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Beltsville Briefs

Prince George's County Choral Society Valentine Concert

Fresh from their recent holiday performance at the White House, The Prince George's Choral Society is happy to invite you to attend our Valentine Concert, Around The World With Love on Saturday, February 14 at 8:00 p.m. The concert will be held at the Prince George's Public Playhouse For The Performing Arts, 5445 Landover Road, Cheverly, MD (Rt. 202, 1/2 mile west of the Baltimore/Washington Parkway). Tickets are \$12, or \$10 for seniors and students.

This popular annual concert will feature romantic selections from your favorite Broadway shows. After the beautiful music, come meet the chorus and enjoy our decadent desserts. For further information call 301.277.1710, 301.277.0312 tty.

Black Heritage Walk Event

Join the Freestate Happy Wanderers at our 5 Km and 11 Km walk on February 21, 2009. Start the walk at the Maryland Disabled American Veterans Post, 8205 Laurel-Bowie Road, Bowie, MD 20715. In conjunction with Black History month the trail will walk through the campus of Bowie State University, a historical Black College and University.

A Black Heritage collection of sports memorabilia: coins, stamps, jackets, hats, and historical photos will be on display at the checkpoint in the Wiseman Student Centre on the campus of Bowie State University. Come talk and visit with the collector/walker Mr. Don Conway.

Start the walk between 9:00 a.m. and 12 noon and finish by 3:00 p.m. For brochure call 301.572.5574 or 301.742.3547 before 9:00 p.m. or e-mail wahasse@ix.netcom.com for information.

Family-to-Family Education Class

A Family-to-Family Education Course will be offered beginning Tuesday, February 24, 7:00 - 9:30 p. m. This class is for family mem-

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Sam Saleh, owner of Sam's Barber Shop in Beltsville, trimmed Santa's beard a few days after Christmas. His beard is trimmed only once a year. Santa in this case is Mr. James Hayes, a freelance Santa available for Christmas parties. He can be contacted at 301.459.5451.

Scouts Provide Service at Inauguration

By Gary Bauchan, Scoutmaster, Troop 1033

Boy Scouts Evan Carr, Michael Clifford, Patrick Deery, Sean Halper, David Timus II, and Adrian Villarrol arose very early to arrive at the Greenbelt Metro by 4:00 a.m. along with Assistant Scoutmaster Paul Villarrol and Troop Committee Chair David Timus to volunteer at the Inauguration of President Barack Obama. They were assigned to welcome the pedestrians who came across the Arlington Memorial Bridge from Virginia to arrive at the Lincoln Memorial. Presidential inaugural red tunics and blue stocking hats worn by the scouts made them easily identifiable by the public. The Scouts were overwhelmed with questions from people from all over the country asking for



Scouts attend the Inauguration of President Barack Obama.

directions and help finding Metro stations after the event was completed. The Scouts were allowed to enter the Lincoln Memorial to keep warm during this very cold day. The Scouts returned home by

6:00 p.m. after a long day but felt warm that they were part of the history of the Inauguration of the first Afro-American President and provided a public service to those visiting our nation's capital.

Where in the World?

On January 14, 2009, the National Geography Bee was held at St. Joseph's Catholic School. Students in grades 4-8 shared their knowledge of the United States and the World. In the final round, three 8th graders stood alone. At the end of the competition, J. Butler won, B. Stachitas placed 2nd, and A. Thomas earned 3rd place. This is J. Butler's fifth win and we are very proud to have him represent St. Joseph's at the next level of the Geography Bee challenge. Congratulations to all the students that participated in the National Geography Bee!



Winners of the National Geography Bee with Mrs. O'Brien, Resource Specialist at St. Joseph's Catholic School.

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On the Agenda



BY PRESIDENT KAREN M. COAKLEY

We will have two presentations at the February meeting. The Subud organization, which owns property located at 4216 Howard Road across from Beltsville Elementary School, will give the community an update on their development plans. Our second guest will be the Conway Block Plant located at 12307 Conway Road in the Conway Industrial Park. The proposed Block plant is across Muirkirk Road from the MARC station. This property was formerly the site of a concrete block manufacturing plant, and it includes an existing building and other structures, all of which are now vacant and unused. Mr. Nazario would like to reactivate this property as a concrete mixing plant, which will require a special exception. Jack's engineers and consultants are currently in the process of preparing the site plans

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25 Years Ago in the Beltsville News

By Phil Whitman

*Extracted from the February
1984 Issue*

Library Opened at New Location

The Beltsville Library discontinued use of its trailer on February 18, 1984 and opened at the Sellman Road location on February 27, 1984.

High Point High School 30 Years Old

High Point High School celebrated its 30th birthday on March 9, 1984.

Volunteers of the Year

Frank & Jesse Forester were honored as Volunteers of the Year at Greater Laurel-Beltsville Hospital and were awarded \$250.

Prince George's Symphony

To help the state of Maryland celebrate its 350th anniversary in 1984, the Prince George's Sym-

phony Orchestra played at the Gala Concert at Eleanor Roosevelt High School on February 25, 1984.

Local UMUC Graduates

Willie Caldwell, Susan Compton, Robert E. Kahler and Glenn Snoot from Beltsville; Beth Goldstine, Sylvia Herman and Claudia M. Street from Adelphi; and, Pamela S. Elliott from Calverton were awarded degrees from the University of Maryland, University College.

Coach Voight Honored

High Point Coach John Voight was selected to the Maryland Sports Hall of Fame.

Brown Honored

Cleveland Brown, veterinarian, was honored as Centurion of Merit by the University of Pennsylvania on January 26, 1984.

Service News

Seaman William J. Geibel, Jr. of Beltsville reported for duty aboard the guided missile cruiser

USS South Carolina.

Marine Lance Cpl. Brian E. Lister returned from a six-month deployment to Beirut, Lebanon.

New Arrivals

On January 31, 1984, David Harrison Weiss, son of Elliott Weiss and Janet Dorman, was born in Ithaca, NY.

Sharon & Patrick Morris of Arnold, MD announced the adoption of Nancy-Marie, born on October 13, 1983.

Jinny Rhee Wins Classic

Miss Jinny Rhee of Prince George's Gym Club in Beltsville won the All Around title in the 1984 Peachtree Classic held at Emory University in Atlanta, GA.

25th Anniversary Celebrated

Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Anderson of Beltsville celebrated 25 years of marriage on December 12, 1983.

My Son

My husband has gone to pick up my son from the airport for a visit from his college in Florida. I can barely breathe in anticipation of the first hug I will share with my 20-year-old in three months. As they pull into the driveway, I rush to the car to greet my son with

tears in my eyes. Our embrace is wonderful and I silently thank God he is home safely, back in his room, our kitchen, our family room, even if for a short time.

After a lengthy hug I observe my youngest at arm's length. Oh, dear...he has a moustache! And chin hair. And sideburns. Oh, my goodness, he's lost 20 pounds! Dear me, look at the earrings dangling from both ears. Is that a tattoo of

the Maryland state flag on his arm?

