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Co-Presidents Deb Ahalt and Charlie Gable



We hope that you and yours had a wonderful holiday season full of joy, peace, laughter, and love! Unlike last year, we trust that you had the opportunity to spend your holidays with family and friends.

Our second in-person luncheon, held November 11 at Renditions, was quite a success. In honor of Veterans Day, the AARSPA Chorus, Voices in Melody, opened the meeting with a medley of patriotic songs. It was their first performance since before the pandemic, and they were as wonderful as ever! Our thanks to them! Special guests included Dr. Arlotto, who brought greetings and spoke about the challenges of in-person learning. He also outlined the Old Mill complex project. Jane Gill and Autumn Baltimore from the Curriculum Office attended to accept books for elementary and middle school new teachers to set up their classroom libraries.

Our next General Membership Meeting/Luncheon will be held on February 10, 2022 (snow date February 17) at the Blue Dolphin Restaurant, Gambrills, MD. A representative from AMBA will present information regarding benefits available to members. Baby items and sanitary products will be collected for the Mama and Baby Pantry at the Annapolis Mall;

and, as always, pet products and toiletries are welcome.

AARSPA from the Heart Community Service Committee has been quite active! Canned goods for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank, toiletries, and pet supplies were collected at the November meeting. An AARSPA from the Heart team joined the Walk to End Alzheimer's in Annapolis again this year and raised an impressive \$2410 for this important cause!

Speaking of impressive, the Scholarship Committee has organized fund raising meals at Brian Boru, Garry's Grill, and Killarney House Pub. The latest meal at Killarney House raised \$750 toward our scholarship fund!

A group of our members had an enjoyable trip to the "Winter Wonderland" Show at the American Music Theater in Lancaster, PA. Lunch at Shady Maple Smorgasbord completed the experience! Stay tuned for information about an exciting upcoming trip on May 25, 2022!

If you would like a warm weather Get Away, plans are being made for our 29th Florida get together. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the last

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two Florida trips due to Covid. Barbara Zelle has volunteered to host our group in Sarasota. See the registration form in this newsletter.

Be on the lookout for MRSPA membership cards that are being mailed directly to you via US Mail. The Legislative Committee for MRSPA is sponsoring the legislative workshop on January 26, 2022. The workshop will be held virtually.

We want to thank members of our Executive Board and members of their committees for their tireless efforts to make AARSPA the excellent organization that it is!

We close by wishing you and yours a very happy, healthy, prosperous New Year! We hope that you discover that you may have a little extra time to volunteer to make AARSPA a stronger and better association. We are always interested in new ideas and suggestions. An extra pair of hands to help with our activities is always appreciated—please get involved!

General Membership Meeting/Luncheon Renditions Golf Course November 11, 2021



The Voices in Melody Chorus sang a medley of patriotic songs. There was also recognition of Veterans and flag waving!



News You Can Use

Cold weather will soon be upon us. While we may have prepared our homes for winter weather, what about our car? No one wants to experience a car not starting on a cold day, expensive car repairs, or an accident. Experts suggest the following tips to help prepare your car for winter. If you are not comfortable checking these areas, take your car to your trusted mechanic.

1. Check the battery

Cold weather creates a greater strain on the battery. If the car is slow to start, it may need to be replaced. Often there is a sticker on the battery indicating when it was manufactured. This will tell you the age of the battery.

2. Check the pressure in the tires and replace any tires that are worn.

Tire pressure deflates when the temperature drops below 32 degrees. Driving on deflated tires will cause the tires to wear out faster. It will also affect your ability to control the car. The proper tire pressure can be found on the side of the tire as well as in the owner's manual. Also, tires that are worn will not provide proper traction in snow and can lead to accidents.

3. Have the brakes inspected

The snow causes moisture around the brakes and, when compounded with road salt, results in rust spots on the rotors.

4. Keep the windshield fluid tank filled

Winter driving requires our full attention, and that is not possible when a windshield is covered with road dirt.

5. Check the wiper blades

Ice buildup on wiper blades will damage them quickly. Always remove any ice from the blades before driving. Even when driving in ice and snow, ice may accumulate on the blades, causing them to break. Check the wiper blades several times during the winter for any wearing or loose ends. This is a cheap and easy fix.

