



AMS News

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Association of Mapping Seniors Newsletter



Holiday Lunch Gala

Yes, holidays are a wonderful time of the year! But anytime AMS members get together is a wonderful time!! The membership lives up to its motto of "Keeping in touch and having fun!"

This year's Holiday Lunch Gala is at Dutch's Daughter, 581 Himes Avenue. Frederick, MD 21701 on December 7 at 11:30 AM. Arrive for the meet and greet prior to the luncheon being served at approximately 12:15 PM. The menu selections/reservation form is on page 7. Due date for reservations is November 28.



AMS is again supporting the Frederick County Salvation Army Angel Tree Program which helps provide Christmas gifts for hundreds of thousands of children around the country each year. Please share the holiday spirit by bringing an **unwrapped** toy or game for either a boy or girl. This is a great way to bring some joy and happiness into the life of a child. A representative from the Frederick County Salvation Army will be there as a guest to receive your gifts.

AMS Annual Meeting – Election of 2023 Officers

Following the Holiday Lunch, a short business meeting is held for the purpose of electing the 2023 officers. The following positions are open for nominations – **Vice-President (in accordance with AMS By-Laws, the current VP becomes President the following year) and Secretary.** Terms are for two years and a member holding a position can be re-elected to same position if desired. Any member in good standing may nominate themselves or another candidate (with that

person's approval). Nominations are accepted until November 28.

Board meetings are held quarterly via zoom; therefore, your primary residence should not be a hindrance as traveling is not required to attend the Board meetings. The responsibilities of each office are described in the AMS By-laws available on the AMS website at www.mappers.org.

Please submit all nominations to the Board in writing via AMS email at mappingseniors@outlook.com include "Board Officer Nominations" in the subject line. Thank you



The Board is searching for an AMS member in good standing 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 AMS webmaster, please email the Board at mappingseniors@outlook.com with "Webmaster" in the subject line, indicating interest and describing your experience/ qualifications to take on this important volunteer assignment.



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AMS PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE



The weather in the Washington, Winter is coming. Are you ready? The squirrels are busy gathering and burying acorns all over our yard. They are a common site too under our bird feeder, munching up hulled sunflower seeds dropped by the birds. It took a several years, but the current combination of tall pole, cylindrical hanging feeder, and protector seem, so far, to have stymied the squirrels. They still get their fill from the ground, but they are not helping empty the feeder every couple of days. They say to stop and smell the roses sometimes. I would add, take some time to appreciate the colorful variety and antics of the many types of birds found near your home.

Regulars at our one hanging feeder include Northern Cardinals, House Finches, American Goldfinches, Carolina Wrens, Carolina Chickadees, Dark-eyed Juncos, Downey Woodpeckers, Hairy Woodpeckers, Red Bellied Woodpeckers (they kind of hang off the bottom edge and curl their bodies inward to feed), Tufted Titmice, and White-Breasted Nuthatches. Surprisingly, early in the Spring, one or two pairs of Eastern Bluebirds visited the feeder for a few weeks. And last month a Ruby-throated Hummingbird hovered near the feeder over a couple days, not eating of course, but checking it out. Maybe the general shape is like the hummingbird feeders in the neighborhood? On the ground near the feeder, we see Mourning Doves, Blue Jays, a few kinds of Sparrows, juvenile Cardinals, and occasionally Eastern Towhees (although we can hear their call more than we see them). They are all remarkable creatures, and a reminder of natural beauty around us if we take the time to look.

Switching gears, your association needs your help. At the Annual Holiday Luncheon on Dec 7, 2022, we will hold elections for some of the Officer positions. If you know of a member qualified for consideration as Vice President or Secretary, please let us know soonest. Also, with Ralph’s departure, we are seeking a qualified replacement for Webmaster, so, please let us know if you have a qualified candidate to recommend. Email us at mappingseniors@outlook.com. Include “Board Officer Nominations” or “Webmaster” in the subject line. Thank you!

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

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 “Spam or Junk” folder or email us with the subject line “**Attention Membership**” at mappingseniors@outlook.com



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!!
[Association of Mapping Seniors \(AMS\) | Facebook](#)

2022 AMS Executive Board

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

Membership

Wonderful how the membership has helped in locating missing members. There are just two members whose contact information is not current. If you know the contact information for either of our “Missing Members” listed below, please email any information you have for them at mappingseniors@outlook.com with the subject “Attention Membership” including the missing member’s last name.



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Gladys Dantzler	Frank R Walden



November 8, 2022

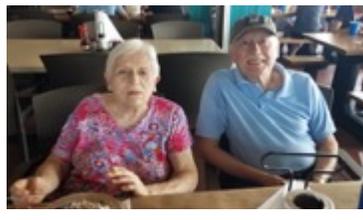
To avoid being placed on the “Missing Members” list, remember to email any changes of your contact information to mappingseniors@outlook.com with the subject “Attention Membership” and include your last name.

