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Boy Scouts Take a Hike

By Gary Bauchan, Scoutmaster
Troop 1033

The Boy Scouts in Troop 1033 went camping at the Manidokan Methodist Retreat Center near Harpers Ferry the last weekend in March. The Troop hiked a total of 10 very cool, misty miles from the campground along the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal to historic Harpers Ferry. The Scouts were able to complete their hike, cook dinner over a campfire consisting of hamburgers in silver (aluminum foil) turtles and enjoy roasted marshmallows before it started to rain really hard. This was a special trip for 3 young Webelos Scouts; Konar Davis, Tyis Robinson, and Nahuan Pimmock and their parents who came along on their first camp-out with the Boy Scouts. The highest award a Cub Scout can earn.

Save the World! Club Cleans Up the National Zoo for Earth Day

By Katie Swanson, Club Sponsor

On the Saturday before Earth Day, seven members of Calverton Elementary School’s Save the World! Environmental Club volunteered at the National Zoo’s big Pre-Earth Day Clean-Up. With a very early start, we spent the whole morning cleaning a "medium difficulty" wooded hillside at the zoo’s border and the area around the veterinary buildings. The zoo was very impressed that our kids were so eager to jump right into the work and help out! The team worked very hard, picking up more trash and cleaning for over 2 hours.

Basket Bingo

St. Joseph’s Parish will conduct a Basket Bingo on Friday evening, May 15, in the Parish Hall at 11011 Montgomery Road from 7:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. (non-smoking). Join us for this fun-filled event. Bingo winners will receive specialty baskets, pottery, and home accessories. Door prizes and raffles too! Tickets are available for $12.00 (in advance) daily at church and parish offices, or for $10.00 (non-smoking). Come join us for 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 church and parish offices, or for $12.00 at the door. Refreshments are available.

Emmanuel Offers Memory Program During Mental Health Awareness Month

Emmanuel United Methodist Church, located at 11416 Cedar Lane in Beltsville is offering a program on Memory on Friday, May 15th, 2009 at 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the Church Fellowship Hall. Please join us as an evening of information regarding Memory and the Brain. You’ll gain a brief overview of the brain’s memory sites, test your own memory, learn tips to increase your brain’s health, and how to recall information more easily.

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Submissions Due
No Later Than:
May 20
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May 30

On the Agenda

By President Karen M. Coakley

The Governor’s Office of Community Initiatives (GOCI) held a foreclosure prevention seminar April 25th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Hope Christian Church World Headquarters located at 6251 Ammendale Road in Beltsville, Maryland (zip code 20705). The Governor’s Office of Community Initiatives had organized this event in partnership with the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and members of the Prince George’s County faith-based community. This seminar highlighted some of the current foreclosure prevention initiatives that are underway in Prince George’s County. Foreclosure prevention counselors and pro-bono lawyers were present to offer advice and services to struggling homeowners. DHCD Secretary Skinner attended the event. Please share this with your con-
25 Years Ago in the Beltsville News

By Phil Whitman

Extracted from the May 1984 Issue

Beltsville Day 1984

Feasted at Beltsville Day on May 20, 1984 was the Johnny Seaton Band, just back from an international tour.

Weddings

Mr. & Mrs. William Hense, Jr. were pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Cheryl Ann, to Mr. Kevin Hassett.

On Saturday, April 7, 1984, Randall A. Leupen, son of Mr. & Mrs. Jack Leupen of Beltsville, wed Paula M. Johnson, daughter if Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Johnson, also of Beltsville.

Engagement

Mrs. Shou-Ting Chao announced the engagement of her daughter, Anna, to Barry Bayus, son of Mr. & Mrs. Louis Bayus of Beltsville.

McGagh Honored

Brian E. McGagh, chief executive officer of Greater Laurel-Beltsville Hospital, was installed as president of the District of Columbia-Maryland-Virginia Hospital Association.

High Point Art Student Recognized

Neal M. Ashby, a senior at High Point High School, placed 3rd in the Patriotic Art Contest in Baltimore.

Plata Grande Reviewed

The first ever national guide to Mexican dining selected Plata Grande to represent our area as one of 300 restaurants selected in 47 states.

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Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

With the worldwide economic crisis, every family, business, non-profit, and government is faced with difficult financial choices. We need to balance our budgets while meeting critical needs.

That’s why the leadership of President Obama and Governor O’Malley has been so important in protecting important priorities for working families in Maryland. In the legislative session that ended on Monday, we worked with the governor to cut more than $1 billion from the state budget. But, because of President Obama’s economic stimulus package and Governor O’Malley’s commitments, to using it, we were able to minimize layoffs of teachers and police officers, expand aid for the unemployed, invest in energy conservation, preserve medical insurance for those in need, and block tuition hikes at the University of Maryland.

All of this is good news for working families who are struggling to survive the economic downturn.

Senator Jim Rosapepe

21st District

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Neighbors in the News

Beltville Boys Win 13 & Under Prince George’s County Basketball Title

The Beltville-Adelphi Boys & Girls Club had only one playoff team this year in the Prince George’s County AA Basketball League, but that team went all the way to the championship. The 13 and under (12 year-old boys) team, coached by Rufus Thompson, beat Cheverly Boys and Girls Club in an exciting finish of the season. The final score was Beltville 36, Cheverly 29. The teams were tied at 24 after three quarters, then Beltville boys turned it on and outscored Cheverly 12-3 down the stretch. Beltville ended the season with 11 wins and 2 losses.

Beltville Girl Scouts and Student Volunteers Help at Japan Night

By Teresa Johnson

On Tuesday, March 31, Ms. Shannon Stewart, ESOL teacher from Beltville Elementary School (BES), facilitated Japan Night, an all around community activity for kids at the Beltville Public Library. When entering the building you checked in at the registration desk and were greeted by Ms. Geddings, ESOL teacher at BES and Maria Smith, ESOL Liaison, along with student volunteers Donald Smith, Irene Gomez and Josue Melgar, who attend Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School. After registering you were given a passport and directed to the first station shown on your passport. You were able to visit five different “workshop” stations. The first station was pottery. Sara Mast and Layo Olojo of Cadette Troop 6064 helped out at that booth along with Betty Harris, ESOL teacher from BES. At the pottery table the kids learned how to make pottery such as bowls and vases out of modeling clay and also color them with designs afterwards. The second station was origami. Treva Rowley and Alex Butcher, both Senior Girl Scouts of Troop 3988, along with Ms. Jenni Winters, ESOL teacher at BES, helped people make paper houses and used a diagram to help guide them through the paper folding process. Station three was Puzzles and Games. At this station volunteers Teresa Johnson, Tiffani Kidd, both Cadettes from Troop 2751, and Ms. Jennifer Kevorkian, ESOL teacher at Back Lodge Middle School, helped others play a game using chopsticks. The object of the game was to pick up various shapes of objects using chopsticks and move them from one plate to another without dropping them. The fourth station was Calligraphy. At this station Ms. Pam Aguiniga, ESOL teacher at BES, with the assistance of Kaycie Willard, a Cadette from Troop 2751, and Therese Todd, a Cadette from Troop 6064 helped the children write the words “person” and “child” in Japanese. Lastly, in booth five, was Storytelling. Kids were able to listen to Japanese stories told by Ms. Barbara Spears, Branch Manager of the Beltville Public Library, with support from Libby Giorgis, a Cadette from Troop 2751. During the workshops people got to see a wonderful slide show of Ms. Stewart’s trip to Japan and have refreshments served by student volunteers Josue Melgar and Eric Gonzalez. Japan Night was very well attended by kids from different age groups. Overall the kids had a blast, and got to experience a little taste of Japan!
Obituaries

