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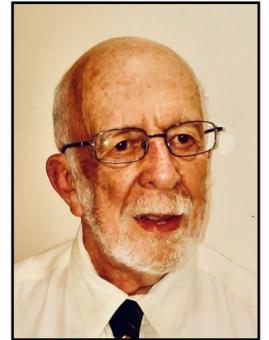
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Co-Presidents Sharyn Doyle and Anthony Anzalone



Our weather is changing from hot to crisp. Our roads are crowded with yellow school buses. Overnight, leaves mysteriously change colors. Spider webs adorn doorways in the morning. Sunrise is a little later; sunset is a little earlier. *Down! Hut! Set!* Friday night high school football and the almost daily television football viewing season have arrived. It is also the time of year for the holidays that are full of fun, family, decorations, and laughter. YUP! **AUTUMN**, and it officially starts at 8:43 EDT, on Sept 23 (or Sept 1, per your weather forecaster).

On the pre-fall day of August 23, AACPS presented an *Educator Expo* as part of the *New Teacher Orientation Program*. Forty-four (44) businesses, resources, and community organizations were showcased to over 500 plus new teachers at Crofton High School. AARSPA was represented by Debbie Ahalt, Phyllis Cherry, and Anthony Anzalone. AARSPA highlighted the following school-based programs: mini-grants for classroom teachers, scholarships for future teachers, school supplies for elementary schools, and clothing for school nurse's offices.

On September 12, the AARSPA **FALL** General Membership Meeting/Luncheon was held...this year at the Severna Park Elks Lodge. We were served a variety of salads to go with fried chicken, pasta with marinara meat sauce, green beans with almonds, and a variety of deserts and drinks. In between all the friendly talk, some folks even went back for seconds. The staff, food, and service at the Elks were outstanding, and to top that, we had 10 **NEW** members at lunch.. **AWESOME!** (See photo on page 6.)

Now, the business side of the meeting. Susan Baugher, Benefits Committee Chair, introduced Bridget Wicklein, AACPS Benefits Manager, and Vicky Cosby, Assistant Benefits Manager, who briefed us on upcoming changes to our Health Care Benefits. Projected increases per plan are: Medical 6%, Dental 4%, and Vision 3%. No changes are expected or are foreseen in the Prescription Plan. No action is needed for those not making any changes to their coverage. Retirees will receive a letter giving information, explaining and outlining steps regarding change.

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Next. Did you know that “MRSPA is the only organization in the state that works *exclusively* for retired school personnel and provides voluntary benefits to members at discounted rates”? Debbie Ahalt and Leslie Schell, with a Power Point Presentation, detailed the many programs for members. For complete info, visit www.mrspa.org, click Benefits. Not a MRSPA member? Consider joining.

Other items of interest. **#1 Walk-to-End-Alzheimer's:** Google *walktoendalzheimers*; on that page click on **Select a Team** and type **AARSPA from the Heart**; you can register for the team, donate to the team, or donate to a member of the team. OR you can Walk-the-Walk with Debbie Ahalt at Sandy Point State Park on Sunday, October 20, Registration 11 a.m.; **#2. Community Service/Consumer Education:** Scam and fraud activity is high during the holiday season; seniors are especially targeted. When in doubt, **DON'T...Don't** answer the phone, or just hang up. **Don't** give or send money or gift cards. **Don't** open your computer or web site to unknowns. **JUST SAY NO!** **#3. Voices-in-Melody: Men singers** are needed. Think of it as singing in the shower with your clothes on and with friends. Call Rick Wiles. **#4. Tillie** says forget the calories. On **October 15th**, Killarney House on Central Avenue in Davidsonville is sponsoring an AARSPA Scholarship Fundraiser 11 a.m.-10 p.m. She will have a special “calorie burning cheer” when she gives her next report. **#5 B'day Remembrance:** Thanks Millie...you make your “giveaways” fun.

You have reached the end of the **Co-President's Report**. It is time for you to prepare some hot cocoa (hot chocolate, if you prefer), with small marshmallows, and two chocolate chip cookies. Go to YOU TUBE, type in Nat King Cole, or Pat Boone, and play “Autumn Leaves” and Neil Diamond's “September Morn”. *Have A Happy Halloween. Change your Clocks. Be sure to Vote!* See you at CAT-N on November 14th! Be sure to read the rest of the *AARSPA Informer*.



