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Beltsville Briefs

Basket Bingo

St. Joseph's Parish will conduct a Basket Bingo on Friday evening, Jan. 11, in the Parish Hall at 11011 Montgomery Road from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (non-smoking). Come join us for this fun-filled event. Bingo winners will receive speciality baskets, pottery and home accessories. There will be door prizes and raffles too! Tickets are available for \$12.00 (in advance) daily at the school and parish offices, or at the door. Refreshments are available.

Prince George's Summer Teen Theatre Announces Auditions for Thornton Wilder's *Our Town*

By Rick Bergmann

The Prince George's Summer Teen Theatre is pleased to announce auditions for its 48th show, Thornton Wilder's classic *Our Town*. *Our Town* is a character story about an average town's citizens in the early 20th century as depicted through their everyday lives. Using metatheatrical devices, Wilder sets the play in a 1930s theater. He uses the actions of the stage manager to create the town of Grover's Corners for the audience. Scenes from its history between the years of 1901 and

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The Student Ambassadors hold up some of the collected jeans from the clothing drive

Jeans for Teens Clothing Drive

The Student Ambassadors, a student service organization of Beltsville Academy, partnered with the Maryland Park and Planning Commission to sponsor a

Jeans for Teens clothing drive. The clothing drive coincided with Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, which is held during the month of November.

According to the National Coalition of the Homeless, there are an estimated 1,682,900 home-

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Another Successful Year in Beltsville

The Beltsville Recreation Council congratulates the winners of the first Beltsville Holiday Decorating Contest: "Best Lawn Display" Karen & James Mackey of 4608 Brandon Lane and "Best Holiday Spirit" Kim & Dean Thomas of 11620 35th Avenue.

The function and purpose of this Recreation Council is to develop a well-rounded recreation program for all the citizens of the community; to effect proper coordination of all

agencies and organizations in the community; to help finance, publicize and evaluate year-round programs of recreation for all ages. In cooperation with the Beltsville Community Center, 3900 Sellman Road, Beltsville, MD, the Beltsville Recreation Council has been privileged in 2012 to offer a successful Beltsville Day festival in May, two wonderful Jazz Concerts in the summer, an informative Community Health Fair in November, and

a delightful Holiday Concert and our first annual Holiday Decorating Contest in December. We also provided the popular "I Love Beltsville" T-shirts with 10 reasons "You know you're from Beltsville when..." In 2013, plans include continuing the current programs and expanding the games and activities for Beltsville Day.

The events provided by the

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the BVFD

In the early 1980s, at the beginning of December, an old man dressed in red would stop by the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Station to inquire about membership and to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. He explained that while he was very busy with his toy factory for most of the year, he liked to take the month of December off to travel. And although he would not be able to participate for most of the year, or take the required training to become a volunteer Firefighter and/or Emergency Medical Technician, he would always have time in December to give

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Santa rides the BVFD fire engine in December

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On the Agenda

By President Karen M. Coakley

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO THE BELTSVILLE COMMUNITY

I wish everyone a safe and healthy New Year!!!

SAFETY TIPS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Do not leave your car unattended while it is warming up. Car thieves go through communities looking for unattended cars to steal! Do not leave your car unlocked while putting gas in your car; car thieves are waiting to take your car or purse! Check your smoke detector on a monthly basis. If you have a gas furnace and gas stove add a carbon monoxide detector to your home. Place near the bedrooms.

LEAF COLLECTION

You must BAG your leaves. The county will not pick them up if you leave piles of leaves curbside.

HIGH POINT COLLECTING ITEMS

High Point High School's Youth with Purpose group are collecting scarves, mittens or gloves to help students in need. Look for there boxes at local businesses. One of the boxes will be located at Behnke's Nursery.

BELTSVILLE INFORMATION E-MAIL LIST

If you would like to be added to the list please send me your email address. If you have a community question or concern I can be reached at 301-937-3490 or karenmcoakley@msn.com

NEXT MEETING

The January Beltsville Citizen's Association meeting will be on Wednesday, Jan. 16, at 7 p.m. at Beltsville Academy

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25 Years Ago in the Beltsville News

By Phil Whitman

*Extracted from the
January 1988 issue*

Engagement Announced

Pamela M. Heflin of Clearwater, Fla., is engaged to David M. Emeott of Clearwater, Fla. Heflin's parents live in Beltsville, Md.

Service News

Airman Michael Weis has graduated from the U.S. Air Force avionic navigation systems course at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

Wedding Announcements

"Jay" Casagranda was married to Joni Marie Givens of Bowie, Md. Casagranda is from Beltsville, Md.

Mary Elizabeth Ray, formerly of Beltsville, Md., married Thomas Leonard Brooks, Jr.

Lori Casagranda was married to Steven Mangene at St. John's Episcopal Church.

Diana Casagranda was married to John L. Pearson on Oct. 10, 1987, in Beltsville, Md.

