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Happy New Year! May 2019 bring you much happiness, good health, and the opportunity to share time with friends. We are hopeful that the record breaking rains will stop, and you can make plans to attend one of our next two general membership meetings. We will be meeting February 21 at the Blue Dolphin in Crofton. We have even planned a snow date for that meeting, February 28, in the event that the heavy precipitation that we got in 2018 continues into the New Year in the form of snow. Our guest speaker, Police Officer Meghan Ott, will be addressing ways to avoid being scammed and our entertainment will be the popular Doug Hart and the Crabtowne Big Band Combo.

If you are looking for a warm weather escape, consider joining us for the 28th annual AARSPA "Florida-Get-Together" March 20 and 21 in Mt. Dora, Florida. We would like to thank Nancy and Terry Henkelman in advance for hosting the Wednesday cocktail hour and arranging the space for our Thursday membership meeting and luncheon. More information about these events can be found later in this newsletter.

The MRSPA annual business luncheon meeting will be held on May 8, 2019. AARSPA is entitled to send 20 delegates. These meetings provide lots of interesting information and a perspective

on the work of our state organization. If you are interested in attending this meeting, please contact us no later than March 30, 2019, so we can submit your name as a registered delegate.

In December, a group of members traveled to Odenton to the Scholastic Warehouse. There we volunteered to work 4 hours in the warehouse in return for vouchers to be used in selecting books that will be donated to new teachers in Anne Arundel County for their classroom libraries. Last year's teachers were excited to have books to add to their classrooms and this year we anticipate having many more books to offer the new teachers. You may want to consider joining us in the spring when we plan to repeat this activity. We had fun, got to catch up with friends, and all the while were contributing to a most worthwhile cause.

On the same day in December, a busload of members traveled to National Harbor to enjoy 9 degree temperatures and the magic of a Charlie Brown themed ICE experience and a special lunch at Old Ebbitt's Grill. All who made the trip indicated it was a wonderful experience. You may want to consider joining our travelers May 15, 2019,



when they travel to Cape May. Lucy Travers is the contact for all AARSPA trips.

On Thursday, January 17, 2019, there will be a fundraiser for the AARSPA Scholarship Fund at the Brian Boru Pub and Restaurant located at 489 Ritchie Highway in Severna Park. Order from a special menu between 6:00-9:00 p.m., and \$10.00 will be donated to the Scholarship Fund. Hope to see many of you there!

While we are now halfway through our second year of the two year presidency, we recognize the effort that some of our members provide in supporting the work of AARSPA. Folks have taken on multiple responsibilities to maintain the quality of our organization. We would like to recognize those folks and thank them for their tireless efforts on behalf of AARSPA. However, there is much untapped potential in our membership. Won't you consider stepping up to keep the work of this worthwhile organization moving forward?



LUNCHEON DONATIONS



Debbie Ahalt takes pet supplies to Anne Arundel County Animal Control.



Tony Anzalone, Sue Skinner, and Karlie Everett deliver toiletries and Beanie Babies to Arden House.

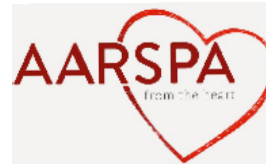


Phyllis Cherry displays food donations collected for Harvest for the Hungry.

The survey completed at the November luncheon supported our continuing effort to collect clothing to stock the nurse's office at an elementary school. However, several members found the options presented in the past to be confusing. Therefore, in an effort to simplify the collection for the February luncheon, we ask you to donate **socks and/or underwear**. Children sizes small to large are needed. However, most children having accidents are in the lower grades. In addition, **toiletries** will be collected for local charities as well as **pet supplies** for the Friends of Anne Arundel County Animal Control. Our hope is that you will contribute to whichever of these efforts is closest to your heart.



Front Row (l to r): Deb Ahalt, Eryka Buckley Hines, Carla Duls
Back Row (l to r): Dan Ahalt, Edna Marsteller, Bonnie Nilson, Phyllis Cherry, Karlie Everett, Antoinette Barckley Hines, Elysa Barckley Hines, Eryn Barckley Hines, Tillie Barckley, and Jim Duls.



