Fellows Seminars

International Christian Fellowship Seminars

Throughout the year, the International Christian Fellowship holds special seminars and studies on God’s teaching on how to be victorious in personal life on various practical issues of life: Being a Servant Leader at Home, Godly with family conflicts, raising children to become Godly, freedom from anger, bitterness and resolving conflicts God’s way, integrity and discipline in your personal life, and overcoming temptation—to the youth, by the youth. Please call or send us an email to cthomas20784@yahoo.com for the schedule of seminars or the weekly meeting schedule.

Glenn Dale United Methodist Church Holds Annual Smorgasbord

Take a break from your fall chores and leaf raking and enjoy a home-cooked meal at Glenn Dale United Methodist Church’s Annual Smorgasbord on Saturday Nov 9 from 4 pm to 6:30. The low all you can eat prices are $10 for adults, $5 for children 6-12 and $1 for children under 5. Please fill these bags with canned goods or non-perishable food and place them near your front door on November 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. The staff and students at High Road Upper School will pick up the bags of canned goods. Please no glass containers! The food collection continues on page 8.

Sisters of Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority Gather

The sisters of the Maryland Alpha chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, an international educators’ sorority, gathered on October 14 at the home of one of the members. International president June Bellamy had challenged all chapters in the United States, Canadian Provinces and other countries to celebrate the founding of the sorority by doing a service project. Alpha Alpha, which got its start at Calverton Elementary in Beltsville, rose to the occasion to assemble checker activity sets as a treat for ill children at the Ronald McDonald House in Baltimore and NIH Children’s Center for Critically Ill Children. The sisters also remembered the founders with a special tea ceremony. Most of the members teach or used to teach at Calverton.

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Scouting for Food

November is Scouting for Food month in our area. Each year the Boy Scouts of America team up with Safeway and WUSA-TV to collect food for the hungry. Look for plastic grocery bags marked “Scouting for Food” on your doors on the weekend of November 2nd and 3rd. Please fill these bags with canned goods or non-perishable food and place them near your front door on the morning of Saturday, Nov. 9th. It’s best to place them outside your door on Friday evening so you don’t forget. Scouts from Boy Scout Troop 1033 and Cub Scout Pack 1031 will come by between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon and will pick up the bags of canned goods. Please no glass containers! The food collection continues on page 8.

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

The holidays are just around the corner! The leaves are just beginning to change colors! Just a reminder Do Not pile your leaves on the street for pick up. Leaves must be in bags. Officer Hamilton the COPS Officer for the Beltsville area will be our guest this month. She will give an update on crime in the area plus share safety tips. She will cover Holiday Shopping tips, winter car tips for home and the gas station, theft from autos, theft of air conditioning units, vacant homes and suspicious activity. Please let me know in advance if you have a specific issue that you would like Officer Hamilton to discuss. Call or email your questions or concerns by November 15, 2013.

By Citizens’ Association President Karen M. Coakley

Karen Coakley

Beltsville, MD 20705

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25 Years Ago in the Beltsville News

By Phil Whitman

Extracted from the November 1988 issue

Service News

Pvt. Anthony Scott has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, SC.

Spec. Roberto Alexander has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Airman Felicia Carroll has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Engagement Announced

Deanne McNairy Dickson has been engaged to Matthew James Yetman. The wedding will occur at Montpelier Mansion in Laurel on December 23, 1988.

New Arrivals


Brandi Renee Whiting, daughter of Lisa Michelle Morris and Ritchie Edward Whiting was born October 2, 1988.

Jennifer Cristina, daughter of Nancy Esther and Luis Alejandro Borbeito was born October 3, 1988.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner at Emmanuel UMC Beltsville

"Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. They all ate and were satisfied," (Mark 6:41-42).

This year Emmanuel United Methodist Church (UMC) plans to start a new Thanksgiving Day tradition by hosting a free community dinner on Thursday, November 28, 2013, at 5:00 PM. In the spirit of Thanksgiving and with the love of Jesus Christ, the church will open its doors and table to anyone who would like a holiday meal. If you do not have holiday plans, are alone, do not want to cook, cannot cook, are hungry, or just would like to fellowship with others then fish among them all. They all ate and were satisfied," (Mark 6:41-42).

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Letter to the Editor

To The Editor of The Beltsville News

AN OPEN LETTER OF GRATITUDE TO VETERANS

The members of The American Legion Auxiliary College Park Unit #217 would like to express our sincere appreciation for the men and women who served in the United States Armed Forces.

Thank you for serving this great country. Thank you for protecting us. Thank you for the security we have and feel here at home. We know you sacrificed much for your country and all of us. And though you may no longer wear the uniform, we know you’re always on call to serve and protect the freedom and security of the United States of America.

The American Legion Auxiliary supports and honors the sacrifice of those who served by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military and their families, both at home and abroad. We invite everyone to pause November 11, Veterans’ Day, to remember those who have fought for our freedoms. Thank you all who have so bravely protected us.

Learn more about the American Legion Auxiliary at: www.ALAforVeterans.org

To learn more about our local programs in place to enhance the lives of our Veterans, our active military, the children of our military members and our communities, please contact the following: Ivy Christoffers, Secretary, College Park Unit #217, 301.595.5225, ichristoffers@verizon.net.

