



AMS News

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Association of Mapping Seniors Newsletter

Ralph Mayer Retires –



Ralph Mayer has served as the AMS Webmaster since the conception and creation of the AMS website. Ralph diligently reviewed information, added topics, kept the website current and refreshed the look over these many years. As of September 1, 2022, Ralph is stepping down from this volunteer position as our Association Webmaster.

Ralph and Patty are active members within the North Myrtle Beach, SC community. They plan to continue traveling, making their crafts, and staying in contact with their many friends within AMS.

The AMS Board and membership thank Ralph for his dedicated service and hard work for the Association. The Board is seeking an AMS member to serve as our next volunteer Webmaster, and to help guide us through this next phase of the AMS website. If you are interested in serving as the next AMS webmaster, please email us at mappingseniors@outlook.com indicating such and include information describing your experience/qualifications to take on this important volunteer assignment.

Summer Gathering



AMS members will again gather this summer at **Fisherman's Inn at Crab Deck, 3032 Kent Narrow Way S, Grasonville, MD 21638** on **August 3, 2022 at 11:30 AM**. With the high cost of crabs, this event will again be

held as ala carte – with each person ordering from the menu and paying their own tab upon their completion of the meal/departure. The Fisherman's Inn menu has a variety of selections, including sandwiches, salads, soups, variety of seafood, desserts and of course Crabs too!! Use the link for more information on the Inn's current menu selections.

<https://crabdeck.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/crab-deck-072921.pdf>

Although there is no requirement for reservations, please notify us if you plan to attend. The preferred method is responding via email to mappingseniors@outlook.com and include "Attention AMS Summer Gathering" in the Subject line. This information will help us in notifying the restaurant to prepare and arrange for the right number of tables for our group. Thank you.

Picnic



The picnic is enjoyed each year by everyone who attends. Having the picnic at the familiar Carderock large pavilion holds many memories of office and department feasts and award ceremonies. The 2022

picnic menu include hot dogs and hamburgers cooked on the grill with sides of potato salad and baked beans, and packaged chips and bottled water. Those attending are asked to bring snacks and packaged/individually wrapped desserts for sharing. Submit your reservations located on page 7 by September 14, 2022.

Notice – Picnic Date Change

Date: Wednesday, September 21, 2022

Time: 11:30 AM

Cost: \$15.00

**Place: Carderock Large Pavilion
Carderock Park Bethesda, MD 21638**

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AMS PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE



The weather in the Washington, D.C. area has, so far, alternated between a run of hot days and then some cooler days. Make no mistake though, summer is coming to the Northern Hemisphere. Or is it already here? Meteorologically speaking, summer began on June

1st. Astronomically speaking, the first day of summer is “when the Sun reaches the highest point in the sky” on the Summer Solstice, which occurs early on June 21st this year.¹ Following the Summer Solstice, although daylight hours will gradually shorten, the temperatures will undoubtedly climb. So, enjoy the 2022 summer while it is here because Halloween is less than four months away.

Recently I was asked if I had ever read the book “The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People” by the late Stephen R. Covey. I answered yes, recalling that my copy of the book was from when DMA Headquarters held training sessions based around the book’s content. Intrigued by her other questions, I recently started re-reading the book. Curiously, this brought to mind a scene in a TV show I like. In the show, one of the leads compares her current relationship with a long-time friend to that of a familiar book, but one in which she is seeing new things, almost as if it were a new book. Her new friend replies, maybe it is she that has changed and not the book. That is how I am feeling about “The 7 Habits” book. I am seeing and understanding the book in different ways, sometimes as if I were reading it for the first time. And yet, much is also familiar. Already I am reminded of the contrasts between “success” built on a principle centered “Character Ethic” and the “quick-fix advice or solution[s]” of a “Personality Ethic.”

