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## Beltsville Briefs

### Fire Department Open House

The Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting their annual Fire Prevention Open House on Sunday, October 12th, between 2:00 and 5:00 p.m. There will be puppet shows and free fire prevention giveaways. The Fire Department is located at 4911 Prince George's Avenue.

### Emmanuel United Methodist Church to Produce "A Christmas Carol"

Emmanuel United Methodist Church is bringing the joy of live theater to the Beltsville Community this holiday season. Emmanuel is producing Charles Dickens's "A Christmas Carol," the immortal tale of redemption. Dickens's story centers on one day in the life of Ebenezer Scrooge...Christmas Eve. Christmas for him is all "Bah and Humbug." That night three spirits haunt his dreams, showing him what he once was as a boy, joyful and happy, the miserly man he is now and what his future fate could be. After his confrontation with the spirits, he awakens a new man. Longtime Beltsville resident and member of Emmanuel, Rick Bergmann, will direct a Christmas Carol. This will mark the first production that Emmanuel has sponsored. Auditions will be held on October 6 and 7 at 7:00 p.m. at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, located at 11416 Cedar Lane Beltsville, MD 20705. Callbacks, if needed, will be on October 8. Auditions are open to the public for actors/actresses 10 and up. If you need more information call 301.785.7516 or email CC\_EUMC@yahoo.com.

### Branchville Fire Department Fall Flea Market

Branchville's Fall Flea Market & Yard Sale will be held on October 11, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Branchville Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, 4905 Branchville Road, College Park. We

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## Calverton Swim Club Season Ends with Tribute to Fallen Hero

Between 800 and 1,000 members and guests packed the grounds of the Calverton Swim Club on Labor Day to enjoy spectacular weather and bid farewell to another season of family fun at the 43-year-old community landmark.

Activities filled nearly every corner of the six-acre complex as children and adults enjoyed the Olympic pool and wading pool. Both picnic areas were full, all five grills were fired up, and over 200 of the members enjoyed chicken

dinners from KFC in Calverton.

Before, during, and after eating, young and old alike divided their time among two moon bounces, and stands dishing out popcorn

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## Boy Scouts Deliver



Scouts TurboHaul chrysanthemums and mulch.

**By Gary Bauchan, Scoutmaster Troop 1033**

Boy Scout Troop 1033 had another successful Fall Garden and Lawn Fund Raiser. The Scouts delivered 250 chrysanthemums and 1040 bags of mulch, fertilizer, manure, grass seed, and topsoil products all over the Beltsville area within 6 hours. The door-to-door deliveries were made possible

not only by 15 scouts but also by the parents and friends of scouts who volunteered their trucks, trailers, and cars for the deliveries. The troop would especially like to thank TurboHaul and driver Alex Aparicio for providing a very large truck for deliveries this fall. Each scout earned "Scout bucks" by helping with the deliveries that will allow them to pay for upcoming trips to Valley Forge and Fall

Jamboree plus cabin camping, skiing and indoor climbing during the winter months. Troop 1033 would like to thank Behnke's Nursery, Inc. for their continued support of our fundraiser and a special thanks to the Beltsville Community for all their support. Over 60% of our customers gave a donation in addition to ordering products. This is very much appreciated.

## Augsburg Academy Students Off to a Fast Start

Augsburg Academy, 13800 Old Gunpowder Road, Laurel, is off and running for its fourth school year, this year with students in kindergarten through seventh grade. Classes began on August 25th, and since then, the

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Some of the Augsburg Academy first and second graders are "Reading Buddies" with members of the kindergarten classes.



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## Walk to Help the Fire Department

BAPS Charities, 4320 Ammendale Road, Beltsville is sponsoring a walk to benefit the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department. The walk will be held on Sunday, September 28 starting at 9:00 a.m. at the MARC station parking lot in Laurel. The MARC station is located on Main Street, just off Route 1 in Laurel.

You may register for the walk at e-mail address [www.bapcharities.org](http://www.bapcharities.org). For more information, call Manish Patel at 410-615-2623 or e-mail [bapssdc@gmail.com](mailto:bapssdc@gmail.com).

This is a commendable effort to raise funds for our Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department.

## Beltsville Strategy Games Club

The Beltsville Strategy Games Club meets at the Beltsville Community Center every Monday from 6:30 p.m. until 9:15 p.m. and seeks more interested participants to hone their strategic prowess via these interactive games. Organizer John Goon reports that he has six storage bins of new games at the Community Center, and these include Race for the Galaxy, Pandemic, Cloud 9, R-eco, Can't Stop, Parley, Ticket to Ride card game, and Agricola. Ready to test your skills? Contact John Goon for more information at P.O. Box 1745, Rockville, MD 20849, phone 301.394.4288 (W) or e-mail [spineyone@yahoo.com](mailto:spineyone@yahoo.com).



## 25 Years Ago in the Beltsville News

By Phil Whitman

*Extracted from the October  
1983 Issue*

### Engagement Announced

Dr. & Mrs. Arthur Dorman of Beltsville announced the engagement of their daughter, **Pamela Ruth**, to **Jerome Alan Langer**, son of Mr. & Mrs. **David Langer** of Woodbridge, NJ.

### BARC Post Named

**Ronald Fayer** was appointed Chairman of the Annual Parasitology Institute at the Center.

### Flynn Chairman of MHA

**Thomas W. Flynn** of Silver Spring was elected to the Executive Council of the Maryland Hospital Association.

### Honor High Schools

**Largo** and **High Point** High Schools were selected as Honor Schools for the US Air Force Junior ROTC program for 1982-83.

### Fire Department Team Captured Crown

Beltsville VFD's softball team won the county championship of the Prince George's Fireman's League on August 28, 1983 when they beat the Kentland VFD team 6-5.

### New Arrivals

**Judith & Thomas A. Keane, Jr.** announced the birth of daughter, **Jessica Mae**, on July 30, 1983.

**Mark & Ann Lewis** of Beltsville became the proud parents of a son, **Daniel Everett**, on September 24, 1983.

Mr. & Mrs. **Tony Villamor** of Beltsville announced the birth of their first child, a daughter, **Erin Cathryn**, on August 23, 1983.

### Contest Winner

**Sara Ann Smith** placed first in the 6 month to one year category of the Baby Contest at the County Fair in Upper Marlboro.

### DeMolay State Sweetheart

Miss **Sandra Darlene Rowland**, 17, was selected State Sweetheart of DeMolay Chapters in the State of Maryland.

### Scholarship Winner

Help Others Help, Inc. of Bowie, awarded \$500 to **Charles V. Brogan** of Beltsville, a 1983 graduate of High Point High School.

### New Pastor

Rev. **James Vaughn** was named pastor of Calverton Baptist Church on Sunday, September 11, 1983.

### Obituaries

**Margaret V. Lieb**, 90 years of age, died on September 10, 1983. She lived in Beltsville since 1950 and was a member of St. Joseph's Parish.

**Lillian S. Jones** passed away on September 11, 1983 after a prolonged illness. She was a photo-finisher with People's Drug Stores and was a member of the Beltsville Young at Heart Club.

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## Neighbors in the News

# High Point Student Sets Sights on Juilliard

Join Chris Urquiaga for a formal evening of piano, composition and song on Saturday, October 18, 2008 at 8:00 p.m. High Point High School's Chotiner auditorium will be transformed into a contemporary and classical music hall with the original works of Chris. There will also be a guest appearance by the award-winning High Point High School Concert Choir, under the direction of High Point music teacher, Mr. Ned Lewis. Chris Urquiaga, son of Rosana Rozolem-Silva, is a seventeen-year-old senior at High Point who has been studying music for eight years; six of which have been with Mrs. Inez Thomas and two years with Dr. Mikhail Volchok of the Levine School of Music. Chris has accompanied many high school, college and church choirs across the state of Maryland. He has been the pianist for the Nation's United Baptist Church for approximately eight years and also currently serves as the pianist for Sunday services for the Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel Choir at Howard University in Washington, DC. This service is broadcast on radio station WHUR (96.3). Chris has now turned his attention to his own college education and has



envisioned himself building on his current vocal and instrumental talents at The Juilliard School of Music. Chris has written original compositions for piano, violin, cello and flute. These selections will be included in the recital. He has also arranged the selections that will be performed by the High Point High School Concert Choir, of which Chris is a Section Leader

for the Tenor section. Tickets for this recital are \$10 per person. Chris will use the proceeds from the ticket sales to augment the significant expenses it takes to apply to and audition for Juilliard and other schools of this caliber. For ticket and other information regarding this recital, contact Mrs. Deborah Carr at 202.320.4834.

## WHAT HAPPENED TO "HELLO?"

By Jeannine Carter

On a pleasant September evening, a cool breeze is blowing the leaves of my front yard tree and my neighborhood is buzzing with activity. I sit on the front step of my home enjoying the weather and reading the day's headlines, and I wave to the dog walkers or shout a cheerful "Hello!" to moms chaperoning their children to the nearby park. If not for my attempt to exchange even the slightest pleasantries to my neighbors, no one would have glanced in my direction.