Neighbors in the News

CASA/Prince George’s County’s 2nd Annual World of Wheels Family Festival

Hyattsville, Md. (Oct. 19, 2013) – CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Prince George’s County invites transportation enthusiasts and families alike to join together for an afternoon of fun that will benefit abused and neglected children in foster care.

The non-profit’s second annual World of Wheels for CASA: A Touch-A-Truck and Family Festival will take place Saturday, Nov. 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at DeMatha Catholic High School (4313 Madison St., Hyattsville, Md. 20781).

This community event will feature cars, trucks of all sizes, motorcycles and other unique vehicles, including: a 1958 refurbished Mac tractor, a Brink’s Security armored vehicle, a Maryland Army National Guard Humvee, a Maryland State Highway Administration flusher truck and TurboHaul bulk trash truck.

Batman, himself, will appear with the Batmobile from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the Maryland National Capitol Park Police Prince George’s County Mounted Division will be on hand throughout the day.

Adding to the excitement will be food, music and an assortment of activities for “kids of all ages,” including moon bounce, carnival games, craft tables, face painting, temporary tattoos and shopping at vendor display tables – new this year. Attendees also can learn about volunteer opportunities with CASA to provide a voice to abused and neglected children in Prince George’s County.

“WE are excited to expand our World of Wheels Family Festival, bring it to Hyattsville and make it a signature event,” said CASA of Prince George’s County Executive Director Ann Marie Bissner. “In addition to being a fundraiser, we hope it will be a ‘friendraiser’ that helps more members of the community become familiar with CASA’s mission, spread the word about our work and, ideally, get inspired to become volunteers.”

All proceeds from the event will directly support CASA/Prince George’s County. General admission is $5/person and a VIP package – which includes a bag with snacks, a drink, freebies from our sponsors. A moon bounce pass is $10/person. Children age two and under can attend for free.

Tickets will be sold as Daily Deals on Certifikid and at the gate on event day.

Pepco, Evergreen Technologies, Dimensions Healthcare, Physical and Sports Rehab, and Scanlan Fleet Services are major sponsors. For more information about the event and its exhibit and sponsorship opportunities, visit the event web page at http://www.pgcasa.org/events/world_of_wheels wow-4-casa or the “World of Wheels for CASA Event Page” on Facebook. Or, contact event organizers, Penny Gerber and Kara Bundy, at 301-209-0491 or wow4CASA@gmail.com.

Cub Scout Pack 1031 Visits the Library

Cub Pack 1031 is off to a good start this fall welcoming six new scouts. At the September pack meeting seven scouts received 25 belt loops and 14 Webelos Activities pins for activities done over the summer and in September. This helped show the new scouts how fun it is to earn “stuff” in Cub Scouts.

On Saturday, October 5th six scouts attended the American Legion Cub Belt loop day in Laurel. They earned over 20 belt loops including two new scouts who earned their first belt loops. Belt loops were offered in Map and Compass, Geography, Wildlife Conservation, Chess and Kickball.

The scouts met at the Beltsville Library on Monday, October 7th and had a fantastic introduction to libraries by the librarian. Scouts spent the hour learning about the Dewey Decimal system and exploring the library. They learned about dinosaurs, the value of a Lamborghini and lots of other information found in the library!

Many thanks to Ms. Capponi for taking time to talk the Scouts! Cub Scouts is a program for boys from 1st to 5th Grade. Meetings are held at Beltsville Academy on Monday nights during the school year. They welcome any boy interested in joining to have “Fun with a Purpose.” If you are interested, please contact the Cubmaster Kevin D’Eustachio, Committee Chair Eric Saathoff or Regina Halper, the Charter Organization Rep. You can reach Regina Halper at 301.937.9136 or through BeAScout.org.

DINNER

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this meal is for you.

The hosts will cook a tradition- al Thanksgiving meal of turkey, ham, salad, mashed potatoes, vegeta- table medley, rolls, and pumpkin pie. Guests are invited to bring a side dish or dessert to share, but it is not required. Also, if you have plans but would like to send a dish, contributions are welcomed.

Dinner will start at 3:00 PM in the fellowship hall (Emmanuel UMC, 11416 Cedar Lane, Belts- ville, MD). If you plan to attend, please RSVP at http://eumBELTS- ville.com/content/community-thanksgiving-2013-rsvp or by calling 301-937-7114. Please direct any questions or interest to help with the event topatrickelliott@emmanuelumcbeltsville.net.

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TILE WILD

Tiles are hanging on accent walls, fireplace flues and columns in living rooms and bedrooms. In some instances tile is even replacing art, often covering an entire wall with chic mosaics. The minimalist look of white barn walls dotted with a few pieces of art work is on the wane, being replaced by textured tile and wallpaper. The renewed demand for texture may help explain why the U.S. ceramic tile market ticked up 8.4% in the first quarter of 2013 over the same period last year. To keep up with a surge of interest in ceramic, porcelain and glass wall tile, Will’s Home Decorating (www.decoratemaryland.com) has added new tile displays featuring the hottest colors and styles.

Michael and Valerie welcome you to view their great selection of vibrant tiles.

