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Over the years, numerous people have left their mark on our association. However, I know of few, if any, who have had an impact like Howard Hall. I still struggle to call him by his given name; he was always Mr. Hall to me. As President of this association, I have had many questions, but Mr. Hall made himself readily available whenever I had a question or concern about any aspect of our association or my responsibilities. He knew the history of our organization like few others and was more than glad to sit down and tell you about how it grew from a few retired educators wanting to get together and share ideas to an organization of nearly 1900 members. His love and dedication to the Free School and the Scholarship for Scholars program was exceptional. His memory of events or people years ago was amazing. He will be missed immensely by so many of us. I am sure that he would be the first to say that it is now up to each of us to continue to grow and

promote the Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association. Thank you, Mr. Hall for your commitment to the Anne Arundel retirees, as well as your dedication, leadership and friendship.

It was good to see so many "first timers" at our first luncheon of this year. Hopefully you will continue to attend the luncheons and spread the word to others about the good food and good time you had. I have always enjoyed the times we meet and have an opportunity to catch up with friends. I want to thank those folks who signed up to help on various committees while at the luncheon. If anyone else is interested in getting involved with one or more of our committees, please feel free to contact the committee chair. The names of each committee and the chairperson can be found on our website (www.aarspa.org).

If you recall, in the last Informer I requested your opinion as to whether we should



continue to hold the Florida luncheon on a yearly or every other year basis. I received no responses from any members of the organization. I was surprised that I did not hear from any of our Florida members since it would impact them the most. Therefore, I must assume that at this time there is no interest in having the Florida luncheon this year. The Executive Board will discuss this topic further.

On Thursday, September 20, 2012 I had the opportunity to attend the rededication of the remodeled Dr. William Norman Auditorium at Chesapeake High School. The Chesapeake High School Marching Band,

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Vocal Ensemble and Dance Company all performed beautiful pieces in Bill's memory. After the performances, Randy Rogers, the Vice President and Treasurer of the Dr. William H. Norman Endowment Fund, shared plans to establish an endowment fund and encouraged support of this effort. Although just in the beginning stages of this project, the alumni involved appear to be determined and dedicated to keeping the memories of Dr. Norman alive. They have a Facebook page in the endowment's name. People interested in supporting the fund either through donations or volunteering can write them at: Dr. William H. Norman Endowment Fund, Inc. P.O. Box 64, Glen Burnie, Maryland 21060.

Our next luncheon/general meeting will be held at CAT-N on

November 15, 2012. Last year was our first time meeting at the school and the experience was exceptional! The meals were prepared and served by the students, and we had nothing but rave reviews from all in attendance. This year, Superintendent Kevin Maxwell is scheduled to join us and to share with us the status of the school system as well as his vision of the ways AARSPA and the schools can work together for the benefit of all. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find more specifics about the event and a registration form. I hope that you will be able to join us for what promises to be a great time.

Our Sunshine and Remembrance Committee does a wonderful job of trying to keep on top of the happenings of our members. However, they can use your help. Please contact the following committee members with information you may have about our members:

- Anniversaries and Congratulations**
- Millie Zipay (mz2teach@aol.com)
- Deaths of AARSPA members and family members**
- Nina Griffith (bear1134@aol.com)
- Illnesses and accidents, etc**
- Dianne Rogers
(www.dsrogers@verizon.net)

Those of you who are also members of MRSPA might want to look into the new discount program through that organization called **Abenity**. This program gives members access to over 100,000 discounts from hundreds of local and national vendors. To access **Abenity**, MRSPA members should go to the MRSPA website (www.mrspa.org) and follow the directions under the "Members Access" section to sign in.

TRIPS COMMITTEE

Lou Kamm has stepped forward and volunteered to take over the Trips Committee formerly chaired by Howard Hall. However, he has indicated that he would take this charge only if a few other people stepped forward and served on the committee with him. If you would be interested in working with Lou in planning two or three trips, please complete the form below and mail it to:



Anne Arundel County Board of Education
AARSPA -Trips Committee
2644 Riva Road
Annapolis, MD 2140



I would be interested in serving on the AARSPA Trips Committee. Please contact me at:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

Phone Number: _____



CONSUMER UPDATE

“I Thought I Erased All That !”

