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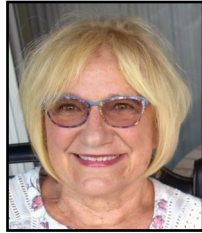
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Co-Presidents Deb Ahalt and Charlie Gable



We are having a difficult time believing that it is 2023! We hope you had a wonderful holiday season with family and friends and welcomed the New Year with laughter and love!

AARSPA has had a very busy year, engaging in community service, travel opportunities, and impressive fundraising for our scholarship fund!

The second General Membership Meeting/Luncheon was held at Renditions Golf Course on November 10, 2022. Voices in Melody opened the meeting with a medley of patriotic songs to honor Veterans Day. They also asked that the audience join in a sing-along for part of the concert. It was a very meaningful addition! Another highlight was a visit from Charles Whittaker, Anne Arundel County Public Schools Teacher of the Year, who spoke about his background and teaching experience. Mr. Whittaker teaches at CAT-N and gave an impressive address. Very generous donations of food for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank and pet supplies for Anne Arundel County Animal Care and Control were collected at the meeting.

Our next meeting/luncheon will be held February 9, 2022, at Yellowfin Steak and Fish House, Edgewater, MD. Wanda Twigg, MRSPA Executive Director, will join us to bring greetings from that organization. The Community Service Committee will be collecting new hats and gloves for elementary school students in Anne Arundel County. As usual, pet supplies for the AACACC will be accepted. The registration form is in this newsletter; please consider joining us!

In addition to the large donation for the Food Bank and AACACC, the Community Service Committee again organized a team for the Walk to End Alzheimer's in Annapolis. \$485 was raised for that worthy cause. Plans for donations to nursing homes and facilities are being considered for future luncheons.

Thanks to Tillie Barckley for organizing fundraising meals at Brian Boru, Garry's Grill, and Killarney House Pub since June. We were able to add \$824 to the Scholarship Fund because of these great dining opportunities! And the best news is that we are on track to award four \$5000 scholarships to deserving seniors planning for a career in education!

On December 8, 2022, a group from AARSPA traveled to Toby's Dinner Theater in Columbia for "It's a Wonderful Life." Everyone loved the excellent performance! Thanks to Lucy and Carolyn for organizing this trip. Watch for future travel opportunities that are in the works!

Looking for a place to get warm? Bob Kanach is working with Bob Wagner to organize the Florida Get Away again. Things were looking bleak for the Get Away this year after the devastation of Hurricane Ian. Our gratitude to Dianne Myers for all the work she did in the planning, but Cape Coral was in the path of Ian, and we all thought things were too devastated to continue for a visit this year. So, a huge thanks to Bob and Lisa Wagner for volunteering to host, and for his work in Florida to get this event up and running. It will be in the Venice area March 21-22, 2022.

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REMEMBRANCE

MEMBER DEATHS

Carlean G. Clark
 Mary Etta Dorr
 Betty Jane Mitchell
 Mildred R. Toombs
 Mary A. Weber
 James A. Williams, Sr.
 Robert G. Zerphey

FAMILY MEMBERS DEATHS

Debbie Huey sister
 Bill Scott son

EMERITUS BIRTHDAYS

January	2	Margie Williams	98
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	5	Gladys Brinkley	94
	11	Mary Rozmarynowski	95
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	22	Lauralee Whitmore	92
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	17	Barbara Snyder	91
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ANNIVERSARIES

January	6	Donna & Robin Williman	50
	22	Albert & Suzanne Kairys	51
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February	27	Patty & Ed Johnson	25

GET WELL/THINKING OF YOU

Ken Burlingame	Dick Powell
Brenda McCray	Jim Preston
Phyllis Mentzell	Louis Thomas
Linda and Tom Poole	

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 wvdsrogers@verizon.net or 410-647-7585

MRSPA Fund Raffle

The MRSPA Community Service and Scholarship Committees provide tremendous support to students and staff in schools across Maryland. Therefore, we are seeking **donations** to the *MRSPA Foundation Fund* so that we can continue our work. Again, this year, raffle tickets will be purchased through the MRSPA and local association newsletters. All donations are tax deductible and come with our thanks and appreciation!

Your name will be entered into a drawing upon receipt of your donation based on this criterion: Donations of \$10 will earn 1 raffle ticket, while 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 2023 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 :
2. Write MRSPA Foundation Fund R22420 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, 2023

Will you send a donation today?

Receipts will be sent via email or US Mail.

MRSPA Fund Donation

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Scholarship News

Thank you for **investing** in the future of our high school seniors with your generous donations.

You are making our mission, of providing four \$5000.00 scholarships, a reality.

