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## Beltsville Briefs

### Basket Bingo

St. Joseph's Parish will conduct a Basket Bingo on Friday evening, January 11 (snow date January 18) in the Parish Hall at 11011 Montgomery Road from 7:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. (non-smoking). 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 for \$12.00 at the door. Refreshments are available. For tickets or additional information, call Judy Harrigan 301.937.2724.

### Community Meeting with Gang Task Force

By Vicki Murphy-Wauschek,  
PTSA President

The High Point High School PTSA will host a community meeting with the Prince George's County Gang Task Force on January 15, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the High Point Auditorium, 3601 Powder Mill Road in Beltsville.

Captain Bill Lynn, Commander of the Prince George's County Police Gang Unit, will present information on gang activity in the County.

RSVP wauschek@juno.com.

### Free Healthcare for the Uninsured

Kaiser Permanente and the Prince George's County Health Department are teaming up to honor Martin Luther King's legacy on January 21, 2008 by providing a day of free health care and assessments for uninsured families.

Primary care physicians will be available for free medical assessments including physicals, mammograms, pap smears, HIV testing, and blood work. Also included are cholesterol and diabetes screenings and health education materials.

In order to participate, patients must be uninsured residents of Prince George's County. Appointments must be set up in advance through the Prince George's County Health Department.

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Photo provided courtesy of the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department.

## Condominium Fire in Beltsville

On Monday morning, December 17, 2007, residents of two three-story condominium buildings on Cherry Hill Road in Beltsville, were sent fleeing from their apartments to escape a fire that was quickly overtaking the buildings. It became a three-alarm fire that required over 100 firefighters to put it out. One of those buildings was totally destroyed and the other suffered moderate damage. Each building contained 15

apartments. Two firefighters were reportedly injured, but no one else was hurt and no lives were lost in the fire.

The property manager reported on December 20 that 12 of 15 units in one of the buildings were totally repaired and the residents had moved back. The other building must be rebuilt.

The American Red Cross of the National Capital Area responded to the scene of the fire and set up a

temporary shelter at the neighboring Maryland Farms community center. Volunteers and staff provided assistance to 25 families for food, clothing and shelter. The Red Cross stated it would continue to work closely with property management and emergency personnel to meet the immediate disaster needs of the displaced residents.

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## Youthful Ambassadors of Peace Through Education

By Ivy Christoffers

In an effort to expand on fulfilling the requests from the 450th CABA stationed in Iraq, Post 217 Legionnaire Bill Bladen contacted the schools in the College Park area and requested their assistance in compiling a measure of school supplies for the children of Iraq. The Hollywood Elementary School embraced this project with great enthusiasm. With the cooperation of the teachers and administrators, the school children decorated large boxes and displayed them throughout the school. A total of six very large boxes were filled with school supplies of all description. When added

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Back (L-r) Amira Westenburger, school counselor, Bill Robinson, Post 217 member, Jocelyn Osorio, 6th grader, Jill Speigle, Testing Coordinator, and Lorena Garrido, parent liaison.  
Front (L-r) Angel Flores, 6th grader, Christia Medina, 6th grader, Julian Ventura, 5th grader, and Jacqueline Ramos, 5th grader.

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### On the Agenda



By Karen Coakley, President,  
Beltsville Citizens' Association

I would like to wish the Beltsville Community "HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!" Unfortunately 2007 left several Beltsville residents homeless. A fire at Cherry Glen Condominiums destroyed several families' homes and personal property. If you can help, please give me a call or send an email. Unfortunately, as we go to press for the January paper I do not have all the details. What I do know is that it may take up to one year to repair the structural damage.

**WINTER SAFETY TIP:** Do not leave your car unattended to warm up!!! There are two reasons a) it is illegal to leave a car engine on when no one is in the car. b) It is an easy target for car thieves!!!!

Our first meeting for 2008 will be on Wednesday, January 16th at 7:00 p.m. I can be reached at 301.937.0157 or karenmcoakley@verizon.net.



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## 25 Years Ago in the Beltsville News

By Phil Whitman

*Extracted from the January 1983 Issue*

### Future Leader

Washington Magazine named Maryland House of Delegates member **Tim Maloney** of Beltsville as one of the future leaders of Washington.

### Proposed Beltsville Library

Page one contained an architect's drawing of the Beltsville Library as it would look when construction was finished. (Today's building respects that drawing.)

### New Arrival

**Maureen and Jeff Paccione** became the proud parents of a son, **Peter Jeffrey**, born on December 17, 1982 at Howard County General Hospital, Columbia, Maryland.

### Local Store Held Up

Prince George's County Police

reported that a man held up the 63 year-old clerk at Dawn Rose Farms liquor store on Baltimore Boulevard in Beltsville on December 27, 1982.

### St. Joseph's School Activity

**Father Chodnicki** and Deacon **Bill Jarema** teamed up to make prayer more meaningful as they met each class in school.

### Christian Education Convention

A Christian Education Convention sponsored by the Greater Washington Christian Association was held on January 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> 1983 at High Point Senior High School.

### New Eagle Scouts Honored

Troop 1033 honored new Eagle Scouts **Tim Carter** and **Raj Sakaria** at an Eagle Court of Honor on December 18, 1982 at Emmanuel United Methodist Church.

### Will's Home Decorating Winners

**Mr. & Mrs. Johnson** won \$100 of Wallmates Wallpaper, **Mr. & Mrs. Hodges** won two gallons of Dutch Boy paint, and **Mr. & Mrs. Richard Judd** won dinner for two on board The Dandy.

### Service News

Coast Guard Seaman Apprentice **Eric A. Coon**, son of **Gloria Coon**, completed recruit training at the Coast Guard Training Center, Cape May, New Jersey.

### Obituaries

**Conrad P. Heins, Jr.** of Beltsville died while aboard a Chinese airliner that burst into flames while landing in Canton, China.

**Walter Hamilton Arminger** passed away on December 9, 1982 at his home in Beltsville. He was the beloved husband of **Gladys V. Arminger** and the father of **Wayne Hamilton Arminger**.

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to the eight large boxes Post and Unit 217 members accumulated and sent to Iraq, these supplies will go a long way in helping the school children of Iraq in their quest for knowledge. The community outreach of this school is to

be commended, even though the community they are helping is one of school children who are many thousands of miles from their school in Hollywood, their hearts and determination never wavered.

It is my experience that the community of College Park wants to be involved in projects that can

better the lives of mankind when it is within their power to do so. All that is needed is a little guidance. Bill Bladen suffered a heart attack a few weeks ago. Worry not, Bill, your work will continue to enhance the lives of others while you are recuperating. We expect to see you back soon.

Bill Bladen was there to guide these good Samaritans. Bill has been a great asset to this organization, his beloved American Legion, and his work will be sorely missed. Bill was instrumental in setting up many programs for Post 217. Especially the wounded warriors fund. This is where we provide monthly support to the recovering soldiers at Walter Reed and Bethesda Naval Medical Centers. This is just one of the many projects Bill has orchestrated. We are thankful to have had his commitment to service for so many years. He has laid the groundwork for others to follow. The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary are always on the lookout for qualified members. If you are interested in joining the largest patriotic organization in the world, give us a call. 301.441.2783

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## Neighbors in the News



Adirondack Tree Experts personnel dressed as elves on December 15 to help in the community service project sponsored by owners John & Felicia Anna. Flanking the elves are PFC Kelliher (left) and Lt. DeWalt (right) of the Laurel Police Department.