Summer AMS Events



Summer Gathering

AMS members gathered this summer at **Fisherman’s Inn at Crab Deck in Grasonville, MD on August 3, 2022**. Due to the high cost of crabs, this event was held as ala carte – with each person ordering from the menu and paying their own tab. With the Fisherman’s Inn menu having a variety of selections including crabs, folks enjoyed lunch while talking and catching up!! Laughter and conversations were enjoyed by everyone attending.



Diane and Richard Davidson



Jack Beall and Howard Cohen



James Richardson and Merle Biggin



Nancy Biggin and Amber Beall



Jack and Amber Beall enjoying crabs!



Picnic



The weather was warm and sunny for the 2022 AMS Picnic, on September 22. Carderock is a familiar picnic site filled with memories of past department feasts and award ceremonies held there when we worked just down the road at DMA/NIMA/NGA. It was an interesting day for the set-up group. First traffic congestion necessitated in taking an alternate route to the picnic site, arriving much later than expected. Then the grill areas needed a thorough cleaning resulting in another delay. These delays resulted in the food being served way after the scheduled noon time. But that did not deter the folks as you could

hear the continued talk and laughter while getting reacquainted with longtime friends. Our grille masters were Jack Beall, John Bic, and Jerry Kinkead who did a great job in preparing the food. Door prizes were won by Judy Bowles, John Koslin, Valerie Liston, and Carol Wenk. The 50/50 winners were John Bic and Dennis King. It was great day to be outdoors enjoying the last of the summer season!



Door Prize Winners L/R – Carol Wenk, Judy Bowles, John Koslin, and Valerie Liston.



50/50 Winners L/R John Bic and Dennis King

Picnic Attendees – Amber and Jack Beall, Merle and Nancy Biggin, John Bik, Judy and Larry Bowles, Jeanne Casamento, Robert and Bonnie Cox, Anthony Figliozzi, John Grigg, Mike Hahn, Lon Hamann, Dennis King, Jerry and Judy Kinkead, John and Linda Koslin, Will and Valerie Liston, Sandy Milliken, Dave Weed, Carol and Doug Wenk.



Front L/R – Dennis King, Will and Valerie Liston; Back L/R – Carol and Doug Wenk, Merle Biggin, Tony Fig, Jeanne Casamento



John and Linda Koslin



John Bic; John Grigg



Front to Back (L/R) - Judy Kinkead, Judy Bowles, Sandy Milliken, Lon Hamann, John Bick, John Grigg Mike Hahn, John and Linda Koslin



Tony “Fig” Figliozzi; Jeanne Casamento



Sandy Milliken, Lon Hamann, and Mike Hahn



Carol and Doug Wenk; Jack Beall



SC Gathering



Row 1 – Ralph Mayer, Conley Phipps, Bob Dunlap
Row 2 – Amber Beall, Robin Phipps,
Row 3 – Jack Beall, Linda Miller

An informal small SC Gathering on September 27 at Captain’s House in Myrtle Beach, SC was held honoring Ralph Mayer’s retirement for being the AMS Webmaster. A few local AMS folks came together for lunch. What a warm beautiful summer day having lunch on the beachfront!! Ralph was presented with a card and a monetary gift from AMS members for his creativity and support as the AMS Webmaster.

From Ralph – *Thank you very much for the generous Webmaster retirement gift. I enjoyed the software challenges and rewarding feedback from AMS members. It was my pleasure to serve as webmaster for approximately twenty years. I remember the early days of AMS and as we approach our 50th Anniversary we should all be proud to have a retirement group like ours.*

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IN REMEMBRANCE

Wesley Ray Baumgartner, 84 of Bluffton, SC, passed away on Sunday, July 10, 2022. Upon graduating from Perry High School, he enrolled in Oklahoma State University and graduated with a BS degree in Geography. He was immediately hired by the Department of Defense in Washington, D.C., as a Cartographer and worked for the Federal Government for thirty years before retiring to his home in Dale City, VA. He later relocated to Sun City Hilton Head, SC, to spend his retirement years. He served five years in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed at Ft. Belvoir, VA; Tokyo, Japan; Shaw Air Force Base, SC. It was while he was stationed at Ft. Belvoir that he met his future wife, Rebecca Rios of Alexandria, VA. Wesley is survived by his wife of over sixty years, Rebecca Baumgartner of Sun City Hilton Head, SC; his son, Gregg Baumgartner and his wife, Diane, of Herndon, VA; his daughter Brenda Baumgartner and granddaughter, Raven Robertson of San Leandro, CA; and brother Wiley Baumgartner of Guthrie, OK.