Nobody even thinks of saying hello.

I have lived in Beltsville for almost 30 years. My husband and I raised two wonderful sons in this area. We have coached countless children in Calverton Recreation

baseball for more than twenty years. Our family history in Beltsville includes four different homes in diverse neighborhoods. After moving to a nice subdivision off of Roby Avenue two years ago, the neighborly atmosphere we were accustomed to has disappeared.

It is no exaggeration to say that in the two-plus years that we have lived in this neighborhood no one has attempted to make eye contact with me as I am watering my Japanese Maple less than ten feet from the sidewalk. I pondered the reason why no one acknowledges my presence. Is my house an eyesore? No...it is one of the nicest on the block, if I do say so. Do we offend anyone with loud parties or too many cars coming and going? No...we live a quiet life. I don't know why all of my neighbors are reluctant to pass the time of day

with me. It seems that when I say "Hello!" they are taken aback as if they have no expectation that a kind greeting could be offered by a stranger.

Perhaps as a society we have become so cautious and withdrawn, so immune to the fact that there is still kindness around us, that we have erected an invisible wall that is meant to grant immunity in the event that someone may ask for help to join a Crime Watch program or initiate a block party.

This situation is discouraging and embarrassing to me as I constantly extend greetings to all and barely get a nod. Sometimes, it makes me want to join the quiet parade of those ignoring each other.

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## Neighbors in the News

# Beltsville Resident Attends American Legion Auxiliary National Convention in Phoenix

By Ivy Christoffers

August 22nd through August 31st was a most enjoyable time for this columnist. Being elected in July as a delegate to represent Maryland at the National American Legion Auxiliary Convention being held in Phoenix, AZ was an honor. These conventions are always educational, informative and fun. This one was no exception. Arriving in Phoenix at 10:45 a.m., I was pleasantly surprised to see Joanna Truitt, our National representative from Washington DC, deplaning with me. Since we were both staying at the National Headquarters Hotel, The Wyndham, we shared a taxi to our destination. The next day was very busy with pre-convention meetings and meeting up with several friends from across the country that one sees only at these conventions.

On Sunday, there was a very impressive opening ceremony where there was a march of the states across the stadium of the US Airways Building, the Marines Silent Drill Team performed several intricate exercises that were awesome, and more than 600 young men and women were administered the oath of induction into the armed forces by a Brigadier General. What a statement that made. After these opening ceremonies, the Four Tops and George Michaels performed.

The next day we were invited to join the American Legion to enjoy the official opening where a live broadcast from Iraq was shown and a chorus of our soldiers serving in Iraq sang the National Anthem. What an awesome feeling that invoked. Later that day we were

invited to hear McCain speak. Obama was also invited but did not make the trip to Phoenix. He sent a videotape instead. However, Cheney did come and address the assembly. Other highlights were the young gymnasts who performed, the 11 minutes of the 82 minute feature film entitled "Lioness" regarding the changing roles of the female soldiers of today's armed forces, the most impressive memorial services, the opportunities provided for enhancing our knowledge of the many programs of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary which change frequently, and last but not least, the ongoing camaraderie of the Legion Family. We enjoyed the All States Banquet with our friends on Wednesday night and then the installation of the new National President, Desi Stoy, and her officers on Thursday morning. Yes, National President Jan Pulvermacher-Ryan did an impressive job of chairing her convention.

On Thursday afternoon the National La Marche, (the convention of the Eight & Forty), began with the Chapeaux National Passes luncheon and following this, the Pre-Marche meetings where awards were distributed for the work accomplished during the past year. La Marche sessions were held on Thursday and Friday with the installation banquet held on Saturday evening when Marcia Schmidt was installed to lead the National Eight & Forty for the coming year. There were two delegates from Maryland at the National La Marche, myself and Patsy Davis, the National Constitution & Bylaws Chairman. We left Phoenix on the 31st to

return home to Maryland and set in action our plans for the next 12 months.

Several things have also happened on the home front. Our visits to Washington VAMC to entertain the residents of the Nursing Home continue each month. Our Unit Spaghetti Dinners held on the fifth Friday of each month in which one occurs, have been well attended, our catering opportunities seem to have slowed down, the Armed Forces Birthdays are being observed at the Post Home, our ongoing support of our wounded soldiers at Walter Reed and Bethesda Naval continue, as well as our support of Special Olympics and children's parties for Halloween and Christmas are in the planning stages. We are also beginning to form an American Legion Baseball Team. Unit members will be attending the Senior Fall Conference being held in Solomons Island October 3-4-5 where the programs for the upcoming year are presented and Unit # 217 will be hosting the Junior Fall Conference at Post # 217 on October 18th that we are eagerly anticipating.

The holiday programs for our veterans are in the planning stages and I am told that we will be hosting an "Early Bird" Dinner for our members of the Legion Family of Post & Unit # 217 who have paid their 2009 dues by November 15th. This is a first, and if all goes well, may become an annual event. Are you qualified to become a member in the American Legion Auxiliary? We are actively seeking new members to share in our good times. Call 301.595.5225 if you have any questions regarding membership.

## Girl Scout Troop 2751 at the White House

By Teresa Johnson, Cadette, GS Troop 2751

On Saturday, September 6, 2008, Girl Scout Troop 2751 of Beltsville, Maryland, visited a very special house. Not just any house, but the White House, in Washington, D.C., where the President and First Family live! We arrived just in time to see the President's helicopter land outside on the White House lawn. It was raining, but we could still see out the lobby window pretty well. A few people saw him getting out of the helicopter and walking to the building. It was very exciting! The tour is self-guided. We started by going up the steps to the second floor to find the first room, the East Room. It is a room that is the



largest in the White House. Press conferences, receptions, and ceremonies are held in this room. The next room is the Green Room. It once served as Thomas Jefferson's dining room. Also, this room contains original items that belonged to two former Presidents: John Adams and James Madison. Next, we entered the Blue Room that is used by the President if he

receives guests. The White House Christmas tree is also placed in this room. The Red Room is used for small receptions and has been a favorite for First Ladies. Last but not least, we visited the State Dining Room that can seat up to 130 guests at meals. Our last stop was the Visitor's Center. It is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily and offers exhibits, audiovisual displays, historic artifacts and ranger-led talks about the White House. To learn more call 202.208.1631. Wow, that's a lot! As you can see, the troop had an awesome time and the girls learned a lot of interesting information about the White House.

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# Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

By Senator Jim Rosapepe (D-21)

## Beltsville Projects Survive Transportation Budget Cuts

Because of the recession in the national economy and high gas prices that have reduced driving, the state transportation budget for the next six years has been cut by more than \$1 billion dollars. A number of important improvements in the 21st District, such as starting to rebuild Route 1 in College Park, have been delayed.

Delegate Barbara Frush, Ben Barnes, Joseline Peña-Melnik, and I strongly object to these cuts and have told the Governor and the Secretary of Transportation so.

The good news is that two important projects in Beltsville, which we have fought for, have been protected:

- retrofitting of sidewalks from Roby Avenue to Odell Rd on Powder Mill Road

- planning for upgrading and extending Kenilworth Ave to relieve traffic on Route 1

## Find Out How to Protect Your Home from Foreclosure

Too many of our neighbors are facing the threat of foreclosure because the outrageous mar-



Senator Jim Rosapepe

keting tactics of some financiers and deregulation by the federal government. To help protect honest homeowners, the Delegates helped pass new state laws to give homeowners more tools to protect their homes and renegotiate their mortgages. The new laws also crack down on fraudulent agents.

To learn more about your rights under these laws and to get one-on-one counseling by unbiased experts, join us on **Saturday, October 4, 10:00 a.m. - noon**, at

our **Community Foreclosure Forum at Our Savior Lutheran Church (13611 Laurel Bowie Road on Rt. 197 in Laurel)**. It's free and open to the public. Invite your friends and neighbors. If you have questions, just contact our office at the email or number below.

## There Ought to be a Law!

The best ideas for new laws we get from people like you — our constituents. For example the laws we passed this year and last to panhandling on the roads and to stop landlords from dodging their property taxes came directly from local citizens.

Do you have ideas of improvements to state law you'd like us to consider? Just let us know your concern and ideas.

## Let us know how we can help you.

Please let the Delegates and me know if there are other issues you have questions or thoughts about. And, of course, feel free to be in touch if the Delegates or I can be of help to you. Just email Senator.Rosapepe@inbox.com or call 301.858.3141.

# A Halloween Role Reversal

By Denny Carter

Beltsville, 1987: I cowered behind my dad's leg, hiding from the ghoulish masks dancing through our little neighborhood on Halloween night.

Beltsville, 2007: Perched on my front stoop, head to toe in black garb, I sat perfectly still, waiting to put a charge into any trick-or-treater brave — or foolish — enough to march to my front door for candy.

