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# Beltsville Briefs

#### **Basket Bingo**

St. Joseph's Parish will conduct a Basket Bingo on Friday evening, January 22 in the Parish Hall at 11011 Montgomery Road from 7:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. (nonsmoking). Snow date is Friday, January 29. Come join us for this fun-filled event. Bingo winners will receive speciality baskets, pottery and home accessories. There will be door prizes and raffles too! Tickets are available for \$10.00 (in advance) daily at the school and parish offices, or at the door. Refreshments are available.

# Annual College Park Preschool Fair

The 5th Annual College Park Preschool fair is being held Saturday January 30 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the College Park Community Center located at 5051 Pierce Avenue in College Park. The event is free for families and refreshments will be served. Teachers and parents from local preschools will be available to hand out information and to answer questions. Becca Durbin of Beltsville said, "The idea of having lots of schools at one fair makes it so easy to choose one that fits each family." The City of College Park Education Advisory Committee sponsors the fair.

#### Two-Day Boating Safety Course Offered

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The only cost is \$25. Please call Steve at 410.531.3313 or Jean at 301.261.7735.

# **Award Winning Boy Scout Troop 1033**

By Gary Bauchan, Scoutmaster

Reflecting back on the year 2009, Boy Scout Troop 1033 has had a great year. Again this year, our Troop earned the Boy Scouts of America Quality Unit Award. The troop has 25 active scouts with an active Troop Committee of seven parents led by chairperson, David Timus, scoutmaster, Gary Bauchan, two assistant scoutmasters (Rick Deery and Paul Villarroel), and the support of all the parents. The troop is sponsored by Emmanuel United Methodist Church on Cedar Lane, which graciously provides meeting space for our weekly 7:00 p.m. meetings. This past year, 18 out of the 25 scouts advanced in rank, which included two Eagle Scouts, Charleston Layman and Michael Clifford. The troop went on 11 trips, which involved camping, climb-



Award winning Boy Scout Troop 1033

ing, swimming, hiking, wilderness survival, orienteering, and a weeklong summer camp. Eleven Scouts attended summer camp and obtained 25 merit badges. The Troop as a whole received many awards while at summer camp including the Clean Camp Award, Baden Powel (founder of the Boy Scouts) Patrol Award, and the Troop Award of

Excellence. A surprise summer camp award for the troop was the selection of David Timus II as the Senior Patrol Leader for the Week, which gave him the privilege of being the Master of Ceremonies at the closing campfire. The scouts who attended summer camp were helped finan-

### AWARD WINNING

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# Save the World Protects Butterflies and the Chesapeake Bay!

By Katie Swanson, Save the World Sponsor

This fall, Save the World has undertaken two major projects to attract and protect butterflies and to protect the Chesapeake Bay and other local waterways! In October, we partnered with Country Nursery in Burtonsville to design and create a butterfly garden outside of Calverton Elementary School. First, we chose a site behind the school and spent a whole afternoon digging out all of the non-native species in the existing garden. The garden was hugely overgrown, so it was quite a job! We raked out the soil until it was a smooth carpet, than covered it in gardening cloth to stop weed regrowth. We decided to plant our flowers in the shape of two large butterflies, so Beatriz Marantal (6th grade)



sketched our design on the fabric. We planted about five dozen flowering plants, all Marylandnative species that attract butterflies. We focused mainly on Black-Eyed Susans of different varieties, our state flower! We mulched the garden and built a fence around it to protect it. It

was an exhausting job, but it will be worth every second when we see the beautiful blooms and the butterflies in their new home in the spring.

In December, we started our ongoing storm drain stencil-

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The Beltsville-Adelphi Boys & Girls Club would like to thank the Jackson-Shaw Foundation for their generous donation of \$2500.00 to the boys and girls club to help purchase equipment and uniforms. Tom Aylward presented the check to President Kim Thomas (right), Treasurer Dave Pinchotti and Vice President Andria Stafford (left).



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#### On the Agenda

**By President Karen Coakley** 

#### **HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!!!**

Officer Hamilton will be our guest speaker for the January meet-



Karen Coakley

ing. She is the COPS officer from Prince G e o r g e 's County Police District 6 area of Beltsville.

Workshop to discuss your concerns of police service in the

Beltsville area and what we can do to decrease crime in Beltsville. Learn what type of information is beneficial to the police when you suspect suspicious behavior in your neighborhood. Learn how your actions and/or lack of action impact potential crime close to home. We have had many residential break-ins and thefts from autos this fall. On several occasions, I have received a calls from a neighbor that they noticed suspicious activity. We need to take a PROACTIVE APPROACH to halting the crime in Beltsville. We will also be discussing several joint ventures between the police and the community.... Crime Solvers. Police Anonymous Tip Line ... Court Watch ... Neighborhood Crime Watch, to name a few.

SHOP AND DINE LOCAL-LY WHEN POSSIBLE.... I realize the economy is not the greatest; however, our local businesses can use your support. Remember they are the ones who support the youth groups from our schools, churches etc.... If their business is down unfortunately their contributions to our non-profit community

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# 25 Years Ago in the Beltsville News

#### **By Phil Whitman**

Extracted from the January 1985 Issue

#### **Beltsville High's Store**

About 7:00 a.m. on December 31, 1984 the Beltsville High's Store was robbed by a man believed to be in his early 20's.

#### Johnson-Slaybaugh Wedding

Cathy Diane Johnson was the bride of Christopher Eric Slaybaugh.

#### **New Eagle Scouts**

Troop 1033 honored new Eagle Scouts **Mark B. Baliff** and **Dean W. Threatte** on December 15, 1984.

#### **Service News**

Francis & Tim Johnson, both serving in the U.S. Navy, were home for Christmas in 1984.

# Prince George's Football Champs

The Beltsville/Adelphi 85 lb. AA football team was crowned Prince George's County Champs.

#### **New Arrivals**

**Jessica Lee Aiello** was born to **Mr. & Mrs. Phil Aiello** on December 3, 1984.

**James Joseph Reising**, son of **Mr. & Mrs. Fred Reising**, was born on December 5, 1984.

Jessica Lee Blamer, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Larry Blamer of Bartlett, IL, was born on December 16, 1984. Mrs. Blamer is the former Cindy Ladd, daughter of Ted & Ann Ladd of Beltsville.

**Meagan Lin Paccione**, daughter of **Maureen & Jeffrey Paccione**, was born on December 23, 1984.

# Beltsville Photographer Wins State Honors

With his print, "The Look of Love," Beltsville wedding photographer **George Meurer** received the coveted Award of Achievement at the MPPA Competition in November, 1984.