## Santa Came Early to Adirondack Tree Experts

Santa made a special stop at Adirondack Tree Experts on Rhode Island Avenue in Beltsville on Saturday, December 15. He had bundles of toys and other gifts for some 60 local children and their families.

The children and their parents enjoyed refreshments prior to Santa's appearance. And then, just after 11:00 a.m., Santa emerged from Adirondack Headquarters and greeted all with a booming, "Ho, Ho Ho!" He took his place on the throne set up for the occasion, and invited the children by name, one at a time, to sit on his knee and receive the gifts they had requested in special letters to Santa. Employees of Adirondack, dressed as elves, performed duties as guides and Santa's helpers and ensured that the gifts Santa brought were given to the right kids. They added an extra dimension to the holiday atmosphere.

Although the weather was cold, the warmth of human kindness made it bearable. This was the second year that John & Felicia Anna, owners of Adirondack, have provided this community service activity.

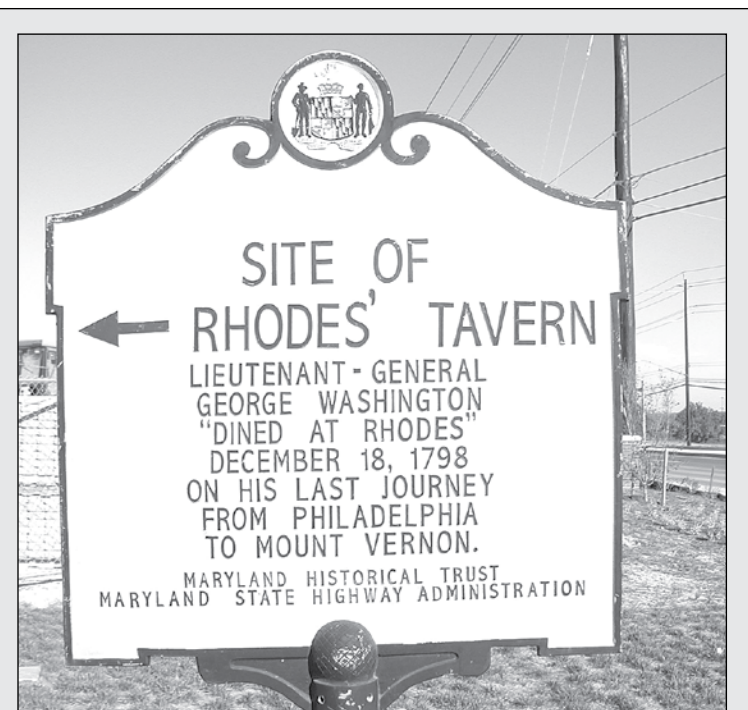


Santa welcomed some 60 children at Adirondack Tree Experts on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Benito's Brick Oven Restaurant Open



Beltsville resident Kevin Kennedy and his partner opened their newly constructed and expertly appointed Benito's Brick Oven restaurant on December 13, 2007. The restaurant is located at 10201 Martin Luther King Highway, Lanham-Bowie, Maryland. The menu offers a wide variety of excellently prepared Italian dishes for lunch and dinner.



This historical marker is located on Route 1 across from the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center library. It marks the site of Rhode's Tavern, also known during different times as Brown's Tavern. A white stone marker at the site, a replica of the original, carries the message "25 M to B," meaning it is 25 miles to Baltimore from that point.

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## Obituaries

### Burkhardt, Ernest E.

Ernest E. Burkhardt of Beltsville died at Laurel Regional Hospital on Monday, November 26, 2007. He was the beloved husband of the late Katherine J. Burkhardt, loving father of C. Robert Burkhardt, and uncle of Tonya Linden. Funeral service was held at the Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville on Saturday, December 1, at 10:00 a.m. with The Reverend Jack Fitzgerald officiating. Interment Parklawn Memorial Park, Rockville, Maryland.

### Forame, Joseph I

Joseph J. Forame, of Beltsville died on Friday, November 30, 2007. He was the beloved husband of Rose D. Forame, loving father of JoAnn P. (Gus) Arndt, brother of Leo Roy Forame, grandfather of Thomas J. Forame, and great-grandfather of Sean P. Schneider and Thomas J. Forame, II. Loving nieces, nephews, family and friends survive him. Service private. Borgwardt Funeral Home made arrangements.

### Mitchell, Gwendolyn H.

Gwendolyn H. Mitchell was born May 1, 1936 in Dadeville, Alabama. She was the first born of the late Roland and Cleo Hicks. She departed this life on Monday, December 17, 2007 at approximately 8:15 a.m. when God sent an angel to escort her earthly labor to her heavenly reward.

Gwen loved the Lord and began her journey with Him at an early age when she was hospitalized at the Mount Lovely Baptist Church in Camp Hill, Alabama. She shared her joy in serving Him at every stop along her personal life's journey. In Massachusetts, New York, Vermont, and Maryland she found joy in her salvation and faithfully used her spiritual gifts to bring joy and encouragement to everyone she touched. She was an active member at First Baptist Church of Beltsville, Maryland.

On November 24, 1955, Gwen was united in holy matrimony to her husband, Edward Mitchell, Jr. They are the proud parents of four children; David Mitchell (Carol) of Las Vegas, Nevada, Dr. Rosalind Denise Mitchell-Alcott (Ron) of Modesto, California, Daryl Scott Mitchell (Trish) of Audubon, Pennsylvania, and Dr. Deborah Ann Mitchell-Burton (Clay) of Dunwoody, Georgia.

Gwen enjoyed a long career working in retail at Sears stores in Shelburne, Vermont and later in Landover, Maryland, the store from which she retired. She also loved working as a partner in the family business, which offered her countless opportunities to impact the lives of those with whom she had contact.

Gwen leaves to cherish her

memory her beloved husband, four children, two granddaughters, Jasmine and Courtney Burton, and eight siblings: Ruby Greene of Bronx, New York; Lillian Green of Silver Spring, Maryland; Zanna Hicks of Bronx, New York; Roland Hicks, Jr. (deceased); Patricia Hicks of Washington, D.C.; Ebbie Hicks (deceased); Theresa Hicks (deceased); and, Marguerite Hicks of Washington, D.C., as well as a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

### Salute, Gregory M.

Gregory M. Salute died on Tuesday, December 11, 2007. He was the beloved husband of Cheryl Salute, loving father of Cheyenne Salute, son of Chester J. and the late Joanne Salute, brother of Christina (David) Traini, Joe (Donna) Salute, and Chester (Debby) Salute, uncle of Pat, Kelly, Brian, Heather, Jessica, Cecelia, and Sara, great-uncle of Christopher, Kimmie, Lindsey, Ethan, and Colin. Relatives and friends called at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, on Friday, December 14 from 2:00-4:00 and 7:00-9:00 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 12319 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD on Saturday, December 15 at 10:00 a.m. Interment Gate of Heaven Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Brain Aneurysm Foundation, 612 East Broadway, South Boston, MA 02127



### Barbara Rose {Greene} Wood

March 8, 1933 –  
 December 1, 2007

Barbara Rose Wood passed peacefully at home, and in the arms of her family, after an 8-year battle with Cancer.

Born March 8th, 1933, Barbara grew-up in Beltsville, MD, and as a teenager worked the counter at the old "Doc's Drug Store" on Route 1. Spending most of her adult life in Beltsville, Barbara worked for the Bureau of Mines, at The University of Maryland, and retired from the Department of Agriculture after 25 years. While at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, Barbara was assigned to

the Poultry Division, and finally at Dairy Heard Improvement, where she was a Computer Analyst. Barbara also served as a member of the Board of Directors at the BARC Federal Credit Union. She later served several terms at President of the BARC Federal Credit Union.

