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AARSPA members have been extremely busy since we began the 2016-2017 year of operation. There have been two Executive Board Meetings, one on July 14 and the other October 6. Our first General Membership luncheon meeting, held on September 8, was highlighted by the installation of officers by MRSPA'S new Executive Director, Shachar Weizman. There were 110 members and their guests present. Those in attendance brought school supplies for students at Marley Elementary School. These donations were made in response to the AARSPA from the Heart community service initiative. Rick Wiles shared with everyone at the luncheon that eight organizations have requested that our chorus perform for them between November 28 and December 19. The schedule is posted in this newsletter. Also, Rick has extended an invitation for members to join the chorus. The trip committee met on September 22 to discuss future trips and has included a member survey in this issue of the **AARSPA Informer**. They would appreciate your feedback. On September 27, many of our members

helped Marie Diamond and Susan Baugher assemble the health benefit information packets for all current and retired AACPS employees. Several members of the Executive Board attended the MRSPA Leadership Workshop on Thursday, September 29. Fay Miller, the new President of MRSPA, opened the meeting with welcoming remarks and introductions that were followed by Executive Director Shachar Weizman, who shared his goals for MRSPA. The rest of the meeting focused on the Resource Manual update, membership matters, Community Service and Scholarship updates, followed by questions, concerns, and comments. In early October, members filled a motor coach to go to Gettysburg, PA to attend a "Salute to Our Presidents and First Ladies".

In other news, Tillie Barkley, Pat Caldwell, and Larry Day will be inducted into the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame on October 27. On November 10, several of our members will attend the MRSPA Legislative Workshop in Annapolis. AARSPA'S November General Membership Meeting will be on **Wednesday**, November 16. In the past, everyone



enjoyed the delicious meals and cheese cakes prepared by the CAT-N students. This year should be equally as good. Please make your reservations early for this event, since it is one of our most popular luncheons. Please don't forget to bring non-perishable can goods for the Harvest for the Hungry campaign, toiletries for local charities, and supplies for the Animal Control Center. These are many of the activities that make AARSPA an outstanding organization to be a part of.

Before I close, I would like to express a concern of mine. This year, sixty of our members did not rejoin AARSPA. This is a serious loss to our overall membership. I invite interested members to contact me if they would be willing to make a few calls to contact these members to let them know we would like to have them back in AARSPA. You would be surprised at what a brief personal phone call can achieve.



...from Karlie Everett and Phyllis Cherry



School supplies that were donated at the September luncheon meeting were delivered to Marley Elementary School by Barry Fader, Phyllis Cherry, and Charlie Gable. The amount of supplies donated was estimated at a value of \$350. Thank you to all our members for their many contributions to the AARSPA from the Heart projects.

...from Tony Anzalone

We again ask you to bring to the next luncheon new, not used, TRAVEL SIZE toiletries such as soap, toothpaste, mouthwash, toothbrushes, combs, brushes, body spray, etc. Items for adults, as well as for children, are greatly appreciated.

...from Debbie Ahalt

Thanks so much to our members for their generosity in giving to Friends of Anne Arundel County Animal Control. The estimated value of our donations was \$100. The friends were so grateful for everything we brought. A list of suggested donations will be available at the November luncheon. Please note that they need towels, washcloths, and blankets. These items can be used so there is no cost involved. Thanks again for helping our "furry friends!"

Left to Right: Debbie Ahalt, Chris Collins, AACAC volunteer and Bob Kanach.