According to Will’s design guru Michael Richards, “Wood looks are the biggest sellers today. I am finding that there is a real desire to bring the outside in while still creating depth and interest. Wood ceramics and porcelains bring a warm, outdoorsy feel to a room.” The desire to capture that outside feeling while inside is taking on new twists as one recent client texturized her windowless home gym wall with green outdoor porch astro-turf like flooring. “It’s all about accentuating textural elements whether it be with tile, indoor-outdoor carpet or wallpaper,” says Valerie Kabela, co-owner of Will’s. For additional advice on using tile innovatively and to see the areas largest selection of ceramic, porcelain and glass tile stop by Will’s Home Decorating.

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SILVER SPRING, MD—With international affairs in the Middle East taking center stage this summer, the relationship between the United States and Russia is again under the microscope.

Residents of Riderwood, the Erickson Living retirement community, were able to hear from a diplomat who has enjoyed a unique vantage point to relations between the two super powers.

The Continuing Education Committee of Riderwood hosted retired Ambassador James Collins on September 26th for a presentation entitled “U.S. Relations with Russia: Is the Past Prologue?” Over 150 residents attended the learning series event.

Ambassador Collins served as the U.S. Ambassador in Moscow during the transition from Boris Yeltsin to Vladimir Putin (1997-2000); retired from the diplomatic corps, he is now the Director of the Russia and Eurasia Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

“Career diplomats who represent the interests of the United States in foreign embassies often go unnoticed, but their service is vital to our nation,” stated Robert Sprinkle, who coordinated the event and introduced Ambassador Collins. “We are proud to have such a distinguished public servant as James Collins share his insight and knowledge.”

Ambassador Collins paraphrased a predecessor, Robert Strauss, in describing the typical state of affairs between the two nations. “They are never as bad as reported but never as good as you’d like them to be,” stated Ambassador Collins.

He noted that domestic politics, not international events, often dictate the relationship between the United States and Russia. Ambassador Collins also identified pivotal opportunities that could influence the future of the two counties.

“The removal of U.S. forces in Afghanistan and the Syrian chemical weapons agreement offer openings for the relationship to be increasingly effective and productive, but they also could be nothing more than just marking time,” he stated.

Following his presentation, Ambassador Collins fielded questions from the audience on topics that included the socio-economic development of Russia, the impact of the Iranian nuclear program and the interplay with China.

With degrees from Harvard and Indiana University, Ambassador Collins joined the Foreign Service in 1969 - his first assignment being at the Consulate General in Izmir, Turkey.

He has received distinguished service awards from the State Department, Defense Department and NASA as well as honorary degrees from The Russian Academy of Science, Nizhniy Novgorod State Linguistics University, Moscow State University, Indiana University and the University of Maryland University College.

Newly published author Nancy Clifford will have a book signing at Behnke’s craft show on Saturday November 9th from 10am till 4pm, and their Christmas Bazaar Saturday December 7th from 10am till 4pm. Signed copies of “Except for A Mouse” will be available for purchase. This children’s story for ages 10 and under tells an endearing story of Christmas and wonderful to read aloud.

The Cover of “Except For A Mouse.” Inset: Author Nancy Clifford with her children.
Neighbours in the News

Government Toastmasters Club to hold Spook-a-thon

The building was closed and the gates were locked. Thus the Federal government shutdown claimed another victim.

The Agricultural Research Center Toastmasters Club could not hold two of its regularly scheduled club meetings because the club meets in a government building in Beltsville, Maryland. The members could not give prepared speeches, answer Table Topics questions, nor learn from evaluation. Toastmasters members could not give prepared speeches, answer Table Topics questions, nor learn from evaluation. Toastmasters members could not give prepared speeches, answer Table Topics questions, nor learn from evaluation. Toastmasters members could not give prepared speeches, answer Table Topics questions, nor learn from evaluation.

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Toastmasters International is a nonprofit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of meeting locations. Headquartered in Rancho Santa Margarita, California, the organization’s membership exceeds 292,000 in more than 14,350 clubs in 122 countries. Since 1924, Toastmasters International has helped people of all backgrounds become more confident in front of an audience. For information about local Toastmasters clubs, please visit www.toastmasters.org. Follow @Toastmasters on Twitter.

SOURCE – Agricultural Research Center Toastmasters Club

For further information: Janice Strachan, 202-720-0859, treasurer-3039@toastmastersclubs.org

Field of Firsts Foundation Wine and Cheese Night at the College Park Aviation Museum

Join the Field of Firsts Foundation for Wine and Cheese Night at the College Park Aviation Museum on November 16, 2013. Enjoy wine provided by Booody Vineyards, a delightful selection of cheese provided by Cowgirl Creamery, live jazz provided by Black Coffee Jazz Combo, and there will be door prizes.

All proceeds go to the Field of Firsts Foundation and will support College Park Aviation Museum’s educational programs and exhibits.

The Field of Firsts Foundation supports exhibits, educational programs, and community outreach at the College Park Aviation Museum, which works to preserve, collect, exhibit, and teach the history of the College Park Airport. The College Park Airport is the oldest continually operating airport in the world and the site of many firsts in aviation including: the location of the first US Army flying school, the first controlled helicopter flight, and the first radio navigational aids developed and tested by the Bureau of Standards. The proceeds from this year’s Field of Firsts Gala and Silent Auction will go to fund programs at the College Park Aviation Museum that will foster the preservation of the history of the College Park Airport and support community outreach through on and off site events. Last year we served nearly 15,000 youths by providing learning experiences at the museum, in schools, and in community centers. These students explored the science and technology of flight as well as learned about aviation in Maryland history.

