



INFORMER

Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association

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President Rick Wiles

I hope that all AARSPA members had a wonderful summer full of exciting, interesting, and fun events. Another school year is underway and with a hint of cooler morning temperatures and the changing colors of leaves, we know fall is here.

On the first Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) student and teacher day, our co-past presidents, Dixie Stack and Bonnie Schmeltz, hosted an AARSPA back to school breakfast at Romilo's Restaurant in Severna Park. Eighteen of our members enjoyed good food and conversation.

The first General Membership/Luncheon meeting was held on September 12, 2019, at the Two Rivers Restaurant in Pasadena. There were 111 members present, including 3 first time members and 3 emeritus members. The agenda included many officer and committee reports. We had two excellent presentations for the membership. The first presentation was by Mia Harper and Carla Thomas from the Retirement Benefits Office at the Central Office pertaining to health benefits for 2020. The good news is that there are minimal changes for the coming year. You should have received your benefits package in the mail, thanks in part to the efforts of our AARSPA volunteers led by Marie Diamond.

The second guest presentation was by John R. Woolums, Director of Governmental Relations for the Maryland Association of Boards of Education. His Power Point handout was the 2019 Legislative Session Highlights & 2020 Forecast. He highlighted the Kirwan Blueprint and the 2020 Session Kirwan Legislation. It is very important that our Legislative Committee monitor the legislation as we move into the new session.

Our association members brought in an abundance of school supplies, pet needs, and toiletries. The school supplies will be distributed to Maryland City, Tyler Heights, and Park Elementary Schools. The pet needs were distributed to Anne Arundel County Animal Control and the toiletries will be provided to Anne Arundel County service facilities.

Carla Duls and Deb Ahalt announced that the AARSPA from the Heart team is once again participating in the Annapolis Walk to End Alzheimer's on October 20, 2019. We hope that you are able to support this worthy cause by walking or making a donation.

On September 18, 2019, AARSPA was represented by 8 members at the MRSPA Leadership Workshop in Bowie. Our next General Membership/Luncheon meeting is



scheduled for November 14, 2019, at the Center of Applied Technology, CAT-N. This luncheon is one of our most popular because our meal is prepared and served by AACPS culinary students. As an extra bonus, there is the availability of delicious cheesecakes that can be purchased.

Keep recruiting new members and participate with the AARSPA events. The *AARSPA Informer* provides valuable information for all our members. Have a great fall season!

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Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association (AARSPA)

Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA)

National Retired Teachers Association (NRTA)

Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS)

2020 Florida Gathering

The annual AARSPA Florida event will be held in St. Cloud, Florida on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, and Thursday, March 19, 2020. Arlene and Ron Derflinger have graciously opened their home for the evening social on Wednesday, March 18 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The general meeting and luncheon will be held at Eagle Creek Golf Club in Orlando on Thursday, March 19 between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The choices of entrees 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.



Reservations and payments *must be received* no later than **Wednesday, February 26, 2020.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

The luncheon entrée choices are: **Skirt steak** with a mushroom marsala sauce served with a vegetable medley and yellow rice, or **chicken Romano** (breaded chicken breast stuffed with ham and mozzarella topped with garlic cream sauce) served with a vegetable medley and garlic mashed potatoes, or **maple glazed salmon** with candied pecans served with a vegetable medley and garlic mashed potatoes. Included would be a house salad, dinner rolls and a beverage station of tea, water and lemonade. The dessert will be the choice of chocolate cake or cheesecake.

Guest's Name	Steak	Chicken	Salmon	
_____	_____	_____	_____	@\$38.00 = _____
_____	_____	_____	_____	@\$38.00= _____
_____	_____	_____	_____	@\$38.00 = _____
				Total Amount _____

Make checks payable to AARSPA

Even if you are not able to attend the luncheon on Thursday, March 19, you are welcome to join us at the Derflingers' on March 18. We need to know who will be coming so that we have enough refreshments.