<p>NOVEMBER 16, 2016 CAT-N</p>	<p>Non-perishable food items for Harvest for the Hungry</p>	<p>Toiletries for local charities Supplies for Animal Control Center</p>
<p>FEBRUARY 9, 2017 BLUE DOLPHIN</p>	<p>New underwear, tee shirts, sweatshirts and pants, jeans and socks to be given to elementary school nurses for the children who have accidents</p>	<p>Toiletries for local charities Supplies for Animal Control Center</p>
<p>MAY 18, 2017 RENDITIONS</p>	<p>A new book or money to purchase a book that will be given to the Annapolis Services Bureau at the Stanton Center in Annapolis</p>	<p>Toiletries for local charities Supplies for Animal Control Center</p>

AARSPA GOES GREEN

Thank you to all the members who are receiving the **AARSPA Informer** electronically. This has been a real learning process for all of us and will probably continue to be so for the near future. We decided to send out the August **AARSPA Informer** twice after learning that some of our members did not receive it on the first mailing. In discussing the situation with our service provider, Constant Contact, we learned that they had a glitch in their system that resulted in the newsletter going out to most, but not all, on our email list. Please accept our apologies for any confusion.

In monitoring the reports of our mailings, we have learned that a rather large number of members are opening the email containing the newsletter but are not clicking on the link to access it. When you receive the email from AARSPA with a reference to the **AARSPA Informer** newsletter in the Subject column, please click on the link that reads, "Click here for the **AARSPA Informer**." The newsletter should immediately appear. If it does not, please email us at (assistanttreasurer@aarspa.org) and tell us specifically what you experienced. We will work with our service provider to figure out what the problem might be.

We also have a number of members who are receiving the newsletter both electronically and through the US Mail. This duplication is causing us to pay twice for the document to get to you. If you are receiving the newsletter both via email and US Mail, please email us at the above address and let us know which method you prefer.

In the August **AARSPA Informer**, we listed members who were "bounced" by our service provider for various reasons. Thank you to those of you who responded to the article and let us know which method of receiving the newsletter you preferred. We have removed from the email list the names of those members from whom we did not hear. These members will receive their copies of the newsletter via US Mail.



Lastly, if you are not receiving the **AARSPA Informer** electronically and would prefer it sent to you via email, please send us an email at the above email address, and we will add you to the email list. Again, thank you for all your cooperation and patience with this effort.

2017 FLORIDA GET-TOGETHER

Thanks to the kindness of Debbie and Bryan Groff, we will be holding our annual Florida gathering in Kissimmee, Florida on Thursday and Friday, March 9 and 10, 2017. Though still in the planning stages, the Groff's have opened their house for a gathering on that Thursday from around 4:00 – 7:00pm. They are researching a location for our luncheon and meeting for the next day.

The Groffs actually live on the very east edge of Kissimmee and are located a short distance directly south of Orlando Airport where there are numerous hotels and motels for lodging as well as golf courses. There are also hotels and motels in Kissimmee. Disney World, Sea World, Universal Studios are nearby if folks are thinking about extending their stay. Cocoa Beach, Cape Canaveral, Titusville and the Atlantic Ocean are about 45 minutes or so away. There are all sorts of activities and things to explore in the area.



So, put these dates on your calendar and start planning. More details and a reservation form will be included in the next edition of the **AARSPA Informer**.

VOICES IN MELODY SCHEDULE

November 28	Pasadena Senior Center	12:30 p.m.
December 2	Arnold Senior Center	12:30 p.m.
December 5	South County Senior Center	12:30 p.m.
December 8	O'Malley Senior Center	12:30 p.m.
December 9	Atria Manresa	2:00 p.m.
December 13	Annapolis Senior Center	12:30 p.m.
December 15	Pascal Senior Center	12:30 p.m.
December 19	Future Care Arnold	2:00 pm.

Come out and support AARSPA's goodwill ambassadors!



FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Thank you for your generous donations to the Scholarship Fund. Between July and September, \$890 was contributed for AARSPA's scholarships!

The following special donations have been made to the Scholarship Fund:

In memory of: Donald Murrman, Shirley Nightengale-Smith, Margaret Goodhand

In honor of: Jean Trott, President of AARTA in 1991

Consider giving a gift **in honor** of someone this holiday season. What a perfect gift for the person who has everything! The Scholarship Fund Donation form is on the page 10 of this newsletter.