The College Park Aviation Museum is located at 1985 Corporate Park Scott Drive, College Park, MD 20740. For more information call 301.864.6029 or visit www.collegeparkaviationmuseum.com. Tickets are available at http://fieldoffirstswineandcheese.com or by calling 301.864.6029.

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Jeffrey Charles Williams and Hana Julia Cai engaged to marry on November 17th, 2013. Jeffrey born and raised in Beltsville, Maryland. Attended Beltsville’s Crescent Nursery and St. Joseph’s Catholic School. Also attended DeMatha Catholic High School and recently graduated from Maryland University-College Park. Hana born in Highland Park, Illinois and raised in Bowie, Maryland and also recently graduated from Maryland University-College Park.

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Upgrades to Powder Mill Rd

The Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) recently began a $2.1 million safety and resurfacing project along Powder Mill Road between the Beltway and Pleasant Acres Drive. Weather permitting, the project should be complete late summer 2014. This project was made possible with funding from the state transportation package that was passed by the legislature earlier this year. Delegates Barbara Frush, Joseline Peña-Melnyk, Ben Barnes, and I worked hard to make sure it would bring important improvements to our community.

Currently, crews are constructing sidewalk ramps, along with new concrete curbs and gutters. This will continue through late fall. Other work to be completed in 2014 includes:

- Installing a new countdown pedestrian signal and energy efficient lights at High Point High School and at the intersection of Cherry Hill Road
- Installing 1,200 feet of guardrail
- Cleaning drainage inlets and pipes
- Patching, grinding, and resurfacing all lanes
- Applying new pavement markings

SHA is closing a single lane in both directions on Powder Mill Road, weekdays between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. During the resurfacing phase of the project next year, crews will also close a single lane in both directions of Powder Mill Road, Sunday-Thursday, overnight between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m.

These improvements will enhance safety for both drivers and pedestrians including students, staff, and visitors to High Point High School.

College and Career Fair — Nov. 14 in Laurel

Beltsville’s County Council Member, Mary Lehman, is hosting a College and Career Fair on Thursday, November 14. Students will be able to meet college recruiters from all over the country as well as explore opportunities for apprenticeships. The event will be 6:30-8:30 PM at Laurel High School (8000 Cherry Lane). For more information, contact dmyles@co.pg.md.us.

Do you have ideas for better laws?

As you may know, many of the state bills we propose come from ideas we get from citizens like you. For example, the law we passed to crack down on absentee landlords illegally claiming homestead tax credits. We always want to improve existing services and change laws which would improve our community. Let us know what suggestions you have. Our contact information is below.

Contact Us

As always, please let us know if there are other issues you have questions or thoughts about. And, of course, feel free to be in touch if we can be of help to you. Just email 21stDistrictDelegation@gmail.com or call 301-858-3141.

The Beltsville Recreation Council invites you to enter its annual Holiday Decorating Contest!

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Contest Information: 301-937-6813
Entry forms must be received no later than Saturday, December 7, 2013
Free to enter and homes must be registered to participate. JUDGING: Anytime between 7pm - 10pm on Wednesday, December 11, 2013. Open to Beltsville (20705) homes only.

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Neighbors in the News

Riderwood to Host First Veterans Expo on November 8th

“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.” — John Fitzgerald Kennedy

“Our liberties, our values, all for which America stands, is safe today because brave men and women have been ready to face the fire at freedom’s front.” — Ronald Reagan

SILVER SPRING, MD - Veterans Day provides Americans with the opportunity to say “thank you” to men and women who have served our nation in the armed forces.

At Riderwood, the Erickson Living retirement community, a new event will reach out to the surrounding area to express our mutual and heartfelt appreciation.

On Friday, November 8, Riderwood will host its first Veteran Day Expo to commemorate the sacrifices of veterans and provide information to them and their families.

With residents from Riderwood, members of service organizations such as the Greenbelt American Legion and the College Park VFW have been invited, and the event is open to the public.

Additionally, students from John F. Kennedy High School will serve as the Color Guard, and guest speakers will include a Marine from the United States Marine Corps and Riderwood employee Otto Munoz.

Representatives from local government agencies will also be present to provide information on veterans’ issues.

Riderwood is located at 3140 Gracefield Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904. The doors of Maryland Hall will open at 10am for breakfast refreshments, and the program will begin at 10:30am.

For more information, please feel free to contact Heather Hicks-Mello at heather.hicks-mello@erickson.com or 301-572-8449.

