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Co-Presidents Sharyn Doyle and Anthony Anzalone

We, Sharyn and Tony, are excited to have accepted the challenges as your Co-Presidents for the years 2023-2025. It is with a deep sense of responsibility and commitment to the values and principles of AARSPA that we accept this position. We will continue to work with the membership, outstanding Executive Board officers, and committee chairpersons to further strengthen our organization.

However, we would be remiss if we moved forward without saying THANK YOU to Charlie Gable and Deb Ahalt for their stalwart 2 year leadership as Co-Presidents. Their goal for "normalcy" after COVID was achieved.

As we approach September, school will begin...and without most of us. It was also in September when Congress changed our country's name from the United Colonies to the United States. In September 1784, Johnny Appleseed was born; and Francis Scott Key, on September 5, 1814, wrote a poem after witnessing the bombardment of Fort McHenry by British ships that was later set to the tune of a popular British song and soon became our National Anthem.

September Really Starts With You! Our first event/activity is the Kick-Off Luncheon at Kurtz's Beach in Pasadena on September 14th, a great place with good food and overlooking the shores of the Chesapeake Bay. As you complete the Registration Form, please note that we have not lost sight of the cost. Each venue we have talked with cites increased food cost, labor, overhead, plus tax and gratuity. We are aware. We are most thankful when you join us.

Throughout the year, Our calendar-YOUR calendar - will offer opportunities for luncheons, trips, community service projects, legislative updates, "Meets and Greets" locally and on the Eastern Shore, scholarships, memorials, fund raisers at local restaurants, Voices in Melody programs, the Walk to End Alzheimer's, the 300 Anniversary Celebration of the FREE SCHOOL and much.. much... more. The calendar is on the AARSPA website (www.aarspa.org) so you can mark your dates NOW for an exciting year.

Recruiting new members is a goal for each of us. Our budget is based on membership. Leslie Schell and Marge Smith continue to work diligently to maintain updated membership records. If YOU asked one other retiree to join AARSPA, our numbers could easily increase. Our membership declines due to the passing of some members, a factor we cannot stop from occurring.

Remember ...Strength grows in numbers. Many retirees do not realize AARSPA helps monitor our health care for which we have no guarantee and can be ended with the stroke of a pen. MRSPA, our state organization, works hard to protect our pensions and other issues important to seniors.

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REMEMBRANCE

MEMBER DEATHS

Susan T. Gallo
Kenneth E. Nichols
Janice G. Oesterle
Marie M. Rifenburg
Louis N. Thomas, Sr.
Margaret (Beth) C. Tipton

FAMILY MEMBERS DEATHS

Linda K. Crosby	brother
Mary Kay Crosby	son
Sharon Jennings	husband
Janet C. Tucker	husband

Get Well/Thinking of You

Ed Johnson
Barry Fader
Dick Powell
Peggy Fader

EMERITUS BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST

1	Marie Diamond	91
16	Blanche V. Bakke	92
17	Agnes Abernathy	94
23	Credella Matthews	94
28	James Dunagan	95
	Phyllis Mentzell	90

SEPTEMBER

1	Gloria Oxley	94
4	Joan Krammes	92
10	Dorothea Dennis	95
16	Hearon Buttrill	106
16	Geraldine Cassell	97
30	Jackie Evans	103
30	Jackie Fridie	95

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Anniversaries and Congratulations
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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

ANNIVERSARIES

AUGUST

2	Marla & Jeff Kollar	54
4	Linda & Greg Siegert	44
5	Carole & Bob Grimm	56
6	Diane & Kevin McGrath	46
8	**Laura & John Henry**	**70**
11	**Irma & Jack Matthews**	**50**
12	Nancy & William Lively	61
13	Doris & Bob Kniess	57
13	Arlene & Ron Derflinger	46
15	Carolyn & Larry Smith	53
16	Marsha & Kenneth Stewart	54
16	Barbara & Don Gregg	56
17	Millie & Bryan Williman	7
18	**Linda & Larry Herzig**	**50**
26	Karlie & Jerry Everett	56
26	K. Christine & David O'Neill	51
30	Betty & David Elder	48

SEPTEMBER

2	**Ed & Bery Feinberg**	**50**
3	Kathy & Dan Bush	63
22	Shigemi & Dan Higgs	33
22	**Sandra & James Edmonds**	**50**
24	Richard & Rose O'Hara	57
28	Carolyn & Glyn Webber	39

AARSPA General Meeting and Luncheons

For the past five years we have been able to hold the cost of luncheons to $38.00 per person. Luncheons must be self-supporting and cannot be part of the budget for the association. As anyone who has gone out to a restaurant for a meal knows, the cost of a meal has increased over the past year or two. Some restaurants now include a charge for table clothes and napkins for events such as our general meetings.