Like anyone, I guess, my role on October 31 has changed from childhood to adulthood — but more than the usual transition from candy collector to candy distributor. I've gone from the skittish little boy terrified and horrified by monstrous masks to the guy who can't wait to scare groups of candy-craving kids.

It's much more fun being on the other side of the mask. For the last few Halloweens, I've covered every inch of skin with black clothing, and capped it off with a black mask that conceals my head and neck, making it tough for Halloween revelers to tell if there's a breathing, smiling, talking human being underneath.

It's made for some great scares in the hours before October fades into November. Here's a typical scene: A group of middle schoolers, maybe four or five, wander down the sidewalk toward my humble Beltsville abode. Trans-



fixed by the creepy music and flashing lights adorning the front yard, they walk cautiously toward the door. They see a figure dressed in black sitting limply in a chair, and their brisk walking pace is slowed.

"What is that?" a boy asks as he backs away into the driveway. "I'm staying right here."

After a little cajoling from his macho buddies, the boy joins the group and approaches the door. A girl leans within inches of the motionless dark figure and says, "I think he's real. I think there's a person in there."

Her friend rings the doorbell and tells her it's nothing but a

dressed-up mannequin.

"Hello?" the girl says as she waves her hand across the black mask, leaning her face away from the unidentified form in the way horror movie watchers brace themselves for a loud, jarring shock of a scene.

The timing is perfect. Before the girl can back away, the black-clad thing rises from its chair, and without a sound raises its arms toward the suddenly petrified teenagers. The mysterious person, of course, makes sure it doesn't make contact with trick-or-treaters. The figure, after all, isn't immune to lawsuits.

The kids scamper into the front yard, some sprinting down the street, filling the Halloween night sky with screams and laughs. "I told you!" the girl shouts as she backpedals on the sidewalk. "I knew he was real. I knew it."

Not every Halloween encounter is so gratifying. Little kids — sometimes with tears welling — wrapped around their parent's leg hits a soft spot in the dark figure's heart. Very often, the walking, talking Halloween prank will remove its mask and show the child that underneath the night's masks are ordinary people.

After all, the black-costumed figure knows what it's like to seek shelter from Halloween's goblins, ghosts and fiends behind the legs of mom and dad.



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## Fall Rummage Sale

There will be a Rummage Sale at the College Park United Methodist Church, 9601 Rhode Island Avenue, College Park on Saturday, October 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. At 1:00 p.m. you may fill a bag for \$2.00. If you would like to donate to our sale, or if you have questions, please call Judy at 301.490.7033.

## Seminary Choir to Perform at St. Gregory Church

St. Gregory of Nyssa Byzantine Catholic Church will host the Seminary Choir from the *Blessed Theodore Romzha Theological Academy* in Uzhorod, Ukraine on Sunday, October 12, 2008. The Choir will sing the Divine Liturgy (Mass) of St. John Chrysostom in Old Slavonic according to the traditional *a cappella* Plain Chant of the Carpathian Mountain region of Eastern Europe. This special Divine Liturgy begins at 2:00 p.m. and is open to the public. A free-will offering will be accepted for the support of the Seminary in Ukraine. The Church is located at 12420 Old Gunpowder Road Spur in Beltsville. For additional information contact the parish office at 301.953.9323 or visit [www.SeminaryConcertTour.com](http://www.SeminaryConcertTour.com).

## 5th Annual Community Health Fair

On Thursday, October 16th, the University of Maryland School of Health will host its fifth annual Health Fair at the Beltsville Community Center at 3900 Sellman Road. Each year, over four hundred individuals gather, all with one common goal, to learn about maintaining or improving their health status. Because chronic diseases are the leading cause of death today in the United States, it is important to be proactive and maintain a healthy lifestyle. At the Community Health Fair, you will find new and exciting ways to stay fit and feel great as you improve your quality of life. You will learn shocking facts about the foods you eat and how small changes in your diet can drasti-

cally improve the way you feel and perform. Health screenings and tips on how to watch for signs of cancer, heart failure, diabetes, and other chronic diseases will be provided. Flu shots will be available free of charge for holders of Medicare Part B, and \$30 for others in preparation for the upcoming flu season. If you have health concerns you want to know more about, you may find your answers at the health fair! You may also develop new motivation and skills for changing an unhealthy behavior. Improving your health can be invigorating and empowering—not just a chore. There will be gifts and information you can take home with you to share with your family and friends. Everyone is invited and all ages are welcome. The health fair will be held at the Beltsville Community Center on Thursday October 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Students from the University of Maryland College Park School of Public Health are organizing the fair and the Beltsville Recreation Council and the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission are sponsoring it. For more information on the event, please call 301.937.6613.

## Conflict Resolution Day

Conflict Resolution Day is an international celebration held annually on the third Thursday in October. The date for Conflict Resolution Day 2008 is October 16. You may see mediators and other peacemakers promoting conflict resolution in your community! Check the Web page at [www.acrnet.org](http://www.acrnet.org) for scheduled events. To request community mediation or facilitation in Prince George's County you may contact the Office of Community Relations, Community Mediation and Conflict Resolution Collaborative (CMCRC), 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772, telephone 301.952.4729 and E-mail [www.co.pg.md.us](http://www.co.pg.md.us).

## Plant Industry Toastmasters 50th Anniversary Celebration

The 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Plant Industry Station Toastmaster Club will be held on Thursday, October 16, 2008 at noon in the multi-purpose room on the first floor of the National Agricultural Library. Come join the club members and distinguished guests in the history and celebration of 50 years of Toastmaster achievements. All are welcome!! Light refreshments and appetizers will be available. See <http://plantindustry.freetoasthost.biz/> for contact information

## St. Joseph's Flea Market

St. Joseph's School in Beltsville will hold its annual flea market on October 18 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tables with a space are available for \$20 and the space alone, if you bring your own table, is available for \$15. We are also accepting donations for the St. Joseph's table. Please call Melissa Gott at 301.937.2223 for more information. The flea market will happen rain or shine. Please come and join us for food and fun.

## Beltsville Lions Blood Drive

On Thursday, October 23 the Beltsville Lions will sponsor a blood drive conducted by the Washington Hospital Center at the Beltsville Community Center, 3900 Sellman Road, between 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. Appointments may be made at 15 minute intervals during that time frame. Please call 301.937.6796 and ask for Ted to make an appointment. You are also welcome to drop in without an appointment. We look forward to seeing you on October 23, so please mark your calendar.

## Slavic Food Festival

St. Gregory of Nyssa Byzantine Catholic Church, 12420 Old Gunpowder Road Spur, Beltsville is holding a Slavic Food Festival, Bake Sale and Raffle on Saturday, November 1 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Featured will be Eastern European foods including pirohi, holupki, halushki and kolbassi with sauerkraut. All food will be available for eat-in or carryout. Our bake table will offer kolachi and a wide array of homemade goodies. Admission and parking are free. For details call 301.552.2434 or go to [www.stgregoryofnyssa.net](http://www.stgregoryofnyssa.net).



## Basket Bingo

St. Joseph's Parish will conduct a Basket Bingo on Friday evening, November 7 in the Parish Hall at 11011 Montgomery Road, Beltsville from 7:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. (non-smoking). Come join us for this fun-filled event. Bingo winners will receive speciality baskets, pottery and home accessories. There will be door prizes and raffles too! Tickets are available for \$10.00 (in advance) daily at the school and parish offices, or for \$12.00 at the door. Refreshments are available.



Obituaries

Morris, Jay, F.

Jay F. Morris, who was active in Maryland and national Republican political circles, died September 2 in Tampa, Florida of complications following hip replacement surgery. Born in 1941 to Major General Luke Morris and Joslin Fleron Morris, he was a 1963 graduate of the University of Maryland in Economics and then studied for his PhD at Johns Hopkins University, earning a Master's degree at the School for Advanced International Studies. He took an early interest in politics, joining the Maryland Young Republican Federation. In 1969 he worked with Donald Sundquist, who would later become Governor of Tennessee, to return the Young Republican National Federation to prominence. Morris was simultaneously elected auditor of the Federation and President of the Prince George's County Young Republicans, where he successfully managed the election of William Gullett as County Executive. He then served as a senior administrator in the Gullett administration, and was later elected President of the Maryland Young Republican Federation.

A government relations consultant from 1974 to 1980 with the law firm of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease, he was also manager of Federal transportation programs for Motorola, Inc. from 1975 to 1976, later serving as the Executive Director of the President's Commission on Personnel Interchange from 1976 to 1978. On

the day that Ronald Reagan was elected President, Morris was one of the first members of the Presidential Transition team, serving as Director of Administration in the office of the President-elect; following the inauguration of President Reagan he was assigned to the Office of Presidential Personnel.

Morris was nominated, and confirmed by the Senate, as Assistant Administrator for External Relations at the Agency for International Development (USAID) in 1981. In 1982 he was confirmed as Deputy Administrator of the agency, in which position he served until 1988; the last nine months of his tenure at the agency he was its acting Administrator.