I/We plan to be at the social at the Derflingers' house on Wednesday, March 18, from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. There will be _____ person/persons attending this event.

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

REMEMBRANCE

MEMBER DEATHS

Sirena Cope
Joan Dennis
Kathryn Graf
Mary Jean Gray
Marianne Kendrick
Alice Kushner
Elva Lloyd
Beverly Madison
James Maize
Catherine McMahon
Barbara Miller
Lucy Whittington

FAMILY MEMBER DEATHS

Susan Gray husband
Barbara Watkins husband



ANNIVERSARIES

October	10	Gale Erbe & Thomas Worthington III	38
	14	Nancy & Ernie Clayton	51
	17	Michele Einolf & Kenneth Grice	38
	19	Vonnie & Tom Riffle	55
	24	Carol & John Strigle	54
	28	Ann & Alan Irvine	57
November	24	Sharyn & Ed Doyle	48
	25	Patricia & Michael Keaser	34
	27	Barbara & Paul Rusko	61
	28	Carol & Eugene Kirby	61
December	15	Meg & Ed Meehan	
	16	Anne & Bob Schult	51
	23	Martha & Jim Preston	52
	26	Gloria & Otho Johnson	
	27	Judith & John Youngblood	53
	28	Michelle & Charles Day	45
	28	Katie & Andy Borland	55
	30	Virginia & Harry Wagner	51

EMERITUS BIRTHDAYS

October	8	Jean Trott	94
	12	Ethel Bohle	93
November	1	Emma Schramm	91
	5	Mary Etta Dorr	97
	10	Paul T. Bagley	91
	18	Katherine Tarter	92
	22	Irma Messinger	93
December	9	Dorothy Mace	99
	15	Matilda Pair	96
	15	Mary Sue Hines	91
	18	Dorothy Bullock	98
	18	Mary Lord	104
	21	Mary Madeleine	92

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

Anniversaries and Congratulations

Millie Gardner at mgbw16@gmail.com or 443-784-2190

Deaths of AARSPA members and family members

Nina Griffith at bear1134@aol.com or 443 304-2266

Illnesses and Accidents, etc.

Linda Poole at mlp2118@yahoo.com or 410-451-4782

FROM THE FREE SCHOOL

While Open House season has concluded for the 2019 calendar year, tours are still being given. If you are interested in a tour of the Anne Arundell County Free School Museum for yourself, your family, or a group of people you know, please contact Karlie Everett (410-268-8656 or karlieeverett@verizon.net).

Did you know? Around 1964 Ruth Eason of Glen Burnie was president of the Anne Arundel Retired Teachers Association (AARTA). She set a goal to restore a one-room schoolhouse. In the 1970s, Mabel Parker was a member of AARTA and became interested in the Free School. An archaeological dig was conducted and money was raised to restore the Free School. It re-opened as a museum in 1992.

(Mabel Parker began her teaching career in 1923 at Millersville Elementary and served as a teacher and principal at Severn Elementary. She was principal at Odenton Elementary School in 1946 when an 8th grade was added to the school creating Odenton Junior High School. In September 1950 the Arundel High School building was completed and opened as Arundel Jr. Sr. High School with Mrs. Parker as the first Principal. She was principal at Arundel High School until 1964. Mrs. Parker then served as Director of Secondary Education for Anne Arundel County. She retired in 1972.)



The Maryland Historical Society (MdHS), a museum and library in Baltimore, is recruiting volunteer docents to deliver interactive tours and programs for student and adult groups as well as assist in the research and development of education programs. We are seeking candidates who have an interest in history, enjoy working with the public and students, and feel comfortable speaking to groups. Training on MdHS collections, exhibitions, tour methodology and themes, and museum policies will be provided. Volunteers will also receive complimentary membership, and free admission to select public programs and events.

