



# INFORMER

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It seems as though the school year just started and we're already preparing for the holidays! If you are experiencing your first year of retirement, we hope you are having a relaxing, fun-filled fall. We are sure you don't miss the smell of bus exhaust, the din of cafeteria duty or the long evenings at home preparing for each day. Thank you for the wonderful services that you provided to the Anne Arundel County school community. Enjoy this well-deserved time for you!

Many of our members have endured a difficult fall as hurricane season has ravaged our friends and former colleagues in Florida, Texas, and the Caribbean. Others living in the west have been challenged by wildfires, and a terrible earthquake has devastated our neighbors to the south. Even our colleagues on the Eastern Shore have seen the terrible strength of Mother Nature's fury. For those of us who were not impacted by these natural disasters, we have much for which to be thankful. We send our thoughts and prayers to all of our friends, colleagues and their families throughout the areas affected by these disasters. If you have the ability to help or support these victims, please consider doing so. Be sure

to use reputable charities and beware of the organizations that take advantage of people's kindness and generosity during these difficult times. Our members have a history of being very generous with donations and support for various activities and charities within our county. We hope that you will be equally kind to our friends who live outside the county.

The first General Membership Luncheon/ Meeting was held on September 28, 2017, at the Two Rivers Restaurant. There were 124 members present, including 5 first time attendees and 7 emeritus members. We had a presentation by Theresa Dunn and Lorraine Faris on the health benefits for the 2018 year. The good news is that there are no changes to our health benefits for the 2018 year, although premiums will increase slightly. You should have received your benefits package in the mail thanks, in part, to the efforts of our AARSPA volunteers!

Justin Beiler from the Homeless Project shared with us information about the Homeless Resource Day to be held on October 28 at Glen Burnie High



School. Our generous members brought toiletries for that event in addition to school supplies for Marley Elementary School and pet supplies for The Anne Arundel Animal Control Center. AARSPA From the Heart is once again participating in the Anne Arundel County Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's on October 22, 2017. The walk will begin and end at Susan B. Campbell Park in downtown Annapolis. We hope that you are able to support this worthy cause.

Our next meeting is scheduled for November 15 at the Center for Applied Technology North. This luncheon is one of our most popular because our meal is prepared and served by Anne Arundel County culinary arts students. As an extra bonus, there is the availability of delicious cheesecakes that will freeze and be a special addition to your holiday table. We hope that you will be able to join us! We will be collecting canned goods to assist the CAT-N students with their canned food drive for the Harvest for the Hungry. We look forward to seeing you there!





## SEPTEMBER DONATIONS



## NOVEMBER DONATIONS

If you would like to donate at the November luncheon, you have several options:

- **Non-perishable food items** for the Harvest for the Hungry food drive (**No glass please and remember to check expiration dates!**)
- **Toiletries (preferably travel size)** such as deodorant, soap, shampoo, hand sanitizers, wipes, mouthwash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, lotions, hand creams, etc. for local charities
- **Pet supplies** such as unopened canned and dry food, toys, puppy pads, metal bowls, cat carriers, litter (clay, not clumping), towels, treats, washcloths, blankets, and Petsmart/Petco gift cards

Our hope is that you will support whichever of these efforts is closest to your heart.



## 2018 Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame

AARSPA from the Heart is seeking nominations for the 2018 Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame. Nominees must be sixty-five (65) years of age or older and a resident of Maryland. To be nominated by AARSPA, they must also be an AARSPA member. A nominee must be an active volunteer in any one, or combination, of the following areas:

- Voluntary service of either an educational or community humanitarian nature
- Exceptional contributions in efforts to improve lives of people regardless of race, creed, or national origin
- Advocated as a volunteer on behalf of senior citizens
- Leadership as a volunteer with skills in management, creativity, and program service administration

If you know someone who meets this criteria and is worthy of recognition, please call Karlie Everett (410) 268-8656 or Phyllis Cherry (410) 747-1209.

**REMEMBER!** The AARSPA from the Heart team will be participating in the 2017 Walk to End Alzheimer's in Annapolis on Sunday, October 22. You can still donate to the team, either online or by mail. For more information on how to do this, contact team captains Deb Ahalt (410) 997-3942/djahalt@aol.com or Carla Duls (410) 798-8999/kid3dle@aol.com.



## 2017 Anne Arundel Homeless Resource Day

At the September 28 luncheon meeting, Tony Anzalone introduced Justin Bieler, AA County Department of Social Services, who spoke about the 10th Annual Homeless Resource Day. This event will be held on October 28, 2017, at Glen Burnie High School. Individuals and families will be able to access benefits, medical care, substance abuse resources and mental health counseling intake as well as a variety of social services programs. Tony, along with Carla Duls who also volunteered at the Resource Day last year, shared their experiences.

