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Now is the time to learn to boat. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 72 is offering a course for perspective, new, and experienced boaters. This class, Boating Skills and Seamanship, will meet twice a week for 8 weeks on Monday and Wednesday evenings starting September 3, 2008 at High Point High School, 3601 Powder Mill Rd, Beltsville, MD 20705. Among the many subjects covered are boating terminology, required equipment, legal responsibilities, trailering, fueling, boat handling, weather, charts, buoys, knots & lines and radio communications. The instructors are all well trained, volunteer members of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary who are devoted to promoting recreational boating safety. Registration will be held the first night of class, Wednesday, September 3, 7:00 p.m. at High Point High School. The only cost is $45.00 for books and charts. For further information please contact (after 9:00 a.m.) Steve at 410-531-3313 or tsksk10@hotmail.com or Jean at 301-261-7735.

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Letter to the Editor

Beware of Unorthodox Towing Practices in Beltsville

On the afternoon of Saturday, July 19, a disabled friend and I drove into the parking lot of the small shopping center at Dorsett Avenue and Baltimore Boulevard in Beltsville where the 7/11 is located. My friend entered the 7/11, and as I waited in the parked vehicle it was suddenly struck from behind. I jumped out and encountered a tow truck driver who admitted hitting the vehicle. He said I was illegally parked in a space reserved for the handicapped. I told him the driver was disabled. He asked for documentation for parking in a handicap space, but didn’t wait for it and proceeded to attach the vehicle to his tow truck. I told him he couldn’t lawfully remove the vehicle from this space, but he said he was going to tow it anyway.

I called the police. While waiting for them to arrive, various merchants in the center approached me and said this man had been harassing their customers by towing their vehicles. When the Prince George’s County Police arrived the officer talked first to the tow truck driver, then approached me. I presented documentation for parking in a handicapped spot, and the officer told the tow truck driver to release my vehicle from the tow truck. He very reluctantly removed the vehicle from his truck. It took some convincing from the officer for him to do this. After the tow truck driver left I asked the officer if I did anything wrong, and he said no.

The tow truck driver used intimidation. If I hadn’t called the police, my disabled friend and I would have been stranded in 95-degree heat facing a $150.00 towing cost.

The towing company has signs posted on the property stating that they will tow unauthorized vehicles from the property, but we were customers. How many customers have had their cars towed from these premises?

I am a 45 year resident of Beltsville and I have never faced anything like this in our community.

Name withheld

Neighbors in the News

Performing with Olympic Spirit

In the early hours of the morning of June 21st, 44 youth and 15 adults boarded a bus that would start them on a once-in-a-lifetime journey. The youth were all members or past-members of the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Wind Ensemble. The adults were parents of the students, an administrator and a teacher at Eleanor Roosevelt, a retired teacher from Roosevelt and her sister, and the award-winning director of the Eleanor Roosevelt Bands, Ms. Sally Wagner. The group was headed to JFK Airport to begin a 12-day tour of Europe.

The tour included a trip to the Tower of London, museums, and 12 orchestral and chamber music performances. The group played for the Queen, played both concerts and chamber music performances, and performed in concerts in a variety of venues.

The group included the students, their chaperones, and two staff members. The students were all members of the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Wind Ensemble, and they were selected based on their musical ability and commitment to the group.

The tour was supported by a grant from the National endowment for the Arts, and the group was able to travel to Europe thanks to the support of their families and friends.

The group is scheduled to return to the United States on July 15th.
Eagle Scout Receives OA Triple Crown Award

Gregory Bauchan, an Eagle Scout from Troop 1033, received the Order of the Arrow Triple Crown Award in scouting by participating in the Order of the Arrow crews at the three high adventure camps of the Boy Scouts of America. Gregory had attended the high adventure backpacking camp at Philmont, New Mexico in 2006 and the high adventure canoeing camp in Ely, Minnesota in 2007, and completed his triple crown by attending the high adventure scuba diving camp at Sea Base near Islamorada, Florida this past June. The Order of the Arrow is the National Honor Society of the Boy Scouts of America. The Order of the Arrow crews provides cheerful service at the base camps to improve the camping experience of future campers. Gregory spent a total of 13 days at Sea Base. The first week he completed his PADI (Professional Association of Diving Instructors) diving certification to become an open water scuba diver. The second week he went scuba diving twice a day providing fish survey information for the National Marine Sanctuary and the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). He saw nurse sharks, green Moray eels, lobsters, squirrel fish, queen angle fish, and barracuda just to name a few. His most memorable dive was a night drive one evening. The waters were as black as ink but with the aid of some bright diving lights his crew was able to see nurse sharks swimming about as well as sea turtles and several colorful reef fish. He thoroughly enjoyed his two weeks at the Boy Scout Sea Base in the Florida Keys with swaying palm trees, crystal clear ocean water, warm weather and scuba diving twice a day. What is there not to enjoy? Congratulations to Gregory for providing service to future campers and completing this lofty award. Gregory is a graduate of The Lab School of Washington in Washington, D.C. who will be attending Anne Arundel Community College in the fall.
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Beltsville Briefs