Alexander Lothstein
School Programs Manager
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alothstein@mdhs.org

DINE OUT TO SUPPORT AARSPA SCHOLARSHIPS

Thursday, October 10, 2019
Brian Boru Pub
487 Ritchie Highway, Severna Park
5:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Reservations 410-975-2678

Select from specific \$25 menu of which \$10 returns to the scholarship fund.

Monday, October 21, 2019
Killarney House
584 W. Central Avenue, Davidsonville
5:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Reservations 410-798-8700



Christmas Spectacular

RIVERSIDE DINNER THEATER
Fredericksburg, Virginia
Friday, December 13, 2019



Travel to Riverside Dinner Theater in Fredericksburg, Virginia and spend a delightful afternoon with the cast of the **Christmas Spectacular**. Experience the joy, memories and excitement of family at Christmas as Riverside Dinner Theatre presents familiar stories of the season. Rekindle your holiday spirit with this live musical production featuring some of your favorite holiday songs performed by the amazing cast of singers, dancers and musicians. Join AARPSA and celebrate the tradition, joy and essence of the holiday season in a festive show that is guaranteed to leave you filled with yuletide spirit! Before the show, enjoy a delicious chef-prepared, 3 course luncheon served at your table. Unfortunately we will not know the entrée for the luncheon until just before the trip.

All this is yours for only \$110.00 per person and includes transportation, luncheon, reserved seats for the show, all taxes and tips including the driver and the Gunther Tours escort.

Itinerary

- 9:00 a.m. Depart the Severna Park United Methodist Church on Benfield Road
- 11:30 a.m. Arrive in Fredericksburg, VA at the Riverside Dinner Theater
- 11:45 a.m. Luncheon
- 1:30 p.m. Showtime – **Christmas Spectacular**
- 4:00 p.m. Depart Fredericksburg, VA
- 6:30 p.m. Arrive at the Severna Park United Methodist Church on Benfield Road

Deadline – Monday, November 18, 2019

Christmas Spectacular

**Send this reservation form and check made payable to AARSPA to:
Bob Kanach, 512 Augusta Drive, Arnold, MD 21012r**

Primary Contact Person: _____

Cell Phone (for emergency): _____ Home Phone: _____

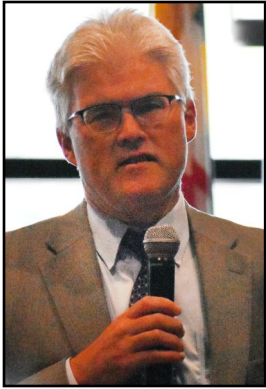
Address: _____

e-mail Address (for receipt); _____

of reservations: _____ X \$110.00 = \$ _____

Others in your party (if applicable): _____

TWO RIVERS SEPTEMBER 12, 2019



John Woolums discussed the impact of the Kirwan Commission



Jean Curry and Judy Englemeyer



Tillie Barckley, Scholarship Chair



Emeritus members Mary Etta Dorr (in front), Mary Ruth Tereshinski and Ethel Bohle



Patricia Caldwell and Sandra Edmonds raised money for the scholarship fund.



First timers (L to R) Michele Einolf, Bonnie Booth, and Linda Gamble



Dixie Stack and Linda Gamble



Rick Wiles with Mia Harper and Carla Thomas of the AACPS Benefits Office



REMEMBER! The AARSPA from the Heart team will be participating in the 2019 Walk to End Alzheimer's in Annapolis on Sunday, October 20. 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.

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** such as deodorant, soap, shampoo, hand sanitizer, wipes, mouthwash, hand lotions, etc.
- **Pet supplies** such as unopened canned and dry food, toys, puppy pads, metal bowls, cat carriers, litter (clay, not clumping), towels, treats, washcloths, blanket, and Petsmart/Petco gift cards

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

DONATIONS APPRECIATED!



AARSPA members donated books to elementary and middle school beginning teachers.