My first instinct was to feed this boy. I had visions of stuffing mounds of mashed potatoes in his mouth. Beef stew with a dozen biscuits on the side danced in my head. I had to fight the desire to empty his suitcase and launder every item of clothing using the Downy fabric softener he equates with home. Young men, it seems, have infrequent rendezvous with washing machines when they live alone.

Over the next six days I restrain myself from fussing about the wet towels on the bed or floor and the half glasses of sour milk and half-eaten cookies on his nightstand. He needs the car. He needs a little cash. No problem, I think. I'll miss these requests soon.

At the same time, I secretly delight in the way my son takes two steps at a time on the stairs or spontaneously breaks into song at any given moment. His newfound affinity for deep roast coffee is something strange to me, and the fact that he actually knew how to operate a coffee maker was even stranger. Coffee, as I recall, was once "so gross."

I attempt to absorb every minute

MY SON

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Neighbors in the News



Paint Branch Presidential Inaugural Ball

Paint Branch Montessori School celebrated with its own Presidential Inaugural Ball on Friday, January 16, 2009. All the students had plenty of fun. Many parents attended in all their finery. All enjoyed food, music and dancing as our students learned their lessons in history.

Working Together to Make Scarves for the Homeless

By Teresa Johnson

On January 15, 2009, two Cadette Girl Scout troops (4129 and 2751) came together and made fleece scarves for the DC Homeless Ministry, sponsored by Emmanuel United Methodist Church in

Beltsville. The girls worked with a partner, each laying out the pieces of fabric, measuring, cutting and fringing the ends. Once they were finished, the girls made 40 scarves that will be distributed to a homeless shelter in Washington, D.C.

Participating in the project were

Rebecca Gurwah, Rachel Sowers, Christina O'Brien, Rebecca Vaughn, Rebecca Bell, Erica Belshay, Mary Wester, Manasi Puzkashenthi, and Teresa Johnson. With all the hard work completed, the girls were able to enjoy a brownie and hot cocoa for their efforts.

WARNING

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Many People Will Miss Out On BIGGER REFUNDS This Year Just Because They Weren't Sure Which Forms To Use and Might Benefit From a Second Opinion!

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Reading the Paper

Grade Five students at Paint Branch Montessori School learn to read the newspaper. It may seem like work but the students had a great deal of fun summarizing the current affairs news from the newspaper. This was an extension of their reading and writing lessons in the Montessori philosophy. Learning from real life experiences is a very typical Montessori technique that is used to great effect.



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Take a Tour Around the World Kitchen Garden Tips for February 2009

By Elizabeth Olson

You can take a tour around the world this year from the comfort

of your own garden. When you plan your summer garden space, consider planting a mixture of vegetables, herbs, and flowers that grow well in a variety of countries that have summers similar to ours.

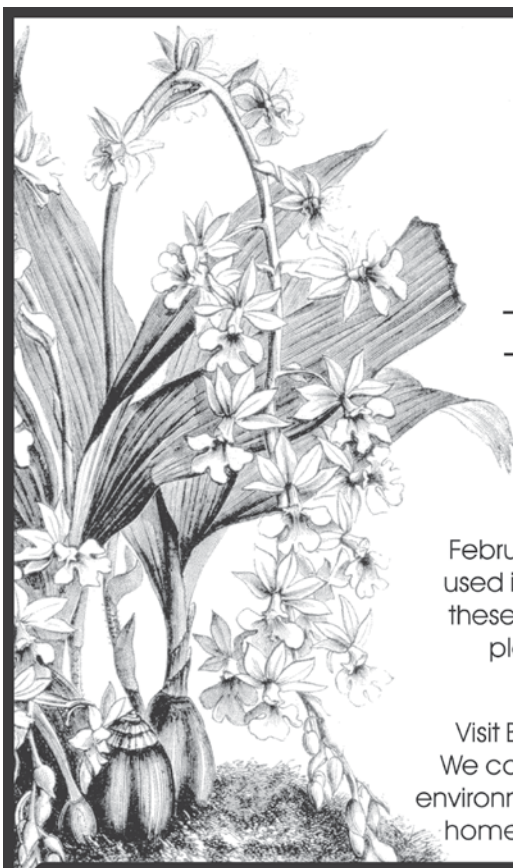
Vegetables that originated in areas with extreme summers include the following: A) okra and watermelon from Africa, B) peppers, squash, and tomatoes from Mexico and countries further south in the Americas, and C) soybeans from China. These plants are all easy to grow and start from seed, and most can be purchased as young plants at local garden centers in mid- to late spring.

Flowers that are heat-tolerant include a violet from the islands of Corsica and Sardinia in the Mediterranean Sea. Seeds are available from Nichols Garden Nursery. The plants will bloom in hot weather from late spring until autumn, and the flowers are edible. See Corsican Violet (*Viola corsicus*) in the herb section at www.NicholsGar-

denNursery.com.

Countries such as France, Italy, and Japan have developed tasty and reliable modern vegetable cultivars for hot and humid summers. Seed companies that feature seeds of proven vegetables usually also carry herbs and flowers that are equally well adapted. These cultivars can be found at Renee's Garden (www.ReneesGarden.com), Seeds From Italy (www.GrowItalian.com), and Kitazawa Seed Company (www.KitazawaSeed.com). Kitazawa also features greens from Japan and other areas of Asia.

Planning your garden space is equally important. It is easy to have too much of one type of plant. Keep in mind the overall garden plan, cultural excellence, and the adequacy to meet your needs. This concept was noted in the United States on official Victory Garden Score Cards during World War II, and it still has currency.



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bers of individuals with a mental illness. The location will be in the College Park area. The 12-week class will run on consecutive Tuesdays through May 12 and is FREE. Registration is required. For more information and to register, please contact Dorie Arbach at 301.490.609.

Walk & Travel the World

Join the Freestate Happy Warriors at our 5-kilometer and 11-kilometer walks on March 28, 2009. Start the walks at the Comfort Suites, 14402 Laurel Place, Laurel, MD. Enjoy travel presentations on walking destinations locally and around the world at

11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Start the walk between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. and finish by 2:00 p.m. For a brochure call 301.717.3604 or 410.437.2164 before 9:00 p.m., or e-mail wahasse@ix.netcom.com for information. The travel information is free for you to enjoy, and there is a fee to participate in the walk.

The Sweetest Economic Stimulus Package Girl Scout Cookies On Sale

What can get this economy moving? Try approximately 57,000

Girl Scouts armed with a colorful cookie order form and a gleam in their eye that reflects their new slogan, "Imagine if... we could change the world." All Girl Scouts are eligible to sell the eight varieties of Girl Scout Cookies started January 2 through March 29.