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Boy Scout Troop 1033 will have their 6th Annual Fall Flower and Garden Fundraiser on September 13. The scouts are selling top quality Bougainvillea mums, mulch, fertilizer, manure and topsoil. There are several advantages to purchasing from the Boy Scouts including:

1. We deliver to your home, saving you time, energy, gasoline and keeping your car clean.
2. We provide competitive prices. Because of the substantial discount given to us by Belgard Nurseries, we can offer the products at a competitive price; and 33.3% of your purchase can be deducted from your taxes as a gift to the Boy Scout Troop.
3. The profits from the spring fundraiser allowed the scouts to attend summer camp and paid to have our trailer repainted after vandalism spritz-painted the sides of the trailer. By purchasing products from Boy Scouts in Beltsville you are supporting an award winning Boy Scout Troop. The deadline for placing your order is September 5, 2008. Visit our web page at www.bsabeltsville.net or call Gary Bauchan at 301.937.0944 for additional information.

The Sgt. Richard Findley Memorial Ride

The Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department and Prince George’s County Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 89, in cooperation with Old Glory Harley-Davidson and The Main Street Grill, announce the Sgt. Richard Findley Memorial Ride.

The ride will take place on Saturday, August 23, 2008. It will depart Old Glory Harley-Davidson, located at 11800 Laurel Bowie Rd (Rte. 197), near the Baltimore-Washington Parkway (Rte. 295), at 10:30 a.m. Registration starts at 7:00 a.m. Donations for riders at $25.00 each, passengers at $15.00 each, and the cover charge for everyone else at $15.00 each. The amounts of the charges were determined in honor of Sgt. Findley’s ID number, 2515.

This is a fundraiser, and ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE SGT. FINDLEY FUNDAMENTAL FUND. The first 200 to register will receive a FREE event shirt. For more information call the event coordinators, Andrew Mutchler at 240.832.5148 or Jim Collins at 240.508.1409.
Obituaries

Driscoll, Eurma Katherine “Kay”

Eurma Katherine Driscoll “Kay” of Adelphi passed away on Saturday, July 6, 2008. She was born in Gibson County, TN, on March 13, 1924. Kay served two years in the Navy during WWII as a Specialist Q-3rd Class. After moving to Adelphi, she was employed at Arbitron in Beltsville for 25 years until she retired. She was the devoted wife of David C. Driscoll, Sr.; loving mother of David C. (Ann) Driscoll, James (Sandra) Driscoll, and Christopher (Beverly) Driscoll; great-grandmother of four; doting grandmother of 14 grandchildren and by many nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death, in addition to her parents, by her husband of 41 years, Lindsay F. Morris, Jr., a USDA employee and WWII submarine veteran of the USS Navy whom she married on December 4, 1944 and who died on August 6, 1986. She is survived by her sons, Kelly J. Morris, of Beltsville, Maryland, and Patrick L. Morris and his wife Sharon of Arnold, Maryland; by three granddaughters, Manuela L. Morris, Sandra M. Morris, and Nancy M. Morris, and one grandson, Diego K. Morris; by a great-grandson, Perzie H. Teague, Jr., and a great-granddaughter, Shyala A. Morris; and by many nephews and nieces. Mrs. Morris graduated from Doddridge County High School in her home town of Doddridge County, WV, in 1943 at the age of sixteen. She attended Salem College, now Salem International University, in Salem, WV. While at the University of Maryland, she completed numerous professional development courses in counseling, interpersonal growth group leadership, human sexuality, adult education, and training.

After World War II, she was active in the Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Doddridge County, WV. She served as its president and, to this day, is the youngest person ever to hold that office.

She moved to the Maryland suburbs of Washington, D.C., in 1949 and has lived here all but three years since then. She lived in her home on Emack Road in Beltsville since 1951. From 1951 through 1953, she was Branch Chief, Reports Branch, of the Board of Engineers under the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Washington, D.C. Before staying home for nine years to spend time with her children. She was active in PTA and scouting. She and her husband were founding members of the former Beltsville United Presbyterian Church where she volunteered.

In 1962, she became Office Manager and Secretary to Chaplain Jesse Myers of the United Campus Ministry (UCM) at the University of Maryland-College Park. UCM was the campus ministry of the Church of the Brethren, the Disciples of Christ, the United Methodist Church, and the United Presbyterian Church, USA. Dr. Myrs and his successor, the Rev. Dr. David Loomis, encouraged her to develop her skills as a counselor and group facilitator. She was very popular with students as a counselor and many students counted her as their mentor. As a group leader, there was intense competition for seats in the interpersonal growth groups that she led. She was a supporter of the Course Guide and of international students. She was the prime mover behind the Black Ministries initiative. She was an active program resource person, financial manager, an advisor to the UCM Board of Directors, and a member of the Chapel Staff. She spoke about campus ministry before congregations of all five denominations and occasionally assisted at worship services at the University Chapel. In 1971 she was elevated to Staff Team membership, and in 1974 she became Lay-Chaplain.

