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Where has the time gone? During the summer, your Executive Board was busy addressing issues for the 2015-2016 year and noting concerns over the Board of Education's review of our health care. We met with Susan Baugher of the Health Benefits Office followed by a conference with Florie Bozzella, Director of Human Resources, who assured us this was a review of the Board's regulations and policies as they apply to the health needs of our members. The Board of Education's attorney presented information to the entire Board for their approval and was requested to prepare the documents for future action in September. Patti Nalley, one of the Board members and currently an AARSPA member, is very supportive of the change in language to our health care benefits. She confirmed that she has received letters and calls from our membership on the issue.

Charlie Gable and his Program Committee firmed up our luncheon itinerary for the upcoming year. Lou Kamm and his Trips Committee have planned three trips and want to

explore the possibility of an overnight trip. Stay tuned for the details. Fifteen members gathered in the BOE cafeteria to label the August AARSPA Informer newsletter. The Pre-Retirement Committee with chairman John Salwach met during the summer. The next Pre-Retirement Workshop is scheduled on October 24th at Severna Park High. Four members of our Executive Board participated in the MRSPA Leadership Conference on October 1st.

The September luncheon was a huge success. Bob Kanach and Charlie Gable reserved a new facility, Two Rivers Restaurant, in Pasadena. We had well over 130 attendees. Bob and Charlie appreciate those who assisted. The Community Service Committee received from the membership a large collection of school supplies for needy students at Marley Elementary and various toiletries for a local adult nursing home facility. The committee members are appreciative of the large



number of donations. Carla Duls and Debbie Ahalt presented an informative internet presentation on our role in the October 25th Walk To End Alzheimer's. Susan Baugher (AACPS) shared with us that our prescription plan will be impacted by only a 5% rate increase. Luckily for us, we have not had a rate increase for the past two years.

At our luncheon, I failed to mention that I would like a volunteer to provide publicity messages to the media about our many successful events. Our community should know about the many great things that all of you do. Our membership is approaching the 2,000

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mark. Every member's support is definitely needed. Please encourage retirees you know who have not yet joined AARSPA to come with you to meetings, luncheons, trips and the Florida event with our colleagues who have moved South over the years.

I am very interested in hearing from you regarding the types of activities you would like to see improved or added (i.e. golf tournaments, bowling league, book club, cooking club, sewing club, habitat for the community, etc.). Please feel free to call me or e-mail me with your suggestions/requests. Finally, our membership should stay in touch with our legislator(s) and express our feelings on what they can support. We will provide you with suggestions on what bills have been presented and how to contact the pro-education legislators.

We are lined up for a fantastic 75th Anniversary Celebration year. I hope you will be able to join us in November as we continue to celebrate AARSPA's many accomplishments!



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY AARSPA

Let's Celebrate



75th

Thursday,
November 19, 2015
CAT - North

Guests:

Nancy Gordon: MRSPA Vice President
Janet Williams: MRSPA Area II North Director

Speakers:

Maureen McMahon
and Florie Bozzella, AACPS

Entertainment:

Tim Amann
Music from the 50's, 60's and 70's

We ask our members to stay until 1:45 so that we do not interfere with the dismissal of CAT-North.

GREETINGS FROM MRSPA

Congratulations on your 75th Anniversary. Anne Arundel County was a leader in 1940 when it started what was to become the Anne Arundel Retired Teachers Association with only five charter members. Members of the Anne Arundel Retired Teachers Association were very involved and supportive of the newly formed state organization, the Maryland Retired Teachers Association when it was formed in 1945. That relationship has continued to the present. You can be very proud of the service that you have provided over the past 75 years to your members, the Board of Education and the community. The Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA) applauds the Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association (AARSPA) for your many accomplishments and contributions during the past 75 years. We look forward to continuing to work with AARSPA as you build on your wonderful history. Celebrate your accomplishments and set your goals high as you plan for the future. We know that the best is yet to come.

Judith A. Zahren
MRSPA Executive Director

Max E. Muller
MRSPA President



Not only does AARSPA have a heart, it has a very large one. Members of the Community Service Committee are still overwhelmed by the generosity of AARSPA members. Approximately \$250.00 worth of **toiletries** were collected at the September luncheon. These were taken to the Arundel Lodge where they have 113 residential treatment centers for those needing treatment for a multitude of chemical, behavioral or age related needs. This includes 14 homes for senior citizens. They were very appreciative of our contribution.

Members of the Community Service Committee delivered six boxes of **school supplies** to Marley Elementary School. Over 450 items were collected and delivered to the guidance department. As they were sorting through the items there were comments like, "Ooh, Josh will love this Iron Man trapper," and "Stacy really needs a supply of crayons." Please know that even the smallest donation is bringing a smile to someone's face.