#### **Obituaries**

**Hazel Rita McGowan**, 84, a retired bookkeeper, died on December 15 at her Beltsville residence.

Frances Louise Reece, 74, a retired practical nurse from Beltsville, died on December 23, 1984 in Washington Adventist Hospital.

**Billy Dean Moran**, 57, a supervisor for Kronheim Company in Cheverly, died on December 8, 1984 at his Beltsville home.

**Craig L. Suto**, 23, died on Dec. 12, 1984 at the National Institutes of Health. He was born in Ohio and served in the U.S. Air Force.

# **Adopt Florence**



Florence is a precious cat that, unfortunately, due to our fragile economy, was abandoned at a local hotel room back in June. She has been passed over so many times for kittens or other cats because people think she is maybe just an ordinary brown tabby, but she is far from ordinary. She is only two years

old, spayed and has all shots. She is a petite brown tabby with a unique orange stripe down her face. She has the tiniest meow. She is a beautiful soul with so much love in her heart to share. She is very loyal and will cuddle up next to you to watch TV or enjoy a good book. Her favorite pastime is lounging in her favorite bed and enjoying her daily cat treats. Florence likes other cats and loves people especially women. She gives kisses to me every morning and greets me with a soft meow. If you have room in your heart this holiday season to adopt or even foster temporarily, please consider Florence. You won't be disappointed. Thank you from the College Park Animal Welfare Committee and Florence! If you are interested please respond via email at alightning@collegepark. gov or call 240.375.3165

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# **Neighbors in the News**

### Beltsville Boys and Girls Club 16U Cheerleading Champions

The Beltsville Boys and Girls Club 16U Cheerleading Team won first place at the Spirit Unlimited Halloween Classic, Rumble in the Jungle Competition and the Prince George's County B&G Club Cheerleading Competition. Beltsville won the best sportsmanship award at the Rumble in the Jungle Competition.

After 9 years of coaching a competitive team, coaches Kim Thomas and Ed Healy retire after a 1st place season. Kim has stepped down to assistant cheerleading commissioner and turned the title of cheerleading commissioner over to Rhonda Woodley. Good Luck Rhonda!



Front Row, from left, Jennifer Hernandez, Graciela Diaz, Captain-Rachel Healy, Jennifer Diaz, Daniela Ramirez, Top row, from left, Coach Kim Thomas, Ariana Moore, Captain- Lauren Thomas, Co-Captain- Lynn Patterson, Daisy Quevedo, Maurica Manyan, Jazmine Acevero, Coach Ed Healy. Not Shown- Imani Williams. These girls worked very hard, showed great teamwork, and put in a lot of hours and were rewarded with a successful season. Good Job Girls!!

# Augsburg Church and Academy Adopt Seniors

Members of Augsburg Evangelical Church and families from Augsburg Academy joined together to bring the Christmas spirit to the residents of Paint Branch Home.

Keeping with a five-year tradition, Augsburg's church and school joined together to provide Christmas presents, as well as a Christmas worship service and a Christmas party to the residents at Paint Branch Home.

'These residents are often here without families or their families are far away," said Project Angel Tree coordinator Hope Powell. "We believe it is part of our calling as a church and school to reach out and help make the joy of Christ known to these good folks." More than two dozen residents enjoyed a worship service led by Pastor Art Hebbeler, who shared the Christmas story with them and a message of hope and joy. Church members and Academy students helped pass out gifts, cookies, and drinks to the residents, and all joined together

in some rousing Christmas songs, hymns, and carols.

"We try to help out and visit Paint Branch Home at least twice a year," said Pastor Hebbeler. "It's a joy to bring the Word of God to these dear friends, many of whom I have known for several years

To find out more about Augsburg Evangelical Church or the Augsburg Academy, visit their web site (www.AugsburgAcademy.net) or call 240.786.0283.

# Social Media Marketing Expert to Headline Beltsville Business Breakfast

Most business people organize a group to get their message across to their elected representatives. The 21st District Delegation — Senator Jim Rosapepe and Delegates Barbara Frush, Ben Barnes and Joselin Peña Melnyk — is reversing that process. It is organizing the Beltsville Business Breakfast group to meet monthly on the 17th Floor of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Library on Route 1 in Beltsville. The site offers an "overview" of the Beltsville and College Park communities. The first breakfast is scheduled for January 13 at 7:30 to 9:00 a.m.

Attendees must register in

advance by calling 301.858.3141 to meet the Library's security clearance requirements.

"We need to hear from our constituents on a regular basis to know how best to represent them," Senator Rosapepe said in announcing the breakfast series. "We will be sending out a questionnaire in advance of the breakfast to Beltsville businesses to see what their concerns are and how we can help.'

The legislative session in Annapolis will kick off in early January and will give business people lots to talk about.

Each breakfast will feature a

business speaker addressing current business issues and opportunities. The January 13 Breakfast will hear a presentation Social Media Marketing expert Peg Duchesne, a Laurel business women, on the subject of Linked In and other widely used social media to connect with customers to build good business relationships.

A continental breakfast will be provided at a cost of \$5 at the door. Cross Creek's Good Neighbor Group leader, Paul G. Zurkowski, has stepped forward to provide support for the breakfast and its functions for the Beltsville community.

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ing project in the neighborhood around Calverton. All of our storm drains empty into the Chesapeake Bay, so any litter or chemicals that people throw in their yards or in the street wind up in the Bay. It's a huge problem! Signs by Tomorrow in Beltsville generously donated stencils and other supplies for our

storm drains surfaces hard with wire brushes and water. Then, we taped out a frame for our top-side stencil. We carefully covered the storm drain opening with reused sheet dropcloths, then painted the inside of our frame with white paint. While the paint dried, we spray painted our "Chesapeake Bay Drainage" stencil on the front side of the drain. We guarded

project. First, we scrubbed our the white paint while it dried - it was a very windy day, so leaves and pine needles kept blowing into our paint! Next, we stenciled "Don't dump" onto the white box and removed the tape. Finally, we scrubbed our stencils and brushes clean. Be on the lookout for more stenciled storm drains in your neighborhood - and please don't trash our beautiful Bay!



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## **Neighbors in the News**



The Greenbelt Dog Training parade team won the first place best in show trophy at the 19th annual Burtonsville Day celebration and parade on September 26, 2009. The team has won awards and trophies in many parades around the metropolitan area and conducts obedience demonstrations in community events, special schools, nursing homes and Children's Hospital.

