Q&A with Theater Project Beltsville Director

Here are some questions for director Franklin Akers about the purpose, scope, and future of the project:

Q: Who is creating this project and why? How did it come about?

A: Theater Project Beltsville or TPB is an outreach program of the Abiding Presence Lutheran Church. In a nutshell, the church has gone through some changes, mostly due to demographic issues, which have caused it to become quite small. We felt we needed to reach out into the community.

Pastor John Na and director Franklin Akers discuss their upcoming production.

High Road Reads Returns

The High Road Upper School of Prince George’s County, located at 12050 Baltimore Avenue, recently re-launched 2nd Annual High Road Reads Program. The school needs support from everyone in the community.

G. served as Lector. Grace F, of Brownie troop 6379, Christopher K, and Daniel F, of Pack 1031, brought up the gifts. Members of the local Scout units celebrated Scout Sunday on Feb. 10, 2013, at St Joseph’s Catholic Church. The Mass was celebrated by Fr. Wimmer. Troop 440 Boy Scout Joseph M. served, and Girl Scouts from Troop 4129, Teresa J. did the responsorial and Rebecca G. served as Lector.

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Mail Safety Alert! Mail left out for pickup by several homeowners in the Beltsville area has been tampered with. If you are mailing payments with checks or credit card information, play it safe and take it to the Post Office or drop it in a U.S. Post Office Box.

If you have questions that you would like our guests to answer please email or call me in advance. I can be reached at 301.937.3490 or karecmcoakley@msn.com
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According to the programs coordinator, Ivan Johnson, “Stu-
dents this year will be required to keep track of the books they have read through use of a journal. For each book read the student will have to write a brief summary of each chapter, highlighting certain parts of each chapter in order to fully participate in the competi-
tion. The goal for this year is for each student to read twenty books by the end of the program.
High Road Read activities also include, Stop Drop and Read, Battle of the Book as well as the 3rd annual book fair and region wide spelling bee. For more infor-
mation concerning the Reading Incentive Program please call 301.210.4860.

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Thomas Steeley Talks Taxes at the Greater Beltsville Business Association

By Leda Rose

Washington gridlock, the looming sequester, federal budget deficits, changes in Social Security taxes, ObamaCare’s impact on taxpayers, all of these issues are the backdrop in any discussion on taxes for businesses large and small. It is no wonder businesses must carefully and strategically plan each financial decision in this shifting landscape.

That was the opening message by the GBBA’s Feb. 20 Speaker, Thomas Steeley, managing director of Steeley & Associates, tax experts and financial advisors with an office in Laurel.

Mr. Steeley went into some detail on new tax rates and laws that business owners need to keep in mind as they plan and structure their finances. He offered specific and concrete examples to make his points and schooled GBBA members on strategies to lower their tax liability.

He concluded his presentation with a rundown of these, “Top 6 Tax Mistakes for Business Owners,” and possible alternative steps to avert those mistakes:

1. Poor record keeping and bookkeeping, which includes maintaining bank accounts/credit cards used exclusively for the business. He recommends do it right, or hire a professional.
2. Too conservative on taking legal, legitimate and well-documented deductions. Don’t rule out a deduction just because there are preconceived notions that it is a “red flag” and you will be audited. Too often businesses get bad advice, are overly concerned, and rule out legitimate deductions.
3. Wrong form of business organization in light of changes in current laws. Restructuring as an S Corporation might be a better option under current law.
4. Poor retirement planning; no retirement planning. Be sure to have a plan and carefully consider staffing alternatives. Re-frame compensation in light of recent changes.
5. Poor planning. Time major moves, sale of property or business with capital gains, revenues and expenses in mind.
6. Improper investment allocation or tax diversification; Make decisions based on current trends in the markets, the economic environment, to minimize risks.

Daniel Diasgranados Participating in Urban Journalism Workshop at NPR

Congratulations to Daniel Diasgranados, a High Point High School junior selected to participate in a journalism workshop sponsored by the Washington Association of Black Journalists (WABJ). This multicultural journalism workshop trains students in the basics of newspaper, broadcast and multimedia journalism and offers an inside look at journalism as seen by some of the industry’s leading minority journalists. Journalists from the Washington Post, the Associated Press, National Public Radio and other media companies facilitate the workshops, which are conducted on eight consecutive Saturdays at various locations throughout the Washington area. Daniel’s older bother Juan Diasgranados participated in this program; Juan is currently an NBC reporter in West Palm Beach Fl. Daniel hopes his photography, which he loves, will help him get into the journalism field after college.

Local Boy Scout Leader Earns Scouting’s Highest Honor

Kevin Shinichi Tamai has been honored by the Scouting community from the regional area. He is a 2013 Award Recipient of the Silver Beaver. It is the highest honor an adult Scout leader can receive. It is awarded by the National Boy Scout Council upon recommendation by our local Scouting council, The National Capital Area Council (NCAC). The award is given in recognition of service in three equal categories: service to the community; service to youth involved in Scouting; and service to youth outside of Scouting. Approximately only one in every 1000 Scout leaders will receive this award. Only one person for every 60 units may be nominated.

Kevin will always be a great example of what Scouting can produce. He is very giving of his time and energy to anyone and everyone. He is a role model for many of the younger, up and coming Scouts. He is very proud to be a Scout, especially to be an Eagle. He continually soars to new heights. He exhibits the qualities and attributes of what the Scouting character is all about. Our community is happy to have a 2013 National Capital Area Council Silver Beaver Award honoree.

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Pack 1031 Celebrates Martin Luther King’s Legacy with Service

On Monday, Jan. 21, 2013 Cub Scouts from Cub Scout Pack 1031 gathered to do service by clearing downed limbs, cleaning up trash and leaves around the parking lots at Beltsville Academy. They fanned out around Beltsville Academy and Saint Joseph’s Regional School to clean up the trash and tree debris while another crew repaired a fence which housed the trash dumpster which had been damaged at St. Joseph Regional Catholic School. After the work was done, the scouts retired to the Cubmaster’s house for hot dogs and S’mores. Eleven adults and youth worked from 2 to 4 p.m. giving back to their community.

If you are interested in Cub Scouting in Beltsville please contact Kevin D’Eustachio, kdeusta-chio@gmail.com or Regina Halper, rhalper2@verizon.net for more information.

