

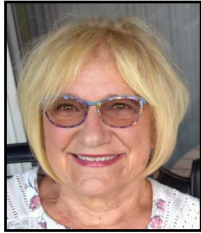


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Co-Presidents Deb Ahalt and Charlie Gable



Fall is in the air! Our days are getting shorter! We are beginning to see pumpkins, colorful mums, baskets of apples and Christmas decorations in the stores! Soon the leaves will begin to turn vibrant colors—making this a beautiful time of the year.

On behalf of AARSPA, we would like to congratulate and welcome our new superintendent, Dr. Mark Bedell. He comes to us after serving as Superintendent of Kansas City Public Schools from 2016-2022, where he had a very successful tenure. No stranger to Anne Arundel County, Dr. Bedell lived here when he was an assistant superintendent for Baltimore County Public Schools. We are looking forward to developing a positive and strong relationship with Dr. Bedell.

On September 15th we held our General Membership Meeting/Luncheon at Kurtz's Beach with approximately 75 people in attendance. The highlight of the meeting was a presentation by Bridgett Wicklein, Benefits Manager for AACPS, and Carla Thomas, Retirement Coordinator for AACPS. They shared information regarding our health care benefits for 2023. Rather than a benefits booklet, retirees will receive a letter outlining rate increases for the coming year. Booklets will still be available upon request from the Benefits Office. Open enrollment for those wishing to make changes is October 17-28, 2022, but no action is necessary for those not wanting to change their coverage. Great

news—the rate increase for our medical insurance for 2023 is 2 percent.

In addition, those present at the meeting received updates from various committees, were served a delicious lunch, and were provided with entertainment by "Two Cool Dudes." Thanks to the generosity of our members, we collected many school supplies at our meeting. A "thank you" goes to Phyllis Cherry for delivering those items to Hilltop Elementary and Mills-Parole Elementary.

Our next membership meeting will be held at Renditions Golf Course in Davidsonville on Thursday, November 10th. The Community Service Committee will be collecting non-perishable food items to be donated to the Anne Arundel County Food Bank and pet supplies for the Anne Arundel County Animal Care and Control.

Due to a decision made by Scholarships for Scholars, our AARSPA scholarships for high school seniors planning to become educators have been raised to \$5000 each. We hope to be able to continue to support four scholarships. Tillie Barckley, scholarship chairperson, has made arrangements for another fundraiser at the Killarney House in Davidsonville for November 29, 2022. Thanks to our members for your fundraiser support and your generous contributions.

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REMEMBRANCE

MEMBER DEATHS

Marianne H. Gray
 Louis N. Kamm
 John A. Makell, Jr.
 Sidney C. Miller
 Anita M. Murray
 Stanley Oliver Rephann
 Rosemary A. Soldano
 Mary E. Storton
 William P. Wentworth, Jr.

FAMILY MEMBERS DEATHS

Patricia Brown brother
 Betty Coleman brother
 Joanne Corey husband
 Kathie Kamm husband
 June Ruffo brother-in-law
 Ron Ruffo brother
 Ann Schult husband

GET WELL/THINKING OF YOU

Dick Powell Jim Preston
 Terry Zablonki Zetta Hart
 Carolyn Anzalone
 Walt Brusio

ANNIVERSARIES

October

10 Gale Erbe & Thomas Worthington III 41
 17 Michele Einolf & Kenneth Grice 41
 19 Vonnie & Tom Riffle 58
 24 Carol & John Strigle 58
 28 Ann & Allen Irvine 61
 31 Lynn & Bill Grap 62

November

24 Sharyn & Ed Doyle 51
 25 Patricia & Michael Keaser 37
 28 Carol & Eugene Kirby 64

December

9 Jeanne & Wayne Shaw 60
 15 Meg & Ed Meehan
 23 Martha & Jim Preston 56
 27 Judith & John Youngblood 56
 28 Michelle & Charles Day 48
 28 Katie & Andy Borland 58
 29 Linda & Tom Poole 38

EMERITUS BIRTHDAYS

September

18 Mary Weber 97
 30 Jackie Evans 102
 30 Janie Fridie 94

October

1 Kathleen Graves 93
 8 Ruth Joy Gulley 92
 9 Robert Brooks 91
 12 Ethel Bohle 96
 15 Eva Palmer 94
 29 Mabel Beneze 92

November

1 Emma Schramm 94
 5 Dominica Tozzi 91
 5 Mary Etta Dorr 100
 10 Paul T. Bagley 96
 17 Barbara N. Johnson 91
 18 Katherine Tarter 95
 22 Irma Messinger 96
 24 Ola Legg 91
 30 Jack Hogsten 93

December

5 John Wheeler 91
 15 Mary Sue Hines 94
 15 Matilda Pair 99
 21 Mary Madeleine 95

Correction

The April issue of the *AARSPA Informer* incorrectly reported the death of AARSPA member Evangeline "Van" Pindell. Our apologies to Evangeline and her family for this error.

