



INFORMER

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Spring has finally arrived in Maryland! Those of us who traveled to Florida for the 28th annual "Florida- Get -Together" March 20 and 21 enjoyed a preview of warmer temperatures and the hospitality of our Florida colleagues. We had 38 folks who joined us at Mt Dora. All who attended thoroughly enjoyed our visit. We would like to thank Nancy and Terry Henkelman for welcoming us into their home for Wednesday's cocktail hour and arranging the space for our Thursday membership meeting and luncheon. Next year's Florida event has several possible hosts in Central Florida. This is such a fun get away you may want to start planning now.

As the legislature comes to a close, we wish to express our gratitude to Sharyn Doyle who was diligent in tracking legislation that could impact your finances or health care in retirement. Special thanks also to the members of the legislative committee who wrote letters or provided testimony on important legislation. Sharyn and Virginia Crespo organized a legislative luncheon for Thursday, February 28. (This turned out to be the same day as our general membership meeting and luncheon.) We wish to thank the members who attended the luncheon and spent time discussing important issues with the legislators. The most

important issue to most of us is the security of pension funding. We are happy to report that the pension system funding has remained unchanged during this year's session and the goal remains funding at the 80% level by 2023.

May 2nd will be here before you know it. This is the afternoon that AARSPA will have its first Spring Happy Hour. Join us at the Annapolis Elks Lodge for libations, light hors d'oeuvres and plenty of conversations with colleagues and new acquaintances from 4-6 p.m. For those of you who want to catch up with colleagues with no meeting, this event is for you! Continue reading through the *AARSPA Informer* to find the flyer with further details. Please respond by April 23. We expect that a good time will be had by all!

The MRSPA annual business luncheon meeting will be held on May 8 at the Comfort Inn in Bowie. These meetings provide lots of interesting information and a perspective on the work of our state organization. We are grateful for the many AARSPA members who attend and participate actively in the work of MRSPA. MRSPA is currently offering a \$10



discount for the first year to retirees who join MRSPA. Let's all reach out to new retirees and encourage their membership and active participation in AARSPA and MRSPA.

Each month the Board of Education honors a teacher and employee of the month. These stellar employees are selected from a group of outstanding nominees by a dedicated group of AARSPA members. This committee, led by Anthony Anzalone, carefully reads and reviews each application and selects the individuals to be honored. We sincerely appreciate the efforts of this dedicated group in their commitment to this important activity.

Our final general membership meeting and luncheon, scheduled for May 23 at Renditions in Davidsonville, will include a memorial ceremony for those members that we have lost during the time period from May 2018 through April 2019. This time, honoring those members whose lives and careers touched ours and the greater Anne Arundel County educational community, is an important part of this end of year meeting.

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As we conclude the final year of the two year presidency, we would like to thank all those who take on various roles and responsibilities to maintain the quality of our organization. Our experience with this amazing group of people has been both enlightening and fun. We encourage you to become more active in this very important organization.

Check out the following pages:



Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association (AARSPA)

Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA)

Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS)

National Retired Teachers Association (NRTA)

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Thank you for your generous giving and your kind heart!

Donations have been made

in Memory of:

Kathy Drazan
Bob Masters
Neve Snyder
Sheila Pack Walton
Ione Williams-Birthday



In Honor of:

Joe Cardamone
William and Dixie Stack's Grandchildren

AARSPA Around the State



AARSPA Co-presidents Dixie Stack and Bonnie Schmeltz presented AARSPA'S many accomplishments at the MRSPA Presidents meeting on March 13.

AARSPA members Rick Wiles, Bonnie Schmeltz, Dixie Stack, and Deb Ahalt attended the MRSPA Membership March Across Maryland Workshop held for Area II North locals at Baltimore Polytechnic Institute on February 22. Carla Duls, MRSPA Public Relations Committee Chair, was one of the presenters.



