

**Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association**  
**General Membership Meeting and Luncheon Minutes**  
**February 12, 2026**  
**Rendition's Golf Course**

**Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Co-President Ray Bibeault.

**Welcome and Opening Remarks**

- Greetings and Introductions
  - New member welcomed - Marylou Clark
  - Dawn Pulliam, BOE Member
    - District 7
    - Glad to see all retirees and is looking forward to learning more and finding out more about how she can help.
    - Thanked everyone for all we do.
    - Anthony Anzalone pointed out how AARSPA selects teacher and employee of the month for the Anne Arundel County School System.
- Pledge to the Flag - Led by Rick Wiles
- Approval of minutes from
  - November 13, 2025 minutes were approved. Ray Bibeault shared that the minutes are posted on the website for members to review and send corrections.
- Treasurer's update - Denise Andersen & Bob Kanach
  - Paper copies were provided for each table to review.
  - Denise Andersen pointed out that the projection for membership is falling short from projection. Postage and printing of newsletters were the biggest expenses.
  - No questions concerning the budget.
  - Official adoption of the budget report will take place at the May meeting,
- Birthday Reminder - Millie Gardner
  - Announced 6 gifts for the morning.
  - Drawing to take place after lunch
- **Member Conversations**
  - Sharon Stratton led the attendees in "Goldmine of Goddess"
  - Attendees conversed with members at their table, about a person who shared words with them and how this message influenced their lives and the lasting impression it made.
  - Thanked Edie Picken for creating Valentine's treats for each table.
- **Updates**
  - Community Services - Deb Ahalt
    - Expressed appreciation for the donations for pets and senior citizens.
  - Free School - Bob Kanach
    - Event flyers and sign-up sheets are on each table. Volunteers needed monthly on weekends; training provided. Seeking an operations manager.
  - Voices in Melody - Rick Wiles
    - Rick reminded guests of the rehearsals and invited guests to join.
    - Dates for upcoming concerts was shared.
      - May 6 - 1:00pm South County Senior Center
      - May 12 - 12:30 pm Pascal Senior Center
      - May 13 - 12:15 pm O'Malley Senior Center
      - May 14 - 10:30am AARSPS Luncheon -Two Rivers Steak & Fish House

- Legislative Updates - Virginia Crespo
  - Handouts were placed on all tables for members to review. Updates are posted on the MRSPA website.
  - 2000 bills have been presented to the legislature.
  - Longevity Rady Maryland Act - one of the bills regarding the organization or the Department of Aging.
- Newsletter - Leslie Schell
  - Leslie Schell reported that there are 1100 pieces of mail to be sent to members.
  - She encouraged members to sign up for email newsletters on the blue paper on the table.
  - Ray reminded members that the newsletters are on the AARSPA website.
  - Member Directories are available for members to pick up at the end of the meeting.
- **Wills and Trusts presentation by Keith Hendrick, Senior Vice President at Morgan Stanley**
  - Wills - Essential to cover the basics and protect your family's future
    - Appoint guardians Name who will care for your children
    - Name beneficiaries Decide who receives your assets
    - Cover the basics
    - Decide who receives your money, property, and personal possessions
  - Trusts - Everything in the Will Plan, plus added protection for your assets and family
    - Maintain privacy.
    - Keep your estate details confidential
    - Skip probate entirely
    - Faster distribution to beneficiaries
    - Reduces burden on loved ones
    - Control how and when your wealth transfers to your family
  - Best practices
    - Be as efficient as possible.
    - Make multiple copies of your Will or Trust (one for each person listed)
    - Make your wishes clear including where to find items (safe, key, etc.)
    - Lists of assets, phone numbers, & other contact information)
  - Mr. Hendricks took the time to address individual questions which were a benefit to all members.
  - A universal approach may not be effective for every situation.
  - Visit the MRSPA - benefit website for financial advisers, legal services available covering many states.
- **Lunch & Networking**
- **Rosenwald Schools -Katara West & Annapolis Quilt Project - Linda Marshal**
  - Linda Marshal presented a slide presentation on the history of the Rosenwald Schools highlighting Booker T. Washington and Julius Rosenwald's partnership to build schools for African American children.
  - Twenty-four Rosenwald Schools were constructed in Anne Arundel County between 1921 and 1932. The slides showed their history and current uses today.
  - The slide presentation and quilts from the Annapolis Quilt Project are on display at the Bates Legacy Center. Mrs. Marshal encouraged members to visit the Bates Legacy Center.

**Meeting Closer**

- Birthday Drawing - Millie Gardner
- Member feedback and closer remarks
- Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm

Respectfully submitted by,  
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 AARSPA Recording Secretary

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

March 10-11	AARSPA
March 23	Deadline for April AARSPA <i>Informer</i>
April 9	Executive Board Meeting -MSRPA office - 10 AM
April 10	AARSPA on the Eastern Shore Luncheon & mtg. at Ocean Pines Yacht Club
May 14	General Membership Meeting and Luncheon – Two Rivers Restaurant Pasadena, MD - meeting at 10:30am
June 11	Executive Board meeting - MRSPA office - 10 AM
July 9	Executive Board Meeting – MRSPA office - 10 AM