His career at USAID was marked by energy and unconventional solutions to difficult problems. In the 1980s, for example, the government of Ethiopia stalled the movement through its ports of donated food intended for people starving in the north of the country. On an inspection trip to Ethiopia, Morris unobtrusively took pictures of the spoiling food and brought the pictures back to the U.S., showing them to the ambassadors of the donor countries and suggesting the pictures might find their way to the press. Shortly thereafter, there was an international press conference demanding action, which forced the Ethiopian government to release the food to the people in need. Another notable achievement during his tenure at USAID was the support he provided to Congressman Charles

Wilson in his efforts to assist the Afghan resistance fighting against the Soviet occupation.

Throughout his career, Morris was admired for his nurturing of the careers of those who worked for and with him. Known for his outstanding public speaking skills and his sense of humor, Morris was also a keen observer of human nature and invariably sought to challenge junior staff members by promoting them to positions of responsibility. Today, the Presidents of at least four companies were mentored by him in their early years. A strong supporter of equal treatment for women in the workplace, he was recognized for his efforts by the Association of Foreign Service Women with their annual award in 1986.

Following his career in the U.S. Government, Morris worked as an assistant to the President of Michigan State University, finally retiring in 1990 to Ocean City, Maryland and moving to Florida in 2001.

Two sons, Jeffrey of Pasadena, Maryland and Luke of Tampa, Florida, survive Morris. His marriages to Angela Evans and Beverly Morris ended in divorce. His family was at his side when he died. Morris is buried next to his great-great grandfather, Robert Morris, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, in Maryland.

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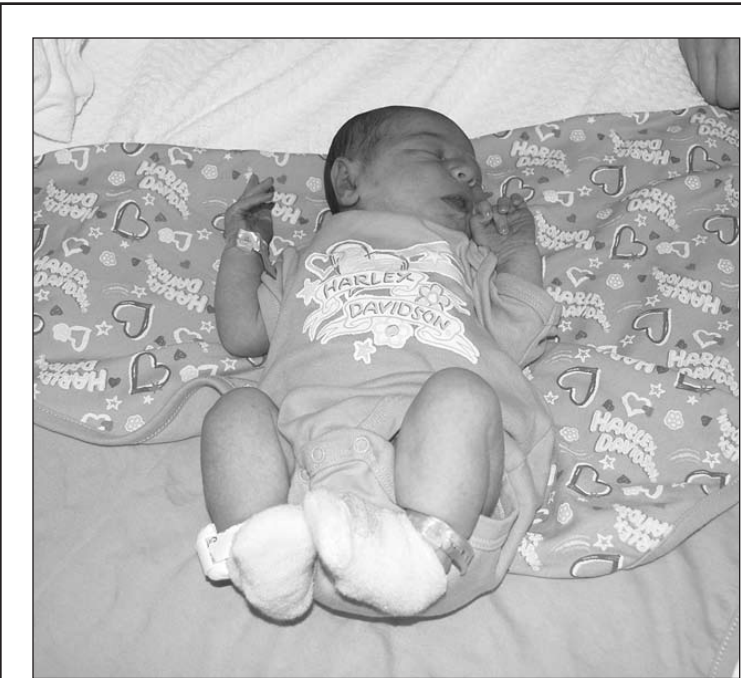
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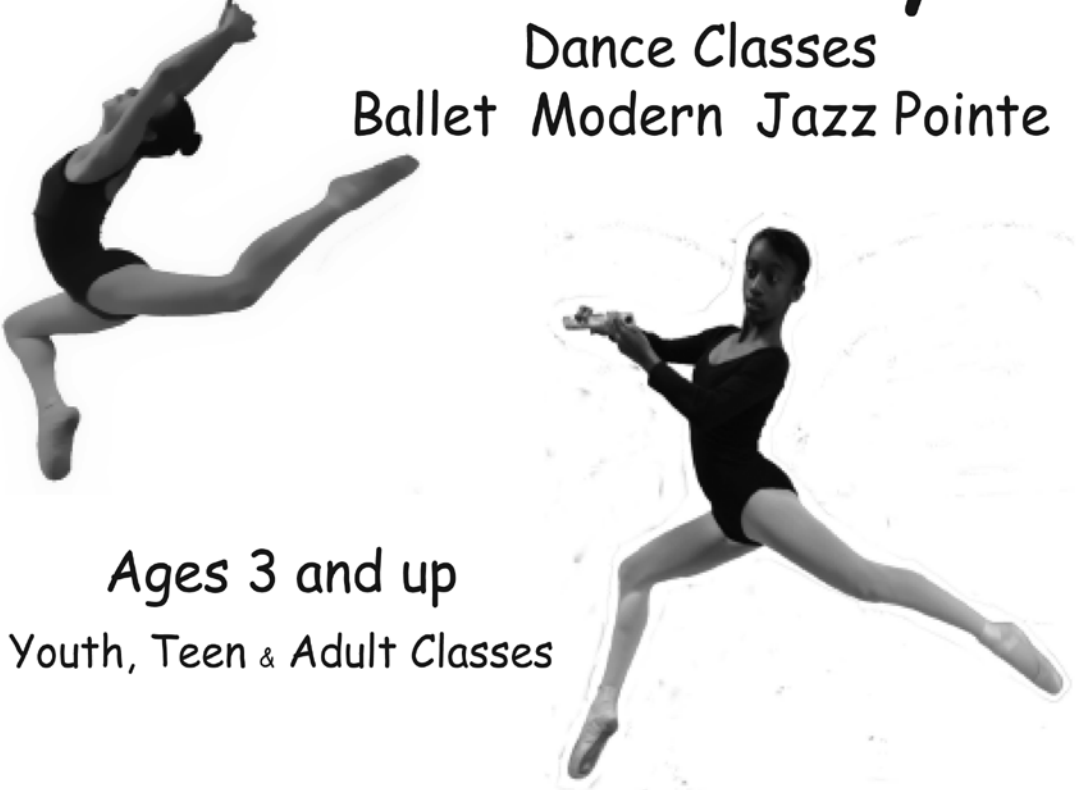


It's a Girl!

Vince and Patty Murray of Beltsville have been blessed by the birth of their first grandchild, a girl. Granddaughter Lyla was born in early September, weighing in at 7 pounds, 9 ounces. Mom and Dad, Joanne and Tommy Murray, formerly of Beltsville, are understandably exhausted but doing well!

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## Beltsville Garden Club

By Louise DeJames

The Beltsville Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail, Beltsville. The guest speaker for this month will be Nick Weber and his topic will be "HERITAGE ROSES."

Mr. Weber became infatuated with old garden roses and in 1985 purchased 5.5 acres of land to devote to caring for and displaying roses. Over the years he has developed rose gardens surrounding the house. There are two main display gardens, each with a lily pond, one of which



has an elevated pavilion to view its half-acre of old and new roses. There are other smaller specialty gardens such as kitchen garden, children's garden, climber garden and the bride's garden, and they all have roses associated with the gardens. He currently has 600 to 700 varieties of roses. Mr. Weber has limited formal education in garden design and plant selection, but his driving force is the desire to add beauty to his surroundings and to anyone who stops by to smell and see the roses.

Please join us for this informative speaker. We will have plants for the door prize table and refreshments after the meeting. The public is welcomed and admission is free.

For more information, contact Louise DeJames at 301 890 4733 or visit our website at, [www.beltsvillegardenclub.org](http://www.beltsvillegardenclub.org).

## Beltsville Rotary News

By Ivy Christoffers

The past few weeks have been exciting ones for our Rotarians. We have had several excellent speakers: one of our newest members delivered an interesting "classification" speech, politicians came bearing most welcome gifts, and plans have been made for what is shaping up to be a great event for the first weekend in October.

Club member Nancy Randall had as her guest, Councilman Tom Dernoga, who, in addition to giving us an update on what is happening in this area, presented the Club with a grant from Prince George's County which will enable us to continue with the "Dictionary Project" for another year. This is a program that delivers a personal dictionary to every third grade student in the county. We do believe in the value of educating our youth early on and have been involved with this program since its inception a few years back. When we enter the schools to personally deliver these dictionaries, which the children are very excited to receive, not to mention their teachers, we always leave with a great feeling of accomplishment. We are grateful to Dernoga and his fellow team members who deemed this a worthy project to support.

One of our newest members, James Aryee, Vice President of Chevy Chase Bank in Beltsville,

had our attention for quite some time as he related his life experiences that led him to the position he occupies today. It is always interesting to hear these life stories and to see how, although they are all different, many are so similar. Welcome, James.