Jones, Richard

Richard Jones, 78, of Beltsville, died on Friday, April 3, 2009. He was the beloved husband of the late Gertrude-Mary Jones, father of Michael R. (Beth), Patrick C. (Robin) Jones, and the late Beth Dailey. He was the grandfather of Holly, Suzanne, Mikey, Katherine, Peyton, Spencer, Rich and Jordan. He was the great-grandfather of Riley and Ella. Funeral service was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville on Wednesday, April 8 at 11:00 a.m. with the Reverend Jack Fitzgerald officiating. Interment Gate of Heaven Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 1211 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.  

Kerns, Margaret Mary

Margaret Mary Kerns, 93, died on Saturday, April 11, 2009. She was the beloved wife of Clarence W. Kerns, and the mother of Margaret “Peggy” Wilkinson, Elwood Kerns, Betty Jackson, the late Constance Wooster and Walter Kerns. She was the mother-in-law of Richard Wilkinson, Sandra Kerns, Paul Jackson, Paul Wooster and Linda Kerns. She was the sister of Louise Kerns, Doris Schneider, Myrtle Vargo, Martin Boswell, Bernice Mast, Rita Kelly and the late Anthony Boswell. She was the grandmother of Richard, William Kenneth Wooster, Patricia Stanley, Dawn Wilkinson, Christopher Kerns, John Jackson, and the late Charlene and Robert Kerns. Nine great grandchildren and three great-grandchildren also survive her. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Holy Redeemer Church, 4902 Berwyn Road, College Park, MD on Wednesday, April 15 at 10:00 a.m. with Monsignor Mike Wilson officiating. Interment Fort Lincoln Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements by Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, MD on Saturday, April 18 at 10:00 a.m. with the Reverend Jack Fitzgerald officiating. Interment was private. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of the Chesapeake, 8724 Jericho City Drive, Landover, MD 20785 or to St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1107 Montgomery Road, Beltsville, MD 20705.

Schoonover, Howard, Jr.

Howard Schoonover, Jr. was born January 27, 1939 in Beltsville to Dorothy and Howard Schoonover, Sr. On March 25, 2009 Howard passed away. He was the beloved husband of Janice for 47 years, loving father of Steven (Rhonda) and Carey (Theo) Schoonover (Pat). All who knew him loved him. He loved the Lord and loved his family. He always had his camera with him no matter which gathering he attended. He enjoyed working in the yard and garden, growing his blackberries as well as chopping wood for the fireplace! He retired from Department of Defense after 31 years then worked part time at Travel On. The last five years he volunteered for two research trials for pancreatic cancer at Johns Hopkins. Howard bravely faced many appointments enduring pain throughout. He always said “it may not help me, but maybe it will help someone in the future.” He will be missed greatly by all his family and friends.

Borgwardt Funeral Home made the arrangements and funeral was held at First Baptist Church of Laurel. Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Schoonover’s Memory, Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center, c/o Dr. Daniel Laheru’s Research, 1650 Orleans St., Room G99, Balti-more, MD 21231.

Terawaki, Troy K.

Troy K. Terawaki, 19, of Beltsville died on April 3, 2009. He was the beloved son of Marvin S. & Cynthia Terawaki. He was the loving grandson of Kunio & Harue Terawaki, Troy K. Terawaki, Michelle (Peter) Babendreier and Cheryl (Genn) Carr. He was the brother of Catherine Bartlett, grandfather of Jesse, Carly, Marcy, J.J., Daniel, Aubrey and Amanda. Troy was the great grandfather of Shelby, Jamie, and Kimberly. He was the brother-in-law of Dot Steukler. Many nieces and nephews also survive him. Funeral service was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, MD on Saturday, April 18 at 10:00 a.m. with the Reverend Jack Fitzgerald officiating. Interment was private. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of the Chesapeake, 8724 Jericho City Drive, Landover, MD 20785 or to St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1107 Montgomery Road, Beltsville, MD 20705.

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situations. If you are interested in attending or have additional ques-tions, please contact GOCI Faith-Based Initiatives Coordinator Cheryl Hill. She can be reached at 410.767.1777 or by e-mail at chill@goci.state.md.us. Our guest at the May meeting will give us a briefing on the proposed housing development that will surround Gunpowder Golf Course. District 21 Senator Rosapepe and Delegates Frush, Barnes and Pena-Melnyk will give us an update from Annapolis in June. If you have a specific concern that you would like to discuss please let me know in advance. I can be reached at 301.937.0157 or karenmcoakley@verizon.net.
Rosapepe’s Report to Beltsville

By Senator Jim Rosapepe (D-21)

On April 13, we concluded this year’s session of the legislature. With Marylanders facing difficult economic problems, we continued our fight to put state government back on the side of working families.

Most importantly, we worked with Governor O’Malley to make sure that President Obama’s economic stimulus funds are put to work in Maryland promptly to:

■ keep teachers in our schools and police in our neighborhoods
■ expand and increase unemployment insurance to those in need
■ freeze college tuition rates once again for local students at the University of Maryland
■ expand medical insurance to those without it
■ invest in energy conservation and renewable fuels
■ reduce pollution of the Chesapeake Bay by repairing sewer pipes
■ help protect our neighborhoods by financing purchase of foreclosed homes

With so many families struggling to pay their bills, we worked to re-regulate electric rates. Drafted by Senator Rosapepe, the bill passed the Senate but not the House, despite all of our support as well as Governor O’Malley’s.

We’ll continue the fight next year. Continuing last year’s effort, led by Delegate Frush, we kept Laurel Hospital on the road to recovery. The state budget will help keep it open, while the state/county authority we created last year reviews the bids from major hospital systems to take over Laurel and our other Prince George’s hospitals. The goal is a world-class hospital system providing health care in our area.

In our continuing efforts to help small businesses in the 21st District, we passed Delegate Peña-Melnyk’s bill to allow women-owned minority businesses to win state contracts in the Minority Business Enterprise Program in either category.