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At her request, her remains were cremated and there will be no funeral services. Those who wish to express their sympathies can do so by making a contribution to the charity of their choice in her name. At a later date, her family will inter her ashes next to those of her late husband and her parents at the Michael Cemetery in Oxford, Doddridge County, WV.

Mancuso, Diane

Diane Mancuso died on Saturday, July 12, 2008. She was the beloved wife of John A. Mancuso, loving mother of Elaine (David) Hutchinson, Michael (Michelle) Mancuso, and the late John A. Mancuso, Jr. She was the grandmother of Lauren, Michael, Jr., Matthew and Mollie, daughter-in-law of James R. and Mary Mancuso, sister-in-law of James R. (Jackie) Mancuso, Jr., and dear friend of George & Corrine Taverner. Relatives and friends called at Borgwardt Funeral Home on July 15. Memorial mass was celebrated at Resurrection Catholic Church in Burtonsville on Wednesday, July 16 at 11:00 a.m. Interment private. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one’s choice.

Morris, Lois Michael

Lois Michael Morris, 81, a resident of Beltsville since 1957, former Lay-Chaplain, United Campus Ministry at the University of Maryland-College Park, died on June 18, 2008 at Washington Adventist Hospital, Takoma Park, MD of septic shock after a long illness. She was born in Oxford, Doddridge County, West Virginia, on March 21, 1927, the daughter of the late John G. and Audrey Delle Moore Michael. She was preceded in death, in addition to her parents, by her husband of 41 years, Lindsay F. Morris, Jr., a USDA employee and WWII submarine veteran of the US Navy whom she married on December 4, 1944 and who died on August 6, 1986. She is survived by her sons, Kelly J. Morris, of Beltsville, Maryland, and Patrick L. Morris and his wife Sharon of Arnold, Maryland; by three granddaughters, Manuela L. Morris, Sandra M. Morris, and Nancy M. Morris, and one grandson, Diego K. Morris; by a great-grandson, Perzie H. Teague, Jr., and a great-granddaughter, Shyala A. Morris; and by many nephews and nieces. Mrs. Morris graduated from Doddridge County High School in her home town of Doddridge County, WV, in 1943 at the age of sixteen. She attended Salem College, now Salem International University, in Salem, WV. While at the University of Maryland, she completed numerous professional development courses in counseling, interpersonal growth group leadership, human sexuality, adult education, and training.

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James Mitman Named to Dean’s List

James Mitman of Beltsville has made the Dean’s List at Boston College in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts. He is a rising junior in the Carroll School of Management, where he is majoring in Marketing. James attended St. Joseph’s Catholic School in Beltsville and graduated from Gonzaga College High School in Washington, D.C.

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By Councilman Tom Dernoga

Summer is finally here with its heat and humidity, and once again it’s been a busy July in Upper Marlboro. At the end of every July, the County Council is very hectic as it wraps up outstanding legislation before August recess. We addressed a couple of things of note.

First, you may remember that LAST YEAR, the County Executive proposed increasing the telephone tax from 8% to 11%. The County Council approved that increase, subject to voter referendum. Well, the referendum will be on this year’s ballot in November. We approved the official placement of the provision on the ballot, and it will be Question F (behind the bond bills for public facilities). I expect that there will be more discussion around this as we get closer to election time.

Second, the County Council just adopted an Energy Conservation Real Property Tax Credit. So, if you want to invest some money in energy efficiency that will pay dividends for you long-term, this tax credit will help reduce the cost to you. CB-11-2008 provides that if you add a “solar energy” or a “geothermal energy” device to your residence, you can apply for a tax credit on the “eligible costs” (those within 12 months of the application for the equipment and reasonable costs of installation). The tax credit will be the lesser of 50% of eligible costs, OR $5,000 for a heating system or $1,500 for a hot water supply system. And, this credit can be combined with State and Federal energy efficiency credits, which will really reduce your cost of investment. If you are interested and have questions, please call me at 301.952.3887. There is only $250,000 allocated to this credit per year, so you will want to apply before this year’s credit is used up.

I’m looking forward to National Night Out this week because it should be a major event. With the sad loss of Sgt. Richard Findley, the tribute will be very meaningful. I am hopeful that we will see a large turnout for this tribute. In addition, I have worked with Camden Properties (the retail and restaurant addition to the IKEA shopping center) and with the new Buffalo Wild Wings to get them to support Beltsville activities. Camden has been very supportive in the past, having contributed approximately $125,000 to Beltsville community needs such as High Point High School, Beltsville Elementary School, Martin Luther King Middle School, Frances Fuchs Early Learning Center, the Women’s Club and the District VI Police station (the radar guns and speed trailer).