FROM THE TRAVEL COMMITTEE

The Travel Committee met on Thursday, September 22, 2016, to review trips for spring and winter of 2017. We tried to find trips that would be reasonably priced and of high interest to our members. Before we commit to any specific trips, we would like your input. Below is the list of trips that we thought might interest you, and we ask you to indicate which, if any, you prefer. Also, if you have any other suggestions for future adventures, please indicate them at the end of the list below.



You can send this list to: **AARSPA Trips Committee, 2644 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD 21401** or email your priorities to: **travel@aarspa.org**.

Please respond with your choices/suggestions by Tuesday, November 15, 2016

April/May 2017 (**Please prioritize from 1 - 4**)

National Museum of African American History tour, including a lunch

Million Dollar Quartet at Riverside Dinner Theater (Lancaster area)

Monticello with lunch at the Michie Tavern

Boat trip to St. Michael's

Mid October 2017 New York City visit to the 911 Museum – already scheduled

November/December 2017 (**Please prioritize 1st and 2nd choice**)

Miracle of Christmas at the Sight and Sound Theater (Lancaster)

Yuletide at Winterthur and lunch at Hotel Dupont

Your suggestions:



October is Fire Prevention Month

Do you know that your smoke alarm should be replaced every 10 years? Check the side or back of your smoke alarm for the manufacturer's date. It should be replaced 10 years from that date.



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LEGISLATIVE NEWS

The 2016 MRSPA Legislative Workshop will take place on November 10 in Annapolis, MD, at the Miller Senate Office Building. The meeting will last from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. MRSPA will pay for local presidents, legislative chairs, the MRSPA Board of Directors and the State Legislative Committee to attend. Additional guests will pay a \$19 fee **in advance** to attend. The final deadline for registration is October 28, 2016. Contact the MRSPA Office by phone at 410-551-1517 or toll free at 877-625-6782. You may also email at (mrspa@mrspa.org).

The agenda includes an Election Update by Leigh Snell, National Council on Teacher Retirement; Maryland State Retirement/Pension System Update by R. Dean Kenderdine, Executive Director; a Legislative Forecast by Delegate Alonzo Washington; Contacting Your Legislator by Delegate Mark S. Chang, District 32; AARP Legislative Priorities by Tammy Bresnahan as well as presentations by David Brinkley, Maryland Budget Director and Nancy K. Kopp, Maryland Treasurer.



This is an excellent opportunity to prepare for the 2017 Maryland General Assembly session. The information provided will give us direction as we advocate for our members at the state level. It will help us also to advocate on the local level since the state budget has such a serious impact on local budgets and what is available for education and funding of retired educator benefits such as health care.

REMEMBRANCE COMMITTEE

FAMILY MEMBER DEATHS

Christine Stockett - father-in-law
 Lou Kamm - sister
 Carlean Clark - brother
 Ron Alberico - father

GET WELL

Bev Paul
 Phyllis Mentzell
 Rosalie Burcow
 John Fleming
 Rose Raush
 Mary Grace McDade
 Tinker Trow

EMERITUS BIRTHDAYS

October 11 Ethel Bohle 90
 November 5 Mary Etta Dorr 94
 13 Harry Ruder 93
 20 Herbert Sappington 92
 December 9 Dorothy Mace 96
 15 Matilda Pair 93
 18 Dorothy Bullock 95
 18 Mary Lord 101



ANNIVERSARIES

September	22	Shegemi & Dan Higgs	26 years
October	24	Carol & John Strigle	52 years
November	20	Marjorie & Richard Johnson	
	22	Mary Lou & Bob Mantell	66 years
	24	Sharyn & Ed Doyle	46 years
	25	Patricia & Michael Keaser	32 years
	28	Carol & Eugene Kirby	59 years
December	15	Meg & Ed Meehan	
	23	Martha & Jim Preston	50 years
	26	Gloria & Otho Johnson	
	27	Judith & John Youngblood	51 years
	28	Michelle & Charles Day	43 years
	28	Katie & Andy Borland	53 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 (wwdrogers@verizon.net)
 410 647-7585

Looking for the best gas price in your area?