AARSPA members Debbie Ahalt, Phyllis Cherry, Carla Duls, Bob Kanach, Bonnie Schmeltz, and Dixie Stack volunteered at the Scholastic Book Warehouse sale in December. They were "paid" \$10.00 an hour in the form of a voucher that can be redeemed for the purchase of discounted books. This is a wonderful way to support our book drive without spending any money. Research has found that volunteering and social interaction extend one's life expectancy. If this is true, there are members of AARSPA who should live well past 100! There will be another opportunity to volunteer at the warehouse near the end of June. As we did last year, most of the books will be given to new teachers as they set up their first classroom. Some will be given to homeless shelters and others to support volunteer reading programs in the county.

Phyllis Cherry, Dixie Stack, and Bob Kanach hard at work!



On Sunday, October 21, 2018, the AARSPA *from the Heart* team participated in the Annapolis Walk to End Alzheimer's. Thirteen AARSPA members and friends 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 4 out of 168 teams, raising \$3,715.00. Forty-seven donations for Alzheimers research were made to the AARSPA team, ranging from \$10 to \$500. Eight members joined the team by making a flower memorial donation. Flowers bearing the names of their loved ones were carried by participants in the walk and later displayed at the November luncheon. AARSPA also had two Grand Champions, Debbie Ahalt and Carla Duls, who raised over \$1,000 each.



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

LAST CHANCE

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2019 FLORIDA GATHERING

The annual AARSPA Florida event will be held in Mt. Dora, Florida on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 and Thursday, March 21, 2019. Nancy and Terry Henkelman have opened their house for the evening social on Wednesday, March 20 from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. The general meeting and luncheon will be held at the Lakeside Inn in Mt. Dora between 10:30 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.

Reservations **must** be received no later than Thursday, **February 28, 2019.**



Name: _____

Address: _____

Email _____

Telephone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number _____

The luncheon entrée choices are: Fall apart tender beef brisket, au jus, served with garlic mashed potatoes and fresh seasonal vegetables, or tender chicken breast stuffed with spinach, tomatoes, red onions and Swiss cheese, lightly breaded with house panko then baked, served with mashed potatoes, green beans, and a light caper cream sauce, or tender Atlantic salmon rubbed with lemon and peppercorns, pan seared and finished with a light drizzle and accompanied with basmati rice and fresh seasonal vegetables. All three entrees are served with warm rolls and butter, coffee, decaffeinated coffee, or choice of hot or iced tea. A cash bar will be available as well.

Guest's Name	Beef Brisket	Chicken	Salmon
_____	_____	_____	_____ @ \$35 = _____
_____	_____	_____	_____ @ \$35 = _____
_____	_____	_____	_____ @ \$35 = _____

Total amount _____

Make checks payable to AARSPA

Even if you are not able to attend the luncheon on Thursday, March 21, you are welcome to join us at the Henkelman's on March 20. We need to know who will be coming so that we have enough refreshments available.

I/We plan to be at the social at the Henkelman's house on Wednesday, March 20 from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. There will be _____ person/persons attending this event.

All reservations and payments are due **no later that Thursday February 28, 2019.**



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



VOICES IN MELODY
South County Senior Center



Jane McKain, Nancy Blake, and Santa (Barry Fader)



John Scripture



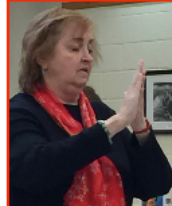
The Sopranos directed by Judy Engelmeyer and accompanied by Joyce Nellenback



Jean Prigelmler



Linda Wiles and Santa



Kathy Russo



Nancy Blake, Linda Lahti, Kathy Russo, and Gerry Snyder



Ken Nichols, Rich Bumgarner, Rick Wiles, Gerry Snyder, and Linda Wiles

REMEMBRANCE

MEMBER DEATHS

Madeline "Madge" Cadell
Joseph Cardamone
Esther White

FAMILY DEATHS

Rose Cardamone husband
Charles Dewling mother
Sandra Dewling mother-in-law
Lou Kamm brother
Kathie Kamm brother-in-law
Judy Kotche daughter
Jane McKain mother
Johanna and Gerald Snyder grandson
Theresa Williams father

EMERITUS BIRTHDAYS

January 2 Jeanne Hartge 93
Margie Williams 96
January 7 John Barbgallo 91
January 19 Bobbye Kudzma 96
Elaine Lebar 91
February 9 Martha Clarke 96
March 5 Lillian Jackson 94
March 7 Helen Baugh 96
March 17 Doris Phibbons 96
March 24 Mary Graham 98
Theresa Stripling 95
March 31 Edna McClelland 96