Department of Social Services Extension Office Now Open in Beltsville

In Sept., Prince George’s County opened an extension office of the Department of Social Services in Beltsville with shorter lines and more personalized service. This branch office is located at the Beltsville Seventh-day Adventist Church at 4200 Ammendale Road, Beltsville, Md. and is in the Beltsville Adventist Community Center (BACC) in the building directly behind the church. The office is open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. At this branch office, a limited range of services is available. These services include emergency cash assistance, temporary cash assistance for adults without children, food stamps, and medical assistance.

BACC itself offers additional services to the Beltsville community, which include: volunteer financial crisis counselors who assist with job searches, resume development, budgeting, and sorting of financial priorities; free computer usage for applying for jobs, applying for DSS services through SAIL, checking email, and computer education. A food pantry for qualifying Beltsville residents who are in crisis; and the Financial Peace University seminar.

Questions may be directed to the church office at 301.937.8118.

Simon Doong Named to Fall Semester Dean’s List at College of Wooster

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The College of Wooster is America’s premier college for mentored undergraduate research. Every Wooster senior works one-on-one with a faculty adviser to create an original research project, written work, performance, or art exhibit. In the process, each develops independent judgment, analytical ability, creativity, project-management and time-management skills, and strong written- and oral-communication skills. Founded in 1866, the college enrolls approximately 2,000 students.
Riderwood Ham Radio Operators

Ham radio has a cult following at Riderwood retirement community in Silver Spring, Md. where a small group of residents led by Gene and Judy Hoening “ records” (the ham jargon for conversing) all hours of day and night with fellow hams worldwide.

Gene first became a ham in 1951. After he came to Riderwood he met other people interested in ham radio and soon created a one-year course to prepare them for the exam needed to pass to get a license. Three people took the course; the number of hams has since doubled. The Riderwood hams’ transmitting locale is an efficiency apartment on campus in which they have radios and Morse code devices that are more powerful than their hand-held radios. This apartment has wires connecting it to antennas in the attic.

What do the Riderwood hams do with their radios? Mostly, they ragchew in words, or in Morse code, with strangers across the globe whom they encounter throughout the ham radio system. “I enjoy the ability to talk with people in foreign countries,” said Gene. “There is also a public service aspect of ham radio that is appealing.”

Gene met a man by ham radio living 100 miles north of Stockholm, Sweden, who asked Gene for information about a grapevine expert in Geneva, New York. Gene got the information. Contacts were made and, as a reward, the Swedish man sent wine to Gene months later.

In another case of ham contact, Gene’s communication with a woman in Jacksonville, Fl., led to Gene and his wife Judy being invited to a vacation cruise on her family ketch boat in the Bahamas. Ragchewing is generally what the Riderwood hams and their international counterparts do while on the radio when they’re not contesting, testing equipment, bouncing signals off the moon or meteor showers, providing communications in national emergencies, sending still or moving pictures or text back and forth, or connecting to packet radio networks.

Hams historically have helped with communications during such events as the United States invasion of Grenada, the September 11 terrorist attacks on New York’s World Trade Center towers, and the Johnstown flood in 1936. There is the Amateur Radio Emergency Service, with local emergency coordinators and members who have registered “for communications duty in the public service when disaster strikes.”

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on Montgomery Road. This non-juried show is accepting entries from those 18 years of age and older through April 26th. All interested in providing artwork for the show should contact the church office at stjoesartshow@gmail.com or www.stjos.org/parish/artshow to receive an entry form.

This show is for artists of all skill levels, and we invite all members of the community to show their work.

Coast Guard Auxiliary Offers Boating Safety Class

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 24-3 will teach the two-day Maryland Boating Safety course for future boaters, new boaters and experienced boaters interested in refreshing their skills.

This class meets Maryland State requirements for anyone born after July 1, 1972 who wants to operate a powered vessel, including Personal Water Craft, on Maryland waters. This course is also recognized by many other States as meeting their Boating Safety Education requirements. It will be taught at the Bladensburg Waterfront Park, 4601 Annapolis Road, Bladensburg, MD 20710.

Important Details

Date of Event: March 9 and 10, 2013 (Saturday and Sunday) When: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Where: Bladensburg Waterfront, 301.779.0371 Note: Pre-Registration is required Cost: $25.00 Contact: Steve Klein, 410.531.3313, tsktstk10@hotmail.com

Subjects Covered

Among the many subjects covered are boat construction and terminology, boating laws, safety equipment, boat handling, basic knot skills, navigation, and trailering. The instructors are all qualified and well trained volunteer members of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, who are devoted to promoting recreational boating safety. Pre-registration is required.

High Point High School Class of 1963 Reunion

The High Point High School class of 1963 will celebrate their 50th reunion on Sept. 7, 2013 at the Sheraton North, Beltsville, Md. For details send e-mail to HP63@verizon.net or call 410.461.2367.
Happy Birthday Greetings

“More than anything else, a garden is a portal, a passage into another world, one of your own thoughts and your own making; it is whatever you want it to be and you are what you want to be.”

— William Longwood

Happy 60th Birthday to Elva (Midkiff) Brocht.

Happy Birthday to Doug Midkiff, Lisa Midkiff and Ray Midkiff.

Happy Birthday in memory of Cecil & Georgia Midkiff and Jane Curatolo.
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in Bowie.

Perhaps the record should show that Mr. Hoyer invites local, state, and national media to these events. That statement goes a long way toward explaining how a recent Friday lunchtime found an alleged reporter from the Beltsville News breaking luncheon bread not only with the distinguished Congressman and staff, but also with reporters from such notable news organizations as the Washington Post, the Baltimore Sun, the Federal Times, and more.

Mr. Hoyer kicked off this year’s press luncheon with brief comments on prominent issues of the day and then opened the meeting for questions and answers. Topics ranged from national to local and then back again. The next paragraphs offer takings from comments on prominent issues of the year’s press luncheon with brief., organizations as the Washington reporters from such notable news congressman and staff, but also with only with the distinguished Congressman and sta...
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As it happens, our cantor is dual gifted and dual educated, holding advanced degrees in both music and theater. So, we thought this would be a good way to reach out into the community in order to grow while providing a service to the community. We want people to know where we are and for them to use our space.