Working professionally through the 1960's and 1970's in an industry and age where few women were, Barbara's on-the-job abilities and 'can-do' personality traits exceeded the expectations of her peers and managers. Barbara was requested to join The Federal Women's Program. It was here Barbara championed for the equal rights of other professional women in the Federal Government. This capacity took Barbara across the nation to investigate in and report on many agencies within the United States Government where women's workplace rights were either in question, or were being violated. Her vigorous investigative work caught the attention of Fellow Government Manager and future Maryland Delegate Mr. Obie Patterson {District 26}, where his recommendation led to the escalation of Barbara's title and position to that of *Manager* of the Federal Women's Program.

Since her retirement in 1985, Barbara had enjoyed her home life with her husband Charles, in their Chesapeake Bay town of North Beach, MD. Husband, Charles, retired from the Prince George's County Fire Department, where he was one of the original paid firemen from that same county, as well as a current life-member of Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department. He was born near the Agricultural Farm and raised on Beaver Dam Road with his parents and siblings.

Her beloved husband Charles and two sons, Dennis K. Wood of Beltsville, MD and William M. 'Bill' Wood of Huntingtown, MD survive Barbara. Son Charles E. 'Eddie' Wood Jr. (surviving wife Deborah Hinch Wood) died on July 13, 2006.

Survivors include Barbara & Charles's grandchildren: Tamara Paige (Wood) Reese (Eric) of Summerville, SC, and Dennis Keith Wood Jr. of Beltsville. Great-grandchildren include: Eric Reese Jr., Spencer Reese, Zachary Reese, Dylan Wood, Gavin Wood; step-grandchildren, Jennifer, Tarun, Stephanie, and Amanda; step-great-grandchildren, Bailey, Declan, Kieran and Tristan.

Barbara's surviving siblings are William P. Greene (Charlotte) of St. Augustine, Florida, Michael Jaloway of St. Augustine, Florida, David Jaloway (Louise) of Virginia, Virginia, Dorothy Prillman (Herman Nicholas) of Atlanta, Georgia, Rose Marie Reedy

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For an appointment, call 1.888.561.4049 on January 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Medical care and health assessment appointments will be scheduled for Monday, January 21, 2008 at the Kaiser Permanente Largo Medical Center, 1221 Mercantile Lane, Largo, MD 20774.

### Holiday Concert a Success

The Holiday Concert sponsored by the Beltsville Recreation Council at the Beltsville Community Center was a great success. Everyone enjoyed the performances by J Rome and Jennalyn Yon. J Rome opened the concert with an excellent rendition of the National Anthem.

Next, Jennalyn Yon opened with a mixture of Christmas music and country oriented ballads. This was followed up with some sing-along Christmas songs.

J Rome, an excellent contemporary singer, finished the concert with a mixture of Christmas and contemporary songs including several signature songs written by J Rome himself. Look for J Rome's upcoming CD to be released in the spring of 2008.

The concert was highlighted with everyone in the audience receiving a poinsettia, compliments of Holland Gardens Nursery and Landscaping. It was truly a concert to remember!

### Need a Lift?

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### Spring Break Girl Scout Camp

The Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital is offering a spring-break camp opportunity to all non Girl Scouts in Kindergarten thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade during March 17-21, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Bus pick up will begin as early as 7:00 a.m. and return as late as 6:00 p.m. The spring break camp is named Camp Wonderland, and will be held at Springhill Lake Elementary School. The cost per person is \$50, and full financial assistance is available. Please visit [www.campsomd.org/pgspring-fun.htm](http://www.campsomd.org/pgspring-fun.htm) for more details or call 301.449.5690 Ext. 21

## Neighbors in the News

### Lions Camp Merrick Earns ACA Accreditation

Lions Camp Merrick (LCM), the sleepover camp near Nanjemoy, Maryland was recently notified by Marc Kolp, president of the American Camp Association (ACA), Chesapeake Section that it passed the Standards Review and had earned the prestigious ACA Accreditation.

"We are pleased to, once again, be awarded this accreditation," stated Sandi Halterman, president of the Board of Directors, "because it reconfirms that we're operating a safe, well run camp for kids who are deaf, blind or have diabetes. The accreditation is a tribute to our dedicated staff and Board members who work tirelessly to maintain a camp that is second to none."

To earn the ACA accreditation, a camp must pass a rigorous inspection of its entire operation. Certified ACA inspectors reviewed eight key policy and procedure areas during their visit to LCM in July 2007: Site and Food Service, Transportation, Health and

Wellness, Operational Management, Human Resources, Program Design and Activities, Program Aquatics, and Program Adventure Challenge. After passing these Standards, LCM was awarded an accreditation through 2009.

LCM has been accredited for several years; however, following the retirement of Robert Rainey, the former camp administrator and the employment of new staff, the ACA required an interim examination to ensure the organization was compliant and maintained the Standards. After Heather Magoon was hired, she attended an ACA Standards and camp administrator's course to become familiar with ACA requirements and her new duties and responsibilities. The training she received helped prepare her for the Standards inspection as well as managing the camp program.

"ACA Accreditation is an excellent management tool that reminds us of our duties and responsibilities to the parents of the chil-

dren who attend our camp," stated Gregory Floberg, development/executive director. "It provides us with a procedures check-list that helps us meet the expectations that each parent has and we're honored to have earned the ACA's recognition."

Each year, over 3,500 youth visit LCM because it's a popular destination for camping, canoeing, swimming, archery, challenge ropes course, hiking, bird watching and more. In addition to the youth with special needs, the camp is a popular venue for the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H, school and church groups and others who benefit from having a facility that is close by, reasonably priced and offers so many activities to choose from.

For information about LCM programs for deaf, blind or diabetic youth call 301.645.5616, e-mail [campmerrick@aol.com](mailto:campmerrick@aol.com) or visit the web site at [www.lionscampmerrick.org](http://www.lionscampmerrick.org).

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6:15-7:30 pm - Mixed Level Kripalu (Laura) (b,c)  
7:45-9:00 pm - Yoga Basics (Debbie)(b)

#### Tuesday

10:15-11:45 am - Super Gentle Yoga (Debbie)  
12:00-1:00 pm - Mixed Level Lunch (Debbie)(b,c)  
6:00-7:15 pm - Kripalu Level II (Carol I.) (i)  
7:30-8:30 pm - Kripalu Level I (Carol I.) (b,c)

#### Wednesday

12:00-1:00 pm - Meditative Lunch (Avalaura) (b,c)  
6:15-7:30 pm - Vishwayatan Yoga (Manju)(b,c)

#### Thursday

10:15-11:45 am - Intermediate Hatha (Adi)(i)  
12:00-1:00 pm - Mixed Level Lunchtime (Adi)(b,c)  
7:45-9:00 pm - Ashtanga Yoga (Brecken)(i,a)

#### Friday

10:15-11:45 am - Yoga Basics Series (Melissa)(b)  
12:00-1:00 pm - Mixed Level Lunch (Melissa)(b,c)  
6:15-7:30 pm - Kripalu Level I (Joel/Carla) (b,c)  
(sign interpreted class)  
7:45-9:00 pm - Kripalu Level II (Joel/Carla)(i,a)

#### Saturday

9:00-10:00 am - Pilates Level I (Emily) (b,c)  
10:15-11:30 am - Integral Hatha Level I (Karl)(b,c)  
11:45-1:00 pm - Mixed Level Kripalu (Laura)(b,c)  
1:15-2:30 pm - Capoeira (Joel) (i,a)  
3:45-5:00 pm - Prenatal Yoga (Carrie)

#### Sunday

10:15-11:30 - T'ai Chi Level I (Penny)(b,c)  
11:45-12:30 pm - Hatha Level I (Carol M.)(b,c)  
5:00-6:00 pm - Community Kirtan  
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## Neighbors in the News

# Boy Scouts Honored for Keeping County Beautiful



Scouts accept plaque for helping to Keep Prince George's County beautiful.

