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It's hard to believe that it is already October! The crisp air, the leaves changing colors, pumpkins and mums are sure signs that we are in the midst of Fall.

I survived my first meeting as President of AARSPA on September 12th! We had a great turn-out with approximately 124 members present including three emeritus members and thirteen "first-timers". As always, the staff at Snyder's Willow Grove served us a great lunch. Our entertainment was provided by three CSX retirees known as the Roundhouse Ramblers. A special thank you goes out to Bob Kanach for handling the reservations for this and future luncheons.

I thought that I might take this opportunity to let you know how we are doing with the goals that I established as your President of AARSPA. Seven members of the By-Laws Committee have

met to review and revise the by-laws used to run our organization. We have proposed some changes that we believe will strengthen our group. The proposed changes will first be discussed at our Executive Board Meeting – if they are approved, they will then be presented at a General Membership/Luncheon for your consideration for final approval.

The second goal involved increasing our enthusiasm and participation for our Florida "Get-Together" which will be held in Venice, Florida on March 12-13, 2014. Last year fifteen members were present in Naples – our goal is to at least double that number this year. Shirley Phillips is coordinating the efforts in Florida. There will be a gathering at her home on March 12th to be followed by our luncheon in the "Sunset Room" at the Venice Yacht Club on March 13th. The price of the luncheon will be \$27.00 per person. "Save



the Date" notices will be sent to our 110 members who live in Florida later in October. Phyllis Cherry, who also owns a home in Venice, will present further information to our members at the November luncheon. I will be meeting with Shirley in a couple of weeks to iron out some of the details of our "Get-Together". Bob Kanach will also work on getting information about possibly getting a block of tickets for an Orioles Spring Training game in nearby Sarasota! We hope that you will think about participating in this event this year!

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The third goal was to try to get our membership to hit the 2,000 members mark! Being a group of retirees, this is kind of difficult because our new members need to surpass the number of members who pass away. We currently have 1,925 members which makes us the third largest organization under our state affiliate, MRSPA. Since August 1st, 2013, we have welcomed twenty-seven new members. Our new membership directory will go to press in October – please let Carol Kirby, our Membership chairperson, know if your address or phone number has changed.

The last goal is that we will continue to identify interesting and informative guest speakers and entertainers for our luncheons. Our November meeting will be held on November 14th at the Center for Applied Technology – North. This is always

one of our best events! The luncheon is prepared and served by the culinary arts students – their cheesecakes are outstanding! The reservation form is in this newsletter – **your reservation must be received by October 21st, 2013.**

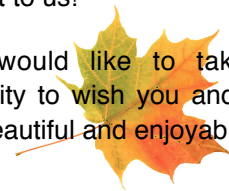
Our guests for this luncheon will include Ms. Mamie Perkins, Interim Superintendent, and Ms. Florie Bozzella, Executive Director of Human Resources.

Our entertainment for this meeting will be provided by Tim Amann – he is coming back by popular demand. Tim describes himself as an “Oldies One Man Band”. He plays the 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. Although we have decided to limit our entertainment portion to forty-five minutes, Tim will be playing

from 12:45 until 1:45 p.m. We have extended his time to prevent traffic problems with the dismissal of the students at CAT-N. Their dismissal is a 1:35 p.m. – if we leave at 1:45 p.m., we will not interfere with their dismissal and bus departure, and we will have clear sailing off of their parking lots!

A few of our regular members will not be with us on November 14th because they will be attending the Legislative Workshop which is sponsored by MRSPA. At this time they will learn about the legislative priorities for our state and local organizations for the 2014 General Assembly. AARSPA and MRSPA will do our best to keep you informed about legislation that is important to us!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a very beautiful and enjoyable Fall!



Retirement Perks

When you retire from work,
 You soon discover the many perks,
 In this new world, you're a novice,
 Some of the rules are less obvious.
 Work clothes need to be replaced
 to fit a lifestyle absent of haste,
 Discount drinks and meals are great,
 As are other senior rates.
 But the best perk isn't something bought,
 It's doing those things you thought
 impossible due to time and career,
 So now, you have time free
 to make your dreams come true.

(<http://seniors.lovetoknow.com>)

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Members are encouraged to make donations to the scholarship fund in memory of a friend or loved one or to honor someone on a special occasion. With the holidays just around the corner, a donation would be the perfect gift for the person who has everything or someone who is downsizing.



Simply use the form on the back of this newsletter.