You think you erased everything from your smartphone or computer before getting rid of it. Many of these devices bought used are found to still have sensitive data, even information about your banking or Social Security information. Some of the devices are hard to completely erase. The iPod, iPhone and Blackberry don't usually carry the same risk.

A suggestion : instead of trying to sell it – smash it to bits.

Eating Out

More than 96% of restaurant entrees exceed USDA limits for calories, sodium, fat and saturated fat in a single meal. Entrees at family-style restaurants have more calories, fat, and sodium than those at fast-food restaurants.

Flying after a Stroke or Heart Attack

There are no guidelines but remember that the aircraft is pressured to the equivalent of 899 feet. This can even affect some healthy people. Consider where you are going to be sure that health care is available at your destination. Talk with your doctor before considering flying.

Con Artists at Work

Fraudulent companies have employees who pose as government and law enforcement officials who call and threaten people. Mostly the elderly get the calls and feel frightened if told they will be arrested or are threatened with a lawsuit. Many will pay what is asked even though they know they don't owe. If you receive such a call, hang up and do not give them any information.

Coffee Drinkers

Susanna Larsson, Ph.D., recently released findings indicating that drinking one or more cups of regular or decaffeinated coffee daily was associated with a 22% to 26% reduction in strokes. Coffee beans contain antioxidants and other disease fighting chemicals that may reduce inflammation and improve insulin activity which lowers blood pressure and reduces stroke risk.

So, have a cup of coffee!

Useful Web Sites

www.Weather.com/weather/hurricanecentral (Information to help you plan for bad weather)

www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch (Up-to-date information from the FDA on cosmetics, dietary supplements, drugs, vaccines, etc.)

SEPTEMBER 13, LUNCHEON AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SNYDER'S WILLOW GROVE

First Timers

(L to R) Myrtle Link, Sylvia Jones, Charlie Day, Diane Holmes, Pat Pinder, Carol Myers, Jayne Alexis, Wilma Owens, Janie Pandullo-Bell, Tim Mennuti.

Missing from the picture - Neal Fertitta, Jeanne Hartge, Sal Maggio, Novella Wright





Holiday Pops Christmas Show at the Meyerhoff

Tickets for the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra's Holiday Pops Christmas Show at the Meyerhoff on December 13, 2012 at 2:00pm are now available. We have fifty seats reserved at the Meyerhoff for this program. Bus transportation is included in the \$50.00 fee. The bus will pick up at Annapolis High School and will leave the parking lot promptly at 1:00 p.m. If you are interested in this trip, please complete the form below and mail it to Bob Kanach at the address below. Tickets will be sold on a first come, first served basis.

AARSPA
Attention: Bob Kanach
2644 Riva Road
Annapolis, MD 21401



"HOLIDAY POPS CHRISTMAS SHOW"
At the Meyerhoff

Deadline for tickets is November 9, 2012

Please reserve ____ ticket(s) for this program. The cost per ticket is \$50.00. Make your checks payable to the Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association and mail to Bob Kanach at the address above.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

Names of persons in your group if ordering for more than yourself:



FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Do you want to give a friend or family member a gift for a birthday or an anniversary or some other special occasion? Consider sending a donation to the AARSPA Scholarship Fund in the person's name. It may be a little early to think about the holidays, but also consider a donation to the Scholarship Fund as a Christmas gift for the person who has everything! See the donation form elsewhere in this newsletter for simple directions on how to accomplish this.

The following contributions have been made to the Scholarship Fund:

In Memory of:

Dr. William Norman
Mother of Dan Schoffield
JoAnn C. Schaeffer

In Honor of:

Shirley Hall Atwell
-First recipient of
AACTA's Scholarship
in 1954



2012 AARSPA Scholarship Winners

(L to R) Karlie Everett, Stephanie Grim (Northeast High School), President Kanach, Bailey Falk (South River High School), Howard Hall, and Rebecca Mount (North County High School).