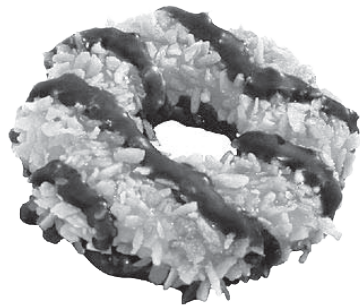
The Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital thinks that the "sweetest economic stimulus" just might be the Girl Scout Cookie. Last year 4.15 million boxes of Girl Scout Cookies were sold in the Greater Washington area.

The Girl Scout Cookie program is the best leadership development and entrepreneurial experience for girls. Selling Girl Scout Cookies is a unique and valuable way that girls can experience the power of goal-setting, develop self-confidence and learn early business skills. Many successful business women got their start selling Girl Scout Cookies.

The proceeds from the cookie sale stay in the community to fund Girl Scout Troops and council activities like scholarships and special programs. "We've established a long-standing practice of including all girls in Girl Scouts and reaching out to underserved communities by offering scholarships to help girls and their families participate in the best leadership program for girls. Our Cookie sale helps finance these initiatives," said Lidia Soto-Harmon, Deputy Executive Director of the Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital.

This year's cookie campaign theme "Imagine if... we could change the world" encourages girls to identify and support local service projects. Last year troops in the Greater Washington area retained \$2.5 million from Cookie sales.

The sweetest economic stimulus, Girl Scout Cookies, went on sale January 2nd at \$3.50 a box. The varieties offered include some of the old favorites, the Thin Mints, which represented 26.43% of sales last year, followed by the Samoa (21.14%) and Tagalongs (12.50%). This year Girl Scouts launch a new variety, Dulce de Leche, inspired by pastries from Latin American. Other flavors offered this year include:



Thin Mints—a wafer cookie covered in chocolate made with natural peppermint

Samoas—Coconut, chocolate and caramel cookie

Tagalongs—Creamy peanut butter vanilla cookies covered in chocolate

Trefoils—Shortbread cookies

Do-Si-Do—Creamy peanut butter sandwiched between crisp oatmeal cookies

Lemon Chalets—Lemon cream cookies

Sugar Free Chocolate Chips

Dulce de Leche—new in 2009 rich caramel chips and stripes.

Visit our website to learn more about Girl Scouts and how to locate a troop selling Girl Scout Cookies in your community at: www.gscnc.org.

About Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital

Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital (GSCNC) is a non-profit organization with over 82,000 members, including 58,000 girls in 4,500 troops throughout the District of Columbia, six counties in Maryland and five counties in Northern Virginia. With the help of dedicated volunteers, the generosity of corporations and foundations, and our popular Girl Scout cookie program, GSCNC helps girls from kindergarten to 12th grade become leaders through a wide range of fun and educational activities. To get involved, visit our website at www.gscnc.org.

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William R. Ceresa, Jr. of Beltsville died on Sunday, January 18, 2009. He was the beloved husband of Rose Marie Ceresa and the father of William Eugene Ceresa. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 11007 Montgomery Road, Beltsville on Friday, January 23 at 10:00 a.m. Interment Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Silver Spring, MD. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements by Borgwardt Funeral Home.

Cooke, Pauline T.

Pauline T. Cooke of Beltsville died on December 21, 2008. She was the beloved wife of 62 years to the late Leslie R. Cooke, loving mother of Sharon R. Murphy and Kenneth L. (Gisela) Cooke, grandmother of Jonathan S. Kelly, and aunt of Barry Bragg, Loretta Shumway and Debbie Mumery. Mrs. Cooke worked for the federal government for 37 years. Funeral service and interment were private. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association. Borgwardt Funeral Home made the arrangements.

Day, Thomas F.

Thomas F. Day died on Saturday, December 27, 2008. He was the beloved husband of the late

Dorothy K. Day, loving father of Allen T. (Stacey) Day, brother of Clifford G. Day and Delores Rischman, and the grandfather of Griffin V. Hamilton T. and Callahan K. Day. Relatives and friends gathered with the Day family at Borgwardt Funeral Home on Saturday, January 3 from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the service at 11:00 a.m., Interment Fort Lincoln Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, National Capital Area, 11240 Waples Mill Road #402, Fairfax, VA 22030.

Finn, Virginia

Virginia "Ginny" Finn, formerly of Beltsville, passed away on Tuesday, January 20, 2009. She was the beloved wife of James F. Finn and the loving mother of Charlie D. (Cheryl) Finn, Linda S. (Rodne) Getgen, Karen D. Brown, Timothy F. (Sean McDonald) Finn, the late Patrick D. and Kelly S. Finn, sister of Sterling Herbert and Ann Davis, and the grandmother of Patrick, Ryan, Michael, Rodne, Lisa, Lauren, Darren, Paul and Samantha. Seven great grandchildren also survive her. Interment was private. Memorial contributions may be made to the Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation, P.O. Box 650309, Dallas, TX 75265. Arrangements by Borgwardt Funeral Home.

Mary Summers Heinze, Educator

Mary Summers Heinze, 95, formerly a teacher at Beltsville Elementary, died peacefully in her sleep on January 6, 2009. Originally from Randolph Springs, Missouri and a longtime resident of Beltsville, Mrs. Heinze taught our nation's children for over 26 years at all levels of public school education. A lifelong educator, Mrs. Heinze taught school and raised a family after taking her Bachelor of Science from Truman University (formerly Kirksville State Teachers College) in 1936.

Starting her teaching career in 1934 in a one room rural school in central Missouri, she subsequently taught in the panhandle of Florida and in Beltsville, Maryland. Moving to Beltsville in 1950, she spent much of her career teaching at the sixth grade level at Beltsville

Elementary School until retiring in 1977. She taught at every grade level (1 to 12) during her career, broken only by periods at home raising three sons. Recognized for her teaching accomplishments, she was a life member of Delta Kappa Gamma teaching honor society.

After starting life on a farm in central Missouri, she lived in Alabama, Florida, South Carolina, and Hawaii before settling in Maryland for the past 59 years. During the war years, she raised her two eldest boys in Charleston, SC, where her husband, Peter H. Heinze performed war related food research with the Department of Agriculture.

An active community volunteer, Mrs. Heinze participated in the Parent Teacher Associations for the Elementary school, Beltsville Junior High and High Point High School, the Beltsville Community Club and was a past President of the American Association of University Women, College Park Chapter. Traveling widely after her retirement, she spent the past 15 years at the Collington Life Care Community in Mitchellville, volunteering as a book club organizer and active supporter of local Community College courses.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Peter. Three sons, Gerald of San Francisco, CA, Donald of Annapolis, MD and Marvin of Coronado, CA and one grandson, Adam, survive her.

A memorial service was held at Collington Life Care community in Mitchellville on Tuesday, 20 January. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Association of University Women.