After extensive checking for costs at numerous local restaurants, we have come to the realization that we must increase the price we charge for the meals provided. Know that we will continue to search out best deals possible to hold down the cost per person.

DATES TO REMEMBER

MEETING DATES

Executive Board Meetings -10:00 a.m.

October 12, 2023	Center 2A, BOE
January 11, 2023	Center 2A, BOE

General Membership Meetings - 10:30 a.m.

September 14, 2023	Kurtz's Beach, Pasadena
November 9, 2023	Renditions Golf Course, Davidsonville

OTHER DATES

August 17	Garry's Grill Scholarship Fundraiser Severna Park
September 18	Deadline for October *AARSPA Informer*
September 26	MRSPA Leadership Workshop
October 4	"Jukebox Jive" Paradise, PA
October 22	Walk to End Alzheimer's Sandy Point State Park
December 8	"The First Noel" at American Music Theater Lancaster, PA

American Music Theatre - "The First Noel"
December 8, 2023

It's the time of year to be dazzled and delighted with musical merriment! "The First Noel' is American Music Theater's original show, featuring the secular and sacred holiday songs you know and love, with all-live performances by a sensational cast of singers, dancers, as well as the remarkable American Music Theater Orchestra. Backdrops of beautiful snowcapped mountains, combined with child-like joy, cherished yuletide stories, and the spirit of love, bring out the soul and good will of your favorite holiday sights and sounds on stage. The annual Christmas Show at American Music Theater has become a family tradition for multiple generations, and an exciting tradition for others!

"The First Noel" is an unforgettable experience that's bound to leave you and your family in the Christmas spirit! We conclude our holiday season celebration with a ride to Hershey, Pennsylvania where a winter wonderland awaits you at Hershey Sweet Lights, a holiday drive-thru spectacular. Enjoy nearly 600 illuminated, animated displays created by roughly 2 million LED lights, as we drive through two miles of decorated trails featuring unique light displays.

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.

You get all of this for **$129.00 per person**. This also includes transportation, all taxes and tips including the driver. Your reservation for this trip must be received by Wednesday, **October 25, 2023**.

Itinerary:

10:00 a.m.	Depart the Severna Park United Methodist Church on Benfield Road
12:15 p.m.	Arrive Bird-in-Hand, PA at Bird-in-Hand Family Restaurant
12:30 p.m.	Smorgasbord Lunch
2:00 p.m.	Depart Bird-in-Hand, PA
2:15 p.m.	Arrive Lancaster, PA at American Music Theater
3:00 p.m.	Showtime! "The First Noel"
5:15 p.m.	Depart Lancaster, PA
6:00 p.m.	Arrive Hershey, PA at Hershey Sweet Lights for a holiday drive-thru spectacular
7:00 p.m.	Depart Hershey, PA
9:00 p.m.	Arrive at the Severna Park United Methodist Church on Benfield Road

American Music Theater - "The First Noel" - & Smorgasbord Lunch

Reservations must be received by Wednesday, **October 25, 2023**

Send this reservation form and check payable to *AARSPA* to Bob Kanach
512 Augusta Drive,
Arnold, Maryland 21021

Contact Person: _____

Cell Phone (for emergencies): _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email address (for receipt): _____

# of Reservations _____X $129 per person = $_____ **Make checks payable to AARSPA**

Other names in your party if applicable:

_____

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Scholarship Update !

Our graduating scholars hold onto “HOPE” for a better life through education. Thank you for providing the “HOPE” through your generous donations!