Q: Where did the idea for a community theater come from?
A: Actually, it came from our cantor, Franklin Akers, who is deeply committed to this church, and wants to see it grow in vitality and usefulness to Beltsville. He obtained permission from church council to mount one production as a trial, and this is it. If successful, we are hoping council will want to make it permanent.

Q: Do you think there is any real need for a community theater group in Beltsville?
A: That is exactly what we want to find out! We have two hurdles to leap: we have to get a cast, which will tell us whether actors want another outlet. Community theater actors are quite addicted to acting! Then, we must attract and build an audience. That will tell us if there is sufficient interest in Beltsville for such a project. We hope there is!

Q: What is to be your first production?
A: Three one act comedies by the 19th century Russian playwright, Anton Chekhov.

Q: Comedies? Really? We're not really dreary and pessimistic plays.
A: Actually, they are not really dreary and pessimistic if done properly. But these three plays are outright farces; they come close to slapstick... pie throwing.... but not QUITE.

Q: Why were these plays chosen?
A: Actually, it was a partly practical. We have a budget of virtually zero and these plays are in public domain. Also, they are wonderful plays. They are what one might call “actor’s plays.” The telling of these three stories and the light they shed on human nature is the most important thing about them.

Q: Is this production just for students?
A: No, Not at all - it's open to all who are interested.

Q: And the cost of tickets?
A: We want to be extremely affordable, so we are charging $15, and $10 for seniors, students, military, and children under twelve.

Q: Is this production just for Beltsville people to participate in?
A: Oh, no. Not at all - it’s open to all who are interested. Actors and crew people travel long distances for the opportunity to be involved in something like this.

Q: Where is Abiding Presence church located?
A: The address is 10774 Rhode Island Avenue in the Beltsville Professional Center across from the Post Office.

Additional information can be found on the church’s website, aplchurch.org or by emailing director frank.akers@comcast.net.

**Vansville Heights Citizens Association**

The next Vansville Heights meeting will be Monday, March 11 at 7 p.m. If you live in the Vansville neighborhood of Beltsville, we urge you to attend. The meeting will be held at Vansville Recreation Center, 2515 Rhode Island Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705. Call 301-937-3677 for an appointment.

**Share Your News!**

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Riderwood Residents and Staff Pitch in to Help

Riderwood retirement community residents and staff volunteers, in partnership with Cypress Construction, Business Flooring, Glenmar Draperies, ClothWorks, and R.P. Hacker Painting, are now renovating the living room and lobby areas at Arcola Towers, a high-rise apartment building for senior citizens located on University Boulevard between Arcola Avenue and Sligo Creek Parkway in Silver Spring, Md. The lobby at Arcola Towers has not seen a renovation in many years. The furniture and setup of the living rooms are not conducive to meetings and activities.

The areas are badly in need of modernization and the furniture is in need of repair or replacement. Riderwood and its partner companies are donating their services to fix and paint the walls, add all new lighting fixtures, change the flooring, and provide furniture. A flat screen television, new window treatments, and custom woodwork are also being done.

Riderwood residents and staff were at Arcola Towers all-day on Tuesday, February 12, to finish the renovation and to celebrate an early Valentine’s Day with Arcola Towers residents. Their work complemented that being done by the Montgomery County Housing Opportunities Commission.

“We will use some of our unused furniture to create several activity and sitting areas in the lobby,” said Eddie Bharucha, Communications and Customer Service Manager for Riderwood. “We feel that we have some great expertise and best practices from having done our own life cycle improvements and can put them (and some of our resources) to good use by helping those in need.”

“Our mission is to create a community that celebrates life,” added Jean Landreville, Associate Executive Director for Riderwood. “One of the best ways we can do this is by helping others whenever and wherever we can.”

Arcola Towers, which has 141 efficiency and one-bedroom apartments, is a public housing community run by the Montgomery County Housing Opportunities Commission and offers rents on a scale-based on income. There are gardens and community rooms in a peaceful setting for all residents to enjoy.

The Easter Holiday

Why do we have a holiday so frivolous with sweets? Is there much more to celebrate than choc’late bunny treats?

Could it be darkness in our culture has sought to remove sincere consideration of a most important truth?

It’s not about a pretty egg, instead, a bloody cross, where Jesus Christ, God’s Perfect Son, was put to death for us.

“Why should He die for one like me,” we ask self righteously? Because, we don’t possess pure hearts that are completely clean.

There’s nothing we can do to right the things that we’ve done wrong. Our resolutions to do better do not last for long;

But, when Christ rose up from the grave He gave the power to become His own to ev’ryone who trusts Him. How ‘bout you?

New life, a future, and a hope that cannot be deferred, and conscience cleansed for those who seek forgiveness is offered.

Please join me in rejoicing over our Creator’s way of bringing us salvation on this glorious Easter Day!

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College Park Arts

Arts workshop

“Silver Soldering” with Lucy Dirksen at Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park. March 14 - May 9 (8 weeks), Thursdays, from 7 to 9 p.m. (no March 21 class). Recycle your old broken jewelry into beautiful new pieces you design yourself! Contact us at info@cpae.org or 301.927.3013 for more information and to get a list of needed materials from the instructor.

CPAE Book Club

Friday evenings, Old Parish House at 7:30 p.m. Discuss Literary Non-fiction by Women at the CPAE Book Club.

March 15, George, Nicholas and Wilhelm: Three Royal Cousins and the Road to War I, by Miranda Carter

April 19, Why Be Happy When You Could be Normal, by Jeanette Winterson

May 17, Prague Winter: A Personal Story of Remembrance and War, by Madeleine Albright

June 14, Swimming Up the Creek, by Madeleine Albright

Red Leather Diaries with Lucinda Rosen, 9704 Rhode Island Avenue. Hear Dr. Seuss’s great classics read aloud and enjoy Seussical arts activities with CPAE. Contact the Community Library at colparklib@gmail.com.

Children’s Arts Drop-in Programs

Arts Specialist Aaron Springer leads FREE fun arts workshops for children ages 3-8 on Saturdays.

March 23: Make-Your-Own Jewels

April 13-14: Birds in the News

May 11-12: Jewelry Making

June 15-16: Mobiles

July 13-14: Coloring for Grown-Ups

Thief protection during the tax-season identity theft boom

(BPT) - Tax season can be stressful, and each year people scramble to send in their tax returns, right down to the deadline. But for those who do a little preparation and avoid procrastinating, it can be significantly less tense. However, whether you’re a last-minute rusher or an ahead-of-the-game planner, you need to take steps to protect your identity during tax time, or you could be facing the greatest stress of all.

