Winter Concert
The annual Winter Concert at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, 7601 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt, MD 20770 will be held on Friday, December 5th at 7:30 p.m. This wonderful evening of music will feature the Symphony Orchestra, Roosevelt Strings, the Symphonic Band, and Concert Band 2, along with several choirs from this award winning music department. Ms. Sally Wagner, who has begun her 28th year teaching instrumental music, will conduct the bands. The orchestras are under the direction of Dr. David Yarbrough who is beginning his 5th year at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. All of the Eleanor Roosevelt concerts are free and open to the public.

The Eleanor Roosevelt Band and Orchestra have begun the annual Florida citrus fruit sale, now through March. The proceeds of the fruit sale are used to supplement the dwindling funds for music education from the Prince George’s County school board to purchase items for the band and orchestra program and to repair school instruments. To order fruit, contact a member of one of the Eleanor Roosevelt bands or call the fruit line at the Eleanor Roosevelt bands or 567-0123.

Scouting for Food Collection a Success!
By Gary Bauchan, Scoutmaster
Troop 1033
The Boy Scouts from Troop 1033 and Cub Scouts from Pack 1031 of the Beltsville area collected 1835 cans and non-perishable food items totaling 1700 pounds. That’s almost a TON of food! The scouts distributed 4000 bags to the Beltsville residents on the weekend of November 1 & 2 and picked up the food on Saturday, November 8. All of the food was donated to St. Joseph’s Catholic Church food pantry. The Boy Scouts want to thank the Girl Scouts in Troop 6064 for sorting the canned goods on collection day at the church. The scouts and parents contributed 180 volunteer hours to distribute the bags and pick up the food.

Great job Scouts! We especially want to thank the people of Beltsville for contributing the food. I’m sure that the needy in the area will enjoy the fruits of our labor during the upcoming holiday season.

Santa Tour 2008
Santa Claus has confirmed his route with the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department! Santa will begin his routes around 6:30 to 7:00 pm. Santa wanted to pass on a few tips so his trip to Beltsville can be enjoyable for everyone involved. If you meet Santa at the intersections listed below on the schedule, he will be able to meet more children and see more of Beltsville. Always use caution when visiting Santa. Please pay attention to the fire apparatus and stay out of the street. Sometimes Santa runs behind schedule by a couple of minutes, so be patient. He will follow the schedule as closely as possible. Have Fun and make sure you know what you want for Christmas!

NEXT ISSUE:
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December 16
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December 26

On the Agenda
By Karen Coakley, President,
Beltsville Citizens’ Association
ZONING UPDATE: Konterra is moving forward information on the plan can be found at www.konterra.com. WaWa was approved by the District Council in November. I have received numerous calls about the condition of the buildings on the WaWa site over the past few years. Plus questions about the hold up. The WaWa approval by the county was taken to court the last time around...

MERRY CHRISTMAS...
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!!
By Phil Whitman

Extracted from the December 1983 Issue

Capital Tech Dedicated New Campus

Capital Tech’s new 52-acre campus cost $6.2 million to complete. It was begun in 1927 as the Capital Radio Engineering Institute.

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25 Years Ago in the Beltsville News

A Voter’s Reflections

By Jeannine Carter

As I look at a photograph of my sister and me taken on Easter Sunday in Johnstown, Pennsylvania in 1960, I’m struck by the enormity of the normal and average rite of passage we had yet to encounter. I was 7 years old, dressed in tulle and lace, sporting a patent leather purse with multi-colored buttons on the front. I have a picture of me in a Nehru jacket at a sit-in on the lawn of Northwood High School protesting the Vietnam War in 1969. My brother Denny joined the Air Force that year for fear of being drafted by the Army. He did not have a choice about whether or not he wanted to give his life for his country. His only choice was which branch of the military he wanted to do it under. Tragically, after one tour of Vietnam and a second voluntary tour, at 22 years old my brother was killed two months after returning to Mather Air Force Base in Sacramento in a motorcycle accident that was not his fault. He was doing a favor for a friend. Thirty-six years later I continue to carry his battered dog tag on my key chain. My brother never had the opportunity to vote in a presidential election in his short life because the election that year was held nine months after he passed away.

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Boy Scouts Attend Fall Jamboree

By Gary Bauchan, Scoutmaster, Troop 1033

Over 745 scouts from 67 Boy Scout Troops, Cub Scout Packs and Venturing Crews from all over Prince George’s County and the District of Columbia and 45 staff members, camped out at Rosaryville State Park the weekend of October 24-26. Eight scouts (Patrick Deery, Charleston Laymon, Eric Matthews, Danny Moreno, Chris Walker, Chaim Johnson, Grant Sowes and Jaden Freeze) and Scoutmaster Gary Bauchan and Assistant Scoutmaster Rick Deery from the Beltsville Boy Scout Troop braved the elements for the weekend. A tent city sprang up overnight on Friday as all the scouts arrived. Needless to say the Jamboree was a WET one! However, the weather actually did cooperate as it only rained when we were cooking and eating lunch and dinner on Saturday. The Jamboree began Saturday morning with an opening flag ceremony followed by programs designed for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturers. There were stations for wood carving, patch displays with patch trading, disability awareness, tomahawk and knife throwing, archery, llama packing, cockroach races, pioneering, cub mobile building, nature and bird study presentations, backpacking, dehydrated trail food tasting, leave-no-trace exercises, and a service project of digging out non-native grasses for transplanted native plants. Lunchtime was a real challenge as the wind picked up and it was a downpour and side pour (due to the strong winds). We even noticed an impromptu tent-flying contest for our lunchtime entertainment. But after lunch the rains stopped and the program went on although it was cooler and it did drizzle a little. It started raining again and rained and poured throughout dinner. Everyone was challenged and the program went on although it was cooler and it did drizzle a little. It started raining again and rained and poured throughout dinner. Everyone was challenged and the program went on although it was cooler and it did drizzle a little. It started raining again and rained and poured throughout dinner.

Al Doong Named Good Sports Adult Player of the Year

Al Doong, formerly of Beltsville, was recently awarded the 2008 Good Sports Adult Player of the Year award by the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce, which is a 12-hour walk for the Relay for Life in Howard County, for opening ceremonies at the Howard County Jamboree. Al also serves as an ambassador with the Howard County Chamber of Commerce, a board member of the Columbia Business Exchange and a member of the Laurel Board of Trade.

Al commented, “I enjoy meeting others and getting to know those in the community who are actually making a difference in people’s lives.” Al is a health and wellness consultant with Isagenix International, the world’s leader in nutritionals, and shows people around the county how to enjoy a better quality of life by improving their health and their finances. His Website is www.gettinghealthysp.com.

VOTER continued from page 2

Al Doong, Good Sports Adult Player of the Year

Al Doong was too calm, too focused, and too quiet. I later reflected on why the voters I encountered were so, well, almost robotic. I believe it was because their minds had been made up weeks or even months prior to participating in this historic election.

Turbmoil abounds when people ride the fence about their decisions. When we are jittery, short tempered or impatient it reflects inner turmoil. Wonderfully, happily, joyfully, I saw none of this in my voting experience. I felt staid commitment among even the small group of voters I observed, and the peace we possess as we make decisions that we believe are in our best interests.

Of course there is great trepidation about trusting the candidate of your choice, and even more trepidation if the candidate of your choice was defeated. However, we need to be a cohesive group living in the greatest country in the world. The collective power we have as United States citizens affords us a voice and an opportunity to change those things we can, accept those things we cannot change and the wisdom to know the difference.
Neighbors in the News

Nordling Elected National Play Therapy President-Elect

William Nordling, PhD, an Institute for Psychological Sciences chair, was named national president-elect of the Association for Play Therapy (APT) at its Oct. 18 annual meeting in Dallas, Texas.

A New Orleans native now residing in Beltsville, Maryland, Dr. Nordling is the chair of the Psychology Department at the Institute for Psychological Sciences in Arlington, Virginia. He is a licensed psychologist and a Registered Play Therapist-Supervisor (RPT-S).

