Cub Pack 1031 Out on the Trail Exploring Nature

By Regina Halper

The scouts from Cub Pack 1031 are having fun out on the trail, biking and hiking along the Anacostia Tributary Trail. Did you know it now runs from our Little Paint Branch Trail down to the Bladensburg waterfront? 10 miles!

We hiked the Cherry Hill Road section two weeks ago and on July 17th, we hiked the Indian Creek/Lake Artemesia section. We have fun activities all summer! We will learn about fossils of Maryland, do more hiking, do “stomp rockets”, and end the summer with our Raingutter regatta!

Congratulations to our Pine- wood Derby Pack trophy winners: 1st Place, Michael B, 2nd Place, Elizabeth B, and 3rd Place Rowan M! Congratulations to all the den medal winners! Also, congrats again to all the scouts who completed their rank this year! Great job scouts!!

If you are interested in discovering the fun of Cub Scouts, our cost this year will be $130 per scout. We are a family scouting unit. We hike, bike, go interesting places and learn about nature and do service.

We are still being cautious with our scouts, so we meet outdoors for now, stay arm’s length apart and wear our masks and we keep it fun! Our den leaders are 100% vaccinated.

We hope we can be back inside in the fall. Please contact Regina Halper at Pack1031cubscout- ing@gmail.com for more information.

What Has Happened to Maryland Farms?

By Donna Kemmerle, resident owner since 1987 and Rebecca Churchman, resident owner since 2000

Maryland Farms is a 45-building, 545-unit condominium community located on Cherry Hill Road near Powder Mill Road in Beltsville. It was built in 1965 as an apartment complex and converted to condominiums in 1973. It was once a thriving, award-winning community with its own cable television channel, a community where both adults and children could enjoy fellowship with friends and neighbors and all the activities that went with condominium living.

Although there have been some improvements over the last few years, there are many problems. Communication has been poor. Waste removal service needs to be improved. The previously beautiful pool was reduced to a fraction of its original size and, since it closed at the end of summer 2014, has only been open for one and one-half summers. The buildings’ back doors are alarmed and can’t be used to access yards, pet walk areas, and tot lots. BBQ pits and picnic tables were removed from yards. There’s been no community-wide extermination since 2015. The thoroughness of the cleaning service is questionable especially during a pandemic.

Many owners, especially long-time residents who are now seniors, have become discouraged, complacent, and relegated to living their lives with disappearing amenities and services and no say about how the property is managed.

Only a small percentage of owners show up to vote each year. The Annual Meeting and election of board members is usually held in May; however, due to delays from Covid-19 restrictions, it will be held in September this year. Owners need to wake up and start taking an interest in the community. Volunteers are desperately needed to serve on the board or on any of the many committees. Younger owners also need to pick up the ball and start doing their part. Owners must vote and encourage all their neighbors to vote. Vote for the people who actually care about Maryland Farms. A home is the biggest investment of most people’s lives. Make it count!

If you are interested in learning more or serving as a volunteer, please contact Karen Coakley at karenmcoakley@gmail.com.

High Point Class of 1970 Reunion

Calling all High Point Class of 1970 members! The 1970 graduating class at High Point Senior High School is having a 50th High School Reunion on Friday, October 8, 2021. Contact us at highpointshs1970@gmail.com for all the details.

Emmanuel UMC Looking for Music Director

After 40 years, the music director of Emmanuel UMC on Cedar Lane, Kathryn Griffin, is retiring. Emmanuel is in search of a new music director. Details are below.

From pianists to praise bands, Emmanuel UMC invites all interested musicians to apply for the position of Music Director. Basic responsibilities will include:

• Provide music for Sunday Services.
• Oversee Church Choir.
• Work with Pastor and Worship Team to enhance weekly worship.
• Perform occasionally for special services. Please submit a resume and/or video clip to receive further information to office@eumcbeltsville.com. For best consideration, apply by August 13, 2021.

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Karen Coakley
By President Karen M. Coakley

National Police Night Out is Tuesday August 3rd. In the past we have had a picnic along with a variety of exhibits from local community organizations, along with information from the Police Department on Crime Prevention. We are taking a different approach this year because of concerns of COVID. We are sponsoring a Poster Decorating Contest for Beltsville Children. Guidelines create a poster showing something that you think a “GOOD” Police Officer would do to help you. You can hang your poster on your front door or in your yard. Prizes will be awarded to 1 child in each of the following age groups: 5 years and younger; 6-8, 9-11, 12-14 and 15-18. The winners will be announced at our Virtual Police National Night out on Tuesday August 3rd. The winner’s posters will be shared on the Beltsville News Facebook page and website plus Nextdoor.com. Each child will receive a prize too. For more information call 301-741-7672 or email karenmcoakley@gmail. com. Please join us for a Virtual Police National Night Out Event
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Neighbors in the News

Frontline Medical Center Opens in Silver Spring

Dr. Wilkinson Ninala resumes medical practice after experiencing miraculous healing

Dr. Wilkinson J. Ninala, a highly respected physician in the Washington D.C. and Maryland area, has returned to medical practice after 4 years. He fought bravely through a serious ailment and has responded to the pleas of his former patients to resume practice and provide the supports for which he is widely recognized.