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

Anniversaries and Congratulations

Millie Gardner at milliegardner65@gmail.com or 443-784-2190

Deaths of AARSPA members and family members

Linda Poole at mlp2118@yahoo.com or 410-570-4020

Illnesses and Accidents, etc.

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

MEETING DATES

Executive Board Meetings -10:00 a.m.

January 10, 2023 Center 2A, BOE

General Membership Meetings - 10:30 a.m.

November 10, 2022 Renditions Golf Course,
 Davidsonville



DATES TO REMEMBER

OTHER DATES

October 16 Walk to End Alzheimer's
 November 8 Election Day
 December 7 "It's a Wonderful Life" at Toby's Dinner Theater

Scholarship News

Thank you! Through your generosity and kindness, you are making a difference with our high school students who will be pursuing a teaching career. We hope to support four students with each receiving a \$5000.00 scholarship to continue their educational journey.

In Honor Of

Martha Collins

Kenneth W. Crosby (birthday 8/19/2022)

Bob Kanach - good friend and neighbor

Leslie Kriewald

Mary Ellen Street

In Memory Of

AARSPA Educators

John A. Makell

Faith Bagley

Anita Murray

John Cherry

Stanley "Ollie" Rephann

W.E. Craig (Anniversary)

Sue Reynolds

Margaret Cutchins

Frank Ruffo

Monica DeLucia

Donald Smith

Sue Hamel

Sylvia Dotson Wade

Lou Kamm

William Wentworth, Jr.

Arnold Knies



DAVIDSONVILLE, MD

SAVE THE DATE
Tuesday, November 29

Scholarship Fundraiser

Please mark your calendar for Dining for Scholars at the **Killarney House Pub**, 584 W. Central Avenue, Davidsonville...available all day and online orders...\$30.00. Our AARSPA Scholarship Fund will receive \$10.00 from each meal.

From the MRSPA Consumer Connection

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day Saturday, October 29, 2022

Over 700,000 pounds of drugs were turned in on the last Take-Back Day in the U.S., which was held on May 23, 2022!! Getting un-used prescription drugs out of your home helps everyone! Since COVID-19 upended day-to-day life for Americans in March 2020, public health officials have been sounding the alarm about a potential surge in drug overdoses. Getting those drugs out of the home is a great way to help. If you're not sure where your location is, check out www.dea.gov for locations near you. Many local police stations offer everyday collection. Check the one in your area.

Tips For Safe Fall Driving

Every year, thousands of people are injured and hundreds of people are killed due to daylight savings time changes and the change of seasons. Daylight savings ends on November 6th—days will be getting shorter.

Autumn means we need to be more careful as drivers.

Weather—Sudden changes in temperature, rain, snow and fog all make for hazardous driving. Be aware of the weather—know before you go.

Sunrise and Sunset—Daylight Savings Time means the sun on the morning drive might be right in your eyes. The sun goes down early in the fall so it gets dark a lot sooner—**HEADLIGHTS!!**

Children — Children are heading back to school. Be aware of walkers and observe crossing guards. Remember school bus safety and never pass a stopped bus. The law says it is illegal—and very dangerous—to pass a stopped bus when the large red lights located on the top of the bus are flashing. Flashing lights or STOP signs on the bus means the bus is picking up or discharging students. You must stop whether you are approaching the school bus from the front or overtaking it from the rear.

Animals are preparing for winter—be wary of them—especially deer!!

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We trust that the 56 people who traveled on the day trip to Romney, WV, to take a train ride aboard the Potomac Eagle had a wonderful time! Stay tuned for additional adventures being planned by our Travel Committee. Be sure to check out some of the exciting travel experiences offered by MRSPA!

Our schools are facing many staff shortages this year, and there is also a need for people willing to mentor new teachers. It is our understanding that some of the regulations regarding rehires have been relaxed. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the Human Resources office.