It was also interesting to meet the new principal of High Point High School who is a prospective member to our club. Michael Brooks shared with us his vision of where he would like to see the school and the community engage in interaction and the long-range, as well as short-range, goals he has set. Brooks is very proud to be serving as principal of such a diverse educational facility as High Point High School that is continuously ranked a top-notch school. Barbara Hughes, an educator at High Point and a Beltsville Rotarian, also spoke of many of the improvements which have recently been completed at the school, such as the new gym, the lighting, the track and several other areas that had been a concern. These improvements have been accomplished through the involvement of community action, such as the support of the Beltsville Rotary and others.

An exciting upcoming event is the Behnke Nurseries Extreme Chili Cook-Off that will be held on October 4, 2008. Here the Mason

Dixon Pod of Maryland's Premier Chili cooks, along with local chili aficionados, will be plying their skills. There will be judging, (beginning at noon), a silent auction on many prizes donated by the community and Rotary members along with ongoing raffles. The opportunity for a fun filled day, while supporting the Beltsville Rotary Club who will be the beneficiary of the event, and enjoying the sights and sounds of Behnke's Nurseries is due in great measure to Stephanie Fleming, gardener/consultant of Behnke's Nurseries who spearheaded this entire happening. Stephanie spoke to us some weeks ago about the possibility of holding this Chili Cook-Off and continued to organize and advertise the event, making a second visit to further speak of what had transpired and what is still needed to bring this off successfully. Needless to say, we are all very excited and are looking forward to a most enjoyable day.

Rotary is a way of life for its members who aspire to serve others. We meet on Tuesday at noon every week. Our meetings take place at the Holiday Inn Hotel in College Park, next to the IKEA Store. If you are a business owner/manager/professional doing business in Beltsville, we invite you to join us for lunch and check us out or you can call 301.595.5225 for information.

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and cotton candy, all while listening to tunes and watching dances prompted by a DJ. All three volleyball courts saw steady action through the day, as did the two horseshoe pits.

It was also a day for many to do a whole lot of nothing, as

every lounge and chair on the deck stayed occupied until dark. The afternoon of excitement was heightened for the kids by the appearance of a fire engine from the Beltsville Fire Department, which spent a couple of hours providing young fire buffs a chance to climb on and into the rig.

But it was a day for some more somber moments also, as the members paused to remember the life and sacrifice of Sergeant Richard Findley, who was killed while performing his duty as a Prince George's County Police Officer on June 27 of this year. Findley's family had been members of the Swim Club for several years, and many members fondly

remembered playing volleyball with and against Richard. They remembered him as a fierce competitor who was quicker to praise an opponent for a good play than to revel in his own outstanding athleticism.

The Calverton Swim Club has historically held a season ending volleyball tournament to benefit a worthy charity. This year the tournament was dedicated to support the Sergeant Richard Findley Memorial Fund for the benefit of his family. The response was simply overwhelming, and the Swim Club is very proud and pleased to be able to donate \$3,500 to the Memorial Fund.

### OBITUARIES

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#### O'Connor, Anita Bertha

Anita Bertha O'Connor, 85, of Annapolis died of respiratory failure on September 20, 2008. She had previously resided in Beltsville for 13 years. She was born in Marlboro, MA on December 13, 1922. In 1942 she wed James J. O'Connor, who predeceased her. Together they had three sons and two daughters: J. Michael

O'Connor of Columbia, MD, Donald J. O'Connor of Galesville, MD, Thomas J. O'Connor of Annapolis, MD, Kathleen M. Cramer of Annapolis, MD and Theresa M. Cox of Arnold, Md.

She was a dedicated homemaker, and was a member of Riva Trace Baptist Church. Funeral service and burial were private. Memorial contributions may be made to SPCA of Annapolis, 1815 Bay Ridge Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21403.

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# Beltsville Lions to Hold Community Friendship Night

The Beltsville Lions will conduct a community friendship night on Tuesday, October 7 at the Fairfield Inn, adjacent to the Calverton shopping center. The festivities will begin at 7:30 p.m. Guests will be treated to a complimentary dinner, courtesy of the Beltsville Lions.

The community friendship night is a way to introduce interested people to the activities of the Beltsville Lions. The goal of the Lions Club is to help people in need, and it does that by raising funds via donations from the community. This can be in the form of White Cane days, where Lions in two or three locations in Beltsville ask for donations during a two or three hour period on two weekends per year. Or it can be at the annual banquet and silent auction that is set this year for October 29 at The Villa in Calverton.

If interested in finding out more about Lions, please make a reservation for this community friendship night by calling Lion Kevin at 301.910.9600.

## Beltsville Lions to Host Annual Banquet & Silent Auction

The Beltsville Lions will host their annual banquet and silent auction at The Villa, located at 4060 Powder Mill Road in Calverton, on Wednesday October 29 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. You are cordially invited to attend and enjoy the event. The banquet will be prepared and served by Uptown Caterer's in their usual exemplary style. The cost is \$32 per person.

The silent auction will offer a variety of outstanding items, including hotel rooms, meals in great restaurants, jewelry, designer sunglasses, tickets to sporting events and much more. Items will go to the highest bidder, and every penny collected by the Lions will come back to Beltsville in the form of aid to needy persons.

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to: Beltsville Lions, P.O. Box 252, Beltsville, MD 20704. For further information call Lion Ted at 301.937.6796 or e-mail BeltsvilleLions@aol.com.

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## Beltsville Young at Heart

By Barbara Schofield

The September 4 meeting was all about business. The new 2008 books were in and ready to be signed out. Marge asked that any errors be brought to her attention so they could be corrected. At the September 18 meeting we had two guest speakers. From the sheriff's department, Lena Stallings spoke on identity theft and from the fire department Denise Watkins spoke. Thank you ladies. We had 95 members and ways and means

made \$23.00. Margaritt, please tell your brother I am sorry for the typo. Everyone seems to enjoy eating the cake and drinking the coffee and tea. Dottie always gets stuck doing the kitchen clean up by herself. So I'm thinking that at least one person from a table should help out with the clean up or maybe we should just eliminate the cakes and drinks then nobody would be asked to bring a cake or clean up. Think about it. Blessings come in many ways and the nicest come as friends.

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### Hoyer Praises House Approval of 3.9% FY09 Pay Adjustment for Federal Civilian and Military Employees

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As he has done in previous years, Rep. Hoyer, who represents 55,000 federal workers, led the 2008 effort by the Washington-area delegation in advocating on behalf of federal employee pay parity – the principle of providing the same average annual salary adjustments for uniformed personnel and federal civilian employees.

“One of the most effective ways to recognize the important service of our federal employees - and also increase the attractiveness of a career in public service - is through pay that reflects the value of the work and services federal employees provide this nation and its citizens,” stated Rep. Hoyer.



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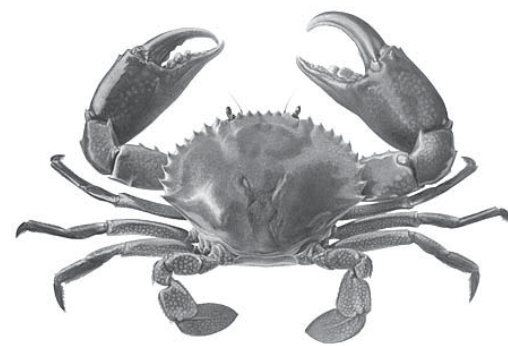
# Twelve-Year-Old Wins Crab Derby Cooking Contest

Adam Gibson of Marion Station, MD won first place in the appetizer division and grand prize in the National Hard Crab Derby Cooking Contest held in Crisfield. Twenty-five contestants in four categories competed to win the coveted title in the annual contest.

His dish, Maryland Crab Imperial Nachos featured three ways to use crab in an appetizer. Crab imperial, crab salsa, and crab pico de gallo were served with warm nachos drizzled with melted pepper jack cheese.

First place in the main dish category was Madeline Hall of Salisbury for her Basil Pesto Crab on Pita Bread. Best crab cake went to Charlese Ann Smith of Bishopville for her dish, Best Back Fin Crab Cakes with Corn Salsa. Kim Todd of Crisfield took home the first place honor in the soup division for her recipe, Kim's Crab and Corn Chowder.

The 45th annual National Hard Crab Derby & Fair's Cooking Contest is sponsored by the Maryland Department of Agriculture's Seafood & Aquaculture Program. Below is the grand prize winning recipe.



½ jar Goya Recanito sauce  
 juice from ½ lime  
 1 tablespoon fresh chopped garlic  
 ½ cup Maryland crab meat  
 salt and pepper to taste  
 Combine all ingredients except crabmeat. Refrigerate overnight. Slowly fold in crabmeat.

### CRAB IMPERIAL

½ cup mayonnaise  
 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce  
 juice from ½ lemon  
 ½ cup Maryland crabmeat  
 Old Bay to taste

Combine all ingredients except crabmeat. Slowly fold in crabmeat. Place in a shallow baking dish and bake at 400 degrees for 15 minutes. Remove from heat.