Dr. Ninala’s new clinic, Frontline Medical Center, in partnership with Frontline Community Services, a provider agency supporting people with disabilities, is expected to meet the needs of a wide array of people in need.

A native of Andhra Pradesh, India, Dr. Ninala’s compassion and deep interest in the lives of his patients and their health challenges, has endeared him to his several thousand patients.

A well-equipped facility located at 831 University Blvd. East, #37, Silver Spring, MD 20903, was inaugurated by Dr. Victor Hrehorovich, an expert in Infectious Diseases Medicine, and the physician under whom Dr. Ninala completed his residency in Baltimore, MD. A graduate of Harvard Medical School, who since 1966 has practiced in Maryland, Dr. Hrehorovich warmly greeted Dr. Ninala in the presence of friends and family including several physicians from the VA Hospital in Washington D.C. where Dr. Jennifer Ninala is employed as a physician-psychiatrist.

Introducing her husband to the guests, Dr. Jennifer Ninala referred poignantly to his abiding passion to help his patients, even going to the extremes to buy medicines to give away to those who were too poor to afford the high costs of prescription medicines. Summing up her five decades of being married to Dr. Ninala (whom she fondly calls “Wilky”), she said: “You fall in love because your brain sees the outer beauty; and you stay in love because your heart sees the inner beauty.”

Dr. Wilkinson Ninala held back tears as he acknowledged the grace of the Almighty who blessed him with healing, and an abundance of His grace. He said that as someone who had not even taken a Tylenol in 40 years, he realized that the intense suffering he went through during his prolonged illness gave him a better understanding of the pain and suffering of his many patients.

He ended the moment to pay tribute to his teacher-mentor from his school days: “Mr. Pylee Abrahman taught me to look beyond the thatched roof of my classroom and aim for a future far beyond the rural confines of my childhood and youth.” Going back to his younger days in Michigan, Dr. Ninala reminisced on the family of Dr. Donald Ballard and his son Dr. Morris Ballard and his daughter-in-law Dr. Diana Ballard in their primary health clinic where Dr. Ninala worked as a lab technician and Dr. Jennifer Ninala as a nurse. The Ballard family “gave my wife and me the support and blessings we needed to venture off to medical school.” He acknowledged Dr. Victor Hrehorovich as a brilliant physician with multiple specialties and who as a superb teacher guided the Ninala couple during their medical residency as their program director.

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Tool Sale at Riderwood

The Wood Shop Club in Riderwood Senior Living, Silver Spring, MD, is holding a used tool sale on Friday, August 20th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and Saturday, August 21st from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The sale is located in the Montgomery Station Chesapeake Room. Parking is available.

Masks will be required if you have not been vaccinated, for the safety of our residents. Sales are based on cash and checks only.

The sale is open to Riderwood residents, family and friends, staff, on campus vendors and the general public.

Please contact Bill Bowen at 301.273.2464 if you have any questions. If not in, your call will be returned.

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The Joys of Fostering Kittens

This has been quite a year for everyone! The months of isolation and lockdown in our homes has been quite a challenge for all of us! One thing that has been a great help to my family are the “parade” of foster kittens that have come through our home. Thanks to Beltsville Community Cats (BCC), my family has been entertained as we cared for these precious kittens, born outside in feral colonies.

We have had 30 foster kittens since June 2020, ranging in age from 4 weeks to 4 months when they came to us. We socialize them and care for their basic physical needs until they are old enough to be spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and adopted into forever homes. The work is sometimes messy (some of the real young ones “swim” in their food and have to be bathed after every meal) but rewarding as we watch scared little ones grow into confident, healthy kittens ready to leave our home.

Fostering is a family project with everyone involved in some way. The kittens are in a large room in our home with lots of light and a TV that is a “covid office” during the day and an “escape from the world” space in the evening. There is nothing better than having a purring kitten sleeping on you. We call it “kitten paralysis.”

