



INFORMER

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and
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SPRING HAS SPRUNG...
THE FLOWERS ARE IN BLOOM



March 19 was the first full day of SPRING, and a beautiful day it was...in Florida. Ron and Arlene Derflinger, our Florida Gathering hosts, ordered a perfectly beautiful day to start this year's event. With sunshine and comfortable temps, our 22 attendees were welcomed for cocktails in their beautiful waterfront home that evening. The next day everyone gathered at Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen for lunch, where Co-President Anthony Anzalone welcomed everyone. He shared the many recent activities our members have enjoyed as well as those scheduled to occur. He also THANKED the Derflingers for hosting and THANKED Bob Kanach for his dedication.

YES...AARSPA has been very busy thanks to you ..our members and our active Executive Board. We initiated a new program - a Mini-Grant Classroom Teacher Award. MRSPA currently has this program and can only honor a limited number of applicants from across the state. Grant applications not selected by MRSPA are now returned to the local associations. Our Community Service Committee, led by Phyllis Cherry, reviewed these applications and selected 2 awardees. For this initial year, the 2024 AARSPA MINI-GRANT AWARD WINNERS are Michael O'Donnell from North County High School and Stephanie Wineke of

Riviera Beach Elementary School. Each winner received \$300 to continue the work with their needs-based project.

AARSPA also participated in the celebration of Maryland Day on March 23. The *Anne Arundel Free School* was open to highlight the history of our State. A team chaired by Karlie Everett worked diligently in preparing activities reflecting back through MD history.

Spring also brings upcoming events and meetings, so please check our website for the calendar. Our next Business Meeting/Luncheon is at Two Rivers Steak and Fish House in Pasadena. It is also our Memorial Service and our Voices in Melody Chorus will be performing. If you have never been to this event, please plan to join us as we honor those members who are no longer with us.

Let's go Fly A Kite.... Up Where The
Sky is Bright ...OH...Let's Go Fly



From the Free School Museum HELP!!! SOS!!! MAYDAY!!! We need docents!!!

Do you have some time you can serve as a docent at the County Free School Museum between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. on a second Saturday or a second Sunday in April, May, June, July, or August? Do you know someone who might be interested in serving as a docent?

If you can give us some time, or know someone who might be interested, we will show you how to open the building, and we will give you some talking points should a guest arrive at the building. While waiting for guests, you can read, knit, listen to a baseball game, do crosswords, balance a checkbook if one still does that, etc.

We currently do not have enough docents to cover all the dates we are scheduled for opening this year, so we really do need some help. Please contact me if you are interested or know someone who might be interested - karlieeverett@verizon.net or 410-268-8656.

Anne Arundell County Free School Museum

OPEN HOUSE SEASON

APRIL • MAY • JUNE • JULY • AUGUST

Second Saturday
and
Second Sunday

1:00PM TO 4:00PM

1298 Lavall Drive
Davidsonville, MD 21035

Contact: karlieeverett@verizon.net

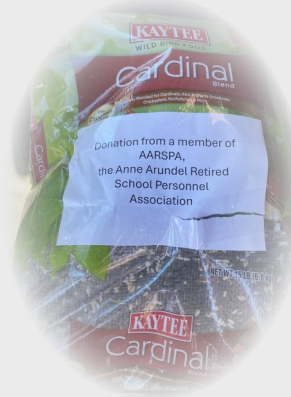


There are 120 small homes in our county that serve as housing for our elderly residents with the least money. According to a representative from the

Department of Aging, at least 70% of the residents have NO money left after all their income from Social Security and pensions is taken to pay the monthly fee of \$3500 - \$4000. The remaining individuals have less than \$50.00 for toiletries and maybe an occasional candy bar. With rising costs, the homes are struggling to remain open. With your generous support last year, we were able to provide support to five needy centers. We are hoping you will be equally generous this year. Based on the smiles and hugs the members of the Community Service Committee received when we delivered the materials, please know you are improving the lives of people who may have helped you at some point in the past.

Requested Items:

- Toiletries (lotions, soap, shampoo, conditioners, shaving products, etc.)
- Books, word searches, crossword puzzles, Sudoku (prefer large print but others ok)
- Puzzles (100-500 pieces) board games, (checkers, Monopoly, etc.) **PLEASE, NO MISSING PIECES!!**
- Bingo cards and markers
- Colored Pencils, small glue sticks, double sided tape, construction paper
- Craft Supplies: acrylic paint, coloring books, Zen coloring books, paint with water coloring books, painted stones project, ribbon, popsicle sticks, buttons, pipe cleaners, markers
- Bingo prizes: small coloring books, pre-wrapped snacks (anything that fits in a small gift bag)
- Snacks! Snacks! Snacks! They love their snacks.
- Bird Seed: There are feeders outside the dining room.