Elected to the APT board of directors in 2005 and re-elected in June, he had previously served as a member of the registration and continuing education committee that establishes the standards for APT credentialing and training programs and was active in the chartered Maryland/DC branch. He will become president next October.

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APT is a national professional society formed in 1982 to advance the field of play therapy. It sponsors research, training, and credentialing programs to assist the professional development of its nearly 6,000 member psychologists, social workers, counselors, and marriage and family therapists in approximately 25 nations. Additional information is available at www.aapt.org.

Christmas is for Children and for You

Oh, were I still a child in body, mind, and soul growing to grasp the wondrous world of the adults who know what for me is hidden in folds of mystery, in years of learning to see and comprehend.

Oh, were I still a child this special time of year when secrets are kept in boxes of colored paper behind locked doors, in words and music telling a story ever new, when candles are lit in the days of winter, when branches of fragrant green are brought inside, festive cooking and baking fill each house, and Joy is in our Hearts.

That’s when I long To be a child again for Christmas every year!

@Ingeborg Carsten-Miller

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ter of interest to Prince George’s Summer Teen Theater, 1 Morton Place, Laurel, MD 20707, or to pgst8@hotmail.com by December 8, 2008.

St. Stephen Lutheran Church Hosts Contemporary Christian Sing Along

If you enjoy singing contemporary Christian songs, you’ll want to visit St. Stephen Lutheran Church in White Oak on December 12th at 7:30 p.m. The Godsong Praise Team will be hosting a sing-along of favorite contemporary Christian songs as well as Christmas Carols, both contemporary and traditional. The Praise Team will be accompanying songs such as “You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)” by Michael W. Smith, “Come, Now is the Time to Worship” by Brian Doerksen, “He Reigns” by Newsboys and more. Snacks, soft drinks and Fair Trade coffee will be served. There is no charge for this event.

St. Stephen recently celebrated its fiftieth anniversary and is committed to serving its diverse community in a variety of ways. It offers English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, supports the C-4 Ministry and Clothes Closet for the N Street Village, as well as other ministries. In April 2005, St. Stephen began providing a language (ESL) classes, supports the C-4 Ministry and Clothes Closet for the N Street Village, as well as other ministries. In April 2005, St. Stephen began providing a

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The times for special events may differ from the general hours of operation. Please call the center to confirm dates and times. The tentatively scheduled general hours of operation are: Monday–Thursday 9:00 a.m.–9:30 p.m.; Friday 9:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.; Sunday 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.

The special events and dates listed below are based on the estimated date of completing construction.

AFTER THE HOLIDAY WORKOUT

Tuesday, December 2, available from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Now that Turkey Day is gone, burn off those holiday calories and enjoy healthy refreshments throughout the day. Ages 16 and over. Free with Center ID.

PRE-TEEN CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday, December 19, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Let’s celebrate the holidays with a party. Refreshments will be served. Music will be played and fun will be had. Don’t miss out. Ages 10–12. Free with Center ID.

XTREME PRE-TEEN AND EXTREME TEEN EVENTS

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Wednesday, December 17, from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. with Steve at 410.531.3313 Or by email at tsktsk10@hotmail.com or Jean at 301.261.7735.

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Wii Challenge. Saturday, December 6.
Card Night. Friday, December 19.
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Festival of Lights Celebrated at BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Beltsville

Diwali is my favorite festival because of the excitement that fills the air when the festival nears. But having recently migrated to US, I did not know what to expect. I did not know what to expect. After coming to the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Beltsville, Maryland, I felt the same excitement, fun and festivity I used to experience in India. Diwali is that time of the year when family, friends and relatives get together and strengthen their bonds through various festivities. Being away from India should not cause a lapse in our traditions, said Mr. Dinesh Patel. Preparations for the festivities begin months in advance. Devotees sacrifice their own account of good & bad deeds in the pujan to auger financial success. It is also a time for each individual to contemplate on one’s own account of good & bad deeds and move towards the better.

Saturday, November 1 marked the culmination of weeks of planning and preparation, setting the stage for the most significant ritual of the Diwali events, Annakut. Annakut, which literally means, a stage for the most significant ritual of the Diwali and Annakut in Gujarat, India. He blessed the devotees on the New Year day. In addition to all of the parents and divinity as deities in the Mandir. The atmosphere was filled with festivity and divinity as devotees greeted each other. The young touched the feet of the elders and sadhus and got their blessings. The first arti (Hindu ritual) of the New Year was performed at 7.00 a.m. followed by prayers for world peace and well-being. I am so overjoyed to have the Darshan of this wonderful Anna-kut. I feel like I am transported to India. I feel at home at this celebration, said Ms. Kiran Desai of Germantown, MD. For the most part of the year I am content to do the American thing, but during Diwali I become stubbornly retro. We are so far away from home and its great to celebrate with friends and pop in an extra mithai or two, said Dr. Suresh Patel.

Diwali is also a time when children look forward to the joy it brings. On the same day, the Children’s Diwali Celebration took place. The celebration was as much fun as it was educational. The children learned the history and origin of this festival and were gifted various prizes and goodies. Also attending the celebrations were MD Senator C. Anthony Muse, MD Senator Jim Rosapepe, Mr. Sanjay Sinha, Minis-ter of Community Affairs Indian Embassy, Mr. Dernoga of P.G. County, Dr. Natvar Gandhi, CFO of Washington, DC, Mr. Mukul Mehta CEO of Mayflower Group of Industries, Mr. Mukesh Majmudar CEO of Start Hotels and Dr. Sahara Leonard, Executive Direc-tor of Greater Baden Medical Ser-vices.

This year His Divine Holiness Pramukh Swami Maharaj celebrated Diwali and Annakut in Gon-dal, Gujarat, India. He blessed the devotees on the New Year day. In his blessings he said, Everyone’s devotion could be seen today. If we develop Dharma and Bhakti in our hearts then God becomes pleased and thus He graces us with His blessings.

Wedding Announcement

Kristina Ruth Harrison and Justin Noah Wiggins were married on 26 September 2008 at Overhills Mansion in Catonsville, MD. The bride, Kris, is the daughter of Barbara and Jack Harrison of Beltsville, MD. The groom, Justin, is the son of Cathie and Cliff Wiggins of Silver Spring, MD. In addition to all of the parents and Kris’ grandmother, Ruth Harrison, members of the wedding party included Wendy Ethier (Maid of Honor), Debbie Bouwkamp and Kristen Wiggins (Bridesmaids), Bryan Wiggins (Best Man), and Gay Thomason and John Harrison (Groomsman). The Reverend Linda Hodson presided over the garden ceremony and administered the wedding vows.

The bride graduated Cum Laude with a B.S. degree in Psychology from Towson University in 2003 and completed her Masters degree in Psychology at Western Carolina University in 2007. She is employed as a School Psychologist in Haywood County, NC. The groom attended West Virginia University and currently is completing an Electronics Curriculum in Asheville. Also, he is employed there at Griggs Electrical Incorporated. The couple will reside in Asheville, NC.
Alsop, Maurice Poe

“Sonny”

Maurice “Sonny” Poe Alsop of Beltsville passed away on Saturday, November 8, 2008. He was the beloved husband of the late Sandra I. Alsop, father of Susan L. Carlson, Ronald M. Alsop and Karen A. Cooley. He was the brother of William L. Alsop and the grandfather of Sarah E. & Michael, Ronald, Michael, and Elizabeth. Several cousins also survive him. Funeral service was held at Crossroads Beltsville Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, on Thursday, November 13 at 10:00 a.m. with the Reverend Mary Pullen officiating. Interment Fort Lincoln Cemetery, Brentwood, MD.

Memorial contributions may be made to Montgomery Hospice Center, Hospice Casey House, 6001 Muncaster Mill Road, Rockville, MD 20855.

Hopkins, Homer Thawley

Homer Thawley Hopkins, 95, of Sandy Hook, CT and formerly of Beltsville, died on August 18.