Lain, Joseph J. "Jack"

Joseph J. "Jack" Lain of Beltsville died on Sunday, January 4, 2009. He was the beloved husband of 60 years to Hazel J. "Joyce" Lain, and the loving father of Janice R. Schaffer, Richard J. Lain, William H. Lain and Donna J. (Paul) Schaffer. He was the grandfather of Keith, Regina, Nick Schaffer and the late John W. Schaffer. Many loving nieces and nephews also survive him. Funeral

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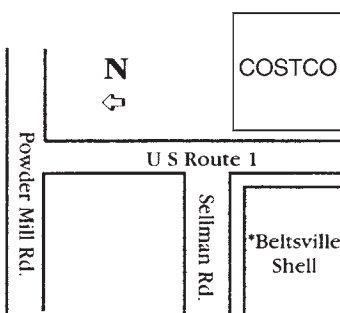


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service was held at Lanham United Methodist Church, 5512 Whitfield Chapel Road, Lanham, MD on Thursday, January 8 at 10:00 a.m. with the Reverend M. Monroe Wright officiating. Interment Parklawn Memorial Park, Rockville, MD. Memorial contributions may be made to Lanham United Methodist Church. Arrangements by Borgwardt Funeral Home.

Mortfeld, Susan M.

Susan M. Mortfeld of Lothian, MD and formerly of Beltsville, died on January 11, 2009. She was the devoted companion of Robert F. Simon, and the loving sister of Mary E. Williams, William

M. Mortfeld, Brenda L. Cherba and Hannah Jenkins. She was the daughter of the late William L. and Mary Lee Mortfeld. Memorial service was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville on Saturday, January 17 at 12:00 noon with the Reverend Dr. William Moyer officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to ovarian cancer research at Johns Hopkins University, c/o Sheridia Daniels, 1550 Orleans Street, CRB2, Baltimore, MD 21231.

Sowers, Ruth S.

Ruth S. Sowers of Beltsville died on Sunday, January 4, 2009.

She was the beloved wife of the late Charles P. Sowers, Jr. and loving mother of Diane (Tom) Nagle, Linda (Ed) Kirk, Gary (Paula) Sowers, and Robert (Alison) Sowers. She was the sister of Esther Bock, Robert Shoup, and the late Clarence and Harold Shoup. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren. Memorial service was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, MD on Saturday, January 20 at 3:00 p.m. with Pastor Daniel Mejia officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD 20705.

Neighbors in the News

Girl Scouts Get Ready for President Obama

By Teresa Johnson

On Friday, January 26, 2009, the Girl Scout Senior Troop 3988 sponsored a Beltsville Girl Scout Inaugural Ball, celebrating the inauguration of our newly elected 44th President of the United States, Barack Obama. The exciting event took place in the Beltsville Elementary School cafeteria. The senior Girl Scouts of Troop 3988 worked hard to put together a schedule of evening activities. Refreshments such as punch and small treats were served along with an amazing and delicious Obama cake made by Alex Butcher, a Girl Scout member of Senior Troop 3988. As the girls and some

boys danced the night away with a jamming DJ, there were also games you could play using different dancing strategies. Christina O'Brien, of Troop 4129 won a fifteen-dollar iTunes gift card, winning the dance contest. Not only were there contests, but ticket raffles were drawn to win Democratic and presidential campaign memorabilia, mostly consisting of Obama merchandise (20% of the proceeds went to SHARE). A surprise arose from all the commotion of the party. Two guests of honor, Councilman Tom Dernoga and Delegate Barbara Frush, talked to the group of Girl Scouts about the inauguration. After that,

people were able to make Obama buttons at a button making station. Overall, the party was a successful celebration. We are very proud of Barack Obama, the new President of the United States of America!



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MY SON

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I had with my son during his short visit. Since he's been gone, the house seems too quiet, no doors slamming, no television blaring while he is fast asleep in front of it or the ever present cell phone ring-

ing and text message alerts breaking into our conversations. "Sorry mom," he says, checking his text message.

The wet towels are now laundered and folded, the toothpaste is cleaned out of the sink and the atmosphere is oddly quiet and boring. I miss him already.

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Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

What the President's Economic Stimulus Plan Means to Beltsville

For those of us used to the federal government leaving education, public safety and other critical public services to the state and local governments, it is surprising to see our national leaders making major decisions which really make a difference for our community in Beltsville. But, now it is different.

Because of the international financial crisis, the federal government is planning major investments in getting our economy moving again. And, because President Barack Obama and our congressman Steny Hoyer, who is Majority Leader of the US House, understand the importance of keeping our teachers and police officers on the job, they want to focus much of the federal economic stimulus package on aid for local schools and other critical local services.

Without this federal help, the state and Prince George's County would have to make major budget cuts to balance our budgets in the face of the recession. That could mean layoffs of teachers at our schools and fewer officers on our streets.

Together with twelve other Maryland Senators, I've urged our congressional delegation to support the plan President Obama and Congressman Hoyer have proposed. And we've asked Governor O'Malley to use the federal help to keep our teachers on the



Senator Jim Rosapepe

job at High Point, Martin Luther King, Beltsville, Calverton, Vansville Elementary, and other local schools.

We'll know by later this month if the Congress has adopted the President's economic stimulus plan. Then the state legislature will be able to make decisions on Maryland's budget and, I hope, assure our local schools and police the funds they need.

Keeping College Tuition Affordable for Working Families

Early in this decade, the state forced a 40% hike in tuition for students at the University of Maryland and other state colleges. The result was that our families were paying the 6th highest tuition for public colleges in the United States.

First on the University Board

of Regents and now in the State Senate with Delegates Barbara Frush, Joseline Peña-Melnik, and Ben Barnes, I fought these tuition hikes. For three years we've blocked tuition increases -- moving Maryland's tuition from 6th highest down to 18th.

Maryland college tuition is still too high and that's why it's good news that Governor Martin O'Malley proposed last month that tuition rates be frozen for a fourth year. If his budget is approved, there will be no tuition hike for our students and Maryland and eleven other public colleges this fall.

Celebrating the Inauguration

I'm sure many Beltsville residents braved the cold and crowds to join President Obama's historic inauguration down on the Mall. I was glad to see so many friends and neighbors at our local celebration at Behnke's Nursery the Sunday before the swearing in and on Tuesday at the three Beltsville restaurants that hosted inaugural watching parties - Sierra Grill, Caribbean Delight, and El Sombrero. It was a great day and one we all hope is a good omen for our country's future.

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Club News

Aktion Club Disables Disabilities

Something new and exciting will be happening on Monday, February 9 from 1:00 to 1:30 p.m. at Duckworth Regional School. The Kiwanis Club of Prince George's County will officially charter the newest Aktion Club.

The Aktion Club was formed in late November of 2008 by the Kiwanis Club of Prince George's County and personnel from Duckworth Regional School to give citizens living with disabilities an opportunity to develop leadership skills by actively participating in community service projects. All members of the

Duckworth Aktion Club are clients of the Beltsville area Center.