Thanksgiving

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St. Joseph’s Annual Parish Bazaar

Save the date for St. Joseph’s annual Parish Bazaar on Saturday, November 16 from 10 am to 4 pm. Come and enjoy the many booths including Attic Treasures, Baked Goods, Book Nook, Cake Walk, Dip & Win, Face Painting, Gift Wheel, Handmade Crafts and Collectibles, Holiday and Regifting Items, Jewelry, Kid’s Fun & Games, Nevada Cards, Pictures With Santa, Plants, Popcorn, Nachos, Ice Cream & Drinks, Religious Articles, Santa’s Secret Shoppe, Silent Auction, Sweepstakes, Tea Room, Teen Arcade Room and Turkey Raffle. Lunch will be served during the day followed by a spaghetti dinner from 6:30 to 8:00pm sponsored by Sanctuary At Holy Cross. Dinner will include a salad, spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread, a non-alcoholic drink and a dessert. The price is $8 for adults and $5 for children under 12. All tickets must be purchased in advance. Musical entertainment will be provided by Ventura Highway and will continue after dinner. Beer and wine will be available for $2 per glass. If you wish to only come to listen to the music, the price will be $5. Please join the St. Joseph’s and Beltsville communities for a day and evening of fun times, shopping, good food and enjoyable music on Saturday, November 16 at St. Joseph’s, 11007 Montgomery Road, Beltsville, MD 20705.

Johnny Seaton Performing At The College Park Moose Lodge #453

Saturday, November 23 is the date for the performance by Johnny Seaton and His Band, Bad Behavior, at the College Park Moose Lodge (301.935.5525). Johnny, originally from the Adelphi-Beltsville area, has traveled the world amazing audiences with his talents for 30 years. He performed at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas, as well as other venues in Las Vegas and Atlantic City. He has wowed his audiences performing music of Elvis Presley, and his singing talents include other great artists as well as his original music.

The show and dance runs 7-11pm. Tickets are $20 in advance and $25 at the door. Dinner will be served from 5-7pm and tickets can be purchased separately at $10. Get your tickets early for the best table selection for this fantastic rock and roll performance!

This event is OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. The College Park Moose Lodge is located at 3700 Metzerott Road, College Park, Maryland. Tickets can be purchased at the Moose Lodge, 301.935.5525.

National Active and Retired Federal Employees

Chapter 1122 Northern Prince Georges County

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lected will be given to St. Joseph’s Catholic Church and Emmanuel United Methodist Church which have food pantries for distribution to the needy in the Beltsville area. Please be as generous as you can.

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American Legion Auxiliary College Park Unit #217

By Ivy Christoffers

The leaves on the trees are turning into the beautiful hues of Autumn, the weather is getting cooler and the day-light hours shorter but the business of The American Legion Auxiliary continues to forge ahead. The past few weeks have been especially eventful. Since the October issue was printed, the Legion has experienced the very successful “Patsy’s Honky-Tonk Torch & Twang”, “Surf Club Reunion” and the “Ronnie Dove Concert”. They would like to thank everyone who came to the Post Home and supported these events. The next event will be the “Designer Bag Bingo” that is scheduled for November 30. The doors will open at 5:00 pm and games start at 6:00 pm. The cost to play is $20 in advance (until 11/24) and goes up to $25 after the 24th. The event will be held at the College Park American Legion, 9218 Baltimore Blvd. College Park. Tickets can be purchased at the Post Home which opens at 2:00PM daily, except Monday when they are closed, or you can call 301.937.8288 to make arrangements to obtain tickets. The Legion thanks you in advance for your support. The profits from the many fundraisers are used to support the multitude of programs designed to benefit the lives of Veterans, the active military, the youth and the community.

From Oct. 11 to 13th, another big event was held at the American Legion Auxiliary Department Fall Conference in Frederick, MD at Francis Scott Key Post #11. It was a very enjoyable weekend in spite of the very wet weather. The special guest was Eastern Division National Vice President, Maggie McMahon, who was accompanied by her mother, Pat. The participants were honored to have a visit by the 2013 Girl’s State Governor, and a surprise visit from the 2006 Girl’s Nation President. The special guest speaker, Nancy Huggins, had everyone on their feet. The weekend was filled with chairmen presenting their programs, comedy skits, membership presentations, special award presentations earned during 2012-2013 administrative year and received at the National Convention in Houston in August. A very enjoyable Saturday night banquet and door prizes galore. The Chinese auction, silent auction, 50/50 raffle and Poppy Hat contest all added a spirit of fun to the proceedings.

After a day of business, Halloween was celebrated with everyone dressing in their favorite costumes, holding an impromptu parade followed by a party. It was a fun time for the youngsters and their mentors!!

The Legion is always looking for new members to join them in the spirit of service and fun. They “honor the service of our Veterans” by the service of the American Legion Auxiliary and The American Legion and are honored to do so. May the good Lord continue to keep the troops safe around the world and may God continue to bless America.

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Vansville School News

Red Ribbon Week
By Diane V. Hopkins, Professional School Counselor

Prince George’s County Public Schools will celebrate “Red Ribbon Week” from Oct. 23rd - 31st. Red Ribbon Week is the oldest and largest Drug Prevention Campaign in the Country. Each day we will have a public service announcement about drugs on the morning announcements. The theme this year is “A Healthy Me Drug Free.” Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2013 was “WEAR RED DAY”. Students and Staff wore red to show our support for Red Ribbon Week, and to demonstrate that we are Drug Free!

“The Kids Helping Kids Food Campaign”
By Diane V. Hopkins, Professional School Counselor

The Vansville Elementary School Jr. National Beta Club is participating in the 2013 “Kids Helping Kids Food Campaign”. It is held from Oct. 14, 2013 – Nov. 1, 2013. The donated food will go directly to a Community Food Bank, which will distribute the food to soup kitchens, pantries and shelters in our area.