In Honor Of…

Becky Hogan - retirement
Olivia Thompson - birthday
Louise Wright - retirement

In Memory Of…

Rose Marie Allen
W.E. Craig
Kenneth Crosby-heavenly birthday 8/19
Julia DiRado
Katherine Lauritzen
Betty Moreland
Kenneth Nichols
Carol Petrosky
Robert Schult
Janine Sinclair
Garry Spears
Margaret (Beth) Tipton

Killarney House Fundraiser

The Killarney House Fundraiser, held on June 13, was quite a success! Through meals purchased and donations, the Scholarship Committee raised $350! Here are some of our members and friends out for a delicious meal that is also for a great cause!

Carla and Jim Duls

Tom and Lisa Leary

Don Counts and friends

Rick Wiles and Susan Baugher

From the Free School Museum

By the time you are reading this issue of the *AARSPA Informer*, the Open House season for the Annearrundell County Free School Museum will be over. The successful season would not have been possible without our cadre of outstanding docents. Kudos and thanks to Bob Kanach, Carolyn Webber, Carla and Jim Duls, Carolyn Smith, Millie deSimone, Judy and John Youngblood, Vickie Hutchins, and Don Bailey for their time, talents, and dedication to the Free School.

Two questions:

1. Who sent the Free School Museum (FSM) a clay tobacco pipe? The pipe arrived in April without any indication of who sent it. We would enjoy thanking you if we knew who you were. We are displaying the pipe next to the in-cased artifact we believe to be the pipe of John Wilmond, the first schoolmaster of the Annearrundell County Free School.

2. Does anyone know how we can contact Carol Donaldson? Her mother Anne created and sewed a schoolmaster costume which Carol donated to the FSM many years ago. We now have some pictures of a gentleman wearing the costume that we would to send to Carol so she knows how much we appreciate her mother’s beautiful needlework and the family’s generosity in donating the costume to the FSM.

For answers to these questions, or to arrange a tour at the FSM, or to express an interest in serving as a docent, please contact Karlie Everett at karlieeverett@verizon.net.

SAVE THE DATE

Scholarship Fundraiser

Garry's Grill, 553-A Baltimore Annapolis Blvd., Severna Park
Thursday, August 17, 2023, from **4-9:00 p.m.**
Check-out their **entire dinner menu** on their website www.garrysgrill.com

(20% of receipts placed in basket goes to the Scholarship Fund)

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Look Who is Helping Us Grow!

Denise E. Andersen
Kenneth Boucher
Beth A. Burke
Lisa A. Ferrer
Lorraine K. Gagalis-Berdeguez
Lawrence Inscoe
Skip Lee III
Janelle Magnus
Teena N. Miller
Kathleen Notari
Barbara Segratelli

WHY? and the ANSWER IS

When local renewal information was returned, some questioned why they needed to fill out a new membership application when they were simply renewing. This membership form provides valuable information on your current membership. Sometimes local members forget to provide updated information (address, phone, cell phone, email, etc.) to the association. Each of these is checked against the database for accuracy. All of this information is important when attempting to create a complete directory for publication. So yes, it may present an extra step in the renewal process, but it is worth it to us.

MRSPA Membership

Are you a check or cash paying member of MRSPA? By now you should have received your renewal notification, and hopefully you have rejoined. Better yet, if you still have not sent in your membership, consider dues deduction automatically once a year from your pension check. You will no longer receive a reminder notice each year and will not need to worry about your membership being cancelled at the end of October. Remember, both AARSPA and MRSPA are on **your** side when it comes to your pension and health care. The legislative committees remain on top of concerns that affect **YOU!**

Eastern Shore Luncheon

On April 20, 2023, 29 members from both sides of the Chesapeake, gathered at Snappers Grill and Tiki Bar in Cambridge for lunch. The weather cooperated with sun and warmth, while those assembled provided laughter and hugs. During the conversations, the unanimous suggestion for another gathering gained momentum. As a result, Chris Stockett and Julia Barker volunteered to co-chair the next luncheon in April 2024. This event is on the move so keep your eyes on the *AARSPA Informer* for information in the future.

Bob Kanach and Sharyn Doyle

Larry Brogden and Stan Stawas

Gail Matthews and Lucy Travers

Terry Moir and Madeline Scott

Louise DeJesu and Charles Dansky

Jo Anne Core

Carrol Mobley

Christine Stockett

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We want to thank all of the members of our Executive Board, both officers and committee chairpersons, for the time and effort they give to making this organization successful. We hope that more of our members will become actively involved in the work and activities of AARSPA. Not any one person is responsible for the success of this association. Our success is dependent on teamwork. Thank you for being part of Team AARSPA!