**Please donate only
those items you
would want to go to
your loved one.**

REMEMBRANCE

MEMBER DEATHS

Kenneth Burlingame
Katherine M. Calender
Martha L. Collison
Mary E. Crandall
Yvonne G. Henry
Edna Jane C. McClelland

FAMILY MEMBERS

Debbie Ahalt brother
Robin Smith father
Donna Williman father

GET WELL

Richard Berzinski
Nancy Determan
Jim Duls
Stephen Malone
Phyllis Mentzell
Brenda McCray
Lynne Padussis
Dick Powell
Jim Preston

ANNIVERSARIES

April 9 Abigail & Bill Jackson 57
18 Kathy & Denis Schanberger 51

May 7 Joan & Rich Detuccio 47
7 Carolyn & Tony Anzalone 58
11 Linda & Lee Watkins 50
11 Lorraine & David Foster 50
16 Susan Bowen & Ray Rankin 32
19 Valerie Wesner & Don Courts 40
22 Dale & Ron Smith 53
23 Dave & Karen Lanham 54
26 Peggy & Barry Fader 41

June 6 Vivecar & Marlin Michaels 54
8 Patricia & George Caldwell 61
8 Elaine & Bob DiAiso 61
13 Evangeline & Clifton Prince 54
13 Mary & Larry Lynch 54
15 Mary Ann & Tom Rohr 50
20 Dixie & Bill Stack 54
20 Patricia & Louis Aprigliano 53
20 Pat & Bill McQuade 54
20 Christelle & Abrian Wiseman 54
22 Brenda & Rick Terry 61
22 Jeanne & Dick Hawes 71
23 Burma & Lawrence Hill 62
24 Earnestine & Joseph Butler 52
25 Connie & Charlie Smith 58
26 Jim & Carolyn Levay 70
26 Sophie & Bill Sharkey 53
30 Amy & Mark Coover 39
30 Sue & Den Skinner 51

EMERITUS BIRTHDAYS

April 10 James Levay 92
23 Mary Delores Handy 93
30 Lore Singerman 92
May 6 Mary Tereshinski 97
10 Olivia Thompson 99
11 Josephine Reeves 99
15 Marge Rasheff 98
21 Alice V. Gills 92
24 Helen Cook 97
29 Jeanne Hawes 94
June 8 Charles Gavin 92
13 Lois Porter 93
13 Iris Minarik 90
19 Penny Vahsen 92

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.

April 11, 2024 Center 2A, BOE
June 13, 2024 Free School
July 11, 2024 MRSPA Office, Odenton

General Membership Meetings - 10:30 a.m.

May 9, 2024 Two Rivers Restaurant, Pasadena

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 18, 2024 Eastern Shore Luncheon, Suicide Bridge Restaurant, Hurlock
May 7, 2024 MRSPA Annual Business Meeting, Turf Valley, Ellicott City
May 21, 2024 Blue Angels Cruise and Dinner at Red Hot & Blue, Annapolis
June 19, 2024 Fundraiser at Brian Boru, Severna Park
July 26, 2024 Deadline for September *AARSPA Informer*
August 21, 2024 Sight & Sound Theatre - *Daniel* Strasburg, PA
October 24, 2024 Museum of the American Revolution Philadelphia, PA

OTHER DATES



Scholarship Update !

Thank you! You care, you share, for the future you help to prepare our four high school scholars, with your generous donations, to fulfill their plan of becoming an extraordinary educator.

Committee: Tony Anzalone, Sharyn Doyle,
Dr. Leslie Mobray and Tillie Barckley.

In Memory of:

Kenneth Burlingame
Jay D. Catlin
Martha Collison
W.E. Craig (Heavenly Birthday-2/23/2015)
Keith Haney
Jena Harmon
Yvonne Gaither Henry
Lillian Jackson
Dr. Francis A. Ruffo
George Stransky (husband of Laura Stransky)

Mark Your Calendar!

Please **save the date** for our scholarship fund dining experience at:

Brian Boru Pub

489 Ritchie Hwy, Severna Park 21146
410-975-2678

Wednesday, June 19, 2024 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

\$30.00 per person, \$10 of which goes to the
Scholarship Fund

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)**



News You Can Use

Do you know someone who is facing the physical, emotional and financial rigors of cancer? Imagine providing that friend or family member with a free house cleaning. The nonprofit, "Cleaning for a Reason", does just that. The organization started in Texas and has spread across the nation. A friend or family member must complete an application to begin the process. The patient will receive two free house cleanings, each one month apart. The service is available to residents across Maryland. One service located in Anne Arundel County is Always Sparkle, located in Glen Burnie. When speaking to the owner, she expressed her philosophy of "we all need to do our part for our neighbors."