School Supply Donations

Thank you for your overwhelming support of our school supply collection at the September luncheon. Over 400 items were collected including 66 composition books, 46 packs of pencils and 75 glue sticks.



A special thank you to all those who purchased raffle tickets at the recent luncheon. As you know, I won the 50/50 raffle and along with the money you donated toward the purchase of school supplies, I was able to purchase 30 backpacks. I feel honored to represent you.

-Phyllis Cherry
Committee Chair

Principal Alisa Booberg and
Assistant Principal Cheryl
Clacks, Georgetown East
Elementary, accept
donations.



Food Bank Collections

Once again we will collect canned goods and pantry supplies at our next luncheon. While Anne Arundel County is one of the richest counties in the state, 35% of the residents live below the federal poverty level. According to the Anne Arundel County Food Bank website, between July 2022 and June 2023, the local food pantries recorded over **48,000 visits per month**. (I double checked that number.) Most individuals are employed but because of the high cost of housing and childcare are still unable to provide for their family's basic needs. (Remember to check expiration dates)

As we prepare to enjoy Thanksgiving dinner with family and friends let's do our part to help our less fortunate neighbors.

REMEMBRANCE

MEMBER DEATHS

Douglas Bowers
Elizabeth (Betty) L. Evans
Joan C. Maynard

GET WELL

Charlie Jansky (surgery)
Ed Johnson (rehab)
Phyllis Mentzell (hospital)
Dick Powell (rehab)

ANNIVERSARIES

October

1 Rosemary & Ken Lathroum	58
10 Gale Erbe & Thomas Worthington	43
12 Wayne & Cindy Bark	45
17 Michele Einolf & Kenneth Grice	43
19 Vonnie & Tom Riffle	60
24 Carol & John Strigle	60
28 Ann & Allen Irvine	63
31 Lynn & Bill Grapp	64
31 Tom & Lisa Leary	10

November

24 Sharyn & Ed Doyle	53
25 Patricia & Michael Keaser	39
30 Maggie & Will Walton	61

December

2 Reggie & Nancy Haseltine	51
9 Jeanne & Wayne Shaw	62
15 Meg & Ed Meehan	
16 Linda & Rusty Swenson	52
16 Ann & Bob Schult	56
23 Martha & Jim Preston	58
27 Judith & John Youngblood	58
28 Michelle & Charles Day	51
28 Katie & Andy Borland	60
29 Linda & Tom Poole	40

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

EMERITUS BIRTHDAYS

October

1 Kathleen Graves	95
8 Ruth Joy Gulley	94
9 Robert Brooks	93
12 Ethel Bohle	98
15 Eva Palmer	96

November

5 Domenica Tozzi	93
10 Paul T. Bagley	98
17 Barbara N. Johnson	93
18 Katherine Tarter	97
22 Irma Messinger	98
24 Ola Legg	93
30 Jack Hogsten	95

December

5 John Wheeler	93
15 Mary Sue Hines	96
15 Matilda Pair	101
17 Ron Ruffo	91
21 Mary Madeleine	97

OUT AND ABOUT WITH AARSPA



Tony Anzalone, Phyllis Cherry, and Deb Ahalt recently represented AARSPA at the **AACPS Educator Expo** for new teachers held at Crofton High School on August 13.

FROM THE FREE SCHOOL MUSEUM

Many people enjoy the autumn weather by taking day trips. Some of these trips include family members, especially young children on those days schools are closed and on weekends. Whenever you visit the Annearrundell County Free School Museum, you will find something for everyone in your group.

In addition to the educational artifacts, we have toys from the colonial period. There are pewter jacks and clay marbles. There are wooden toys, for example, yo-yos, Nine Pins, Cup and Ball, Mystic Sticks, tops, and Quoits. Guests can color with homemade crayons and write with a quill pen using walnut ink. (The ink is made from walnuts found on the property.)

Contact Karlie Everett at karlieeverett@verizon.net to arrange a visit!

Scholarship Update!

In the symphony of education, our scholars, with your generous donations, will be the conductor who orchestrates the harmonious growth of each student's potential. With gratitude, Tony, Sharyn, Dr. Leslie and Tillie.