In Memory of:

- Jay D. Catlin
- Dr. Delores Chambers
- John Cherry
- Carlean Clark
- Molly Connolly
- W.E. Craig
- John & Ann DeSimone (Anniversary)
- Mary Etta Dorr
- Sue Hamel
- Audrey Howard
- Louis Kamm
- John Makell
- Betty Jane Mitchell
- Anita Morris
- Jean Queen
- Stanley "Ollie" Rephan
- Rosemary Ronayne (Catherine Kelly's mother and 1st teacher)
- Patricia Ruck
- Frank Ruffo
- Bob Schult
- Sue Schiavone
- William Wentworth, Jr.
- James Williams
- Dr. Dennis Younger



News from a 2022 Scholarship Recipient Giulia Chute, Old Mill High School

At first, I felt overwhelmed because it was a new type of coursework and felt I couldn't keep up at Anne Arundel Community College. As I progressed, however, I felt as though I had classmates and teachers who understood me and could help me to learn while also doing so themselves. The courses I took included Introduction to Humanities, General Physical Science, Fundamentals of Mathematics 1 and Geography. Overall, the first semester was a raging success, and I can't wait until semester 2!



Hall of Fame Inductee



Todd Sullivan, Oakcrest Senior Living Community; Inductee Judy Engelmeyer; and Parker Koons, President, Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame

Congratulations to AARSPA member Judy Engelmeyer on her induction into the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame at the Ten Oaks Ballroom and Conference Center in Clarksville on October 20. Judy was honored for her volunteer activities, chiefly her tireless work with the AARSPA chorus, *Voices in Melody*. Judy was joined by family, chorus members, and friends from AARSPA.



AARSPA Community Service Chair Phyllis Cherry and Co-President Elect Sharyn Doyle



MRSPA Community Service Chair Kathy Campagnoli and MRSPA President Carla Duls



Rosemary Lathroum, Wanda Trimnal, Judy, and Terry Dechene

2023 AARSPA in Florida Gathering

A special thank you goes out to Dianne Myers who originally offered to host this year's AARSPA in Florida event but because of Hurricane Ian could not host the gathering. Appreciation goes out to Bob and Lisa Wagner who graciously offered to take up the task and host us this year.

This year's event will be held in Venice, Florida on Tuesday, March 21, and Wednesday, March 22, 2023. Bob and Lisa graciously opened their house for the evening social on March 21 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The general meeting and luncheon will be held in the Palm Club at Sarasota National Golf Club on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, from 11:00 a.m to 1:30 p.m. The choice of entrees and prices, including tax and gratuity are listed below and there will be a cash bar available (credit card only accepted at the bar). Soft drinks or iced tea are included with the meal cost. 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, March 8, 2023.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

The luncheon entrée choices are: Fresh baked **filet of salmon** accompanied by a lemon dill yogurt sauce; **braised beef tips** with peppers, onions, and mushrooms in a savory brown sauce and served over buttered egg noodles; or fresh **grilled chicken breast** marinated with garlic and spices, finished with pineapple and black bean salsa served with yellow rice. All entrees are served with choice of either house or Caesar salad, one vegetable, one starch and rolls and butter. The cost per meal is \$35.00.

Guests' Names	Salmon	Beef Tips	Chicken Breast	Salad Choice	
				Caesar	or House
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Number of meals ordered _____ x \$35 = _____

Make checks payable to AARSPA

Even if you are unable to attend the luncheon on March 22, you are welcome to join us at Bob and Lisa's house on Tuesday, March 21, 2023. We need to know who will be coming so that we have enough refreshments.

I/We plan to be at the social at Bob and Lisa's house on Tuesday, March 21 from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. There will be _____ person/people attending this event.

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

From the Free School Museum

Did You Know?

We teach lessons to our student-guests as the lessons might have been taught in the 1700's and the 1800's. Have you ever wondered how we do this? Below is a brief overview of how we teach lessons from the 1700's.



We start by talking about the benches in the original 1723 room. There was no need for desks because books and paper were expensive and not always available. The Bible was used for reading. A sand table was used to practice letters and writing.

We talk about the three uses for the fireplace - heat, cooking, and light - and we also talk about the use of candlelight. Candles were seldom used because they, too, were expensive, especially bayberry candles. When candles were used, they were used with great care. There were no fire companies nearby.

We start the day with Recitation. However, there is no Pledge of Allegiance because it wasn't written until 1892 almost 170 years after 1723. For young guests, we recite the letters of the alphabet.

We begin our Ciphering lesson by reminding students there were no calculators. There might have been an abacus, but most math was done by memorizing. We do skip counting and mental math and word problems with the students.