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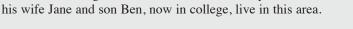
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# Happy Anniversary Ray & Loretta Turek

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# **Neighbors in the News**

# Cabin Camping At Hard Bargain Farm

By Adrian Villarroel , Troop Scribe

At the end of each year Troop 1033 has gone cabin camping to celebrate the activities of the year. This past December 5-6, 2009 scouts Adrian Villarroel, Alex Orellana, Al Diagne, Wil Miller, David Timus II, Patrick Deery, Danny Moreno, Eric Matthews, Sean Halper, Robbie Stewart, Grant Sowels, Curtis Gill, Chiam Johnson and adult leaders Scoutmaster, Gary Bauchan: Troop Committee Chair, David Timus I; scout parents Andre Johnson and Ken Gill, went to the Hard Bargain Farm in Accokeek, MD. The troop stays in Wareham Lodge, which has a great facility for scouting activities. The lodge has a large central area for indoor activities and eating; a large fully equipped kitchen, and sleeping facilities. Everyone had a good time touring the farm despite the heavy rain/snowy weather. We enjoyed petting the farm animals such as goats, sheep, donkeys, cows, chickens, turkeys, and rabbits. The scouts reveled in playing snow football, gleefully participated in a game of manhunt



Scouts at Hard Bargain Farm

(tag) in the dark, stayed warm watching movies and ate their fill of a Thanksgiving feast of turkey, stuffing, green bean salad, cranberries, garden salad, soda and scout-cooked chocolate chip cookies. Everyone really enjoyed the opportunity to go camping indoors in the cold weather after surviv-

ing tent camping in both hot and cold temperatures all year long. The indoor environment encourages the scouts to interact with each other which oftentimes creates lasting friendships throughout their scouting careers.

# **Jessica Lorditch and Tim Jennings Engaged**

Paul and Valerie Lorditch of Bowie, Maryland, announce the engagement of their daughter Jessica Marie to 2nd LT. Timothy Daniel Jennings, son of Joseph and Patricia Jennings of Beltsville. Jessica is a senior at the University of Maryland working on a Bachelors degree in Public



and Community Health. Tim is a 2009 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. After Jessica graduates and Tim completes Field Artillery school, they will live in Oahu, Hawaii. A January wedding is planned.

#### **AWARD WINNING**

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cially with a generous grant from Prince George's County, through the efforts of Councilman Tom Dernoga. The troop helped out at the inauguration of President Obama, enjoyed Monster Trucking at the Verizon Center, baked and served pancakes at the Methodist Church for Scout Sunday, and participated in Beltsville Day. The Troop contributed over 800 hours of service to the local community. These service projects included cleaning up the Patuxent River near Rocky Gorge, cleaning up the grounds at the Methodist Church, gardening at the Beltsville K-8

Academy, helping the Rotary Club with their Flea Market, trail building at Greenbelt National Park, Making a Difference by planting daffodils at the Beltsville Recreation Center, directing traffic at the Methodist Church parking lot Trunk-or-Treat, Scouting for Food for the needy, baking pumpkin pies for Thanksgiving baskets for the needy, collecting toys for Children's Hospital, shoveling snow at the Methodist Church, and collecting DVDs for the military troops serving in Afghanistan. Our spring and fall fund raising involving the sale of Behnke's mulch, fertilizer, topsoil, grass seed, flower bulbs, and mums continues to be a huge

success. The scouts should be very proud of their individual achievements and the accomplishments of the troop as a whole. 2010 is to be a festive year for the Boy Scouts of America as we will be celebrating 100 years of scouting. Our troop will be involved in many centennial activities including attendance at a council wide Jamboree, Scouting on the Mall in Washington, D.C. in July and August and a grand parade down Constitution Ave. on July 25th. If you know a boy from the first grade through high school who is interested in scouting, please have him contact Gary Bauchan at 301-937-0944.

## **Correction**

The person in the photo on page 1 of the December issue accompanying the article entitled, "Help for Homeless Animals" was incorrectly identified as Christi Fries, owner of Terrapin Pets. The person in the photo is Lynn Wexler, an employee of Terrapin Pets.





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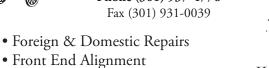


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## **Neighbors in the News**

# Riderwood's Toys for Tots Project a "Holiday Miracle!"

On a rainy, chilly Sunday morning, a Riderwood shuttle bus transformed into Santa's sleigh, delivering over 1,000 toys to benefit Washington area children for the 2009 Toys for Tots campaign.

"It's a holiday miracle!" exclaimed WRQX radio deejay Robert Carson, upon seeing the Riderwood contingent and nine large boxes filled with the likes of dolls, games, matchbox cars, coloring books and sporting goods.

Hosting a live broadcast from the Rio at Washingtonian Center in Gaithersburg, Carson serves as afternoon drive time personality for MIX 107.3 FM. The station annually coordinates drop-off centers for the Toys for Tots campaign.

Jeff Bowers, Director of Sales at Riderwood, applauded the retirement community's charitable effort: "Riderwood's participation in the 2009 Toys for Tots campaign was extraordinary in its scope and kindness. Residents and staff from independent living and Renaissance Gardens donated items to collection centers throughout campus. Even members of our Priority List brought toys to our Homes for the Holiday Parade event on December



A team of residents and staff from Riderwood, a Silver Spring retirement community, delivered over 1000 toys for the 2009 Toys for Tots campaign. The donation occurred on December 13th at Rio at Washingtonian Center in Gaithersburg, a drop-off location coordinated by WRQX-Radio (MIX 107.3 FM). The Riderwood team also participated in a live interview with MIX 107.3 FM afternoon drive-time deejay Carson.

11th. As a result, deserving children in the Washington area will have a happier holiday season."

Sporting Santa hats, residents and staff loaded a Riderwood shuttle bus with toys and delivered them to the Gaithersburg location. That team consisted of residents Shirley Dearfield, Terrie Elliott and Jim Torri and staff members Jeff Bowers, Douglas Burnett, Kimberly Meyerdirk and Jeff Getek. Senior sales associate Elena Price

and sales event associate Debbie Boyd coordinated the morning's logistics.

After the packages were transported to the Toys for Tots truck, the Riderwood team met Carson and the MIX 107.3 FM production crew in the mall. The residents and Bowers participated in a fourminute live interview, describing Riderwood's charitable spirit to the MIX 107.3 FM listening audience.