AARSPA members who are interested in volunteering can access additional information and registration forms by going to [www.aacounty.org](http://www.aacounty.org), typing "Homeless Resource Day" in the Search Box and then clicking on the first link.



# 2018 FLORIDA GATHERING

The annual Florida event will be held in The Villages on Thursday, March 8 and Friday, March 9, 2018. Terry Zablonki, a recent retiree, has opened her house for the evening social event on Thursday, March 8, 2018, from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. The general meeting and luncheon will be held at The Waterfront Inn on Friday, March 9, 2018, between 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The choices of entrées are listed below, so please carefully indicate the preference for each guest. *Directions to both sites along with additional lodging information will be sent to you upon receipt of your reservation and payment. The Waterfront Inn has blocked some rooms for AARSPA until February 8 should you desire to stay there.*

**Reservations must be received no later than Friday, February 2, 2018.**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

The luncheon entrée choices will be: Flounder topped with Ritz cracker crumbs and garlic butter, broiled with lemon and white wine, or Herb Chicken Breast marinated with fresh herbs and olive oil, pan seared, topped with a white wine cream sauce, or Bourbon Glazed Sirloin Steak (medium) 6 oz. center cut served with caramelized onions and Idaho mashed potatoes. All are served with a house salad, bread, chef's choice of vegetable and the chef's choice of dessert. Coffee, decaf coffee and iced tea will be available to drink. There will also be a cash bar available as well. The cost of the meal is \$35.00 per person.

Guest's Name	Flounder	Chicken	Steak	
_____	_____	_____	_____	@ \$35 = _____
_____	_____	_____	_____	@ \$35 = _____
_____	_____	_____	_____	@ \$35 = _____

**Total amount** \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to AARSPA**

Even if you are not able to attend the luncheon on March 9, you are welcome to join us at the social gathering at Terry Zablonki's on March 8. We need to know who will be coming so that we have enough food and refreshments available.

I/We plan to be at the social at Terry's house on Thursday, March 8 from 4:40 to 7:00pm. There will be \_\_\_\_\_ person/persons attending this event.

All reservations and payments are due **no later that Friday, February 2, 2018.**



*Mail your reservations and payments to:  
Bob Kanach  
512 Augusta Drive  
Arnold, Maryland 21012*





# Scholarship News

Kindness in giving creates love, love for empowering and inspiring our youth to continue their educational journey with your generous donations. Thank you!

In Memory of:

- Michael Baker  
- Teacher Aide, North County High School
- Mary Bell
- Bruce Blackman
- Charles Bowers
- Mary Catherine Cole
- Jean A. Hopkins  
- Principal, Tracey's Landing Elementary School;  
true friend and educator
- Mary Ann Iverson
- Pauline Johnson
- Chaye Parker
- Dorothy Rembold
- Beatrice Smith
- John Spencer
- Thomas E. White
- Maurice Zimmerman



## New Members - 8/1/17 - 10/7/17

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Gwen Atkinson      | Jean Marie Hofstetter |
| Elaine Boothby     | Judith Jacobs         |
| Kandace Chase      | Sarah Pelletier       |
| Ellen Clements     | Patricia Piluk        |
| Louise DeJesu      | Ronald Reckling       |
| Mary Dobish        | Michele Schaffer      |
| Penny Dusak        | Karen Scheel          |
| Sylvia Edwards     | Karen Stickle         |
| Mary Anne Ferguson | Amy Summey            |
| Angeline Guns      |                       |

Please let us know if you want the email version of the *AARSPA Informer*. Email your choice to: [rkanach@verizon.net](mailto:rkanach@verizon.net) or [cmk825@msn.com](mailto:cmk825@msn.com) and indicate **AARSPA Informer** in the subject line.

# REMEMBRANCE

## MEMBER DEATHS

- Dawson Bechtold
- Charles Bowers
- Elaine Cooper
- Katherine Fink
- Jean Hopkins
- James E. Kennedy
- Hunter Kesmodel
- Eugene W. Long
- Jane McNeel
- John Meskow
- Dorothy Rembold
- Harry Ruder
- Patricia Russell
- Esther Settembrini



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|-----------------|----|---|
| <b>June</b>     | 8  | Patricia & George Caldwell (55)         |
| <b>August</b>   | 27 | Evelyn & James Svoboda (57)             |
| <b>October</b>  | 10 | Gale Erbe & Thomas Worthington III (37) |
|                 | 14 | Nancy & Ernie Clayton (50)              |
|                 | 24 | Carol & John Strigle (53)               |
| <b>November</b> | 22 | Mary Lou & Bob Mantell (67)             |
|                 | 25 | Patricia & Michael Keaser (33)          |
|                 | 28 | Carol & Eugene Kirby (60)               |
| <b>December</b> | 15 | Meg & Ed Meehan                         |
|                 | 23 | Martha & Jim Preston (51)               |
|                 | 26 | Gloria & Otho Johnson                   |
|                 | 27 | Judith & John Youngblood (52)           |
|                 | 28 | Michelle & Charles Day (44)             |
|                 | 28 | Katie & Andy Borland (54)               |
|                 | 30 | Virginia & Harry Wagner (50)            |