We take a lunch break and talk about the lunch pails; students usually had tobacco tins or molasses tins. We talk about things students would've eaten and not eaten for lunch. Students in the 1700's had to recycle and eat Farm to Table.

We talk about discipline and share the Dunce Caps. We discuss how your sibling would most likely be in the same classroom, so your parents were sure to hear about any of your misbehaviors.

We then have an Elocution lesson, usually doing a few tongue twisters and memorizing a poem.

We conclude our lessons with a Spelling Bee.

Carolyn Webber, who also sings in the AARSPA Chorus, most often teaches these activities with students. If you are interested in watching a lesson, please let us know. We will let you know when we have a field trip scheduled.

Dates to Remember

April 2, 2023 - The Free School Museum will participate in the Maryland Day Weekend activities with a Open House from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

October 26, 2023 - The Free School Museum will celebrate its 300th anniversary with dignitaries and guests in attendance.

October 28, 2023 - The Free School Museum will celebrate its 300th anniversary with activities for children.



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Check for further information and the registration form in this newsletter.

MRSPA is sponsoring the Legislative Workshop January 31, 2023. Presently the workshop is planned to be an in-person/virtual event, but could be changed to completely virtual or moved to another date should COVID conditions worsen. AARSPA plans to be represented at this meeting.

As we begin 2023, we wish you and yours much health, happiness, and prosperity for the coming year; and we look forward to seeing many of you at our planned events. We want to thank all of those members who assume the many roles needed to make AARSPA the wonderful association that it is. But new ideas and extra hands are always welcome and can make a difference, so we encourage you to get involved to make AARSPA an even stronger organization. Please consider stepping forward!



Once again our very generous members donated an amazing amount of food and pet supplies at our November luncheon! Phyllis Cherry delivered over 90 cans of vegetables and meat, over 75 boxes of pasta, 15 boxes of cereal and assorted other food and toiletry items to the Anne Arundel County Food Bank. Deb Ahalt delivered three grocery bags of wet and dry cat and dog food, assorted toys, and litter to Anne Arundel County Animal Care and Control. \$95 in cash was donated to the Food Pantry and \$75 was donated to Animal Care. Thank you, thank you, thank you!



Congratulations to AARSPA members Tillie Barckley and Deb Ahalt for fundraising for the Walk to End Alzheimer's in October. Together, their teams raised \$485. Thanks to all who donated and supported this endeavor!



Tillie and her family walked at AACC

Baby, It's Cold Outside

Let's help those children waiting at the bus stop on these cold days by providing them with hats and gloves. At our next luncheon the Community Service Committee will be collecting hats and gloves to be given to schools within the county.

Of course we are always collecting supplies for our furry friends at the animal shelter. They may not need hats and gloves but they always need food and toys to keep their bodies healthy and engaged.



Planning Ahead:

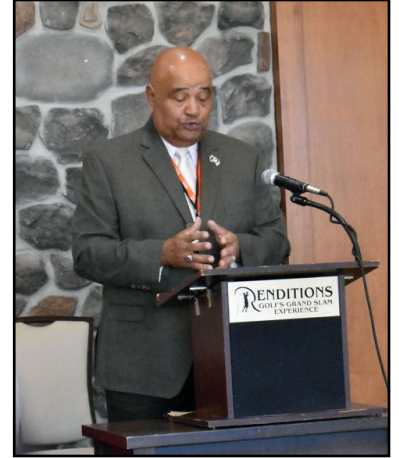
Support for Residents of Assisted Living and Nursing Homes

Members of the Community Service committee are busy visiting various nursing homes and assisted living facilities throughout Anne Arundel County. Our purpose is to identify items we can provide to the residents of these facilities.

Some residents have no family members to provide personal items such as body lotions, slippers and shaving cream. Who knew a nice bar of soap or a warm pair of socks could mean so much to someone. These small items that we consider essential many seniors consider a luxury.

Items will be collected at the May luncheon and a list of requested items will be provided in a future newsletter. We have already gotten requests for items such as puzzles, books, word search books, blankets, wall décor and gloves. Some of the centers have asked for craft supplies or items to be used as prizes for bingo. Even birdseed has been requested since watching the birds provides so much joy to the residents. You may want to keep these items in mind as you do your spring-cleaning.

November 10 Luncheon - Renditions Golf Course



The November Luncheon Meeting was held on November 10 at Renditions Golf Course in Davidsonville. *Voices in Melody*, the AARSPA Chorus, entertained with patriotic selections in honor of Veteran's Day. Charles Whittamer, Anne Arundel County Public Schools Teacher of the Year, spoke on his career in education. Three first - time attendees were present: Tom Leary, Don Bailey, and Deborah Henson.



News You Can Use

It's tax time!

Did you know AARP will complete and file your tax return FOR FREE?