Check out (gasbuddy.com) and put in your zip code - it will give you a list of gas stations with the lowest prices in your area. Traveling? Take a look before you hit the road to get the best prices on your travel route.

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NEW MEMBERS



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|--------------------|---------------------|
| Jane Ashwell | Ernestine McKnight |
| Nancy Baker | Irene Remines |
| Janis Brewer | Deborah Rowens |
| Mary Calderone | Linda Siegert |
| Elizabeth Clickner | Diana Strohecker |
| Valerie Cooper | Ivy Sheffler-Oidick |
| Joni Daugard | Judith Via |
| Annie Foster | Glyn Webber |
| Denise Levitine | Suzanne Young |

Please support your association!

If you have **not** paid your dues for the coming year (2016-17), you will **not** receive the next newsletter.

DEADLINE NOVEMBER 10 **A CHRISTMAS CAROL** **LAST CHANCE!**
TOBY'S DINNER THEATRE
Wednesday, December 14, 2016

Travel to Toby's Dinner Theatre in Columbia, MD and spend an afternoon with the cast of *A Christmas Carol*. You will be magically transported to Victorian London, 1843. Dickens reminds us that, even for a crusty curmudgeon like Ebenezer Scrooge, it is never too late to change! With the help of three ghosts, Past, Present, and Yet-To-Be, coupled with the enduring love of Tiny Tim, Scrooge learns to spread love and goodwill and to cherish what Christmas is all about. *A Christmas Carol* is a delight for all ages!

Before the show, enjoy a delicious buffet lunch. All this for only \$75 per person which includes transportation, buffet lunch, reserved seats for the show, and all taxes and tips, including the driver.

Itinerary

- 10:00 a.m. Depart the Severna Park United Methodist Church on Benfield Road
- 10:30 a.m. Arrive at Toby's Dinner Theatre in Columbia, Maryland
- 10:45 a.m. Buffet lunch
- 12:30 p.m. Showtime, "**A Christmas Carol**"
- 3:00 p.m. Depart Toby's
- 3:30 p.m. Arrive at the Severna Park United Methodist Church on Benfield Road



Keep the above information for easy reference as the event approaches.



Please reserve ___ seat(s) for me at a cost of \$75 per person. **Make your check payable to AARSPA** and mail both the payment and this reservation form to: **Bob Kanach, 512 Augusta Drive, Arnold, MD 21012**

Primary Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Please list any additional persons in your party for seating purposes.

TWO RIVERS - SEPTEMBER 8, 2016



First Timers: Valerie Cooper, President Barry Fader, and Joni Daugard



Susan Baugher, AACPS Benefits Office



Representatives Pam Beidle and Mark Chang from the Maryland House of Delegates



Shachar Weizman, MRSPA Executive Director



Emeritus Members: Front - Jeanne Hartge
Back Row - Mary Etta Dorr, Harry Hendrickson, President Barry Fader, Herb Sappington, Fran Middleton, and Jean Trott



Lucy Travers - Travel

Karlie Everett - Free School and Community Service



Rick Wiles - Voices in Melody Chorus



Installation of Officers: Rosemary Biggart, Treasurer; Charlie Gable, Assistant Recording Secretary; Bob Kanach, Assistant Treasurer; Sharyn Doyle, Recording Secretary; Shachar Weizman, MRSPA Executive Director; Carla Duls, representing MRSPA President Fay Miller; and AARSPA President Barry Fader



Tillie Barckley - Scholarship



IMPORTANT DATES

Executive Board Meetings - 10:00 a.m.

January 12, 2017 - Center 2A

General Membership Meetings - 10:30 a.m.