The AMS Spring Luncheon at Dutch’s Daughter in Fredrick, MD was a lot of fun. My meal of beef medallions was very good as was the conversation at our table. During my official remarks after the meal, I highlighted the year’s upcoming events. A member asked if the Board would consider moving the date for the Fall Picnic. The Fall Picnic is usually held in early October outdoors at the Carderock Park pavilion, so, as the member noted, the weather is sometimes chilly. Board member Merle was able to secure the earlier date of September 21st, so please note this change on your calendars. As always, you will find more information in this newsletter, and updates and other information posted to the AMS website, mappers.org, and the AMS Facebook page. Thanks all.

Take care of yourself and each other while you are “Having fun and keeping in touch.”

¹ Almanac (2022, June 13). *Summer Solstice 2022: The First Day of Summer*. <https://www.almanac.com/content/first-day-summer-summer-solstice>

AMS Keeping in Touch



Email is an important method for announcing events, registration forms, sharing obituaries, and other pertinent information. Send your AMS info and inquiries to mappingseniors@outlook.com

If you are not receiving emails from AMS, check your “JUNK” folder or contact us at mappingseniors@outlook.com and include “**Attention Membership**” in the Subject line to verify your email address.



The AMS website, www.mappers.org, is another good source of information on current and past AMS events. Check out the many tabs filled with a wealth of information for and about our members and events! If you have

ideas or information for the website, please forward it to mappingseniors@outlook.com and include “**Attention Webmaster**” in the Subject line.



AMS is on Facebook, and you are invited to join other members there and include your contributions! You can share your vacation and retirement adventures, and other activities you enjoy. Or just read the posts from other members while also keeping current with AMS activities too. Members are permitted to post directly but must keep content appropriate for and consistent with the AMS purpose, membership, by-laws, procedures and guidelines.

If you are not already a Facebook friend, go to the search block on Facebook and enter Association of Mapping Seniors or simply AMS and from the drop-down list select **Association of Mapping Seniors**. ***Once on the AMS page select “Join”*** and answer the 3 pertinent questions for “***Keeping in Touch and Having Fun!***” Pam Troutman is the AMS Facebook custodian!!

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2022 AMS Executive Board

President – Lon Hamann
 Vice President – Harry Sturman
 Secretary – Patricia Sturman
 Treasurer – Merle Biggin

NGA Receives New Director



Navy Vice Adm. Frank D. Whitworth III assumed command as the eighth director of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency during a ceremony at the agency’s headquarters here June 3.

Whitworth, who replaces Navy Vice Adm. Robert Sharp, takes the helm at NGA after previously serving as the director for intelligence on the Joint Staff in the Pentagon.

Sharp became director in February 2019 and will be retiring at NGA after 33 years of service, including holding positions as the commander of the Office of Naval Intelligence and director of the National Maritime Intelligence-Integration Office.

Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence Ronald S. Moultrie and Director of National Intelligence Avril Haines presided over the ceremony. Read Whitworth's biography at https://www.nga.mil/about/Vice_Admiral_Frank_Whitworth_Director.html.

Reserve the date ---

Annual Meeting/Holiday Luncheon



The AMS Annual Meeting is held following the Holiday Luncheon. The agenda includes the election of board officers and usually a synopsis of the year in review, future plans, and any other pertinent information for sharing with the membership. At the luncheon, members may also bring an unwrapped toy to donate to the local Salvation Army Angel Tree program. The 2022 Holiday Luncheon/Annual Meeting is scheduled to be held at Dutch’s Daughter.

Date: Wednesday, December 7, 2022

Time: 11:30 AM

Cost: TBD

Place: Dutch’s Daughter

581 Himes Avenue. Frederick, MD 21701

Membership



If you know the contact information for any of these “Missing Members” listed below, please email any information you have to mappingseniors@outlook.com and include “**Attention Membership**” in the subject line. Thank you!

Missing Members	
Gladys Dantzler	Zona J Davis
John I. Seitz	Frank R Walden



To avoid being placed on the “Missing Members” list, please remember to email any changes of your contact information to mappingseniors@outlook.com and include “**Attention Membership**” in the subject line.