Now for our next endeavor, collecting non-perishable items for the Food Bank. The **Anne Arundel County Food and Resource Bank** is an important source of food for those attempting to provide for their family. This is true for even those who earn a salary. However, with the rising cost of winter heating, rent and transportation expenses, money for food can be very limited. The Anne Arundel County Food and Resource Bank makes a difference between a family having dinner and going to sleep hungry. Donations of non-perishables (**No glass, please!**) like canned ham, chicken, tuna, salmon, vegetables, fruits, cereals, soups, pasta, and pudding; paper products like toilet paper, napkins, plates, and cups; and baby supplies like formula and diapers will be collected at the CAT-N luncheon on November 19th. It is an opportunity to clear out your shelves. (**Remember to check expiration dates!**) You could also consider a cash donation! Every dollar collected is equivalent to eight pounds of food. Make checks payable to **AAC Food Bank**. You may bring your check to the November luncheon or mail it to: Phyllis Cherry, 2022 Old Frederick Road, Catonsville, MD 21228.



Don't forget the **Walk to End Alzheimer's** on October 25th! It isn't too late to sign up to walk or to make a donation. Currently, there are seven members signed up on the "AARSPA From the Heart" team and with over \$1500.00 collected, we rank 6th out of 98 teams as of October 9th. Can we make it to ten walkers and \$2000.00? Knowing the size of AARSPA's heart, I think we can!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

H.O.P.E. FOR ALL serves families and children in Anne Arundel County. Two of their main partners are the Anne Arundel County Public School System and Social Services. They assist families transitioning from shelters, motels, living in the woods, and moving from place to place. Once clients have a residence, they help provide them with clothes, furniture, household items, cleaning supplies and personal hygiene products. They are always seeking donations of useable furniture and household items. Contact them at 410-766-0372. Visit their web site at hopeforall.us.

ARLINGTON ECHO OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER is in need of volunteers to help teach lessons to students at the center. If you are interested or would like more information, you can contact Jessica Seabright at JSAEBRIGHT@AACPS.org. OR 410-222-3822.



FREE SCHOOL NEWS



The Free School Museum had another successful Open House Season with the following AARSPA members serving as docents: Jean Curry, Carla Duls, Mary Dunlap, Barbara Hunter, Mary Ann Iverson, Bob Kanach, Max Muller, Jim and Martha Preston, Penny Quinn, and John and Judy Youngblood. If you would like to serve as a docent during the next Open House Season (second Saturday and second Sunday, April 2016 to August 2016), please contact Karlie Everett (karlieeverett@verizon.net or 410-268-8656).

Having more docents than days the Museum is open is a good thing! Not only can docents share the hours the Museum is open or have company during the time the Museum is open, but there is someone available to cover if a docent has a problem. This year, one of our docents had a flat tire on their way to the Free School Museum. With another docent sharing the day, the docent with the flat tire was hopefully able to deal with the unexpected problem with a little less stress. Furthermore, a "new" docent can learn from an "experienced" docent without a special training day. There is a reason why the expression "The more the merrier" came into our lexicon. Please join our "merry" group.

REMEMBRANCE COMMITTEE

MEMBER DEATHS

Anna May Bunker
Sylvia Day
Ardis Diaz
Clinton Gosnell
Janelle Hall
Helen Hamrick
Virginia Levin
Ruby Meredith
Everett Pettigrew
Joan Stipetic

FAMILY MEMBER DEATHS

Ethel Bohle - brother
Lorraise Brooks -sister
Charles Day - mother
Michelle Day - mother-in-law
John Hammond - mother
Jeanne Jones - husband
Linda Stoll - father
Jean Trott - husband

EMERITUS BIRTHDAYS

Hope Meyer (95)	10/17
Mary Etta Dorr	11/05
Doretta E. Law (96)	11/16
Annie D. Donaldson	11/20
Dr. Dorothy Gordon Mace (95)	12/09
Harry Ruder	12/13
Matilda Y. Pair	12/15
Dorothy Street Bullock	12/18
Mary Lord (100)	12/18

GET WELL

Joel Drapalski
Sue Errichiello
Mary Ann Iverson
Gene Kirby
Frances Middleton
Theresa Williams



ANNIVERSARIES

Marjorie & Richard Johnson	11/20
Michael & Patricia Keaser	11/25 (31 years)
Carol & Gene Kirby	11/28
Meg & Ed Meehan	12/15
Jim & Martha Preston	12/23 (49 years)
Gloria & Otho Johnson	12/26
John & Judith Youngblood	12/27 (50 years)
Michelle & Charles Day	12/28 (41 years)
Katie & Andy Borland	12/28 (51 years)

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

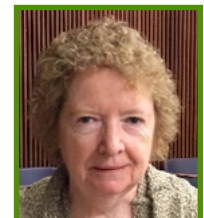
Illnesses and Accidents, etc.

