24th Annual Youth Recognition Day

By Ivy Christoffers

As has been our custom for the past 24 years, the American Legion Post and Unit 217 set aside a day to pay homage to the youth of our community for their splendid accomplishments. Sunday, January 13 saw many of our youth, accompanied by their parents and teachers, come together to receive accolades and awards from the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary of College Park.

The afternoon began with the welcoming remarks by Com.

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Beltsville Elementary 6th Grader Joanna Dubon Creates Winning Poster for 2008 “Read & Hit a Home Run”

The Bowie Baysox, Class “AA” affiliate of the Baltimore Orioles, honored Joanna Dubon, 6th grader at Beltsville Elementary School in Beltsville as the winner of the 2008 “Read & Hit a Home Run” Reading Program poster design contest for Prince George’s County. The Educational Systems Federal Credit Union sponsored the contest.

The announcement was made at an assembly held at the school on January 22. In attendance were Beltsville Elementary School’s Principal Stephen Beegle, Assistant Principal Lesley Lowe and Mrs. Margaret Schmidt, reading coordinator for Beltsville Elementary. Dubon’s mother and stepfather were also in attendance, as well as all 850 students from Joanna’s school. Also attending were Vic Samuels and Lydia Estes from Educational Systems Federal Credit Union and Baysox staff, including Chris Rogers, Baysox Reading Program Coordinator who was the keynote speaker for the Baysox and Louie, the Baysox loveable mascot. After a few opening remarks by the Beltsville staff, Louie fired up the crowd in anticipation of the big announcement of the poster contest winner. As her proud family and fellow classmates looked on, Joanna stood alone in front of her class.

Bowie Baysox Mascot and poster contest winner Joanna Dubon at the awards ceremony at Beltsville Elementary School on January 22, 2008.

High Point Students Travel to Annapolis for Global Warming Solutions Rally

By Prince George’s County Councilman Tom Dernogna

On January 17, 2008, my staff and I accompanied a dozen High Point High School students and Ecology Club advisor, Babu George, to Annapolis for a rally for the Global Warming Solutions Act. Approximately 400 environmentally concerned citizens attended the rally in support of Senator Paul G. Pinsky’s Global Warming Solutions Act. Rally participants challenged their legislators to put Maryland back on track and reduce global warming pollution 25% by 2020 and 90% by 2050.

Our group consisted of members of the Student Government Association and the Ecology Club: Betty Bui, Nahom Hawaz, Ola Ojewumi, Imelda Karangwa, Mary Chang, Anita Oduro, Bezhi Gebrehana, Demisse Habtelehiasie, Karangwa Bwiza, Diana Zolagnai, Soalome Gabnel, and Anita Oduro. The students made great signs and we all braved the elements out at “Lawyer’s Mall” in front of the State House. It started snowing at the beginning of the speeches and we all got covered in a layer of snow by

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25 Years Ago in the Beltsville News

By Phil Whitman

Extracted from the February 1983 Issue

Wester Wins O’Brien Contest

Paul Wester from High Point

School was chosen as the 24th annual Hugh O’Brien Leadership contest winner.

Little Miss Strut Champ

Beth Holmes, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Holmes of Beltsville, won Novice Maryland State Strut Champion, age 7-9.

20th Anniversary Celebration

The Prince George’s Choral Society celebrated its 20th anniversary by presenting a concert entitled “SINGING SWING” on February 13, 1983 at 5:00 p.m. at the Prince George’s Publick Playhouse.

High Point Honor Society Inductions


Track Stars Receive Honors

On November 27-28, sophomore Kathy Raabseck and senior Bobby Shillinger received national recognition for their track accomplishments at the Nationals.

Beltsville Resident Established Law Firm

Michael E. Flynn, Jr. of Beltsville and James P. Gleason, Jr. of Damascus formed the law firm of Flynn and Gleason in Rockville, MD.

Service News

PFC William H. McNeel, son of Jack & Pearl R. McNeel of Beltsville was stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington.

Navy Seaman Recruit William R. Reid, III, son of Billie J. & William R. Reid, Jr. of Beltsville was serving on the battleship USS New Jersey.

Marine Pvt. Joseph Lopez, son of Christine A. & Emmanuel Lopez, Sr. of Beltsville completed recruit training at Parris Island, SC.

Beltsville Fire Dept. News

Tony Birdsong was honored for answering the most alarms. The occasion was the annual banquet of the Beltsville Fire Department on January 3, 1983.

Contest Winners

Donna Cashman, 14, and Karen Hughes, 15, of Beltsville won first place in the Instrumental Category with a tuba duet at the Regency Talent Contest held at the International Hotel in Washington, D.C. on January 1983.

Obituaries

Della A. Whittaker, 46, retired technical editor and writer for the Army’s Harry Diamond Laboratories was survived by husband Denis Whittaker of Adelphi and two sons, Paul E. and Jeff.

William Donal Weston, 79, of Beltsville died at Park View Hospital in Riverside, CA on January 13, 1983.

Mary Estelle Altman, 77, died at her home in Beltsville. A retired nurse, she was survived by son Frank and daughter Harriet L. Lassell.

Leaf Collection for Winter 2008

By Prince George’s County Councilman Tom Derenga

Many constituents have called into our office inquiring when leaves would be picked up in their community. A large part of them felt the County had not made any initial pick up before the holidays. The Department of Public Works & Transportation, the agency that coordinates leaf collection, has to decide every year when to start leaf collection; this decision is based on several things, including at what stage the leaves have fallen. This season’s leaf collection has been very challenging due to the fact that leaves fell from the trees very late in the fall of 2007. In fact, several of the communities where leaf collection initially took place had only a small percentage of leaves that had already fallen. Thus, when the leaves fell later, they became a nuisance, and it appeared no one had come around to pick them up.