# **District 1 Digest**

Greetings for the New Year!

2010 will certainly be a year of

By Councilman Tom Dernoga, Vice Chair, Prince George's **County Council (District 1)** 

changes for Beltsville, the Councilmanic District, and Prince George's County. As many of you know, five members of the County Council, including myself, are term-limited and will be leaving office at the end of this year. This will give the citizens of Beltsville and the surrounding communities in District One a chance to vote for new representation. The same goes for the County Executive position: this is term-limited, and the citizens will be electing a new leader for the County. In addition, many other races, including the Sheriff, State's Attorney, Clerk for the Circuit Court, Register of Wills, and others will be on the ballot for the primary this coming September and the general election in November. Remember, these are key positions of leadership that oversee critical functions in our government, including decisions of the departmental operations, landuse planning, criminal prosecutions, and others. Please take the time in 2010 to be a part of the democratic process: learn about the candidates' views on various issues confronting our county, and select the individuals during the primary and general election that will best serve the interests of Beltsville and the County for the next four years.

Speaking of changes, I am pleased to announce some positive transitions in the District 1



**Councilman Tom Dernoga** 

office. As many of you know, Judy Thacher, my long-time right hand decided to retire in August after she concluded that the horse farm that she and her husband bought was just too much to leave every day for work. Who can blame her? We really miss her, but she is helping out periodically. Alex Hirtle, my fantastic constituent services aide has been promoted to Legislative Aide and is doing very well. Laura Polk will now be handling most of my constituent issues; she was previously my Administrative Assistant, and has taken over many of Alex Hirtle's duties. Laura recently completed a graduate degree in anthropology at University of Maryland. If you have a concern, whether it's trash pick-up, snow removal, property standards, a pothole, or any one of the many issues that the County can resolve, please don't hesitate to call Laura so she can look into it and find a solution. Her direct number is 301-780-8158. Tiara Brown-Prescod is my new Admin-

istrative Assistant. She is in charge of keeping my schedule and making sure I arrive promptly to all the meetings and events that I attend (a difficult job, mind you!). She has been a resident of Prince George's County for the past 12 years, is a graduate of Dr. Henry A. Wise High School, and is currently taking night classes at Prince George's Community College. Tiara is usually the first person you will speak to if you call our main office number, 301-952-3887. Please be nice to her - no matter what the problem is, it is not her fault (smile). She will help get you to the right person to help address your concerns.

In addition, exciting changes have occurred within the County Council: on December 1st, 2009, I was unanimously voted in by my colleagues as Chairman of the Council. Also, Andrea Harrison, who represents District 5 which includes Bladensburg, Cheverly, the Port Towns, Landover, and others areas, was voted in as Vice-Chair. Andrea is a very good friend and an excellent council member. I look forward to working in partnership with her during my last year on the Council. This year will be a challenging one, particularly in light of the fiscal situation we face. In spite of this, Andrea and I will provide the leadership necessary to ensure that we allocate your tax dollars effectively while maintaining the best services possible. In addition, my legislative priorities for the coming year will

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### **Obituaries**

#### Grimley, The Reverend Whitney Dale

The Reverend Whitney Dale Grimley of Beltsville died on Tuesday, December 1, 2009. He was the beloved husband of Diana L. Grimley and father of Wendi (David) Haselberger, Benjamin and Staci Grimley, all of Beltsville. He was the brother of Edward Grimley of Edgewater, MD, Linda Herrara of Severn, MD, Peggy Ahmay of Edgewater, MD, Donna Kauffman of Edgewater, MD, and Kay Grimley of Laurel, MD. He was the grandfather of Hailey, Kortni, Ashlei and Emili Haselberger. Funeral service was held at Cresthill Baptist Church, 6510 Laurel-Bowie Road, Bowie, MD on Saturday, December 5, at 10:00 a.m. with The Reverend James Painter officiating. Interment private. Memorial contributions may be made to the above named church. Arrangements made by Borgwardt Funeral Home.

#### Grogan. Marie T.

Marie T. Grogan of Beltsville passed away on Saturday, December 5, 2009. Beloved wife of Regis A. Grogan; sister-in-law of Grace Devine, Nancy Buchlmayer, James C. and Thomas A. Grogan. Twenty-six nieces and nephews also survive her. Funeral service was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Rd. Beltsville, MD on Tuesday, December 8 at 10:00 a.m. Interment George Washington Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to your local Humane Society.

#### Horton, Hubert L.

Hubert L. Horton of Beltsville died at his residence on Thursday, December 3, 2009. He was the beloved husband of the late Shirley Anne Horton and loving father of Linda L. (Jeffrey) Tugwell, Denise A. (Jim) Horton, Michele M. (Nile) Burgess and Mark L. Horton. He was the grandfather of Harry, Shannon, Melissa, Jennifer, Mark, Billy and Angela and the great grandfather of Kenny Jr., Christopher, Thomas, Tori, Kaylee, Kiersten, Luke, Seth, Amiah and Tristen. He was the brother of the late Kathleen Breen and Juanita Bean. Funeral service was held at the Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road on Monday, December 7, at 10:00 a.m. with the Reverend John Sodomora officiating. Interment George Washington Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of the Chesapeake, 445 Defense Highway, Annapolis, MD

#### Peterson, Patricia Abbott

Patricia Abbott Peterson, beloved wife of 58 years to Irvin L. "Pete" Peterson, passed away on December 4, 2009 under the care of Hospice of Citrus County. She is survived by her husband, three sons, and six grandchildren: Frank, William (Marie Cox) Peterson and their daughter Amanda of Dravosburg, PA; Donald Abbott (Patricia Oscanyan) Peterson, and their children Carlene, Dustin, and Terra of Palmyra, NY; Alan Frederick (Robin Hopkins) Peterson, and their children Zachary and Abby of Annandale, VA. She is also survived by her cousin Charles (Alice) Abbott, niece Kristie (Wayne) Walker, and nephews Bob (Shirley) and Bill Abbott.