With so much financial information crossing the wires and the mail routes, tax season is ripe for exploitation by identity thieves. Unfortunately for many, the thieves haven’t hesitated to take advantage. According to a U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) report (November 2012), the Internal Revenue Service identified more than 640,000 incidents of identity theft that impacted tax administration in the first nine months of 2012 alone, a large increase over prior years.

Those numbers make it clear that tax-time identity theft is a risk that everyone should take seriously. You should take steps to protect your information - this year and every year around tax time.

Be cautious with your paperwork. Don’t leave mail with sensitive information sitting in your mailbox, where it’s vulnerable to theft. And whether you’re sending or receiving, avoid leaving items sitting in your car or in your home where they are in plain sight for someone looking in the windows.

Check your credit report. One of the best ways to stay informed about the state of your identity is by monitoring your credit. Everyone is entitled to a free yearly credit report, but if identity theft happens after you view that report, it could be months before you notice an instance of fraud - and a lot can happen during that time. Using a credit monitoring program gives you better protection, thanks to unlimited access to your credit.

College Park March Programs

10 a.m. to noon at the College Park Community Center, 5051 Pierce Ave, and on Sundays, 2 to 4 p.m at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road.

March 30 Egg Hunt, 10 a.m. to noon, Youth and Family Services, 4912 Nantucket Ave, and Brunch with the Bunny, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the College Park Community Center.

April 20-21: Magic Wands and Funny Hats

May 18-19: Crazy Kites

June 15-16: Mobiles

To learn more about after-school Arts Drop-in programs near Hollywood Elementary at Youth and Family Services, call 301.474.1210.

Baby Arts Group offers a rotation of teachers for the littlest ones, Fridays, noon to 1 p.m. at Old Parish House; donation encouraged. The College Park Arts Exchange is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, funded in part by the City of College Park, and we appreciate your donations in support of our arts programming.

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With so much financial information crossing the wires and the mail routes, tax season is ripe for exploitation by identity thieves. Unfortunately for many, the thieves haven’t hesitated to take advantage. According to a U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) report (November 2012), the Internal Revenue Service identified more than 640,000 incidents of identity theft that impacted tax administration in the first nine months of 2012 alone, a large increase over prior years.

Those numbers make it clear that tax-time identity theft is a risk that everyone should take seriously. You should take steps to protect your information - this year and every year around tax time.

Be cautious with your paperwork. Don’t leave mail with sensitive information sitting in your mailbox, where it’s vulnerable to theft. And whether you’re sending or receiving, avoid leaving items sitting in your car or in your home where they are in plain sight for someone looking in the windows.

Check your credit report. One of the best ways to stay informed about the state of your identity is by monitoring your credit. Everyone is entitled to a free yearly credit report, but if identity theft happens after you view that report, it could be months before you notice an instance of fraud - and a lot can happen during that time. Using a credit monitoring program gives you better protection, thanks to unlimited access to your credit.

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Caregiver 101: Creating a safe and happy environment for your loved ones

(BPT) - Nearly 66 million people, or 29 percent of the U.S. adult population, are providing care to someone who is ill, disabled or aged, according to the National Center for Caregiving. And, according to AARP, 61 percent of family caregivers who are 50-plus also work either full-time or part-time. How can busy caregivers gain peace of mind that their family member is happy and safe while they’re working? There are easy home updates to help improve the safety and security of their living space.

Preparing a safe and happy home environment

Once you have determined the best place for your loved one to reside — whether they live independently, in an assisted living facility or in your home — you’ll need to create a safe environment. You may enlist the assistance of a Certified Aging-In-Place Specialist (CAPS) to make residential updates or follow these simple tips to help make your family member’s home a safe place for a lifetime.

Bathrooms

Since most slips and falls occur in the bathroom - often while getting in and out of the tub or shower - AARP suggests adding grab bars, using non-skid mats on the tub or shower floors and installing a handheld showerhead for easier bathing. These simple adjustments can help avoid injury.

Moen Home Care products, such as the Designer Grab Bars with Accessories, combine the safety benefits of a grab bar with common bath essentials, including a towel bar, paper holder, straight shelf and a corner shelf, making each item functional and fashionable. Plus, each product is available in popular finishes, including chrome, brushed nickel and old world bronze, to coordinate with the rest of your bath.

Next, add protection in the shower with a shower chair or bench. Moen Home Care offers a variety of free-standing, ADA-compliant Moen Home Care products.

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Check Your Vision: See clearly in 2013

1. Start with an eye exam
   Our eyes age and change just like the rest of our bodies, so it is important to get them checked annually. Even if you already have corrective lenses, ensure that your eyes are working together properly for your eyes properly with an eye exam. Beyond a simple vision screening, the American Optometric Association also recommends that everyone receive a regular comprehensive eye exam to detect potentially serious eye issues to support overall eye health.

2. Good health supports good vision
   As you kick off resolutions to “get healthy,” did you know that you are also supporting your eye health? The healthier you are, the better chance you have to avoid complications with your eyes. For example, eating a balanced diet that includes dark green vegetables with lutein like spinach and kale can help to reduce your risk of age related vision loss.

3. Protect your eyes in the sun
   Sunglasses are a fun way to accessorize while also protecting your eyes. Studies show that spending long periods of time in the sun without eye protection can damage your eyes. Eye care professionals recommend that you wear full spectrum UV-absorbing sunglasses whenever you are in the sun for hours at a time. If you wear contact lenses, remember that contact lenses by themselves may not protect your eyes from UV light so you may still need to supplement by wearing sunglasses.

4. Eye glasses or contact lenses?
   Vision is as unique as the color and shape of your eyes, so work with your eye care professional to decide which type of corrective lens - glasses or contact lenses - is best for you. According to the Contact Lens Council, 34 million Americans opt for contact lenses as they offer a convenient alternative to glasses or corrective surgery. Contact lenses also offer personally tailored options for design, regimens and materials to meet your needs.