The County is committed to ensuring every neighborhood that gets leaf pick-up will be visited twice this season. If many of your leaves are still on the ground from the fall, please watch for the signs that will be posted in your neighborhood for the second round of pick-up. Most communities should be completed by February. If you have any further questions, please visit the County’s website, “leaf collection program” under “select a service,” or call Public Works at 301.499.8576, or you can call our office at 301.952.5349.
Three Girl Scouts Receive Silver Awards

By Gloria O’Brien

The Silver Award was awarded to Girl Scout Julia O’Brien of troop 1392 along with Marika Nell and Caitlin Virta of troop 127 at their recent holiday party. As part of the requirement for earning the award, each girl needed to contribute thirty hours or more to a community project related to a special interest. Julia O’Brien donated her thirty hours to collecting, organizing and donating clothes to My Friend’s Closet in Beltsville. My Friend’s Closet is a second hand store whose profits are used to support the ARC, an organization created to help PG County’s special needs population. Julia also volunteered at the store during the summer. Marika Nell earned her award by organizing the collection of soccer items for a local needy soccer team. Caitlin Virta earned her award by organizing the Weinbach Scholarship Spaghetti Dinner in the spring of 2006. The three girls were presented with this award at a special candle lighting ceremony. Afterwards they celebrated with festive food and a holiday gift exchange.

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mates in the auditorium, realizing her accomplishment as she was chosen as this year’s poster contest winner for Prince George’s County.

“I had no idea that I would win, a lot of students, even in my own class, had very good designs, so I was shocked when I won,” said Dubon of her poster design. “I worked on it for about a week; I really like art projects.” When asked if she was thinking about being an artist for a career, Dubon laughed and said, “Maybe.”

Joanna’s design was selected from thousands of entries and will be the centerpiece of the program’s poster for Prince George’s County. Over 3,000 Reading Program posters will be displayed in schools throughout the county. Joanna also received a prize pack including a Baysox hat and t-shirt, a ticket package, and the distinction of throwing out a ceremonial first pitch at Prince George’s Reading Night on Saturday, April 28th.

Since the inception of the “Read & Hit a Home Run” Reading Program, students throughout the region have read more than 3.5 million books. This year, over 200 elementary and middle schools are participating in the program throughout Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George’s, St. Mary’s and Queen Anne Counties. Students involved in the program who read four or more books are rewarded with a free ticket to a Baysox game. Students that complete the program will also be invited to their county’s Reading Rewards Night at Prince George’s Stadium to celebrate their accomplishment.

The Bowie Baysox will enter its 16th season as the “AA” Affiliate of the Baltimore Orioles. The Baysox will open the 2008 Eastern League season and its 71-game home game schedule on Thursday, April 3rd against the Erie SeaWolves (Class “AA” Affiliate of the Detroit Tigers) at Prince George’s Stadium to celebrate their accomplishment.

Rewards Night at Prince George’s Stadium will feature the Bowie Baysox and a ticket package, and the distinction of throwing out the region’s first pitch at Prince George’s Stadium on Saturday, April 28th.

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Update on Sellman Road Construction Project
By Prince George’s County Councilman Tom Dernoga

No doubt, you have noticed the recent construction activity on Sellman Road in the vicinity of Weymouth Avenue and Woodbine Road. During the last few months, crews from the Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPWT) have been clearing brush, trees and an abandoned house from the property of Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. This activity was the commencement of the Sellman Road project, which involves straightening the road and installing a roundabout. The intent of the project is to improve traffic flow and provide a safer roadway.

The project was introduced at a public forum in 2004, and, based on public comments, a revised plan was presented to affected homeowners in 2005. At that time, homeowners chose Alternate 4 as their preferred alternate. BARC graciously granted an easement on its property for a portion of the realignment and that is the property that has been getting cleared.

The realignment project will take approximately fifteen months to complete, barring complications. The project construction manager is Dwight Joseph, and he can be reached at his office at 301.883.5640 if you have any questions or concerns. The specifics of the project, as well as its progress, can be viewed by accessing Internet address http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/Government/AgencyIndex/DPW&T/Improvements/cherry-hill_Road_project.asp or on my webpage with a link to DPWT.

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March 01, DOO: the Right Thing, Organic Products and How They Work by Bob Peter-son, Cockadoodle DOO: Organic Lawn and Garden Products. Everyone wants to go organic. Learn about organic products for lawn and garden care and how they work to build healthy soil and improve your plant’s tolerance of insect and disease problems. There is an alternative to harsh chemical fertilizers and herbicides! Make your garden a safer place for your kids and pets.
New Kind of Sign Language is Being Invented to Teach Yoga
Every Friday evening at Greenbelt Om Community Yoga, the energy runs high but the decibel level drops really low. This is when the weekly sign-interpreted

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Patuxent Research Refuge Public Programs for February

Although the National Wildlife Visitor Center is temporarily closed for repairs, outdoor programs will continue and grounds will remain open until 4:30 p.m. daily, except federal holidays. Please make sure you provide accurate contact information when you register. The following programs will be conducted at the North Tract, located on Route 198 between the Balti-more Washington Parkway and Route 32.

Owl Prowl
Saturday February 9 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. All Ages. Explore the refuge at night while looking and listening for owls.

Bird Walk
Sunday, February 10 from 8:15 to 10:15 a.m. All Ages. Search for birds in several refuge habitats on this guided hike. Field guides and binoculars recommended.

Programs Continue at Visitor Center Despite Building Closure

Spring tram tours and other programs are planned despite the fact that the National Wildlife Visitor Center will remain closed for repairs throughout most of the spring. The Visitor Center is located on the south part of the Patuxent Research Refuge in Laurel. The building closed last November in order to facilitate repairs to the heating/ventilation system. “Repair work is progressing nicely, but is taking a bit longer than expected,” said Refuge Manager, Brad Knudsen.

The Annual Patuxent Wildlife Art Show and Sale, sponsored by Friends of Patuxent and scheduled for March 28-30, will be held this year at nearby Capitol College. Visit www.friendspwrc.org or call 301.497.5789 for more information.