To protect victims of domestic violence, we passed legislation, drafted by Delegate Barnes and supported by Governor O’Malley, to keep guns out of the hands of abusers.

Of particular concern to many residents of Western Anne Arundel, Laurel, Beltsville, Adelphi, and College Park, we were finally able to pass a law allowing speed cameras on streets and highways near schools. Until now, this practical tool to protect all of us from speeders was permitted only in Montgomery County. In the future, we hope to expand speed cameras to other areas where residents want them, but this year’s law is a big step in the right direction.

Given the economic downturn and the need to maintain basic services like schools, police protection, and aid for the unemployed, we successfully opposed state funds to build a soccer stadium in Prince George’s. Our efforts to keep the TRIM cap on property taxes were also successful.

Finally, after several years of effort, we were able to pass one of the strongest laws in the US to fight global warming, setting caps on carbon emissions.

Please let us know if there are other issues you have questions or thoughts about. And, of course, feel free to be in touch if we can be of help to you. Just email 21stDistrictDelegation@gmail.com or call 301.858.3141.

Neighbors in the News

College Park Boy Scouts Participate in Camporee

By Mary Pat Donals

During March 27-29, members of College Park Boy Scout Troop 298 participated in a Prince George’s District Spring Camporee at the Patuxent River Park in Croom, MD. The four boys and two adults in attendance live in the Beltsville and College Park area. The weekend was cool and rainy but the boys had a great time. They participated in several team building activity stations during the day. At these stations the boys were scored on how well they achieved each activity. The two stations they did in the afternoon were the First Aid and Fire Building relays. The boys were graded on these two activities against other troops. Since this was a council-wide event the boys’ campsites were also inspected and graded. Both scores were added to identify the recipients of the overall camp awards of 1st and 2nd place. Troop 298 won first place.

Another Troop assembled two picnic tables as a community service project. The table would be placed in the courtyard area of a church so everyone would be able to enjoy it at any time. In attendance for the weekend were: Adam Poole, Ivan Cruz, Manuel Martinez, Karthik Sundar, Mindy Breen and Mary Pat Donals.
To reduce parking problems, free shuttle buses will operate from the Francis Fuchs Center, Beltsville Elementary School and the Beltsville Library. Don’t miss this great event!!!

Medical Health Fair in Beltsville

BAPS Charities warmly invites everyone in the community to a health fair on Sunday, May 17 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The health fair will be held at the BAPS Shree Swaminarayan Mandir located at 4320 Ammendale Road in Beltsville. BAPS Medical Services, LLC will operate the health fair. Supporters include Shah Associates, Indian Capital Area Pharmacists Association, and a group of doctors and paramedics. All services are free to senior citizens over 60. A nominal fee of $10 will be charged to others for the screening services. The services offered will include general screening, blood pressure checks, drug counseling, asthma evaluation, vision tests, dental examination, breast examination, bone density, hearing tests, and EKG. Seminar topics will include depression, skin conditions, diet and exercise.

Pre-registration is strongly recommended. To pre-register, call any of the following: Tushar Desai (301.943.8210), Nitin Modha (301.937.9635), Bharat Pancholi (301.367.9635), or Vanila Patel (410.750.2505). E-mail: dcheinhealthservices@gmail.com.

Directions: From I-95, take exit 29-A, Beltsville. Take route 212 east; go straight at the first light onto Ammendale Road. Mandir is on the left within 1500 feet.

High Point Class of 1960 50th Reunion

High Point High School’s Class of 1960 will hold its 50th reunion on June 11-12, 2010 at the Sheraton Washington North Hotel on Powder Mill Road in Beltsville. If you are a member of this class or know other members, please contact Peggy Wood Hall at 301.684.1130 or e-mail delgal99@aol.com.

Kira Kai-Ling Chen Bertsch Wins Silver Medal

Kira (second from left), five-year-old granddaughter of John and Ming Yee Chen of Beltsville, won the silver medal in her first ski race in Zermatt, Switzerland on Saturday, April 11. Kira and her parents, Teresa Chen and Andreas Bertsch, live in Zurich. They recently returned to Beltsville to visit John and Ming Yee.
AgNIC Librarians Meet In Beltsville

Fifty-five librarians from as far away as Hawaii and Costa Rica came to Beltsville for the annual AgNIC conference held April 21-23, 2009. The conference theme was Reaping Benefits in the Digital Landscape. David Shumaker, Clinical Associate Professor at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., gave the keynote address: Who Let the Librarians Out? — The Promise of Embedded Librarianship. He described his research on embedding librarians and library services in the classroom and research laboratory. Among other topics covered, Allison Level of Colorado State University (CSU) previewed the new Agriculture and Water Conservation website developed by CSU. By Councilman Tom Dernoga

Riderwood Scholarship Award Presentation — On March 30th, I had the privilege of attending the Scholarship Award Presentation at Riderwood. Scholarships of $6,000 were awarded to 50 Privately-funded and Montgomery County high school seniors. We were joined by Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett and County Council President Phil Andrews.

One of the most rewarding aspects of this event was that 22 of the students awarded scholarships were currently high school students, including some Student Government leaders that I know: Bana Amare and Imelda Maliza.

All of the students participated in a program that employed them in various capacities on the Riderwood campus. Since the inception of the program, over $1,000,000 in scholarship funds have been donated by the residents to support this program. In order to qualify for the program, students must maintain an overall cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above and must have worked a minimum of 1000 hours at Riderwood between June 2007 and May 2009. This program embodies the Beltsville community’s commitment to their mission of sharing our gifts to create a community that celebrates life. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate my High Point friends and neighbors for their wonderful support for our youth.

Beltsville Laurel Senior Activity Center. On April 17th, the long awaited groundbreaking ceremony for the Beltsville Laurel Senior Activity Center took place on the Laurel Regional Hospital grounds. A large crowd of senior citizens attended to see this project finally break ground and move toward its expected opening next summer. Well-deserved praise was given to Delegate Barbara Frush for getting the final approvals from the Hospital Authority. In addition, recognition was given to the efforts of Senator James Rosapepe, and Delegates Joseline Pena-Melnyk and Ben Barnes, to our former representatives Senators Art Dorman and John Giannetti and Delegates Brian Moe and Pauline Menes, and to the City of Laurel and to MNCPPC Chairman Sam Parker.

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Welcome to the World

Birth of Ella
Patricia Kozar

Alexander & Dina Kozar of Beltsville are very proud to announce the blessed event of the birth of their first grandchild. Granddaughter Ella Patricia Kozar was born on March 25, 2009 at 1:13 p.m. at Holy Cross Hospital weighing 8 pounds 9 ounces, and 20 inches long. They send congratulations and love to their son, Alexander “Matthew” Kozar, Jr., formerly of Beltsville, and daughter-in-law, Pamela Linton-Kozar on their precious, adorable baby girl, who now happily resides in Elkridge, MD. Also of Beltsville, for the first time, Joseph Kozar is the proud and excited uncle of his niece, Ella “Blueberry.”