6. Keep the gas tank at least half full.

Even in summer there is moisture in the form of water in the gas tank. However, in winter the moisture will freeze, and this will cause undue strain on the car's pumps and other parts.

Blue Angels Demonstration Cruise & Dinner at Yellowfin Steak & Fish House Wednesday, May 25, 2022

Come join AARSPA in a celebration of the United States Naval Academy Graduation Commencement Week on board the "Harbor Queen" for a special Blue Angels Demonstration cruise. This cruise will take you out on the Annapolis Harbor for the best seats in town! There is no better way to see these elite Navy pilots perform. **In the event of inclement weather and the Blue Angels Demonstration Cruise is cancelled, the "Harbor Queen" will still provide a narrated sightseeing cruise, and there will be a partial refund.**

After our cruise, enjoy a delicious dinner at Yellowfin Steak & Fish House in Edgewater. Your entree choices are: **beer battered crunch shrimp** served with fried rice and zesty aioli, **grilled chicken Caesar salad**, chopped Romaine lettuce with

croutons and shaved four cheese Italian blend, Caesar lime dressing and topped with grilled boneless chicken breast, **beef tenderloin stroganoff** tossed with pasta, sautéed Vidalia onions, sour cream, mushrooms and poivrade or **vegetarian sauté** with fresh spinach, roasted tomatoes and mushrooms, sautéed in white wine and olive oil with garlic and shallots served over white rice and topped with crispy onions. Each of the above will come with a house salad and house made chocolate mousse for dessert. Coffee, iced tea, sodas are included.

You get all this for \$159.00 per person. This also includes transportation, all taxes and tips including the driver. **Please note that we are limited to 40 people so sign up early. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO AARSPA.**

**Mail reservation and check to: Bob Kanach
512 Augusta Drive
Arnold, MD 21012**

Itinerary:

- 11:30 A.M. Depart the Severna Park United Methodist Church on Benfield Road
- 12:15 P.M. Arrive Annapolis at Watermark Cruises Susan Campbell Park Dock
- 12:45 P.M. Board the Harbor Queen
- 1:00 P.M. Depart on Blue Angels Demonstration Cruise
- 3:00 P.M. Arrive back at Watermark Cruises Dock
- 3:15 P.M. Depart Annapolis
- 3:45 P.M. Arrive at Yellowfin Steak & Fish House in Edgewater, dinner at 4:00PM
- 5:30 P.M. Depart Yellowfin
- 6:30 P.M. Arrive at the Severna Park United Methodist Church on Benfield Road



Deadline Wednesday April 6, 2022

Contact Person: _____

Cell Phone (for emergency): _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email Address (for receipt): _____

Please list yourself and others in your party, if any, and each meal choice:

Name	Shrimp	Caesar Salad	Stroganoff	Vegetarian
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

REMEMBRANCE

MEMBER DEATHS

Miriam E. Anderson
 Mary Lou Bailey
 Elaine Mae Cosner
 Thomas L. Getzendanner
 Mary Suzanne Houck
 Raymond E. Kirkland
 Linda F. Lahti
 Lynn H. "Mickey" Lloyd
 Don A. McClenahan
 Thomastine Poulin
 Donald M. Smith

FAMILY MEMBER DEATHS

Anthony Anzalone - son-in-law
 Annette Smith - husband

EMERITUS BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY

2	Jeanne Hartge	96
5	Gladys Brinkley	93
7	John Barbagallo	94
11	Mary Rozmarynowski	94
22	Lauralee Whitmore	91

FEBRUARY

9	Martha Clarke	99
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MARCH

1	Joanne Corey	93
5	Lillian Jackson	97
17	Doris Phibbons	99
22	Betty Jane Mitchell	92
31	Edna McClelland	99

ANNIVERSARIES

JANUARY

6	Donna & Robin Williman	49
22	Albert & Suzanne Kairys	50
29	Sandra & Charles Dewling	55

FEBRUARY

27	Patty & Ed Johnson	24
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MARCH

23	Sharon & Coleman Jennings	48
28	Joanne & Fritz Corey	65
29	Mary & William Schneider	53

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

Anniversaries and Congratulations

Millie Gardner at milliegardner65@gmail.com or
 443-784-2190

Deaths of AARSPA members and family members

Linda Poole at mlp2118@yahoo.com or
 410-570-4020

Illnesses and Accidents, etc.