Weekend public tram tours on the Visitor Center grounds will begin the first weekend in April. Tram tours may also be scheduled on weekdays by reservation. A variety of other programs are scheduled for the public several times a month on both the Visitor Center and at the Refuge’s North Tract entrance off of MD Route 198. Program information for both the Visitor Center and the North Tract is listed on the refuge’s web site, http://patuxent.fws.gov. The trails at both entrances are open daily except federal holidays. Prospective visitors may wish to call 301.497.5763 or check the web site for construction and program updates.

The National Wildlife Visitor Center is located off of Powder Mill Road between Maryland Route 197 and the Baltimore/Washington Park-way, south of Laurel.

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Neighbors in the News

Scouts Lawn and Garden Fund Raiser

Spring must be right around the corner, as Troop 1033 will hold their 22nd Annual Spring Lawn and Garden Fund Raiser on March 15th. The scouts are selling top quality mulch, fertilizer, manure and topsoil. Again this year, Behnke’s Nursery products will be sold. There are some advantages to purchasing from the Boy Scouts including: 1. We deliver to your home, saving you time, energy, gasoline and keeping your car clean; 2. We provide competitive prices because of the substantial discount given to us by Behnke’s Nursery; we can offer the products at a competitive price; and 33.3% of your purchase can be deducted from your taxes as a gift to the Boy Scout Troop. The deadline for placing your order is March 7, 2008. This year’s fundraiser will provide for the continuation of the award winning Boy Scout program in Beltsville. This past year the troop was honored with the Centennial Quality Unit Award, the National Camping Award, the Camp Rodney Honor or Troop Award and Campwide Games Award and recognized by the Keep Prince George’s County Beautiful, Inc. Troop 1033 consists of 34 scouts and over the past two years 5 scouts have become Eagle Scouts and 5 scouts have been elected to the Order of the Arrow (which is the National Honor Society for Scouting). Our troop has also given back to the community over 800 hours of volunteer work including road side clean up along Powder Mill Road, gardening at the Beltsville Elementary School, building bleachers for the Boys and Girls Club, cleared hiking trails and picked up trash at the Fran Ulther Natural Management Area near Bowie State University, collected food for the hungry and visited the veterans retirement home. Please note that all efforts to organize and operate this sale are 100% volunteered by supporters of Scouting in Beltsville. See our web page at www.bsabeltsville.net for additional information.

Scouts Reorganize for the New Year

By Gary Bauchan, Scoutmaster

The boys in the troop have been reorganizing patrols and electing new troop leaders. David Timus has been elected the new Senior Patrol Leader and Evan Carr has been appointed Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. Patrick Deery, Charleston Laymon and Jamie Garcia have been elected by their patrol to become their patrol leader. The following appointments have also been made: Junior Assistant Scoutmaster: Gregory Bauchan and Eddie Mellott; Scribes: Adrian Villarroel and Robert Shafer; and Instructor: Michael Clifford who has completed an entire year as the Senior Patrol Leader. The new troop leaders attended a four hour Troop Youth Leadership Training Program at Mr. Pat Nunan’s GeoDome on Sunday, January 13 led by Scoutmaster Gary Bauchan and Assistant Scoutmaster Rick Deery. The scouts learned about what it takes to be good leaders, leadership styles, problem solving, conflict resolution, team building, and learned their responsibilities for their leadership positions in the troop. All this was directed by the adult leaders and by playing games to reinforce the lessons that were taught.

Troop 1033 received its first award for 2008 by obtaining the Boy Scout Centennial Quality Unit Award. The troop received this award for meeting and in some cases exceeding goals that were determined at the beginning of 2007. The troop was able to recruit 5 additional scouts and 2 additional adult leaders, retained 85% of its members, more than two thirds of the scouts advanced in rank, all of the scouts had an outdoor experience, all of our adult leaders are trained, we conducted an annual program planning meeting and we developed a budget to fund the program through our fund raising sales in the spring and fall. This is a new program within Boy Scout as we gear up to celebrate our 100th anniversary of scouting in 2010. If your son is interested in scouting you can be assured that he will be joining a Quality Boy Scout Troop here in Beltsville. Our troop meets every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at Emmanuel United Methodist Church.
Obituaries

Bristow, Rebecca Sarah

Rebecca “Becky” Sarah Bristow, 42, formerly of Beltsville, passed away on January 12, 2008 at the Sticht Center of Baptist Hospital in Winston Salem, NC due to complications of Multiple Sclerosis. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, January 15, at 11:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Jamestown, NC. Interment was on January 17 at 1:00 p.m. in the Fairview Cemetery in Culpeper, VA beside her grandparents.

Becky was born on April 13, 1965 in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She lived in Silver Spring, MD. She attended Maryland University and received her BS in Economics in 1987. Becky was an accomplished athlete and cello player for many years. She was recognized as the first girl to play on a boys varsity soccer team during Junior High in Prince George’s County, was all county in softball in High School and went on to play varsity softball and volleyball for the University of Maryland.

Becky was very much loved by all who knew her. Shortly after Becky graduated, her family and friends called at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville on Thursday, December 22, 2007. He was the beloved husband of Norma J. Morris; father of Mary L. Smith, William L. Morris, Jr., David P. Morris, Robert S. Morris, Elizabeth G. Licht and Christopher D. Morris; brother of Bernard Morris; grandfather of Kristen Palmer, Maria Bowers, William L. Morris, III, David P. Morris, Norma Jean Morris, Christine Morris, Andrea Frazier, Alex Hayden Licht and Robert William Morris. Also survived by six great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to Little Sisters of the Poor, 4200 Harewood Rd., NE, Washington, DC 20017.

Morris, William L., Sr.

William L. Morris, Sr. of Beltsville died on Saturday, December 22, 2007. He was the beloved husband of Norma J. Morris; father of Mary L. Smith, William L. Morris, Jr., David P. Morris, Robert S. Morris, Elizabeth G. Licht and Christopher D. Morris; brother of Bernard Morris; grandfather of Kristen Palmer, Maria Bowers, William L. Morris, III, David P. Morris, Norma Jean Morris, Christine Morris, Andrea Frazier, Alex Hayden Licht and Robert William Morris. Also survived by six great-grandchildren. Memorial service was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville on Thursday, December 27 at 1:00 p.m. with Deacon Finis Thompson officiating. Interment Fort Lincoln Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.
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Moodie has observed that the deaf students in his classes often “get” new postures more quickly because they are so adept at minute visual observation of the poses as he demonstrates them.