The worst thing about being a foster is saying goodbye. I must admit that I cry when each of my babies leave, even though they are going to wonderful “forever” homes. I often wonder who benefits more from our fostering project: the kittens, my family, or the families who adopt the kittens. I believe that we all end up winners!

If you would like to learn more about fostering kittens, please contact Beltsville Community Cats at hello@beltsvillecats.net or 240.444.8353. Or you can apply online to foster for BCC at http://www.shelterluv.com/matchme/foster/BCC/Cat.

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Protect yourself from Financial Crimes and Identity Theft.

On August 3 at 7pm, we will have a virtual Zoom meeting to discuss Cops and Financial Crimes. This will be a meeting to help you avoid being conned, scammed, or a victim of identity theft. Guest Speaker Sgt. Andrea Sheehan from OIC, Financial Crimes, Cyber Crime, and Pawn Unit of the Prince George’s County Police Department will be our guest speaker. Here are the Zoom details: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89888639130?pwd=pwpswEVEo0c5MjdBUEtQQXZnN6OHJQT09

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Update on the presentation from Right Tree, Right Place presentation at our May Citizen’s Association meeting.

During the preliminary stages of implementing the Right Tree, Right Place program in Beltsville, the next step of our program’s administration will be to begin conducting our field work to generate work orders for tree removals, pruning’s, and stump grindings. Given the large geographic extent of Beltsville, our program will need to do the area in an iterative phased approach to service the entire region over a few years. The Right Tree, Right Place program will begin with this summer in the following communities: Calverly Hills, Beltsville Heights, Forest Park, West View, Beltsville Estates and Birmingham Estates/Terrace. These are the subdivisions of Beltsville with the highest densities of Bradford Pears that need to be immediately addressed. Please let me know if you have any feedback. I can be reached at 301.937.5490 or karenmcoakley@gmail.com
Tech Sense  By John Bell

Space 2021

A number of significant achievements have occurred in space technologies in the past couple of months and I thought I would use this month’s column to cover several of them. This filed is moving rapidly and it is impossible to cover all of them so I thought I would cover mostly a snapshot in time covering the past two months, of July and June 2021.

Virgin Galactic

The month of July 2021 saw some important milestones for manned space flight. First, on July 11th, Richard Branson, a British billionaire, and five of his employees (including two pilots), flew in the Virgin Galactic Spaceship the VSS Unity from the New Mexican desert to an altitude over 80,000 meters and then glided down and landed safely on a runway close to where the journey started. The American Armed Services recognizes anything above the 80 km altitude as being “in space” and anything above the 100 km Karman line internationally recognized as space. The Unity then descended and landed near its launch site and the capsule returned using parachutes to safely land the passengers on the ground in the Texas desert nearby.

Significance

The launches have been criticized as “Big toys for Billionaire Boys” but both launches are significant and important. First both were predominantly funded using private funds using little or no taxpayer resources for the development of the vehicles. Both projects were developed primarily to carry people first and not payloads, although both are also capable of carrying various payloads as well. Both support a new “Space Tourism” industry where people can pay to visit space even if the visit is very brief. The New Shepard didn’t even have a pilot on board, the entire trip was automatic. Both launched from new “spaceports” in New Mexico and Texas. These two launches represent a significant advance in space travel.

Blue Origin

Less than 10 days later on July 20th, the 52nd anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing, Blue Origin launched their New Shepard rocket with four people. Blue Origin is the rocket company owned by Jeff Bezos the founder of Amazon and current owner of the Washington Post newspaper. Jeff Bezos, his brother and two other people boarded the spaceship which follows a more traditional rocket-based design than Virgin Galactic. The rocket, named after America’s first astronaut Alan Shepard, took the capsule with its payload of passengers above the 100 km Karman line internationally recognized as space. The rocket then descended and landed near its launch site and the capsule returned using parachutes to safely land the passengers on the ground in the Texas desert nearby.

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Statepoint Crossword: Legendary Athletes

ACROSS
1. *Baseball’s “The Say Hey Kid”
5. TV tube in days of yore
8. Proof of age, pl.
11. Medicinal succulent
12. Toward shelter, nautically
13. White heron
15. Poet ____ Angelou
16. Where a bib is tied
17. Taste like grapes
18. *First African American to play in MLB
20. Chap or fella
21. Do like Etna
22. Auction set
23. Property defacer
26. Italian vermouth brand
30. 2nd largest bird in world
31. Informal wear
34. “The Man Who ____ Too Much”
35. Relating to Scandinavia
37. Chicken ____ ____ king
39. Bear in the sky
40. The largest Asian antelope
42. *Dolphin great ____ Marino
43. Reusable painting pattern
45. Stands out
47. Cotillion V.I.P.
48. Deli item
50. Cain’s brother
52. *a.k.a. The Great Bambino
55. Oyster gem
56. Dwarf buffalo
57. Afganian people
59. Body trunk
60. Hay spot
61. “Battle of the Sexes” champion
62. A in FANBOYS
63. Attitude, for short
64. “Comme ci, comme ça”