He was born July 27, 1913 in Milford, DE and lived in Beltsville, MD for 55 years prior to moving to Connecticut with his wife Victoria (Lafferty) Hopkins, 11 years ago. He received a BS from the University of Delaware in 1935, a Master’s degree from Cornell University and a PhD in Plant Physiology from the University of Maryland in 1951. He was a World War II veteran serving in the U.S. Navy as an instructor aboard the aircraft carrier USS San Jacinto in the Pacific theater for more than two years. He worked for the Delaware State Board of Agriculture prior to his military service, and then as a chemist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture followed by the Food and Drug Administration. He later worked for a private research firm, Hittman Associates, in Columbia, MD before retiring. He was a fellow in the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Some of his research included ion transport across living membranes, the nutrient composition of national food supplies, and the assessment of ecological and health effects of synthetic fuel technologies. In retirement, he was an Adjunct Professor at the University of Maryland Institute of Applied Agriculture as well as the volunteer coordinator of International Programs. He was active in Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Beltsville, MD, served in leadership positions with the local council of Boy Scouts of America and coached basketball with the Boys Club in Beltsville. He was a lifetime member of Rotary International and a Paul Harris Fellow. He is survived by his beloved wife of 67 years, Victoria, one daughter, Rebecca Smith of Sandy Hook and her husband Dunham H. Smith, two grandchildren, Kara M. Rappaport and her husband Derek of Pembroke, MA and Daniel H. Smith and his wife Deana of Arlington, MA, two great grandchildren and two nephews.

Dr. Harold Lindsay Barrows, of Chattanooga, Tennessee passed away Thursday, October 30, 2008, at his home at The Terrace of Mountain Creek. He was born on Lookout Mountain, Tennessee on December 14, 1926. He had returned to Lookout Mountain and was enjoying retirement until his health declined.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Callaway Barrows; his parents, Irvin and Edna Barrows; and his brother, David Barrows. He is survived by son, Thomas (Linda) Barrows of Dover, DE; and daughter, Susan (James) Hamill of Hixson, TN; grandchildren: Mildred Ball, Atlanta, GA and Margaret (Bob) Staples, Miami, FL; children: Dr. Robert Barrows, Charlotte, NC; Amy Barrows, Charleston, SC and Justin and Preston Hamill, Hixson; nieces and nephews.

He was a veteran of WWII, having served as a Sergeant in the US Army. He received his BS degree in Chemistry from the University of Chattanooga. He received his Master’s Degree in Analytical Chemistry and his PhD in Soil Chemistry from the University of Florida. He served 38 years with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. His positions included: Head of the Analytical Chemical Laboratory, Beltsville, MD; Research Leader: Soil Pollution Research Program, Beltsville, MD; Assistant to the Director: US Soils Laboratory, Beltsville, MD; Chief: Branch of Analytical Chemistry Research and his PhD in Soil Chemistry from the University of Florida.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Society of Agronomy, The Soil Science Society of America and The Soil and Water Conservation Society.

He was a charter member of the Senior Executive Service of the Federal Government. He was elected a Fellow in The American Society of Agronomy, The Soil Science Society of America and The Soil and Water Conservation Society. He was past President of the Volunteer Auxiliary at Memorial Hospital in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He was a member of First-Centenary United Methodist Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, November 3rd at Lane Funeral Home, Couler Chapel with Reverend Dr. David Harr and Reverend Mary Pullen officiating. Interment in Forest Hills Cemetery. They received friends on Sunday, November 2nd at Lane Funeral Home, Couler Chapel, 601 Ashland Terrace, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37415. Visit our guestbook at www.coulertchapel.com to send condolences. Memorial contributions may be made to the Memorial Auxiliary Scholarship Fund, c/o Memorial Hospital, 2525 DeSales Avenue, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37404.

The funeral service was held on Friday, August 22 at the Newtown United Methodist Church in Sandy Hook with the Rev. Richard Yarrington, Associate Pastor, officiating.

Barrows, Harold Lindsay

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Donations in his memory may be made to The Rotary Foundation, 14280 Collection Center Drive, Chicago, IL 60693 or Trees for the Future, P.O. Box 7027, Silver Spring, MD 20907.

Mccollough, William Ferrell

William Ferrell McCollough of Beltsville passed away on November 9, 2008 at age 84. He was the beloved husband of Rita McCollough and the loving father of Debbie (Stephen) Kane, Ferrell (Tracy) McCollough, Kelly (Steve) Wego and Kenneth (Henri) McCollough. He was the grandfather of Amanda, Kara, Brooke, Jessica, Ashely and Jacob. Funeral service was held at the Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville on Wednesday, November 12 at 10:00 a.m. with the Reverend Chad Klime officiating. Interment Chapel Union Cemetery, Burtonsville, MD. Memorial contributions may be made to Leukemia and Lymphoma Society or Holy Cross Home Care and Hospice.

Martin, Howard N.

Howard N. Martin of Beltsville passed away on November 6, 2008 at age 38. He was the beloved father of Peyton Martin, and the son of Herbert N. Martin, Sr. and the late Agnes M. Martin. He was the brother of Herbert N. (Tina) Martin, Jr. and Heath N. (Cathy) Martin. Funeral service was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home, Beltsville, MD on Monday, November 10 at 10:00 a.m. with the Reverend Billy Stye officiating. Interment Fort Lincoln Cemetery.

Philips, Michael

Brother Michael Philips, FSC died November 3, 2008 at the age of 96. Brother spent 15 years at Ammendale as the Chauffeur and was known affectionately as Brother Carmichael. In his 80’s, Brother played the piano for the residents of Hillhaven and the Greater Laurel Health and Rehabilitation Center where Jodi Dyer, NHA, Administrator, remembers him fondly.

SANTA TOUR

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Wednesday December 10
Calvert Elementary (1400 Beltsville Rd)
Fullerton St. @ Balmorion Street
Fullerton St. @ 4th Ln.
Chevis Terr. @ Dunnington Rd.
Stone Hall @ Castleleigh Dr.
Ingleis Dr. @ Dunnington Rd.
Greenmont @ Elvidge St.
Chapel View Dr. @ Craigown Rd.
Chapel View Dr. @ Elliot Rd.
Craiglown Rd. @ Lemar St.
Galway Dr. @ Cardoba St.
Galway Elementary @ Galway Dr.
Kilkenny St. @ Somerset Dr.
Harbour Town Dr. @ Shool Creek Terr.
Briggs Chaney Rd. @ Greenmount
Briggs Chaney Rd. @ Dunnington Rd.
Briggs Chaney Rd. @ Castle Pines Dr.
Old Gunpowder Rd. Spur
Bayhill Drive and River Creek Area

Friday December 12
James Duckworth Special Center (11201 Evans Trail)
Blue Ridge @ Pocorno Place
Shenandoah @ Blue Ridge
Cherry Hill Rd. (in front)
Major Denton @ Cherry Hill Court
Townley Apartments
Cherry Mill Drive @ Cherry Tree Ct.
Collier @ Powder Mill Rd.
Cherryvale @ Weeping Willow
Cherryvale @ Cherryvale Terr.

Sunday December 14
Indian Creek St. @ Line Tree Way
Hickoryway St @ Hammond St.
Old Baltimore Pike @ Brentwood Rd.
Breuer Rd. @ Conrail Dr.
Odell Dr. @ Old Baltimore Pike
Odfest Farms Ct. @ Barkwood Ct.
Odell Dr. @ Ellington Dr.
Lighthouse Dr. @ Ashcroft Dr.
Clocktower Ln. @ Admiral Dr.
Boulder Dr. @ Cap Ct.
Boulder Dr. @ Trade Wind Terr.
Summer Grove Dr. @ Hickory Grove Ct.
Summer Grove Dr. @ Poplar Grove Ct.