### CRAB SALSA

1 (14 ounce) can whole tomatoes  
 ¼ cup white onion  
 1 chipotle pepper (seeds removed)  
 juice from ½ lime  
 ¼ cup fresh chopped cilantro  
 1 tablespoon fresh chopped garlic  
 salt and pepper to taste  
 1 dash hot sauce  
 ½ cup Maryland crabmeat

Combine all ingredients except crabmeat in food processor. Refrigerate overnight. Slowly fold in crabmeat.

### MARYLAND CRAB IMPERIAL NACHOS

Adam Gibson, Marion Station, MD

1 pound Maryland crabmeat  
 ½ cup crab imperial (recipe follows)  
 ½ cup crab salsa (recipe follows)  
 ½ cup crab pico de gallo (recipe follows)  
 1 cup heavy cream  
 ½ stick butter  
 ¼ cup flour  
 1 tablespoon fresh chopped garlic  
 green onions for garnish  
 warmed nachos  
 1 block pepper jack cheese  
 Old Bay to taste

Combine flour and butter to make a roux. Slowly add cream. Add pepper jack cheese until thick and creamy. Assemble crab imperial, salsa and pico de gallo on platter. Arrange warmed nachos around dips. Drizzle cheese sauce over and around nachos. Garnish with cilantro, lime slices, green onion, remaining crab meat and Old Bay.

### CILANTRO-CRAB PICO DE GALLO

1 jalapeno pepper (seeds removed)

# Tax Cut for Maryland Seniors?

By Bob Haas, Past President  
 NARFE Chapter 1122

The National Active & Retired Federal Employees association has for many years tried to get the state of Maryland to increase the personal income tax exemption for seniors and blind people from the current \$1,000 to \$3,200. Last year our phone calls to the Governor were instrumental in getting him to include in his budget an increase in this exemption to \$2,000, but guess what? The House of Delegates voted against this proposal even though the Senate approved it.

This year we are trying again. We just sent the Governor a petition with 1300 signatures ask-

ing him to increase the personal income tax exemption for seniors over 65 and blind persons from the current \$1,000 to \$3,200. The signatures were collected at NARFE meetings. More signatures are now being collected from non-member seniors.

NARFE is also asking those members who signed the petition to call the Governor at **1.800.811.8336** to reinforce their request. If the petition has not been available for you to sign, please, please call the Governor's office and tell him you know about our petition, and want to add your voice to our urgent request for him to grant this increase. In October NARFE plans on a postcard

request to the Governor, so we are making an all out effort for this tax break.

To prevent last year's fiasco in the House of Delegates it is imperative that you let your representatives in the House of Delegates and state Senator know that you want this increase in your personal income tax exemption.

This increase in the personal income tax exemption to \$3,200 will save Prince George's County residents \$176 on their Maryland tax, or on a joint return \$352. Is this worth a few phone calls to you? Don't delay, Call Now! You won't get the Governor, but someone will take your message to him.





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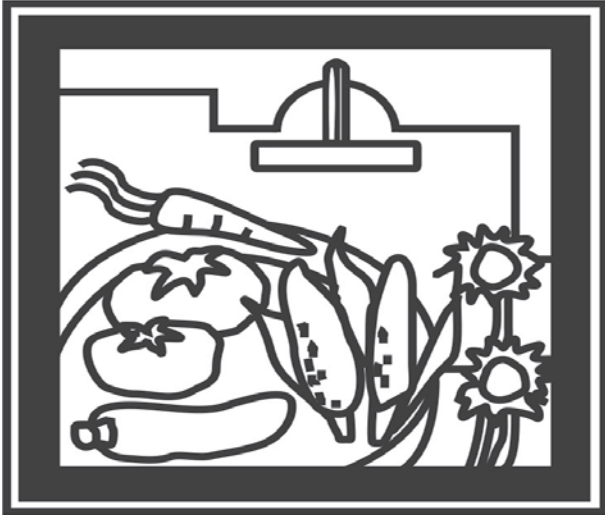
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## School News



Beltsville Elementary School Principal, Steve Beegle (in shorts), enjoys a conversation in front of the DC United tent.

## Beltsville Elementary School Hosts 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Soccer EXPO

On Friday, September 19, 2008, the Beltsville Elementary School (BES) PTA hosted its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Soccer Expo, where soccer teams and leagues could come out and introduce themselves and their programs to the community. For the second year, DC United provided the main attraction and its tent was a big hit with the youngsters who showed up. Metropolitan Futbol Club (MFC), with head coach Keith Walcott in charge, had a pickup game going which kept a lot of the older children involved. MFC also set up a pair of small goals for the younger

children - and their parents! The Beltsville Adelphi Boys and Girls Club (BABGC) also set up a pair of small goals and coach SaTrina Jones, who usually runs the Clinic Soccer program at BABGC, demonstrated a few drills and skills for the kids. Neighborhood eateries Moe's Restaurant and Robek's Smoothies came out in support. The PTA, which uses this event to connect the community with the school and also to sign up new members, considered the event a huge success and plans an even larger turnout of participants and guests next year.

## MLK School News

By Michelle Mariani Williams

MLK has created a new program, Parents Assisting Teachers (PAT). They need parent volunteers to help with assisting teachers, helping with small group instruction, offering office help and more. If you can be a PAT volunteer, contact Mrs. Kennie Ford, Parent Liaison or Mrs. Cynthia Vaughn, Peer Mediation Advisor at 301.572.0650.

MLK is encouraging parents to join the MLK PTA. There are no meetings to attend and minimum

volunteer hours. When you join the PTA, you are already supporting the school through the various programs offered at MLK. The more families who join, the more support MLK receives.

Anyone interested in becoming a substitute teacher at MLK should contact Assistant Principal McCollum at 301.572.0650 or stop by MLK and pick up an application. Fingerprinting is required and costs \$61. Commercial checks are \$7. For more information, call the Fingerprinting Office at 301.952.6775.



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## School News

### Back to School Night

Beltsville Elementary School welcomed parents to Back to School Night on September 3, 2008. Parents visited their children's classrooms and met with teachers and administrators. Classroom teachers shared the typical daily and weekly schedule for their class. Parents had the opportunity to view the curriculum textbooks as well as student work samples. While parents sat at their children's desks teachers explained homework and discipline policies and discussed academic expectations for the coming school year. It was also a time to answer questions and concerns for parents of kindergartners who were visiting the school for the first time. Throughout the evening many parents joined the PTA and explored volunteer opportunities at the school.

Principal Steve Beegle said it was encouraging to see so many families because parental involvement is associated with higher student achievement.



2nd grade teacher Kristy Keppler explains the parent handbook to student Henry Moreno's mother.

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## Calverton Elementary News

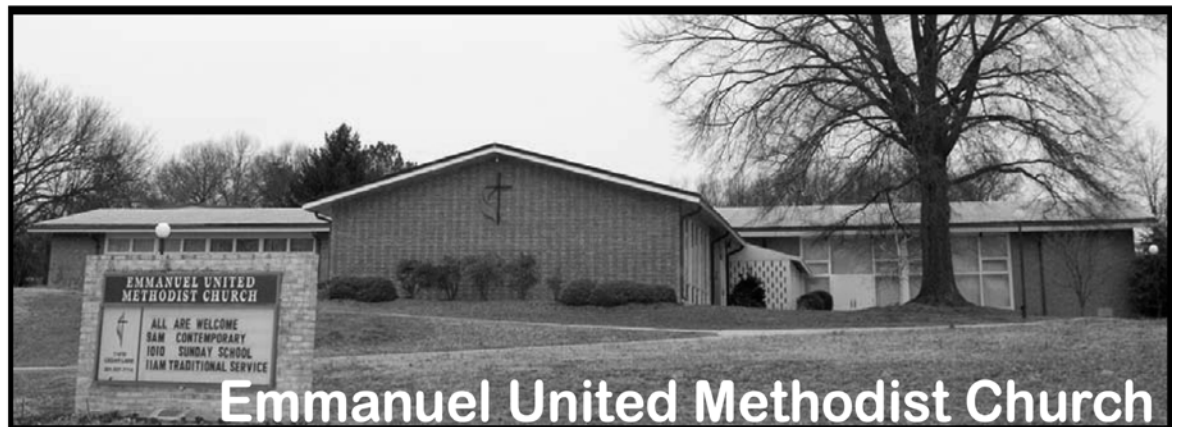
By Rebecca Cavallo

Summer is still in the air, but the students and staff at Calverton are already in full swing, busy with activities and learning. The multi-purpose room was packed for the three back-to-school nights: grades 1, 2 and 3 on Sept. 3, grades 4, 5, and 6 on Sept. 10, and kindergarten and pre-k on Sept. 11. The first celebration month of the school year, National Hispanic Heritage Month, began Sept. 15 and goes through Oct. 15. The morning announcements include historical information and a Spanish word of the day, such as "hola" which means "hello." Mrs. Donnella reports that school-wide assemblies and classroom celebrations are planned for Oct. 15, 2008, with music, dancing, beautiful costumes, delicious foods to share, and much more.