Vansville’s Jr. National Beta Club is asking staff and students to donate items such as: peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, canned vegetables, rice, tuna fish and cereal. Our school wants to help ensure that no child in Maryland goes hungry.

What a wonderful opening we had this year at Vansville Elementary! We welcomed 833 students through our doors for another great year of teaching and learning. I am extremely proud of how our students got back into the swing of things. Returning students remembered our PRIDE motto and eagerly served as role models for our new students. I am confident that with continued proactive support by our parents and families, Vansville’s 2013-2014 school year will be our best year yet!

Parents are our Partners! We are counting on you to actively participate in the many happenings here at Vansville Elementary School. Our wonderful PTA has planned many upcoming events that are great opportunities to get involved and catch the Vansville Spirit! These activities include:

- Saturday, Oct. 26th: 10 am – 2 pm: Clean Up Green Up
- Friday, Nov. 1st: School Dance
- Tuesday, Nov. 12th: PTA Meeting
- Date TBD: Muffins for Mommies

Make sure you contact your child’s teacher’s to schedule an appointment. Be Heard!

“BE HEARD” – Keep these principles in mind for a great parent/teacher conference:
- Best intentions assumed
- Emphasis on learning
- Home-school collaboration
- Examples and evidence
- Active listening
- Respect for all
- Dedication to follow-up

Prior to your conference, prepare a list of questions you would like to ask the teacher. Be sure to review SchoolMax before your conference to see your child’s grades and attendance. Talk with your child about school. Think about ways you would like to be involved in your child’s learning. Be prepared to share your concerns with the teacher. During the conference, “Be Heard!”

Students of the Month: August and September

Character Trait: Respectful – A Respectful Student is polite, and raises his/her hand to speak or to get the teacher’s attention.

Teacher
Mrs. Curtis
Ms. Hengemihle
Mrs. McFadden
Ms. Heilman
Mrs. Soto
Ms. Hernandez
Mrs. Nowlin
Mrs. Godshall
Mrs. Payton
Mrs. Mitchell
Mrs. McGruder
Ms. Rigaud
Ms. Kourntz
Ms. Crawford
Mrs. Bonner-Johnson
Ms. Brown
Mr. Billette

Student
Roshni Pawar
Justice McDaniel
Harlem Morton
Itaiail Heard
Uswah Zaid
Brent McQuilkin
Madelin Orozco
Lena Quach
Judy Do
Tenitope Omonayin
Katelyn Nguyen
Shruti Patel
Armond James
Marcus Malloy
Ethan Vinodh
Maya Tapia
Ethan Hicks
Derrick Jenkins

As we change seasons, we want to ensure all children are coming to school healthy and staying germ free. Here at school, we are constantly sanitizing and encourage children to cover their nose and mouth when they cough and sneeze. We are asking for your help, parents! If your child is not feeling well, please keep them home for a day of rest, relaxation, and plenty of TLC. Also, please make sure children are dressing appropriately for the weather. Be sure to label all hats, gloves, coats, and scarfs. Working together will make a difference!!

Donuts for Dads

Our PTA hosted our wonderful Donuts for Dads Program on Tues., Oct. 8th. It was great to see all the fathers, grandfathers, and father figures who attended the event to say they will stand with us to support the work Vansville Elementary school is doing to ensure the children of PGCP’s have a bright future filled with endless possibilities. Vansville Mothers gratefully gave their time to ensure the program’s success. Curtis Valentine, a Prince George’s County Board Member, was the Keynote Speaker and gave words of encouragement and inspiration about the importance of parental involvement. It was a morning of family, fun, and fellowship and an opportunity for Dads and Father Figures to “Catch the Vansville Spirit”.

— Jaime Coffen, Assistant Principal

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High Point High School News

The High Point faculty welcomed the Feasibility Team into our school on October 9 and 10, 2013. The Feasibility Team spent two days interviewing Teacher Coordinators and Department Chairs about the instructional and curriculum needs of our students in order to determine the “Future Educational Purpose” of our school. High Point would like to thank the team for all their hard work.

High Point teachers are working in self-study teams to address the Middle States standards. Each team is analyzing student, staff, parents and community responses to the Middle States Survey. High Point would like to thank all who participated in this very important process. The Middle States process will enable us to provide a mechanism for continuous improvement.

The Credit Recovery Program helps High Point students to make up credits needed for graduation. Approximately 100 students participate in this important program. Dr. Rasheedah Sharief leads a team of highly qualified teachers including Mrs. Brown, Ms. Clark, Mr. George, Mrs. Hoffert, Mrs. Jackson, Mr. Koenig, Mr. Jackson and Ms. Reynolds. The current credit recovery session will end in January. A second session will be held in the winter and spring.

Attorney General and candidate for governor, Douglas F. Gansler chose High Point High School to announce his running mate, Delegate Jolene Ivey. Delegate Ivey is an alumni of High Point High School. Attorney General Gansler chose Delegate Ivey because she will partner with him. Delegate Ivey stated that she is proud to run with Attorney General Gansler and to be the first African American woman to run for Lieutenant Governor. Delegate Ivey has deep roots at High Point. Her father, Joseph Stephenson, a decorated World War II veteran and a Buffalo Soldier, was a social studies teacher at High Point.