During the past several weeks, the members have donated canned goods to the Beltsville Women's Club and at present are collecting warm coats to donate to Burlington Coat drive. When it comes to community service the members and their sponsors are eager and willing to be of service. They are capable of far more than most people think, and as sponsors we are giving them a chance to prove it.

Young at Heart Club

By Barbara Schofield

WOW, we had a great turnout for our first meeting of the new year on January 15. The bitter cold couldn't deter them. Eighty nine members and six guests attended the meeting. Marge welcomed the guests; we hope they enjoyed the meeting and will join us permanently.

Club dues of \$10 are due in January. The newly elected, appointed and standing officers were welcomed. President Elect Marge Koebke gave Certificates of Appreciation to the Thanksgiving

and Christmas Luncheon Committees. Our outgoing officers, Lois Hamilton, Jean Hall, Ray Nagle, Rosa Stiggers and Alice Tatham were also given Certificates Of Appreciation. Alice - 20 years? You are amazing. We wish we had more like you. Barbara Schofield, Barbara Wargo and Nancy Darmany won the 50/50.

We need new things to sell at the ways and means table. Nice things only please. Ways and means made \$16 at the last meeting.

Now I need to talk old business. The Christmas Luncheon Com-

mittee did an amazing job. The decorations were lovely with lots of door prizes and raffles. Marilyn Dillon made wonderful raffle baskets, Hugh Gribben put together the Grandfather Clock and Roberta McConnell donated a gorgeous blue poinsettia door prize. Gladys Brown, Blanch Howell, Rosa Stiggers and Thelma Forte were the committee leaders and Dottie Wathen and Joan Lewis helped with set up and cleanup. Parties are such fun; I can't wait 'til our next one. Remember: clouds are only temporary, so put fun on your to-do list. It will renew you.

Club News

Beltsville Rotary News

By Ivy Christoffers

The holidays have slipped by and are now a pleasant memory. So many festive days of fellowship

satisfying time.

The annual dictionary distribution to every third grade student in District 7620 resulted in more than 65,000 dictionaries being placed



(From left) John Moynihan, Mariko Yamaguchi, and Robert Almond

shared with each other and with the members of the Beltsville community. The extra effort made by our Rotary members during this time goes a long way to insuring a happy holiday season for many of our less fortunate citizens. We joined forces with The Women's Club of Beltsville in their annual food drive, "rang the bells" for the Salvation Army kettle drive, sent cards and packages to our fighting men and women in Iraq and Afghanistan, and generally held out our hands of friendship to one and all. A very

in the hands of these fortunate students. Rotary members divided up the list of the local schools and made it a big project for these students who were very appreciative of our concern. Some had some very good questions. One was, "Why does The Rotary Club give us these dictionaries?" This opened up the floor for many more questions about Rotary that Karl Norris and I answered gladly. It impressed the school staff and the students that a person of such caliber as

Karl Norris, a world famous scientist and the only surviving charter member of The Rotary Club of Beltsville, would be so interested in their education that he would come to their school and distribute dictionaries personally. The education of our youth is of major importance to our Rotary Organization.

Speaking of our youth, one of our latest speakers was a most personable and intelligent young Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar from Japan who is completing her studies at George Washington University. Meriko Yamaguchi is a graduate student whose field of study is International Development. Yamaguchi shared quite a lot of information with us and it surprised all of us to see how far down on the scale the United States fell in this category as compared to many other nations. Quite an eye opener.

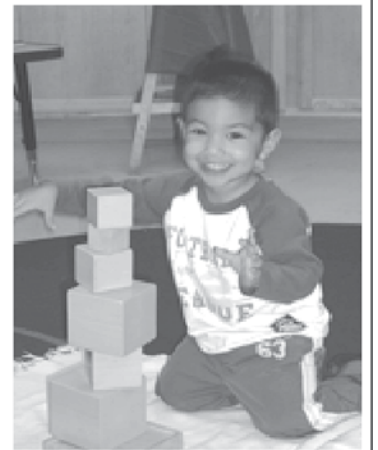
We are now gearing up for the next few months and the projects we plan to undertake. There is always a need to be filled and there is always a drive on to recruit more members of the Beltsville professional community to help us in these endeavors.

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Beltsville Garden Club

By Louise DeJames

The Beltsville Garden Club will hold a general meeting on Wednesday, February 25th 2009, at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail, Beltsville. Our speaker for this month is Meo Curtis. The topic will be "Montgomery County's Rain-

scapes Program." Ms. Curtis is one of the founders and is now the manager of the county's Rainscapes Program. She will focus on techniques to encourage property owners to use practices that reduce stormwater runoff, conserve water, and create beneficial wildlife habitats.

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Club News

College Park Unit 217 Supports Homeless Veterans

By Ivy Christoffers.

January 10th was a date set aside by the Washington VA Medical Center to focus on the plight of the "homeless veteran." Sadly, many of our homeless are veterans and in need of care, clothing, food and shelter. There was a drive held to attempt to register as many of these veterans as possible and to bring them into the hospital on January 10 to receive care as needed. There were 326 who registered and of this number, 15 were women. These veterans were brought into the hospital and set up with medical exams, dental exams, ear and eye exams and treated as needed. They were treated to haircuts and shaves, received warm clothing, hats, gloves and outerwear as well as shoes and boots. Housing and employment assistance was available to them and they were treated to warm food and some entertainment by D.J. Wayne Miller during their lunch. Before leaving, they each received a knapsack filled with a warm blanket, socks, personal items, toiletries, food, snacks and juices. We served 180 dozen donuts, along with coffee, tea and water throughout the day to the veterans and volunteers as well who were working the event. More than 180 volunteers began arriving

at 6:00 a.m. and stayed until 4:00 p.m. There were many from the military assisting, including a couple of Generals. It took many organizations to bring this event together and to make it successful. No one in the hospital was left out as volunteers went to every floor and every room to bring some cheer and goodies to the patients. This event happens every year and it is a privilege to be a small part in helping it be so successful. Coming on the heels of such a successful holiday season for our veterans and just before the "Salute to Hospitalized Veterans" which takes place the entire week of Valentine's Day with different events each day means we stay quite busy for several weeks.

An upcoming Day For God and Country Service will be held on February 7 at The Memorial Chapel at Maryland University to which the public is invited. This service pays homage to all military, past, present and future as well as The Four Chaplains who gave up their life jackets to four soldiers on the USAT Dorchester in 1943 thus perishing when their ship went down. This is a very inspiring service and it will be the 27th consecutive year this has been held in the Southern Maryland District of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Maryland. Our guest

speaker will be Brig. Gen. Wilma Vaught, director of WIMSA, Women In Military Service for America. We are very excited to have such a great woman as our speaker and look forward to her message.