Patricia was born to Elmer Willis and Ruth Bowie Abbott in Bangor, Maine, went to school in Auburn, ME and Burlington, VT and graduated from Boston University before moving to California with her brother, Bob. She married Pete in Sacramento, CA in 1951 and lived in Dinuba, Merced, Davis, and Fremont, CA, Bellevue, WA and Beltsville, MD. They retired to Beverly Hills, FL in 1993

The Governor of Maryland recognized Patricia for her work on the Board of the Greater Laurel Community Hospital in its formative period. She was an important staff member of the Beltsville News. She was also an active participant in youth, community religious groups, serving as a den mother in Cub Scouts, running the concession stand for Little League baseball, teaching Sunday School, singing in the church choir, and serving as a volunteer worker in hospitals and libraries wherever she lived. More recently, she was an active member of the Beverly Hills Community Church, Recreation Association, Skillbank, Surveillance Unit, Garden Club, and the Civic Association. Most important, Patricia was truly devoted to family and friends, as a daughter, wife, mother, grandmother and neighborhood friend.

A memorial service was held at the Beverly Hills Community Church on Tuesday, December 10 at 10:00 a.m. in remembrance and celebration of Patricia's life. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Citrus County, P.O. Box 641270, Beverly Hills, FL 34464 or to Beverly Hills Community Church, 82 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills, FL 34465.

#### Schlub, Patricia G.

Patricia G. Schlub passed away on Friday, December 11, 2009. Beloved mother of Jennifer L. Fazio (James) and Cindy C. Gowin (Michael); loving sister of Jackie Walters (Tom); grandmother of Peyton, Santino, Eva, Michael and Luca. She also leaves her faithful pet, Jack. Funeral service was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, MD on December 15 at 11:00 a.m. with the Reverend Ron Friedrich officiating. Interment private.

#### Schultz, William A. "Bill"

William A. "Bill" Schultz,

formerly of Beltsville, died on Monday, November 30, 2009. He was the beloved husband of the late Connie Schultz and father of Frank Birdsong, Patty (Mark) Torre, Tony (Erin) Birdsong, Eddie (Christy) Schultz, Natalie (Yancy) Anthony, Rich (Jill) Schaffer, and the late Butch Birdsong. He was the brother of Bob and Duane Schultz. He was the grandfather of Anthony, Michael, Brian, Mallory, Brandon, Sierra, Charlie, Danielle, Travis, Garret, Josie, Sean, Emily, Madison, Cole, Seth, and Connie and the great-grandfather of Blake. Funeral service was held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 6905 Greenbelt Rd., Greenbelt, MD on Friday, December 4 at 10:00 a.m. Interment Fort Lincoln Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to HEROES, Inc. 1100 G St., N.W., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20005.

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include foreclosure assistance and property standards, implementing the new State storm water management regulations, revision of taxi cab regulation, and reform of the zoning ordinance. I also will be working closely with the Police Department to continue to reduce crime. Our statistics say that crime has been reduced, but those incidents that continue say that we can still do more - and we must.

Finally, I am proud to announce that I recently delivered a \$2,000

special appropriations grant check to the Laurel-Beltsville Oasis organization. Laurel-Beltsville Oasis, Inc. provides essential counseling and other services to youth and families in Beltsville and Prince George's County. Their effective work places youth on the path to success and serves as a positive force for Beltsville, District One, and Prince George's County. I always have an interest investing in the future of our youth, and am glad to provide continued support to this wonderful organization. Good luck in 2010, Oasis, and keep

up the great work you do!

I also was successful in obtaining a \$20,000 donation from Montgomery Land Corporation, developer of Cross Creek for the Calverton Elementary School PTA. The parents and teachers of Calverton do a fantastic job and the school is very over-crowded. These resources are going to help provide additional cultural program and support materials for the teachers. Thanks to Cross Creek!

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## Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

By Senator Jim Rosapepe (D-21)

#### **Happy New Year!**

For most of us, 2009 was not a pleasant year - unemployment up and incomes down. The Great Recession that began on Wall Street and spread to almost every community, including Beltsville, is not over. Too many of our working people can't find jobs and too many of our businesses are struggling to survive. Families are still threatened with foreclosure on their homes, and our neighborhoods are endangered by empty houses.

The good news is that 2009 is over - and that President Obama, Congressman Hoyer, and our other leaders have acted firmly to extend unemployment compensation, help working families keep health insurance through COBRA when breadwinners are laid off, and create jobs in transportation, energy efficiency, public safety, and education.

We don't know when the economy will come back strongly, but all of us need to keep our faith in our



**Senator Jim Rosapepe** 

country, help those who are suffering most, and work together to create jobs and opportunity.

#### Where's My Stimulus?

With big banks getting bailouts and working families losing jobs and income, many of us ask that question. The truth is that President Obama's stimulus plan is focused, not on the big banks, but on education, health care, public safety and transportation.

To help Marylanders see for ourselves where the economic stimulus investment is going, Governor O'Malley has created a website with the details – what money is going where.

#### It's: http://statestat.maryland. gov/recovery.asp

Take a look for yourself, see if there are programs that can help you and your family, and let me and the Delegates know your thoughts.

#### **Contact Us**

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

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#### **WINTER BIRD WALKS**

Wednesday, January 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Ages 16 and up. Wednesday, January 13 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Ages 16 and up. Come in search of wintering birds on the refuge. Field guides and binoculars are recommended.

#### **EXPLORING NATURE HIKE**

Tuesday, January 12 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Ages 5-7. Explore Patuxent's winter wonderland on this hands-on hike. Learn about animal signs and just who is out and about during these chilly months. Please dress for the weather. Perfect for homeschoolers!

## **Club News**

### **Beltsville Lions Blood Drive**

The Beltsville Lions cordially invite your participation in their quarterly blood drive on Tuesday, January 19 from 3:00 to 6:45 p.m. at the Beltsville Community Center, 3900 Sellman Road. Professional staff of the Washington Hospital Center, MedStar will conduct the blood donations.

The donations are done in a

consider donating if you are able to do so. You could give no better gift to someone in dire need of a transfusion.

If you can do it and are interested in helping with a blood donation, please call Lion Ted Ladd at 301.937.6796 or e-mail tedladd02@aol.com to schedule a time. Appointments are at 15-minute intervals starting at 3:00 p.m.

very efficient manner, and waiting time is kept at a minimum. Please

# Beltsville Young at Heart Club

#### By Barbara Schofield

Hello everyone. The December 17th meeting was our Christmas Luncheon and installation of new officers. The community center little ones came over to sing Christmas songs for us with their sweet little voices and we even had a visit from Santa. We enjoyed lots of good food, prizes and friends to

share a good time with. I need to thank all my committee members for their help. We have to say a big thank you to outgoing president, Marge Koebke, for doing a wonderful job with the club. She inherited a mess and opposition but came through with flying colors. Next meeting we get to greet our new President, Blanche Howell. 'Til then, enjoy the snow.