Monday December 15
Snowden Wood Dr. @ Loch Lynn Ct.
Snowden Wood Dr. @ Meadow Fields Way
Snowden Wood Dr. @ Summerville Ct.
Old Murdock @ Murdock Rd.
Old Murdock @ Longwood Dr.
Longwood Dr. @ Calen Ct.
Longwood Dr. @ Belmar Ct.
Stammore Dr. @ Breevers Pl.
Stammore Dr. @ Blue Pond Terr.
Sullivan Ct. @ Burdette Way
Longwood Dr. @ Pawling Way
Longwood Dr. @ Blue Pointe Ave.
Alway Ln. @ Northampton Dr.
Northampton Dr. @ Crossfield Dr.
Gordon Ave @ Blackpool Dr.
Gordon Ave @ Flash St.
Franklin St. @ Flash St.
Franklin St. @ Franklin Terr.
Franklin St. @ Ammendale Rd.
Ammendale Rd. @ Holly Tree
North Lincoln @ Vergie St.

Wednesday December 17
Garove @ Hemmesway Dr.
Indigo @ Barbara Dr.
Longhan @ Westview Ct.
Montgomery Place @ Montgomery Ct.
Montgomery Rd. @ Kenny St.
Kenny St. @ 34th Place
33rd Pl. @ Yates Pl.
55th Pl. @ Sarastoa Pl.
Montgomery Rd. @ Forreston Rd.
Forreston Rd. @ Stephen Ln.
Cedar Ln. @ Cedar Ct.
Howard Rd. @ Home Acres Terr.
Stokonga Dr. @ Dresden Dr.
Sellman Rd. @ Weymouth Ave.
Ulder Rd. @ Woodbine Rd.

Friday December 19
Prince George’s Ave. @ Vicorico Ave.
Howard Rd. @ Queen Anne Ave.
Rhode Island Ave. @ Garrett Rd.
Odel Rd. @ Lexington Ave.
Manheim Ave. @ Caroline Ave.
Queen Anne Ave. @ Napiers Ave.
Olympia Ave. @ Carroll Ave.
Lincoln Ave. @ Theresa St.
Quimby Ave. @ Carroll St.
Amelia St. @ Apex Ln.
Chesnut Grove @ Heartland Rd.
Knot Rd. @ Wandering Oak Way
Riley Ave @ Maccon Ave
Cavery Ave @ Cavery Pl.
Pines St. @ Maple Pl.
Cavery @ Greenwood Rd.
Greenwood Rd. @ Emack Rd.

Sunday December 21
Ammendale Way @ Long Feather Ct.
Ammendale Way @ Clear Brooke Pl.
Ammendale Way @ Narrow Trail Terr.
Ammendale Way @ Horse Soldier Pl.
Ammendale Way @ Ammendale Rd.
Ammendale Rd. @ Hawk Ridge Ct.
Sequa LN. @ Sequa Terr.
Sequa LN. @ Sequa Pl.
Ammendale Rd. @ Hidden Brooke Ct.

Monday December 22
Cedar Ln. @ Yates Rd.
Brandon Ln. @ Francis Dr.
Emack Rd. @ Donot Ln.
Montgomery Rd. @ Cedar Ln.
Yates Rd. @ Garrett Ave.
Howard Rd. @ Cardinal Ave.
Brandon Rd. @ West Caroline
Worcester Ave. @ Yucca St.
Yucca St. @ Josephine Ave.
Brandon Ln. @ Howard Ave.
Montgomery Rd. @ 43rd Ave.
Ukange St. @ 45th Ave.
Torril Pl. @ 44th Ave.
Torril St. @ 45th Ave.
45th Ave. @ Sarm St.
Remlin St. @ 44th Ave.
Rosapepe’s Report to Beltsville

By Senator Jim Rosapepe (D-21)

Protecting Our Neighborhoods from Crime

The week before Thanksgiving, the local Police Citizens Advisory Council invited the Delegates and me, as well as Councilman Tom Demoga, to meet with them and Police District Commander Dwayne Preston and his team to discuss local crime problems — and potential county and state responses. Crime goes up in the weeks before Christmas and the police reported they are seeing spikes, particularly in property crimes. Community representatives expressed concern about dozens of houses in Beltsville that have been abandoned because of foreclosures. In some, the doors are open and the danger of criminals or others moving in illegally to do drugs is ever present.

Giving the Police Tools to Stop Crime in Foreclosed Houses

Major Preston explained the problems police have entering abandoned house when the ownership is not clear. Normally they respond to complaints by house owners or others. But, if the house is abandoned and the police don’t know who owns it, their right to enter the house is not clear.

To help solve this problem and protect our neighborhoods from the blight and crime that abandoned houses can cause, Delegate Joseline Peña-Melnyk has drafted a bill that Delegates Barbara Frush and Ben Barnes and I support to give the police the information and authority they need to stop crime in these houses. It’s based on a similar law in California.

Please Report Crimes to the Police

We all know that we should call 911 for crime or health emergencies. But it’s important to remember that for non-emergencies, we can call 301-333-4000. And for other complaints that may not necessitate an immediate response, we can call the District VI tip line number 301.931.3575 or the tip email address at Police_District6@co.pg.md.us.

More Crossing Guards for Local Schools

Another concern community representatives raised was the lack of an adequate number of crossing guards for our children who walk to school. County budget cuts caused by the recession have lead to some slots not being filled by regular crossing guards, taking police officers off the streets to fill in for them.

I’m introducing a bill in the 2009 session which could help address this issue by allowing the county to use state aid for school transportation — which otherwise is spend just for bussing — for crossing guards. By making it safer for more children to walk to school, we can keep police on the streets, give children more opportunities for exercise, and save taxpayers money.

Powder Mill Beer and Wine to be Closed Because of Violations

This liquor store, located in the shopping center on the northwest corner of Powder Mill and Cherry Hill just down the street from High Point High School, has been charged four times over 8 years for selling to minors. In November, on behalf of the 21st District Delegation, I joined Beltsville Citizen Association President Karen Coakley at the Prince George’s Liquor Board hearing to make clear our concern about this store’s violations. That night the board ordered the owner to sell the liquor license within 90 days and move the store to a more appropriate location.

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.

Honeybees for Beltsville

Kitchen Garden Tips for December 2008

By Elizabeth Olson

In Beltsville, the USDA keeps 200 registered beehives, but there are only two homes with registered beehives. Other parts of Prince George’s County have many registered beehives, and the county ranks third in Maryland. According to Jerry Fischer, Maryland State Apiary Inspector, beekeeping is a great thing for kitchen gardeners. The bees will pollinate your vegetables, flowers, and fruits. Plus, “It’s the only hobby that pays for itself,” says Fischer.

Winter is a good time to start considering the possibilities of beekeeping. It’s important to check with your insurance company to see if beekeeping will affect your policy in any way, and check any restrictions if you are subject to a homeowner’s association or rental agreement. Then learn about the hobby. Start up costs total approximately $350 to $400, and the equipment can last for 30 years, according to Fischer. The bees need the first rest. Prince George’s County does not require a license for beekeeping, but may require a use permit if you operate a honey business.

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**Club News**

**Beltsville V.F.W.**
By Ray Schae, Sr.

Members of the Jacob A. Bladt Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10260 and friends gathered at the Veterans Memorial located at the Beltsville Post Office on November 11, 2008 to honor all veterans on Veterans Day. This was the 21st year that this holiday was celebrated by the Post since 1988, the year the Post was established.

Post Commander George Barclay spoke on this holiday, which was first celebrated as “Armistice Day” on November 11, 1918 to note the end of World War I. Barclay talked of the 15 cemeteries located around the globe where some of the dead of WWII are buried. The largest is in Manila in the Philippines with more than 13,000 graves. The one located at Normandy has about 9,000 graves. The U.S. cemetery located at Epinal, France contains the remains of 5,255 U.S. service personnel from 42 states.

Comdr. Barclay closed his talk by calling on John Garofolo to offer a prayer and asking Daniel Dove to place the wreath on the Memorial. The playing of taps and a salute to the flag closed the overall service. Following the service, Post Quartermaster Walter Mietus and his wife Angela invited all attendees to their home for refreshments.