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Beltville Garden Club
By Louise DeJames

The Beltville Garden Club will hold its general meeting on Wednesday, February 27, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail, Beltville. Our speaker for this month is Paula Shewsbury, PhD, and her topic will be “Ornamental and Garden Pest Management.” Dr. Shewsbury will discuss the role of pest management in the Department of Entomology at the University of Maryland. Her research is on the development of alternative, less toxic control tactics, biological control and community ecology. A major focus of her research is on the development of alternative, less toxic control tactics, biological control and community ecology. A major focus of her research is to identify methods to restore plant and insect communities to create more sustainable landscapes and nurseries.

Please join us to hear this informative speaker. As always, we have plants for our door prize table and refreshments after the meeting. The public is welcomed to attend and take part in the various Post activities.

Beltville VFW
By Ray Schar, Sr.

The Jacob A. Bladt Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10260 held its first meeting of the New Year on January 15 at the Beltville Boys and Girls Club. Post Senior Vice Commander Walter Snow conducted the meeting in the absence of Post Commander George Barclay.

Following the usual custom of having the Post’s books and records audited each year, two officers of VFW District 17, Frederick Robinson, Jr., District 17 Commander, and Sammie Whitehead, District Inspector, arrived early and conducted the audit. Everything was found to be in order.

The Beltville Post has always supported youth contests sponsored by the VFW. In light of this, Post members voted to provide $100 Savings Bonds for India Deahl, Oxon Hill, MD, for placing first in the Voice of America contest.

The Christmas dinner held on December 18 was the usual success of this once-a-year celebration by the Post’s members and their families. The dinner, with all the trimmings, was prepared by some of the best cooks in the area. Following the fine meal, various Post members recited some of their best stories, and yes, jokes for the enjoyment of their audience.

The February meeting of the Post will be held on the 19th at the Beltville Boys & Girls Club on Roby Avenue. Members and potential members are encouraged to attend.

Beltville Young at Heart
By Barbara Schofield

We had our first meeting of the month on January 3. Marge Koebke, our new president, opened the meeting and our new chaplain, Rosa Stiggers, led the devotion, pledge and song. Our new officers are doing a great job. Marge outlined the areas that need to be filled and asked people to step up and fill them. Remember that this is your club and everyone needs to take a turn. None of these jobs takes a lot of time or energy. Our January 17 meeting had very low attendance because of the weather, but 33 members braved the storm and made it. We had a speaker from the Prince George’s County Department of the Aging, Miss Sparks, who told us about a lot of services for seniors in the county. We had refreshments and a fifty/ fifty drawing before everyone bundled up to brave the storm and went home. Tommy was very helpful putting salt down on the sidewalks and lending his broom to clear windshields. Thanks Tommy. Well, I will leave you with these wacky days in February. February 4 is Thank a Mailman Day, the 16th is do a Grouch a Favor Day (my personal favorite) and February 29 is Leap Day. These are just a few that I found. Take care, and be good to yourself.

Action at the Beltville Rotary Club
By Yuksel Sagirlioglu, CTC, President

As promised, I just returned from the Philippines on January 10. It was an interesting trip. I visited many Rotary Clubs there. I am getting more involved with their activities. My wife and I were invited to several Christmas Parties. One of the Clubs has a project with the Soya Product Producing Machine. I was at their inaugural day and saw how the machine works. This was a big project and they accomplished it very well. This machine will produce soya milk for school children and other products that will be sold to cover expenses. What a great idea. They are also encouraging farmers to plant soya beans. This will provide help to a greater community.

It is always good coming back to home sweet home. I was happy to come back home, except for the weather.

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The Women’s Community Club of Beltsville wishes to thank the following for their support with their donations of monies, food and volunteering so that we were able to assist 21 Beltsville families at Thanksgiving and 26 Beltsville families at Christmas with not only food but also gifts for every-one in the family.

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Women’s Community Club of Beltsville February Program

By President Mae Whitehead

On Monday February 11 the Women’s Community Club of Beltsville (WCCB) will resume its monthly meetings. The Library Committee will serve as Host and all are invited to join us for a presentation by Jack Booz and Mario Ellis from the Prince George’s County Office of the Sheriff. Their focus will be on child support, custody, protection, and domestic violence. If you or someone you know can benefit from this information please join us at Emmanuel United Methodist Church 11416 Cedar Lane Beltsville at 12:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

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

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The weather in the Philippines was 70-90 degrees versus 30-45 degrees here.

Unfortunately, our club lost some members. Most of them relocated their residences. As we all know, nothing lasts forever. Now we are in need of new members. In Beltsville there are citizens who like to be involved in community affairs, and they should come and join us. I know you would be pleased to be a Rotary Club member. Helping other people gives you a great feeling.

As you all know, Rotary International involved two new projects worldwide; one is to provide clean water for people who do not have it (In Maryland 45,000 people do not have access to clean water); second is world peace. We Rotarians are trying to bring peace to the entire world so that the world will become very peaceful. We will make it happen, just like Polio eradication and other projects we have had in the past.

Last week we had a speaker from a company located in Beltsville, Ms. Kelly Speakes-Backman, Director of Marketing for the SunEdison Company. They have been involved in providing Solar Energy for companies for a long period of time. It was interesting. Using Solar Energy definitely will reduce your regular electric expenses. Of course this depends on your location and how much sunshine you get throughout the year.

We are positively looking forward to a great year in 2008. Please come to our meetings to see how we do things in our community as well as abroad.