5. Keep eye health simple
   The beginning of a new year is a busy time for doctor appointments. Ease eye-appointment stress by finding a one-stop solution for all your eye care needs. Independent Optometrists operate private offices located adjacent to nearby 3,000 Walmart Vision Centers and Sam’s Club Optical Centers and provide comprehensive eye exams, lens fittings and prescriptions by appointment and on a walk-in basis. The recent launch of a new online and phone contact lens program by Walmart and Sam’s Club also reduces prices on contact lenses from many top brands and delivers lenses directly to your home. For additional information on the new contact lens program or to place an order, visit WalmartContacts.com or call 800-741-LENS(5367), Sam’s Club contacts or call 800-749-LENS(5367), or walk into any location with vision services.

Floors and furniture
To avoid tripping or bumping hazards - and to provide adequate room for walkers, canes or wheelchairs - move larger furniture against the wall to create more open walkways throughout the home. Remove loose rugs, or use double-sided tape to ensure they are securely anchored. Finally, be sure that any wires and cords are out of the way to prevent tripping and falls.

Bedrooms
Like other rooms in the home, ensure there is adequate lighting, no loose rugs or tripping hazards in the bedroom. Other helpful additions include adding rails to the bed are helpful for getting in and out. Also, to help keep everything within arms’ reach, create a bedside “command center” equipped with a telephone, clock, lamp and other necessities. Finally, place a commode near the bed if a bathroom is not nearby.

With a few simple updates you can create a home that is safe for your elder family members - giving you one less thing to worry about in your caregiver role. For more information about bath safety products, visit www.moen.com/homecare or www.lowes.com. For a variety of caregiver resources, visit the Caregiving Resource Center at www.aarp.org.
March Happenings at the College Park Moose Lodge

Saturday, March 2 - COACH BINGO TO BENEFIT MISS COLLEGE PARK SCHOLARSHIP FUND and Lodge programs. Prizes include a variety of authentic COACH products including handbags, wristlets, totes, wallets and more. Doors open at 5 p.m. and bingo begins at 6 p.m. Tickets are $25 and include 20 games. Specials, raffles, pull tab, door prizes and 50/50 will be available. Delicious food will be sold at nominal prices, please come hungry! For information please call Jimmie at 301.935.5525 or Angie at 240.421.1187.

Saturday, March 16 - BLAST FROM THE PAST will feature the popular, well known, Rick K and the All Nighters. Billed as America’s Most Exciting Show Band, they will take you on a rock and roll trip through the Fabulous 50’s, get groovy with the 60’s Explosion, then hustle into the Disco Nights of the 70’s with the Top Forty of the 80’s and 90’s, and then head home with High Octane Hits of the new millennium. Attent to their popularity—this band already has 89 nights booked for 2013! Dinner including dessert is 6-7:30 p.m., dancing and show from 8-midnight and tickets are only $20 per person or $35 per couple. This event is OPEN TO THE PUBLIC so bring your family and friends. THIS IS A REAL SHOW THAT YOU DON’T WANT TO MISS. It will be the talk of the town. PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE MD/DC/DE HOUSE AT MOOSEHART’S HOME FOR CHILDREN.

Birmingham Lodge #188, A.F.&A.M. will sponsor an all day event open to anyone interested in the fraternal organization. The Open House will take place on Saturday, April 6th from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Food, beverages and entertainment will be provided for all visitors. Men and their families (children welcome) are encouraged to attend, with no obligation, to learn about the ageless fraternity and what community efforts are supported. Children’s activities will be available.

The history and traditions of Freemasonry date back to antiquity, with the singular purpose of making good men better. The tenets of our fraternity - Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth - have stood the test of time. This Masonic heritage has been passed down through the ages with centuries of traditions, promoting community involvement and the building of friendships that last a lifetime. Birmingham Lodge #188, A.F.&A.M. has maintained its presence in Beltsville, MD since Nov. 1891 and has a rich history of community support and service. During the Open House several programs will be explained, along with information about the CHIP program (Child Identification Program), and other community service programs.

Masonic Lodge to Hold Open House

Through fellowship, charity, education and leadership, Freemasons are making their lives and their communities stronger by the day. We invite you to learn more about us and ask your questions. Please visit us during our Open House. The Beltsville Masonic Lodge (Birmingham Lodge #188) is located near the intersection of Powder Mill and Edmonston Roads. More information about Masonry may be obtained at the following websites: www.AskA-MarylandMason.org or www.birmingham188.org.

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report from companies like Equifax and automated alerts when key changes appear on your accounts. In the event that the worst happens, some programs offer help through 24/7 access to identity theft resolution specialists.

− Learn to be scam-savvy. Identity thieves are no fools - but they will try to fool you. Stay informed about scams and never give out personal information over the phone or on the Internet unless you initiated the contact and you’re absolutely certain about whom you’re dealing with. Keep in mind that the IRS does not ever contact sensitive information via email - almost all official IRS communication is carried out by regular mail.

− Make sure you’re using safe technology. Update your computer’s anti-virus software and security patches and check to ensure that any site you’re using is firewall-protected. Also, be aware that some photocopy machines have hard drives that store digital versions of anything they are used to copy. Don’t let tax time become more nerve-wracking than it needs to be. Prepare your return in time, and prepare yourself to fight identity theft, in order to ensure that you’ll be on time, secure and hassle-free. More information about credit and identity theft issues is available at the Equifax Finance Blog (www.blog.equifax.com).

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(Don’t Let Uncle Sam Keep Your Hard Earned Money This Tax Season!)

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Congress has passed some very confusing tax laws! To protect yourself from filling an “incorrect” tax return this year and missing out on a ton of cash that is supposed to be YOURS, you better call a tax professional to help you get ALL the money you deserve back from the IRS!

Hi, my name is Bob Newland and I have been a tax professional in this area for 28 years. I have an office on Route 1 near Wendy’s, and an experienced “hand picked” staff. Robert C. Newland & Associates will not only prepare your tax return, we will help you keep the highest amount of money legally possible, AND, if we prepare your return, We Will Electronically File Your Tax Return with the IRS AND the State of Maryland for FREE!

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Welcome Spring

By Ivy Christoffers

Now that March is here, can spring be far behind? With the advent of warmer weather, our outdoor bar-b-que will be fired up and the aromas of good food will permeate the surrounding area, whetting appetites. Our cooks will then begin their annual contest of, “Who is king of the bar-b-que?” We will all enjoy the benefits of becoming non-partisan judges.