**By Gary Bauman, Scoutmaster, Troop 1033**

The organization Citizens Concerned for a Cleaner County also known as Keep Prince George's County Beautiful honored Boy Scout Troop 1033 on December 9<sup>th</sup> with a plaque to recognize our efforts in keeping our environment clean and beautiful. Troop 1033 has been involved in five service projects helping to beautify our county during 2007 including a road side litter clean up along Powder Mill Road; grounds clean up surrounding the Emmanuel

United Methodist Church; gardening around the Beltsville Elementary School; litter removal and trail clean up at The Fran Uhler Natural Management Area north of Bowie State University, which was Sean Halper's Eagle Scout project; and planting trees and shrubs at Pallotti High School in Laurel, MD which was Max Carmichael's Eagle Scout project. In total the Boy Scouts and their parents contributed over 345 hours of volunteering to Keep Prince George's County Beautiful.

The Boy Scout troop also contributed an additional 530 vol-

unteer hours in service projects ranging from visiting the veteran's retirement home, building bleachers for the Boys and Girls club baseball field which was Michael Stewart's Eagle Scout project, serving pancakes at Applebee's restaurant for the Rotary Club's scholarship program, collecting canned goods for the needy in the Beltsville area, and donating toys for children at Children's Hospital at Christmas time. Thus, during 2007, the Boy Scouts in Beltsville volunteered well over 875 hours of service to the community. Now that's doing a Good Turn.

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## Neighbors in the News

# Sean Halper of Troop 1033 Elevated to Eagle Scout Rank



Sean Halper receiving the Indian Creek District Eagle certificate and flags from District Commissioner Alan Reid and Advancement Chairman Ed Allinson.

Sean Halper of Troop 1033 celebrated his Eagle Court of Honor at Emmanuel United Methodist Church on November 24, 2007. Senior Patrol Leader Michael Clifford, who served as Master of Ceremonies, led the ceremony. Gary Stewart, Sean's former Cubmaster from Pack 1031, read the Trail to Eagle. Sean's cousin, Michael Duck, an Eagle Scout from Baltimore Council came all the way from Bethlehem Pennsylvania to read the Eagle Charge and Promise. His Scoutmaster, Gary Bauman, presented the Eagle Medal to Sean.

Sean received the Indian Creek District Eagle certificate and flags from District Commissioner Alan Reid, Advancement Chairman Ed Allinson, and District Vice-Chair Rosie Gonzales. He also received presentations from Jake McCurry, IC District Youth Roundtable Leader, Rosie Gonzales, and Scoutmaster Gary Bauman.

Recognition letters were displayed on a table from President Bush, former President Jimmy Carter, US Senator Barbara Mikulski, and Senator John Glenn. Sean also received a Governor Citation from Governor Martin O'Malley, a citation from Maryland Senator James Rosapepe, A Certificate of Merit from US Senator Benjamin Cardin, a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition from House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, and Proclamations from Prince George's County Executive Jack Johnson and the Prince George's County Council.

Sean joined Cub Pack 1031 at Beltsville Elementary as a Tiger Cub in 1997. His mother was his den leader with Dan Baker as Assistant Den Leader. They did many fun activities and Sean earned the Arrow of Light completing 18 of the 20 Webelos Activity pins and 30 belt loops. He bridged over to Troop 1033 in

2003 and earned his Eagle Scout rank on August 7, 2007. He has served in five leadership positions in the troop including Patrol Leader, Quartermaster, and Troop Guide of both New Scouts and Service Projects. He also is currently the Chapter Chief for the Indian Creek District Order of the Arrow chapter, an honor troop for Boy Scouts. For his Eagle Project Sean led 35 scouts and friends in doing over 180 hours of work clearing brush and debris at the Fran Uhler Natural Management Area north of Bowie State University this past June. He was recognized by the Office of Public Safety for their work last August.

Sean is a 10<sup>th</sup> grade honor student at Eleanor Roosevelt High School in the Science and Tech program where he is a member of the "Its Academic" team and Men's Choir.



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## Neighbors in the News

## Fun Activities in January at the College Park Arts Exchange

The College Park Arts Exchange is sponsoring several activities in January that will take place at The Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road in College Park. For further information on any of these activities, call 301.927.3013 or email [info@cpae.org](mailto:info@cpae.org). College Park Arts Exchange is supported in part by the City of College Park, Target, and the Prince George's Arts Council.

### THE CHROMATICS

On Friday, January 11, 2008, 7:30 p.m., family and friends will have a great time at this fun concert with Greenbelt's own capella group. The Chromatics' original songs offer melodic insights into modern life with "a smattering of science," and they'll also jazz up covers in their own unique way. This free concert is sure to be a hit! Come with a plan to buy some of their cds as well. This event is part of our Friday evening

series for adults and older kids.

### LEARN BASICS OF LATIN DANCE!

On Saturdays, Jan. 26, Feb. 2, Feb. 9, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m., back by Popular Demand, dancers from Ballroom at Maryland will teach three fun afternoons introducing you to the basics of Latin Dance. Bring a friend for lots of fun, and learn to move by Valentine's Day! Pre-register and pre-pay by January 20 to reserve your spot. Send a check for \$15 per person to College Park Arts Exchange, PO Box 784, College Park, MD 20740.

### CPAE BOOK CLUB

Led by volunteer Krista Park, enjoy discussions of Literary Non-fiction by Women in a casual, relaxed setting. We will read books by women from a variety of backgrounds, meeting one Friday evening per month. January 18: Julie and Julia: 365 Days, 524 Reci-

pes, 1 Tiny Apartment Kitchen by Julie Powell. In this fun book, Julie Powell describes her experiences of cooking her way through Julia Child's famous book on French cooking as a way of bringing order to her chaotic life in New York after 9/11, and the triumphs and disasters that ensue.

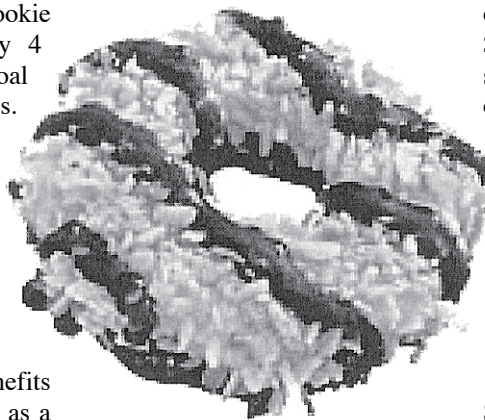
### ARTS DROP-IN

Create an Asian Dragon on Sunday, January 2, 2:00-4:00 p.m. Save and bring your holiday wrappings to help make a full-size Asian Dragon to carry in local parades! Ribbons and shiny paper of all colors, especially metallic, will make our dragon shine. Be a part of this exciting group project at Arts Drop-in. Instructor Aaron Springer leads an imaginative and creative free-form arts afternoon that children and parents will enjoy together, ideal for children ages 3-8. An adult must accompany each child.

## Girl Scout Cookie Sale to Kick Off on January 4

The 2008 Girl Scout Cookie Sale will run from January 4 through March 28 with a goal of selling 4.2 million boxes. Enthusiastic Girl Scouts will soon be tempting cookie lovers throughout the Greater Washington region to select their favorite cookies and in so doing, support the many activities that troops engage in during the year.