This year Buffalo Wild Wings will make a presentation to the District VI station and to the Boy Scouts, and combined with funds from Camden and a grant from my office, it should add a nice note to the evening. Beltsville’s Boy Scout Troop 1033 requested a grant to send 26 Beltsville area scouts to summer camp, and I was very pleased to be able to provide $1,000 in funds to assist the Scouts in having a successful outing.

I want to commend Hope Christian Church on Ammedale Road for making gang violence a priority issue. Bishop Harry Jackson and his congregation are trying to work with the police and our youth to lessen violence and promote other more productive pursuits. On June 29th, Hope Christian partnered with the police and with me to host a 3-on-3 Basketball tournament. It was a great success and it is a great start to getting a handle on youth violence.

We are fast approaching the opening of the new Vansville Elementary School and I had a great conversation with the new Principal, Tom Smith. I know that Vansville will get off to a great start (just as soon as they finish it). Also, I dropped in at High Point High School and met Michael Brooks, the new Principal. It looks like he is getting his feet on the ground and will be ready to continue High Point’s tradition of achievement when school opens in a few weeks.

I hope to see you at National Night Out. Stop over and say hello.

—Tom Dernoga

By Councilman Tom Dernoga

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Rosapepe’s Report to Beltsville

By Senator Jim Rosapepe  
(D-21)

Richard Findley — American hero

In recent weeks, all of us have been thinking of Prince George’s Police Sergeant, Richard Findley — and praying for his family. He grew up in Calverton and risked and lost his life to protect his neighbors.

No words can say more about Beltsville’s pride in him and thanks to him than the outpouring of thousands who attended his wake and funeral — colleagues in the Volunteer Fire Department and the Police Department, neighbors he grew up with, and people who had never met him.

If you can, please join the community in honoring Sergeant Findley at Beltsville’s National Night Out against crime at the police station on Sellman Road at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 5.

Expanding Kenilworth Avenue

Upgrading Kenilworth Avenue (Route 201) to reduce traffic on Route 1 is critical to Beltsville. Karen Cookeley asked at the Beltsville Civic Association’s April 15 meeting, why the State Highway Administration (SHA) is now recommending limiting the upgrade to four lanes instead of six lanes as originally proposed. Delegates Barbara Frush, Ben Barnes, Joseline Peña-Melnyk and I contacted the highway administration to let them know about concern about this. Here’s the response from Raja Veeramachaneni, head of Planning and Preliminary Engineering at SHA:

“The project is being developed in accordance with the federal environmental process. The US 201 widening will impact many protected natural environmental and cultural resources. We will have to demonstrate very strong need before we will be allowed any impacts to those resources. Our traffic projections are based on the approved and cooperative land use forecast from the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG), and using their transportation model. Prince George’s County and other local governments are part of the land use forecasting process for the MWCOG. The traffic forecasts do not justify six lanes on US 201, and therefore cannot propose it due to the environmental impacts. We have been discussing this issue with the County, and will be meeting with them soon to see if there is a gap in the forecast that MWCOG and SHA are not aware of. After this, we will be happy to discuss the issue with you.”

We will be following up on this and keep you posted. If you have other questions about proposed road projects, please let us know.

ICC and the Cross Creek Golf Course

The Inter County Connector (ICC) road to link Rockville to Beltsville is under construction. Lawsuits to stop it have so far been unsuccessful. One part of it runs right next to the Cross Creek community in Beltsville. Recently we learned that in fact part of the 14th hole of the golf course was built in the ICC right of way. Amazingly neither the golf course management nor the SHA had told the homeowners about this mistake.

As soon as the Delegates and I learned about it, we talked with Cross Creek residents and then SHA and the golf course managers. We asked them to review the plans and figure out how to move the planned road to minimize the impact on the golf course and nearby homes.

Together with Senator Rona Kramer who represents the Montgomery side of Cross Creek, I walked the right of way with community leaders and SHA staff. Councilman Tom Dernoga has joined us in our appeals to the SHA to fix this problem. We expect to hear SHA’s suggested solutions soon.

National Night Out — in Beltsville — August 5

I hope to see you Tuesday night, 6:00-8:00 p.m., at the police station at Sellman and Montgomery Roads. It’s a great chance to show our support for our local police officers, see friends and neighbors, and dramatize Beltsville’s commitment to keep crime out of our neighborhoods.

Let us know how we can help you.

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

Junior Girl Scout Earns Bronze Award

Junior Girl Scout Erica Belshay of Troop 2751 earned her Bronze Award in June. The Bronze Award is the highest award you can earn as a Junior Girl Scout.

She just completed the 5th grade, age 10, and just bridged to Cadettes with the rest of the troop. To earn this award, you need to do a Community Service Project that takes at least 15 hours, plus other requirements such as earning at least two badges related to your project and some type of leadership award.