EDUCATOR/EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

2022-2023

Oct.	**Educ:**	**LINDSAY LUNA,** ESOL School Counselor, Glen Burnie High School
	Empl:	**ASHLEY E. SMITH,** Community Based Services - Support Technician, Special Education Office
Nov.	**Educ:**	**LYDIA TEAL**, 4th Grade Teacher, Central Elementary School
	Empl:	**DARLEEN STOFFEL**, Chief Custodian, Point Pleasant Resource Center
Dec.	**Educ:**	**TONI SHARER,** Math Teacher, Old Mill Middle North
	Empl:	**ANDREA GALDI,** Kindergarten Teaching Assistant, Shipley's Choice Elementary School
Jan.	**Educ:**	**LINDSAY ABRUZZO**, Assistant Principal, Severna Park High School
	Empl:	**JESSICA KAZMAREK,** Teaching Assistant Sp.Ed., Glendale Elementary - EDR
Feb.	**Educ:**	**NATHAN FINCHER**, Arts Integration and SEL, Monarch Academy Annapolis
	Empl:	**LISA KNELL**, Technician:Tech Support, Severna Park High School
Mar.	**Educ:**	**JACLYN LAKE,** Language Arts, Crofton Middle School
	Empl:	**HARPER HERDEMEN**, Discipline Secretary, Old Mill Middle North
Apr:	**Educ:**	**GREG KALBERER**, Support Service Staff/Department Chair, CAT-NORTH
	Empl:	**LARICE DIXON**, Custodian, Meade Middle North
May	**Educ:**	**EDWIN COPELAND**, Counselor/School Data Instructor Data Division
	Empl:	**JASON RUSH,** Facilities Engineer, CAT-NORTH

The **AARSPA Selection Committee** for the AACBOE sponsored **Educator and Employee of the Month Program** reviewed the nominees that had been submitted by the staff from schools, field offices, and the Central Office. On the first Wednesday of the month, from October to May, the Board of Education publicly recognized and honored individuals, that have been chosen by the Selection Committee, by presenting them with a *Certificate of Appreciation* and a wall plaque. There were no recognitions in September or June. Pictures, which are taken following the presentations, were sent along with a DVD of the event and a congratulatory letter from the Superintendent of Schools. Committee members are Anthony Anzalone, Betty Coleman, Larry Day, and Patricia Emory.

Your support for the assisted living centers at the May luncheon was so incredible that we added a fifth location to receive donated articles. As I was unloading the supplies in Pasadena, a gentleman walked up and immediately asked for one of the puzzle books. Sometimes we forget the power of the simplest acts of kindness.

Deb Ahalt delivered items to Autumn Lake Healthcare in Crofton.

It's time to help children prepare for a year of learning. We will again be collecting school supplies for children in schools with the highest percentage of free and reduced lunches. In some cases, students in these schools will be given the supplies they need at the beginning of the school year. However, there is a need for backpacks, lunch boxes, and water bottles. Because students are using Chrome Books, there is also a need for earbuds.

• All the usual school supplies will be collected for schools not supplying items (pencils, spiral notebooks, glue sticks, pocket folders, highlighters, crayons, etc.).

• Consider donating backpacks, water bottles, or lunch boxes.

• At the luncheon, there will be a jar for cash donations. We will purchase ear buds to be given to the schools.

AARSPA MAY 11 LUNCHEON and ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Incoming Co-Presidents Sharyn Doyle and Anthony Anzalone presented outgoing Co-Presidents Charlie Gable and Deb Ahalt tokens of appreciation for their service to AARSPA.

The AARSPA Chorus, Voices in Melody, performed.

First time attendees Cathy Hall and Grace Planalp

Officers for 2023-2025 were installed by MRSPA President Carla Duls.

Incoming Co-Presidents Anthony Anzalone and Sharyn Doyle, MRSPA President Carla Duls, Assistant Treasurer/Secretary Bob Kanach, Immediate Past Co-Presidents Deb Ahalt and Charlie Gable, Secretary Zetta Hart, and Treasurer Max Muller

MRSPA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
May 9

AARSPA Delegation

Front row (l to r): Sharyn Doyle, Sandra Edmonds, Carla Duls, Deb Ahalt, June Ruffo, and Dixie Stack
Second row (l to r): Edie Picken, Virginia Crespo, Tillie Barckley, Alicia Hardisky, Phyllis Cherry, Jim Duls, Charlie Gable, Ron Ruffo, Anthony Anzalone, Marge Smith, Leslie Heiderman Schell, Zetta Hart, and Max Muller.