AARSPA in Florida, 2024

A special thank you to Arlene and Ron Derflinger for opening their beautiful house on a lake to the AARSPA members who were able to join us this year. Also, a thank you to their daughter, Heather who made the delicious deviled eggs and margaritas!

Looking ahead, thank you to Debbie and Bryan Groff of Kissimmee for offering to host the AARSPA in Florida next year. Watch for more information in future AARSPA Informer editions.

Free School Cleaning



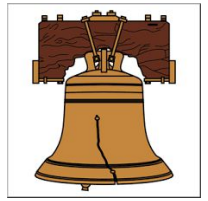
AARSPA thanks John and Marge Hammond, their daughter and son-in-law, Courtney and Bryan Portch, and their grandson, Tyler Portch, for a great job getting the Free School Museum clean and ready for the upcoming season.



Museum of the American Revolution

Philadelphia, PA

Monday, October 24, 2024



With the opening of its doors in April 2017, the Museum of the American Revolution created an experience which tells the rich and complex story of our nation's founding. It uncovers and shares compelling stories about the diverse people and events that sparked America's ongoing experiment in liberty, equality, and self-government. With a display of General George Washington's strategic war-planning tent to stories explaining the everyday lives of patriots and citizens, the Museum has established itself as a destination that brings history to life in a unique and powerful way.

Lunch on your own:

At the gastronomic bazaar known since 1893 as the Reading Terminal Market. Enjoy food, unique grocery items and handmade crafts, jewelry and clothing from over 400 stalls in the enclosed market space. Enjoy an eclectic array of fresh baked Amish goods, produced directly from the field.

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9:00 a.m.	Depart the Severna Park United Methodist Church on Benfield Road - <i>Bagel breakfast and juice on the bus (No coffee will be served.)</i>
11:15 a.m.	Arrive at Reading Terminal Market - Lunch and shopping on your own
12:45 a.m.	Back on bus - Depart Reading Terminal Market
1:00 p.m.	Arrive at the Museum of the American Revolution * <i>Guided visit of Museum including Special Exhibit: Witness to Revolution / Will see the refurbished original tent of General George Washington</i>
3:00 p.m.	Visit the Liberty Bell
4:00 p.m.	Depart Philadelphia * <i>Bottled water and snack served on the bus</i>
6:30 p.m.	Arrive at Severna Park United Methodist Church on Benfield Road

COST

You get all this for **\$115.00 per person**. This includes transportation, all taxes and tips, including the driver.



Museum of the American Revolution

Reservations must be received by Wednesday, July 24, 2024

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

Contact Person: _____

Cell Phone (in case you get separated from the group): _____

Home Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email Address (for receipt): _____

of Reservations _____ X \$115.00 per person = \$ _____ **Make check payable to AARSPA**

Other names in your party, if applicable:

OUT AND ABOUT WITH AARSPA



Arlene & Ron Derflinger



Kim & Ray Bibeault



Janice Horn & Carolyn Anzalone



Louise DeJesu



Sharon Stratton

Nancy Hankleman



(L to R) Tom Leary, Kate Gilbert, Penny & Ron Rascoe, Henry Horn, Terry Henkelman Lois Bock, Sharon Stratton, Louise DeJesu, Kim & Ray Bibeault, Janis Horn, Nancy Henkelman, Nancy Wagner, Debbie Groff, and Ed Stratton



(Back) Arlene & Ron Derflinger
(Front) Carolyn & Tony Anzalone





Daniel

Sight & Sound Theatre

August 21, 2024



The Sight & Sound Theatre in Strasburg, Pennsylvania, presents one of the Bible's epic sagas, *Daniel*. Taken from his people, Daniel is exiled far from home in the powerful kingdom of Babylon. Now this faithful servant of God must navigate his new life inside a place filled with golden statues and shifting empires. As royal pressures mount, Daniel is faced with a dangerous choice. Will his trust in the one, true God remain steadfast through every test of faith? Please come join us and witness one of the Bible's most hope filled stories as it comes to life in the brand new original stage production. From the fiery furnace to the infamous den of lions, *Daniel* is a spectacular theatrical experience.

Bird-in-Hand Family Restaurant

Before the show, enjoy a delicious smorgasbord lunch at the Bird-in-Hand Family Restaurant in Bird-in-Hand, Pennsylvania.