DOWN
1. Mom in Scotland
2. Wing-shaped
3. Walking the dog toy
4. Bottom of ocean
5. Fastener
6. Move a plant
7. Very angry
8. Armenia’s neighbor
10. Dirty dwelling
11. Declares invalid
12. Encourage, two words
14. *NHL’s “The Great One”
19. Very angry
22. Type of English course, for short
23. Where women are from?
24. “To death” in France
25. Florence Nightingale, e.g.
26. Mountain goat terrain
27. Opposite of cathode
28. Himalayan country
29. *Track and field star of 1936 Olympics
32. Frozen rain
33. “___ at ease”
36. *He simultaneously played in MLB and NFL
38. Ginger beer in a cocktail, e.g.
40. Pen point
41. Sea in the Mediterranean
44. Yo-Yo Ma’s instrument
46. Talks like a chicken
48. Overfamiliar from overuse
49. Terminate, as in mission
50. Shakespeare, a.k.a. ____ of Avon
52. “Ali ____ and the 40 Thieves”
53. *Tinker, Evers and Chance, e.g.
54. Egg layers
55. Parent volunteer organization
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From the Office of Councilmember Tom Dernoga

Beltsville Dumpster Day

We have scheduled a Beltsville Community Dumpster Day for Saturday, August 14 from 8:30am until 11:30am (or until the dumpster is full), at Beltsville Academy, 4300 Wicomico Ave, Beltsville. We will also have secure shredding from 9:00am until 11:00am. We welcome all volunteers to help with flyer distribution or as on-site volunteers for the event itself. Please email CouncilDistrict1@co.pg.md.us to volunteer.

Restrictions: Unacceptable items include such refrigerators, air conditioners, washing machines, dryers, hot water heaters, tree stumps and trunks, yard waste, lawn mowers, auto parts, tires, construction materials, carpeting, sheds, fences, hazardous waste, household trash, glass and mirrors, and other wood waste/debris. No contractors. No electronics. Acceptable items include sofas, dressers, tables, bookcases, entertainment centers, desks, fans, vacuums, chairs, doors, cabinets, smaller household items, mattresses and box springs (must be encased), and grills.

Climate Action Plan

Virtual Community Meeting

As a member of the Prince George’s County Climate Action Commission (https://pgcouncil.us/810/Climate-Action-Commis- sion), I encourage you to join our third public meeting about the Climate Action Plan on Thursday, August 19th at 6:30 PM. Climate change is already a problem in Prince George’s County. This event is an interactive opportu- nity for residents, partners, and stakeholders to provide input and influence the focus of the County’s Climate Action Plan. Attend- ees will have the opportunity to learn about the climate actions being recommended by the Com- missioners and how these plans would be implemented in your neighborhoods.

Email us at CouncilDistrict1@co.pg.md.us so that we can get you registered. You can also visit Climate Partners (https://climate-partners.org) to learn more about some of the key focus areas that require community input.

Nuisance Abatement Board (NAB)

Does your community have a neighbor who is more than annoying - somewhat out of control? You may want to consider filing a complaint with the NAB.

The NAB hears complaints which allege that any premises constitute a public nuisance. The (NAB) may take action against a property with multiple occurren- ces of disorderly acts that disturb the public peace within a 1-year period. Included are gatherings for the purpose of illegally adminis- tering a controlled substance, illegal criminal gang activity or activities which endanger the health, life, or safety - or obstruct the quiet enjoyment and reasonable use - of property or persons in a particular area, and are reported to local, state or County agencies with the authority to cite for non-compli- ance activity per the County Code.

Upon receipt of such allega- tion, the NAB gives notice and an opportunity for a hearing to determine whether a public nuis- ance exists. If the NAB deter- mines a nuisance exists, it renders a decision to immediately cease the activity and may impose a monetary fine. The 1st violation is $500 and the 2nd violation is $1000. The Police Department may issue a criminal violation in lieu of a civil citation.

For further information regarding the Nuisance Abatement Board, please contact the coordi- nator, Michelle Lyons, Adminis- trator, at dpieobc@co.pg.md.us or 301-636-2020.