This year we will be doing some joint ventures with some foreign Rotary Clubs. As you all know, Rotary shares. God Bless America.
mander Tom Davis and the advancement of the colors by the NJROTC from Northwestern High School, after which we had the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the National Anthem by Miss College Park, Shamon Beam, followed by the opening prayer by Chaplain, Mary Keller. Next was the introduction of special guests by Commander Tom Davis and President Angie Rodriguez. Guests, of which there were many, included Steven Brayman, Mayor of College Park and several Council members. Sena-

-Beltsville Elementary and Beltsville Community Service. Each year the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by student representatives from the school. The ceremony included a prayer by Post Chaplain, Wayne Miller. Although all of the mentioned essay winners could not be with us, the six who did come read their essays to a most apprecia-

tive audience. These children had already received their awards from Judy Slarb during their respective school award assemblies. Next it was time to hear from our Girl’s State Citizens: Ela Salinas-Cabal-
lero, Helzy Mavet Diaz, Dyan din Gabisi, and Jasmine Monique Wilson. There was a special pre-

sentation by Paola Flores, who attended Girl’s State as a Junior Counselor. Next it was time to hear from the Boy’s State Citi-
zens who were: Wilber Alvarez, Michael Hang, Jeffery Hernandez, Aaron Mack, Francisco Romero-
Nunez and Maurice Thomas.

Our Eagle Scout recipients from Troop 1033 this year were: Sean Halper, Kris Smith and Michael Stewart. Miss College Park gave an accounting of her year that will be up on February 16 when the new Miss College Park will be crowned. Shannon has been an excellent Ambassador for our Post and Unit and the entire College Park community. The Miss Col-
lege Park Scholarship Pageant has received a generous grant from the City of College Park that enables us to be even more generous in awarding scholarship funds to these young ladies.

Others recognized were those who received Military Excellence awards: Jennifer Arana-Vasquez, Nelson Deras-Penate, Helzy Diaz, Dian din Gabisi, Michael Hang, William McCombs, Francisco Romero-Nunez, Maurice Thomas

and Katrina Vito. Receiving rec-

ognition for Scholastic Excellence were: Wilber Alvarez, Shasun Banks, Angelica Deras-Penate, Jeffery Hernandez, Aaron Mack, Walter Meadway, Neisant Wol-
dergerima and Ela Salinas-Cabal-
lero. College Park Mayor Steven Brayman was introduced for special remarks that were well received.

During the program Mark Beard and Wayne Miller favored us with a patriotic song that added greatly to the afternoon’s enjoyment. As the proceedings were winding down, all the honorees present, there were 25, were called to the front of the room and presented with a special American Flag that had flown on the National Mall during the American Legion Auxiliary’s Healing Field of 1,000 flags during the week of November 9-17, 2007 to commemorate Veteran’s Day. Each flag was folded in the correct way, 13 folds with the star field showing, and came with a picture of the Healing Field and a letter of authenticity. Along with this also came a booklet on the flag, entitled, “A Symbol of Pride,” a patriotic bookmark and a lapel flag pin. The program ended with a prayer by Post Chaplain, Ron Gray, and the singing of God Bless America, led by Shannon Beam, Mark Beard and Wayne Miller.

From a personal viewpoint, I feel we can rest a little easy knowing that our future is in such concerned and dedicated hands as those of these young citizens mentioned here.

Next it was time to enjoy the special meal prepared with the children in mind, hamburg-

ers, hot dogs, French fries, baked beans, and cake and ice cream for dessert. It was a very successful and enjoyable day. Thanks go out to all the volunteers who worked to make this possible. Many Post, Unit and SAL members were involved from the initial planning stage to the setup of the room, to the programs, to the menu and preparation of the food, to clean-

up after the fact. It takes us all to bring such an event to successful fruition. The new Americanism Chairman, Judy Beard, was instru-

mental in the success of this pro-

gram. Past Americanism Chair-

man, Judy Slarb, who chaired this program for 11 years and now lives in Laurel, DE has promised to work with the new chairman to ease the transition.

This is just one of the many programs designed to motivate our youth and recognize their accomplish-

ments. Would you like to be part of this organization? Call 301.481.2783 and inquire if you are eligible to join in our endeavors.

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Calverton is very proud that two of the sixth grade students took first and second place in the annual VFW essay contest. The theme this year was “Why I am an American Patriot.” Wesley Hunte took first place and Joy Olatunji took second place. Wesley was awarded a total cash prize of $300 and Joy received $100. This essay contest is open to all Prince George’s County students in 6th through 8th grades each year. Calverton has had winning essays each year that they have participated. Writing teacher Mrs. Wood is looking forward to having more student participation for the next school year.

Fourth grade was very busy in January. They welcomed the New Year by learning the Maurice Sendak poem “January” (from Chicken Soup with Rice) and reciting it for all the teachers at school while presenting them with a cup of warm chicken soup. They went to see a musical production, Once Upon a Mattress. Mrs. Fulcher’s class hosted an intern from the University of Wisconsin, Ms. Fachinger. Fourth grade also has begun their States and Capitals unit. Each child is keeping a folder to help memorize the 50 states and their corresponding capitals. So far, they have learned Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. The children are learning the states’ postal abbreviations. All of the fourth grade students will participate in the States and Capitals Bee in April. Five students in the fourth grade had reached the goal of 2500 stickers in First in Math by January 1. Congratulations to Elijah Achu, Ahkita-Maat Page, Rodrigo Romualdo and Bruno To.

Mrs. Freeman’s kindergarten class was very excited to also have one of the interns from the University of Wisconsin. Ms. Rand was one of the students who came to Calverton for a week in January while taking a January course on multiculturalism and education. The students are also lucky to have a lending hand from three High Point students who come as part of a class they are taking this year. They are Ashley Giuns, Shannon Camacho, and Denise Diaz-Montego. They recently assisted the students with Leap Frog skills cards emphasizing letter sounds. The kindergartners are also learning about digital and analog clocks and the name and value of coins. The class is also thrilled to have the loving assistance of parent volunteer, Mrs. Hernandez, who gives so much of her time and talent to help the students and Mrs. Freeman.
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An Evening with Dr. Michael Miller at High Point High School

Please join us at 7:00 p.m. in High Point High School’s newly renovated auditorium on Friday, February 22nd for an evening of music and inspiration with Dr. Michael Miller. Dr. Miller, a native of Baltimore, was recognized on the Oprah Winfrey show as a “Beating the Odds Scholar,” and is an inspirational speaker on the power of education. He will be joined by the award-winning High Point High School choir and student spoken-word performances for a truly uplifting program. Tickets cost $5 and can be purchased in advance in the High Point High School Guidance Office or at the door. Box office will open at 6:00 p.m. Copies of his book will also be on sale before and at the show.