ITINERARY

9:45 a.m.	Depart the Severna Park United Methodist Church on Benfield Road
12:00 p.m.	Arrive Bird-in-Hand Family Restaurant
12:15 p.m.	Smorgasbord Lunch
2:00 p.m.	Depart Bird-in-Hand, PA
2:15 p.m.	Arrive at Sight & Sound Theatre
3:00 p.m.	Showtime! <i>Daniel</i>
3:45 p.m.	Depart Strasburg, PA
6:30 p.m.	Arrive at the Severna Park United Methodist Church on Benfield Road

COST

You get all this for **\$160.00 a person**. This also includes transportation and all taxes and tips, including the driver. Your reservation for this trip must be received by **Wednesday, May 8, 2024**.

Sight & Sound Theatre - *Daniel* Smorgasbord Lunch

Reservations must be received by Wednesday May 8, 2024

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

Contact person _____

Cell phone (in case you are separated from the group) _____

Home phone _____ . Emergency contact phone _____

Address _____

Email address (for receipt) _____

of reservations _____ x \$160 per person = \$ _____. **Make checks payable to AARSPA**

Other names in your party if applicable

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Membership by the Numbers!

Do you like to “crunch the numbers”? Are you a “facts, just the facts” person? Well, here are a few “numbers” for you. At the present time on record in the database, we have a total membership of 1561 (both AARSPA and MRSPA), of that number 170 are Locals Only and 60 Emeritus members. We mail out 893 newsletters (plus 112 newly retired personnel), while 612 members receive the newsletter through email. The discrepancy accounts for those members who we are not able to locate to forward their newsletter. Of our membership, there are 85 individuals in Florida and 120 on the Eastern Shore.

We are a widespread and vast community of retired educators, who serve our communities in a countless number of ways – some which we do not even know. This organization encourages you to become a more active member and learn more about the individuals you have served your best interests while you have been working. Come to a luncheon meeting to see former co-workers and meet new friends. Help keep this Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association strong!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Shirley A. Foreman
JoAnne Foster
Teresa Green
Margareta L. Smith
Tamara Spano
Terry Stackley
Debra Ward
Patricia Ann Whitmer
Doris Willis



KEEP OUR PLANET SAFE FOR MARINE LIFE!

Plastic tends to float and bobbing on the surface can lead them to be mistaken for other marine life. Plastic bags are often mistaken for jellyfish by leatherback turtles and consumed. Marine life can also get tangled in nets, cords, and other plastic debris, which hinders their ability to swim and in some cases, can be a severe choking hazard. Plastic debris can carry pathogens and trigger an infection.



Celebrate Earth Day, Monday, **April 22, 2024** by making a commitment to be conscious of how you are disposing of plastic waste and doing your part to recycle.

(MRSPA Consumer Connection - March/April)

AARSPA Luncheon and 2021-2022 Annual Business Meeting

Thursday, May 09, 2024

Our annual business meeting will be held Thursday, May 9, 2024 at **Two Rivers Steak and Fish House** located at 4105 Mountain Road, Pasadena, MD. Registration will begin at 9:45 a.m. with the meeting starting at 10:30 a.m. The **reservation and payment** must be received no later than **Friday, April 26, 2024**. After this date we will not be able to give any refunds. **Please remember to bring your donation for the Anne Arundel County nursing homes drive sponsored by the Community Service Committee.**

Cost per person is \$42.00 (Please make checks payable to AARSPA)

Mail the reservation form and payment **to arrive no later than Friday, April 26, 2024** to:

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

Our **entrée choices** are:

- Chicken Chesapeake – fresh chicken breast stuffed with spinach, prosciutto and lump crab, served with Dijon cream sauce
- 6 oz. center cut sirloin grilled to medium
- Grilled vegetable stack

Each entrée is served with green beans and rice, a garden salad with ranch or bleu cheese dressing and a freshly baked roll. A two-layer sheet cake and non-alcoholic beverages will also be served.



Don't forget the Silent Auction raffle that will take place at the May luncheon to benefit the AARSPA Scholarship fund. One of these professionally framed photos of the Blue Angels could be yours. Bids start at \$30.00!

Contact person _____

Phone # _____ Email address _____

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

Name	Chicken Chesapeake	Sirloin Steak	Vegetable Stack	
_____	_____	_____	_____	X \$42 = _____
_____	_____	_____	_____	X \$42 = _____
_____	_____	_____	_____	X \$42 = _____
				Total _____

_____ 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:
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:

Matilda Barckley barckleya@comcast.net 410-768-3408