Contact Us

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Restoration House International

of Beltsville Announces Its Return

New Location: The Local Church Will Begin Meeting at Beltsville’s AMC Center Park 8

BELTSVILLE, MD - Restoration House International (RHI), the multicultural contemporary church located in the heart of the Beltsville community will return to in-person worship on August 8, 2021 at a new location. The community-oriented church has blossomed since its founding in 2009. As a ministry committed to “Creating Change, Building Community, and Demonstrating Charity” RHI has offered free HIV-AIDS awareness programs, services for teens and young adults, cancer-awareness initiatives, job- and resume-building workshops; free grocery giveaways, and outreach projects to serve the homeless. “During the worst parts of the COVID-19 pandemic, RHI con- tinued to meet virtually and we’re glad to say we were able to keep serving the people of Beltsville and surrounding areas,” said RHI’s Senior Pastor Bishop Ken- neth Chism. “RHI is excited to begin holding its worship service for the Beltsville community in a new location at the AMC Center Park 8.”

Restoration House International at AMC Beltsville (Center Park 8)

4001 Powder Mill Road,
Beltsville, MD 20705
Sunday Worship Service—9:45 a.m.
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Parking is Available

For more information, please contact Restoration House Administration Offices via email at: administration@restorationhouseintl.org.

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The community-oriented church located in the heart of Beltsville’s AMC Center Park 8 of Beltsville’s AMC Center Park 8

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It is with tremendous sorrow and much love that the family of Kevin Tarbrake announces his sudden passing on June 25, 2021. Kevin resided in Beltsville, MD. Kevin was a devoted and loving husband of 30 years to Maribeth Harrington, father of Kevin, son-in-law to Jim and Joan Harrington, and stepfather to Rian, and her grandchildren Isla and Zane; cousins and their families on the Delaware/Maryland line. Kevin was a gentle soul with a kind and generous spirit. He had a huge heart that loved deeply and fiercely. He was the consummate protector, especially for the women in his life. He was a man of few words who was defined more by his actions, but when he spoke it had meaning and was thoughtful. A patient and caring listener, he had a genuine interest in what others felt and thought and was available to talk for hours. Whatever was said was important to him. He did not judge, and his compassionate personality put others at ease.

A 1980 graduate of High Point High School, he was a skilled and gifted craftsman. He learned auto mechanics from his dad and later mastered the art of carpentry, drywall finishing and welding. He had a strong work ethic and was happy to share his talent and time with family and friends who needed work done on their homes, making the work seem effortless. A big kid himself, he loved spending time with his nieces and nephews and could often be found in the middle of the fray as their partner in crime. As the fun uncle with a sense of humor, he loved to make them laugh and go to any length to put them at ease.

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Her warm smile and caring words, understanding, support, conviction, and upstanding nature will be sorely missed. A Celebration of Life will be held at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, 4512 College Ave, College Park, MD in College Park at 1:00 pm July 16.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider donating in Pat’s memory to Prince George’s County Memorial Library Foundation, Books from Birth, providing books to children ages 0-5, pgcmls.info/donate (or call Shelly O’Brien 301 699-3500) or to Hungry for Music, which provides musical instrument education to children and teachers, hungryformusic.org. Pat’s memory to Prince George’s County Memorial Library Foundation, Books from Birth, providing books to children ages 0-5, pgcmls.info/donate (or call Shelly O’Brien 301 699-3500) or to Hungry for Music, which provides musical instrument education to children and teachers, hungryformusic.org.

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A big victory for working families!

Earlier this year, President Biden and the Democratic Congress launched a major effort to help them pay their bills until the school year begins in the fall. I want to hear your views about schools providing an online option for families who want it. Visit SenatorJimRosapepe.com to fill out the survey.

Senator Jim Rosapepe trying to cut benefits for barbers, beauticians, plumbers, UBER drivers and other unemployed working people.

The good news in Maryland, because of our laws, including one I sponsored and my colleagues supported, to protect unemployment insurance (UI) benefits (SB 893/HB 1028) that a state court ruled in late July that the aid will continue in Maryland as President Biden intended.

That’s important for our neighbor who remain unemployed — and for all the local restaurants and retailers where the $1.5 billion in federal aid will be spent. If you or your friends continue to have problems collecting UI benefits you’ve earned, please contact my office at Jim.Rosapepe@Senate.State.Md.Us.

I want your advice: should schools provide an online option for all students?

Even with more and more people vaccinated, the risk of COVID infections remains real. And vaccines aren’t even available yet for those 12 ad younger. All of us want to be sure that the health of our children, our families, teachers, and staff are protected when the school year begins in the fall. I want to hear your views about schools providing an online option for families who want it. Visit SenatorJimRosapepe.com to fill out the survey.