Calverton's Young Authors is one of several wonderful after-school enrichment programs starting up again for this school year. This is the sixth year for Young Authors who met for the first time on Sept. 29 in the media center. Twenty students volunteer to stay after school once a week to share the love of writing with themselves and each other. Selected poems from the Young Authors will be published on a monthly basis. The group will recite their own poems at the Poetry Celebration in April and will be involved in the school's and county's Write-A-Book program.

Mrs. Russell is very proud of her second graders who have already passed the first of their math facts tests. Yenifer Alvarez, Treasure Dunn, Giandre Garcia, Emely Hernandez, Evan Jones, Rachel Kollie, Tania Lemus, Brian Medina, Maria Medrano, Nathan Nana, Jean Rodriguez, Henry Saathoff, Arriana Smith, Sahil Talati, Nunyat Tefera, Carlos Turcios, Reema Tweshe, and Jada Willis all passed their addition facts to 10. Yenifer Alvarez, Treasure Dunn, Tania Lemus, Jean Rodriguez, Sahil Talati, and Jada Willis also passed their subtraction facts to 10. We are very proud of these students and know they will continue to master challenges.

Mrs. Freeman's kindergartners planted marbles and seeds in cups of soil as part of their life science unit. They have been watering all of the cups to see which will grow. At last check, the marbles were not growing, but the seeds are growing into plants. Students have been learning that living things grow and change, and that they need air and water. On Thursdays, Mrs. Freeman's students have "Cooking Day" and make yummy treats to eat. On a recent Thursday, they used vanilla frosting to stick red, yellow and green M & M "lights" onto a cookie to make a traffic light. On Fridays, students can bring items to share that start with the letter of the week. Mrs. Freeman's class is off to a great school year!



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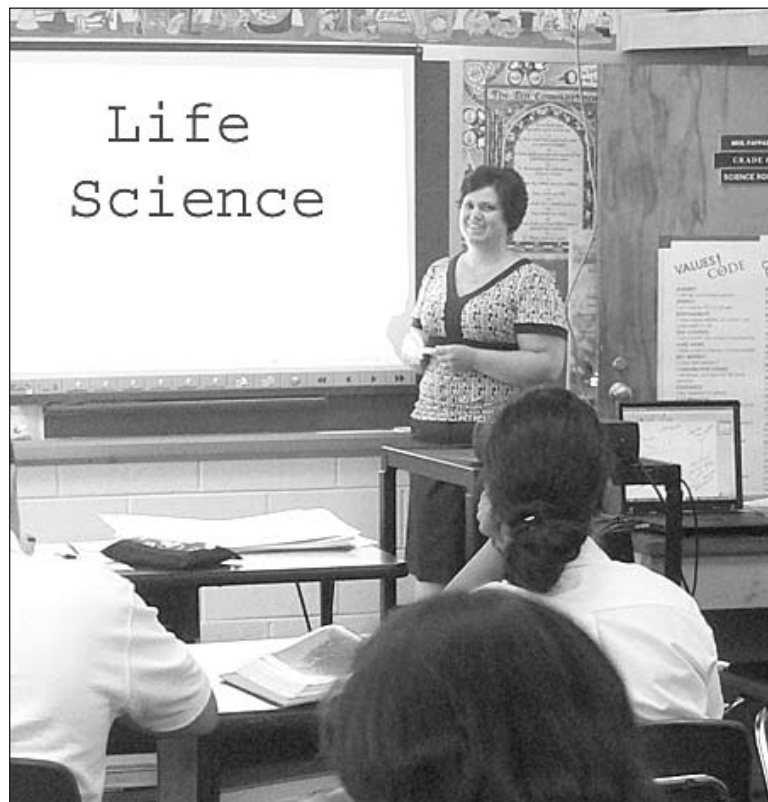
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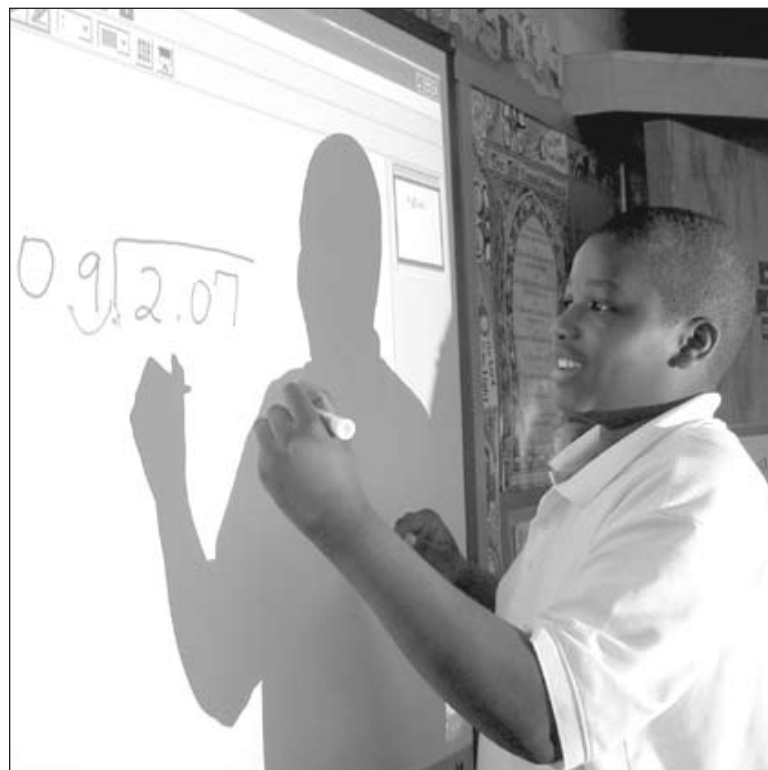
The deadline for registering in Maryland is October 14. The deadline in the District of Columbia and Virginia is October 6.

People that have moved since the last time they voted must update their address to remain eligible to vote this November.

For information on registering to vote in Maryland, call 1-800-222-8683.

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# School News

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students and teachers have been quite busy.

### Kindergarten (Mrs. Janese Lewis-Blanc and Mrs. Lisa Driscoll)

The kindergarten class is working hard to learn new words, spell words they already know, and work with adding and subtracting numbers. With the help of the first and second grade class, the kindergartners have begun to work on building reading schools through "buddy reading," where first and second graders pair with kindergartners, with the older students reading and the younger students pointing out the words which they have been learning in class. The kindergartners have also been learning to say the alphabet in Spanish, as well as their numbers and colors in Spanish. In science, they are learning about properties—gas, liquid, solid, soft, hard, smooth, rough, and so on. Under the leadership of music teacher Dan Butler, these young students and their first and second grade classmates have been learning a lot about music notes and rhythm, as well as many fun songs.



Mrs. Blanc and kindergartners work on class rules.

### First and Second Grade (Ms. Stacy Finkelstein)

First and second graders have been busy working on their writing skills, and have recently completed a collection of tongue twisters which they wrote using a selected letter of the alphabet. In math, they are a smart bunch, with students working at the first, second, and third grade levels. In geography, they have been working on papier-mache globes.

### Third and Fourth Grade (Ms. Carli Rossow)

Our third and fourth graders have been busy studying ancient

Rome in their history class, and preparing for this fall's Skit Night, where students will present skits related to the history of ancient Rome and the people who made that history. They have been enjoying their daily lessons in Spanish with our Spanish teacher, Señora Gisela Lopez. In religion class, they are studying the book of Genesis.

### Fifth/Sixth and Seventh/ Eighth (Mr. Michael Helling)

Mr. Helling's class has been working on a number of areas this fall. In the fifth and sixth grade

class, they are building their math skills, as well as learning how to conduct research and write longer papers. Each day they discuss current event topics from the day's news. Both classes are also progressing well in Spanish 1 with Señora Lopez, too. The fifth and sixth grade class is also studying Genesis, while the seventh and eighth grade class has begun its study of the New Testament epistles with Paul's letter to the Romans in a class led by Pastor Hebbeler. They are also preparing for the Fall Skits, as well as learn-

ing some challenging music for the upcoming Academy Sunday

event.

### Second Quarter Physical Education Moves to the Ice

When the second quarter begins later this month, all of the Academy students will begin a full quarter of ice skating lessons under the leadership of Ms. Suzanne Jensen. Ms. Jensen is a champion skater, and calls The Gardens Ice House her "home" for training. In addition to teaching figure skating, she is completing her bachelor's degree in education at the University of Maryland.

### Space is Available, 2009-2010 Early Registration Now Open

We have a few openings in third through seventh grade, and transfer students are welcome. Registration for the 2009-2010 school year is now open for **kindergarten** and **ninth grade** only. August 24, 2009, will be the official opening of our high school grades, beginning with the Class of 2013. General registration for 2009-2010 will begin in January 2009.

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Second-grader Nicholas working with his kindergarten "Reading Buddy" Christopher.