Birth of
James William Summers

Bill and Scarlet Robertson are proud to announce the arrival of their first grandchild, James William Summers, born at 2:21 a.m. on April 13, 2009 at Waynesboro Hospital in Waynesboro, PA. James William, who weighed in at 7 lbs. 1 oz., is the son of Larry and Aimee Summers.

Neighbors in the News

By Rick Bergmann

Prince George’s Summer Teen Theatre Announces Auditions

The Prince George’s Summer Teen Theatre, the longest running teen theatre group in the country, begins production of its 42nd musical, Thoroughly Modern Millie. Millie is a high-spirited musical romp that has all of New York dancing the Charleston. It’s the zany new 1920’s musical that has taken Broadway by storm! Taking place in New York City in 1922, Thoroughly Modern Millie tells the story of young Millie Dillmount, who has just moved to the city in search of a new life for herself. It’s a New York full of intrigue and jazz - a time when women were entering the workforce and the rules of love and social behavior were changing forever. It is based on the Oscar winning 1967 movie of the same name. The movie starred Julie Andrews, Mary Tyler Moore, and Carol Channing.

Thoroughly Modern Millie will be directed by Heather Scheeler, a local community theatre director. Auditions will be held on May 18 and 19 at 7:00 p.m. Callbacks will be on May 20. We are looking for actors between the ages of 13 and 19. Please prepare 32 bars of music and come dressed to dance.

If you have questions go to www.pgstt.org or e-mail us at pgstt@hotmail.com. The Prince George’s Summer Teen Theatre has been performing for 42 years. It is a not-for-profit youth organization governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. Its mission is dedicated to providing Prince George’s County and its surrounding communities with the opportunity to encourage and promote interest in all facets of theater arts through a summer program designed for the teen student. This program provides instruction and knowledge in the various standards and skills of theatrical arts and productions, a vehicle for the teen student to foster an insight and appreciation of the theater and the theatrical arts, and above all, theater education for teens in a fun and supportive atmosphere.
Neighbors in the News

Beltsville Resident Designs Sculpture for President Obama

Jay Williams of Beltsville was commissioned by The Tampa Bay Academy of Hope, Inc. to create a special memorial sculpture as their gift to President Barack Obama. Forty students and 11 mentors of this youth academy boarded a bus in Tampa, Florida in April for a trip to Washington DC to present their gift to the president on their once in a lifetime Annual Legislative Tour. Over the past four months, the TBAH Youth have stepped up to match a challenge grant of $7,450 from the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay, which played a significant role to kick off this effort, using collection buckets on street corners, “Shop for a Cause” at Macy’s Stores and signs posted in their yards. These youth suggested the creation of this special gift and voted to raise the necessary funds to present it to the President. They requested a unique concept for a customized bronzed sculpture of his grandmother, the late Madelyn Lee Payne Dunham. The concept, developed by Jay Williams, for this hand crafted memorial piece adds even more significance to the meaning that stands behind it. The students created the wording on the dedication plaque to read, “A Tribute to ‘Toot’ – a grandmother who will always be remembered for her gift of President Barack Obama to the world.” The bronzed sculpture was embedded in a customized Black Walnut case, also designed by Jay Williams, and extremely crafted in Baltimore by the fine wood craftsman, Rick Parr. The Academy youth and parents, led by former professional football player and TBAH Founder, James M. Evans along with his staff, have inspired these youth to say “Yes, They Can.”

Jay Williams of Beltsville holding the bronzed sculpture he created (also shown at inset) of President Obama and his grandmother, Madelyn Lee Payne Dunham.

Central Maryland Chorale presents Brahms Requiem for 40th Anniversary

In celebration of our 40th anniversary, the members of the Central Maryland Chorale, directed by Monica Otal, proudly present the Requiem of Johannes Brahms. Singing this Requiem has become a tradition for our important anniversaries. Our soprano soloist is Debra Lawrence, a frequent and favorite guest of the chorus.

Join us on Saturday, May 16, at 8:00 p.m. at The Lutheran Church of Saint Andrew, 15300 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD.

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Soprano soloist Debra Lawrence

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Maryland Wineries Invite Tours

Spring is here, and Maryland’s 28 wineries invite visitors to venture outside and enjoy the warm weather, beautiful scenery and superior vintages they have to offer. May is the perfect time to begin exploring the state’s five wine regions with their distinctive products and properties.

“Grape growing and wine making are expanding at an exciting rate across Maryland and these operations lend themselves readily to visitors,” said Agriculture Secretary Roger Richardson. “Touring a winery or a vineyard in the countryside, tasting some of the fruits of our vineyards.”

Maryland’s two established wine trails, the Frederick and Mason-Dixon trails make it easy for visitors to explore more of the sights, sounds and tastes of Maryland. To find a listing of Maryland wineries, visit www.marylandsbest.net.

Invite Tours

Maryland currently has 35 licensed wineries, seven of which will be opening later this year. Maryland’s 28 wineries produce over 350 different wines, which are sold at the wineries, special events and at more than 600 retailers and 100 restaurants throughout the state. Last year, Maryland wineries sold 270,280 gallons (approximately 1,364,133 bottles) of wine – an 18.2 percent increase over 2007.

“We are in the midst of one of the fastest-growing wine countries in the nation,” said Kevin Atticks, director of the Maryland Wineries Association. “Come taste our award-winning vintages.”

Maryland’s two established wine trails, the Frederick and Mason-Dixon trails make it easy to visit a number of vineyards and wineries in a day or to spend an extra day taking in the history, culture, restaurants and scenic byways.

This year, the Patuxent and Chesapeake wine trails will be coming on line in May for visitors to explore more of the sights, sounds and tastes of Maryland. To find a listing of Maryland wineries, visit www.marylandsbest.net.

Riderwood’s 2009 Scholars’ Ceremony

This year’s Scholars’ Ceremony was truly a special night! On March 30, with pride and honor in their eyes, 50 area high school seniors were presented with scholarships to support their pursuit of a college education. This annual event took place in Montgomery Station Clubhouse, Performance Hall at 7:30 p.m. The theme of “Give from the Heart,” was exemplified, with over 300 staff, residents, and special guests in attendance to celebrate the post-secondary education pursuits of students.

Beltville resident and scholarship recipient Bana Amare provided the student “Thank You” at Riderwood’s Scholars’ ceremony on March 30.

Riderwood’s Fishing Tournament Raised Funds for Local Charities

On April 4, despite the high winds and cool temperatures, staff, residents, and guests were able to enjoy food, fellowship and fun at Riderwood’s 9th Annual Fishing Tournament. The 50-50 raffle and donations enabled volunteers to raise $650 in support of Meals on Wheels of Takoma Park and $738 in support of Meals on Wheels of College Park.