Our Friday night dances, with great local bands, continue to bring our friends together for a very good time. Why not drop in and check them out? We can promise you will really enjoy the experience and meet some great folks.

Bingo continues to bring in good crowds on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Doors open by 10:30 a.m. and play begins at 12:30 p.m. Payouts are BIG and food is available for a small additional fee. The public is encouraged to come join in the fun and frolic.

Now for some upcoming events…The Miss College Park Scholarship Pageant is quickly approaching. This is the 22nd year of this program with Miss Angela Rodriguez serving as Executive Director, and we have been instrumental in approximately $200,000.00 in scholarship monies for the education of young ladies who have participated.

Our Americanism Essay Contest, which is an annual program, hit a snag this year as another group picked up our essays from one of our schools. They have been alerted of their mistake and we are assured it won’t happen again. We still did receive approximately 130 essays from two other schools and they are in the hands of the judges. We have very bright students in the Beltsville area and expect to have several winners to recognize. We enjoy attending the award assemblies and presenting the winning student’s their awards. Each year it gets harder and harder to choose between them. I don’t envy the judges.

Girl’s State is also fast approaching. We are looking for eligible students to attend this Leadership program that is open to Junior High School girls from our area. Usually we have applicants from High Point and Northwestern High Schools. We hope to continue this tradition but time is of the essence in making application for this great program.

Another event of note is the third annual Veterans Creative Arts Festival that is scheduled for March 16. This year it will be held at Millford Mills Academy in Baltimore. We are honored to spotlight the accomplishments of our disabled veterans who have found a new lease on life through Art Therapy. There will be an art exhibit followed by a live performance featuring music, song and dance. The First Festival was held at High Point High School and was extremely successful. The public is invited to attend.

Two days after the Creative Arts Festival will see our National President of the American Legion Auxiliary, Peggy Thomas, visit Maryland. We have quite an ambitious schedule for her visit. We will be touring MCVETS, Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, Loch Raven VAMC, hold a naturalization service at the War Memorial Bldg. in Baltimore, have dinner at Moose Creek and at the Kent Island Post and a banquet at Greenbelt #136. We are honored to have Peggy spend some of her valuable time with us. We invite our Auxiliary and Post members to attend any or all of our scheduled events but you must register through our department office.

March at Behnke’s
"Discover the Joy of Gardening"
Behnke’s Spring Open House 2013
Saturday, March 23 — at Behnke’s in Beltsville
Spring is here and we are so excited to share it with you! Discover new products and talk with gardening experts. Enjoy gardening demonstrations and a book signing w/ perennial expert David Culp. Door Prizes • Food • Music
FREE Question & Answer Demonstrations with Carol Allen
Visit Carol’s Corner 10am to 2pm in the Beltsville Store and chat with her on the following topics...
Saturday, March 9 — Planting “Cool” Crops
Saturday, March 30 — Fairy Gardens for indoors & Out
NCOS (National Capital Orchid Society) Gala Auction
Saturday, March 2 — 10am to 2pm in Beltsville
Admission is FREE. Visit the NCOS website for more info www.ncosaluc
Bonsai Beginner Workshops in Beltsville
w/ Bonsai Master Ducky Hong
4 2-hour Saturday Sessions starting March 9
Visit www.Behnkes.com for more info about tuition and registration
Orchid Diagnostic & Repotting Clinic w/ Carol Allen
Sunday, March 17 — 9 to 4:30 in Beltsville
Have an orchid question? Bring in your orchids and Carol will have the answer in addition, for a minimal fee she will repot your orchids.

Beltsville Young at Heart
By Barbara Schofield

Our members who went on the cruise to Bermuda had a wonderful time. It was good weather, delicious food and most of all friendly people that made it a delightful trip. We have two day trips coming up but they have filled up. The Allenberry trip to see a Patsy Cline show still has seating available. If you are interested in any of our trips you can call the center and leave a message for our trip committee. A new beginning, let go of regret and replace it with hope.

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National Active and Retired Federal Employees Chapter 1122 Northern Prince George’s County

The monthly meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. on March 13 at the Greenbriar Community Building, Terrace Room, 7600 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt, Md. Call office for directions: 301.441.1096, Dial 0. Speaker will be Dr. Mark Feldlaufer, Research Entomologist, who will tell us about, “Bed Bug Biology and Control.” Refreshments will be available.
Eleanor Roosevelt High School Orchestra Festival Concert and Band Festival Concert

The Orchestra Festival Concert at Eleanor Roosevelt High School is scheduled for Wednesday, March 6, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the school’s auditorium at 7601 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt, Md. The concert will feature all of the Roosevelt Orchestras directed by Dr. David Yarbrough. The orchestras will be performing pieces for adjudication that takes place the following weekend.

The Band Festival Concert at Eleanor Roosevelt High School is scheduled for Friday, March 8th at 7 p.m. The Concert will feature all Roosevelt High School Bands directed by Ms. Sally Wagner. The bands will perform pieces for adjudication that takes place the following weekend.

The Prince George’s County Band Assessment Festival is March 15 and 16 at Northwestern High School and features performances by bands from many Prince George’s County high schools. The Roosevelt Band will perform Friday, March 15th in the evening and the Concert Band. Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble will perform on Saturday, March 16th. Performance times will be announced at the Roosevelt Band Festival Concert on March 8th.

The concerts are open to the public and admission is free.

High Point High School News

On Wednesday, Feb. 13, motivational speaker Dr. Louise Bias, mother of Len Bias, visited High Point High School to speak to our students. She spoke about the importance of making positive life choices and avoiding the dangers of drug abuse. Students felt that her speech was both touching and inspirational. On Wednesday, Feb. 20, students from Youth with Purpose, the dance team, and the music and ROTC program visited Martin Luther King Middle School to present a program for African American History Month. The program highlighted the talents of High Point High School, as well as commemorated this important historical celebration.

High Point rolled out a Credit Recovery program during the month of Feb. Credit Recovery provides an opportunity for students to make-up credits. Orientation was held on Feb. 12 at High Point. Eighty-one students are now currently enrolled and on their way to success.

How many books do High Point students check out over the course of their high school career? Over 145 books. The top reader read 305 books and the top ten readers read an average of 261 books. Let our students know that High Point is committed to provide books that are enjoyable and interesting.