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### WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CLUB OF BELTSVILLE

Monday, October 13 at 12:30 p.m. at

### VANSVILLE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Monday, October 13 at 7:00 p.m. at Franklin Brown Building, Vansville Recreation Park, 11733 Old Baltimore Pike, Vansville.

### BELTSVILLE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, October 15 at 7:00 p.m. at Beltsville Elementary School, 4300 Wicomico Avenue.

### BELTSVILLE RECREATION COUNCIL

Monday, October 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the Beltsville Community Center

### YOUNG AT HEART CLUB

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. at the Beltsville Community Center.

### USDA FARMER'S MARKET

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### BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, October 23 at the Beltsville Community Center, 3:00-7:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Beltsville Lions in cooperation with the Washington Hospital Center. Call 301.937.6796 for appointment, or just walk in.

### APPLE FESTIVAL

Saturday, November 1, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane. Fresh local apples, apple pies, crafts, attic treasures, pecans and bake sale. Lunch & breakfast available. No admission fee. Rain or shine. Call church for info at 301.937.7114.

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Mondays, 10:30 a.m. October 6, 13, 20, and 27. Songs, fingerplays and Mother Goose Rhymes for newborns to 18 months of age.

#### HALLOWEEN STORYTIMES

Thursday, October 23, 10:30 a.m. and Tuesday, October 28, 7:00 p.m. for ages 3-7. Stories, songs and fingerplays with a Halloween theme.

#### READING THEATER

Thursday, October 16, 10:30 a.m. for ages 7-9. "The Boy Who Drew Cats," by Arthur A. Levine. Be a character, member of the chorus or the audience and have fun reading out loud with a group. Homeschoolers are welcome!

### PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

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### PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

Chess Club Tuesday, October 14 and 28,

7:00 p.m. All ages and levels; everyone welcome!

### HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

Tuesday, October 21, 7:00 p.m. See Carol Wall's puppet production of Monster s Revue and dress for the Halloween costume parade! Wear your favorite costume and enjoy the fun!

### ADULT PROGRAMS

#### MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION

Tuesday, October 21, 10:30 a.m. John Grisham's *The Innocent Man: Murder and Injustice in a Small Town*

#### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK DISCUSSION

Wednesday, October 8, 6:30 p.m. Cokie Roberts' *Founding Mothers*

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Tuesday, October 7, 6:30 p.m.

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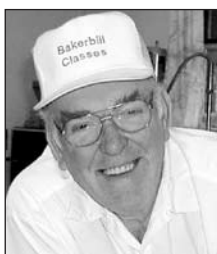
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# Baker Bill

## STUFF 'N THINGS

I have received some mail, the first in a long time. I was thinking I had no readers.

There was a good article in the Beltsville news in September about children getting the upper hand because parents are afraid to demand discipline from the kids. My mom was never ashamed to whack me in the supermarket if I misbehaved. When did a swat on the rear become a felony? One day, many years ago, my mom was upset about something she read in the papers; that corporal punishment was no longer allowed in schools. She said that's the end of the age as we know it, and she was right. I raised three wonderful kids; all married well and have a good life. My point being, the children test you from day one to see how much they can get away with. The more you give in the more they push, until you are ready for the nut house. Once they know they are in control, your life

changes.

A swat on the rear ends it all fast. Then you can smile. I saw a lady slap a child having a tantrum across the face with fingertips. People all around applauded. All became quiet. In the article the author wrote about a child refusing to sit in a car seat. A slap on the legs would have solved the problem. The article was titled, "What Happened to NO," by Ms. Jeannine Carter and it was well written.

I still have a couple of spots left for my baking class. Call me at 301.573.4180 any afternoon, or e-mail wrauln@verizon.net. I was asked what is the point of taking a class. The point is that all of us see recipes everywhere but they look so complex. The class teaches confidence to be able to make anything. Call today. Three got left out last year. Question? Where are all the persons that called me after the article in the

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## School News

# "Green" Vansville Elementary School Opens

By Councilman Tom Dernoga

August 25 was a milestone for Prince George's County —Vansville Elementary School, the County's very first "green school" opened its doors to over 700 schoolchildren. Only 14 other K-12 schools in the country have LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold level certification. The school used recycled building materials, has an energy-efficient geothermal heating/cooling system, and 80% of the building's waste will be recycled.

I was very pleased to ensure that this school be LEED certified. One of my goals has been to promote green building in the County, and this is a very important step on our way to being a more environmentally responsible County. Not only is it better for the environment, but it will also save money on energy usage and pro-

vide a healthier indoor air quality for students and staff. Since 2004, the County Council has been taking the lead to see that County buildings and many new developments are forward thinking in this regard.

Also of great significance is that this elementary school has long been a goal of the Vansville community, and I was very pleased to help bring this goal to fruition. The school's gymnasium will be named in honor of James Briscoe and his service to the community. Mr. Briscoe is the long-serving President of Vansville Heights Citizens Association, and a well-respected community leader.

A great way to get a closer look at the school and its environmental features is to come to the County's Greenfest which will take place at the school on October 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be children's activities, tours of

the school, and green vendors and products so you can learn how to save money and the environment.

### Environmental highlights of Vansville Elementary School:

- 20% of materials are recycled, including the use of mirrors in the flooring

- 20% of construction materials came from within 500 miles of the site, meaning less energy and fuel was used to transport building materials

- 80% of waste will be recycled

- The underground geothermal heating/cooling system means the building will use 35% less energy.

- Toilets and urinals are designed to use 40% less water.

- Natural lighting from sloped ceilings and skylights mean reduced use of electricity

- Some furniture is made from recycled trees from the site

See you on October 11<sup>th</sup>!!

## State News

# Maryland Schools Celebrate U.S. Constitution Day

Students at many Maryland public schools this week spent classroom time learning about the U.S. Constitution on September 17th. Constitution Day (once called Citizenship Day) is an American federal holiday that recognizes the ratification of the United States Constitution, and also recognizes all who have become citizens due to either coming of age or naturalization. It is observed on September 17, the day the U.S. Constitutional Convention signed the Constitution in 1787.

The law establishing the holiday was created in 2004 with the passage of an amendment by Senator Robert Byrd to the Omnibus spending bill of 2004. Before this law was enacted, the holiday was known as "Citizenship Day." In addition to renaming the holiday "Constitution Day and Citizenship Day," the act - known as Public Law 108-477 - requires all schools that receive federal

funds of any kind hold educational programming on the history of the American Constitution for their students on September 17 of every year. In May 2005, the United States Department of Education announced the enactment of this law.

"The U.S. Constitution provided a large part of our nation's foundation," noted State Superintendent of Schools Dr. Nancy S. Grasmick. "Constitution Day provides the opportunity for all students throughout the nation, on one specific day, to give pause and focus to the Constitution and how it enriches all of our lives."

Maryland's Voluntary State Curriculum provides opportunities to include political science concepts and skills related to the Constitution as early as pre-kindergarten. More meaningful study of the Constitution begins in the fourth grade and continues throughout high school.

# Maryland and Virginia Hold World Markets Conference

Maryland and Virginia, along with Washington, D.C., sponsored the third annual EXPAND conference this past Monday, a day-long event designed to help regional companies tap into a growing number of international procurement opportunities. The conference was presented by the U.S. Trade Development Agency (USTDA) and the Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank), and held at the World Bank's Eugene Black Auditorium, 1914 G Street NW in Washington, D.C.

"This conference represents the tremendous value in partnering with our neighboring jurisdictions to create opportunities and prosperity for all businesses in the region," said Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley. "Clearly, there is a strong demand for Maryland's goods and services worldwide, as evidenced by our exports topping nearly \$9 billion in 2007 and up 36 percent this year from January to June. This conference will help Maryland companies, as well as all companies in the region, continue that positive momentum."

"This conference has established a track record of proven value to both Virginia and regional exporters in just two short years," noted Virginia Governor Tim Kaine. "The climate for international trade could not be better. Virginia's exports are at an all-time high, rising 63 percent over the

last five years. USTDA and Ex-Im Bank programs that attendees will learn about fit well with our emphasis in the Commonwealth on building the export capacity of our businesses."

The conference featured a number of presentations, including overviews by the USTDA and the Ex-Im Bank and focused on four key areas: transportation infrastructure, information communications technology, energy and power and environment. In addition, representatives from Mexico, the Philippines, Liberia, Romania and Morocco participated in an Embassies Panel and presented overviews of opportunities in their countries' markets. The conference included presentations by USTDA, the World Bank and Millennium Challenge Corporation on grants and opportunities offered by major international organizations.

Since its inception in 1981, the USTDA has been associated with nearly \$30 billion in U.S. exports, or about \$39 in exports for every dollar invested in USTDA activities. In FY 2007, USTDA obligated nearly \$46 million in support of the development goals of project sponsors in 65 host countries. Of this, USTDA funded 63 technical assistance activities, 43 feasibility studies, 31 orientation visits and three conferences.



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