We continue to make monthly trips to Washington VAMC to entertain the residents in the Community Living Center, (formerly known as the Nursing Home) and it still brings us great pleasure to be with them for the brief time we are there. Unit #217 stays busy with catering events and holding spaghetti dinners and Sunday Brunches each month. We are grateful to our group of dedicated volunteers who make these functions so very successful.

We will be holding our annual Youth Recognition Day on Jan. 25th and it will be covered in the March issue as the deadline for this issue comes before the event. Another program coming up is our annual Miss College Park Pageant which is scheduled for February. You will hear all about that in the next column as well.

We now have a new President and Cabinet leading our country. Let us pray for a cessation to hostilities and a speedy return home for all of our fighting men and women who remain in harms way. God Bless our Troops and may God continue to Bless America.

Women's Community Club of Beltsville Thanks Contributors and Volunteers 2008

The Women's Community Club of Beltsville wishes to thank the following for their support with their donations of monies, food and volunteering so that we were able to assist 37 Beltsville families at Thanksgiving and 39 Beltsville families at Christmas with not only food but gifts for everyone in the family.

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School News

MLK News

By Michelle Mariani Williams

Several MLK students are being recognized for their recent achievements. 8th grader Liz Lacson won the MLK Geography Bee and, 7th grader Brendan Gentile, placed second. Liz and Brendan competed against eleven other students and all students did a great job.

7th grader Beatrice Elvira won MLK's Spelling Bee by spelling "laconic" correctly. 7th grader Andre Gomez was the runner up. Beatrice will participate in the County Spelling Bee held at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at the University of Maryland on March 20, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

In recognition of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, eight students were chosen as King Scholars for being outstanding role models in the school community. These students exemplify the ideals of Dr. King and they consistently demonstrate the following: principals of non-violence in social interactions, a scholarly attitude toward learning, respect and appreciation for the contributions and rights of others, and respect and practice of basic civic values which lead to full participation in a democracy. The eight students recognized are: Chidi Obineche, Konyinsola Adesoye, Destiny Talley, Karthikeyan Sundar, Sarah Rose, Alexander Bailey, Yongyi Wu, and Araceli Valencia.

Snow

The Transition class at Paint Branch Montessori School enjoyed planning lots of activities for the month of January that centered on snow. First, the shelves were filled with lots of plastic snowflakes that the children poured, spooned and transferred from various bowls, cups and/or small pitchers. Children counted snowflakes and experienced the feeling of different kinds of (plastic) snowflakes. We had lots of beautiful picture cards of snowflakes for matching on the language shelf. In celebration of the winter snow and weather, we joyfully sang some fun snow songs! Our classroom

was filled with cut out snowflakes and other types of snow art! The highlight of the month was when we filled aluminum pie pans with water and some natural materials, such as leaves, acorns, and some glitter for sparkle. The students finished their project by adding a piece of string for hanging, and then they left them outside to freeze. After the water was frozen, the solid block was removed from its container and hung on a tree. They glistened and sparkled in the sun! All of us absolutely loved to watch them everyday from the classroom window! As the sun hit them and they started to melt, the children discovered just what happens to ice when it gets warm!

Tea Party at Beltsville Elementary School

Mrs. Simeona-Moon, 6th grade teacher and Mrs. Loving, Reading Specialist founded F.O.R.W.A.R.D. PROJECT GROUP. The group was created to improve literacy skills and promote self-esteem in 6th grade girls. The group consists of 50% of the 6th grade girls at Beltsville Elementary School who voluntarily participate in bi-monthly meetings. Each 90-minute session consists of homework time, healthy snacks, and literacy and self-esteem activities.

On December 18th, girls dressed in fancy hats, white gloves and dresses were a stunning sight to behold as the library was transformed into an elegant tea parlor. Girls were asked to bring teacups and saucers to use for the fes-



Mentor teachers Mrs. Loving, Ms. Bryant, and Mrs. Simeona-Moon are dressed for the formal afternoon tea.

tivities. Staff members of Beltsville Elementary donated sumptuous cookies and dainty teapots. Smiling faces and pointed pinkies graced each girl. Xolani Roberts in an elegant sequined black felt hat with fishnet tulle won the best hat competition. Alma Zepeda took the best teacup prize after sharing the wonderful history of her teacup, which had been passed down through generations.

Mrs. Simeona-Moon and Mrs. Loving look forward to working with these eager young ladies throughout the school year. "Our desire is to see our girls feel good about themselves, thus improving academically" said Mrs. Simeona-Moon. "Our goal is to increase the group participation by 10%."



Miss Simonne Francis, Miss Brittany Jones, Mrs. Simeona-Moon, Miss Jackeline Platero Pineda, Mrs. Cynthia Loving, Miss Maurica Manyan, Miss Petra Sawyer, and Miss Natalia Duran.

FEBRUARY 2009

Calendar of Events

AREA EVENTS

GIRL SCOUT CAMPS

Girl Scout Spring Camps Are Coming! Limited Spaces Available! Please visit www.girlscouts4u.org or call Lori Davis at 1.800.834.1702 for more information.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY EVENT

Saturday, February 7 at 1:00 p.m. The 27th annual Day for God and Country Service is being held at the Memorial Chapel, 1101 Chapel Dr., University of Maryland, College Park, MD. This is a day set aside to honor all military-past, present, and future-and is presented by the Southern Maryland District of the American Legion Auxiliary. The guest speaker is Brig. Gen. Wilma Vaught, USAF (Ret.). The public is invited to attend.

MONTPELIER MANSION

9650 Muirkirk Rd., Laurel, MD 20708. Call 301.377.7817 for more information on these and other events; TTY: 301.454.1472; Fax: 301.377.7818, e-mail: montpeliermansion@pgparks.com.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY LECTURE

Saturday, February 7 at 2:00 p.m. Lecture by John Gartrell, lead researcher for *A Guide to the History of Slavery in Maryland* and archivist for Baltimore's historic *Afro-American* newspaper. Mr. Gartrell will speak on his research on African-American history, including his work on *Beneath the Underground: The Flight from Slavery in Maryland from 1830-1860*. He will also speak on a project for the Maryland State Archives, which led to the discovery of the text of Dr. Martin Luther King's commencement address to Morgan State College's Class of 1958. Ages 10 and up.

Call 301.377.7817 for more information. Cost: free. The snow date is Sunday, February 8 at 2:00 p.m.

TEA TASTING AT THE LITTLE TEAPOT GIFT SHOP

Saturday, February 28 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Teas from India, China, Sri Lanka, and East Africa will be compared along with a group discussion. For more information call 301.498.8486.

REGULAR TOURS

Sundays at 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. See the mansion as it was in 1830. Fee: \$3.00 for adults, \$2.00 for seniors, \$1.00 for children 5-18. Children under 5 admitted free.

COLLEGE PARK AVIATION MUSEUM

1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Dr., College Park. Call 301.864.6029 for information on these and other events and films. TTY: 301.864.4765. Museum admission is \$4.00 for adults, \$3.00 for seniors, and \$2.00 for children. Children under 2 admitted free. Tours for groups of 10 or more are available by appointment.