Officers for 2023-2024 were installed by MRSPA Area II North Director Charlie Gable (Anne Arundel). Officers (left to right) are: President Carla Duls (Anne Arundel), President Elect Betty Weller (Kent), Vice President Nancy Gordon (Frederick), Treasurer Dr. Stephen Raucher (Montgomery), and Secretary Sharyn Doyle (Anne Arundel).

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Purse Snatchers

Ladies, when you get out of your car to pump gas, where is your purse? If you are like me, it is on the front passenger's seat. There has been a rash of purse snatching at local gas stations. While we are out of our car pumping gas, a thief simply opens the door and steals the purse. It takes less than 30 seconds! A better plan is to leave your purse on the floor on the same side of the car as you are pumping gas. That way they can't get past you, and there isn't enough room for them to open the door.

Securing Your Cards

Consider creating an album in photos on your mobile phone for pictures of important cards. This should include your driver's license, insurance cards, and credit cards as examples. You may want to take a picture of all your medications and include it also. This would ensure you have this information available in an emergency or if the cards are lost.

C & D CANAL TRIP

The Trips and Travel Committee recently arranged for a wonderful excursion on the C & D Canal in Cecil County. It all began with a delicious lunch at Schaefer's Canal House. After that, everyone boarded the *M/V Summer Breeze* for a 2-hour scenic cruise on the canal and were treated to views of nature and wildlife as well as water traffic on the upper Chesapeake Bay. All reported that it was a grand experience!

Fostering a Pet

Do you miss the companionship of a pet? (Imagine talking to a loved one who agrees with everything you say!) You may want to consider fostering a dog or cat. It can be for short periods of time while an adoption is being finalized or for a time period you determine. The Anne Arundel Animal Care and Control Center is always looking for foster pet parents. An application is available by accessing their website through, www.aacounty.org or by calling (410) 222-3892

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S
alzheimer's association

AARSPA From the Heart is once again participating in the Annapolis Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's. Scheduled for October 22, 2023, the walk will take place at Sandy Point State Park. We encourage you to participate! You can register to walk with the ***AARSPA From the Heart*** team or make a donation for the team **or** a specific team member by going to (**https://www.alz.org/walk**). Click on **FIND A WALK,** type **21401,** and choose **Annapolis, MD.** Search the team list for **AARSPA from the Heart**. An opportunity to print a paper registration or donation form is also available there.

If you prefer to not use the internet to participate, all forms will be available at the September luncheon. You can also contact Deb Ahalt (**djahalt@aol.com** or 410-997-3942) for information or forms.

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)

September AARSPA General Meeting and Luncheon
Thursday, September 14, 2023

AARSPA's first general meeting and luncheon for this year will be held on **Thursday, September 14, 2023,** at Kurtz's Beach, LTD, 2070 Kurtz Avenue, Pasadena, MD 21122. Registration begins at 9:45 a.m. with the meeting starting at 10:30 a.m. All reservations must be received no later than **Monday, September 4, 2023,** and after this date we will not be able to give any refunds.

Our plated luncheon will include Maryland crab soup, entrée choices of crab cake or grilled chicken, lettuce/tomato, cheddar mashed potatoes, sautéed vegetables, rolls and butter, and dessert. Beverages will be soda, coffee, tea, and water.

Cost: $42.00 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, September 4, 2023.**

KEEP THE UPPER PORTION FOR YOUR REFERENCE

Cut here and return the bottom portion with payment

Contact Information, should there be any question:

Contact person: _____

Phone number: _____ E-mail address: _____

(Please indicate your preference)	Crab Cake	or	Grilled Chicken	
___Contact person above____	_____		_____	X $42 = _____

Additional people in your party:

Name	Crab Cake	or	Grilled Chicken	
_____	_____		_____	X $42 = _____
_____	_____		_____	X $42= _____
_____	_____		_____	X $42 = _____
			Total amount 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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