The High Point Soccer Team, led by Mr. Michael Holt, is undefeated this year. They played against Wise High School on October 16, Bowie High School on October 17 and Suitland High School on October 18.

St Joseph Regional Catholic School Celebrating 50 Years!

St Joseph Regional Catholic School will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the school with a pasta dinner on Friday December 6, 2013 from 6:30 - 9:00. The school will be holding a 5k race and 1 mile fun run the following morning December 7, 2013 at 8 a.m. There will be course marshals along Sellman Road and Montgomery Road for a short time during the race. Roads will not be closed but the marshals may temporarily direct traffic to be sure the runners have a safe path to run. For more details see the 5k race website at http://stjos5k.org or call race director Austin Conaty at 240.568.3059.

Participants at the Beltville Academy “Men Make A Difference” breakfast, from L to R: Libertad Garcia grade 4, their father Isidro Garcia, and Isidro Garcia grade 2Catering & Hall Rentals
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November 2013

Calendar of Events

MONTPELIER MANSION & ART CENTER

Brookside Gardens Conservatory. Note: South from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. Free. The display continues through Sun., Nov. 25, 2013.

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GREENBELT MUSEUM

The mansion is located at 10-B Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD 20770. Docent-led tours are on Sun. from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Free. The mansion’s gift shop is open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for sale of information regarding specific events. The museum is open to the public Fri. through Mon. from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Free. The museum is open to the public Sat. from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Free. On Sun., Nov. 10, the museum’s gift shop will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for the sale of information regarding specific events.

HOLLYWORTH ART GALLERY

The Holleyworth Art Gallery is located inside the visitor center. Exhibits from the VMAC-Invitational Center will be featured in November including an opportunity to meet the artists on Sat., Nov. 9. Contact the center for more information.

HUNTING SEASON

Remember that hunting may be occurring in your area around the refuge this fall season. Remember to stay on marked trails at all times and find out about closed areas when visiting.

WILD WOLVES

Sat., Nov. 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Learn about wolves, their power, and their role in the environment and how wolves survive in a pack. Ages 8 - 10.

BIRD WALKS

There will be three (3) walks: Weds., Nov. 6 and 20 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for ages 16 and up; and Sat., Nov. 23 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. for all ages. Free. Look for birds in several refuge habitats on this guided hike. Field guides and binoculars are recommended.

BREWSTER LIBRARY

6TH ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW AND SALE

Sat., Nov. 9 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Free admission. Visit with crafters and artists while discovering new and unique treasures. Plus, look for Toys for Tots and a big charity raffle.

BELTSVILLE LIBRARY

Special Notice: The Beltsville Library’s renovation closing date is set. The last day open for the Beltsville Library will be Sat., Nov. 16. The Beltsville branch will be closed for approximately six (6) months for renovation. The Greenbelt Library is available during the Beltsville library’s closure time: it is located at 11 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD 20770. Phone: 301-345-5800.

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I want to start off this month with a big thank you for driving with your lights on. Now, the new shows I call soaps, they can’t tell a whole story in time allotted because all have added a new 5 minute commercial, every 10 minutes. No favorite show was NCIS but it is so complicated this year and the story is so cut up it’s hard to keep up with. In one shot Gibbs is talking at the Navy yard the next he’s in Iran being shot at with no foundation in the story. I guess I’ll need to find a new show to like.

Here’s a thought. Have you noticed whenever there is a commercial or show and someone is barbecuing, the cook has 5 half smoked and 4 or 5 hamburgers on the grill but only 1 or 2 persons to eat them. I notice staff like that! I also notice that many movies do not make sense, for example, in chase scenes they have tires squealing on dirt roads.

As you know I was a Baker owner for 40 years, a bakery master and an instructor. I also took 2 years to learn how to be a TV producer and I was certified! Now I’m just certifiable. I did the TV thing to learn how to produce my own Baker Bill tapes for resale. But you can not make a tape alone; I learned that the hard way. I also went to a company that makes tapes and found out the first prototype would cost over $5,000 dollars.

When I started this monthly blog it was called Baker Bill’s baking tips. I got thinking about that and maybe I should do that again. If you are baking a cake and you put nuts in it in many times they wind up all on the bottom. Here’s a tip, coat the nuts with flour first and they will stay in place. This is because cake becomes liquid when baking. I have a great recipe for fruit cake. It’s so good you won’t give it away like the ones they sell in the barber shop. First purchase the pound tub of canned fruit from the supermarket. They will carry it if not today. Then drop me a line and I will send the recipe to you with all the side notes. Yea, it’s that good. It’s so good you’ll rename it because the name fruit cake has a bad rap. Call it Holiday Cake? Here’s another kitchen tip, wash all non-stick pans by hand. The dish washer will remove the non stick coating in two washings. This is the time of the year to make bread. Just go to my website, www.bakerbill.net, click on recipes scroll down to bread you’ll find a few hundred there. Now when you purchase the yeast, do not keep in the fridge or freezer. If you do the moisture it will pick up and kill it so you will need to buy more. Costco sells a pound of yeast for just a couple of bucks. I know a pound will last you the rest of your life. Keep it in sealed mason jars; it will keep dry for 2 years or more. I have used yeast 5 years old. In the bakery we use mostly wet yeast but keep the dry as backup. As always if you have questions about baking or need help with a recipe call me and I will send the recipe to you.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School News

The Fall Concert at Eleanor Roosevelt High School is scheduled for Friday November 8th at 7:30pm. The Concert will feature: the Concert Orchestra and the Chamber Orchestra both directed by Dr. David Yarbrough, the Wind Ensemble and the Concert Band directed by Ms. Sally Wagner, and the Men’s Ensemble and the Gospel Choir directed by Ms. Michele Fowlin. The EHRS music program draws students from all over northern Prince George’s County. If you are interested in a career in music, please call the ERHS Music Program.