HOME SCHOOL DAY

Monday, February 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Home-schooled students of all ages and their parent-educators are invited to the museum for a day of learning and adventure. Aviation-themed activities and crafts will address learning in science, math, language, and art. Pre-registration is required. Please contact the museum for more information or to pre-register. Fee: \$4.00 per participant. Ages: 7 and up.

HOLLYWOOD FLYERS FILM SERIES

Spend a Sunday afternoon at the movies. The Hollywood Flyers film series features blockbusters, classics, and documentaries. All movies

start at 1:00 p.m. Free with museum admission. Lemonade and popcorn are included. Sunday, February 1. *The Tuskegee Airmen*, rated G. This HBO special presentation is the story of four pilots recruited to be the first African-American pilots for the United States Army Air Corps. Sunday, March 1. *The Incredibles*, rated G. This is a Disney computer-animated film that follows the lives of a family of superheroes.

EXHIBIT

Triumph, Tragedy, and Taking Flight: The College Park Photographs of Charles MacCartee continues through Thursday, April 30, 2009. Photographer Charles MacCartee captured the soaring successes, grim disasters, camaraderie, and courage of the dramatic early years of the College Park Airport. His camera saved forever the stories of Hap Arnold, Paul Peck, Arthur Welsh, and many other pioneers as they ventured into the sky. Free with regular museum admission.

BELTSVILLE EVENTS

VANSVILLE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

Monday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m. at Franklin Brown Building, Vansville Recreation Park, 11733 Old Baltimore Pike, Vansville.

BELTSVILLE RECREATION COUNCIL

Monday, February 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the Beltsville Community Center.

BELTSVILLE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, February 18 at 7:00 p.m. at Beltsville Elementary School, 4300 Wicomico Ave.

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- ♦ Traditional hymns
- ♦ Sign language Interpreter
- ♦ Communion on the first Sunday of the month

COME AND STUDY!

- ♦ Sunday School for all ages, including adult Bible studies (10:10 AM)
- ♦ Sign language class on Sundays
- ♦ English classes during the week



CALENDAR

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BEHNKE NURSERY STUDENT ART SHOW

Discover the amazing talent of artists from Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The art show continues until February 7 and is free. Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

LECTURE ON ORCHIDS

Saturday, February 28 at 1:00 p.m. Hosted by orchid specialist Carol Allen. Learn all about orchids, the largest family of flowering plants. Discover what some of the more popular varieties need to thrive in your home, from light and humidity to fertilizer and potting medium. Cost: free, but **registration is required!** Call 301.937.1100 for more information and to register.

HONEY AND HONEYBEES

Saturday, March 7. Learn about honeybees, home garden honey production, and colony collapse disorder. Lecture by entomologist Dr. Jay Evans of the USDA's Agricultural Research Service and local area beekeepers. Time: to be determined. Cost: free.

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE (ARS) NATIONAL VISITOR CENTER

Located in the Log Lodge just off of Powder Mill Rd. and Center Rd., Bldg. 302, BARC – East. For information and reservations for **Thursday Free Programs for the Public** call 301.504.9403 or e-mail NVC@ars.usda.gov. Space is limited; programs fill quickly. Please include in your message a phone number where you can be reached. Regular Center hours are Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Closed federal

holidays. Explore how ARS research affects your everyday life by visiting the ARS National Visitor Center exhibits. No reservations are required during regular weekday hours.

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY (NAL)

NAL is open Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for federal holidays. It is located at 10301 Baltimore Ave.; just south of Sunnyside Ave. Parking is free in the visitor's lot accessed via the Rhode Island Ave. drive-way entrance. See www.nal.usda.gov or call 301.504.5876 for more information on basic services and special events. The library is free and open to the public.

WOMEN'S CLUB OF BELTSVILLE

Will meet MOnday, February 9, 2009 at 12:30 p.m.

BELTSVILLE LIBRARY

Contact the Beltsville Library by phone at 301.937.0294. Visit us at 4319 Sellman Rd., Beltsville, next to the police station. Visit our web site at www.pgmls.info. Hours are Monday–Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Thursday–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.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES CORETTA SCOTT KING AWARD BOOKS DISCUSSION

Monday, February 2 at 7:00 p.m. For children ages 8-12 and their families. Learn about Coretta Scott King Award Books. Pick up a copy of Mildred Taylor's *The Friendship* or Virginia Hamilton's *Her Stories*. Read and join in the book discussion.

STORYTIME

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs, and fingerplays. Ages 3 – 5.

TODDLER TIME

Mondays, February 2, 9, and 23 at 10:30 a.m. Ages 18 months to 3 years. Stories, songs, and fingerplays.

VALENTINE'S DAY STORYTIME

Monday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, February 12 at 10:30 a.m. Stories, song, and fingerplays about Valentine's Day. Ages 6 and under.

READING THEATER

Thursday, February 19 at 10:30 a.m. The life and words of Martin Luther King, Jr. Enjoy reading out loud with a group. Homeschoolers are welcome! Ages 7 – 9.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DR. SEUSS!

Thursday, February 26, at 10:30 a.m. Join the Cat in the Hat to hear stories about Thing 1, Thing 2, and Horton, too. Ages 6 and under.

PROGRAM FOR ADULTS

FRIENDS OF THE BELTSVILLE LIBRARY MEETING

Tuesday, February 3 at 6:30 p.m. Get involved with your library and give your input.

STRESS REDUCTION: HOW TO FUNCTION WITH STRESS AT HOME, WORK, OR SCHOOL

Wednesday, February 4 at 7:00 p.m. Learn about the body's response to stress, signs of stress overload, and ways to handle stressful life situations and events.

MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION

Tuesday, February 17 at 10:30 a.m. Ishmael Beah's *A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier*. Drop by the library to get a copy.

FRIENDS OF THE BELTSVILLE LIBRARY BOOK DISCUSSION

Wednesday, February 11 at 7:30 p.m. Alexander McCall Smith's *Morality for Beautiful Girls*.

PROGRAM FOR TEENS

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Saturday, February 7 at 2:00 p.m. Make a difference at your library! Give us your input so that we can serve you better. Earn volunteer hours as well.

FEES FOR THE BELTSVILLE AND VANSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTERS

Fees for programs, services, and courses can be paid by cash, check, and MasterCard and Visa credit cards. However, the inability to pay for programs, services, or classes does not exclude participation. Formal proof of need is required. For more information, or to receive an application, please contact either the Beltsville Community Center or the Vansville Community Center.

BELTSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

3900 Sellman Rd., Beltsville. Please call 301.937.6613 for information on these and other February programs, services, and

courses. TTY: 301.445.4512. The current scheduled general hours of operation are: Monday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Friday-Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

MOVIE SERIES CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Wednesdays, February 4, 11, 18, and 25 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The movies, in order of presentation, are *The Great Debaters*, *The Wiz*, *Cabin in the Sky*, and *The Five Heartbeats*. There will be door prizes, and refreshments will be served. There will be a discussion after the movies if time permits. Reservations requested by February 2. All ages are welcome. Fee: \$5.00 residents, \$6.00 non-residents.

COMPUTER COURSES

February 2009 computer courses will begin the week of February 1. Each course consists of four one-hour sessions. Courses are offered for age groups from teenagers to seniors. Subjects covered include Word, Access, Computer Skills, Internet Skills, Internet Security, Digital Darkroom, Digital Scrapbooking, Web Page Design for Teens, and PowerPoint. Fee: \$35.00 residents, \$42.00 non-residents.

XTREME TEENS EVENTS

GLOW IN THE DARK PARTY

Saturday, February 14 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Just watch us GLOW, Valentine's Day style!! Great music, activities, food, and lots of fun. Bring your friends and neighbors for this unforgettable event. Ages 10 – 17. Fee: \$5.00 resident, \$6.00 non-resident.

REGULAR WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Fridays and Saturdays from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Ages 13-17. Free with Xtreme Teens ID card.

VANSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

6813 Ammendale Rd., Vansville. Call 301.937.6621 for more information. FAX: 301.937.6623. TTY: 301.445.4512. The scheduled general hours of operation are: Monday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please call the center for more information on these and other programs and to confirm dates and times.

FITNESS ROOM

Monday -Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Friday – Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Xtreme Teens only, Friday-Saturday from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Membership required. Call 301.937.6621 for details.

OPEN GYM HOURS

Tuesdays from 8:00 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. for ages 18 and up; Thursdays from 8:00 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. for ages 30 and up. Center ID required. Call 301.937.6621 for details.

KICKBOXING 101

Mondays and Wednesdays, February 2-25 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Get your sweat on!!! Fee: \$6.00 for drop-ins.

AEROBICS 101

Mondays and Wednesdays, February 2-25 from 7:45 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. Ages 16 and up. Fee: \$40.00 for a single payment for the entire course, or \$6.00 per individual class.

SENIOR SHAPE

Beginning Wednesday, February 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. It's not just for seniors! Sponsored by NIH Heart Center at Suburban Hospital. Register for this free fitness class at 301.896.2494.

XTREME PRE-TEENS EVENTS

Fridays from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Ages 10-12. Free with Xtreme Teens ID card.

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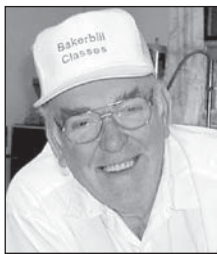
GARDEN CLUB

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Please join us to hear this informative speaker. As always, we have plants for our door prize table and refreshments after the meeting. The

public is welcomed and admission is free.

For more information, contact Louise DeJames at 301.890.4733 or visit our website at www.beltsvillegardenclub.org.



Baker Bill

STUFF 'N THINGS

I had a nice note from an old friend, Reverend Dick Karpal, over Christmas. Someone must send him my articles. He wrote to tell me that he enjoys them and the news about Beltsville. I am sure many people remember him; he was a mover and shaker in the area. I was a mover and shaker once but now I just remember.

I am changing my mind on car lights on in the daytime for the same reason I was against it. That is, not everyone does it, but enough do to make it worthwhile. I was pulling onto Powder Mill Road a while back. I saw the car with lights, but not the dirty black car behind him. It was close but not that close. So I thought I would join the many that do use lights on.

I had a talk with my editors a

while back about changing my words in the piece. For example, I use the word drivel from time to time and many of you agree about my writing. If you look up the word drivel in your Funk&Wagnel you will find a picture of me. But I am glad you read it! I have not received any E-mail of late. I have not written anything controversial of late, I'll need to work on that.

I do not write this drivel all at once. I think of something to write about then stop, let it cook a few days, then rewrite.

A nice lady collared me at church and asked about my magic sauce, she meant secret sauce. I explained it was Thousand Island sauce; yes the stuff we buy in a jar. There was a hamburger joint that used to advertise their secret sauce on a hamburger. If you remember

who, drop me a line at Bakerbill1@verizon.net. There's no prize, it's just for the fun of it.

I was thinking, is any one out there having trouble with baking? Are the items you are making suddenly not the same? Example: the bread your mother taught you doesn't turn out like it did? Over time things change. We substitute items and change the chemistry in the product. Yes I did it often. When I was a baker, I had a master book of all formulas. If something didn't turn out right twice I would go back and look it up and make the changes. If so, call me at 301.572.4180 I will talk you through it or write me at bakerbill1@verizon.net. I answer all mail.

I remind all of this every year. That is, do not be tempted to warm up your car before going out. Why you ask? First it is illegal and there are thieves out their driving around looking for cars warming up in the driveway. In a second your car could be gone. You cannot lock your car with the motor running.

That's it for this month.
Bakerbill AKA Bill Raulin

ON THE AGENDA

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and other studies for this application, and plan to submit the application in the near future.

CRIME PREVENTION TIP: When you see a strange car parked in your neighborhood GET THE TAG NUMBER make and model of the car and color. Note the time of day and a description of the driver if possible. This information can be valuable to the police if and when a home is broken into. Major

Preston from District 6 would like the community to use the District 6 "Tip Lines" They are monitored throughout the day. Call 911 for emergencies!!!

If you have information about crimes or other questionable activity in Police District VI please contact the Prince George's County Police District VI **Confidential Telephone Tip Line 301.931.3575 or email police_district6@co.pg.md.us.** For emergencies or crimes in progress, please call 911, for immediate response by Police

or other public safety services countywide.

For non-emergencies that still need the response of a police officer (or other non-emergency fire or medical services) countywide, please call Prince George's County Public Safety 301.333.4000.

We will meet on Wednesday, February 18 at 7:00 p.m. at Beltsville Elementary. If you have questions or concerns please contact me at 301.937.0157 or karenmcoakley@verizon.net.

Beltsville Library Hours



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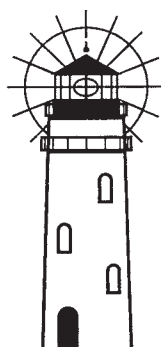
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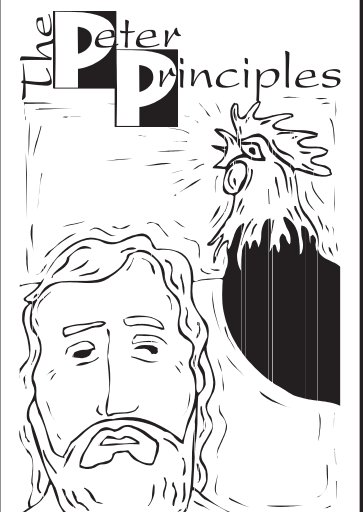
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