While their website indicates they focus on individuals over 50 years old with low to moderate income, they will work with anyone, even the 18 year old filing their taxes for the first tax time. There are some exceptions. Those include self-employment with employees, and losses or expenses more than \$25,000.00. Also, they will not file when there are complicated capital gains or losses. There are some other complicated situations that are described on their website.

Individuals can schedule an in-person appointment by visiting the AARP website and selecting a location. Sites are available throughout the state and specific locations should be posted by early January. All volunteers have undergone over three months of training and are IRS certified to prepare the taxes.

Is your car ready for winter?

While we have had brief periods of cold days the worse is yet to come. Make sure your car is ready for those cold and snowy days. AAA recommends the following ways to prepare your car for winter. Take your car to your service center and request a winter checkup. They should do the following.

- Check the tire pressure
- Check the battery charge and remove any corrosion
- Replace worn wiper blades
- Check the level of the coolant

You should also maintain a full to nearly full gas tank to prevent the gas lines from freezing.

Of course the best winter safety advice is to leave the car in the garage and stay home with a good book. There are many advantages to being retired.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Going Green

With a little over 1600 members in our organization (includes state, local, and emeritus), a little over 960 members receive their newsletter, the *AARSPA Informer*, by postal delivery. We are very fortunate to have the Board of Education mail our newsletter at a bulk rate, thus saving our association monies to be used towards other endeavors. However, for those who are technically savvy, we are encouraging you to consider moving to online delivery of the newsletter. You will receive your newsletter faster and in living color and be able to register for activities sooner. You may contact me Leslie Schell at membership@aarspa.org or lahschell@verizon.net.

Dues Deduction / Switch and Save

MRSPA is able to deduct New or Switch and Save member dues any month. Dues deduction files are sent to the Maryland State Retirement Agency (MSRA) on/by the 6th of each month. MRSPA receives the deduction report from the state on the 30th of each month and 10 days to two weeks later, local treasurers should receive their payment checks. Dues are still deducted only once ANNUALLY, per membership year.

Please consider making this change to your membership where your dues are automatically deducted. You won't need a reminder letter; you won't be cancelled from both the state and the local; and you will be informed of all activities by receiving your newsletters.

Made a Change? Let Us Know!

Has any of your AARSPA information changed... **address, email, home phone, cell phone?** If so, please contact Membership Chair **Leslie Schell, 706 Rosewood Road, Severn, Maryland 21144** or lahschell@verizon.net.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

MEETING DATES

Executive Board Meetings -10:00 a.m.

January 10 Center 2B BOE

April 4 Center 2A BOE

General Membership Meetings - 10:30 a.m.

February 9 Yellowfin

May 11 Two Rivers

OTHER DATES

January 27 Deadline for February *AARSPA Informer* articles

January 31 MRSPA Legislative Workshop
Comfort Inn, Bowie

March 22-23 Florida Get Together
Venice/Sarasota

May 9 MRSPA Annual Business
Meeting, Valley Mansion,
Cockeysville



AARSPA General Meeting and Luncheon Thursday, February 9, 2023



Our next luncheon will be held at **Yellowfin Steak and Fish House**, 2840 Solomons Island Road, Edgewater, MD 21037 on Thursday, February 9, 2023. Registration begins at 9:45 a.m. with the business meeting starting at 10:30 a.m. The luncheon will begin at 12:00 p.m. The deadline for reserving a seat is **Monday, January 23, 2023**, and after this date we will not be able to give any refunds. Please remember we cannot accept walk-ins.

Should the weather be inclement, and if AACPS are closed, the luncheon will be moved to the snow date of Thursday, February 16, 2023.

Please note: This event will be held in the downstairs lounge and will require members to use stairs. There is a rear entrance, but if there is snow on the ground, access to the rear entrance may not be possible.

Meal Choices: There will be two slider stations, one for pulled pork BBQ and one for grilled chicken. Each person will receive two slider sandwiches along with macaroni and cheese, a house salad and a homemade chocolate chip cookie for dessert. Beverages will be coffee, iced tea, or soft drink.

Cost: \$38.00 per person (please make checks payable to AARSPA)
Mail reservations and payment to: **Bob Kanach, 512 Augusta Drive, Arnold, MD 21012**
All reservations and payment must be received no later than **Monday, January 23, 2023.**

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Contact Information, should there be any question:

Contact person: _____

Phone number: _____ E-mail address: _____

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

Name	BBQ Pulled Pork Slider	Grilled Chicken Slider
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Cost: **\$38** per person X _____ number of reservations = Amount Enclosed: _____

_____ Please check if this is your first AARSPA luncheon.

_____ Please check if you are an Emeritus member (age 90 or over).



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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 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

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