Erica completed the Pets and the Wild Life badges and the Leadership award. Her Community Service Project was to collect and distribute food and supplies to the Second Chance Wild Life Animal and Rescue Center in Gaithersburg, MD. She also constructed a squirrel-nesting box for the new squirrels that they have taken in during the spring.

Second Chance takes care of sick and injured wild animals and releases them once they are well.

When Erica took her supplies up there, she was taken on a tour of the facility and was able to hold some of the baby animals. The project suited her well, since she loves animals. Now, as a Cadette Girl Scout, she is looking forward to working on her Silver Award.

Erica has been a Girl Scout for 6 years.
By Gary Bauchan, Scoutmaster, Troop 1033

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Scouts Earn Trailblazer and Wilderness Awards at Lenhok’sin

By Scoutmaster Gary Bauchan

Four Boy Scouts and two brave adult leaders in Troop 1033 in Beltsville, Maryland participated in the Lenhok’sin High Adventure Summer Camp in Goshen, VA the week of July 6 - July 12 and earned the Trailblazer and Wilderness Awards. Scouts Sean Halper, Charleston Laymon, Adrian Villarroel and David Timus and adult leaders Scoutmaster Gary Bauchan and Assistant Scoutmaster Gregory Bauchan backpacked over 20 miles during the week. Everything the scouts needed for the week was carried on their backs in backpacks that included clothes, hammocks and tents, food, pots and utensils for cooking and water filtration. In order to earn the awards the crew participated in a 2 hour service project by building two large stacks of wood for the end of week campfire program, hiked two mountain peaks in a single day, arrived and departed on time for all their outposts, took detailed notes of the trail conditions, talked with first year scouts about their high adventure program, presented a skit at the closing campfire and followed the seven rules of Leave No Trace. The scouts enjoyed cutting logs and climbing trees like a lumberjack, throwing tomahawks and double bladed axes at a tree, working in a blacksmith forge making hooks and other items from iron, as well as musket balls from lead and hand dipped wax candles. They enjoyed learning about the life of a soldier in the civil war and shot black powder rifles. The staff was especially friendly and helpful which allowed the scouts to have a lot of fun. Most of all the scouts enjoyed hiking trails, observing nature, learning new songs, and making new friends. All arrived home safe and dry with lots of stories to tell.

Herder Makes Dean’s List

Katerina Herder of Beltsville, a sophomore in the School of Communication at Northwestern University, was named to the Dean’s List for all three quarters of the 2007-08 academic year. Students on the Dean’s List have attained a grade point average of at least 3.75/4.00. Northwestern is a private research and teaching university in Evanston, IL with an enrollment of approximately 7,500 full-time undergraduates. Katerina is a 2006 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt.

Branchville Volunteer Fire Department Flea Market & Yard Sale

The Branchville Volunteer Fire Department will host a flea market & yard sale on Saturday, August 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and is seeking vendors. If interested, please e-mail ems11daly@yahoo.com or call 443.878.3718 for further information. There will be food for sale, and baked goods as well. Hope to see you all there.

Three Mem-
ers of the Beltsville Bulls 8 and Under Coaches Pitch Baseball Team made the Prince George’s County Allstar Team. The three boys are, Jacob Eberhardt, Jamal Gay and Cameron Reis. Congratulations to all three boys. Job well done!

Boy Scouts in Troop 1033 pause at the Lenhok’sin summer camp.
Richard Scott Findley was born on June 5, 1969 to Delores and John Findley. He was the youngest of four children. He graduated from High Point High School in 1987.

In 1988, Richard joined the Calverton Volunteer Fire Station (#41) and five years later he transferred to the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Station (#31) where he served as a life member.

In 1998, Richard pursued a career with the Prince George’s County Police Department. After graduation from the Police Academy, Richard was assigned to the District VI Station in Beltsville where he worked his entire career of 10 years in Patrol Services. His most recent duty was with the Special Assignment where he truly found his calling.

Richard and Kelly were married on July 1, 2000. They shared a wonderful marriage together and were blessed with two beautiful daughters, Nicole and Lauren. Richard’s family brought him unending joy and served as the driving force behind his energetic and positive outlook on life. He touched the lives of many and will be greatly missed.

Memorial contributions may be made to HEROES, Inc., 666 Eleventh Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001 or the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department, 4911 Prince George’s Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705.

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China in a Washington, DC Area Musical Salute to the 2008 Beijing Olympics entitled “Perform in Harmony–With Olympic Spirit.”

The first stop for the Eleanor Roosevelt group was Hong Kong for a change of planes. Once the group arrived in Beijing and passed through customs with their luggage and instruments, they arrived at the Friendship Hotel at 8pm on Sunday night (there is a 12-hour time difference between Washington, DC and China). The next morning was spent sightseeing at the Temple of Heaven, where Emperors went to fast and pray. The afternoon was spent in rehearsal with the other bands invited to participate in the “Salute”: an Oxon Hill High School Band, bands from Virginia and California, and the University of Maryland Community Band, directed by Mr. John Wakefield.