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

In The AARSPA Spotlight



Rosemary Biggart was installed as AARSPA Treasurer at the September 10th luncheon meeting. She retired from the AACPS in July of 2012 after serving most recently as Principal at Maryland City Elementary School (1996-2001) and Arnold Elementary School (2001-2002). Rosemary lives in Crownsville with her husband, Rob, and dog, Dolan. She has two grown children Darby and Darren, who are both working in New York City. Rosemary joined AARSPA in 2012 and recently answered Barry Fader's call to become treasurer. She enjoyed reconnecting with colleagues and meeting new people at the recent luncheon. Rosemary's interests include travel, gardening, cooking, and a variety of sports. AARSPA thanks you, Rosemary, for agreeing to serve as Association Treasurer!



AARSPA GOING GREEN UPDATE

Thank you to all the AARSPA members who have indicated to us that they prefer to receive the *AARSPA Informer* electronically. For the August edition, we had 586 members open the email containing the newsletter and 453 actually click on the link to access the *AARSPA Informer*. Our service provider indicated to us that with just over 1100 emails going out, just over 50% being opened and 77% of those actually accessing the newsletter, we had very positive results. We obviously would like 100% accessing the document.

Be looking for an email that references AARSPA in the Subject line. **DO NOT DELETE IT!** Open that email AND click on the link that reads, **Click here to read the *AARSPA Informer***. This will give you access to the October newsletter. By doing this, you help us verify that we have your correct email address AND that you successfully opened the document.

If you did not receive the email, we either do not have your email address or the email address we have is incorrect. To help us address this, all you have to do is email us at: newsletter@aarspa.org and send us: 1) your name, 2) your email address, 3) your phone number in case we have any questions about the email address. Likewise, if you received the *AARSPA Informer* electronically but prefer to have it sent to you via US Mail, let us know as well using the above email address or writing to us at: AARSPA, Attention Newsletter, 2644 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD 21401.

Thank you for your cooperation and support with this effort. We are making slow, steady progress to reaching our goal.

FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Knowing that education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire, it has been electrifying to receive so many generous donations. Thank You!

In Memory Of:

Alice Battle
Margaret Bell
Dr. Ted Brown
Joseph Crespo, Jr.
Zola Crull (beloved librarian in the Professional Library at Central Office)
Joseph Diamond
Julia Levin Feldman
Clint Gosnell
Janelle Hall (for her steadfast service/support of educating our AA County students)
Donald Murrman
Marcie Pallone
Everett Pettigrew
George Rehorn
Bill Rogers (Father's Day and Anniversary)
Joan Stipetic
Don Stoddard
Dr. Guy T. Swain, Sr.
Jim Trettel



In Honor Of:

Pat Ericson
Sue Hines (serving the community of Carrie Weedon Science Center, Galesville)
Mr. & Mrs. Noel Kunkle (50th Wedding Anniversary)
Ralph Matthews
William Taylor (service as band music teacher)

Do you want to give a friend or family member a gift for a birthday, an anniversary or some other special occasion? Consider sending a donation to the AARSPA Scholarship Fund in the person's name. Please see the donation form elsewhere in this newsletter for directions on how to accomplish this.





NEWS YOU CAN USE




Rules for a Good Old Age

These “rules” were collected from many seniors and the lessons learned from a life well lived.

- It’s time to use the money you have saved up. Use it and enjoy it. Don’t keep it for those who may have no notion of the sacrifices you made to get it.
- Keep a healthy life without great physical effort. Do moderate exercise like walking each day. Eat well and get your sleep. It’s easy to become sick, and it gets harder to remain healthy.
- Don’t stress over the little things. You have already overcome so much in your life. Don’t let the past drag you down and don’t let the future frighten you. Feel good in the now. Small issues will soon be forgotten.
- Always stay up-to-date. Read newspapers, watch the news. Keeping in touch with what is going on and with the people you know is important at any age.
- Respect the younger generation and their opinions. They may not have the same ideals as you, but they are the future and will take the world in their directions. Give advice, not criticism, and try to remind them of yesterday’s wisdom that still applies today.

TRAVEL COMMITTEE 2016

AARSPA's Travel Committee has been hard at work planning for 2016. Here's a sneak peek at what you can look forward to.

- SPRING**  Chesapeake Bay Lighthouse Cruise with lunch aboard the boat
- FALL**  Gettysburg "A Salute to Presidents and First Ladies" with lunch at Dobbin House
- HOLIDAY**  Toby's Lunch Matinee to see *A Christmas Carol*

Look for specific information on these trips in future issues of the *AARSPA Informer*.