HIGH ROAD

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allows “Comfort Liaisons” to create beautiful hand-crocheted pink and white blankets for our partner hospitals’ newly diagnosed breast cancer patients. These blankets are provided free of charge to the patient as a symbol of strength and encouragement and reminder that they are not in this fight alone.

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HRUS Director Michelle Anderson’s mother was the recipient of one of those special blankets in February 2010. “This is a cause that is very dear to my heart. My mother, godmother and a family friend of over 30 years are breast cancer survivors. It started off as just a day to wear a pretty color, but many of my students have begun asking the question, “What does the pink mean?” These young girls need to know their family history, and be aware of the signs, symptoms, and who to see if they have concerns regarding breast cancer. So many women of all ages endure this fight every year, and unfortunately many of them lose their battle with cancer, but for just one day in our school, we were able to bring awareness and encourage anyone dealing with this disease to keep fighting!”

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- Evening Worship: 6:00 p.m.
- Kidz Choir & Mission Kidz: 6:00 p.m.
- Youth Fellowship: 6:00 p.m.
- Adult Choir Practice: 7:00 p.m.

Tuesdays & Thursdays:
- Mother’s Morning Out Program: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
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Sunday Services:
- 9:00 am Contemporary Service
- 11:15 Traditional Service
- 9:00 am Bible Study & Sunday School for adults & children
- Nursery Care is available for both services
- Sign Language Interpretation at 11:15 service

**Special Events In November**
Nov. 3: All Saints Sunday
Nov. 10: International Services followed by Potluck
Nov. 16: 7:30 Community Thanksgiving Service
Nov. 28: 7:30 Community Thanksgiving Meal

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- 9:30 a.m. in English
- 10:30 Coffee and Social Hour
- 11:00 a.m. in Korean
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- Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
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- 10:15 Traditional Service
- 11:15 Traditional Service
- 9:00 am Bible Study & Sunday School for adults & children
- Nursery Care is available for both services
- Sign Language Interpretation at 11:15 service

**Special Events In November**
Nov. 3: All Saints Sunday
Nov. 10: International Services followed by Potluck
Nov. 26 at 7:30 Community Thanksgiving Service
Nov. 28 at 7:30 Community Thanksgiving Meal

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**XTREME TEEN REGULAR EVENTS**
Fri. and Sat. from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Free with valid Center ID card. Ages 13 – 17.

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**GET GEARED UP FOR WINTER**
Select Fri. and Sat. November – December. Young ladies, are you looking for some fun things to do with your girlfriends ONLY!? Get hip to some awesome programs just for our G.E.A.R. (Girls Excited About Recreation) participants! See our G.E.A.R. program schedule for details. Ages 10 – 12. Free (must have your M-NCPPC ID).

**Cafe Groove**
Fri., Nov. 1 from 7 – 9 p.m. The Vans Coffee House is hosting its 5th Annual Cafe Groove. We’ll participate in live entertainment and if you’re gutsy get on stage and you can become part of the show! Ages 10-12. $3. (Must have your M-NCPPC ID).

**NO SCHOOL NOVEMBER**
Mon., Nov. 11 and Fri., Nov. 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you are looking for a fun place for your kids during the turkey season, look no further! We have tons of fun games, arts & crafts, and great activities ready for your kids to spend the day with us. Ages: 5 – 12. Cost: $35 (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.); $25 (7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.); $25 (10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.). Contact the center for more details.

**FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS**
Fri., Nov. 29. Bring a little twinkle to your holidays at the 27th Annual Winter Festival of Lights at the lovely Watkins Park. Transportation provided. Departure: Vansville Community Center at 6:15 p.m. Return to Vansville Community Center at 9:30 p.m. Ages 8 – 12. Cost: free, but must bring a permission and we encourage a canned good to be donated to charity.

**G.E.A.R. UP FOR OUR POETRY SLAM**
Sat., Nov. 30 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Come and let your creative juices flow. Perform your best pieces to a crowd of supporters. Poets with the loudest roar from the crowd will be crowned the Vans Poet of 2013.

**CALENDAR**
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PGCFCU’s Free Community “Shred It” Day

Saturday, November 9th
9am - Noon

Beltsville Branch
6985 Muirkirk Meadows Drive
Beltsville, MD 20705

FREE Car Seat Safety Check Point & Installation
Brought to you by Prince George’s Police & Certified Child Safety Seat Technicians
10am - 1pm

We look forward to seeing you there!

BRANCH HOURS:
Mon. - Fri. 9:00am - 5:00pm
Sat. 9:00am - 1:00pm

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