CONSUMER UPDATE

HEALTH

Certain foods can magnify a drug's side effects or change its effectiveness. For example, grapefruit intensifies the side effects of antihistamines, and alcohol mixed with acetaminophen can cause liver damage and stomach bleeding. Caffeine in colas, tea, chocolate interacts with more than 90 drugs, according to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Drug interactions can be checked by going to: MedStarHealth.org/you or epocrates.com. (MedStar Health Newsletter)

TRAVEL

Scammers are calling hotel rooms in the middle of the night claiming to be the front desk. The caller will inform you that their hotel computer has crashed and they need to re-enter your credit information. Do not give them any information. Hang up and call the front desk instead.

For those who have traveled the Viking River Cruises, you may be interested in future sea cruises. Starting in April 2015, Viking will be cruising the Baltic and Mediterranean regions. The first cruises are already sold out.

MONEY

(Kiplingers.com/tools/retiree_map) is a state-by-state guide that can help determine the most tax-friendly states for you and your retirement assets. You can sort the map by such categories as states that impose their own estate tax.

APPS/WEBSITES TO CONSIDER

While we may not be in the election mode, it won't be long before the robo-calls will begin. You may want to add your name to the National Political Do Not Contact Registry (stoppoliticalcalls.org). They will send your name to local and national parties, candidates, and political action committees and ask them to remove your name from their phone calls. This also sends a message to politicians that robo-calls are a turn-off.

NerdWallet.com has created a consumer-friendly tool to search hospital charges. At www.nerdwallet.com/health/hospitals, choose a hospital service and location. The tool will pull up each local hospital's average charge for that service and the average Medicare payment. The data covers the 100 most common inpatient services. (Kiplinger Retirement Report)

DID YOU KNOW?

According to the U.S. Census Bureau there are 64 million grandparents in America. Research by the Center of Social Development found that elementary-school students who had consistent help from an adult age 55 or older improved their critical-reading skills by 60 percent in a single school year.

There are 480,000 school buses on the road each day. It would take 17 million cars to transport the same number of students.



IMPORTANT DATES

Executive Board Meetings - 10:00 a.m.

October 15 - Center 3
 January 9, 2014 - Center 3

General Membership Meetings - 10:30 a.m.

November 14 - Center of Applied Technology-North
 February 6, 2014 - Blue Dolphin Restaurant, Crofton (Snow date February 13, 2014)



Other Dates

October 17 - Senior Citizens Hall of Fame
 October 26 - Pre-Retirement Seminar at Old Mill High School
 November 14 - MRSPA Legislative Workshop
 December 1 - *Informer* deadline
 December 7 - White Christmas at the Hippodrome in Baltimore
 January 21, 2014 - United Seniors Legislative Forum at St. John's College in Annapolis



FLORIDA GET - TOGETHER



The annual "Florida Get-Together" will take place in Venice, Florida on March 12 and 13, 2014. Make your plans early, leave winter behind, and join our members down South in sunny Florida!

On Wednesday, March 12th there will be an informal gathering at the home of Shirley Phillips at 4:00 p.m. This will be a wonderful opportunity to renew "old" friendships and make "new" friends. A luncheon is planned for Thursday, March 13th, in the Sunset Room at the newly renovated Venice Yacht Club located on the beautiful Intercoastal Waterway.

Directions, lodging information, and points of interest in the area will be forwarded to you upon receipt of your reservation. **Reservations must be received no later than FEBRUARY 25, 2014. Please make your check payable to Shirley Phillips.**

Name(s): _____
 Address: _____
 E-mail Address: _____
 Telephone Number: _____

Entree choices: Chicken a la Rainé with Sauce Supreme OR Herb-crusted Baked Salmon with Butter Sauce

Each entree will cost \$27.00.

Each Guest's Name	Entrée Choice	@ \$27.00 each
_____	___ Baked Salmon, or ___ Chicken a la Raine'	@ _____
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Total amount due: \$ _____ (Make checks payable to Shirley Phillips)

Number of reservations: _____ Total Amount included: \$ _____

All reservations are due by **February 25, 2014**. Send this reservation to:

Shirley Phillips, 1608 Valley Drive, Waterford, Venice, Florida 34292.

SCHOOL DAYS

A first grade teacher asked students to bring toys or hobbies related to another country. One little girl brought a baby doll from Japan. Another youngster started to bawl while the carefully encased doll was being passed around. When asked why she was crying, the little girl replied that the baby was "suffercating". This actually happened to Millie Zipay while she was teaching in Ankara, Turkey.



Send your "School Days" memories to *Informer* editor Carla Duls at kid3lde@aol.com.

YES, I'M A SENIOR CITIZEN!

I'm the life of the party...
Even if it lasts until 8 p.m.