Bonnie Schmeltz makes the first of our three school supplies donations to Nicole Payne, the counselor at Maryland City



Little Free Libraries

A Little Free Library is a small lending library located in communities, parks, and other places with high foot traffic. Users are allowed to take a book and keep it or return it for another book. These facilities can be a wish come true for some children, especially those in areas of high poverty.



AARSPA is in the planning stage of a project to place Little Free Libraries in communities in Anne Arundel County. If you would be interested in helping with this project, please send Zetta Hart an email at: dollyzee@verizon.net

We are also looking for people who would be willing to be a "steward" at one of these libraries. A "steward" is an individual who regularly checks on the library to be sure it is stocked with books and is undamaged. AARSPA will be a source for books to be placed in the library. If you are interested in being a "steward," please let Zetta Hart (dollyzee@verizon.net) know.

DID YOU KNOW?

Over 1200 books were collected during our book drive. Many of the books were donated by members who volunteered at the Scholastic Book Warehouse in Odenton. The next opportunity to volunteer will happen in mid December. If interested contact Phyllis Cherry (pacherry@comcast.net or 410-747-1209)

MARYLAND SENIOR CITIZENS HALL OF FAME

Over 40 members of AARSPA have been inducted into the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame. We need your help to identify other deserving members. To qualify individuals must be 65 or older, and currently active in volunteering. You need only to provide the name of a person to be considered. The Community Service Committee will do the rest. Please send your suggestions to Phyllis Cherry at pacherry@comcast.net or 410-747-1209.



SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Thank you for demonstrating your generosity which helps to make a vision a reality.

In Memory Of:

Kathy Drazan
Dorothy Schleupner
Lolly Wetzel
Dennis Younger

In Honor Of:

AARSPA Executive Board
Tillie Barckley - in honor and gratitude
Bob Kanach - for all the wonderful things he performs
Bonnie Schmeltz - for all the great things she does
Dixie Stack - for all the terrific things she does
Rick Wiles - dedication to AARSPA as president

CONGRATULATIONS!

Another AARSPA member has been appointed to a position on the Maryland Retired School Personnel (MRSPA) Board of Directors. Carla Duls, who had been installed as secretary at the Annual Meeting in May, resigned that position to fill the role of *MRSPA News* editor, vacated by Bonnie Troxell. At a special Executive Committee meeting in August, Sharyn Doyle was appointed to fill Carla's position as secretary. She joins several other AARSPA members on the MRSPA Board.



Sharyn Doyle
MRSPA Secretary

Remember! October is **Fire Prevention Month**. Do you know your smoke alarm should be replaced every 10 years? Check the side or back of your alarm for the manufacturer's date.

MRSPA Holds Leadership Workshop

AARSPA members Debbie Ahalt, Tillie Barckley, Carla Duls, Charlie Gable, Carol Kirby, Alicia Hardisky, Leslie Schell, and Rick Wiles attended the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA) Leadership Workshop held at the Bowie Comfort Inn on September 18, 2019. The focus of the workshop was association "Visibility" at both the state and local levels.



Charlie Gable, Alicia Hardisky, Carla Duls and Tillie Barckley sport MRSPA branded sunglasses.



President Rick Wiles and Debbie Ahalt compare notes with other attendees.

MEETING DATES		OTHER DATES	
Executive Board Meetings		October 10	Brian Boru Fundraiser, Severna Park
October 10, 2019	Center 2B (12:00 - 2:00)	October 16	Eisenhower National Historic Site and Gettysburg Battle Field Trip
January 9, 2019	Center 2B (10:00 - 12:00)	October 19	Pre-Retirement Seminar, Annapolis High
General Membership Meetings. - 10:30 a.m.		October 20	Walk to End Alzheimer's @ Susan B. Campbell Park, Annapolis
November 14, 2019	CAT-N, Severn	October 21	Killarney House Fundraiser, Davidsonville
February 13, 2020	Blue Dolphin Restaurant, Crofton	October 24	Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame Awards Luncheon, Michaels 8th Avenue
		November 13	MRSPA Legislative Workshop, Annapolis
		December 13	Riverside Dinner Theater "Christmas Spectacular" Fredericksburg, VA
		January 2, 2020	Deadline for January <i>AARSPA Informer</i>
		March 18-19, 2020	Florida Gathering, St. Cloud, FL