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

FROM THE FREE SCHOOL

Did You Know?

The Annearrundell County Free School Museum is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of our country's historic buildings, districts, sites, structures, and objects worthy of preservation. It was established as part of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and is overseen by the National Park Service which is an agency within the United States Department of the Interior. Its goals are to help property owners and interest groups, such as the National Trust for Historic Preservation, identify, protect, and coordinate historic sites in the United States.

Generally, properties eligible for listing in the National Register are at least 50 years old. Properties less than 50 year of age must be exceptionally important to be considered eligible for listing. For any non-Federally owned property, only the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) may officially nominate a property for inclusion in the National Register. After the nomination is recommended for listing in the National Register by the SHPO, the nomination is sent to the National Park Service which approves or denies the nomination.

The property must meet at least one of four criteria. Criterion A is "Event." Criterion B is "Person." Criterion C is "Design/Construction." Criterion D is "Information Potential." The Annearrundell County Free School Museum has been on the National Register since June 16, 1983.



2022 AARSPA Florida Gathering

It is our intention to resume the AARSPA in Florida event in Sarasota on March 9 and 10, 2022. Barbara Zelle and Kim Proctor have graciously opened their home for the evening social on Wednesday, March 9 from 4:30 to 7:00 P.M. The general meeting and luncheon will be held at The Point restaurant in nearby Osprey the following Thursday, March 10, beginning at 11:00 A.M. The choice of entrees and prices, including tax and gratuity, are listed below, so please carefully indicate the preference for each guest. Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages will be available at a cash bar. Directions to both sites along with additional lodging information will be sent to you upon receipt of your reservation and payment.

Please return the reservation form and payment no later than Wednesday, February 16, 2022.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

The luncheon entrée choices are: 1) On Point Burger with bacon, tomato bacon jam, cheddar, arugula, caramelized onions, tomato and fries or 2) grilled herb chicken breast with beurre blanc, creamy risotto and mixed vegetables, or 3) grilled grouper with caper butter sauce, cedar mashed potatoes and mixed vegetables.

Guest's Name	Burger @ \$19.00	Chicken @ \$27.00	Grouper @\$34.00
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Total amount due: _____

Make checks payable to AARSPA

Even if you are unable to attend the luncheon on March 10, you are welcome to join us at Barbara and Kim's house on March 9. We need to know who will be coming so that we have enough refreshments.

I/We plan to be at the social at Barbara and Kim's house on Wednesday, March 9 from 4:30 to 7:00 P.M. There will be _____ person/persons attending this event.

(Note: You must be COVID vaccinated to attend the event at Barbara and Kim's house.)

***Mail your reservations and payment to:
Bob Kanach
512 Augusta Drive
Arnold, MD 21012***



The Community Service Committee is now supporting a new charity. The Anne Arundel County Public Library has established "The Mama and Baby Pantry" at the Annapolis Mall. It serves the needs of mothers facing financial difficulties. We will be collecting items for the pantry at the next luncheon. Examples are: diapers (larger sizes are most needed) pull-up diapers up to size 5T, creams, baby soap and shampoo. Supplies for moms include pads and tampons and incontinence supplies. Both mom and baby need tooth brushes and tooth paste.

If you are unable to attend the luncheon you can deliver supplies directly to the pantry. It is the Discoveries Library at the Annapolis Mall and is near the Crate and Barrel Store.

Of course we are always collecting supplies for our furry friends.

Congratulations to the AARSPA from the Heart Team who raised \$2410 at the recent Alzheimer's Walk in Annapolis. Tillie Barkley, Antoinette Hines, and Eyrn Hines walked at AACC, while Deb Ahalt walked at Sandy Point State Park. Thanks to all who donated!