Donald R. Clements entered eternal rest June 15, 2022 at the age of 87 in San Antonio, Texas. He was born to the Late Mary Ruth Clements in Lynchburg, Virginia April 9, 1935. He is survived by his children Frederick Clements (Sandra), Nancy Clements (Fred Rodriguez), Sharon Parsons (Steve). Six grandchildren, along with numerous loving nieces and nephews. He attended Northern Virginia Community College in the Management and Administration program and George Washington University in the Cartographic and Geodetic Science program. He later continued his education graduating Magna Cum Laude with a master's degree in business. Donald Clements was a great man and is missed deeply.

Vincent F. Leffler May 22, 1928 - June 12, 2022 Age 94, of O'Hara Township, Pittsburgh, PA on Sunday, June 12, 2022 passed away. Beloved husband of 64 years of Mary A. (Buccigrossi) Leffler; brother of Yvonne Rathgeb and the late Anthony J. Leffler, Frances R. Feldmeier, M. Patricia Shibble and Richard H. Leffler; also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.



Blanche McCraw Maxsell, 93, of Mount Airy, Maryland, passed from this life on Thursday, August 4, 2022 at Lorien in Mount Airy, MD Born on July 31, 1929 in Gaffney, South Carolina. She was the daughter of Forest Anonymous McCraw and Blanche (Ankers) McCraw. Blanche was an only child. When the war came along her mother took the civil service exam to work at one of the jobs the men left behind. Blanche attended Ellicott Junior High and Eastern High School in Washington D.C. Blanche Maxsell started out as a medical receptionist at Walter Reed Hospital for 4 years and married Robert Adams Maxsell in 1950. Blanche drove a school bus for 10 years. When she and Robert divorced in 1974, she worked 2 jobs adding a hostess at hot shops.

She came to the Defense Mapping Agency in 1979 as a secretary. She worked at all the DMA locations. Blanche was a mainstay around the agency and known as the breath of sunshine greeting you each morning with a hug and smile. Blanche became known as the “cake lady”. She started baking at the early age of eight years old when she bartered with the vet to pay her dog's vet bill and had been baking ever since. She never liked cooking for one person so she would cook large pots of food to share with her family. In 1994, she retired from DMA which later became NGA. However, she continued to work as a security guard in the same building.

Blanche enjoyed her time spent with friends and her church family. She always had a strong faith in God in her own life and took her children and grandchildren to Montgomery Hills Baptist Church in Silver Spring, MD.

Blanche Maxsell was a true Matriarch of the family. She is survived by Daughter, Cheryl Bettinger, Son, Robert Adams Maxsell II and Julie Maxsell and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Blanche was predeceased by her daughter, Linda Huss, Son, Scottie Maxsell, Granddaughter, Kelly Huss.

In lieu of flowers make a donation to Montgomery Baptist Church in memory of Blanche McCraw Maxsell at <https://www.staufferfuneralhome.com/obituaries/blanche-maxsell>



Barbara Ann Richardson passed away at home on July 3, 2020. She was born in Washington, DC, moving to Laurel, MD and later retiring in Berlin. She graduated from Holly Cross Academy (Washington, DC) and went on to work at the Library of Congress before starting her family. She worked for Montgomery Wards both in Laurel and Salisbury until her retirement. She was an avid volunteer for local organizations.

She is survived by her husband, James N. Richardson, Sr. and her children, James N. Richardson, Jr. (Kim), Susan Richardson Braniecki, and Marlene Stuart.



Reservation AMS Holiday Luncheon Dutch’s Daughter

581 Himes Avenue Frederick, MD 21703
Wednesday December 6, 2022, at 11:30 AM

Write the name of those attending and place a check mark beneath their menu selection.

Cost is per person, which includes tax and gratuity

Entrees include --- Tossed Garden Salad, Seasonal Fresh Vegetable, Twice Baked Potato,
Chef’s Choice of Dessert, Coffee, Tea, and Soda

***Note: Meal will be served between noon and 12:30 PM.*

Name (Please PRINT your name)	Atlantic Salmon \$28.00	Hawaiian Chicken \$28.00	Beef Medallions \$28.00	Crab Cake \$34.00
1.				
2.				

Please include number of people attending _____ Total amount \$ _____

Payment by check (enclosed) _____ or PayPal (on-line) _____

Place your name where you can volunteer at our luncheon to assist with a task listed below

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

Thank you for assisting!

Completed reservation form and payment due by November 28, 2022

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 to your total for each person to cover associated PayPal 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 – Holiday Luncheon and the names and menu option for each person included with the payment. Example: AMS Holiday Luncheon John Smith – Salmon; Mary Smith – Beef Medallions
 - d. Forward an e-mail to Merle at mappingseniors@outlook.com that includes the names, contact phone number, and appropriate menu selection for each person. State you are using PayPal to complete this transaction.

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