New Federal Child Tax Credit

To help working parents recover from the pandemic and fund their family’s future, the Biden administration and Congress have expanded the federal child tax credit. Children under 6 qualify your family for $3,600, and children 6 - 17 years old $3,000. The credit is available for single filers households making up to $75,000, $112,500 for head-of-household filers, and $150,000 for married couples filing jointly.

There’s no need to apply — anyone who filed 2019 or 2020 tax returns or signed up for federal stimulus checks, will receive the payments automatically. If you have questions, or want to learn more, visit www.irs.gov and click on “Advance Child Tax Credit Payments in 2021.” If you have further questions, contact my office.

Contact us

Please let us know if there are other issues you have questions or thoughts about. Of course, feel free to be in touch if we can be of help to you. Just email 21stDistrictDelegation@gmail.com or call 301.585.3141.

Olawk Jenaire! Permit me to introduce this young author to you. We had a chance meeting in Dallas in early July 2021. His book “Shufto” is the closest experience I have had with a person who fled the modern wars of Africa, migrated through different countries, and eventually settled in this great country and has been given a new lase of life. The book chronicles his experience, leaving Khartoum, Sudan for Egypt, at the tender age of 10 years old. He and his family relocated to the USA (Buffalo, New York) as refugees, and have been here for about twenty years. Book is available on Amazon, and he is on a variety of social media sites.

Proverbs! I did promise to share some of these sayings with you. Growing up in a cross-cultural home, I had to get used to my mother sometimes talking to me the way she speaks to my grandmother, and I learned that the consequences later. “All fish sour in he bam Bam” (It may seem nice now, but you will pay the consequences later.) “All fish does bite, but shark does get di blame” (Those with a history of bad behaviour are usually the first ones accused.) “Goat doh make key” (Children behave like or have similar mannerisms to their parents.) “Alligator lay egg, but im know fowl.” (Things are not always what they seem); “(Things are not always what they seem); "(Your temper won’t solve the problem.) "Old fire stick easy to ketch" (Choose your battles carefully); “Old fire stick easy to ketch” (Old romantic relationships are easier to start than new ones); “Make something good out of a bad experience.”

Here are a few proverbs from Nigeria. They appear in pidgin English, a widely spoken form of English in Nigeria, due to the diversity of the languages spoken over there. Cow wey dey in a hurry to go America go return as corned beef (Just be patient. Let the game come to you. Don’t rush!). If life dey show you pepper, you am make pepper sauce (Make something good out of a bad experience). No matter how hot your temper be, e no fit cook beans. (Your temper won’t solve the problem). Now I can appreciate what you had to deal with, daily.

Love Thy Neighbor – in all things. I will end with this. While in Atlanta, in the development where my cousin lives, two neighbors show love in a different way. One neighbor apparently hosts parties every weekend, on his property. People can go there to have a good time. Problem is the loud music and the vulgar lyrics that blast through the silence of the night on Saturday into Sunday. So, to show neighborly love, the occupants of a house opposite the party house, retaliate in an eccentric way. They wait till they think the party neighbor is trying to get some rest, then start to repeatedly set off their car alarms, to get back at him. I found it hilarious. That’s The Jive!
In the winter of 2020, UpStage Artists, a local non-profit theater group began, with a debut performance of Thank for the Laughter: A Tribute to the Carol Burnett Show. It was a very successful run, and they were gearing up to audition for their second show of the season when COVID hit. Like many theaters, they were forced to close their doors and have been patiently waiting to get back into the performance game.

They are excited to announce that their next performance will happen this fall when they present Mary Shelley’s Frankenstein on Halloween Weekend! Frankenstein is a well-known story that has been terrifying audiences since its publication in 1818. The play tells the story of Captain Walton, who is on an Arctic expedition when he finds and brings to life a creature Frankenstein created from the cold. Frankenstein had been pursuing the creature he created and brought to life. Having learned of Frankenstein’s endeavors, Walton retells the tale of the monster’s creation and the resulting mayhem as the story, like the creature, comes alive onstage. In Auditions for their next production will take place virtually on August 30 with callbacks (if needed) on August 31. Go to https://www.upstageartists.com/auditions to fill out an audition form. If you are unable to make those dates but would still like to audition, email UpStage at info@upstageartists.com. Please prepare a one-minute dramatic monologue for auditions. UpStage is always looking for people who want to try, no experience necessary. If you have a love of theater, they want to talk to you!