May 2
4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Annapolis Elks Lodge
2 Pythian Way

CELEBRATE SPRING
with the
**ANNE ARUNDEL RETIRED SCHOOL
PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION
(AARSPA)**

CASH BAR
Beer \$3.00
Wine \$4.00
Mixed Drink \$5.00
Specialty Drink \$6.00

**SPRING
HAPPY HOUR**
\$5.00 per person
includes:
h'ourdoerves,
soft drinks, iced tea,
lemonade

HAPPY HOUR RESERVATION - DEADLINE April 23, 2019

Contact Person _____

Phone Number _____

Others in your party:

Number of reservations X \$5.00 per person = Total Due _____

MAKE CHECKS OUT TO: **AARSPA**

MAIL TO: **Bob Kanach, 512 Augusta Drive, Arnold, MD 21012**



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



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REMEMBRANCE

MEMBER DEATHS

Elizabeth Alexopoulos
Virginia Ballard
Kathryn Graf
Marianne Kendrick
Carolyn Lane-Brown
Stella MacDonald
Joseph Marino
Joan Noseworthy
Grace Rau
Kathleen Wilkinson

FAMILY MEMBER DEATHS

Carlean Clark	sister-in-law
Bonnie Dixon	husband
Janice Huss	fiancee
Lorraine Perry	son
Carol Lee Strigle	brother

EMERITUS BIRTHDAYS

April 10	Anna Pasculle	96
24	Sidney Miller	91
25	Irene Wieneke	94
May 1	Evelyn Reed	95
6	Mary Tereshinski	92
10	Olivia Thompson	94
11	Joesphine Reeves	94
15	Marge Rasheff	93
24	Helen Cook	92
June 15	Margaret Cutchins	95
26	Thelma Sparks	98

GET WELL/ THINKING OF YOU

Frank Drazan
Jane Gender
Ken Nichols
Dianne Rogers
Bill Stack



ANNIVERSARIES

March 29	Mary & William Schneider	50
May 7	Carolyn & Tony Anzalone	52
11	Linda & Lee Watkins	44
11	Lorraine & David Foster	44
22	Dale & Ron Smith	47
June 8	Patricia & George Caldwell	55
17	Martha & Don Ferkel	
18	MaryKay & Ken Crosby	63
20	Dixie & Bill Stack	49
21	Annette & Don Smith	52
21	Shirley & Vernon Thomas	
22	Jeanne & Dick Hawes	65
22	Faith & Paul Bagley	61
23	Burma & Lawrence Hill	55
24	Earnestine & Joseph Butler	46
25	Doty & John Schlepner	51
26	Carolyn & Jim Levay	65
30	Amy & Mark Coover	32

VOICES IN MELODY SPRING SCHEDULE

May 9	Pasadena SC	12:30 p.m.
May 14	O'Malley SC	12:30 p.m.
May 16	Genesis Hammonds Lane Center	2:00 p.m.
May 21	South County SC	12:30 p.m.
May 23	Renditions AARSPA Luncheon Meeting	
May 28	Annapolis SC	12:30 p.m.
May 30	Pascal SC	12:30 pm.

Come out and support AARSPA's good will ambassadors!



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.

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

AARSPA Proposed By-laws Change

The By-laws committee has recommended the following changes. Please review them and send any feedback to Bob Kanach at rkanach@verizon.net. These proposals will be voted on at the annual Business Meeting on May 23, 2019 at Renditions Golf Course.

Article III Membership

Section 1: Active Membership

- a. All persons retired from the Anne Arundel County Public Schools System who are receiving retirement payments from the Maryland State Retirement and Pension System are eligible for active membership in the Association upon payment of annual dues;

Recommended revision:

Section 1: Active Membership

- a. All persons **who are receiving retirement payments from the Maryland State Retirement and Pension System (Teachers Retirement System MD code 22-208)** are eligible for active membership in the Association upon payment of annual dues;

Rationale: *This will allow former teachers who live in or around Anne Arundel County who and have worked for MSDE or another county public school system to be able to join our association and become active members.*

Article VIII Finance

Section 3: The duties of the Finance Committee shall include:

- a. Preparation of an annual budget;
- b. Formation of financial policies and procedures of the Association;
- c. Presentation of the budget for adoption at the first general membership meeting in the fall.

Recommended revision:

Section 3: The duties of the Finance Committee shall include:

- a. Preparation of the annual budget;
- b. Formation of the financial policies and procedures of the Association;
- c. **Presentation of the budget at the Executive board meeting prior to the Annual meeting of the Corporation in May;**
- d. **Adoption of the Association Annual Budget shall occur at the Annual Business meeting of the Corporation.**

Rationale: *This will bring the By-laws into alignment with the practice of the Association, allows the Association to have a budget from which to work over the summer months and aligns it with the fiscal year.*

Recommended by the By-laws Committee
 Ken Nichols, Chair
 Robert Kanach
 Charles Gable
 Max Muller
 John Hammond



The Big Crabtowne Band Combo



Carroll Mobley and Ethel Bohle

Luncheon and General Membership Meeting

Blue Dolphin

February 28, 2019



Officer Megan Ott and Co-presidents Dixie Stack and Bonnie Schmeltz

From the Free School.....