Tuesday morning was spent visiting the Olympic Village as it was being prepared for the upcoming Olympics, and then on to Tian Anmen Square and the Jade Factory. The first concert of the series was performed at a school for the arts in Beijing. The Oxon Hill band performed first. Then, the Roosevelt band performed, followed by the Community Band. Then, all three bands performed together. This was followed by a performance by a traditional Chinese orchestra. Gifts of friendship were exchanged between the band directors. Each American director was given a porcelain egg to symbolize his or her friendship through the arts.

The next day, after touring the Forbidden City, the ancient palace of Emperors, the massed band performed at the Forbidden City Concert Hall. All five American bands performed in addition to a children’s Chinese orchestra and a children’s Chinese band.

Thursday’s itinerary included climbing the Great Wall of China and performing there. The rainy weather prohibited playing the concert, but everyone got great exercise climbing the Wall. That night was spent at the Peking Opera where the group was entertained by traditional Chinese music and dance.

The next day, the group flew to Xi’an for two days, where they toured the Big Wild Goose Pagoda, the wall around the city of Xi’an and the Terra-Cotta Warriors museum. Xi’an is a city that dates back thousands of years when the first Emperor claimed it as the capital city of China. A highlight of the visit to Xi’an was an 18-course dumpling feast at the legendary De Fa Chang Restaurant.

On to Shanghai, the group met up with the other bands to play a concert at the Shanghai Oriental Arts Center. The final days in China were spent touring and shopping in Shanghai. The sights included the Bund, where old meets new along the Huangpu River waterfront, the Silk Factory and the Yu Gardens and Market.

The group arrived back at Eleanor Roosevelt at about 3:30 a.m. on July 3 and started recovering from "jetlag." The Beltsville residents who went on the trip to China are: Kathy, Pat, Erin and Eddie Mellott, Patrick McVeigh, and Carol and Natalie Herder.

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The Citizen’s Association will not meet in August. If you have any questions or concerns about the community I can be reached at 301.937.0157 or karenmcoakley@verizon.net.
Club News

Beltsville Lions Celebrate 50 Years of Community Service

Members of the Beltsville Lions Club were guest speakers at the 50th anniversary charter night at The Villa in Calverton on the evening of June 26, 2008. President Camillo DiCamillo opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and following brief opening ceremonies, guests were served dinner.

Members were very pleased to welcome Charter Member Clyde & Anna Burt, along with long time members Bradley & Marian Moore and L.J. & Louise Bryan. Members were also happy to greet Hildegard Jorgensen, wife of deceased member Emie Jorgensen, and Sue Young, wife of deceased member Bob Young.

Special guests included Past District Governor’s (PDG’s) Mike Bleything, Bill Lynch, Jordan & Lion Connie Burick, Don & Lion Pat Norton, and Ken & Lioness Nancy Watson.

After dinner, President DiCamillo presented awards to last year’s officers and committee chairmen, and this culminated with an award for then current District Governor Ted Ladd, presented by Lions Camillo and Kevin Kennedy. President DiCamillo also received an award for his service as President.

Club members were very pleased to welcome Ms. Gillian D. Ghans into membership in the Club. Her daughter, Rae, accompanied Lion Gillian.

PDG Jordan Burtick, aided by PDG Bill Lynch, installed the new club officers.

Lion Jim Jarboe of the Takoma Park Lions Club provided some great entertainment with his rendition of “Deal or no Deal.” Charter member Clyde Burt was a willing contestant who played a convincing role.

Another Banner Year for College Park Unit 217

By: Ivy Christoffers

July was a very rewarding month for College Park Unit #217 American Legion Auxiliary. The Department Convention was held in Ocean City, MD on July 15 through the 18th. The delegates elected to attend were Unit President: Angie Rodriguez, Chaplain: Mary Keller, Treasurer: Joan Stewart and Secretary and Membership Chair: Ivy Christoffers.

We all, except for Angie, arrived in Ocean City and checked into the Post Hospitality House held at Thunder Island before check-in our hotels and other living facilities. Angie was called to Alaska to serve as a judge in a Scholarship Pageant. On Monday morning at 10:00am there was a Southern Maryland District Caucus held at the Convention Center where Ivy Christoffers (myself) was elected to serve as the Southern Maryland District President for the coming year. Her nomination speech was given by Mary Keller. Christoffers then made her appointments to serve for the coming year and shared some of her goals for the district. That evening there was the annual “Fish fry” held behind the convention center and the fish was just delicious. On Tuesday morning, after a visit to registration to obtain our credentials, the Department Executive Meeting was held at 9:30am after which special meetings and rehearsals took place. Next it was a trip back to the hospitality house for lunch and fellowship. Tuesday evening the opening session was held at the convention center where the incoming National Commander was the guest speaker.

On Wednesday morning the first session of the convention was called to order, nominations for Department Officers were held, after which nominations were held for delegates to the National Convention being held in Phoenix the last week of August. Ivy Christoffers was elected to attend along with 23 other delegates. On Wednesday evening a joint memorial service was held for all the members lost during the past year. This is always a very moving service. Our Unit lost three (3) members this past year.