OBITUARIES

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Morris, Diegu Kwami

Diego Kwani Morris, aka Noah, beloved son of Kelly J. Morris, of Beltsville, MD, and Abla Golu Morris, of Madison, WI, died at his home in Beltsville on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, after a short illness. He was only 36 years old. His paternal and maternal grandparents were the late Lindsay F. Morris, Jr., and Lois M. Morris, of Beltsville, MD. His family is absolutely devastated. Diego devoted the last ten years of his life to caring for his elderly and disabled father, sacrificing career and family. He saved his dad’s life on five occasions in recent years. He was kind, gentle, helpful, and honest. Those who could penetrate his shyness found a delightful and intelligent conversationalist with many diverse interests, from philosophy to astronomy. The family is heartbroken and at wits end with his passing.

Diego was born in Lomé, Togo, West Africa on February 2, 1985, and came to the United States with his family when his dad was transferred to Madison, WI. He moved to Beltsville, MD, in 1994 where he lived with his dad and his grandmother. He helped care for his grandmother until her death. He was a proficient and creative master of Legos while growing up. He played soccer, basketball, and baseball with the Beltsville Boys and Girls Club and enjoyed practicing karate. Most of his free time was spent playing video gaming, not only playing but also programming his own games. He demonstrated great artistic talent, creating and making his characters for the various games his friends and family played before and after his senior year at High Point High School, he attended DigiPen Institute of Technology in Seattle, Washington where he earned computer game programming certificates. He attained the Honor Roll and received the award for best envi- ronmental science student. After high school, he attended TESST College of Technology where he earned the Computer Networking certificate. He was a computer “jack-of-all-trades” who would have been an asset to any company or agency. “Little Diego” grew to be a man of more than six feet tall and 220 pounds and towered over his dad. He hated cold weather and loved African food. He liked to cook but didn’t want anyone to know it. He was fed up with politics and racism. He was entirely digital and found his dad’s rooms full of books, magazines, and papers exasperating. We can’t believe he’s not here!

Diego’s remains will be interred at the family cemetery in West Virginia at a later date.

The family would love to hear from his from his Beltsville and High Point friends: kellymorris@gmail.com

Whitehead, Margaret

Margaret “Peggy” Sharpe Whitehead, 91, of Beltsville, Maryland passed away Monday, June 7, 2021, in Millville, Delaware. She was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on October 8, 1929, the first child of Adelaide and John Sharpe. She is survived by her five children and their spouses: John L. Whitehead and his wife Deborah, Donna L. Shahin and her husband Sabhi, Karen A. Greybeal and her husband Edward, Robert S. Whitehead and his wife Debra, Donald W. Whitehead, Jr., and his wife Donna, 10 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren and her sister Barbara Kanfer and her husband Jack after as many nieces, nephews, and in-laws. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Donald W. Whitehead in 2003.

Peggy was a retired federal employee and though she held many positions over the years, her favorite was working in the White House Gift Unit accepting the many and varied gifts sent to the Presidents during several Administrations. A great story- teller, Peggy entertained her family and friends with tales of her job and family adventures. She was an avid reader and enjoyed visiting historical sites. However, her greatest joy was gathering with family and friends with her dogs. Peggy was a loved and special person to many and will be greatly missed.

Schmidt, Margaret Guy

Margaret Guy Schmidt (BS) of Laurel, MD died on July 5, 2021. She was born on June 9, 1936 in Detroit, Michigan. She came to College Park, MD to join the rifle team at the University of MD. She was the first woman at UMCP to receive an athletic varsity let- ter for rifle shooting. Margaret received her bacheor’s degree in Education from UMCP. On the rifle team she met her future husband, John D. Schmidt. They were married on October 18, 1958. Margaret taught in Beltsville for 50 years as a reading specialist. She was active in the Beltsville garden club; and was a founding member of the Dodge Brother’s antique automobile club. She is survived by her husband, John; her son Scott; daughter-in-law Debbie; daughter Cynthia; and her grandchildren Alexander and Yelena Schmidt. Visitiation was scheduled at Borgwardt Funeral Home, Beltsville, MD on Friday, July 30, 2021 from 5-8pm. Funeral Service was scheduled at St. Mary’s of the Mills Catholic Church, Laurel, MD on Saturday, July 31, 2021 at 10am. Interment follows immediately at St. Mary’s cemetery. www.borgwardt.com

A Walk in the Park

Sheltered by the verdant tow’rs of ev’ry shape and size, One can find a pleasant path which passes many lives. Choirs build their nests among great leafy outstretched arms Where they animate with aires, sweet breaths of nature’s charms. Dawn and dusk may hold surprise as twain white-tailed deer Jump across the road or stand observing without fear. Furry creatures scampering may turn some a passersby From deep concentration on their daily exercise. Over stones, meandering, beside the trav’ler’s way, Streams of conversations flow determined by the day. Heavy storms propel complaint as noisy waters rush Only uplift their pace returning to a hush. Spark’ing on a lazy run, they hardly make a sound. Quiet beauty tucked away with no fish to be found. Ev’ry season shows God’s grace: bright Falls, and subtle Springs, Through the Winter’s nackedness, ‘till fullness Summer brings. Best of all this little park gives to all those who share Smiles with one another while enjoying good times there.