November Luncheon and General Membership Meeting

Donation Opportunities:



Non-perishable food
Pet Supplies
Toiletries



DATE: Thursday, November 14, 2019

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

COST: \$32.00 per person (Please make checks out to AARSPA.)



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

No refunds after FIRM reservation deadline

Thursday, October 31, 2019

PLEASE NO WALK-INS

Our **entrée choices** are: applewood smoked **half chicken**, smoked in their own "Southern Pride" smoker, served with green beans almandine and oven roasted potatoes **OR** orange teriyaki grilled **salmon** garnished with sesame seeds and an orange slice, served with green beans almandine and herb wild rice. Coffee, iced tea, and water will be available. There are three dessert choices: **caramel apple puff**, homemade New York style **cheesecake**, and **chocolate mousse**. **Cheesecakes are available for purchase to take home again this year.**

**Mail reservation and payment to :
Bob Kanach, 512 Augusta Drive, Arnold, MD 21012**

Cut below and keep the upper portion for your reference!

LUNCH RESERVATION - Deadline October 31, 2019

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	Salmon	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. Please 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 = \$ _____

VOICES IN MELODY Fall Schedule

- Nov. 21 Pasadena Senior Center @12:30 p.m.
- Dec. 3 O'Malley Senior Center @12:30 p.m.
- Dec. 6 South County Senior Center @12:30 p.m.
- Dec. 9 Annapolis Senior Center @12:30 p.m.
- Dec. 10 Spring Arbor of Severna Park @1:30 p.m.
- Dec. 12 Genesis of Severna Park @2:00 p.m.
- Dec. 17 Annapolis Elks (NARFE) @1:00 p.m.
2 Pythian Dr., Edgewater, MD
- Dec. 19 Pascal Senior Center @12:30 p.m.

Support AARSPA's good will ambassadors by attending a holiday concert near you! They'll put you in the holiday mood!

Welcome

New Members 8/1/19 - 9/23/19

Christine Baran
George Beaumont
Joan Blemly
Carol Breen
Michelle Cattaneo
Molly Connolly
Kay Dambach
Barbara Day
Michele Einolf
Betty Elder
Skip Furlong, Jr.
Linda Gamble
Marie Gomba
Cindy Heslin
Doreen Kok
Sara Pickens
Lorraine Pollard
Mary Ryan
Diane Schwartz
Deborah Shefka
Michelle Walters
Janet Wetzel
Brenda Wilson
Linda Wright



New Member Recruitment Incentive!

Earn a \$10 gift card for each **NEW MEMBER** you sign up as a **DUES DEDUCTION** member.



This allows automatic renewal, so no membership interruption while

saving trees , time , and postage  !

Write your name on the membership application, as recruiter.
Return the completed application to:

MRSPA
8379 Piney Orchard Parkway, Suite A
Odenton, MD 21113

Questions: Email MRSPA at mrspa@mrspa.org or call MRSPA at 410-551-1517



Connecting, Protecting, Making a Difference

DID YOU KNOW?

The Retiree Health Care Benefits Booklet that you recently received in the mail was one of 6,200 prepared for mailing by 14 of your fellow AARSPA members. Many thanks to Marie Diamond for once again organizing this work party. The AACPS can always count on AARSPA to lend a helping hand when needed.





Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association
2644 Riva Road
Annapolis, MD 21401



Scholarship Fund Donation

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 check payable to:
21st Century Education Foundation, Inc.

Mail checks to:

Matilda Barckley
8238 Great Bend road
Glen Burnie, MD 21061

Name and address of 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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