MRSPA Fund Raffle

The MRSPA Community Service and Scholarship Committees provide tremendous support to students and staff in schools across Maryland. In the past, funds for these scholarships and mini-grants were partially obtained through in-person sale of raffle tickets statewide. Last year, we sold raffle tickets via this newsletter and via local newsletters with great success. This year we are again seeking donations to the MRSPA Fund to continue our work. All donations are tax deductible and come with our thanks and appreciation!

To show our appreciation, your name will be entered into a drawing upon receipt of your donation. Donations of \$10 will earn 1 raffle ticket, and donations of \$25 will earn 3 raffle tickets incrementally. MRSPA staff will write your name on the correct number of tickets when we receive your check. The drawing will take place at the May 2022 Annual Business Meeting, whether held in person or virtually. You can win the \$300 cash first prize, a Maryland themed basket valued at \$150 second prize, or one of 5

third place themed baskets valued at \$75: Cooking, Spa, Wine Lover, Movie Night, and Sports Lover. Out-of-state basket winners will receive gift cards in lieu of basket contents.

Entering the drawing is fun and easy!

1. Make your check payable to "The Community Foundation of Frederick County"
2. Write MRSPA Fund Donation on the FOR line.
3. Date and sign your check
4. Mail check and completed form to:

MRSPA
8379 Piney Orchard Parkway, Suite A,
Odenton, MD 21113

Due by March 22, 2022

Please, include the form below with your donation. Receipts will be sent via email or US Mail.

MRSPA Fund Donation

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

AARSPA Scholarship News

“Education is the ray of light that can lighten up the whole world!”

In Memory of...

Claire Anderson (dedicated service staff member-Board of Education, Special Education)

John and Ann Desimone

Thomas Getzendanner

Bonnie Schmeltz

Donald Smith

Linda Wiles

In Honor of...

Ann Brice Worthington- Birthday

Fundraiser at Killarney House October 12, 2021

Thanks to all who supported AARSPA's recent scholarship fundraiser at the Killarney House Pub. We raised \$730 from the dinners and got a \$20 donation!



Jim and Carla Duls and friend Sr. Kass Collins dine in while Susan Baugher picks up take out.

Scholarships for Scholars

Scholarships are awarded to graduating high school students who are AACo residents attending public and accredited private schools in AACo and home-schooled students registered with the AACPS Board of Education. An applicant must have a minimum weighted grade point average, which differs by scholarship. Scholarships are awarded without regard to financial need, race, gender, age, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, or familial status.

Go to www.scholarshipsforscholars.org to apply and for specific requirements and deadlines. Students may apply for two scholarships but can be awarded no more than one scholarship.

Tillie Barckley, Chair

Members: Anthony Anzalone and Sharyn Doyle



Check out these pages:



**Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association
(AARSPA)**

Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA)

National Retired Teachers Association (NRTA)

**Anne Arundel County Public Schools
(AACPS)**

MEETING DATES	DATES TO REMEMBER	OTHER DATES
Executive Board Meetings - 10:00 a.m.	January 24, 2022	Deadline for February <i>AARSPA Informer</i>
January 13, 2022 BOE, Center 2A	January 26, 2022	MRSPA Legislative Workshop
April 7, 2022 BOE, Center 2A		Zoom
General Membership Meetings - 10:30 a.m.	March 9-10, 2022	Florida Get-Together
February 10, 2022 Blue Dolphin Seafood		Sarasota
(Snow Date February 17) Bar and Grill	April 1, 2022	Deadline for April <i>AARSPA Informer</i>
	May 11, 2022	MRSPA Annual Business Meeting
		Camelot, Upper Marlboro
May 12, 2022 Two Rivers Restaurant	May 25, 2022	Blue Angels Cruise and Lunch at Yellowfin
Steak & Fish House		Annapolis

FEBRUARY LUNCHEON & GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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

No refunds after FIRM
 reservation deadline
Tuesday, February 1, 2022
 PLEASE NO WALK-INS

DATE: Thursday, February 10, 2022
PLACE: Blue Dolphin Seafood Bar and Grill; 1166 Rt. 3 South, Suite 201; Gambrills, MD 21054
COST: \$38.00 per person (**Please make checks out to AARSPA.**)

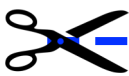
DIRECTIONS:
From Annapolis: Take MD Rt. 50 to MD Rt. 424 and turn right at end of ramp. After you cross MD Rt. 3 go approximately .01 mile and make right into Princess Shopping Center. **From Baltimore:** Take Interstate 97 South to Rt. 3, South/Crofton. Go 5 traffic lights and bare right on MD Rt. 424/Conway 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.