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A Senior Watch

During hot weather, think about making daily visits to older relatives and neighbors. Remind them to drink lots of water or juice, as long as their doctor hasn’t recommended otherwise because of a pre-existing condition. If there is a heat wave, offer to help them go someplace cool, such as air-conditioned malls, libraries, or senior centers.

<https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/hot-weather-safety-older-adults>



Spring Luncheon – May 2022



Berna and Ken Yuen preparing 50/50 tickets

As with most all AMS events, the Spring Luncheon on May 3, 2022 at Dutch’s Daughter in Frederick began with a welcome greeting by the AMS President Lon Hamann. Lon also lead the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Berna Yuen providing the invocation. Everyone made a joyful sound as John Koslin lead the singing of God Bless America!

As members arrived, folks received their name tag and a door prize ticket. Ken and Berma Yeun along with Judy Bowles conducted the 50/50 raffle. The winners of the 50/50 raffle were Jack Beall and Dave Weed. The Door Prize winners were Jack Beall and Paul Hayduk.



AMS President – Lon Hamann



Door Prize Winners Jack Beall and Paul Hayduk

As members arrived you also heard a variety of greetings that included laughter and hugs. Many had not seen one another since the 2021 Holiday Luncheon/Annual Meeting, and some even prior to that event due to Covid concerns/restrictions.

It was wonderful to see the smiles and the heard the conversation as folks came together. You’d have thought the group was at a family reunion; table hopping to catch up with what occurred in each other’s lives and families and updating each other on the status of various co-workers while mingling. Of course talking about family, brought out the recent pictures of the grandchildren and pets on each person’s cell phone! How convenient having pictures ready for showing at your finger tips!!



John Koslin leading God Bless America AMS Pres Lon Hamann



50/50 Winners Jack Beall and Dave Weed

Attendees: Jack and Amber Beall, Merle and Nancy Biggin, Larry and Judy Bowles, Frankie and Jeanne Casamento, Jack Fahey, Lon Hamann, Paul and Susan Hayduk; Sandy Lawson, Will and Valerie Liston, Mike and Judy Rose, George Stutz, Jack Teller, John and Patty Waters-Heflin, Dave Weed, Ken and Berna Yuen.

Attending AMS events is the best way to put our motto “**Keeping in Touch and Having Fun**” into practice!!



AMS Historian – John Waters-Heflin and wife Patty.



John Koslin and Judy Bowles. Judy helps with the 50/50 tickets



Friends chatting prior to luncheon. L-R Susan Hayduk, Judy Rose, Nancy Biggin.



AMS Treasurer Merle Biggin and Mike



Frankie Casamento wearing his derby hat – his trademark!!



Larry Bowles and Mike Rose



Jack Fahey and George Stutz



Jack Teller



Jack Beall and Larry Bowles



Members mingling and table hopping. Catching up with what has been happening and getting reacquainted prior to and following the meal!!



Jeanne Casamento, Paul and Susan Hayduk



Sandy Lawson



Will and Valerie Liston

The weather was a perfect beautiful day with blue skies, puffy clouds, and sunshine for Will and Valerie Liston driving to the Spring Luncheon from Charlestown, WV to Frederick, MD in their 1946 2-door Ford Sedan. Oh, what a ride!!!



Berna and Ken Yeun



IN REMEMBRANCE

HUGH JOSEPH CONNOLLY SR. (Age 98) On Monday, June 6, 2022, of Gaithersburg, MD. Beloved husband of the late M. Dorothy Connolly; father of Patricia McAlarnen, H. Joseph Connolly, Jr. and Timothy Connolly; grandfather of Joseph McAlarnen, Anne-Marie Mullikin, Michelle McAlarnen-Evans, Matthew Connolly, Marcella Marshall, Brian Connolly and John Connolly; great-grandfather of Courtney McAlarnen Lanham, Emily McAlarnen Walters, Finley, and Langley McAlarnen, and James, Molly, Luke Mullikin and Katana Connolly. Also survived by five great-great-grandchildren. Interment Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Sisters of the Holy Cross, 407 Bertrand Hall, Notre Dame, IN 46556 OR Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, P.O. Box 302, Maryknoll, NY 10545-0302