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### **Club News**

#### **By Ivy Christoffers**

Welcome to 2010. Like all of you out there, The Rotary Club of Beltsville did face some challenging times in 2009, but all in all, we think we had a pretty good year. We have added several new members to our roster who have jumped right in and have become great assets to our club. We partnered with several other organizations in addressing the issues of our community and were quite successful in bringing about some noticeable changes.

We are fortunate to have guest speakers nearly every week who bring us information on a range of topics. For instance, Delegate Pat McDonough, republican candidate for governor and a guest of Don Messenger laid out very clearly his political positions on various issues. Pat McDonough is also a talk show host on a Baltimore station. Rotarian and resident meteorologist, Howard Phoebus, gave his traditional winter forecast. According to Howard, we have a moderate El Nino pattern, which brings average seasonal temperatures along with a relatively wet climate pattern. His prediction is for a return to cooler but seasonal temperatures and a winter snowfall of 20 to 25 inches. If you ever call the weather number, you might just be hearing Howard's voice telling you what to expect. Another speaker, Andrew Springer, Vice President of a new business in Beltsville, Sun Services, explained his plan of action and the moderate growth of his new business, a roll-off dumpster business. His company currently employs 25 but he hopes to expand to approximately 60 in the near future. Sun Services currently works with woods, plastics, paper, metals and some concrete. They demolish houses, accept debris from other companies and recycle materials, working only with basic industrial materials, no bagged waste. Sun began as a

# Beltsville Rotary News



From left, Karl Norris, Andrew Springer, and Rick Salamy

small hauling business but soon realized there was no facility such as theirs in Prince George's Co. They found a need and filled it. Working within the "green building council" guidelines, Springer and Brian Shipp, his partner, are in the process of building a new and larger facility, thus fulfilling their vision of expanding their company and providing job growth in the community.

Our bakers are doing their thing and making many deployed troops very happy with the home made cookies, brownies and other goodies that are being sent to Iraq and Afghanistan every three weeks. We cannot do enough for these brave men and women. Let us hope they are all home, safe and sound, soon.

On December 12, many of our members braved the cold weather to "Ring the Bells" for the Salvation Army at Behnke's and at the Calverton Giant. I have it on good authority that the donors were very generous and this year we realized a record-breaking collection. In past years, there was a contest between the Rotarians who worked each spot; however, this year we do not know whether

the glory goes to Calverton Giant or Behnke's as all donations were co-mingled at the end of the day. Suffice to say, the Salvation Army was very satisfied with our efforts and we all enjoyed great fellowship while manning the "red kettles." Our thanks to Past President Eleanor Frierson for orchestrating this project.

On Dec. 22nd we held elections for officers to be installed in June 2010, after which we enjoyed a holiday party hosted by our Rotary President Rick Salamy. I believe Ms. Santa Claus will also be in attendance. Looks like a great party is shaping up.

We are always on the lookout for interested parties to join our Rotary Club. If you are in business in the area, why not give us a call, or better yet, join us for lunch some Tuesday at noon at the Holiday Inn in College Park, and I will pick up your tab. We are a very welcoming group and, as you can see, we have interesting meetings and get our jollies by doing good for others. Let us hope 2010 brings peace and plenty to all.



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### **Club News**

### A Month of Community Involvement for College Park Unit 217

**By Ivy Christoffers** 

What a rewarding past few weeks our members have experienced!! We have been involved with the community on so many levels. We partnered with the Salvation Army in helping to brighten up the lives of the less fortunate by stuffing giant Christmas stockings with coloring books and crayons, puzzles, balls, small toys, story books, pencils, jump ropes, yo-yos, small musical instruments, spinning tops, wrapped candies, beanie babies, candy canes and many other small items that had the stockings bulging at the seams. Mary Keller and her crew did a magnificent job of ordering, stuffing and then delivering the stockings to the Salvation Army in Bladensburg where they were gratefully accepted. We also adopted two needy families in our area, one with Mom, Dad and two children and one with a Mother and three children. The five children range from 18 months to 12 years. Mary picked up their wish list and fulfilled it completely, even to furnishing a 24 inch 18 speed bike for the 12-year-old girl. The bike was donated by Mary's daughter, Annie H., refurbished by Annie's brother, Randy B. and delivered by Steve I. (better known as "Bulldog"). In addition to these projects, food was collected all month long to provide

50 food baskets, completed by the addition of \$40.00 in Giant and Shoppers Gift certificates inserted in each basket to enable the recipients to purchase the meats, fresh vegetables and fruits to complete their meals. The baskets were then delivered by Post and Unit members to residents in the area including many who reside in Attick Towers and Spellman House. It gives us a great deal of pleasure to be able to assist those who are less fortunate and to bring some small measure of holiday cheer to them.

In addition to all of this, Mary K. and her friends have been busy baking her famous rum cakes for the holidays. Approximately 50 cakes have been ordered at a cost of \$17.00 each and her fame as a baker grows each year. The money she makes from her cakes is pumped right back into the community through the many projects we support.

The Chili Cookoff held on the 6th of Dec. was a special time for the lovers of chili. I hear the judges, Mayor Steve Brayman, Council member, Joe Negro and Legionnaire, Kenny Younes had a tough time but finally came to a decision on the winners. Taking the \$50.00 for first place was Linda Sharpe, the \$15.00 second place went to Howard Mays and Diana Nix won the \$10.00 third place award. All the proceeds realized from this event went to help defray the cost of the holiday food baskets

During the month of December there were several functions where we came together as a Legion Family to show our support for our active military and their families. On the 5th we hosted a retirement/advancement banquet for members of the National Guard stationed at Riverdale Park and Ft. George G. Meade. On the 12th we held an open house for the members of the 450th Civil Affairs Battalion Airborne where the American Legion Auxiliary Unit # 217 presented to Lt. Col. John Lawlor, the commanding officer of the 450th, a new Maryland Flag, complete with oak flagpole, cord and cross for display in the Riverdale Park Armory. Col. Lawlor said there had never been a Maryland Flag

in the Armory and he appreciated receiving the flag that will complete his Battalion colors. Previously this same day, Post Commander, Glenn Butler and Unit President, Diana Nix had been invited to speak to the National Guard on the benefits of membership in the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary that resulted in several of the soldiers submitting applications for membership.