According to Meals on Wheels volunteers at the tournament, this year’s donations are needed more than ever in light of the economic downturn. “Riderwood residents and staff have demonstrated once again their commitment to supporting local charities with a tremendous need,” said Claudia Farr, Senior Community Services Manager.
By Gary Bauchan, Scoutmaster Troop 1033

Boy Scout Troop 1033 delivered over 20 tons of hardwood mulch in completing another successful Spring Garden and Lawn Fund Raiser. In total the Scouts delivered over 2500 bags of mulch, fertilizer, manure, and topsoil products all over the Beltsville area, all within 10 hours. The door-to-door transport was made possible not only by 22 scouts but also by the parents and friends of scouts who volunteered their trucks, trailers, and cars for the deliveries. Thanks to the support of the community each scout earned “Scout bucks” which allows them to pay for such activities as summer camp, hiking at Blackwater Wildlife Refuge, swimming at Assateague Island, Wilderness Survival Training at Camp Snyder, Virginia and hiking along the C&O Canal near Harpers Ferry. Troop 1033 would like to thank Behnke’s Nursery, Inc. for their continued support of our fund raiser and a special thanks to TurboHaul of Beltsville and Kalkreuth Roofing and Sheet Metal, Inc. in Frederick, MD for supplying a large truck and trailer respectively and drivers for delivery of our large orders. We especially want to thank the Beltsville Community for all their support.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department has elected and installed new officers for 2009. The newly installed officers are: President Peggy Zembowicz, Vice President Pam Casagrande, Recording Secretary Diana Conley, Corresponding Secretary Cathy Alexander, Treasurer Roz Kilroy, Chaplain Lois Hetz, and Historian Nancy Moore.

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Neighbors in the News

Scouts Help Clean Up WSSC Reservoir
By Gary Bauchan, Scoutmaster Troop 1033

On Saturday, April 4, Boy Scouts gathered to help clean up the WSSC Reservoir at Suplee Lane in Laurel, MD. Scouts from Cub Scout Packs 1031 and 1250 and Boy Scout Troops 1010, 1033, and 1673 were represented. Boy Scouts from Troop 1033 who spent 3 hours picking up trash were Sean Halper, Mick Cotter, Eric Matthews, Chaim Johnson, Patrick Deery, Jaden Freeze, C.J. Williams, Curtis Gill as well as Jessie Freeze for Pack 1031. The Scouts picked up 25 bags of trash, 27 bags of recyclables, 10 tires and a car battery. Cleaning up this reservoir is important, as this is one of the locations for the water that we drink in our homes. Do your part to recycle, reduce and reuse. The Boy Scouts do.

By Lisa Middleton

What does it mean to “go green”? You’ve heard it before, but maybe you’re not sure exactly what it entails. Or perhaps you have a full recycling program in your home and even switched to compact fluorescent light bulbs and would like to take it to the next level. Here are a few definitions that will help you navigate the new “green” culture.

Carbon Footprint – simply put, this is the measurement of the impact of our activities on the earth. Think about your daily activities: driving your car, heating your home, or eating a meal. You can minimize your carbon footprint by carpooling, using a programmable thermostat, and eating locally grown produce. You can make a difference simply by asking, “how can I do this activity with less negative impact on the environment?”

Anti-consumerism – this term may conjure up visions of sit-ins and boycotts but it’s actually quite simple. It is not choosing to live without or live in a state of poverty. It is the choice to be more thoughtful in your purchasing. Gone are the days of “bigger is better” and “more is best.” In the current economy, people already may be living the lifestyle without realizing it. If you choose wisely, each local purchase you make will help you navigate the new “green” culture.

Greenwashing – This new term is fashioned after “whitewashing” and “ Agenda 21” – glossing over the truth through a biased presentation of data. Companies are greenwashing when they put an environment-friendly spin on their products. For example, a company claims their product is earth-friendly or eco-friendly and glosses over the fact that they use petroleum-based ingredients. For example, many detergent companies now offer concentrated laundry detergent packaged in smaller containers. This sounds good on the surface but the bottom line is that they haven’t changed their formulation, which includes petroleum-based cleansers. Look for cleaning products that are non-toxic and biodegradable, list ingredients on the packaging and, better yet, share an overall philosophy of sustainability.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle – opt out of junk mail to reduce the paper flowing through your house, purchase a reusable water bottle and commit to no longer using bottled water. Recycle your cans, glass, plastic, paper, plastic bags, cereal boxes, phone books, newspapers, cardboard, batteries, cell phones, cd’s, computers, small electronics, kitchen scraps in a compost pile…. get it? The list goes on……

These are just a few terms that are floating around and include maybe a couple you haven’t seen yet. When evaluating “going green,” do your research and evaluate your sources of information. There are many things that you can do and all of it makes a difference. Every bit does count – each plastic bag you don’t use, each purchase you choose wisely, each local product you eat makes a difference.

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INDOORS !!!!
By Ivy Christoffers

Our recent activities have been many and varied. We have welcomed many visitors such as a past club member who has relocated to Las Cruces, New Mexico, Tom Maddix. The club members enjoyed catching up on old times with Maddix who was presented with a club banner. We received his club banner by return mail that will be added to our large collection of banners. Long time club member, Sonja Festerling, gave a reclassification speech that I unfortunately missed. I am told it was very entertaining and informative. Sonja is busy enjoying her golden years. Dr. Spence, the Director of The Beltsville Agricultural Research Center was introduced to the club by Rotarian, Karl Norris. Dr. Spence spoke of the ongoing development at the Research Center with emphasis on plant development. One of my personal favorites, strawberries, was discussed at length. Another topic expounded on by Dr. Spence was in the area of human nutrition. Much information was shared and appreciated by his audience. We really enjoy our guest speakers who keep us informed on many topics that affect our everyday lives. We thank them for taking the time to come and share with us.

Another successful event was the membership mixer planned and executed by Rotarians, George Krzywicki and Eleanor Frierson that resulted in five guests in attendance on April 14th. They were Capt. Bob Gibson of the Beltsville Police Barracks, Rev. Mejia of Emanuel Methodist Church, Carin Lucas of the Agricultural Research Library, Jan Parson, a business equipment salesperson and Mehdy Rad, an orthodontist. We thank our members Harry Rinker, Eleanor Frierson, Joyce Malin, John Moynihan and Karl Norris for introducing us to these fine people who, we hope, will be joining our club in the near future.

Our latest guests were our Past Rotary President, Nancy Randall, High Point High School R.Y.L.A. Students, Charlene Osei and Demisase T. Habteselasie and Beltsville Rotary Club President, John Moynihan.