Did You Know?



A frequent question about the Annearrundell County Free School Museum is about the origin and spelling of "Annearrundell."

Anne Arundel County is named for Anne of Arundell who was born in 1615 in Wardour, England. At age 13 she was married to Cecil Calvert, the Second Lord Baltimore, the founder of the colony of Maryland. There are variant spellings of her name - Ann, Anne, Arundell, Arundel, Arrundell. As Dr. Henry Miller, a historian at Saint Mary's City said, "In Anne's day, only an unclever person spelled a name in only one way."

The Annearrundell County Free School had its beginnings as a one-room schoolhouse based on "The Records Containing The Proceedings of the Visitors of the Free School for Annearrundell County 1724." Vicki Hutchins, volunteer at the Maryland State Archives building and a member of AARSPA, has found many variants of the spelling of Anne Arundel. A 1671 map spells it "Anne-Arundell." A 1694 act established a courthouse in "Annarrundell Town." The local DAR chapter spells it "Ann Arundel." And, the Colonial Dames of the 17th Century spells their chapter name "Ann of Arrundell." At some point standardized spellings became the norm.



May Donations



Last May's collection of books to help new teachers set up classroom libraries was a huge success! So, once again, we will be collecting new books for first year teachers. We plan to take the books to an in-service day for new teachers and have them take what is appropriate for their classroom.

We will continue to collect pet supplies as well as toiletries.

From the Membership Committee.....

Address Update

Please let us know if you have changed your address/phone/email recently. The information is needed for the Member Directory to be available in September for distribution at the General Membership meeting that month. Notify the AARSPA Membership Committee, 2644 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD 21401

Help AARSPA Find These Members

Some may have died; others may have a new address. Below are members whose newsletters have been returned with incorrect addresses. Notify the AARSPA Membership Committee at the address above or phone 410-798-0748 or have the member contact AARSPA.

Do you know where they are?

Helen Baugh	Elaine LeBar
Pat Carpenter	Pat McQuaige
Kathryn Chuvala	John (Pete) Patterson
Martha Clarke	Van Pindell
Bruce Dorsch	Jane Story
Serje Joffe	Mary Street
Lewis Langdon	



Once again, AARSPA members showed their generous spirit. Phyllis Cherry displays items donated at the February luncheon at the Blue Dolphin Restaurant.

IMPORTANT DATES

Executive Board Meetings - 10:00 a.m.

June 13, 2019 Free School
 July 11, 2019 Center A

General Membership Meetings - 10:30 a.m.

May 23, 2019 Renditions Golf Course



OTHER DATES

May 2, 2019 Spring Happy Hour, Annapolis Elks Lodge
 May 8, 2019 MRSPA Annual Business Meeting
 May 15, 2019 Historic Cape May Trip
 August 1, 2019 Deadline for August AARSPA Informer

May Luncheon and Business Meeting



DATE: Thursday, May 23, 2019
PLACE: Renditions Golf Course, 1380 West Central Avenue, Davidsonville, MD 21035
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
Monday, May 1, 2019

PLEASE NO WALK-INS

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

**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 May 1, 2019

Contact Person _____

Phone Number _____

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

Name(s) including contact person above	Chicken Parmesan	Roast Beef	Crab Cake
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

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)

2019 Florida Get Together



Benny and Don Rascoe



Deb Ahalt, Bobbi Richardson, Charlie Gable, and John Richardson



Ron Derflinger and Bob Kanach



Annette and Don Smith



Henry Horn



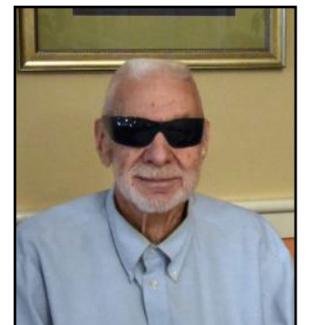
Ruth Toombs



Sue Centurelli



Kate Gilbert



Ralph Johnson



Mary McCauley, Betty O'Neill, and Dan Ahalt



Louise Dejesu, Bonnie Schmeltz, and Arlene Derflinger

Mount Dora, March 20 - 21



Kim Proctor, Barbara Zelle, and Bob Wagner



Anne Kifer



Nancy Henkelman
and Terry Zablenki



Debbie and Bryan Groff



Terry Henkelman and Janis Horn





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 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

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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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