ANNIVERSARIES

January 29 Sandra & Charles Dewling 52 years
February 27 Patty & Ed Johnson 21 years
March 28 Joanne & Fritz Corey 62 years

GET WELL/THINKING OF YOU

Dianne Rogers

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

Anniversaries and Congratulations

Millie Gardner at mgbw16@gmail.com or 443 784-2190

Deaths of AARSPA members and family members

Nina Griffith at bear1134@aol.com or 443 304-2266

Illnesses and Accidents, etc.

Dianne Rogers at wwdsrogers@verizon.net or 410 647-7585

Check out the AARSPA Facebook page at:



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Historic Cape May, New Jersey Wednesday, May 15, 2019



Today we escape to the charming seaside city of Cape May, New Jersey. Upon our arrival, we enjoy a delicious lunch of either Mahi Mahi or Southern Grilled Pork Chop at **The Washington Inn**. Each entrée comes with a mixed greens salad with house vinaigrette, fresh vegetables, rice or potatoes, Romano rolls and butter, coffee, tea, or iced tea with a chef's choice for dessert. Following lunch, we hop aboard the Cape May Trolley for a narrated guided tour around the Cape May Historic District showcasing the famous "Painted Ladies," the large Victorian houses that line the streets and are known for their elaborate and brightly painted gingerbread trim. These Victorian gems present a beautifully harmonious appearance, despite each home's unique detailing, and have earned the town a National Historic Landmark designation. Next, take a guided tour of Cape May's Emlen Physick Estate, a magnificent stick style mansion attributed to renowned Victorian architect Frank Furness. You will tour 15 beautifully restored rooms that give you a glimpse into the lifestyle of this Victorian-era Cape May family. We conclude our day in the Heart of Cape May with some free time to browse along the promenade of shops at the Washington Street Mall. **Note:** *A rest stop will be made en route to Cape May and a fast food stop will be made on the return trip home.* All this for only \$130.00 per person and includes transportation, lunch, the guided tour of The Emlen Physick Estate, the trolley tour, all taxes and tips including the driver, local guides, and the Gunther Tour escort.

Itinerary:

- 7:45 a.m. Depart the Severna Park United Methodist Church on Benfield Road
Note: Rest stop en route
- 11:45 a.m. Arrive Cape May, NJ at The Washington Inn
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch – see meal choices below
- 1:30 p.m. Depart The Washington Inn
- 1:50 p.m. Arrive at The Emlen Physick Estate featuring the guided tour and trolley tour
- 4:00 p.m. Depart The Emlen Physick Estate for the Washington Street Mall for some shopping
- 6:00 p.m. Depart Cape May, NJ
Note: Fast food stop en route
- 10:45 p.m. Arrive at the Severna Park United Methodist Church on Benfield Road



Deadline – Thursday, April 18, 2019 Historic Cape May, New Jersey

Send this reservation form and **check made out to AARSPA** to:
Bob Kanach, 512 Augusta Drive, Arnold, MD 21012

Primary Contact Person: _____

Cell # _____ Home phone # _____

Address: _____

Email Address (for receipt) _____

Please list the meal choice of each member of your party:

Name	Mahi Mahi	Pork Chop
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

of reservations X \$130.00 = \$ _____

NEWS YOU CAN USE

As we prepare for winter, it is good to review safe driving tips. These are recommendations from AAA.



1. Accelerating, stopping, and turning take longer and are less predictable when the pavement is covered with snow and ice. Drivers underestimate how long it can take to brake. Maintain a slow and constant speed. Don't use cruise control; you need to be prepared for the unexpected.
2. Modern cars with anti-lock brakes require you press hard on the pedal and let the car do the work of slowing down. The pedal will vibrate as each individual brake pulses, providing enough traction and stability to help you maneuver around obstacles. Stopping on ice requires twice the distance as on a dry pavement.
3. All-wheel drive and four-wheel-drive cars won't stop any faster than a standard car if you hit a patch of ice.
4. Don't stop on ice or snow if you can avoid it. Approach stoplights and signs by slowing from a distance. Maintain a slow and even speed even when going up hills. Reduce your speed before starting down a hill. Also, consider shifting into a lower gear.
5. Make sure the gas tank is at least half full and the wiper fluid tank is filled. Check that your headlights are clear and wiper blades are in good order. During the winter months, carry a hat, gloves, shovel, and blanket in the car even in clear weather.
6. If you are stuck in the snow, check the exhaust pipe. If the pipe is blocked and the motor is running, deadly and odorless carbon monoxide will enter the car. Just to be safe, keep a window cracked.
7. STAY HOME.