The annual cookie sale benefits girls in many ways. Working as a team, they learn to set goals and they also learn sales and market-



ous costs associated with the sale, \$1.64 goes to the council for direct services to girls and adults such as organizing new troops, programs, training and financial assistance, and 23 cents goes toward administrative costs. Cadette and Senior Girl Scout troops can opt to receive an additional 5 cents per box in lieu of earning cookie incentives, if all the girls agree to do that.

Brownies and senior Girl Scouts will begin taking orders on January 4. (Daisies do not sell cookies.) Deliveries will be conducted in February, and in March Girl Scout troops will have booth sales at retail locations such as shopping centers, grocery stores and bookstores.

Complete information on the 2008 Girl Scout cookie sale is available at [www.gscnc.org/fund/cookies](http://www.gscnc.org/fund/cookies). Information also is available by calling the Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital at 1.800.523.7898.

ing techniques, individual responsibility and money management. Troops are able to underwrite educational, service and fun activities that the girls plan all year.

While the sale of cookies is voluntary, troops eagerly anticipate cookie-sale time, and the council depends on a successful sale for the major portion of funds it needs to fully serve all Girl Scouts in the area. Of each \$3.50 box of cookies, 60 cents goes to the troop, \$1.03 covers the cookies and vari-

### WOOD

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{Thomas} of Woodbridge, Virginia.

The funeral visitations were held on Dec. 5, and the funeral was held at 10:00 a.m. on December 6, 2007. Donald V. Borgwardt Funeral Home in Beltsville pro-

vided funeral arrangements. The interment was held at George Washington National Cemetery in Adelphi, where Barbara was laid next to her son Eddie.

The family requests that memorial contributions may be made to Calvert Hospice, P.O. Box 838, Prince Frederick, MD 20678.



## Maryland National Leader in Life Sciences

Declaring that Maryland's future economic success must be tied to the life sciences industry, Comptroller Peter Franchot joined with leading members of Maryland's research, business, academic, investor and scientific communities at the Maryland Life Science Summit.

The Summit, held in Columbia, Maryland and sponsored by the Comptroller's Office, also featured the release of the Maryland Life Science Economic Impact Study which showed beyond a reasonable doubt that Maryland is a national leader in the life sciences and the highlighted the tremendous economic benefits the industry brings to the state. The study also recommended several strategies the state could use to foster further growth in this vital sector.

"It is clear that Maryland is already one of the world's leading centers for the life sciences, and I am determined keep us at the forefront of this dynamic and life-changing industry," said Comptroller Franchot. "However, if Maryland is to maintain its economic prosperity and competitive edge, we must redouble our efforts to support the life sciences industry. That's what this entire summit was about, and I am delighted that we had such a broad, cross section of Marylanders in attendance."

Summit attendees represented almost all Maryland economic sectors, including: health care, legal, financial, investment banking, construction, manufacturing, tourism, education, telecommunications, real estate, engineering, government contracting, information technology, biotechnology, nanotechnology and aerospace.

In addition, the state's federal and military institutions were represented along with local and state elected officials. While in the past meetings of this sort have been limited by geography and industry sector, the goal here was to bring together a diverse group from all over the state and convene a summit that would have input from all interested stakeholders.

"This Life Science Summit can serve as a powerful catalyst as we search for comprehensive strategies to take Maryland's life sciences industry to new heights in the international arena, said State Delegate Brain Feldman. "I commend Comptroller Franchot for taking the lead in organizing this critically important event."

The Summit featured presentations that provided analysis and forecasts for the state's life science investment climate and the state's life science real estate market. There were several presentations highlighting the economic development opportunities surrounding the extensive network of federal institutions in the state.



Comptroller Peter Franchot

The state's research efforts and educational strategy were presented by speakers such as Johns Hopkins University President William Brody, University System of Maryland Chancellor William "Brit" Kirwan and National Cancer Institute Director John E. Niederhuber. In addition, Mr. James Pitts, Corporate Vice President and President of Northrop Grumman Electronic Systems spoke of the need for the private sector to actively get involved in the state's secondary education system to help foster the well educated workforce needed for all technology sectors.

"Engineers and scientists, including those required in the life sciences industry, are so vitally critical to ensuring the future quality of life for all of us, including the security of our nation," said Jim Pitts, corporate vice president and president Northrop Grumman Electronic Systems.

"We stand on the threshold of exciting new discoveries that promise to revolutionize how we treat illness and prevent disease," said JHU President William Brody. "Maryland is where some of the most exciting roads to discovery in medicine are going to originate, and working here are the women and men who will be charting the way."

Other speakers included former National Science Foundation Director Dr. Rita Colwell, Dr. John Dyer, Deputy Commissioner and COO, U.S. Food and Drug Administration; Mr. Darryl Rekemeyer, Director, Fort Detrick Business Development Office; Matt Zuga, Managing Director, Red Abbey Venture Partners; Robert Scheer, President, Scheer Partners; Mr. Drew Greenblatt, President, Marlin Steel Wire Products, [www.marlinwire.com](http://www.marlinwire.com); and Jonathan Genn, Executive Vice President of Percontee Inc.

"Thanks to Maryland's colleges, universities and research centers, our state is well positioned for dominance in the life sciences," said Chancellor Kirwan. "The University System of Maryland alone attracted nearly \$1 billion in external research funding last year, some of which contributed to Maryland's position as the top state

in attracting R&D funding in the life sciences. Our challenge now is to further enhance the partnership between government leaders, university officials and business leaders to make the decisions and investments needed for the state to realize its full potential as a life sciences leader."

The Summit also featured the release of the Maryland Life Sciences Economic Impact Report. The study was conducted by Sage Policy Research Group whose analysis measured the economic and fiscal contributions of both private bioscience enterprises and institutional employees directly engaged in research and development activities.

Based on this analysis, the study team concludes that Maryland's bioscience sector is among the nation's largest, if not the largest, generating \$29 billion in economic output, supporting 120,000 total jobs, \$11 billion in income and nearly \$600 million in State government taxes annually. Jobs supported directly by the state's life sciences industry pay \$108,000/annum on average. Almost one-fifth of bioscience workers hold doctorates and over half have graduate degrees. In other words, the sector supports nearly 5 percent of Maryland's total employment, more than 8 percent of its wage/salary income, and over 11 percent of gross state product.

Over the next decade, Maryland's biotech sector is poised to become even more globally pre-eminent. The development of two biotechnology parks in Baltimore City in conjunction with the massive and expanding life sciences cluster in Maryland's D.C. Suburbs may be enough to push Maryland past Massachusetts and California assuming that Maryland isn't already number one.

The Comptroller and the report offered several strategies to ensure this growth including: allocating a higher percentage of State pension fund dollars toward investment in technology industries; increasing funding for its seed funding programs such as TEDCO, DBED's Maryland Venture Fund and UMCP's MIPS program; adding tax incentive programs to encourage private sector investment in the state and proactively identifying Marylanders who could benefit from those programs.

The biotechnology leadership will especially benefit Montgomery County with its more than 200 biotech companys. In addition the InterCounty Connector (ICC) connecting I-95 at Laurel will greatly benefit Montgomery County, create over 10,000 new jobs and require thousands of new homes in what can be called the second wave of the region's booming housing market.

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## Club News

# The Beltsville Garden Club News

By Louise DeJames,  
Publicity Chair

Ring in another year of informative gardening topics by attending the Beltsville Garden Club meeting on Wednesday, January 23, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail, Beltsville, Maryland.