Rotary Club of Beltsville

Paint Branch Montessori School Talent Show

Students of Paint Branch Montessori School demonstrated their many talents for family and peers in their annual Talent Show on April 9, 2009. The entertaining performances included choreographed dances, singing, musical instruments, and original poetry. Several of the Students confidently displayed their musical abilities on the piano and violin, as well as the recorder, which the Elementary students practice weekly in music class. The crowd of family, friends, and students were very supportive and excited to see the diversity of talents.
By Ivy Christoffers

April was a busy month for members of College Park Unit #217 as our members planned and executed a successful Easter Egg Hunt and Party for the children of our community. There were 45 children under the age of 11 running around, playing games, making Easter crafts, guessing candy jars, hunting for eggs previously hidden in our back yard by the Easter Bunny’s helpers, shaking their little booties in the dance contest and eating pizza and just having a great time in general. We were so grateful that Mother Nature smiled upon us on April 5th and sent us a warm sunny day in which to revel. There were as many parents and grandparents in attendance as there were children. We owe a great deal of thanks to the reigning Miss College Park, Heather Molnar, and all of her assistants along with our Children & Youth Chairman, Shannon Beam, who, along with her mother, Joan, conducted a great party. The refreshment crew, headed by Commander Glenn Butler, who baked the pizzas, and Charlie Allen, the MC and all the rest who pitched in to help, made this a time to remember. As the children filed out, they asked about our next party that they knew would be at Hallowe’en. It seems they look forward to having a good time at College Park Post #217.

On April 19th several things were taking place that meant a great deal to a lot of people. There was the 23rd Annual “Massing of the Colors” at Ft. George G. Meade that was produced by the Gen. George G. Meade Chapter of the Military Order of The World Wars. Post and Unit # 217 Color Guard proudly advanced our colors along with several other Posts and organizations. This is always a very patriotic and beautiful ceremony. Our thanks to Elandó, Mark and Judy Beard and Judy Sturb for representing our Post and Unit so well.

Another event that took place on the 19th was the Girl’s State Orientation sessions in Southern Maryland. They began in Waldorf at 11:00 a.m. and finished at College Park Post #217 commencing at 3:00 p.m. This is a mandatory orientation course for all of ourcitizens who will be attending Girl’s State in June. There were 28 young ladies in attendance along with their parents in College Park and 24 attended in Waldorf. They were attentive and asked many pertinent questions. They were very interested and seemed anxious to enjoy this upcoming adventure. One of our own Junior members is attending this year, Kimberly B. Morales.

Another happening on the 19th was the Miss College Park Scholarship Pageant. I will report on this next month, as I do not have all the particulars at this time.

We continue to have great meals served at our Post Home every Sunday and on other days as well. We have a terrific crew who take great pride in their culinary expertise and share it willingly with all of us.

My granddaughter and I attended a deployment ceremony at Ft. Meade on Monday, April 13th, that was very moving. Several of our Junior members in the American Legion Auxiliary were invited to participate and I must say they did a great job, especially Kimberly. She was invited to become a part of the sponsoring group and join in several upcoming events speaking on behalf of The Military Child. This is a good thing.
Beltsville Garden Club May Plant Sale
By Louise DeJames

The Beltsville Garden Club May Plant Sale will be held Saturday, May 9th, 2009 at High Point High School, 3601 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, Maryland. This sale will feature at reasonable prices, annuals, perennials, vegetables, shrubs and many varieties of plants from the Beltsville Garden Club greenhouse.

The plant sale will be from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon and will be held rain or shine.

For more information call Geoff White at 301.937.1539 or visit our web site at www.beltsvillegardenclub.org.

Beltsville Garden Club May Meeting
By Louise DeJames

Beltsville Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, May 20, 2009 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 devoted to displaying and caring for roses. Over the years he had developed rose gardens surrounding his home in Brookeville, Maryland. 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 for anyone to enjoy who stops by to see and smell the roses. For more information about the Garden Tours, visit the website at www.home.comcast.net/~heritagerosarium.

Please join us for this informative speaker. We will have plants for the door prize table and refreshments after the meeting. The public is welcome and admission is free. For more information, contact Louise DeJames at 301.890.4733 or visit our website at, www.beltsvillegardenclub.org.

Beltsville Young at Heart
By Barbara Schofield

On April 2, the Beltsville Young at Heart Club held their 43rd anniversary luncheon. This is a view of decorations at the head table.

Beltsville VFW
By Ray Schar, Sr.

The Jacob A. Bladt Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10260 held its regular monthly meeting on April 21 at the Beltsville Boys & Girls Club. Post Commander George M. Barclay conducted the meeting.

Among the first business was the nomination of candidates to serve as officers for the next year. The following were nominated: Post Commander, Walter E. Snow; Sr. Vice Commander, Alvin L. Beechraft; Jr. Vice Commander, John T. Worthington; Quartermaster, Walter S. Mietus; Chaplain, John Garofolo; Service Officer, Daniel Dove; Surgeon, Ray Shar; Trustees, George M. Barclay and Daniel Dove.

Voting for the Post Officers will be conducted at the May 19 meeting at the Boys & Girls Club. Additional nominees can be added before the election.

Memorial Day ceremonies will be held by the Post on Monday, May 25 at the Beltsville Post Office starting at 11:00 a.m. Mem-

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School News

Augsburg Academy Adds To Summer Program

The Augsburg Academy, 13800 Old Gunpowder Road, Laurel, has recently made an exciting addition to its popular Augsburg Summer Program. This summer, in addition to offering students an opportunity to brush up on skills learned during the school year or get a head start on math and language arts for the coming year, students can also work on learning or improving their Spanish language skills.

The Augsburg Summer Program offers five one-week sessions beginning June 29. During the first half of the day, participants have one or two academic enrichment sessions and participate in a mini-Vacation Bible School program. Following lunch, the Augsburg Summer Program joins with the Overtime Athletics camp for an afternoon of sports and fitness activities. Before- and after-program care is also available.

The Augsburg Summer Program accepts children from age 4 through 9th Grade. Participants must register for a minimum of two weeks, but these need not be consecutive. The program fee is just $195 per week. The Augsburg Summer Program is the summer activity and education program of Augsburg Academy, an independent Christian school founded in 2005. The academy offers a traditional academic program for students in kindergarten through Grade 9. To find out more about Augsburg’s exciting programs, visit their web site at www.AugsburgAcademy.net or call 240.786.0283.

Easter Celebrations at St. Joseph’s Catholic School

The students prepared for Easter with a variety of events in the weeks leading up to Easter vacation. Mrs. Dyer, our art teacher, impressed students, teachers, and visitors to our school with an awesome display of creativity. Each student created a brilliantly stylized cross that was then displayed hanging from the ceiling in the school hallway. Each class used a variety of materials and represented different periods of art history in its work, including collage, paint, metal, wood, tissue paper and melted wax. This unified design made a powerful statement about our faith.