Donations of pet supplies and items for the "The Mama and Baby Pantry" at the Annapolis Mall will be accepted. (See article on page 6 for suggestions.)

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

Mail reservation and payment to :
Bob Kanach
 512 Augusta Drive,
 Arnold, MD 21012

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 17, 2022.



Cut below and keep the upper portion for your reference!

LUNCH RESERVATION - DEADLINE February 1, 2022

Contact Person _____
 Phone Number _____ Email _____

	ENTRÉE CHOICE (choose one)			DESSERT CHOICE (choose one)		
Name(s) including contact person above	Salmon	Steak	Chicken	Mousse	Shortcake	Carrot Cake
Contact Person	_____	or _____	or _____	_____	or _____	or _____
_____	_____	or _____	or _____	_____	or _____	or _____
_____	_____	or _____	or _____	_____	or _____	or _____
_____	_____	or _____	or _____	_____	or _____	or _____
_____	_____	or _____	or _____	_____	or _____	or _____

Total Amount Due = _____

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

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome New Members

Donald Bailey
 Kevin Buckley
 Pamela Carney
 Meredith Claborn
 Michael Cramblitt
 Judith Crawford
 Kathleen Gabriele
 Elizabeth Lewnes
 Keith Lewnes
 Charles May
 Joseph Sean Moore

Jean Nist
 Kathleen Plitt
 Leona Puglia
 Raymond Rankin
 Marcia Reed
 Carrie Ruffo-Miller
 Michael Shina
 Susan Smith
 Mark Edward Sullivan
 Amy Weissenburger
 Judith Wildner

Start Your New Year Off Right!

New Year Resolutions are a hot topic this time of the year. Add one that benefits you all year long! **JOIN** or **RENEW** your **AARSPA AND MRSPA** memberships.

Your dues to **AARSPA (only \$15)** keep us connected to the Board of Education so we can safeguard your health care benefits. You also support the various committees which support the youth through our scholarship recipients, books for classroom libraries, and the little libraries in communities. You support our chorus as they perform in senior centers and other events as well as our legislative committee that works for the present and future educational needs.

Your **MRSPA dues (only \$45)** assist in keeping a watchful eye on our pension benefits to ensure your best protection that your pension remain at its current level. Their legislative committee meets to stay abreast of current bills that could impact retirees. Their community outreach includes consumer information, travel opportunities, and a variety of extra benefits.

So, for a total of \$60 a year, you receive a great deal from both associations. Invest in your retirement future. Help keep us strong!

New Plastic MRSPA Membership Cards

If you are a member of MRSPA, you will receive a **new plastic membership card** in the mail. This card has no expiration date so hold on to it! It will arrive in a business size envelope with the MRSPA logo in the return address. For those who join or pay dues after November 1, 2021, you will receive a new card in the next quarter beginning spring of 2022.

Not Too Late!

By now, many of you have picked up a new AARSPA directory at a meeting. However, if you wish to receive one through the mail, you may contact me, Leslie Schell, by email to lahschell@verizon.net or membership@aarspa.com. The association wants to keep you connected with



Made a Change? Let Us Know!

Has any of your AARSPA information changed...**address, email, home phone, cell phone?** If so, please complete the form below and submit to Membership Chair **Leslie Schell, 706 Rosewood Road, Severn, Maryland 21144** or lahschell@verizon.net. In the subject line, please indicate "AARSPA Update" and please include your full name.

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Please indicate your primary phone number



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 checks to:

Matilda Barckley
 8238 Great Bend Road
 Glen Burnie, MD 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