The VFW Post is having its Christmas Party on December 16 at the Beltsville Boys and Girls Club on Roby Avenue. An invitation and details of this event are being mailed to all members.

**Beltsville Young at Heart**

By Barbara Schofield

At our November 6 meeting our newly elected officers were introduced, and they will be sworn in at the December 4 meeting. Mimi Baumgardner had a table set up for Tree of Lights donations from Laurel Hospital. All other business was handled at this meeting. November 20 was the thanksgiving dinner that was held at Savage Mill. The music was provided by the Goldenaire and the food by Putting on the Ritz. Marge made a beautiful basket that was raffled off. The members won door prizes and the fifty/fifty. With a lot of dancing done and good food eaten, all had a good time. Until next time I will leave you with this thought for the day: for every minute of anger, you lose 60 seconds of happiness. I wish everyone a wonderful Holiday and Happy New Year.

**Women’s Community Club Spotlight on our 86th Anniversary**

By President Mae Whitehead

On Saturday, November 1, 2008 at the Beltsville Library the Women’s Community Club of Beltsville (WCCB) held its milestone 86th Anniversary celebration of the Club’s history here in the community. President Mae Whitehead welcomed participants and noted that one of the past and present chief commitments of the Club is to serve those less fortunate. Today, we bring together women across cultures for this common purpose. We were honored to have in our presence many for the day, including guest speakers Delgate Joseline Pena Melnyk, who applauded the club for its long history of service and representatives within the community, Councilman Tom Dernoga, who has contributed many hours assisting the Club with seasonal gift wrapping and financial resources, Register of Wills Cereta A. Lee who has kept us updated on pertinent information on wills and more, and last but not least our own Beltsville Library Branch Manager Barbara Spears, who shared some forgotten history regarding the WCCB, documented and preserved for safe keeping at the front desk of the Library. The list goes on with many of our fellow community organizations and faith based groups who joined us on this day in celebration of our theme “Putting Unity into the Community.” The Club is graced with five former active presidents. Our immediate past president Maxine Norris presided over the Memorial Tribute and gave a detailed history of the Club’s beginning on October 9, 1922. One of the many highlights of the day was the music brought to us by none other than two year old Liberty Krystina-Rose Carter, a little person with a big heart and lots of courage to sing God Bless America to a large audience of intense listeners. Liberty is already valuing community service. This was her fourth public appearance and we appreciate the family’s sharing her gift with us. The WCCB awarded fifteen door prizes to some very happy recipients. All attendees received a WCCB bookmark in honor of the venue for our Celebration. As we prepared to kick off our annual Season of Giving for November and December, Councilman

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On October 18, Maryland Farms residents joined Lynn Malloy of Community Management Corporation, Emerson Pineda and Tim Becker of Greenskeepers Landscaping and maintenance supervisor Joe Morgan to plant trees around the community. Prince George’s County Executive Jack Johnson supplied the trees in recognition of Prince George’s Goes Green Day. Gorgeous Prince George’s Goes Green shirts were worn and participants had lots of fun, resulting in not only a beautiful day but also a beautiful day to live.
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By Dr. Kathy Mellott, Audiologist

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These are just a few of the new technological advances in hearing instruments. Discuss these and other options with your audiologist to Hear for the Holidays.
Club News

College Park Unit 217 American Legion Auxiliary

By Ivy Christoffers

Although the American Legion Auxiliary Dept. of MD Junior Fall Conference was held on Oct. 18th, we are still basking in the glow of this program. Many of our younger members are asking, “When can we do this again? It was so much fun.” That is the kind of enthusiasm we all hope to engender in our youth. This is the way to insure their participation throughout the years to come. It is so true, they are our future, and it is up to us to bring them along the service road. I neglected to mention the project chosen by this year’s Honorary Junior President, Amy Robinson, and her officers. It is for the children’s oncology unit at Johns Hopkins Hospital. They hope to raise enough funds to purchase two special gaming computers to entertain the children while they are confined to the hospital. If their past is any indicator, they will be successful in their attempt.

Post and Unit #217 held a lovely Veteran’s Day observance at the Veteran’s Memorial at the corner of Route 1 and Greenbelt Road at 11:00am on Nov. 11th. The program was beautifully done with the advancing of the colors by the Color Guard, the prayer given by Unit Chaplain, Mary Keller, the singing of the National Anthem by Miss College Park, Heather Molnar, and the presentation of awards by the mayor of College Park, Steven Brayman. The featured speaker, College Park Unit # 217 President, Angela Rodriguez, gave an eloquent history of the American Legion Auxiliary and our legacy of support for our veterans. Legislator, Mark Beard, a recording artist and member of the Post Color Guard, favored us with a song he had written and recorded. Bill Robertson, Director of the Memorial Committee, received a special award and he presented some awards himself. Past Commander, Tom Davis officiated at this event and then invited everyone to the Post Home for lunch and a flag disposal ceremony. I unfortunately missed that part as I had two other observances to attend in College Park, the last being at the University of Maryland in the Memorial Chapel. This one was beautifully done as well and was geared toward the Vietnam Veterans. After the indoor ceremony, we were invited to step outside to the side of the Chapel where a bronze plaque was installed. This site was then commemorated for the building of a Vietnam Veteran’s Monument. Following the blessing of the site, a reception was held and enjoyed by all in attendance.

Another event this past month was the observance of the Marine’s birthday where one of the first women Marines, Marge Gallau of Post #136, was the featured speaker. Marge joined the Women Marine Corp two months after its formation in 1943. She tells us she had to wait until her 21st birthday to enlist and she had some interesting facts about her early days to share.

Our Spaghetti Dinners continue on the fifth Fridays of the month. Everyone seems to enjoy the cooking of Mary Keller and her committee and the baking efforts of our members at these affairs. We thank them for all their efforts.

The American Legion Auxiliary is always seeking new members. Thus, eight (8) women have joined our Unit this year. There is room for many more.

We are gearing up for our Christmas programs for our Veterans beginning on the 3rd and 4th of December with the Gift Shop at Perry Point VAMC, followed on the 6th by the gift shop at Charlotte Hall VAMC. This is a very busy time for the American Legion Auxiliary, but we love it.

God Bless our Troops, God Bless America, and may God Bless you as you celebrate His birthday, December 25th.

Veteran’s Day, Nov. 11th, was a special day in many ways. First, because of the observance of Veteran’s Day and secondly because of our speaker on that day. Retired Air Force Col. Mike Duggan, made time in his busy schedule to speak to us about the importance of this special day. Mike spent 28 years in the military, serving on several fronts. He is a much decorated veteran and served as the Associate Director of National Security for the American Legion in the headquarters office in Washington DC. Mike retired last year to take up a new position with the State of Maryland as the director of a new program whose focus is on the veterans of the war in Iraq and Afghanistan. We thank him for his continued service to our country. America出产 Flags and Poppies (the flower of remembrance) were distributed to the members.

We continue to seek new members to fill our Rotary Club’s presence in Beltsville. If you are a professional, own or operate a business in Beltsville, why not give us a try? We meet every Tuesday for lunch at the Holiday Inn Hotel and you are welcome to visit with us.

September 28th, saw a visit by Dr. Christopher Puttock, an environmental scientist with the Hawaiian Conservation Alliance, whose program was “Global Climate Change. A Hoax? Hostess Sonja Festerling introduced Dr. Puttock who then presented a slide show of graphs indicating the history of the earth’s climate and the possible reasons for the change in the cyclical seasons since the advent of man on the earth eight thousand years ago. We found this to be fascinating information and many pertinent questions were put to the good Doctor. The next speaker was a delightful Rotary Exchange Scholar from Japan who is attending George Washington University and studying tourism and how it could benefit the country in struggling economies. Student, Kanae Tsutsumi, very eloquently spoke of her recent trip to Guatemala and her observations of that country’s economic situation. Tsutsumi put forth several ideas of how tourism could benefit the country in elevating the economy and the standard of living of the people of Guatemala. She spoke of the beauty of this special country and the warmth and welcome she received while working there. John Tveila hosted Tsutsumi.