## FAMILY DEATHS

- Deborah Ahalt - mother
- Lin Blackman - husband
- Barbara Bowers - husband
- Phylis Cherry - father
- Joan DeTuccio - mother
- Alicia Hardisky - brother
- Ramona Long - husband
- Donna Spencer - husband

## EMERITUS BIRTHDAYS

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|-----------------|----|-------------------------|
| <b>October</b>  | 8  | Jean Trott (92)         |
|                 | 12 | Ethel Bohle (91)        |
| <b>November</b> | 5  | Mary Etta Dorr (95)     |
|                 | 20 | Herbert Sappington (93) |
| <b>December</b> | 9  | Dorothy Mace (97)       |
|                 | 15 | Matilda Pair (94)       |
|                 | 18 | Dorothy Bullock (96)    |
|                 | 18 | Mary Lord (102)         |

## ANNIVERSARIES

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

### Anniversaries and Congratulations

Millie Gardner at [mgbw16@gmail.com](mailto:mgbw16@gmail.com) or 410 401-0172

### Deaths of AARSPA members and family members

Nina Griffith at [bear1134@aol.com](mailto:bear1134@aol.com) or 443 304-2266

### Illnesses and Accidents, etc.

Dianne Rogers at [wwdsrogers@verizon.net](mailto:wwdsrogers@verizon.net) or 410 647-7585

## 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.

## NEWS YOU CAN USE

### Flood Insurance:

Did you know that flood insurance doesn't cover damage from storms? While it will cover damage from a broken pipe, it will not cover the type of flooding that occurs when a body of water outside your home overflows to a point where it enters your home. Flooding isn't covered because insurance companies are businesses, and to remain financially able to cover other claims, they have determined the risk of covering hurricane floods is simply too expensive.

The government established the National Flood Insurance Program in 1968. However, coverage is limited and expensive.

### How to choose a charity.

We are bombarded with charities asking for money. But do we know if they are legitimate? Charity scams rely on us doing no background checks before we dole out money. Spend a few minutes researching to make sure that the charity is legitimate and reputable.

1. Reputable charities will have an online presence. If the charity does not have a site, that should raise questions. ( Go to [irs.gov](http://irs.gov) to confirm that a charity is eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions.) On an organization's website, look for information on their programs and how they use funds.
2. In someone calls claiming to represent a charity, ask them to mail a hard copy. If they will not send you information, they are probably a scam.
3. Check out charities on a trusted site, like GuideStar or Charity Navigator, which vets charities.

### Things to buy in October - and things to skip!

**Best buys in October:** Jeans, Camping Gear and Outdoor Supplies, Air Conditioning Units, Halloween Costumes and Candy (wait until the week before Halloween to get the best deals)



**Worst buys in October:** Television Sets (wait until Black Friday for better deals), and Appliances (deals will be better in November)

## VOICES IN MELODY

### 2017 Fall/Winter Schedule

November 27	Pasadena SeniorCenter	12:30 p.m.
November 28	Annapolis Senior Center	12:30 p.m.
December 1	O'Malley Senior Center	12:30 p.m.
December 5	SPUMC	1:15 p.m.
December 7	Future Care	2:00 p.m.
December 11	South County Senior Center	12:30 p.m.
December 15	Pasal Senior Center	12:30 p.m.
	Sunset Luncheon	2:15 p.m.
December 20	Annapolis Elks	1:00 p.m.



Recently retired Susan Baugher, AACPS Benefits Office, joined Jim and Martha Preston and Marie Diamond at the work party to assemble benefit packets for mailing.





TWIN RIVERS • OCTOBER 25, 2017



Lorraine Faris, AACPS



Tim Aman



Theresa Dunn, AACPS



**EMERITUS MEMBERS:** Mary Ruth Tereshinski, Jean Hartge, Ethel Bohle, Herb Sappington, Mary Dorr, and Harry Hendrickson. Second row: Co-Presidents Bonnie Schmeltz and Dixie Stack



Amy and Dave Sumney



Janet Manning and Marvin Heptinstall



**FIRST TIMERS:** Chris Stockett, Co-President Dixie Stack, Louise DeJesu, Peggy Radow, Mary Grace McDade, Dave Sumney, Amy Sumney, Connie Slezak, and Co-President Bonnie Schmeltz



John Salwach, Earnestine Butler, and Davidson Watts



Sandra Edmonds and Angie Cromwell



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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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