Thursday was a very rewarding day for College Park Unit 217 as we were presented with 10 certificates for the work accomplished in our size category, the units ranging from 128 to 205 members.

These are first place in Americanism, Education, Legislative and National Security. The second place awards were for Children & Youth, Poppy, and the Most Complete Publicity Report. Third place was won for Community Service, Cancer Control and Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation.

We are very proud of the work accomplished by our members this past year. On Thursday afternoon Post #217 hosted a reception in my honor that was well attended by many people from across the state of Maryland. Post and Unit members, as well as two (2) junior members, all worked very hard to insure the success of this event and they have my heartfelt gratitude for this special time in my life.

On Friday the installation was held after which the new membership theme was introduced. This year we are all “troops” and we are “Answering The Call to Service.” Each District President (there are 7 of us) was given the chance to draw from a cup of folded slips of paper to see what our service focus for our respective districts would be. I lucked out and drew WWII. The song assigned to us is “I’ll Be Seeing You.” Music is a great part of the life of the new Department President, Meredith “Rusty” Beeg from Greenbelt Unit 136. There are so many great songs from WWII.

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GREENBELT MARKET
The late afternoon sun was shining down and the light summer breeze came wafting through the trees as the members of Beltsville Rotary, accompanied by their spouses, arrived at The Inn at Brookville Farms for the annual “rite of passage” of leadership from one Rotarian to another. June 28th marks the date Dr. John Moynihan once again assumed the office of President of our club, The Beltsville Rotary. The evening was well planned by Dr. John and his lovely wife. Our quests for the evening were District 7620 Assistant Governor, Juan Marulanda and District 7620 Governor, Betty Lewis, who was introduced to all and it was announced that she would serve as the installing officer. After a delicious dinner, retiring Club President Yuksel Sagirlioglu gave his remarks and presented awards to several club members who assisted him in his year. Following the presentation of awards, District 7620 Governor, Betty Lewis was once again presented. She spoke of her hopes and plans for the upcoming year after which she installed the following: President Dr. John Moynihan, President Elect: Richard Salamy, Secretary: Joyce Malin, Treasurer: John Tvelia and Past President, Yuksel Sagirlioglu.

President Moynihan thanked everyone for coming and had a special thank you for those members who agreed to serve in various positions for the coming year, after which he spoke of his plans and goals for the year. President Moynihan stressed the need to recruit qualified members, to pick up our attendance through obtaining good, informative and interesting speakers, and to add more fun into our meetings. He urged members of long standing to give a “reclassification” talk if they have not done so in the last five years. Dr. John shared his belief in Rotary and how it has changed over the years. He said, “Rotary has changed my life for the better. Through Rotary, I have become more aware of the needs and issues of my community and my world. Rotary has given me a worthwhile vehicle to become involved and exact a positive change. The first and probably most important change was in me. I’m proud of Rotary and especially our little club. Let us all work together to keep it around for a while.” His words were inspiring to all of us.

On another note, we have been privileged to hear the reclassification speeches of Past Rotary Presidents Nancy Randall and Howard Phoebus. They were most informative and entertaining.

Our big fundraiser of the year, our annual golf tournament was held at Glendale Golf Course on Tuesday, July 15th. There is a notice elsewhere in this paper of the sponsors and many of the participants. President Elect Richard Salamy headed up this event, with many club members assisting, and did a great job for the club. Several students will benefit from the monies raised as we fund their scholarships to college.

At our July 22nd meeting, Joyce Malin was presented with her Paul Harris Fellowship certificate, pin and medal. This is always a highlight for a Rotarian.

As you can see, the Beltsville Rotary is a great civic organization that offers much to the community and expands their care and concern to worldwide issues as well. If you would like to check us out, we meet at the Holiday Inn in College Park for lunch each Tuesday and you are welcome to join us. Call 301.595.5225 to inquire about Rotary.
Beltsville Adventist School Inducts 11 into National Junior Honor Society

Beltsville Adventist School (BAS) inducted 11 new students into its prestigious National Junior Honor Society (NJHS). The new members of this elite group of 18 exemplify excellence in the criteria areas of scholarship, leadership, citizenship, character and service.

BAS members of the NJHS were chosen for their personal achievements in the five criteria areas and for their participation in school activities and community service projects in their communities. As members of the NJHS, this distinguished group of students uses their skills and knowledge to help younger children at the school thrive through tutoring and mentoring programs.