I'm very good at opening childproof caps...
With a hammer.

I'm awake many hours...
Before my body allows me to get up.

I'm smiling all the time...
Because I can't hear a thing you're saying.

I'm sure everything I can't find is
in a safe, secure place, *somewhere.*

I'm wrinkled, saggy, lumpy
and that's just my left leg.
I'm beginning to realize that aging is not for
wimps.

Yes, I'm a SENIOR CITIZEN
and I think *I am having the time of my life!*



REMEMBRANCE COMMITTEE

Member Deaths

Louise Haislip
Leslie Holmes
Cdr. Robert Paul

Family Deaths

Kathie Kamm - mother
Lou Kamm - mother-in-law
Domenica Tozzi - husband

Anniversaries

10/3 Evelyn and Clayton Green
11/20 Marjorie and Richard Johnson
11/28 Carol and Eugene Kirby
12/15 Ed and Meg Meehan
12/26 Gloria and Otho Johnson

Emeritus Birthdays

10/03 Betty Dawson
10/17 Hope Myer
10/28 Beverly Wood
11/05 Mary Etta Dorr
11/12 Ella Roberson (100+)
11/16 Doretta Law
12/9 Dorothy Mace
12/18 Dorothy Bullock
12/18 Mary Lord



CORRECTION: Member Joyce Nellenback was mistakenly included with "Member Deaths" in the August, 2013, *Informer*. We are happy to report that Joyce is alive and well!

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

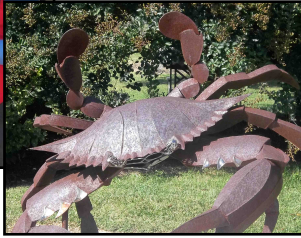
Anniversaries and Congratulations--Millie Zipay at mz2teach@aol.com / 410 401-0172
Deaths of AARSPA members and family members--Nina Griffith at bear1134@aol.com / 443 304-2266
Illnesses and accidents, etc.--Dianne Rogers at wwdsrogers@verizon.net / 410 647-7585



DOROTHY-MEGAN CRAB FEAST CRUISE
September 25, 2013



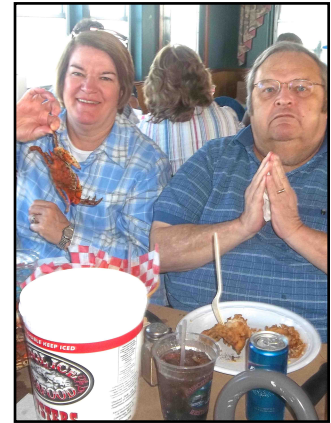
Jim and Martha Preston, Edwanda Larkin, and Matt, the banjo player



Susie Jablinske, Betty Coleman, and Sandra Edmonds



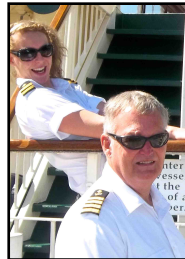
Pat Abend, Tillie Barckley, Jane Soverns, Millie Zipay, Marcia Gampel, Bob Abend, Kathie Kamm, and Jean Curry



Kathie and Lou Kamm (praying for crabs!)



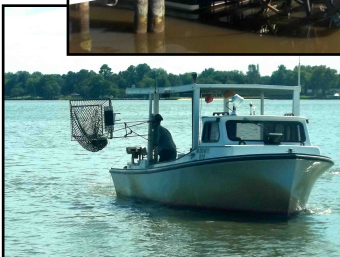
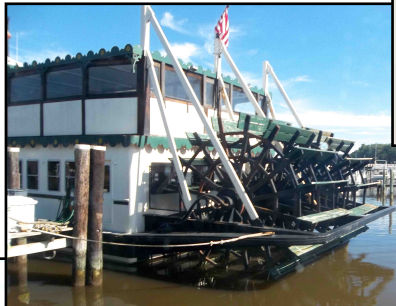
George and Jane Soverns



The Crew



Pat and Bob Abend, Marcia Gampel, and Diane Rogers



Our server, Kristen Elzey



Millie Zipay

Welcome NEW MEMBERS

Please advise Membership of any changes to your address or phone number. The 2013 directories will be published soon. Please notify Carol Kirby if you want one. Your requests will help determine the quantity printed. You can write, email or telephone; but please update your contact information if there are changes (410) 798-0748 or membership@aarspa.org or AARSPA, 2644 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD 21401

New Members 8/1/13 - 9/30/13

Diane Carey
John Carey
Patricia Clesh
Marilyn Coliano
Virginia Cunningham
Kathleen Ferris
Alice Foley
James Foran
Laura Goodhand
John Grimes

