Co-President Dixie Stack and Bonnie Schmeltz

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 that could impact your retirement. Sharyn Doyle, who was 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 Renderings 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.

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

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!

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

AARSPA Around the State

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
If you have information concerning AARSPA members, please contact the following people:

**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 Josephine Reeves 94
- 15 Marge Rasheff 93
- 24 Helen Cook 92
- June 15 Margaret Cutchins 95
- 26 Thelma Sparks 98

**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 Dotty & John Schleupner 51
- 26 Carolyn & Jim Levay 65
- 30 Amy & Mark Coover 32

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**EMERITUS BIRTHDAYS**

**GET WELL/THINKING OF YOU**
- Frank Drazen
- Jane Gender
- Ken Nichols
- Dianne Rogers
- Bill Stack

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If you have information concerning AARSPA members, please contact the following people:

**Anniversaries and Congratulations**
Millie Gardner at mbgw16@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 wwdsrogers@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:
 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:
 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

Luncheon and General Membership Meeting

Blue Dolphin

February 28, 2019

The Big Crabtowne Band Combo

Carroll Mobley and Ethel Bohle

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

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.

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
July 11, 2019
Free School
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.)

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 dessert. 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

PLEASE NO WALK-INS

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

Ruth Toombs

Kate Gilbert

Sue Centurelli

Henry Horn

Mary McCauley, Betty O’Neill, and Dan Ahalt

Louise Dejesu, Bonnie Schmeltz, and Arlene Derflinger
Mount Dora, March 20 - 21

Kim Proctor, Barbara Zelley, and Bob Wagner

Anne Kifer

Nancy Henkelman and Terry Zablenski

Debbie and Bryan Groff

Terry Henkelman and Janis Horn

Mount Dora Group
Scholarship Fund Donation

Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association
2644 Riva Road
Annapolis, MD 21401

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 all checks to:
Matilda Barkley
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:
Matilda Barkley • barkleyw@comcast.net • 410-768-3408

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