December 13th we held our annual community children's Christmas party, complete with the jolly fat guy in the red suit who provided gifts for all the children in attendance. There were 53 between the ages of infant to 12 years. There were as many adults as children enjoying the pizza party. The children participated in arts & crafts, making snowflakes and Christmas tree ornaments, played musical chairs and ended the afternoon with a dance contest. Assisting Santa were Miss College Park, Elise Pittman, and the Miss Greenbelt queens. Everyone had a great time and an exhausted Santa said the most requested items were cell phones and Iboxes, even from the 4 and 5 year olds. Imagine that.

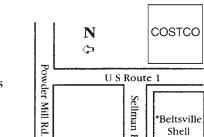
Our members have been busy participating in the Christmas Gift Shops at the various VA Hospitals and Charlotte Hall where the veterans can shop, free of charge from a variety of items provided by the American Legion Auxiliary, for their family and loved ones. Our members wrap the gifts, tag them appropriately and give them to the veteran or send them to the home addresses provided by them. We also held holiday parties at the hospitals for the patients themselves. Our resident Mrs. Santa has been very busy throughout the area beginning with the holiday party held for the Special Olympics of Prince George's Co. at the Fontainebleau in Lanham on Dec. 7th. She has appeared at thirteen different functions for the community and has enjoyed each and every one.

Our hope is that your holiday season was as rewarding as ours and that 2010 brings a promise of peace and happiness to all our readers. God Bless You and May God continue to bless the United States of America.

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# **Club News**

#### The Women's Community Club of Beltsville

#### By Mae Whitehead, President

The Women's Community Club of Beltsville (WCCB) wishes all a safe and happy year ahead. We will not meet in January 2010. Please look for our next meeting notice in the February edition of the Beltsville News, along with an appropriate thank you to the many supporters and contributors to our community outreach projects, especially during the holiday season.

The WCCB is a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization. Our activities are open to all in the Community. Your participation is welcomed. Canned food donations are accepted toward our food assistance projects.

For more information about WCCB please visit us on the Internet at www.beltsvillerec.org or contact Mae Whitehead presidentwccb@ yahoo.com or phone 301.572.7464.

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### **School News**

# Calverton Kindergartners Celebrate the Season

In November Ms. Remondini's class made truly terrific trees. They used our handprints smothered in brown paint to make tree stumps in celebration of letter Tt this week and the fall season. They added fall colored leaf stamps to make their trees truly terrific! (Notice all the "t's.") In December, their hallway bulletin board is decorated with the different candles of the December holidays, the nine candles of Hanukah, the seven candle of Kwanzaa, and single candles for Christmas.

Ms. Bossler's bulletin board has cloud painting based on the classic book, It Looked Like Spilled Milk. The students imagine their clouds look like a flower, and ice cream cone, a butterfly, a rock, a melted popsicle, a car and a heart.

Mrs. Hankey's bulletin board has a large Christmas tree with bright red Christmas stockings with ă (short a) word families.

The hallway outside Ms. Hart's room has "Dear Santa" letters carefully written out on Christmas stockings (with toys spilling out of the tops), plus paper Christmas trees that her students decorated and then wrote a sentence or two

The wall outside Mrs. Freeman's room has festive Christmas wreaths lined up, each with a red velvet bow and decorated with shiny, red sequins. In November they had a mini-Thanksgiving Feast with Mrs. Hernandez's pre-kindergartners. Mrs. Freeman's students were the "Indians" and took popcorn to

Jessica Cook, Damani Radway,

Luis Gutierrez, Miguel Ramirez,

Damon Crutchfield, and Miguel

Velasquez. The program was

repeated at night for Calverton

share. Mrs. Hernandez's students were the "pilgrims" and provided the apple juice. In music class in December with Mr. Lewis, they

learned two delightful movement songs, "Navel Orange" and "I Have a Little Snowman."

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# Calverton Music Department Presents, "The Best Gifts"

On the morning of December 15, the multi-purpose room at Calverton Elementary School was teaming with excited students. Pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, first and second grade students were gathered in the audience and the rest of the school, third grade through sixth grade were in the "wings," waiting to perform. Music specialists, Mr. Lewis and Mrs. Reed, and the students had put in a lot of work to present their musical extravaganza.

After a cheery welcome by sixth graders Shagun Sharma and Dasha Williams, the show began with over 100 third graders singing, "Christmas Makes Me Sing." Kevin Rojas, or rather a snowman resembling Kevin, was "assembled" by four cousins, played by Katherine Bolanos, Crystal Ortolazo, Ariel Gutierrez and Nnedi Oguayo, while fifth grade sang "Snow Day," something all students appreciate.

Fourth grade sang a gusty, "Grandma's Chicken Soup," while Grandma (Jennifer Portela) chased a big white chicken (Bryan Moreno) around the stage, to everyone's amusement.

Fifth grade returned to sing, "Christmas in America." Third grade sang, "Cancion de la Navidad," that reminded everyone that Christmas is celebrated in many places and in many ways. The actors remembered that the seven principles of Kwanzaa are also important, not only in December but all through the year. The principle of "Ujima" means that working together makes our community a better place. Sixth grade sang a song called, "Ujima." Suggestions were made as to how we can help others in our community by collecting food for the food pantry and good used clothes for people who need them. As one speaker said, "All of these things people are doing make the world a more peaceful place for everyone to live."

All performers gathered in front of the stage and around the room to sing a beautiful song about peace, "Shalom." The song reminded everyone that during this time of year, the best gifts come from the heart, and that everyone longs for peace.

Before the final curtain, the singers coaxed the audience to help them sing the familiar words of "Jingle Bells," in "Jingle Jive."

Other performers with speaking parts not mentioned above were: Victoria Vargas, Angelica Arias, Kamila Gomez, Caroline Dabre, David Turay, Zainab Natif, Jaycee Polanco, Jeincy McCullough,

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#### **By Michelle Mariani Williams**

MLK's Student Government Association held their annual canned food drive before Thanksgiving break. 1,430 canned food items were donated to the Women's Club of Beltsville, which prepared food baskets for Thanksgiving as well as for upcoming holiday celebrations. Mrs. Gerhardt's 7th grade science class donated a total of 261 cans and, in honor of their large donation, the SGA will provide Mrs. Gerhardt's class with a pizza party. The homeroom runner up was Ms. Fadli's class, who collected a total of 204 cans.