MRSPA Legislative Workshop

On November 14, MRSPA members gathered at the Miller Senate Office Building in Annapolis for the annual Legislative Workshop. The speakers included Dr. David B. Juppe, Senior Operating Budget Manager for the Department of Legislative Service; R. Dean Kenderline, Executive Director of the Maryland Retirement and Pension System; Dr. David W. Hornbeck, co-founder of "Strong Schools Maryland" and former state superintendent of schools; Virginia Crespo, MRSPA legislative aide, and William "Brit" Kirwin, Chair of the Kirwin Commission.



AARSPA members in attendance included (front row) Dixie Stack and Bonnie Schmeltz; (back row) Barry Fader, Sharyn Doyle, and Shirley Hicks. Not pictured: Carla Duls, Charles Gable, and Alicia Hardisky.

FREE SCHOOL NEWS

Annearrundell County Free School Museum
(placed on the National Register of Historic Places by the U.S. Department of the Interior on June 16, 1983)

Even though our 2018 Open House season is over, the Free School Museum is open by appointment for individual or group tours. Contact Karlie Everett (karlieeverett@verizon.net or 410-268-8656) to arrange for a tour.

During these late fall and winter months, we give tours to school groups, scout groups, and Sunday school groups with a school marm teaching lessons as the lessons would have been taught in the 1700's and 1800's. We also give tours to adult groups such as Red Hat Ladies, sororities, community college classes, and to adults who are interested in the history of education in Anne Arundel County. Tours are designed to meet the interests of the individuals and groups arranging the tours.



The new roof for the Free School Museum is completely finished. Why not come by and see it for yourself!

Did You Know? The Annearrundell County Free School was one of 12 schools created by the Maryland Free School Act of 1723. It was the county's first school paid for with taxpayers' money. The taxpayers' money was used for the purchase of the land and the building of the school with suitable quarters for a schoolmaster. Tuition was charged to attend the school. Students were usually boys; girls usually did not attend school during this time period.



NEW MEMBERS

9/18/ - 12/18

<p>Karen Bailey Janet Baker Patrice Berstein Kimberly Bibeault Raymond Bibeault Marilyn Bigley Brenda Jeanne Bowser Cheryl Brown Terri Chasson Doris Durrett</p>	<p>Turrell Henkelman Ann Kelly Mary Malloy Susan Newman Bernice Nilsen Ivy Sheffler-Oidick Justine Sherwood Linda Williams Linda Wisch Deborah Woods</p>
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IMPORTANT DATES

Executive Board Meetings - 10:00 a.m.

April 11, 2019 Center 2A
 June 13, 2019 Free School
 July 11, 2019 Center @A

General Membership Meetings - 10:30 a.m.

February 21, 2019 Blue Dolphin Restaurant,
 Gambrills
 May 23, 2019 Renditions Golf Course

OTHER DATES

January 28, 2019 February AARSPA Informer Deadline
 March 20, 2019 United Seniors of Maryland (USM)
 Legislative Forum, Annapolis, MD
 March 20-21 AARSPA in Mt. Dora, FL
 May 8, 2019 MRSPA Annual Business Meeting



LUNCHEON AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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

No refunds after absolute reservation
 deadline

January 30, 2019

PLEASE NO WALK-INS

DONATION OPTIONS: Socks and
 underwear, toiletries, and pet supplies

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 February 28, 2019.



DATE:

Thursday, February 21, 2019

PLACE:

Blue Dolphin Seafood Bar and Grill
 1166 Rt. 3, South, Suite 201, Gambrills, MD

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.



ENTRÉE CHOICES:

A mixed salad with two dressing available on the table; entrée choices of crab cake, 14 oz. New York Strip Steak, or Chicken Marsala served with vegetable and mashed potato. Dessert choices will be strawberry shortcake or carrot cake. Coffee, tea or soft drink will also be available.