The Beltsville Rotary

By Ivy Christoffers

The members of Beltsville Rotary continue to enjoy a diverse group of speakers who keep us informed and educated on topics of great importance. The past few weeks have been no exception. On October 21st we were privileged to have Tom Lettieri, Community Partnership Manager of Priority Partners MCO affiliated with Johns Hopkins Health Care LLC. Tom spoke of the importance of affordable insurance for all and the availability of Health Care for the low-income families in Maryland. Tom distributed packets of information that were very informative and he expressed his gratitude to Rotary for being able to bring his important message to the Beltsville Community.

October 28th saw a visit by Dr. Col. Mike Duggan, Associate Director of National Security for the American Legion in the headquarters office in Washington DC. Mike retired last year to take up a new position with the State of Maryland as the director of a new program whose focus is on the veterans of the war in Iraq and Afghanistan. We thank him for his continued service to our country. America出产 Flags and Poppies (the flower of remembrance) were distributed to the members.

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Augsburg Academy Students Hold Inaugural Fall Skits Night

Augsburg Academy students started a new tradition this fall with the inaugural Skits Night. Under the overall leadership of teacher Carli Rossov, students from first through seventh grade performed skits, while the kindergarten class performed a Thanksgiving poem to an overflow crowd of parents, family, and friends at The Gardens Ice House.

The first and second grade class, led by teacher Stacy Finkelstein, performed a skit on good eating habits, featuring Nicholas Thom as King Henry the Egg, head of the Royal Food Family. The skit taught the value of eating a well-balanced diet, which the furry dragon, played by Roxanna Reyes, failed to do, resulting in a very bad case of indigestion. With the help of classmates Victoria Page, Selah Thom, and Tori Jackson, the dragon learned the importance of eating the right foods.

The third through seventh grade classes have been studying ancient Greek mythology and produced their skits. Some skits were taken from the great works of Greek mythology, while others were shared from the Augsburg Academy Library, augmented with original material.

In a second skit, the classes performed the myth of King Midas, his golden touch, as they walked through his kingdom as the Augsburg students perform the Greek myth of King Midas at Fall Skits night.

Greece during this first semester, so their skits were taken from the great works of Greek mythology. Rebecca Spillman and Anna Olsson, starring as Athena and Arachne respectively, told the story of the famous spining and weaving contest between the goddess Athena and her mortal nemesis, Arachne, who was changed into a spider by Athena after defeating her in a contest to spin the most beautiful work.

In a second skit, the classes shared the myth of King Midas and his golden touch. Nick Miller, playing King Midas, turned his entire kingdom into gold. Of course, this included turning his wife and daughter into golden statues as well. Classmates Ryan Olsson and Drew Page, assisted by special guest star Roxanna Reyes, filled out the cast for the two skits.

Stealing the show, so to speak, were the kindergarteners, who performed their holiday poem, “A Thanksgiving Feast.” Working with her eager students, teacher Lisa Driscoll led her class in an enthusiastic recitation, complete with hand movements and props. Poets-in-making included Simone Thom, Jacob Robertson, Jaidyn Tran, Christopher John, and Mickala Tarquini. Plans are already underway for a spring musical night which will include both vocal and instrumental performances by the students, as well as a special guest artists. To find out more about Augsburg’s exciting programs, visit their website www.AugsburgAcademy.net or call 240.786.0283.

Augsburg Academy Students Have Busy Days

Augsburg Academy, co-located with The Gardens Ice House, 13800 Old Gunpowder Road, Lanham, has had an event-filled few weeks. In addition to completing the first academic quarter, students have completed two field trips (the Natural History Museum and the Rock Creek Park planetarium and nature center), finished the first cycle of classes in the Learn-to-Skate program, held their inaugural Fall Skits Night, and prepared for Thanksgiving celebrations. The Academy students and staff also welcomed Ms. Karen Scott, lead teacher for the Lower School, back to her classroom with her return from maternity leave. Karen takes her place in the first and second grade classroom for the rest of the year, and Stacy Finkelstein, who had been the interim teacher, moves over to a permanent position in the kindergarten class. Our kindergarteners have been busy learning about phonics and writing, and enjoy their lessons in learning to read as well as how to add and subtract. They are progressing well in their Spanish class, and simply wonderful in music, where they are learning a lot of new songs along with the first and second grade class.

First and second grade students have been working on their science projects, as well as continuing to learn more about creative writing, American history, and building up their math skills. Daily Spanish classes help them improve their grasp of the language, and some are beginning to speak like native Spanish speakers. Under the tutelage of Suzanne Jensen and Julia Stretenski, our students have been working on their ice skating skills. As they complete the first of three units, they have all learned a variety of skills, including marching, swirls, rocking horse, backward wiggles, snowowl stop, forward to backward skating, one foot glides and two foot glides.

Augsburg is gearing up for expansion next fall, adding ninth grade, with the rest of high school grades to follow. There are also some openings for transfer students in all grades for 2008-2009. It is not too early to request an admissions package. To find out more about Augsburg’s exciting programs, visit their website www.AugsburgAcademy.net or call 240.786.0283.

Beltsville Elementary School PTA News

The Beltsville Elementary School PTA will host the annual PTA Holiday Party (December 2, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Book Fair (December 1-5 and the evening of December 2 6:00-8:30 p.m.), Science Fair projects will also be on display. Parents are asked to please donate desserts and/or other food for the party. Food can be sent to school with your child or dropped off between 6:00-6:30 p.m. on December 2. Volunteers are needed for party set up/clean up, craft tables and entertainment. Please contact Gloria Blackwell at 301.595.2959 or email gloriamblackwell@yahoo.com. We’re looking forward to a great time!
School News

New Audio Lending Library at Beltsville Elementary

A group of English language learners at Beltsville E.S. are participating in a Family Literacy Project. Program facilitators Mrs. Marie Smith (parent liaison), Mrs. Winters, Mrs. Aguainiga (ESOL teachers) and Ms. Gent (2nd grade teacher) have set up an audio lending library. The purpose of this school home based program is to help students achieve in reading. Books, audiotapes, CD players

HONEYBEES

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out of your home.

Lori Titus of The Beefolks started out as a kitchen gardener in a home on a small lot near Baltimore. She started beekeeping to make sure that her vegetables were pollinated, and later quit her day job to work full time with her own honey company. She now sells thistle honey from western Maryland as well as honey from other states. (See www.beefolks.com. There is a 10% discount for Beltsville News readers until December 31, 2008. The coupon code is beltsvillenews.)

Titus says that honeybees are easy to care for. They don’t take up much room, and in our area, climate control is usually not necessary. The bees take care of themselves in cold and hot weather, and Titus only opens the hives for the required annual State inspection and to extract honey. Her advice for anyone thinking about keeping honeybees is to attend the beekeeping short course in Prince George’s County to see what’s involved and to make contacts.

and electronic leap pads were purchased through a grant from the Prince George’s county ESOL department. Students in the program received a leap pad and CD player to use at home. There is a large selection of bilingual books and CDs to compliment the leap pads. The group meets regularly to share, discuss and exchange books. The students and their families read together in English and Spanish.

Student casts ballots at St. Joseph’s Catholic School mock presidential election.

WCCB

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Dernoga provided us with a very generous check to continue the work and mission of the Club. So we take this moment to thank him and everyone again for their contributions of food, kind words, resources, talent, time and more for helping make our day.

We welcome the following new members to the WCCB family, Gladys Brown, Gloria Moss, Mary Rose Ndwakie, LaRuth Stancell, and Judy Thacher. Ms. Moss was the winner of one of the many door prizes provided at the Celebration - a one-year membership in the WCCB. Congratulations!

We encourage all Beltsville women and surrounding community of young, young at heart, or not so young, to consider joining us as we continue to grow and expand in the 21st century. Please remember - Community Service is a right and responsibility and we are privileged to do our part for the greater good.