Our speaker for this month will be Bob Stewart. His topic will be "Cacti and other Succulents." Bob is a long-time member of BGC and has the honor of being the only living charter member of Beltsville Garden Club. He has a

wealth of knowledge about many gardening topics and has shared his gardening experiences and thoughts with us in the past.

Born in Washington, DC, Bob planted his first garden at age 14. After serving in the US Army for 3 years during the Vietnam War, Bob returned and earned BS and MS degrees in ornamental horticulture from the University of Maryland. Bob has worked with Maryland National Park and Planning (MNCPPC) as well as the University of Maryland, where he served as a Horticultural Extension Educator for many years. He retired from the University in

2003, but still finds time to teach classes in the Master Gardener Program. His 35-year interest in cacti and succulents has resulted in a collection of over 300 potted plants that he keeps on a 3-acre plot in Charles County.

Please join us for this informative speaker. We will have plants for the door prize table, and refreshments after the meeting. The public is welcomed and admission is free.

For more information, contact Louise DeJames at 301.890.4733 or visit our website at: [www.beltsvillegardenclub.org](http://www.beltsvillegardenclub.org).

## Beltsville Young at Heart

By Barbara Schofield

Well, the holidays are over and I hope everyone had a good one. I know no one ate too much or got things they don't know what to do with. Did you make New Years resolutions? Will you keep them? The December 6 meeting was a business meeting with the election of officers that were sworn in at the December 20 meeting. This was our Pot Luck dinner. There is not much to report this time so I will leave you with this poem by (I don't know who): The thing that goes the farthest, toward making

life worthwhile, that costs the least and does the most, is just a pleasant smile.

## Women's Community Club

Happy New Year to our community and our supporters! We wish you a wonderful and prosperous 2008. As the New Year begins we are mindful to notify you that our club will not meet in the month of January but will resume our monthly meetings in February 2008. We appreciate all who helped our Community Relations Committee with our Community Giving project during the Holiday

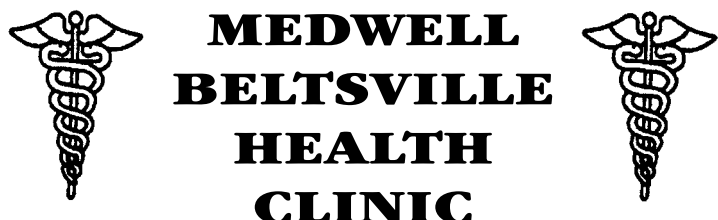
season. More detailed acknowledgement will follow in a future newsletter.

The WCCB is a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization. Our meetings and programs are open to all in the Community and we welcome your membership. As always in support of our ongoing Community Giving project please bring a canned food donation. We thank our members, business and individual supporters over the years for their generous contributions. For more information about WCCB please contact Club President Mae Whitehead: 301.572.7464 or email: [presidentwccb@yahoo.com](mailto:presidentwccb@yahoo.com). "Spreading a little sunshine year round."

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## Club News

# Action at the Beltsville Rotary Club

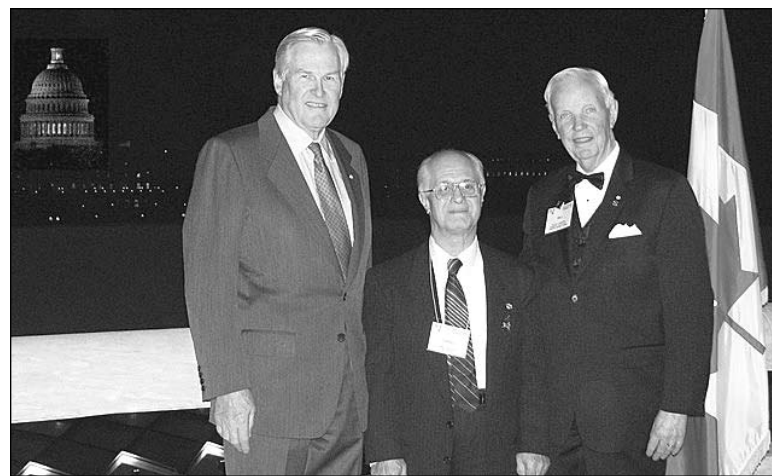
By Yuksel Sagirliloglu, CTC,  
President

As I write this article, it is hard to believe that 2007 is coming to a close and that 2008 and all of its opportunities are just a few short weeks away! On behalf of the entire Beltsville Rotary Club Board of Directors and its members, thanks for all you have done to make the past 12 months such an incredible year for us. In fact, because of your support, we are already well on our way to fulfilling our 2008 goals, a truly incredible accomplishment!

Throughout all of this excitement, please know that we remain committed as ever to helping people who are not as fortunate as we are.

Just before I left Beltsville during the first week of December I received another phone call from a Beltsville resident complementing my article she had read in Beltsville News, which I write every month. She said she had a relative, a Rotarian from India, visiting the United States and they would like to come and visit our club. Since we did not have a meeting on December 4, I told her she was welcome to visit our club on December 11, and they did. They also gave information about their Rotary Club in India to our Club members.

Our Holiday party was done



(L-r) Hon. Michael Wilson Canadian Ambassador to US, Yuksel Sagirliloglu, CTC, President Beltsville Rotary Club and Rotary International President Wilfrid Wilkinson.

well. Food was good. Members and their spouses enjoyed the event in a peaceful atmosphere.

Our repeat Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army at Behnke's Nursery and another location generated about \$800.00 for the Salvation Army. Salvation Army is one of the unique organizations in the USA to help those needy people in any unexpected circumstances.

My visits to Rotary Clubs in the Philippines consist of regular weekly meetings and their special Christmas Parties. Their warm hospitality creates a good long lasting friendship.

Again, my wife and I gave a bag of food which includes 5 Kg. Rice, coffee, sugar, Coffeemate,

sardines, noodles etc. to 100 families in our area in Das Marinas, Philippines.

Helping other people is a good feeling. I feel better when I see smiling happy faces, even a short time they forget their poverty. I wish all the people in this world would join us to make this world a peaceful, happy and better place to live.

I am again asking all Beltsville residents to come forward to join us or send your tax-deductible contributions to the Beltsville Rotary Club. With your generosity we can help more people in our community and in the world. Wishing you all a Prosperous New Year in 2008. God Bless America.

## School News

# Greetings from St. Joseph's School

By Michael O'Loughlin,  
Principal

To all Prince George's County residents from the faculty at St.

Joseph's School: Warmest Christmas and New Year's wishes for all that's joyous and fulfilling, now, in 2008, and always!

soft and slow,  
I drift to images thru time's closed door,  
To sim'lar rooms from Christmas long ago...

## Yule Renewal

Light flick'ring star shapes, our wall flares and wanes,  
As gleaming balls twist rippling from tree limbs,  
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Contrast with music soft as twilight dims.

Lying there, drowsy, safe on cushioned floor,  
Relieved of care, in solitude

By burgeoning yearning, ritual dreams were cast  
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In twinkling starlight, all discord will cease...

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## School News

### Advent and Christmas – Preparation for the New Year and Always

By Michael J. O'Loughlin,  
Principal, St. Joseph's School

"Advent is permeated by the profound connection between memory and hope that is so necessary to mankind. Advent's goal is to reawaken the most enduring memory of all – that God loved us enough to come among us as a child. This healing recollection brings hope to a 'weary world' as the Christian church rehearses her testimonial to God's greatest gift – His Son. Thus, men and women can rekindle their hearts' collective memory and its kindred hope – that we will endure in faith

and love 'til God returns to us, that we will be faithful to Him just as He has been loyal to us. That is the brightest star of hope for us all ..." Joseph, Cardinal Ratzinger (1986) ...now, Pope Benedict XVI.