Informer Deadline - December 1

Send news and articles of interest to AARSPA members to *Informer* Co-editors Carla Duls (kid3dle@aol.com) and Melissa Mowrey (mmowrey@air.org).





READING PARTNERS SEEKING HELP!

Reading Partners is a local literacy nonprofit that engages community members to empower struggling readers from low-income communities. The Baltimore Program (City of Baltimore: Edgecomb, Cherry Hill, Park Height, and Westport Centers) are seeking volunteers to tutor children from K-5 who are six months to two years behind their reading grade level. If you are interested in making a life-long, positive impact on a child, for a minimum of an hour a week, please call Geraldine Fiesta, Outreach Coordinator, at (410) 585-7600 or email her at gfiesta@readingpartners.org. For additional information about this program, see their website below.

ONE TUTOR, ONE CHILD, INFINITE POSSIBILITIES

www.readingpartners.org



AARSPA COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT



As one of our service projects for this year, we are asking members to consider donating children's hats, scarves, and mittens/gloves. In addition, we would love to couple these clothing items with age appropriate books to be given to some of the neediest students in our school system. Working with Louise DeJesu, Principal, it is our goal to provide these items to identified students, aged one month to four years, at the Judy Center at Hilltop Elementary School for the Holiday/Christmas season.

Members are encouraged to bring donated items to the general luncheon meeting at CAT-N on Thursday, November 15, 2012, or drop the items off at Hilltop Elementary School, 415 Melrose Avenue, Glen Burnie, MD, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. or contact Bob Kanach at rkanach@verizon.net to make arrangements for pick up. The items may also be mailed to: Bob Kanach, 512 Augusta Drive, Arnold, MD 21012. Let's try to make the upcoming holidays a little more special for our most deserving children. All items need to be received no later than Friday, December 14, 2012, so they can be wrapped and delivered to the school for distribution.



SUNSHINE/REMEMBRANCE

Member Deaths

Emily Renkiewicz
Howard Hall
JoAnn Schaeffer
Jocelyn Evans
Arthur "Bud" Bruni
Delores Spear

Emeritus Birthdays

Hope Myer
Beverly Wood

Family Deaths

Mary Ellen Street - husband
Doris Shoemaker - husband
Jeanne Hartge - husband
Marva Gaither - sister and brother
June DeShields - sister and brother

Upcoming Anniversaries

Nov. 20 - Richard and Majorie Johnson
Nov. 28 - Eugene and Carol Kirby
Dec. 15 - Ed and Meg Meehan
Dec. 26 - Otho and Gloria Johnson

Anniversaries and Congratulations – Millie Zipay
@mz2teach@aol.com / 410-760-2684

Deaths of AARSPA members and family members
-Nina Griffith @ bear1134@aol.com / 443-304-2266

Illnesses and accidents, etc

- Dianne Rogers
@ www.dsrogers@verizon.net / 410-647-7585

ATTENTION MARYLAND VOTERS!



The websites below provide useful information on candidates and issues on the November ballot.

www.422Vote.org (**League of Women Voters**)
www.AARP.org (**Voters Guide**)

www.elections.state.md.us/



IMPORTANT DATES

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS
October 11, 2012 - Conference Room 1 @ 10:00 A.M.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS
November 15, 2012 @ CAT-N at 10:30 A.M.

OTHER DATES

October 18, 2012 - Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame

November 3, 2012 - Pre-Retirement Seminar

November 6, 2012 - General Election

November 13, 2012 - MRSPA Legislative Workshop

December 1, 2012 - *Informer* Deadline

January 29, 2013 - USM Legislative Forum



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KIND!

When you reach your 90th birthday, you know that your dues are paid and AARSPA offers you lunch at the General Membership Meetings, but you don't find many members as active in our association as Thelma Auman. Even with a serious illness during the Spring of 2012, she always wanted to know what was happening and could not wait to return to the Executive Board meetings. She has served as photographer for many years and is anxious to return to this position. Her comment, "I think I can still take some pictures for the *Informer*."