Beckie Hutchings  |  7/09/2021

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Club News

Beltsville Lions Celebrate 63rd Anniversary
By Ted Ladd

The Beltsville Lions Club celebrated the club’s 63rd Charter Night on July 7th at Sierras Grille & Taqueria in Beltsville. Members reviewed some of the Club’s past accomplishments as experienced by individual members. President Ted Ladd told of the day he technically became a Lion by receiving a pin and membership card. He then revealed the evening about four years later when he actually became a Lion when he, on behalf of the Club and community, presented a van and wheelchair lift to Kathy Sarigianis and family.

Other members met the challenge by disclosing the moment they really became a Lion. The stories raised morale by emphasizing the reasons members are Lions. Lions felt a sense of joy and togetherness.

Lions present were Immediate Past President and current Secretary, Diane “Deedee” and Lion Mike Musachio, Treasurer Andy Rolle, President Ted and Lion Ann Ladd, Lion Ginger Hand, Lions Mary Ann and Ann Marie Hanson, 1st Vice President Camillo and Lion Dinah DiCamillo, 2nd Vice President Ervin and Lion Mae Whitehead, Lion Marcus “Max” Zelaya, Lions Charlie and Bobbie Deegan, and Lion Fatima Barrie. Lion John “JD” Perkins stopped in to greet fellow Lions.

In other Lions Club news, Past District Governor Jordan Burick installed the club’s Board of Directors via Zoom on the evening of 30 June. Jordan was accompanied by Lion and former first lady of the District, Connie Burick. In his remarks, Jordan noted he installed Immediate Past President “Deedee” Musachio as President of the Club in June 2019.

The Lion’s Club 63rd annual charter night.

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China and the Growing Space Industry

In June the Chinese government successfully launched three people to man their space station. This makes China the third country to operate a manned space station. China and many other countries now are seeing new space start-ups that are working at reducing the costs for space technologies and spaceflight both manned and unmanned. Launches are now occurring in new locations like New Zealand and Alaska. Plans are being made for new space ports in Scotland, Finland, and Australia. Space is quickly becoming the next technology boom.

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utilities was becoming expensive and time consuming. In contrast, shortly after moving to Riderwood, the air conditioner stopped working and a replacement unit was immediately delivered. We no longer needed to check Consumer Reports, call companies, and make decisions under pressure. It was such a relief!”

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“Also became active in the Catholic community, finding it to be a wonderful faith group. All services are held here in the Chapel.”

Bob and Gail Boger also found themselves filling up their calendars shortly after their 2011 move. “I began teaching Photoshop Elements, a class I taught at the Delaware Center for Lifelong Learning,” says Bob. “While Gail joined the Welcome Committee and began taking SAGE courses.”

Expanding horizons

For Riderwood community members, life flourishes not only on campus but in a variety of ways off campus as well. “The majority of our community members remain active within the greater community,” says Director of Sales George Mishraky. “Whether it is volunteering, attending local church services, visiting friends and family, or traveling the world, community members enjoy the freedom to do it all.”

Community member Elaine Wunderlich sings in the City Choir of Washington and their smaller City Singers Outreach group. “I also sing in my church choir and usher at Arena Stage,” she says. “Singing with these choirs provided the opportunity to travel extensively throughout Europe and Asia. In addition, I took a Riderwood sponsored trip to Switzerland a few years ago.”

The Bogers also appreciate the freedom to travel the world. “Gail and I enjoyed several trips within the U.S. and the world after moving to Riderwood,” says Bob. “We also took our granddaughter on several Road Scholar intergenerational trips to national parks as well as a trip on the steam boat American Queen, from New Orleans to Red Wing, Minn.”

Word of mouth

Thanks to the worry-free lifestyle, range of amenities, and freedom to enjoy the best life has to offer, demand for the Riderwood lifestyle is at an all-time high.

“I encourage anyone interested in learning more about a future at Riderwood, to call and schedule either an in-person or virtual visit,” says Mishraky. “Our sales team is committed to helping prospective residents make a decision that is right for them. And there is never any pressure—just a terrific opportunity to see what Riderwood has to offer.”

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