New Principal Selected for St. Joseph’s School

After searching for a new principal since Easter, the St. Joseph’s Search Committee decided to offer the position to Andrew T. Currier, an English teacher and baseball coach at Paul VI Catholic High School in Fairfax, VA. Mr. Currier brings a wealth of teaching experience and has taught in such diverse locales as Miami, FL, France, and Los Angeles, CA. Mr. Currier joins a growing population of graduates from the University of Notre Dame’s Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) program who work as teachers and principals in the Archdiocese of Washington. Extremely pleased at the opportunity to join such a dedicated staff, Currier plans to “continue to improve on an already excellent institution both in academics and athletics.” Mr. Currier has an extensive background in athletics as he is a former college baseball pitcher and has had the privilege of coaching at two of the nation’s top high school baseball programs (St. Thomas Aquinas—Fort Lauderdale, FL and Paul VI—Fairfax, VA). Although he will miss coaching, Mr. Currier is looking forward to the challenge of administration and responsibility of guiding an elementary school. Mr. Currier perceives his role as principal primarily as that of a servant. Currier says, “My function as principal is to serve the children’s needs first. I look forward to joining the close-knit parish and school life at St. Joseph’s. My fiancée Sarah and I have already received an extremely warm welcome.”
CHILDREN’S CLOTHING SWAP
Saturday, September 6 at 9:30 a.m., Calvary Alliance Church, 12,000 Old Gunpowder Rd., Beltsville. We are seeking people who would like to participate in a children’s clothing swap. This is an opportunity to exchange unwanted or outgrown clothing.
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Friday, August 1 at 10:30 a.m. Dr. Mustafa Elaishah of USDA – NRCIS, National Soil Survey Center, Lincoln, NE will present “Estimating Important Source of Nitrogen Contamination from Various Land Management Practices in the Lost River Basin.”
salt water and let dry. It will turn a little white, but they will not crawl through the area.

- If you like to sit outside in the evenings and bees and other bugs won’t leave you alone, stop using perfumes and body perfume. You may not smell them after a long day but the bugs can. The same goes for men’s aftershave lotion and cologne. I used the word bugs because I could not spell mosquitoes.

I have tried a few of the above things. In the drain cleaner salt and vinegar are strong acids they will turn a copper pot bright in seconds. As for the slugs this does work. I put strong salt water in a spray bottle and kept it under the grill a year later still no slug strips in my grill. When I sprayed the under side of the grill the first time a couple fell off.

I call this an eye opener! My car gets 22 MPG. The Internal Revenue service allows 58 cents per mile for fuel and wear and tear. So if I jump in my car to go to Mac’s for a cup of coffee as I used to, it cost $1.35 to go, plus the cost of the coffee. To save on fuel we need to change our ways.

Sales pitch! It's time you called me at 301-572-4180 after 2:00 p.m. to sign up for the baking class starting the second week of October. It's a full 8-week class doing one of two products a week. Each night you will take home a product, bread or pastry. Time is 7:00 p.m. ‘til about 8:30 p.m., so if you would like to come with your Husband I will get him home in time for bed. I supply everything.

For a list of products we will make and all costs drop me a line @ wraulin@verizon.net. If you have been thinking about this, THIS is the year. It’s fun and a night out.

I have given this class to over 200 past 10 years. Many take it more than once for fun.

Question? What is this talk about Gin Soaked raisins?

That’s it for this month, stay cool!

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The final months of the 2007/2008 school year provided many exciting events at St. Joseph’s Catholic School. First grade teacher Mrs. Duckett conducted the annual “Multi-Cultural Night”, which was well attended and saw several spectacular performances in song and dance. The musical and visual performances were garnished with authentic costumes and food from around the world. The April 19th event gave voice to the ethnically diverse St. Joseph’s School and Parish population.

As usual, Mr. Martens’ St. Joseph’s band ensemble garnered a “Superior Rating” from the Archdiocese of Washington. Our band gave a performance to the student body during the school day. An evening performance was given for friends, family and parishioners. The success of the orchestra speaks to the excellent extra-curricular opportunities afforded to students who attend St. Joseph’s.

Mr. Martens is currently holding a summer band camp for the Archdiocese at St. Joseph’s.

Field Day was a major success this year with excellent volunteer participation and delicious refreshments for students, parents and volunteers. Students were involved in events such as the three-legged race, beanbag toss, and a free-throwing distance contest. In June, Mrs. Nolan’s kindergarteners celebrated their progression to first grade. Mr. Nolan and Mrs. Sarkar assisted with the graduation ceremonies. Kindergarten students were proud to accept their certificates and they pleased the crowd with their songs.

Of course there was much excitement for the eighth grade students towards the end of the year as they anxiously awaited high school acceptance letters and scholarship award money. Erica, an eighth grade student (pictured) was awarded the “Every Penny Counts” scholarship given towards Catholic high school tuition. We wish our eighth grade class all the best as they prepare for their freshman year.

Rising eighth grader William “Ray” Harrell was awarded the “Renaissance Man of the Year” award for being a great example to classmates in his various involvements in school activities including band, all-star athletics, and the school’s safety patrol. Congratulations again Ray!

The St. Joseph’s faculty and staff are working vigorously to prepare for another positive and activity-filled 2008/2009 school year. We look forward to seeing our students September 2, 2008!