We know that the *Informer* is read by most of our members because we hear of the mistakes, but nobody else reads the *Informer* word for word and never hesitates to let the Newsletter editors know even the spelling mistakes found.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

"Let Us Entertain You..."

The Program Committee has been busy at work. We have recently discovered some new quality performers which we have booked for our upcoming luncheons. At our November luncheon on November 15th, Tim Amann will entertain us following lunch. He describes himself as an "Oldies One Man Band." Tim plays guitar and sings all of your favorites from the 50's, 60's and 70's. And . . . thanks to a little magic, he always has the FULL BAND SOUND that you remember! This performance is just one more reason that you should join us for our November meeting and luncheon at CAT-North! Please contact Charles Gable if you have any suggestions for guest speakers and/or entertainment for our future meetings.



Welcome New Members

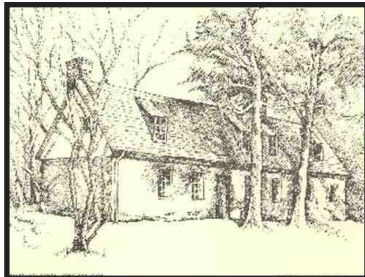
Jayne Alexis
Rosemary Biggart
Katie Correll
Gary Gard
Clarena A. Guaraldo
Stephen Hanson
Wesley Hill
Janet Holsey
Janie Pandullo
Kathleen Rellihan

Betty Seddom
Cynthia S. Smith
Christine Stockett
Sherri Tolson
Novella Wright



The 2012-13 membership directory will go to press in early October for distribution in November. The number of requests received determines the number of directories to be printed. Please make sure you have submitted your name and address if you wish to receive this document. Further, it can be emailed to you - saving the postage - if that medium fits your needs. Be sure to give us your email address and indicate your preference when requesting the booklet. Mail to AARSPA, 2644 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD 21401 or email to (membership@aarspa.org). If you have questions, call Carol Kirby at (410) 798-0748.

ANNEARRUNDELL FREE SCHOOL NEWS



Sunday openings were moved to May through July this year to avoid the problems with traffic jams created by the Renaissance Festival in Crownsville. During these Sunday Openings, 14 docents volunteered, some working several Sundays. The docents were Howard Hall, Victoria Hutchins, Bob Kanach, John Youngblood, Judy Youngblood, Betty Ann White, Jim Preston, Martha Preston, Ed Stofko, Mary Ann Iverson, Barbara Hunter, Kay Tarter, Betty Mitchell and Nancy Haberland. There were 34 visitors to the Free School on those days.



Although the school is now closed for Sunday visitors, it is open by appointment for school groups, scouts, and other organizations.

Luncheon and General Membership Meeting



November Luncheon & General Membership Meeting

On Thursday, November 15, 2012, our luncheon will be at the Center of Applied Technology-North, 800 Stevenson Road, Severn, MD.

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

No Refunds after
 October 23, 2012

PLEASE NO WALK-INS

LUNCH RESERVATION - Deadline October 23, 2012

Name of person(s) attending _____

Phone _____ No. of reservations _____

Cost is \$25 Amount Enclosed: _____

ENTREE CHOICES (Please pick one)

_____ **Chicken Cordon Bleu** _____ **Baked Stuffed (crab meat) Flounder**

Each entree is served with a Steamed Broccoli and Herb Wild Rice, Coffee, Iced Tea and Water

DESSERT OPTIONS (Please pick one)

- _____ Caramel Apple Puff- soft puff pastry filled with sliced baked apples and sauce
- _____ New York Style Cheese Cake (homemade)
- _____ Chocolate Mousse

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO AARSPA AND MAIL TO:

Ms. Pat Ericson, 8223 Grainfield Road, Severn, Maryland 21144

_____ Check here if this is your first AARSPA luncheon

_____ Check here if an Emeritus Member



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 _____ an 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:

Karlie Everett
725 Warren Drive
Annapolis, Maryland 21403

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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:

Karlie Everett • karlieeverett@verizon.net • 410-268-8656



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