Vansville Elementary School Family Basket Bingo Night

Vansville Elementary School will host their first annual Family Basket Bingo Night on Friday, March 15, 2013 at 7:30 p.m., doors open at 7 p.m. in the school’s multipurpose room at 6813 Ammendale Road , Beltsville, Md. 20705 (non-smoking). Come join us for this fun-filled event. Bingo winners will receive prizes to include baskets and gift cards to local venues such as Cold Stone Ice Cream, Best Buy and Giant.

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AREA EVENTS

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10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708. The Visitor Center entrance is accessible from Powder Mill Rd. between the Baltimore-Washington Pkwy and Rt. 197. Phone: 301.497.5887. See Patuxent.nps.gov. The center is part of the Patuxent Wildlife Research Refuge. Hours of operation are daily from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for major holidays. Free admission to the center and its exhibits, grounds, and trails. Advance registration is required and costs are free, unless otherwise noted. Events fill up quickly and early registration is strongly recommended. Please advise us of any special needs so that we may accommodate you.

REFUGE SYSTEM BIRTHDAY BASH
Saturday, March 9 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Celebrate the birthday of the National Wildlife Refuge System. See live animals, crafts, hikes, live music, wildlife habitat tram tours (b), and much more. Free admission. No Registration Required.

WHOOPING CRANE TOUR
Sunday, March 10 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Take a behind-the-scenes tour of the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center to observe the graceful endangered whooping cranes. Arrive early, as tour close on time. Space is very limited, Ages 14+.

TINY TOTS: NATURE AND MUSIC
Wednesday, March 27 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Come learn about the wildlife at the refuge through songs and rhyming. Ages 18 – 42 mos.

LEAVE IT TO BEAVERS
Friday, March 29 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Meet the beaver; learn about the its role in the ecosystem and what they do to help the refuge. Free admission, Ages 4 – 6 and 7 – 10.

BELTSVILLE EVENTS

Please contact the individual facilities for any changes in hours of operation due to holidays or inclement weather.

WOMEN’S COMMUNITY CLUB OF BELTSVILLE
Monday, March 11 at 12:30 p.m. at Emmar- nel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville.

BELTSVILLE CITIZEN’S ASSOCIATION
Monday, March 11 at 7 p.m. at Franklin Brown Building, Vansville Recreation Park, 11733 Old Baltimore Pkve, Vansville.

BELTSVILLE RECREATION COUNCIL
Monday, March 18 at 7 p.m. at the Beltsville Community Center, 3900 Sellman Road, Beltsville.

BELTSVILLE CITIZEN’S ASSOCIATION
Wednesday, March 20 at Beltsville Academy, 4300 Wicomico Ave., Beltsville.

YOUNG AT HEART CLUB
1st and 3rd Thursdays at 11 a.m. at the Beltsville Community Center.

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY (NAL)
10301 Baltimore Ave. The library is free and open to the public. Parking is free. Hours of operation: Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for federal holidays. NAL is part of the National Libraries of the United States. Call 301.504.5876 for information on basic services, resources, and special events. See NAL at www.nal.usda.gov or on Twitter at http://twitter.com/NANational_Ag.

BEHNEK NURSERY GARDEN CENTER
11300 Baltimore Ave. Please call 301.937.1100, ext. 0 or see www.Behnek.com for information regarding these and other events nearby.

NATIONAL CAPITAL ORCHID SOCIETY 35th ANNUAL ORCHID AUCTION
Saturday, March 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

PUPPET SHOW: A FOX’S TALE
Saturday, March 16 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. No registration necessary. Discover the nighttime world of critters found at Patuxent Research Refuge. Length of program is 4-5 hours and puppet show runs approximately 20 minutes. All ages welcome.

FRIENDS OF PATUXENT ANNUAL WILDLIFE ART SHOW AND SALE
Saturday, March 23 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Friends group. Call 301.243.4300 from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Featuring films from the Environmental Film Festival in the Nation’s Capital. View and purchase works of art from nationally recognized wildlife artists. Free admission. No registration required. Please note that there will be a film introduction before each film.

MONTPELIER MANSION & ART CENTER
■ Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., except for major holidays. Tours for groups of 10 or more are available by appointment.

GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER AND MUSEUM
The center is located at 15 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD 20770. The Greenbelt Rec Activity Guide is online. Stop by the center or see greenbeltmd.gov for recreation for events and class listings. Call 301.397.2208 for general information. The museum is housed at 10-B Crescent Rd. Regular hours are on Sundays. See www.greenbeltmuseum.org or call 301.507.6582 for more information.

LAUREL–BELTSVILLE SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER
7120 Center Rd., Laurel, MD 20707. Regular hours of operation: Monday – Thursday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., closed on Sunday. Contact the center regarding regular activities and special events. Phone: 301.206.3350. Fax: 301.206.3378. TTY: 301.446.3402.

BELTSVILLE LIBRARY
The Beltsville Library will be closed Thursday, March 7 for Staff Development Day. Regular operating hours are: Monday – Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Wednesday – Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed on Sunday. Contact the Beltsville Library by phone at 301.357.5924. Visit us at 4315 Sellman Rd., Beltsville, next door to the police station. Visit our library system website at www.pgcmls.info.

PROGRAMS FOR EVERYONE

BELTSVILLE LIBRARY
Thursday, March 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Chess for all ages and levels. Everyone welcome. Come to learn or just to play with others and have fun.

BELTSVILLE LIBRARY WRITERS’ GROUP
Tuesday, March 19 at 7 p.m. Authors of all genres are invited to join our writer’s group to read their work, listen and discuss it. Confident using a computer. Registration required.

COMPUTERS FOR EVERYONE: INTRODUCTION TO MICROSOFT WORD
Thursday, March 21 at 9 a.m. Don’t be intimidated by computers. Be able to identify basic terminology and learn how to create and format a document. Leave the library feeling confident using a computer. Limit 6 per class. Registration required.

BELTSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER
3930 Sellman Rd., Beltsville. The Program Specialist is Michael Hansborough. Contact him at 301.937.6613 or Michael.Hansbor- ough@pgparks.com for information on class- es and events. Spanish line: 301.445.4509. TTY: 301.445.4512. Regular hours of opera- tion are: Monday – Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (except for Xtreme Teen events, Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (except for Xtreme Teen events), closed on Sunday.

