### Quality of Life

MRSPA supports services and communities to help older adults age in place and supports programs to help older adults remain healthy, active and independent.

### Safety

MRSPA advocates preventing abuse and neglect of vulnerable adults. The State continues to work to identify best practices in an effort to combat elder abuse, exploitation, and neglect.

### Consumer Protection

MRSPA supports legislation that provides protection for all citizens from identity theft and scams. The State recognizes that this is a particular concern among the elderly.

### Health Care

Local school systems provide health benefits/options for retired school personnel. Full state funding of education contributes to their ability to do this.

### Supplemental Pension Funding

Promised make-up contributions to the state pension system must be made as legislated. They are economically, legally, and morally important for all state taxpayers.

### Long Term Care

Legislation supporting long term care insurance encourages older adults to provide for their own care in advance. This benefits individuals, families and the state.

# NEWS YOU CAN USE

## SENIOR DISCOUNTS

There are some advantages to being a senior, like the discounts offered at many stores where we shop regularly. Below is a sample of some of these discounts; however, always ask if they are available. Who knew so many restaurants don't list senior discounts on their menu but do offer them.

- **Ross** offers a 10% discount.
- **Walgreen's** discount of 20% is only offered the first Tuesday of every month.
- **Dress Barn** offers a 10% discount on certain days. Apparently it varies by store.
- **Chart House Restaurant** offers a 10% discount.
- **Harris Teeter Grocery** chain offers a 5% discount on Thursdays.
- **Jo Ann Fabric** offers a 20% discount. You need to check with your local store to find out the day.
- **Kohl's** offers a 15% discount on Wednesdays.
- **Michael's** offers a 10% discount every day, even on sale items.
- **Priceline**: check out the deals on the "Seniors Gateway" page.

For more listings, search the internet by entering "Senior Discounts."

## Wise Moves to Prevent Injuries this Winter with Tips from Ancient China

**Shoveling snow:** The "Gyro-scope" - keep your shovel close to you and dig using the big muscles of your legs and behind, not the puny ones in your arms and back. Breathe slowly and evenly as you squat, twist, rotate, toss, repeat.

**Walking icy paths:** The "Stealthy Scout"—Send one foot forward slowly, assess your stability and then put weight on the foot. Now sneak your other foot forward and do the same, like a sly mythical creature.

**All tasks:** The "Smart Sparrow" - Use an opponent's strength to your advantage. Hire the eager teenager next door for winter chores, while you mindfully sip cocoa inside, or perhaps a healthful chai?



Dan Schaffhauser, CAT-N Principal

Dr. George Arlotto, Superintendent AACPS



Janet Williams, MRSPA Area II North Director



Co-Presidents Bonnie Schmelz and Dixie Stack



Pre-ordered cheese cakes distributed.



Remembrance Committee Chair Millie Gardner



Legislative Committee Chair Virginia Crespo



Travel Committee Chair Lucy Travers



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Evolve, a vocal ensemble from Chesapeake High School, under the direction of Michael Brisentine



Mr. Peter Akerboom and the Baking/Pastry students



Mr. Bruce Davis and the Culinary Arts students



**First Timers:** Front (L-R) Joanne Antikowiak, Jean Marie Hofstetter, Mildred Youse, Sheila Baumgardner, Linda Johnson, and Susan Baugher  
Back (L-R) Lorie Smith, Maria Gaither, June Deshields, Bob Wagner, Gladiola Savage, Jane Horensky, and Pam Jones.



Emeritus members: Jean Trott, Jacquelin Evans, Mary Dorr, Ethel Bohle, Jeanne Hartge, and Herb Sappington. Tillie Barckley, (R) presented lap robes to the Emeritus members.



AARSPA runs in the family! Charles Gable and sister Kathy Lantzen



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

**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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