Dr. Michael Miller’s story is a powerful testament to the power of perseverance in the face of great obstacles. He grew up in extreme poverty in Baltimore and fell into the role of “troubled youth.” Shrugging off education and accepting a life on the rough streets of a Baltimore ghetto, Miller was ill-equipped to deal with the challenges of his own life. Faced with death at the age of 25, however, he found a way to overcome the many great challenges of his life through education.

When Miller began his race toward success, he became the first person to obtain a GED, an Associate’s Degree, and a Bachelor’s Degree in the span of three years. After graduating from Morehouse College, he was recognized by Oprah Winfrey as a “Beating the Odds Scholar.” She provided financial support for him to pursue his Masters and Ph.D.

Now Dr. Miller is the author of a bestselling book, “A Promise to Persevere,” and works with the U.S. Department of Education speaking to students, families and educators about his experiences. He delivers a powerful message that is inspiring to students, educators, families and communities. Please join us at High Point for this inspiring evening. Dr. Miller truly embodies his statement that life is a race, but “it’s not where you start, it’s where you finish!”

MLK MS and High Point HS PTA’s Receive Christmas Presents

By Prince George’s County Councilman Tom Dernoga

I got to play the role of Santa’s Elf at the Martin Luther King Middle School Christmas concert. When the FedEx warehouse on Trolley Lane in Beltsville decided to expand, I negotiated with the developer, Scannell Properties, to encourage them to provide support to some local schools. Scannell Properties, located in Indianapolis, Indiana, had expressed an interest in working with the community to be a good corporate neighbor and had offered to make donations to both schools.

At the MLK MS Christmas concert, I brought a Scannell representative (local attorney Larry Taub) who presented a $5,000 donation to the PTA. The parents in attendance were very appreciative and the PTA wrote a very heartfelt thank you note to Scannell Properties.

Further, in finishing the expansion project, Scannell will also be providing a thick layer of landscaping along its common boundary with MLK. I understand that the PTA has decided to use the funds to help expand the computer lab.

Just before going to MLK, Mr. Taub and I had dropped in at High Point High School PTA’s Board meeting and presented the Board with a $5,000 donation. The PTSA leaders have a number of projects, ranging from teacher appreciation lunch to scholarships, that they want to undertake this year. This donation will be of tremendous help and the PTSA Board was very pleased.

When the two events were over, and Mr. Taub was heading home, he expressed what a great Christmas season he had playing Santa Claus and described the evening events as seeing for “the two schools roar in appreciation.” It was a great way to start the Holiday season.
Rosapepe’s Report to Beltsville

By Senator Jim Rosapepe (D-21)

Protecting BARC open space

As you know, the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) is the largest piece of open space in northern Prince George’s, as well as the premier agricultural research facility in the world. But, because it’s in our growing corridor, developers are always eyeing it for strip malls and intense development. Allowing them to destroy BARC would undermine the quality of life in Beltsville, boost water pollution and global warming, and reduce our country’s ability to compete in agriculture and the life sciences.

That’s why when I was in the House of Delegates, I helped pass the state law that says that if any BARC land is sold, it goes directly into agricultural zoning -- not commercial, industrial or residential. Now BARC faces another threat -- the federal government has cut funding for the past several years, reducing the number of PhD scientists working there from 300 in 1989 to 259 today. The federal government has done the same to the National Agricultural Library (NAL), which is on Route 1, right across from the BARC headquarters.

That’s why Delegates Barbara Frush, Joseline Peña-Melnyk, and Ben Barnes and I have introduced a resolution in the Maryland legislature urging the federal government to reverse these budget cuts and investment more in BARC and NAL, international treasures and national assets working there from 390 scientists working there from 390

also champions of BARC. We hope that a strong statement from the Maryland legislature will provide support for their efforts.

Banning Panhandling

At the request of a number of local citizens in Beltsville and elsewhere in our district, the Delegates and I are also sponsoring a bill to ban panhandling on public roads in Prince George’s. It’s a public safety issue, as well as a quality of life issue. The homeless need real help, both with housing and with other problems they have. And we are strongly supportive of such efforts. But panhandling is not the right solution. We passed a similar law in Anne Arundel County last year.

Reducing Speeding on our roads

One of the major concerns I hear from Beltsville residents is amount of speeding on our local roads, which endangers pedestrians as well as drivers and passengers.

I’m particularly sensitive to this problem now because, as you may have heard, I was hit by a hit and run driver in mid-December while I was walking outside my hotel on an out of town trip. The good news is that I was quickly taken to a nearby hospital and got great medical treatment. I have a broken leg, which means I can’t walk easily or drive for a while, but I’m on the road to recovery. Thanks to all those who have wished me a speedy recovery!

But many other neighbors have not been so blessed. Governor O’Malley has proposed a state law allowing local governments, including Prince George’s County, to install cameras, as the District of Columbia and Montgomery County can, to record the license numbers of speeders in residential and school zones to hold them accountable for the dangers they pose. I’m strongly supportive of this proposal and will push to expand it to major roads such as Route 1 as well.

Come to Annapolis March 3 for 21st District Reception

The Delegates and I hope you can join us in Annapolis the evening of March 3, 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Room 170 of the Lowe House Office Building on Rowe Blvd near the State House. It will be an opportunity to learn more about what’s going on in the state government, see the legislature in action, and just catch up with friends. Call 301.858.3141 or email Rosapepe.Aide@inbox.com with questions about parking or other matters and RSVP. We look forward to seeing you!

Contact us

Please feel free to be in touch if the Delegates or I can be of help to you. Just email Senator. Rosapepe@inbox.com or call 301.858.3141.