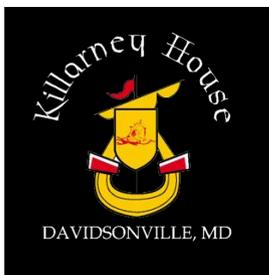
In Honor of

Dorothy (Dee) J. Chalfant
(for the many years as a teacher in AA County giving her all to see that her students felt their self-worth)

In Memory of

Dedicated educators and staff at the original
Glendale E.S.

Anne Adomanis
Faith Bagley
Richard Berzinski
Clinton Bradway
Kenneth Burlingame
Kathy Calendar
Flo Clarke
Martha Collison
W. E. Craig (Veteran)
William (Bill) Delaney
James Edmonds
Barry Fader
Charlie Field
Sue Gallo
Delores "Dee" Garvin
Pat Hampton
Yvonne Henry
Tim Johnson (Deb Ahalt's brother)
Carol Kirby
Joyce Parkinson
Carol Petrosky
Russell S. Phelps
Jean Queen
Larry Radford
Rosemary Ronayne
Sara(Sally)Shoemaker
Melvin Shupe
Mary Ellen Street



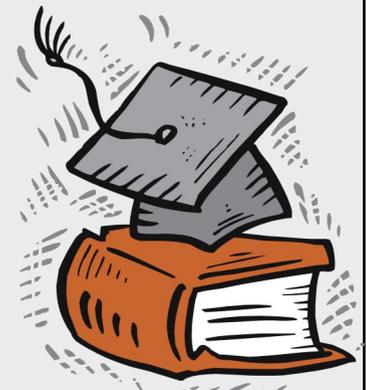
Fall Scholarship Fund Fundraiser



AARSPA's fall scholarship fundraiser will be held on **Tuesday, October 15, 2024**, at the Killarney House Irish Restaurant.



The menu price is \$30 per person plus tax and gratuity. \$10 from each menu item chosen will be donated to our scholarship fund. It is available all day and can be ordered online for pick-up at www.killarneyhousepub.com. Killarney House is located at 584 W. Central Avenue, Davidsonville.



Luncheon Meeting at Severna Park Elks September 12



Front row: Karlie Everett, Joan Duggard, Don Bailey (seated) Back row: Charlie Gable and Hannah Denney



Sandra Edmonds, Sharon Stratton, and Cindy Smith



Bridget Wicklein
Benefits Manager AACPS



FIRST TIMERS: Front row--Janet Fucella, Pam Hull, Hannah Denney, Lucia Martin Back row--Lisa Pitt, Cathy Jost, Jackie Curran, Robin Murray, Mary Ellen Mulvaney, Lynne Evans

DATES TO REMEMBER

MEETING DATES

Executive Board Meetings -10:00 a.m.

October 10, 2024	MRSPA Office
January 9, 2025	Room 2A, AACPS
April 10, 2025	Room 2A, AACPS
June 12, 2025	Free School
July 10, 2025	Room 2A, AACPS

General Membership Meetings - 10:30 a.m.

November 14, 2024	CAT-N Severn
February 13, 2025	Renditions Golf Course Davidsonville
May 8, 2025	Two Rivers Steak and Fish House



OTHER DATES

October 15, 2024	Killarney House Scholarship Fundraiser Davidsonville
October 20, 2024	Walk to End Alzheimer's Sandy Point State Park
December 3, 2024	"Joy to the World" American Music Theatre Lancaster, PA
December 23, 2024	Deadline for January <i>AARSPA Informer</i>
January 27, 2025	Deadline for February <i>AARSPA Informer</i>
January 28, 2025	MRSPA Legislative Workshop

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

MRSPA Renewal Reminder

For those who renew by dues deduction, we say THANK YOU! For those who renew dues by check, know that you have until October 31 to send your \$65 renewal. We do not want anyone missing all the benefits and opportunities that state and local membership provides.

New In-school Posters

In our efforts to reach out to **ALL** Anne Arundel County employees (Unit 1 through Unit 6), AARSPA created a poster for each elementary, middle, high school, and maintenance building to make the employees aware we exist, and they are welcome to JOIN! Through the collaborative efforts of your AARSPA Executive Board, the Retirement Office, and the Print/Design Department of AACPS, we hope NOT to be a well-kept secret. Our future lies in the hands of those who come after us and we are recruiting NOW.