The Pre-K class performed the Passion for parents, family, and honored guests. They worked very hard and demonstrated a simple understanding of Christ’s suffering. This play and later, their re-enactment of the Last Supper with bread and juice helps strengthen the meaning of Easter for these young students. The Kindergarten class made rabbit ears and enjoyed being bunnies for a day. The Kindergarteners and 1st graders joined together to hold a Seder Meal in preparation for Easter. The 1st graders were treated to a science experiment that coincided nicely with their Easter preparation; they got to witness the butterfly life cycle. They watched caterpillars transitioned into chrysalis. They were truly blessed as the chrysalis emerged into butterflies on a school day! The 1st graders kindly shared the wonder of nature with other classes.

Lastly, the National Junior Honor Society sponsored an Easter Egg Hunt for the elementary school students. Finding an array of colorful eggs was fun and the candy filling was sweet. The search for the golden egg was intense, with 3rd grader Will, the lucky winner. All of the students had a great time.

We enjoyed our preparations for Easter and hope everyone had a blessed and relaxing Easter vacation.

Book Festival

Students always enjoy reading the books written during the school year at the Calverton Book Festival every May.
Spelling Bee on March 20th. She
won 3rd place in the Gazette-Star
Spelling Bee. Arianna Cooper and Alice
Noll have been recognized by the
Maryland State Department of
Education (MSDE) as two of this
year’s Service Star Award recipi-
ents. MSDE presents this award to
students from each school
system to show their appreciation
and respect for the outstanding
contributions students make to the
community.

The following AVID students
won the Shoppers Food and Phar-
macy Black History Month essay
contest: Emanuel Wamboi, Tyler
Marbury, Kallin Roussin-Lally,
Amy Bangura, Kemi Ayodele, and
Alexander Bailey. As a result of
their achievements, these students
were invited to a reception in their
honor at Morgan State University
on March 18th. They were award-
ed Best Buy gift certificates, trin-
kets and a large bag of Shopper’s
goodies to take home.

Summer Camp at Magic Kingdom

School is almost over and
it’s going to be a long, hot sum-
mer. How long will it be before
you and the kids are bouncing off
the walls? With that in mind
the Enchanted Kingdom and
Family Museum at 11001
Rhode Island Avenue is offer-
ing Beltsville residents a spe-
cial 50% off discount for
their 12th Annual Ultimate
Summer Camp Adventure. The museum is
able to provide the discount due to
special grants from County
Councilman Thomas Derno-
ga and County Executive Jack
Johnson. The discount is for a
limited number of spaces in camp
and will be available on a
first come first serve basis. The
Enchanted Kingdom is a totally
secured 3 acre Castle complex
with multicultural exhibits and
their summer camp will offer
sports, moonbounces, magic
shows, a fun house, arts and
crafts, carnival games, scavenger
hunts, a “Maryland’s Got
Talent Contest,” and prizes. The
Museum’s newest attraction is
the Aqua Fortress Waterslide
Adventure. Camp weeks start
June 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00
p.m. Monday through Friday.
Early drop off and late pick up
service is available.

During the summer, aside
from the fun and adventure,
lessons from the SuperBook
of Family Safety will be incor-
porated into the week’s activi-
ties in a continued partnership
with Prince George’s County
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Communities Program and the
County Executive’s Office. To
view a video of camp activities
which was featured last year
on WUSA Channel 9 News in
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International Night Celebrated at
Frances Fuchs Early Childhood Center

By Melynda Klein

On Thursday, April 16, 2009,
Frances Fuchs Early Childhood
Center celebrated our 8th Annual
International Night. On this night,
families and staff come and cel-
brate the different cultures from
around the world. We celebrated
with fashion, displays, dance,
music, and food from around
the world. We had Kofi Dennis
and Mr. Brad’s band play for us
that night. We also had a fash-
ion show from around the world.

The children and their families
were proud to display their fash-
ions from their home countries.
It gave the children, families, and
staff a sense of how many multi
cultural families we have at
our school. All had fun and
we look forward to another year
of a fun filled night of multcul-
tural activities. A special thank
you to all the staff and families
that helped make our International
Night a special night for all. As
always “Good things are happen-
ing at Frances Fuchs.”

For Mother’s Day

Not
once a year
in May alone
I think of you,
forever
than king you
and
knowing that
You, My Mother
have always
been there for me
and always
will be, even in spirit!

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School News

Martin Luther King, Jr.
Middle School News

By Michelle Mariian Williams

Congratulations to the follow-
ing MLK students who have been
recognized for their achievements
and are great role models to their
peers.

Vanessa Derby was selected as the 2009 Ben Carson Scholar.
Her academic achievements and
service to her community make
her stand out as a future leader of
tomorrow. Vanessa will receive at
$1,000 scholarship award that will
be invested for a college education.
She is among a group of over 3,900
students from across the country
named as Carson Scholars.

Seventh grader Beatrice Elvira
won 3rd place in the Gazette-Star
Spelling Bee on March 20th. She
competed against twenty other
students and won the contest with
the winning word “relevant.” Be-
atrice received a trophy and gift
certificate from the Gazette-Star.

Share Your News!

Send your neighborhood news items to tedladd02@aol.com.
Winter Semester of ESL Ends at Emmanuel

Emmanuel United Methodist Church’s Fellowship Hall was filled with conversation, laughter and music on April 7 as the winter semester of ESL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) drew to a close. Teachers, students and their families shared favorite dishes at the now-traditional buffet supper. Highlighting the evening were two students who performed songs from their native land to thank the teachers for sharing their time and knowledge with their classes.

More than 50 adults attended classes this semester. Classes met every Tuesday evening from January 27 through March 31. Students with perfect attendance were recognized during the April 7 festivities and were rewarded for their dedication by having their $20 registration fee returned to them. Those students who missed only one class received half their registration fee back.

This semester was marked by two special evenings. On Games Night, students and members of Emmanuel played ping-pong, pool, card games, Scrabble, and a variety of other favorite games. On Library Night, each class visited the Beltsville Library and learned about the many resources they offer.

Registration for the fall semester will be September 8. Volunteers and observers are always welcome! For more information about Emmanuel’s ESL program, please contact the church office at 301.937.7114.

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than 300 pounds of litter, which was later separated into trash and recyclables. We found all kinds of crazy things, including road signs, leaves painted blue, and even a litter pick-up stick that had become litter! We celebrated our hard work by spending the afternoon enjoying the zoo, which many of our group had never visited before. Members of the team said that they had a lot of fun cleaning up, but that they couldn’t understand why anybody would ever litter in the first place.