On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, two hundred thirty nine students were recognized for their first quarter achievements at the Renaissance Honor Card Assembly. The assembly opened with the presentation of a new Maryland flag and American flag by Delegate Barbara Frush. Of the two hundred thirty nine students, sixty-two students earned Bronze cards with grade point averages from 3.0 to 3.49. Ninety-eight students received Silver cards for having GPA averages of 3.5 to 3.99. Seventy-nine students

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#### **AREA EVENTS**

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#### **BLACK HISTORY MONTH CONCERT**

Saturday, January 30, 2:00 p.m. Snow Date: Saturday, February 6 at 2:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Society for the Preservation of African American Arts. The Society was formed to teach the public about the rich African Americans history through re-enactments, song, and theater based on plantation life in the 1800s. Reservations required. Ages 12 and up. \$10 for FoM members, \$15 for nonmembers. For reservations, call 301.377.7817.

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# Calendar of Events

**JANUARY 2010** 

#### **HOLLYWOOD FLYERS FILM SERIES**

Sunday, January 3 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The movie is *Dumbo*, the Disney classic about a flying elephant. Spend an afternoon at the movies. Lemonade and popcorn are in included. FREE with museum admission

#### **BELTSVILLE EVENTS**

#### **VANSVILLE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION**

Monday, January 11 at 7:00 p.m. at Franklin Brown Building, Vansville Recreation Park, 11733 Old Baltimore Pike, Vansville,

#### **BELTSVILLE RECREATION COUNCIL**

Monday, January 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the Beltsville Community Center

#### **BELTSVILLE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION**

Wednesday, January 20 at 7:00 p.m. at Beltsville Elementary School, 4300 Wicomico Ave.

#### YOUNG AT HEART CLUB

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

#### NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY (NAL)

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#### **FOOD SAFETY INFORMATION CENTER**

The Center is located at NAL and provides food safety information to educators, industry, researchers, and the general public. Food safety information is also available online at http:// foodsafety.nal.usda.gov and on Twitter at http:// twitter.com/FoodSafety. Special tips for preparing holiday and party foods can be found at http:// holidayfoodsafety.org.

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#### PROGRAMS FOR EVERYONE

#### **CHESS CLUB**

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#### PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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Monday, January 25 at 6:00 p.m. Participants will have the opportunity to play games on a Nintendo Wii, Xbox 360, including Mario Kart, Super Smash Bros. Brawl, and Madden and multiple board games.

#### **PROGRAM FOR TEENS**

#### **TEEN ADVISORY BOARD**

Saturday, January 9 at 2:00 p.m. Make a difference @ your library. Ages 13 – 18.

#### PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

#### FRIENDS OF THE BELTSVILLE LIBRARY MEETING

Tuesday, January 5 at 6:30 p.m. All are wel-

#### **EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION**

Monday, January 11 at 7:00 p.m. Conrad Richter's The Light in the Forest. Pick up a copy at the library. All are welcome

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**TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION** 

Tuesday, January 19 at 2:00 p.m. David

Sedaris's When You Are Engulfed in Flames.

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Thursday, January 14 at 9:10 p.m. Don't be intimidated by computers! Join us to learn basic skills, terminology, and how to use the library's computers. Limit 24 per class. Registration required, please contact the Beltsville Library for

#### **BELTSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER**

3900 Sellman Rd., Beltsville. The Program Specialist is Tarik Brown. Call 301.937.6613 for information. TTY: 301.445.4512. 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

#### **CLASSES**

Contact the center for information regarding classes, times, and fees.

#### XTREME TEENS REGULAR EVENTS

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#### **FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

Friday, January 8, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Come join our Xtreme Pre-Teens and their families for an evening of bingo. Come play For the Fun of It! Free with center ID. Youth ID cards are FREE to residents 6-17 yrs old. Bring original birth certificate or passport to register children. Annual Adult pass is \$35.

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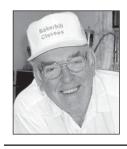
groups will also be down.

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Please bring a friend, bring a neighbor to the January 20th Beltsville Citizen's Association meeting. We will meet at Beltsville Elementary School at 7:00 p.m. Having said that if school closes because of snow we will not meet. I can be reached at 301.937.0157 or karenmcoakley@ verizon.net



# Baker Bill STUFF 'N THINGS

Will January bring cold and snow? We have had some cold weather, but little snow, and I for one want to keep it that way.

I may have coined a new word, "saltoholic." It is not in my Webster's or on my computer. I knew I would write something worthwhile some day.

I love clichés. I heard one today I need to pass on. If you see a turtle on a post, you can rest assured it had help getting there.

Have you noticed the high cost of clothing of late? I live on a fixed income. I never gave it a thought until lately. I like sweatshirts and pants but you will never see me in public in them. Why? you may ask. Because they're underwear of sorts and anyone going shopping in them is crude! Anyhow, our economy always has been based on manufacturing in this country. Now it seems everything we buy is from some Far East company at huge prices. The sweatshirts I could buy 10 years ago never were over \$10, but now are \$40. I refuse to wear a shirt with the Nike Swoosh or any other company logo because it adds 20% to the cost. I also will not wear a shirt that reads, "I am with stupid," or some other slogan, no matter how cute it is. Or course you know all the so called discount stores are selling merchandise the importer could not sell on their own. Just try to find the same brand next time you shop! Furniture is the big one. We are flooded with mediumgrade junk from all over the world. Mr. President, if you want to put people back to work, have us make the junk! Not China!

Change of subject, pie dough. I am always surprised when someone says they can't make good pie dough. Pie dough is stone simple. If you are one or these persons please see the simple recipe at the end.

I have been to a lot of large conference meetings lately, both with men and women. The one thing stands out, the complete non-use of colognes. Thank heaven. The men went way overboard just a few years ago and are doing it again! What's with the earrings and necklaces? Professional baseball players mostly had necklaces and rings. Not football players, because they get caught in the helmets, ouch! Frankly I find the whole thing stupid! I for one do not need to put a hole in my nose

to be noticed. If I am I am, and if not, that's okay. No earrings, diamond or otherwise. Shaved heads? Are they sexy? Well it may be better then comb-overs.



#### Pie dough

Warm to room temperature 2 sticks of butter, place in a bowl and add 1 cup of flour, a tbsp sugar and one half tsp salt. That's it. Mash with a fork until you get dough, or use your hands. It's enough for one bottom or top. Mix well. NO, it will not make it tough. Rest a bit and roll out. Beware of frozen pie shells if you don't know by now, the top one looks good, the second all cracked up. But wait, let it warm then press it all back together with fingers.

I hope all had a good Christmas with no tears.

Bill Raulin Aka Bakerbill.

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earned Gold Honor Cards by having a 4.0 GPA.

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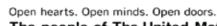
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