COST: \$32.00 per person

KEEP THIS UPPER PORTION FOR
 EASY REFERENCE

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

LUNCH RESERVATION - Deadline January 30, 2019

Contact person: _____

Phone number: _____ E-mail: _____

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

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

Number of reservations _____ X \$32.00 per person = Total Due: _____

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

Scholarship Updates



Jessica Thompson
Southern High School

After graduating from Southern High School, I was admitted to the University of Maryland, College Park. It has been a fabulous experience taking math, psychology, botany and English. My favorite part of being on campus has been meeting new people from different places. I also have enjoyed going to clubs and games that UMD organizes. I have, along with friends, made dog toys and donated them to the local shelter with kids of special needs. Thank you for your financial support in my pursuit to become a special education teacher.



Celina Owens
Old Mill High School

My first semester at the University of Maryland College Park was very interesting! It was an extremely different experience living away from home, but I ultimately enjoyed it because it is very nice and convenient to be so close to your friends and classmates. Although I had some challenging classes, it was a great experience to be in a new type of academic environment. My most challenging class was English where I have learned new writing techniques with brainstorming and organization strategies. Because of this, I have become a better writer. I have loved getting involved in new clubs and organizations (Sister to Sister, First Year Class Council, Resident Hall Association and Best Buddies) and building relationships with faculty and peers from all over the world. Overall, despite the big transition, my experiences from my first semester in college have been positively incomparable. Thank you for assisting me as I continue my educational journey.



I am on the Salisbury University Swim Team and after auditioning, I became a member of the Salisbury University Dance Company. I am in the Honors College and live in a dorm with other Honors College students. In between classes, swim practices, and dance rehearsals, I was able to be part of the Outdoor Club and the Education Club. It is hard to get everything, but I wanted to get involved. My classes went very well having earned all A's. I have really enjoyed my time learning in my classes, as well as, getting involved on campus in athletics, clubs and dance. I am still a Biology Secondary Education major, and have added a dance minor, as well. I hope to keep swimming and dancing while trying to do my best in my classes. Thank you again for your scholarship. I really appreciate it!



Autumn Allen
Old Mill High School

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Donations have been made to the Scholarship Fund:

In honor of: AARSPA officers, committee chair, committee members over the years
AARSPA Executive Board

In memory of: Thomas Brennan
Joseph Cardamone
John Fleming
Gene and Paul Greska (Paul was a member of the AAC Bd. of Ed.)
Marie D. Erb Hausmann
Elroy Johnson, Sr.
Nancy Mann
Maury Morin
Lee Rains
Herb Sappington
Rose Scott
Joshua Lee Snyder

Fundraiser for Scholarships!

WHO: Sponsored by AARSPA Scholarship Committee

WHERE: Brian Boru Pub and Restaurant
489 Ritchie Highway, Severna Park

WHEN: Thursday, January 17, 2019, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m

\$25.00 specific menu / \$10.00 for scholarship fund



November 15, 2018 Luncheon Meeting - CAT-North



Dan Schaffhauser, Principal CAT-N



AARSPA Co-President Dixie Stack, MRSPA President Anne Marie Downey, MRSPA Executive Director Wanda Twigg, and AARSPA Co-President Bonnie Schmeltz



Dr. Dawn Luccerelli, Assistant Superintendent, AACPS



FIRST TIMERS: Front row (l to r) Dixie Stack, Paula Davis, Mary Ann Rohr, Jean Prigelmill, Janet Gender, and Bonnie Schmeltz
Back row (l to r) Florie Bozzella, Ray Bibeault, Kim Bibeault, Janet Baker, Victoria Dundics, Terri Chasson, and Mary Dobish

Emeritus member, Mary Dorr



Emeritus member, Ethel Bohle



Principal Dan Schaffhauser and Instructor Bruce Davis with Culinary Arts Students



Principal Dan Schaffhauser and Instructor Peter Akerboom with Baking and Pastry Students



Old Mill High School "Steel Band" under the direction of Mike Miller



Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association
 2644 Riva Road
 Annapolis, MD 21401



Scholarship Fund Donation

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

I wish to make a donation to the scholarship fund.

Donation Amount is: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

for:

_____ birthday _____ anniversary

_____ other (please indicate) _____

Please make checks payable to:

Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association
 or / for

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

Mail 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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