Our December meeting will be held on Monday, December 8 at 12:30 p.m. in the Church Lounge of Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane Beltsville, MD 20705. Holiday refreshments will be served. Please join us. Our Community Relations Committee, Elaine Chatob, Chair will be preparing for and scheduling volunteers to participate in the food basket packing, and holiday gift wrapping to begin on December 15-20 between the hours of 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. For pre-sign up please contact Evelyn Atkins Co-chair 301.937.7954.

The WCCB is a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization. Our meetings and programs are open to all in the Community and we welcome your attendance and membership. As always in support of our ongoing Community Giving project please bring a canned food donation. We thank our members, business and individual supporters over the years for their wonderful contributions.

For more information about WCCB please contact Club President Mae Whitehead: 301.572.7464 or email: presidentwccb@yahoo.com and visit us on the Internet: www.beltsvillerec.org. “Spreading a little greater good.” Happy and Safe Holidays to all!

St. Joseph’s Students Learn Responsible Citizenship

St. Joseph’s Catholic School students were involved in a debate and mock election on Tuesday, November 11, 2008. Student representatives for Barack Obama and John McCain argued the presidential candidates’ perspectives in front of an attentive student body. The eighth grade students did a tremendous job preparing for the event. Students learned important stances on key issues and later cast votes for their candidate of choice. The student’s choice in this event followed suit with the presidential election outcome.

Students casting ballots at St. Joseph’s Catholic School mock presidential election.

School Mock Elections

Students cast ballots at St. Joseph’s Catholic School mock presidential election.

BELTSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

Students casting ballots at St. Joseph’s Catholic School mock presidential election.

BELTSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS
Calverton
Elementary News
By Rebecca Cavallo and staff

October and November were busy months for students and staff at Calverton Elementary. Students in fourth, fifth and sixth grades have begun instrumental classes and colorful art displayed in the hallways gives evidence that an art teacher was in the school for several weeks during the month. The angelic voices of children singing songs for the Hispanic Month assemblies could be heard floating through the hallways. Afterschool activities were underway with students perfecting their math or writing skills or helping to save the world by collecting recycling. New shelving revitalized the media center before the arrival of the annual fall Book Fair. As November winds down and winter weather settles in, the students and teachers are busy with holiday preparations in addition to their schoolwork.

On Monday, September 22, students in the “Save the World!” environmental club joined children across the world to celebrate the United Nations International Day of Peace. These children “flew” a giant peace dove (with a wingspan of ten feet that they built themselves) around the outside of the school. Everyone in the building watched and took a moment to hope for world peace and to think about what they can do to make the world a better place. The dove is symbolic of the children’s commitment to peace and hope for our world. Children around the world flew peace doves on Sunday and Monday as part of the Jane Goodall Institute’s Roots & Shoots children’s environmental groups’ support of the Day of Peace. The children in Save the World! and at Calverton generally come from diverse countries and backgrounds, but they are in their dream for a better, greener tomorrow for our planet.

Save the World! has been in existence for three years. The members are in charge of the recycling program here at Calverton, along with many other activities that benefit the environment, animals, and people in need. The following club members worked hard to build and fly the giant peace dove: Ifo Orukoya, Leah Moreno, Shagun Sharma, Brett Douglas, George Martin, Deloia Orukoya, Onyinye Obiefuna, Islanda Luz Aguilar and Club Sponsor, Ms. Katie Swanson.

On Tuesday, Sept. 23, Joseph Beddick from AAA brought his little motorized car named Otto to Calverton. Children learned about pedestrian safety. They learned not to dart between cars and to look both ways very carefully before crossing the street. Otto’s lights flashed and he would turn in a complete circle when students answered safety questions correctly. The students in Pre-K and kindergarten were captivated by the little car.

Mrs. Freeman’s kindergarten class has been making tasty treats each week to reinforce what they are learning in class. They recently made graphs by placing edible cowboy hats, spurs, horseshoes, and boots on a graph. After marking how many of each treat there were on the graph, the young mathematicians colored in the graph from the bottom up and then feasted on the country western sweet and sour candies.

After a month of honoring the accomplishments of people of Hispanic heritage, the students of Calverton presented three assemblies in October with the help of the ESOL department, the music department, and the parent liaisons. Two assemblies were held on Oct. 20, one for grades first through third and the other for Pre-K and kindergarten. A third assembly for fourth, fifth and sixth grades was held on Oct. 21. Kindergartners sang a song called “Dos Elefantes” and Pre-K sang “Los Pollitos”, Alissa Roberts sang “Un Rincon del Corazon”, and dances from El Salvador, Mexico, Nicaragua, and Guatemala were among the performances enjoyed by all. In addition, some students wore costumes from their countries in a parade of flags from every Hispanic country.

Over 120 dads attended the Men Make a Difference Day. Mrs. Sanzio and Mr. Alberto Parraguez, parent liaisons from Calverton, organized the event. The special day began with a continental breakfast for the visitors and their children, Mr. Daniels, vice principal, welcomed the attendees and both Mr. Chapman and Mr. Mann, ESOL teachers, spoke on the importance of having men involved in school and children’s lives. Mrs. McCollum’s first graders sang a song entitled “My Dad”. Some fifth graders read poems about men who have made a difference in their lives. Mrs. Tischky, our principal, read a poem entitled “My Hero” and thanked all of the dads for their participation. The special day was a call to action by the Prince George’s County School system for all fathers, male guardians, grandfathers, uncles, etc. to get involved with their children’s school experience. The program stressed how important men are in the lives of their families.

In November, 324 parents came to the Open House on Nov. 18 for American Education Week. More than 374 people enjoyed the PTA movie night on Nov. 11. A baby bird who will never give up trying to fly. The music of nature that will never stop. The wonderful adventures of a book. A lion, the tough champion king. A shark, scaring its prey. A juicy starburst candy that makes everyone happy. An organized folder. A volcano that sometimes explodes. A part of the world that will never give up on life.

This is what I am.
**HOLIDAY CANDLELIGHT TOURS**
Thursday, December 11 through Saturday, December 13, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Warm up your winter evenings with festive music, lovely candlelight, and traditional holiday greens. Local garden clubs decorate the mansion’s rooms. Area performers entertain nightly. Light refreshments will be available. Ages 6 – 17. Fee: $3.00 for adults, $1.00 for children. **REGULAR TOURS**
Sunday – Thursday from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. See the mansion as it was in 1830. Tours start on the hour. $3.00 for adults, $2.00 for seniors, $1.00 for children 5 – 18. Children under 5 admitted free.
**GET FIT & LOVE LIFE**
Berwyn Baptist Church will host FIRST PLACE 4 YOU, the Christian weight-loss program that invites Christ’s power into your life. Material fee. No fee to attend. Sessions are held Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, Berwyn Baptist Church, 4720 Cherokee Street, College Park on December 10, January 6, 2009. Info: Sandy Ward 240.965.6138 or email twobeas@comcast.net

**BELTSVILLE EVENTS**

**BELTSVILLE WOMEN’S COMMUNITY CLUB**
Monday, December 8 at 12:30 p.m. at the Emmanuel United Methodist Church.

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**PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES**
**WINTER HOLIDAY STORYTIMES**
Wednesday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, December 18 at 10:30 a.m. Two special holiday storytimes celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa. Especially for children ages 3 – 6, families welcome!

**CHESS CLUB**
Tuesday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m. Come to learn or just to play with other players and have fun. For all ages and levels. Everyone welcome.

**PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS**
**MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION**
Tuesday, December 16 at 10:30 a.m. Ayaan Hirsi Ali’s Infidel! Drop by the library to get your copy to read.

**FRIENDS OF THE BELTSVILLE LIBRARY MEETING**
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**HOLIDAY CELEBRATION & CRAFT FAIR**
Saturday, December 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Laurel Senior Friendship Club will host a Holiday Celebration and Craft Fair offering fun and activities for all ages at the Phelps Senior Center located at 701 Montgom- perly Street in Laurel. Locally made crafts, visits with Santa, wreath-making, gift basket raffles, Santa’s Secret Shop, kid’s activity booth, bake sale, bazaar, Jingle, Street Shops, light lunch, more. Craft tables available for $15.00 each. Call 301.442.9992. Please come out and show support for our senior citizens.