STEVE HIGGINS (68) passed away on May 23, 2022 after a short battle with cancer. Steve grew up in Rhode Island and was an avid Red Sox fan. He moved to Maryland in 1979 after accepting a job with Defense Mapping Agency. He worked at DMA/NGA for 30 years, starting as a Printing Specialist in Graphic Arts and retiring in 2009 as an Intelligence Analyst in the Production Office. Steve loved his family, music, traveling, and telling jokes. Steve is survived by his loving wife Darlene, sons Michael Greenwell, Ian Higgins, daughter-in-law Dana Higgins and grandson Landon. Steve will be sorely missed but will remain in our hearts forever.



ALFRED F. MAGGI, 83, of Jefferson, Maryland, passed away peacefully from his life on Friday, 1 April 2022, at the Sycamore Acres II Assisted Living Home. He was born on 10 October 1938 in Georgetown. He was the son of Angelo and Frances Dursa Maggi. He is survived by his sister Joanne Darnell and brother Angi Maggi.

He was a graduate of Holy Trinity Grade School and Bishop John Carroll. After 30 years of service, he retired from the Federal Government as a Cartographer, continuing to work as a bartender at the Chantilly National Golf and Country Club. He enjoyed bowling, softball, word search books, reading, going to casinos and spending time with his family. He loved and would do anything for his family when they needed his help.

Alfred F. Maggi will be remembered with love by his surviving daughter, Debbie and Kevin Mahoney of Frederick, MD; sons, Victor and Kim Maggi, Steven and Donna Dukes from Boonsboro, MD, and Kenny Maggi and Jeff Bishop of Hagerstown, MD; grandchildren, Justin Maggi, Jennifer Maggi, and Kristen Mahoney; and great-grandchildren, Savannah Maggi, Jace and Jax Maggi.

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AMS Picnic Reservation

- When:** September 21, at 11:30 AM
- Where:** Carderock Park, Bethesda, MD
- Place:** Large Pavilion
- Bring:** Your favorite snacks and/or desserts to share and a lawn chair
- Cost:** \$15 per person
- Menu:** Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chicken, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Beverages: Lemonade, Iced Tea, and Water.



Snacks available during meet and greet from 11:30 – Noon AM.

Lunch from Noon – 1PM!!

Completed reservation form and payment due **September 14**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Number of people attending _____ Total amount \$ _____

Please mark payment type by check (enclosed) _____ or PayPal (on-line) _____

Place your name where you can volunteer to assist at the picnic. Thank you for assisting!

Hand out Name Tags _____ **Sell 50/50 Raffle Tickets** _____

Payment Methods –

1. **Paper/mail** – Send completed reservation form and your check payable to the **Association of Mapping Seniors** to: **Merle Biggin 4808 Walbridge Street, Rockville, MD 20853**
2. **Electronically** –
 - a. When using **PayPal add \$1.00 for each person to cover associated fees.**
 - b. Access PayPal from the AMS website front page at <http://www.mappers.org/> and click on the “Donate” button. At the PayPal page, complete the information as requested.
 - c. On page 2, click on the “Add special instructions to the seller” and enter – Picnic and the names of each person included with the payment. Example: Picnic Reservations John Smith; Mary Smith.
 - d. Forward an e-mail to Merle at mappingseniors@outlook.com that includes the names, contact phone number. State you are using PayPal to complete this transaction.

All attendees agree to follow the restaurant COVID protocols and CDC, State and local guidelines. Luncheon participants should not attend if they are sick or recently exposed to someone who was sick.

Invite Your DMA, NIMA, NGA Colleagues To The AMS Events!!

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