High Point High School PTSA

By Vicki Murphy-Wauchek, PTSA President

HPHS PTSA would like to extend special thanks to the Prince George’s County Gang Task Force members Major Robert Liberat, Captain Bill Lynn, Detective Tony Averdorh, Sgt. George Norris for being presenters at our first community meeting on January 15th. Amber Smith and PG County School Board Member at large moderated the meeting. Although parent attendance was lighter than expected, some of our guests included Dr. John Deasy, Mr. Conyers - High School Consortium, several school board members - Don

na Hathaway-Beck and Ron Watson, DJ Rico from WPSC, Margo Bauman from Senator Rosapepe’s office, and Judy “Thacher” from Councilman Tom Dernoga’s office. The presentation was informative and stressed that gang problems begin at home. Parents need to pay attention to their children, which includes any changes in their behavior, their grades, and a sudden increase of money and new clothes for no apparent reason. We also need to keep the pressure on our legislators to make sure the laws keep up with the severity of the crimes and the ages of the children committing the crimes.

On a lighter note, the PTSA plans to provide birthday celebrations for High Point staff members every month at their faculty meetings. There will also be Valentine’s Surprises, Teacher Appreciation Week celebration, and awards given for “Perfect Attendance” to teachers at the end of the school year. Guidance counselor Mr. Peabody will distribute the applications for scholarships for our senior PTSA members in a few months. Mark your calendar for our next Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 19th at 7:00 p.m. in room 108. Agenda: Truancy. As always, all are welcome to attend.

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and as we go to press they have not named Major Cunningham’s replacement.

THEFT FROM VEHICLES is a growing problem in our community and just across the line in Montgomery County. We can take preventative measures by not leaving valuables in our cars, such as Ipods, GPS, CD’s, money, cell phones, etc. Also clean the windshield when you take the GPS out. The suction cup mark on your window is something thieves look for.

AUTO THEFT PREVENTION: I know it is cold outside but DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR WARMING UP UNATTENDED. This is an open invitation for a car thief. Plus, it is against the law!

Join us for our next meeting on Wednesday, February 20th. We meet at Beltsville Elementary School. If you have a concern about our community I can be reached at 301.937.0157 or karen-mcoakley@verizon.net.
School News

Christmas Celebrations at St. Joseph’s Catholic School

Signs of Christmas were strong at our school with a different theme featured each day.

On class color day, the students adorned the halls with their rainbow of attire. Each grade showed their spirit by wearing their class color.

On Twin/Triplet day, many were identically dressed. What a fun and creative show of spirit, especially for the middle school teachers that became triplets.

Professional day was all about the future. Choosing a career and dressing the part was a wonderful way to express the students’ personal interests.

On Wednesday, all enjoyed a special performance by “Step Afrika!” This group of men and women showed the art and energy of stepping. We learned that universal life skills could be achieved using the values of “Teamwork, Commitment and Discipline.”

During this jubilant season, the students took time to entertain and delight parents, teachers, family and the community. On a caroling trip to Hill Haven, the 6th graders enjoyed singing Christmas carols while residents enjoyed clapping and keeping time with small instruments.

The handmade bookmarks were an early Christmas gift for the residents.

Our Band Concerts included the inspirational songs of “Carols of Joy,” “Soul Rock,” and “Jingle Bells.” An encore of “Santa Claus is Coming to Town” was played at the request of the younger crowd.

A Christmas program completed our Spirit week. Under the direction of Ms. Scarlett Lant, Music Teacher, “The Christmas Story” was told through songs and scripture readings.

The Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 8th grade choirs, the recorders of the 3rd and 4th graders and the hand bells of the 5th and 6th graders all contributed to a joyous and memorable performance.

Before and after the show, members of the ecology club offered an organic cookie sale. Cookies were made with organic ingredients and were sold in environmentally friendly, “holiday green” packaging.

Our Christmas celebrations were festive and fun.

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the time it was over. TV stations, radio stations and newspapers interviewed some of the students, which was a great experience for them – and they did great.

After the rally, the High Point students met with Senator Pinsky and asked many tough questions relating to his bill. Following the meeting, I took them to meet with our District 21 Senator, Jim Rosapepe. We also had the opportunity to speak with Senators Douglas Peters and Nathaniel Exum. It was another great experience for the students, and the adults learned a lot just watching the students work.

Before George’s County Councilman Tom Dernoga (front left) accompanied High Point students to Annapolis on January 17, where they visited several elected officials.

Second grade singers perform at St. Joseph’s Catholic School.

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MLK staff members have selected four students and one teacher who best exemplify the qualities of their Renaissance program: high academic achievement and demonstrating good citizenship. The “Living the Dream” award winners are Sarah Escoto, Danielle Gibbs, Kimberly Graninger, Jorge Hernandez and Mr. Alan Tirdil, MLK’s 7th grade geography teacher. Mr. Tirdil was recognized for his classroom instruction, work ethic and for being a positive role model.

Service learning is a teaching method that combines service to the community with curriculum-based learning. MLK has included service learning into its curriculum and all Prince George’s County Public School students must have a minimum of 75 student service-learning hours (SSL) to successfully meet the service-learning graduation requirement. Service learning has been incorporated into the science and social studies curricula for grades 5-10 for a total of 51 hours. In addition, students must complete 24 independent hours of service learning.

This is a graduation requirement. In other news, Scannel Properties has generously donated $5,000 to the MLK PTA. These funds have been selected for technology advancement at MLK.

In our 4th-8th Grade classes the Geography Bee is a fun competition to test students’ knowledge of the United States and the World. The classroom winners met on January 15, 2008 and narrowed the field to one. J. Butler, 7th grader, won his fourth 1st place award. In second was K. Weaver, 6th grader and placing third was A. Russo, an 8th grader. Congratulations to all who participated, and good luck to our winner as he continues on to the local Geography Bee.

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BELTSVILLE EVENTS

BLACK HERITAGE WALK EVENT
Saturday, February 16 Join the Freestate Happy Wanderers at their 5 km and 11 km walk in Bowie, MD. Start between 9:00 a.m. and noon and finish by 3:00 p.m. In conjunction with Black History Month the trail will wind through the campus of Bowie State University, an historic Black University. For more information contact Bob Shaw at 410.674.6523 or email bobshaw22@AOL.com.