The Membership Committee reported that we have picked up 17 new members since July 1 and that we have received contact information for new retirees. Please encourage your friends who are retired to join AARSPA (\$15) and MRSPA (\$45). AARSPA monitors our healthcare benefits with the Board of Education, while MRSPA looks after our pensions and other issues impacting retirees.

Be sure to exercise your right to vote on November 8, 2022!

Since our next issue of the *AARSPA Informer* does not get published until January, we want to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a Happy Holiday Season! Hopefully we can continue to enjoy time with families and friends this year. Be safe! Be well! Be happy!

From the Free School Museum



Did You Know?

The Free School Museum docents would like to include some new members to their group. Currently we have a small group of faithful and dependable members. We know the following docents have served since 2010, and most likely began helping before that time:

John and Judy Youngblood
Carla and Jim Duls
Martha and Jim Preston
Vicki Hutchins

Also members of the group are Carolyn Webber and Millie DeSimone. Bob Kanach and Karlie Everett are substitutes and help out when needed.

In order to maintain our current schedule of being open on the second Saturday and the second Sunday of April, May, June, July, and August, we need some new members. April 2023 may seem like a long time off, and you have plenty of time to decide. However, if you decide now, you have plenty of time to be trained and to learn some of the responsibilities and information about the Free School Museum. Contact Karlie if interested - karlieeverett@verizon.net or 410-268-8656.



Check out the following pages:

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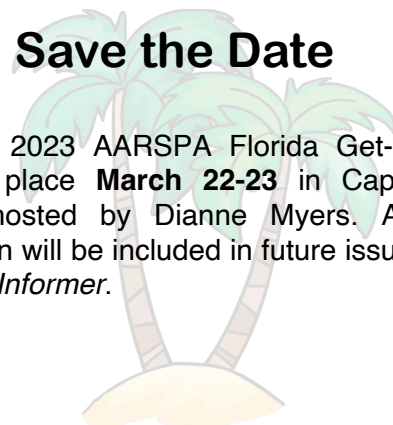
**National Retired Teachers
Association (NRTA)**

**Maryland Retired School
Personnel Association
(MRSPA)**

**Anne Arundel County
Public Schools
(AACPS)**

Save the Date

The 2023 AARSPA Florida Get-Together will take place **March 22-23** in Cape Coral, Florida, hosted by Dianne Myers. Additional information will be included in future issues of the *AARSPA Informer*.



Consumer Education... Scams, Again!

The Maryland branch of the FBI has reported over seven million dollars lost by senior citizens to romance and technical scams alone in just the last six months.


Why are seniors targeted?

1. We are home during the day and answer the phone.
2. We are polite and less likely to hang-up.
3. Many are lonely and want the talk to someone.
4. We are trusting.
5. We are less technically savvy.
6. We have more financial resources.
7. We are more intimidated when pressured.
8. We are less likely to report it.

While it may take awhile for a scammer to get caught, the police are working constantly to catch them. However, catching them only happens when you report it to the police. Check out the Anne Arundel County police website. They report the latest scams in the area and who has been arrested.



We are amazing!! Over 600 school supplies were collected at the latest luncheon. Supplies were delivered to Hilltop Elementary and Mills-Parole Elementary Schools. Both schools were surprised with the amount of the donation and expressed their appreciation to each of you. Not only are we helping children but we are also letting future retirees know about us.




At the next luncheon we will collect canned food and pantry items for residents of Anne Arundel County and pet supplies for the Anne Arundel County Animal Care and Control. Let's help everyone put food on the table for Thanksgiving.

Voices in Melody Winter Concert Schedule

November 10	Renditions/AARSPA	10:30 a.m.
December 1	Pasadena Senior Center	1:00 p.m.
December 8	Pascal Senior Center	12:30 p.m.
December 12	O'Malley Senior Center	12:30 p.m.
December 22	Brightview Senior Living	1:30 p.m.

Get in the holiday spirit by coming out to support AARSPA's own *Voices in Melody* at one of their winter concerts!



AACPS is Looking for Retired Teachers

AACPS Human Resources has asked AARSPA to provide you with some important information regarding open teaching positions. You may have heard that AACPS has had a challenging recruiting season this summer for the 2022-23 school year.

While making many positive gains, they are still down 200 plus teaching positions as of this date, amongst other positions.

AACPS has always enjoyed their partnership with AARSPA and **encourages any interested retired teachers to apply.** Mentoring opportunities may also be available.