The Earth Day Clean-Up is an annual event at the National Zoo. They welcome volunteers of all ages and have clean-up areas of varying levels of difficulty so that even the tiniest volunteers can help. Come join us next year - we’ll be there!
ROTYA CLUB

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RYLA students from High Point High School. Rotary Youth Leadership Awards is a leadership course conducted each year at Camp Letts and attended by approximately 200 high school students. Our representatives this year were Charlene Osei and Demisse T. Habteselasie. Charlene is her class president and aspires to be a businesswoman like her mother; however, it appears her mother would like for her to become a doctor. She had very positive impressions of Rotary and expressed a desire to return next year. Demisse enjoyed the competition between the 21 groups and he spoke of his concern for conditions around the world. He recently helped produce a fundraiser for the DRC (the Congo) that was very successful. Demisse is the president of the Young Political Leaders of Tomorrow at High Point and serves as vice president of his class. There were 30 Roteract students who acted as counselors at Camp Letts, many from Maryland University. We thank Rotarian Nancy Randall who chairs this program for us and has done so for several years.

Plans are under way for our annual Yard Sale/Flea Market being held on May 16th at the corner of Pine and Powder Mill Roads in Beltsville from 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. just across from the Beltsville Veterinary Clinic. There will be something for everyone, even a bodacious bake sale. Donations are always welcome. The proceeds from this event are used to grant scholarships to deserving students from High Point High School. Come check us out. Our Rotary club meets every Tuesday at noon at the Holiday Inn Hotel in College Park. More of the business community of Beltsville should be joining us, as the health of our community and the people who inhabit it is a main priority of our members.

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bers and guests are encouraged to attend.

The Post thanks and commend D. Kim, owner of Raulin’s Bakery, for his tremendous generosity in supplying fresh donuts every month for delivery to the Armed Forces Retirement Home’s King Health Center. Post member Bob Haas and John Worthington worked to Jenny! She responded: “I know the kids will really enjoy receiving pictures from the kids in the states. I hope that the small amount of effort we put into the children here will make a difference for them later.” We hope that our art brightens the lives of hospitalized children in Afghanistan and helps build a bridge of peace between our children and theirs.

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is the Arrow of Light and one of the requirements for this award is to camp outside with the Boy Scouts. So these Cub Scouts fulfilled this requirement. The scouts enjoyed their visit to the historic sites at Harpers Ferry but especially enjoyed visiting the candy store and eating ice cream. The Boys Scouts on the trip included Nathaniel Pinnock, Eric Matthews, Jamie Garcia, Sean Halper, Mick Cotter, Jaden Freeze, Curtis Gill, C.J. Williams, Danny Marenco, Limbert Reyes and Chris Walker. Even Bear Cub Scout Nicholas Walker and little 7-year-old Wolf Cub Scout Jessie Freeze hiked the entire 10-mile trip. The scouts and their adult leaders including Scoutmaster Gary Bauchan, parents Marji Freeze, and Bob Walker took pleasure in the very misty and vigorous hike. In addition to the Cub Scouts earning their Arrow of Light, all of the scouts earned their C&O Canal Historic Trails patch. Spring has sprung, get outside and go hiking.

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Students at all grade levels from pre-kindergarten through sixth grade, teachers, and our principal, Mrs. Tischuld, all drew pictures for the project. Many children chose to give up recess and evenings at home to spend their free time drawing for the needy children in Afghanistan.

In the end, we were proud to send 1,217 pieces of original artwork to Jenny! She responded: “I know the kids will really enjoy receiving pictures from the kids in the states. I hope that the small amount of effort we put into the children here will make a difference for them later.” We hope that our art brightens the lives of hospitalized children in Afghanistan and helps build a bridge of peace between our children and theirs.

Donations for Soldiers in Iraq

The Calverton Shopping Center recently collected donations and cards for our soldiers in Iraq. The Old Glory Chapter of Laurel, MD mailed the collections to a platoon of 70 men and women formerly based at Fort George G. Meade. Calverton staff and customers were very generous, and Cindy Foley of Calverton Giant wishes to express her thanks.

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Located on Riggs Mill Road, Beltsville, next to the police station. Visit our website at www.pglms.org. Hours are Monday – Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
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Two lectures will take place at Behnke’s nursery in Beltsville located at 11001 Baltimore Ave. They are free and open to the public. Registration is required. call 301.937.1100.
PERENNIALS
Saturday, May 9 at 1:00 p.m. My Favorite Perennials for the Home Garden, by David Cup of Sunny Border Nurseries. Few people know as much about perennials as David. His garden will be featured in the April edition of Martha Stewart’s Living magazine. This is a talk for beginners and perennial collectors alike.
ROSES
Saturday, May 23 at 11:00 a.m. The Truth about Roses. Exploring Their Culture, Myth, Legends, and Scandal, by author Stephen Scanniello. Learn more about the history, lore, and culture of America’s favorite flower.
NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY (NAL)
Thursday – Saturday, May 7 – 9, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. NAL will be participating in Public Service Recognition Week on the National Mall in Washington, DC. This year’s theme is Government Goes Green. NAL will feature a display on tomatoes and will distribute free tomato seeds. See www.nal.usda.gov or call 301.504.5876 for information on basic services and special events. The library is free and open to the public.
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Contact the Beltsville Library by phone at 301.937.0294. Visit us at 4319 Sellman Rd., Beltsville, MD 20705. Visit our website at www.pglms.org. Hours are Monday – Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., closed on Sunday.
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CREATE YOUR OWN BOOKMARK
Mondays, May 11 and 18 during regular library hours in the reading area. Celebrate
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Thurs.: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Friday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
In the consumer corner I want to plug a company that has helped me a few times with good advice and great prices. If you need a battery for that second car or lawn mower or golf cart, check out Bakerbill.net and click recipes. If you have any problems call 301.572.4180. Or just google Bakerbill.

Also in the consumer corner, this jumped to mind. I may delete it later. Beware of the word “free.” In beer it probably means less alcohol. In mayonnaise it means less oil. In soy milk it means more water. The word lite means less. It doesn’t mean light as in bulk, again my opinion only.

The Maryland Legislature is passing a new driving law. You must make a signal when changing lanes. This is another unenforceable law. I believe we need to make a signal on every turn, even in parking lots, as a matter of safety. But I see many do not agree with me.

I was in Giant a day or so ago and a lovely lady said to me, “I love your biscuits,” not hello as usual. She went on to tell me that she has tried to make biscuits all her life and they never turned out well. She said she tried my biscuit recipe and she didn’t expect them to be any better, but they were great. She also told me that she

tried my coconut custard pie last year and it turned out so well that she tried the biscuit recipe.

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**CAKES**

1-1/4 cup all-purpose flour, 1 tbsp sugar, 1 tbsp baking powder, and a pinch of salt. Mash this altogether into a mass (not a mess) and slowly add in 1/2 cup cold milk. Make into a dough and mix well.

Dough up onto the table and knead with the hand. You cannot over mix this; it will not make them tough. Trust me. The suggestion of this is a wives tale.

Put out and cut with cutter or glass. They need to be 1/4 inches thick. Bake close together at 400 degrees for about 15 minutes. When they are brown on the bottom they’re done.

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