STRAtegy GAME CLUB
Mondays from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Enjoy board games and strategy games and lots of fun. All skill levels welcome. Any game can be played as well as brought to the club to be played. Games include: Small World, Settler, Driver, and Age of Industry. Free. All ages.

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Calendar of Events

G.E.A.R. ARTISTIC FUSE ART NIGHT
Friday, March 15 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Bring your imagination and artistic talent to the center, where we make beautiful creations with fuse art. If you have never done it before, it is a lot of fun. Ages 10 – 17. Free.

BELTSVILLE GAMES DAY 2013
Saturday, March 16 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Come on in and get your game on, as the Beltsville Strategy Game Club hosts Beltsville Games Day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DR. SEUSS!
Monday, March 4 at 7 p.m. Join the Cat in the Hat for hours of things about 1 Thing, 2 Thing, and Horton, too.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

ERADICATING TRAINING
Do you have an estate? Want to learn how to transfer free essays from your library? Call to schedule your individualized appointment.

FRIENDS OF THE BELTSVILLE LIBRARY MEETING Tuesday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m.

EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION
Monday, March 11 at 7 p.m. Rhoda Janzen’s Mennonite in a Little Black Dress: A Memoir of Going Home. All are welcome!

AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION
Tuesday, March 19 at 2:30 p.m. Candice Millard’s The Soul of an Eagle: The True Story of a Man, a Bird, and the Great War. All are welcome!

BELTSVILLE LIBRARY WRITERS’ GROUP
Tuesday, March 19 at 7 p.m. Authors of all genres are invited to join our writer’s group to read their work, listen and discuss it. Confident using a computer. Registration required.

MARVELOUS LIGHT CHRISTIAN WORSHIP CENTER
“A Multicultural Church that seeks to find the Lost and Grow the Found” Come worship with us on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. at: 4216 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, MD 20705 Email: MarvelousLightCWC@yahoo.com Website: www.marvelouslightcwc.com

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I can’t believe I am writing for March. Anyhow, this time of year I recycle all papers with my information on them and clean out my desk drawers. In doing so I came across something that may be useful to some of you. It’s a list of what you can substitute for something else. If you find this of interest write it down or e-mail me @ bill@bakerbill.net for the complete list.

1. To make buttermilk for a recipe, stir in 1 teaspoon lemon juice to a cup of milk and let it sit a bit. Vinegar also works.
2. To make brown sugar, stir into a cup of sugar 1/4 cup molasses, more if you want to make it dark.
3. As a thickener 1 tablespoon corn starch = 2 tbsp flour
4. 2 tbsp butter = 1 oz, 1 stick = 1/2 cup or 4 oz
5. Sugar 7 oz = 1 cup
6. A cup of flour weighs 4 & 1/2 oz.
7. 20 saltines crushed = 1 cup, 22 vanilla wafers = 1 cup, 1 med apple chopped = 1 cup, 1 med onion chopped = 1/2 cup, and 7-8 medium eggs = 1 cup or 8 oz.
Candy: Bring to boil 1/2 cup Karo and 1 cup granulated sugar. To make caramel or hard candy here are the temps. Syrup thin thread 218-220, large thread 228-230, soft ball 242-240, hard ball 250-255, hard crack 285-315. Do not walk away because temperatures will rise fast, so keep stirring. Here’s a neat tip: to test the ball, use cold water and only once. If anyone remembers, 20 years ago I called this article Bakerbill’s baking tips. Then I ran out of tips and changed the heading to STUFF ‘N THINGS. I still try to stick to baking and some cooking and now and then slip in personal thoughts. Even though I am a so-so writer, I am no wordsmith, but I was a bakersmith. Thank heaven for spellcheck.

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- **Tuesday Bible Study:** 7:30 pm

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**Worshiping every Saturday Sabbath**

**Beltsville Seventh-day Adventist Church**

_You’re invited to join us for worship some Saturday morning— at whichever service best fits your needs._

- **Worship Service** ………………………………………………………………………………………………………… **9:30am**
- **Adult Bible Classes** …………………………………………………………………………………………………… **10:45am**
- **Children’s Bible Classes** ………………………………………………………………………………………………… **10:45am**
- **Worship Service** ………………………………………………………………………………………………………… **12:00pm**

**Faith.Simple**

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**February**

- **February 23** ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………… **Filing Transformed**
- **March 2** ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………… **Rethink, Reuse, Refit**
- **March 16** ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………… **Husbands’ Day**
- **March 23** ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………… **Visa Family**

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**Sunday Services:**

9:00 am Contemporary • 11:15 Traditional • 10:15 Sunday School/Bible Study • Nursery care provided at both services • Sign Language interpretation at 11:15

**JOIN US FOR OUR HOLY WEEK CELEBRATION!**

- **Sunday, March 24:** Palm Sunday Services at 9 & 11:15
- **Thursday, March 28:** Maundy Thursday 7pm Service followed by our traditional Seder Tasting
- **Friday, March 29:** Good Friday 7pm Service
- **Sunday, March 31:** EASTER SUNDAY Services at 9 & 11:15

Easter Egg Hunt for children between services
Abiding Presence Lutheran Church
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**Sunday Worship:**
3:00 p.m. in English
10:30 Coffee and Social Hour
11:00 a.m. in Korean
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**Sundays:**
- **Sunday School for all ages:** 9:45am
- **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
- **RA's, G'A's, Mission Friends:** 7:00pm
- **Youth Fellowship:** 7:00pm

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**Worship Schedule**
- **Palm Sunday, March 24th**
  - The Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist
  - 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
- **Maundy Thursday, March 28th**
  - Passover Seder 6:30 p.m.
  - Light supper & Stripping of the altar.
- **Good Friday, March 29th**
  - Stations of the Cross at Noon
  - Traditional Service at 7:30 p.m.
- **Easter Day March 31st**
  - Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m.
  - in St. John’s Cemetery
  - Easter Eucharist
  - 8:00 a.m. Traditional Service
  - 10:00 a.m. Family Service
  - Music at all three services.

**On Easter Day**
- No Sunday School classes
- Nursery care available during 10 o’clock service for infants and toddlers.
- **Easter Egg Hunt**
  - For younger children after the 10:00 a.m. service.
- **Easter Brunch**
  - Following all three services.

**Game Day 2013:**
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