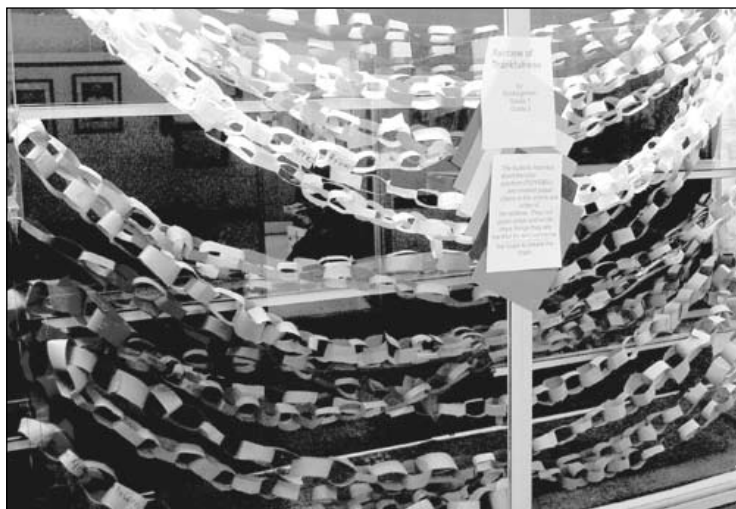
As we approach the threshold of a new year, may we build our hopes upon these scenes fraught with childhood joy from our past and our children's future: The giggling glee of chasing snowflakes, spiraling down, with our tongues out-thrust ... The screaming hilarity of riding a sled or toboggan downhill with a friend, parent or child, and tipping it into a snow bank at the end of the ride ...

The bonding warmth of bringing home a Christmas tree with parent, spouse or child, and the joy of reliving that scene after the delicious warmth of anticipation precedes the act ... The mellow joy of sitting in a dark living room on Christmas Eve, watching the lights blink on your tree as carols play ... Pausing with your family in front of a manger scene, pondering the beauty of a miracle two thousand years ago ...

Of such vignettes are the hopes and dreams of lasting family traditions born. May you be enriched by their grace this year, in 2008 & always.

### A Rainbow of Thankfulness

This month the showcase at St. Joseph's Catholic School featured the artwork of students in Kindergarten, Grades 1 and 2. In art class, these students discussed how a prism always breaks white light in the same order: ROYGBV (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, violet). The students then wrote and drew things they were thankful for on strips of colored paper, which they connected into paper chains in the colors of the rainbow: ROYGBV. The chains were hung to create a wonderful paper sculpture.



### Working Together at St. Joseph's Catholic School



The 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes worked together to produce literary masterpieces. The students were paired up so that, with assistance, the 1<sup>st</sup> graders could 'write' and illustrate their very own books. It was a fun learning experience for everyone.

### St. Joseph's Catholic School Pre-K Class presents "The Nativity"



The holiday spirit came to life on December 12<sup>th</sup> as the Pre-kindergarten class recreated the Christmas Story. From Joseph and the Blessed Mother to the Angels, Shepherds, the Inn Keepers and the Three Wise Kings, the cast was truly amazing. The parents and families appreciated this early Christmas gift.

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## School News

### Calverton Elementary School News

#### Math

Calverton Elementary School was ranked first in Maryland and 28<sup>th</sup> in the United States in a Web-based Math program as of Sunday, December 16. Third graders were added to the competition during the week of December 10 so that all students in grades 3-6 were then participating. Each student was given a unique Student ID and password so they could play any-time and anyplace as long as they have Internet access. So far, the **FIRST IN MATH TROPHY** has been in Mr. Reif's 5<sup>th</sup> grade and Ms. Mitchell's 6<sup>th</sup> grade. It was then shared by both Mr. Reif's and Ms. Mitchell's classes because 61% of their students had at least 1,000 stickers. Mr. McCreery's class with 56% was in contention for the trophy and had the distinction of being in 1<sup>st</sup> place at Calverton as well as 1<sup>st</sup> place among sixth grade teams in Maryland!



Mrs. McCollum's first graders waited for their Thanksgiving Feast.

#### Kindergarten

Mrs. Freeman's students were busy getting ready for winter holidays in December. They made glass votive candleholders as gifts for their families. They made Santa hand puppets with fold glitter belt buckles and cotton "fur" as well as wreaths. They painted a snowman-shaped piece of bubble wrap, then pressed it onto blue paper for a "textured" snowman, then added pompom buttons, black hats, wiggle eyes and orange paper carrot noses.

#### First Grade

First grade at Calverton celebrated Thanksgiving with a feast. They enjoyed turkey, green beans, rolls, pumpkin pie and juice. They discussed things that they are thankful for and enjoyed spend-

ing time together. They would especially like to thank the parents who volunteered their time to help with this celebration!

#### Other News

Demena Hotz, a sixth grader in Mrs. McCreery's class, and second grade teacher, Ms. Bellows, both donated over 10 inches of hair to Locks of Love to help provide wigs for chemo patients.

The Calverton Young Authors are in full swing under the direction of Mrs. Constance Wood and Mrs. Rebecca Cavallo. Students meet once a week after school to explore their creative writing and artistic abilities as they write books, read and write poetry, and share with one another. Every student has something to say; it is just a matter of letting them explore their hidden talents.

### Calverton Elementary School Winter Concert

Calverton held its annual winter music program on December 13, 2007 under the direction of instrumental director, Ms. Megan Wilski, and choral director, Mr. Emmanuel Edily. The students performed before a crowded audience in the school's multi-purpose room.

The beginner band played 11 songs including, *Good King Wenceslas*. The Blue Band, made up of selected members of the larger beginner group, performed *Jolly Old St. Nicholas* and other numbers. The advanced band played *Festival of the Gladiators*, *Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer* and *Christmas Melody*. The beginner orchestra's musical numbers included *Jingle Bells* and *Mozart Melody*. The advanced orchestra played *Shepherd's Hay* and *In the Bleak Midwinter* as two of their selections.

The second grade chorus sang *Up on a Housetop* and *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*. The fourth grade chorus sang *S'vivor* and *Nice, Nice Christmas*.

Fifth grader Myrben Benerayan performed a solo *Elves Dance* on her violin. Sunny Ming, another violinist, played a traditional Chinese song. A flute trio composed of Myrben Benerayan, Faith Martin, and Cristy Ho played *Shepherd's Hay* and *Ye Banks and Braes of Bonnie Doon*. A clarinet ensemble comprised of Kevin Rodriguez, Lusie Reyes, and Melissa Cruz-Garcia performed *O Come All Ye Faithful*. Three trumpet players, Delano Thomson, Isaac Sarfo, and Nelson Romero, played *Up on a Housetop*. Kendrell Jones and Pablo Zamora played *Holiday Melody* as a trumpet duet. The grand finale was a solo sung by Mr. Edily who sang *O Holy Night*.



## School News

# High Point High School PTSA

By Vicki Murphy-Wauschek,  
PTSA President

Our December Executive Board Meeting was once again attended by school staff and concerned parents. One of our guest speakers was Investigative Sergeant Joseph Hughes from the Prince George's County Police Department - District 1. He was able to share an immense amount of information regarding juvenile crime, truancy, and gang activity due to his twenty-seven years on the force. Sergeant Hughes keeps tabs on truants because they are the prevalent cause of several types of crimes, ranging from petty theft, stolen cars, and break-ins. It is going to take vigilance from the school administrators that

have to track attendance, from the local fast food restaurants that are serving the students during school hours, and the local police that can stop children on the streets during school hours to slow down truancy.