November 16, 2016 - CAT-N, Severn

February 9, 2017 - Blue Dolphin Restaurant, Gambrills
(Snow date February 16, 2017)



Other Dates

October 22 - Pre-Retirement Seminar

@ Severna Park High School

October 23 - Walk To End Alzheimer's

@ Susan B. Campbell Park, Annapolis

October 27 - Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame

November 10 - MRSFA Legislative Day in Annapolis

December 14 - *A Christmas Carol*

@ Toby's Dinner Theatre

December 29 - January AARSPA Informer deadline

January 25, 2017 - USM Legislative Forum, Annapolis

March 9-10, 2017 - Florida Get-Together, Kissimmee, FL

LUNCHEON AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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 1

PLEASE NO WALK-INS

DATE:

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

PLACE:

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



PROGRAM:

Speaker: Monique Jackson, Deputy Superintendent for Student and School Support

ENTRÉE CHOICES:

Chicken Cordon Bleu or Baked Stuffed (crab meat) Flounder served with steamed broccoli and herbed wild rice. Dessert choices are caramel apple puff OR Homemade New York Style Cheese Cake OR Chocolate Mousse. Iced tea and water will be served.



COST:

\$32.00 per person



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

LUNCH RESERVATION - Deadline November 1, 2016

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 \$32.00 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 **AARSPA** and include it with this reservation and separate luncheon payment.

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

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

NEWS YOU CAN USE

- from the September-October 2016 MRSPA *Consumer Connection*

Need a locksmith?

If you're locked out of your home or car, you may need to find a locksmith. As you search online, you'll probably see multiple ads that appear to be for local businesses. In reality, some will actually connect you to a call center in another city. Operators in the far-off call centers may give surprisingly low estimates and dispatch poorly trained locksmiths. When the locksmiths show up, they say the job will cost much more than the estimate you were quoted and they insist you pay with cash. They hope you'll be desperate enough to pay. These FTC tips can help you find a reliable locksmith.

To start, before you hire anyone:

- Call and confirm the business name, address and total cost estimate for the job
- Get details about the locksmith's license, registration and insurance

-When the locksmith arrives, verify the information you got on the phone.

One more idea - consider finding a locksmith now, before you need one. Keep the company name and number in your smart phone or wallet ...just in case.



Need help with a consumer problem?

There is help at your fingertips for many consumer issues. The Maryland Office of the Attorney General has a wealth of information! Visit (<https://www.oag.state.md.us/Consumer/index.htm>) to find out information about your consumer rights, how to file a complaint and how to protect yourself from being the victim of a scam.



Autumn Health and Safety Tips



Take steps to prevent the flu -

The single best way to protect against the flu is to get vaccinated each year in the fall. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Wash your hands often. Stay home if you get sick.

Get smart about antibiotics - They can cure bacterial infections, but not viral infections. The common cold, and the flu are viral infections, so avoid using antibiotics if you have one of these. Using antibiotics when they are not needed causes some bacteria to become resistant to the antibiotic, and therefore stronger and harder to kill. See your doctor or nurse to find out if your illness is bacterial or viral.

Have a safe and healthy Halloween - Make Halloween festivities fun, safe and healthy for party guests. Keep food safe - food is center stage during the holidays. Be sure to keep it safe by following basic food safety steps. Clean hands and surfaces often. Separate foods to avoid cross-contamination. Cook to proper temperatures. Chill promptly.

For more information, visit the Centers for Disease Control at (<http://www.cdc.gov/family/autumn/index.htm>).

Where's That Spare???

Most car buyers aren't in the habit of checking for a spare while they're kicking tires. But if you're in the market for a new car, it might be worth a peek in the trunk. Nearly all car companies are eliminating spare tires from their models. Some upscale and performance cars are instead coming with run-flat tires - tires especially designed to operate for a limited distance after losing air from a typical puncture. If you're looking for something more mainstream, the chances are all you're going to get is a small air compressor and sealant kit for minor punctures. Carmakers say the reason to skip the spare is due to increased pressure to squeeze more miles out of every gallon of fuel. And, ditching a 40 or 50 pound tire and jack helps to increase mpg.



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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

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:
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