Zetta Hart
Carol L. Howie
Marilyn Johnson
James Ketler
Jacolyn King
Joanne Long
Charles Lehr
Diana Martin
Crystal Moede
Sandra Nicolini

Carita Randall
Lucinda Sammons
Robyn Smit
Donna Spencer
Jane Stewart
Mary Sullivan
Phyllis Valek
Linda Wisch
Anne Yakaitis



White Christmas at the Hippodrome Saturday, December 7, 2013



It is the time to be dazzled and delighted with musical merriment! The Hippodrome Theatre presents the classic holiday production of **White Christmas**. This heart-warming musical is based on the beloved movie which starred Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, and Rosemary Clooney. The memorable Irving Berlin score features, "Blue Skies," "The Best Things Happen When You're Dancing," "Sisters," "Count Your Blessings," and the perennial favorite, "White Christmas." Irving Berlin's **White Christmas** promises a merry and bright experience for all!

The \$115.00 per person cost includes the performance plus the bus, taxes, and tips, including the driver. The bus will pick up at the Severna Park United Methodist Church on Benfield Blvd. and will leave the left rear parking lot promptly at 12:45 p.m. returning at 5:45 p.m. If you are interested in this trip, please complete the form below and mail it along with payment to Bob Kanach at the address indicated **no later than October 25, 2013**. Tickets are selling quickly for **White Christmas**. To secure a seat, make your reservation NOW! Mail the check and form below to: **Bob Kanach, 512 Augusta Drive, Arnold, MD 21012**

**ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS
AFTER OCTOBER 25, 2013**

White Christmas at the Hippodrome Baltimore, Maryland

Deadline for tickets is October 25, 2013

Please reserve _____ ticket(s) for this event. The cost per ticket is \$115.00. Make your checks payable to the _____ Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association and mail to Bob Kanach at the address above.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail address: _____

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



SEPTEMBER 12, 2013 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Snyder's - Linthicum



Yvonne Henry, 50/50 winner
Marie Diamond, and Charlie
Gable



EMERITUS MEMBERS: Fran Middleton,
Harry Hendrickson, and Mary Etta Dorr



Carl Stewart



Rose and Richard O'Hara



Evelyn Svoboda and Millie Zipay



Webster Dorsey, Virginia Crespo, and
Alicia Hardisky



The Roundhouse Ramblers




Florence Kerwath



FIRST TIMERS: (Back Row) Karl Behringer, Webster Dorsey, John Oravec, and Wayne Edwards
(Middle Row) Zetta Hart, Mary Wagner, and Phyllis Hahn
(Front Row) Carol Newman, Shelli Slutskin, Margaret Wise-Tapp, and Robyn Smit



Ellen Bentley



IN THE AARSPA SPOTLIGHT



Lonnie Kelly, an AARSPA member since her retirement in 1998, is an Anne Arundel County native and graduate of Annapolis High School. Lonnie began her 28 year career with the Anne Arundel County Public Schools as a clerk in the Transportation Department. She then became the secretary for Area II Director of Instruction Winifred Fowler in the old Arnold school. When Joseph Mirenzi became Director, the office was relocated to the Riva Road building. Lonnie continued as secretary to Directors Oliver Rephann, Dr. James Foran, and Peter Nicolini.

As an AARSPA member, Lonnie served as Assistant Recording Secretary for twelve years. She has also assisted the Membership Committee serving as a greeter for MRSPA events. Lonnie is a regular attendee at AARSPA luncheons. The Association thanks you, Lonnie, for your many years of service!



LUNCHEON AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October Luncheon & General Membership Meeting

On Thursday, **November 14, 2013**, we will have our luncheon at the Center of Applied Technology-North, 800 Stevenson Road, Severn, MD.

No refunds after October 21, 2013

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

PLEASE NO WALK-INS

LUNCHEON RESERVATION - Deadline October 21, 2013

Contact person: _____

Phone _____ E-mail address _____

Entree Choices: Chicken Cordon Bleu **OR** Baked Flounder (stuffed with crab meat)

Entrees are served with steamed broccoli, herb wild rice, coffee, iced tea, and water.

Dessert Choices: Caramel Apple Puff, Homemade New York Style Cheesecake, **OR** Chocolate Mousse

Guest's Name	Chicken OR Flounder	Apple Puff OR Cheesecake OR Mousse
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Cost: \$25.00 per person Number of reservations: _____ Amount enclosed: _____

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO AARSPA AND MAIL TO:
 Bob Kanach, 512 Augusta Drive, Arnold MD 21012**

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



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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