HIGH POINT NIGHT AT MOE’S
Saturday, February 2, at Moe’s, located at 10250 Baltimore Avenue, adjacent to IKEA, Saturday, February 2, at Moe’s, located at 10250 Baltimore Avenue, adjacent to IKEA, will donate 10% of dinner tabs during 5:00-10:00 p.m. to High Point’s Booster Club.

BELTSVILLE “Birmingham Estates” $350,000
JUST LISTED! What a steal this is, a lovely rambler in sought after area with gorgeous wood floors! 3 BR, 1 1/2 BA, Main level Family Room, all new appliances, new HVAC system, LL Rec Room, sitting on a lovely larger lot (1/3 ac), Cedar Lane in Beltsville.

BELTSVILLE “Victoria Falls” $549,900
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BELTSVILLE “Summer Woods” $499,000
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BELTSVILLE $430,000
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BELTSVILLE “Calverton” $425,000
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JOHNNY SEATON IN CONCERT
Friday, February 15 at College Park Knights of Columbus, 9450 Cherry Hill Road, Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Show from 8:00-11:00 p.m. $25 per-person. Call 301.345.4076 for info.

VANSVILLE CITIZENS’ ASSOCIATION
Monday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m. at Franklin Brown Building, Vansville Recreation Park, 11733 Old Baltimore Pike, Vansville.

WOMEN’S COMMUNITY CLUB OF BELTSVILLE
Monday, February 11 at 12:30 p.m. at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane in Beltsville.

BELTSVILLE RECREATION COUNCIL
Monday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the Beltsville Elementary School located at 4300 Wicomico Avenue.

BELTSVILLE CITIZENS’ ASSOCIATION
Wednesday, February 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the Beltsville Community Center.

LAUREL “Calvin” $215,000
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The holidays have come and gone and it’s time to get back to normal. I am pretty sure you didn’t need me to tell you that. A gentleman at church asked me about writing this article and I told him that sometimes it’s hard because I like to write about current events, but by the time it’s in print the events are no longer current. For example, the mess they made of events are no longer current. For instance, the bloom is off the organic rose. I wrote there was a good holiday season and I hope you did as well, with no tears. The bakery that bears my name did well. I made over 600 dozen of the hand cuts. Thanks to you, the customers, I think they did well. John and his wife work very hard and I am proud to have my name still on the place. Raulin’s Bakery is one of a very few bakeries left in the area where you can get fresh donuts and rolls, etc.

Have you noticed prices lately? All foods have gone up 20% or so. I saw the bakery’s raw material invoices last week. I could not believe they said they need to pay for simple items. Allflours went up 20% in the last few weeks. Sugar, wow! Nuts, like pecans, are over $75 for a 20-pound box. I shop once a month and normally spend $75. Now it’s $100 with no meat. I refuse to spend $18 for steak that is tough, no matter what they advertise.

As I have written, the bloom is off the organic rose. I wrote there is no way everything in the store can be organic. The other night in the news the newscaster was talking about the law of everything having a sticker of origin on all hard products or hardware. The law does not apply to vegetables. We have no way of knowing where the vegetables come from, and also have no way of knowing if they are organic or not. The point is that some vegetables come from countries where you can’t drink the water. We need to hope for the best. The newscaster added that the law would be changed by this summer.

Go to my Web site and click on recipes. Print out the best corn muffin recipe ever. I have no room to write it out this month. Some people have told me they miss my words of wisdom. I have found a new source. Here it is. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.

Bakerbill aka Bill Raulin
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Hillary Clinton For President

Dear Maryland Democrat,

I am writing to ask your support and vote to serve as Maryland State Delegate for Senator Hillary Rodman Clinton’s Presidential Campaign at the 2008 Democratic National Convention.

I am committed to electing Senator Hillary Rodman Clinton. America needs Hillary Clinton’s strength, experience and leadership – both at home and abroad.

We are ready to shatter the highest glass ceiling with the candidate who is the most qualified to serve as President of the United States.

We deserve a president who is committed to our future, a president who will protect Social Security, who will protect Medicare, who will make college affordable for all Americans, who will provide universal Pre-K, and who will work to reform the health care system so every single American can have access to quality affordable health care.

I have spent a lifetime working to break down barriers and create a more transparent and representative government. I know that Senator Clinton is equally committed to these goals.

Senator Clinton will be “the president who will prioritize the policies that matter most to women,” and the president who will work “to make the seemingly impossible, possible.”

I would welcome the opportunity to represent your voice at the Democratic National Convention this August in Denver. Colorado as a Maryland State Delegate for Senator Hillary Rodman Clinton, our nation’s next President.

I respectfully ask for your vote and for your support.

Together we can make a difference in the lives of working families.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Bolivar
VoteSylvia@yahoo.com

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My Fellow Marylanders,

This February 12th Maryland will have the opportunity to make history and support a true grass roots activist, Barack Obama.

I support Senator Obama because like him I believe in what this country can be.

In the face of war, we believe there can be peace.
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In the face of a politics that's shut us out, that's told us to settle, that's divided us for too long, Obama believes we can be one people, reaching for what’s possible, building that more perfect union.

As President, Barack Obama will stop talking about the outrage of 47 million Americans without health care and start actually doing something about it. He expanded health care in Illinois by bringing Democrats and Republicans together. By taking on the insurance industry, and winning.

As President, Barack Obama will make sure that every American child has the best education that we have to offer - from the day they are born to the day they graduate from college. And Obama won’t just talk about how great teachers are - as President he will reward them for their greatness - by raising salaries and giving them more support. That's why he is in this race.

We need leaders who will fight the tough battles, not play politics as usual. We need leaders who will inspire and raise the level of political discourse of what is possible for our country.

That is why I am asking for your vote and support to represent your voice at the Democratic National Convention as a Maryland State Delegate.

Please join me to help make change in our nation.
Respectfully,

Mark Cook,
Councilmember, City of College Park
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