**COLLEGE PARK AVIATION MUSEUM**

**HOLLYWOOD FLYERS FILM SERIES**
Saturday, December 3 at 2:00 p.m. Spend the afternoon enjoying the classic movie The Tora Tora Tora. Tora Tora, rated G. Popcorn and lemonade are included with admission. Ages 4 and under $4.00, for adults, $3.00 for seniors, and $2.00 for 18 and under.

**CHRISTMAS MAGIC ON STAGE**
Saturday, December 6, from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. Watch Santa fly in to the historic Capital Park Airport, and then have your picture taken with him. Enjoy holiday arts and crafts in the museum. Free with regular museum admission.

**HOLIDAY TRAINS AND PLANES**
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**MONTEPHEL MANSION**

**VANSYRE’S CITIZEN’S ASSOCIATION**
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I had a nice call from Ms. Ginger Hand. She called me about the sugar vanilla spice or condiment. Apparently it is made in Germany and sold all over Europe. Made by grinding the vanilla bean and sitting it in extra fine sugar until it picks up the flavor. Like storing a box of detergent next to the potatoe under the sink. Frankly, why would anyone go to the trouble? 
To make sugar vanilla that is, and if you do store chemicals under the sink, move the vegetables.

I also had another call from a friend of a friend of a friend of my lovely wife Betty. It seems she had her husband try the recipe I put in a month ago on the corn bread pone. I hope he used the bacon grease; else it’s not pone. Anyhow, he said, and I quote, it was the best I have ever eaten. Well, that’s the way I heard it. The corn recipe is one you can become famous with. HOW? I am glad you asked. Add ½ teaspoon of mace, the spice! Chop up an apple and add it. Even better still, break up dried banana chips, or both. Bake in muffin pans and sprinkle cinnamon sugar on top. Use your talent.

If you have a complement, call me at 301.527.4180 before 9:30 p.m. Yeah, I’m vain. If it’s a complaint, write me bakerbill1@verizon.net.

I am a sucker for snacks; I buy a lot of them crackers etc. The buzz words that hook me every time are garlic-flavored, onion-flavored, and cheddar, but when you open the box they taste just like any other cracker. There are some new ones out. Pretzel crackers and they are good. Last week I fell for it again, onion-flavored. What is the world coming to?

I read in one of my newsletters that if you have an SUV and are getting 13-18 MPG and want to reto, Stop! According to the writer, it will take you 52 years to balance out. And now that gas is going down, well?

About a year ago I was writing about wanting to buy the sandwich they show in the ads. Yes I understand it never will happen, but someone must have spread the word that people are sick of getting ripped off. Today we have a lot of dollar items showing up on the menus. That means people were not buying their stuff. We saw prices going up and size going down. Well the worm has turned. Today for lunch I had a red pig tail barBQ chicken sandwich. It was huge, but not cheap, and worth the money.

Christmas is coming and every year I write for all of us not to have any tears. I was asked what I meant by that. Well almost every year someone is disappointed in something. So plan ahead for whatever comes and do your best not to cause or have tears. Merry Christmas!

I almost forgot. I promised the recipe for secret sauce. In a small dish place 2 heaping tablespoons Mayonnaise, a pinch of salt, tbsp. catsup, and a heaping tbsp. relish and stir. Bakerbill1@verizon.net.
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A Symmetrical (World) Series of Events

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I was 10 all over again. Fifteen years ago, my family – mom, dad and brother – made the obligatory trek to Orlando, the Land of Magic and Chain Restaurants. We did the Disney thing, the Universal thing, the Epcot thing. It was over-stimulating and fantastical – euphoria for a fifth-grader and his kindergarten brother.

At night, after the parks closed and we napped off the day of walking in the Florida sun, my dad took me to a local bar. It was late October and the World Series was on. Not just the World Series, but the Toronto Blue Jays and the Philadelphia Phillies. The Blue Jays – for reasons still unknown to my family – were my favorite baseball team. I followed their every move like it was my job. I thought it was, well, so cool that their left fielder’s name was Joe Carter. So that’s what my name will look like on a major league uniform, I thought, but never said.

For three straight nights, we went across the street to the bar, sat down and ordered a couple Cokes. I’m still not sure how my dad tolerated me, living and dying Cokes. I’m still not sure how my family – mom, dad and brother – made the obligatory trek to Orlando, the Land of Magic and Chain Restaurants. We did the Disney thing, the Universal thing, the Epcot thing. It was over-stimulating and fantastical – euphoria for a fifth-grader and his kindergarten brother.

When the Blue Jays lost on the first night, I gulped down my tears, refusing to cry in front of all these tough guys smoking cigarettes and drinking stuff that didn’t look like Coke. On the second night, we met a father and son who were our U.K. opposites. Wayne, the dad, and John, his 10-year-old son, were into the game, but kept asking the bartender what had just happened. My dad approached Wayne. My dad’s no baseball authority, but he tried to lay out the basics of the game: Guy hits ball, guy runs around bases, guy scores. Other guys try to prevent that from happening. Just the basics.

John wouldn’t tolerate my honed ability to ignore people, and he just kept talking. Eventually, I explained what a steal was. Then a bunt. Then a ground rule double. John’s heavy British accent made it tough to understand, so I just kept nodding. And smiling.

The Blue Jays snuck one out that night, and I went home filled with Coke, bar peanuts and elation. Mickey Mouse and a Blue Jays World Series win in the same day. Life could only go downhill from here.

The next night was a wonderful repeat. Wayne and John cheered wildly every time a Blue Jays player drew a walk. They sounded like they were at an outdoor soccer stadium, and I loved it. The Jays won again.

The next morning, we were supposed to leave. But my dad being a softie for kids – and oddly, an ambassador for the great America pastime – he delayed our flights so we could play a game of wiffle ball with our British friends. “This’ll be the only time they ever get to play anything that even resembles baseball,” my dad told me. “We gotta do it.”

So we played. And John mimicked what he had watched on the bar’s big screen TV that week. He even slid into second base – and our field was a tennis court. Scrapes and blood, but no tears about to pour out of the frothing Philly fans’ mouths. Strike three. I found myself in a bar. This time, the Phillies were the Tampa Bay Rays – a franchise that didn’t even exist 15 years ago – and Philly needed one more win to clinch the title. Again, I found myself in a bar. This time, I drank Diet Coke. I sat next to a timid Rays fan, who was seated next to a trio of knuckle-dragging, mouth-breathing, insufferable Philly fans who chanted indistinguishable nothings all night. I suddenly remembered why I harbored a white-hot hatred for the Phillies 15 years earlier. Those fans – the ones who required a jail in the basement of their old Philadelphia football stadium – were somehow, somehow, worse than Yankees’ fans.

I was in Orlando. The Phillies were in the World Series. I was watching the game at a bar. Then it happened – the final line of symmetry was sketched. An older couple, maybe in their early-70s, sat down next to me and asked, “This a big game tonight?”

I would have smirked and turned away, but his accent was a thick English one, and his expression was unmistakably honest. After a pause, I explained to the older couple and the younger consequences of the night’s match-up.


He nodded with recognition. He had a lot of questions, and I was thrilled to answer them, trying to talk simply, but also trying not to treat a man 50 years my senior like a defective. It was like breaking the game down all over again for Wayne and John. That’s called a strike. You only get three. That’s a ball – you get four of those.

The Rays were shaky from the start and with two outs in the top of the ninth and Philly up by a run, I put my finger in my ears, bracing for the primal screams that were about to pour out of the frothing Philly fans’ mouths. Strike three. Game over. The leader of the prime ordered champagne – lots of it. They imbibed as they scraped stones together, trying to ignite a celebratory fire. I shook my British friends’ hands and headed back to the hotel. I called my dad to tell him a story he wouldn’t believe. “Yeah, it’s true,” I said like an excited 10-year-old. “British people and everything.”