In addition, Susan Baugher and I have been asked to share the procedures we used to bring this poster to fruition at the MRSPA Leadership Conference on September 24, 2024. By doing so, we hope to encourage and support other counties in their efforts to recruit.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

New Members

Hanne L. Denney

Sarah Freeburg

Pamela Hull

Lisa Pitt

Laura Quick



Membership Committee

As your membership chair, I call this meeting to order. (What? To whom is she talking?) If you are reading this, you are a vital member of the membership committee. My responsibilities as the chair are to **RETAIN**: maintain the membership database, send out renewal notices to Local members, keep in monthly contact with MRSPA, respond to requests or answer questions or direct members to where they can get assistance, to name a few; **REGAIN**: touch base with those who have NOT renewed their memberships, whether AARSPA or MRSPA, work for inclusion of all personnel in our association through a variety of activities and; **RECRUIT**: welcome the new retirees who have expressed interest in our association and provide them with information; work collaboratively with the executive board to generate ideas and build a vision for the future. RECRUIT is where you are most important – as a committee member, you are needed to talk about WHO we are, invite people to get involved, not just join; it only takes a little bit of effort on your part, and I can help. I want you to cogitate on your role. Thanks for your kind attention. This meeting is adjourned. (for now)

-Leslie Heiderman Schell
Committee Chair



Check out the following pages:

Anne Arundel Retired School
Personnel Association
(AARSPA)

Maryland Retired School
Personnel Association
(MRSPA)



National Retired Teachers
Association (NRTA)

Anne Arundel County Public
Schools
(AACPS)

Luncheon and General Membership Meeting Center of Applied Technology-North 800 Stevenson Road, Severn, MD

Date: Thursday, November 14, 2024
Registration: 9:45 a.m. – 10:30a.m.
Luncheon: 12:00 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Please bring photo identification with you.

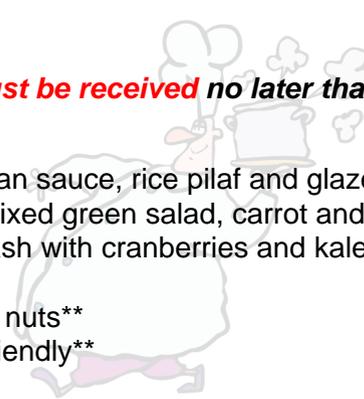
Luncheon reservations *must be received* no later than Thursday, October 31, 2024

Entrée Choices:

1. Pan seared chicken breast, pan sauce, rice pilaf and glaze carrots
2. Shepherd's pie served with mixed green salad, carrot and ginger vinaigrette
3. Quinoa stuffed butternut squash with cranberries and kale

Dessert Choices:

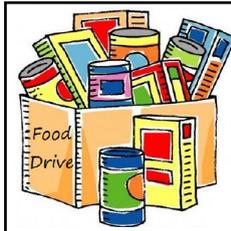
1. Caramel apple tart ****contains nuts****
2. Chocolate mousse ****gluten friendly****
3. Cheesecake



Cost per person is \$36.00 (**Please make checks payable to AARSPA**)

Mail the reservation form and payment to:

**Bob Kanach,
512 Augusta Drive,
Arnold, MD. 21012**



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Remember to check expiration dates.



Contact person _____

Phone # _____ Email address _____

Name	Please choose one Chicken OR Shepherd's Pie OR Stuffed Quinoa ***	Please choose one Tart OR Mousse OR Cheesecake
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_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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

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

The students will again make cheesecakes available for members to take home on a pre-order basis. A 7" cheesecake will cost \$15.00 and a 10" cheesecake will cost \$30.00. **Please make your separate check for the cheesecakes payable to AARSPA and include it with this reservation form and luncheon payment. It is most helpful if the checks for the luncheon and cheesecake are written separately.**

7" cheesecake quantity wanted: _____ x \$15.00 = _____

10" cheesecake quantity wanted: _____ x \$30.00 = _____



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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:
 Education Foundation of AACPS

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:

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