Councilman Tom Dernoga, a good friend of High Point High School, brought Mr. Larry Taub from the Law Offices O'Malley, Miles, Nylen & Gilmore, P.A to our meeting. Mr. Taub, spokesperson for Scannell Development, presented the PTSA with a most generous donation. This financial support will allow the PTSA to support and sponsor many activities and groups at High Point. We are extremely grateful to Tom Dernoga and Scannell Development.

Have a happy and safe holiday, and please mark your calendar for first meeting of the New Year, Tuesday, January 8 at 7:00 p.m. in room 108.

## Santa at Beltsville Elementary School



The Beltsville VFD spent the evening attending an annual Christmas party at the Beltsville Elementary School. All the party attendees were happy when we were able to show up with Santa on board of Truck 31. Crews spent about an hour there with Santa.

## MLK News

By Michelle Mariani

Parents are encouraged to join this year's PTA Executive Board. Several of this year's board members have children who will be in high school next year, leaving PTA officer vacancies. If you are able to serve on the PTA Executive Board, or know of incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents who might be, please contact Mrs. Wiltson.

Students interested in advanced math and science courses may be interested in QUEST (Quality Education in Science and Technology), a rigorous study course involving math and science at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. It is a highly competitive program and only 64 seats are available. Applications are available in the guidance office and online at [www.eroosevelthspgcp.org/Qwest1.htm](http://www.eroosevelthspgcp.org/Qwest1.htm). Applications must be submitted no later than January 18, 2008.

The College Park American Auxiliary Unit 217 is sponsoring an Americanism Essay Contest. This year's Americanism Essay is titled "America-Home of the

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Park, 11733 Old Baltimore Pike, Vansville.

**WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CLUB  
OF BELTSVILLE**  
No meeting in January.

**BELTSVILLE RECREATION COUNCIL**  
Monday, January 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the  
Beltsville Community Center.

**BELTSVILLE CITIZEN'S ASSOCIATION**  
Wednesday, January 16 at 7:00 p.m. at  
the Beltsville Elementary School located at  
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**BELTSVILLE LIBRARY  
Book Discussion**  
Tuesday, January 15 at 10:30 a.m. Bill  
Bryson's *A Walk in the Woods*

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Book Discussion**  
Wednesday, January 9 at 7:30 p.m. Thom-  
as Hardy's *Far From the Madding Crowd*

**Toddler Time**  
Wednesdays, January 7, 14, and 28 at  
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**Storytime**  
Wednesdays beginning January 9 at 10:30  
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**Reading Theater for Homeschoolers**  
Thursday, January 24 at 10:30 a.m. Linda  
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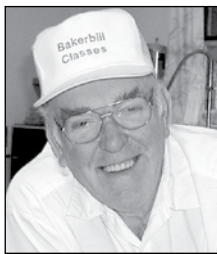


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# Baker Bill

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I had a friend a few years back who received a letter from a bank in Scotland that said ten barrels of Scotch whiskey were in a warehouse in Scotland and that he could buy one in storage for only five hundred dollars. They would put his name on one and all he

would need to pay was the storage fee. They sent him pictures and all. Well, he fell for it and the next time he went home he claimed his barrel of River Clyde water, smells and all. I think of him every time I get one of these scams and note that (a) You need to enter a sweepstakes to win; and (b) I don't know anyone in London.

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In a 1 qt size bowl place  $\frac{3}{4}$  c sugar,  $1\frac{3}{4}$  c flour, 1 heaping tbsp

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Mix together. Now in your cup measure 4 tbsp molasses and fill the cup with hot water and stir together, mix into the dry mix and mix until smooth. Grease a 4x8-baking pan or one like that, put all in the pan even if it goes to the top. Bake in oven 360 degrees for about 40 minutes. Touch the

top. It needs to be solid, not shaky or wet; if so, keep baking until it is. Let it cool, sprinkle with powdered sugar, or eat plain.

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*Morning Worship	11:00am
*Evening Worship	6:00pm
Kidz Choir & Mission Kidz	6:00pm
Youth Fellowship	6:00pm
Adult Choir Practice	7:00pm

**Wednesdays:**

*Adult Bible Study & Prayer	7:00pm
Team Kids (4 yr. old - 6th grade)	7:00pm
Youth Fellowship (7th - 12th grade)	7:00pm

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## FIRE

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The community also stepped in to help. One student living in a burned out condominium is a student at Beltsville Elementary School. The family relocated to a family member's home in Beltsville. Meanwhile, the faculty at Beltsville Elementary contributed clothing, food, and money for the family, and that effort continues.

Five students at Calverton Elementary also lived in the fire-damaged condominiums. The faculty at Calverton Elementary, along with lots of help from parents, contributed clothing, food, and money for the displaced families. The day of the fire, Calverton Elementary School initiated an effort to help the families of students at the school that were affected by the fire. A list of families with the number of people and sizes of clothing needed was disseminated to faculty and others. Plans to distribute the donated items were scheduled for Friday, December 21st, the last day before the school closed for the winter break. Mrs. Luz Santiazo, parent coordinator, and Mrs. Pamela Roberts, the professional school counselor, coordinated the drive. One may contact Mrs. Roberts by phone at 301.572.0640. According to school nurse, Elizabeth Hairston, "There has been overwhelming support from the staff of Calverton Elementary School."

The Beltsville Volunteer Fire/EMS Station is accepting gift card donations on behalf of the children of the displaced residents of the Cherry Glen Condominium Complex. Beltsville Volunteer Fire Chief Al Schwartz stated, "We have fielded numerous requests from citizens and residents that want to help these families in some way. Our Fire/EMS Station will serve as a collection point and conduit between those wanting to donate and the displaced residents." The station is located at 4911 Prince George's Avenue in Beltsville.

Kathy Mellott and Ann Rowland, members of the Homeless Committee at Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Beltsville, felt the need to help these families in their time of immediate need. They organized a drive to collect clothing and made a delivery to Cherry Glen on December 20. The property manager stated later that day that there was no more room available to store donated items, and suggested that people instead donate gift cards to the Beltsville Fire Department so that people may purchase what they need.

The property manager at Cherry Glen Condominiums, Inc. said that everyone involved in the aftermath of this crisis has been superb. She praised the firefighters, the personnel from ATF, fire investigators, and everyone involved from the Prince George's County government, including County Executive Jack Johnson.



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# Beltsville Elementary School Science Fair

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from Behnke Nurseries, WSSC, NASA, John Hopkins University, the USDA and our neighborhood helped with the judging. The Grand Prize (K-3) was awarded to Blake Thursam and the Grand Prize (4-6)

was awarded to Jonathan Harvey-Buschel. Five students were selected to attend the Kids For Science Competition held at Eleanor Roosevelt High School on May 16, 2008. Those students are Jonathan

Harvey-Buschel-6<sup>th</sup>, Giovanni Rossoni-6<sup>th</sup>, Rebecca Bell 6<sup>th</sup>, Teresa Johnson-6<sup>th</sup> and Samantha Sweeney-5<sup>th</sup>.

Beltsville Elementary School Science Fair Grand Prize winners (L-r) Blake Thursam, Grade 2 and Jonathan Harvey-Buschel, Grade 6.



Beltsville Elementary School Science Fair 1<sup>st</sup> Place winners from 6<sup>th</sup> Grade.



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