EDUCATOR / EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH JUNE 2015

The Educator/Employee of the Month Committee announces the awardees for June 2015:

- Educ: Kathleen Simmons, 4th Grade Teacher
Central Middle School
- Empl: Tammy Diedrich, Manager Business Ed & Internships
AACPS Career & Tech Ed Office



VOICES IN MELODY

2015 Fall/Winter Concert Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Time</u>
November 4	St. John's Church/Linthicum	1:00
December 1	Pasadena Senior Center	12:30
December 3	South County Senior Center	12:30
December 7	O'Malley Senior Center	12:30
December 9	Future Care-Arnold	2:00
December 11	Arnold Senior Center	1:00
December 16	Annapolis Elks Lodge 2 Pythian Drive, Edgewater Retired Federal Employees	1:00
December 17	Pascal Senior Center	12:30

The December 16, 2015, concert is located on the Annapolis side of the South River just off Aris T. Allen Blvd.



CHOPTANK RIVER CRUISE AND CRAB FEAST



Lou and Kathie Kamm



Millie Zipay



Reggie and Dick Ray



Donna Bartz

SEPTEMBER 16
HURLOCK, MD



Charlie Gable and Kathy Lauritzen



Bob Kanach, Don and Annette Smith



Nancy Detterman and Pat Abend



L to R: Virginia Crespo, Alicia Hardisky, Ken Nichols, and Lucy Travers



New Members 7/30/15 to 9/30/15

Sandra Brusberg
Judy Bunker
Lisa Burns
Deborah Lynch
Tess Johnston
Stella MacDonald
Gail Matthews

Frances Nussle
Renae Pomycala
Susan Rossi
Emma Smith
Martha Smith
Janice Spicknell
Laura Switkes

PLEASE be sure to open the emailed *AARSPA Informer* this month. If you don't, your name/email address will be removed from our list because we will think it is an incorrect address.

All unpaid members will be removed from the AARSPA roster on November 1. Please continue to support the organization that supports you and your interests!

IMPORTANT DATES

Executive Board Meetings - 10:00 a.m.

January 7, 2016 - Center 2A
 April 14, 2016 - Center 2A



General Membership Meetings - 10:30 a.m.

November 19, 2015 - CAT-N, Severn
 February 11, 2016 - Blue Dolphin Restaurant ,
 Crofton

Other Dates

October 22, 2015 - Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame
 October 24, 2015 - Pre-Retirement Seminar @
 Severna Park High School
 October 25, 2015 - Walk To End Alzheimer's @ Susan B.
 Campbell Park, Annapolis
 November 4, 2015 - MRSPA Legislative Workshop,
 Annapolis
 December 9, 2015 - Holiday Pops at BSO w/lunch at
 George's, Mt. Vernon Square, Baltimore
 January 4, 2016 - AARSPA Informer deadline
 February 3, 2016 - USM Legislative Forum, Annapolis

LUNCHEON AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: Thursday, November 18, 2015

PLACE: Center of Applied Technology -North
 800 Stevenson Road, Severn, MD 21144



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

No refunds after reservation
 deadline

November 2

PLEASE NO WALK-INS

ENTRÉE CHOICES:



Chicken Cordon Bleu **OR**
 Baked Stuffed (Crab Meat) Flounder
 Each entree served with herb wild rice, steamed
 broccoli, coffee, iced tea, and water

DESSERT CHOICES:

Caramel Apple Puff, Homemade New York Style
 Cheesecake, or Chocolate Mousse



COST: \$29.00 per person

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



LUNCH RESERVATION - Deadline November 2, 2015



Contact person: _____
 Phone number: _____ E-mail: _____

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

Name (s) - Including Contact Person above	Chicken	Flounder	Apple Puff	Cheesecake	Mousse
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Number of reservations _____ X \$29.00 per person = Total Due: _____

_____ Please check if this is your first AARSPA luncheon.

_____ Please check if you are an Emeritus Member (90 or greater)

The students will again make cheesecakes for our members, but on a pre-order basis. If you are interested in ordering a cheesecake, please indicate which size and quantity below. Make check payable to **CAT-North** and include it with this reservation and separate luncheon payment.

10" cheesecake @ \$20.00 each X _____ quantity = \$ _____
 7" cheesecake @ \$10.00 each X _____ quantity = \$ _____

SEPTEMBER 10, 2015 LUNCHEON MEETING AT TWO RIVERS



Ann Graham and Margie Smith



President Barry Fader



Phyllis Cherry and Charlie Gable



Rose Rauch



Assistant State's Attorney, Karen Straughn



First Timers: Rosemary Biggart, Joyce Spring, Donna Sunderland, Janis Jank, Renae Pomycala, Barry Fader (President), Judy Bunker, Vera Doster, and Sharon Boyd



Susan Baugher (AACPS) and Marie Diamond



Joan Briscoe, Pat Keaser, and Marsha Stewart



Too Cool Dudes



Standing: Rosemary Biggart, Patti Nalley, and Bob Kanach
Seated: Sue Errichiello



Donated toiletries and school supplies



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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) _____

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 or / for
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 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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