HR is also glad to share that the **prior salary cap** per the current negotiated agreement **has been removed.**

For current openings, visit www.aacps.org

For questions about this opportunity, please contact:

Ms. Christine Brown
Human Resources
cbrown2@aacps.org
410-266-3639

For questions regarding earnings limitations, contact MSRA at 410-625-5555.

We appreciate you passing this information on to any of your friends who may not have an e-mail on file with AARSPA. Please direct all questions to AACPS Human Resources as indicated above.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Membership Recognition Congratulations!

Have you heard the news? On July 26, 2022, Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association, received recognition for its membership efforts in the numerical growth as well as the percentage of growth. Carla Duls, MRSPA, president, presented the certificates to co-president Charlie Gable and membership co-chair, Leslie Heiderman Schell. Anne Arundel is one of four counties with a membership over 1400. According to records, this award has not been garnered by our local for a long time. This recognition is a team effort between all the members of AARSPA who advocate for our organization. Let us continue to build into the future!



Membership Chair Leslie Heiderman Schell and Co-President Charlie Gable receive membership awards from MRSPA President Carla Duls at the July MRSPA Local Presidents' Meeting.

Membership Renewal

As both AARSPA and MRSPA have started their new fiscal year, it is never too late to renew your membership. There is power in numbers at both levels. The local level keeps a watch on your health care benefits and supports the teachers and staff in our schools. The state is the watchdog for your pension and items that effect retirees across the state. Did you know that our Virginia Crespo is a paid staff member of MRSPA who works tirelessly before, during, and after the legislative session to ensure areas of concern are considered? Your membership is important to YOU wherever you live – from North to South and East to West – the benefits you enjoy are guarded by both organizations. You can find applications forms on both websites.

Switch and Save Invitation:

MRSPA has extended an invitation to cash members to switch to dues deduction for 2022-2023. If they make the change, they are eligible for a one-time \$10 reduction in state dues. They would pay \$35 for state dues for 2022-2023, plus their local dues amount. Members need to complete and return Dues Deduction Authorization Form, which is available on the MRSPA website under Switch and Save (<https://www.mrspa.org/switch-and-save>). Please encourage current cash dues payers to Switch and Save!



Let's welcome our newest retirees! You have chosen to participate in a great organization!

Adell A Gaurin	Fran L. Silverman
Anne S. Miller	James Griffiths
Calvin Hales	Kathryn Janeszewski
Charles T. Leary	Kelli Ronning
Cynthia Hall	Nancy Jones
Deborah Beaudin	Shelby Queen
Deborah Henson	Vonzella A. Franklin
Debra Ray	

Emeritus Members

With the assistance of Millie Gardner and MRSPA, we have identified 70 Emeritus members within our ranks. Anyone who turns 90 years of age by June of a given year qualifies for Emeritus status. That is why it is so important to have your birthdate in the database!

Made a Change? Let Us Know!

Has any of your AARSPA information changed... **address, email, home phone, cell phone?** If so, please contact Membership Chair **Leslie Schell, 706 Rosewood Road, Severn, Maryland 21144** or lahschell@verizon.net.

AARSPA General Meeting and Luncheon

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Our next luncheon will be held at **Renditions Golf Course**, 1380 West Central Avenue, Davidsonville, MD 21035 on Thursday, November 10, 2022. Registration begins at 9:45am with the meeting starting at 10:30am. The deadline for reserving a seat is **Monday, October 28, 2022**, and after this date we will not be able to give any refunds. Please remember we cannot accept walk-ins.

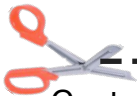
Our meal choices are: chicken parmesan with mashed potatoes and a vegetable, sliced roast beef with sherry mushroom gravy mashed potatoes and a vegetable, or salmon with mashed potato and vegetable. Each entrée is served with a mixed green luncheon salad and an ice cream sundae for dessert. Coffee, sweet tea and iced water will be served with the meal.

Cost: \$38.00 per person (please make checks payable to AARSPA)

Mail reservations and payment to: **Bob Kanach, 512 Augusta Drive, Arnold, MD 21012**
 All reservations and payment must be received no later than **Monday, October 28, 2022**.

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Contact Information, should there be any question:

Contact person: _____

Phone number: _____ E-mail address: _____

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

Name	Chicken Parmesan	or Roast Beef	or	Salmon	x \$38	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	x \$38	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	x \$38	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	x \$38	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	x \$38	_____
					Total due	_____

_____ Please check here if this is your first AARSPA luncheon.

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



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





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 checks to:

Matilda Barckley
 8238 Great Bend Road
 Glen Burnie, MD 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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