Service News

Gerald Poole has joined the U.S. Navy and will train in San Diego.

New Arrivals

Daniel Francis Tavares, son of Kitty Blakruk and Antonio Fernandes Tavares was born Dec. 23, 1987.

Steven William Alexander Stewart, son of Nancy Stevens and Gary Richard Stewart was born Dec. 11, 1987.

Vincent Charles Murray, son of Deborah Lynn and James Richard Murray, Sr., was born Dec. 12, 1987.

Steven Michael Green, Jr., son of Angela Pearl and Steven Michael Green, Sr., was born Dec. 18, 1987.

Jennifer Lynn Davis, daughter of Jean Marie and Douglas Brian Davis was born Dec. 20, 1987.

Obituaries

Ada L. Snyder passed away Dec. 17, 1987.

George L. Kavakos passed away Dec. 26, 1987.

G. Larry (Eldo) Elliott passed away suddenly Dec. 27, 1987.

Elizabeth Elaine Hale Schmitt passed away Dec. 24, 1987.

Rose Marie Audet passed away Dec. 10, 1987.

Leslie C. Bell passed away Dec. 20, 1987.

Della M. Dodson passed away Jan. 3, 1988.

Ruth Mary Noll Palmer passed away Dec. 29, 1987.

Ethel E. Johnson passed away Jan. 6, 1988.

Wilma Brown Kirchner passed away Dec. 11, 1987.

Robert W. Hewlett passed away suddenly Dec. 14, 1987.

SNOW

By Beckie Hutchings

Anticipation shakes my soul
With broadcasts of a
coming snow.
Loud peals of laughter
fill the room
Each time the prophets say,
"It's soon."
My younger friends
agree with me
It's something we all
want to see:
A heavy blanket of pure love
To wrap us gently from above,
And ev'rywhere our eyes caress
A landscape of bright happiness.
There's more to this
than mere delight,
We get to glimpse a holy sight.
Though caught up in
our busy lives,
Snow makes us stop to realize
The world may seem
within our hands,
But, only God has full command.
As soft and silent flakes
fall down
To cover quietly the ground,
Their tons of grace do testify
Of Jesus' meekness
when He died.
His humble selfless sacrifice
Has cleansed our lives
to whitest white.
Unlike this scene
which soon will end,
God's mercy t'towards us
will extend
Not just for hours to melt away,
But, till we're home
at Father's place.
Events like this are joyful things.
No wonder my heart
wants to sing!

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Beltsville Seventh-Day Adventist Church

Beltsville Seventh-Day Adventist Church hosted 50 homeless ladies from the Bethany House Homeless Shelter in Washington, D.C., for a Christmas banquet on Friday night, Dec. 7.

"This has become as much a Christmas ritual at our church as singing Christmas carols during worship services," said Senior Pastor Kermit Netteburg. The church has been hosting a dinner like this every year for 20 years.

The church buses women from the shelter to the church's fellowship hall. The hall is decorated with trees and lights. The fireplace glows. The women are welcomed and ushered in to tables decorated with poinsettias and candles.

The meal features turkey and vegetarian options, along with candied yams, mashed potatoes and an assortment of vegetables and salads. Dessert includes pumpkin pie and other delicacies.

Children from the church do a large part of the program. The children's puppet team presents several Christmas songs, and other children help the ladies sing songs from *Silent Night* to *Feliz Navidad*.

Every year each homeless woman takes a rolling suitcase away from the dinner. Members of the church take a suitcase and fill it with warm clothing and other necessities for the winter in the weeks before the dinner. The highlight of the evening is the distribution of the suitcases.

For the first time, a choir from Bethany House sang at this year's dinner.

Brea Mitchell has organized the event for most of its 20 years. "I couldn't do this without the help of a lot of church members. At least 125 volunteers put this year's event together, from people helping in the kitchen to members taking home empty suitcases and filling them up."

Youth Pastor Sonia Perez takes a special interest in making sure every woman gets a suitcase. "We were up until 1 a.m. Thursday morning, making



The Beltsville Adventist Church prepares a Christmas Dinner for homeless ladies from Bethany House, a shelter for homeless women in Washington, D.C.



The women who come to the Beltsville Adventist Church dinner for homeless ladies find the church's Fellowship Hall turned into a Christmas banquet room, complete with decorated trees and a fireplace. The program provides a chance for everyone to sing the songs of the season.

sure that every suitcase had the important necessities."

Some women have come for years, but most of the women are new each year. Homelessness isn't a permanent condition, according to Evelyn Green, the director of Bethany House. Most of the women just need a tempo-

rary place to get them through a rough period.

The church also provided space for homeless women in another program, New Day, during the week of December 16-22. New Day provides shelter for men and women in Laurel and Beltsville, Md., during the winter

months.

Associate Pastor Glenn Holland said Beltsville Adventist Church is one of about 12 churches that operate this winter-only shelter. New Day also runs a job training and job placement service to help the homeless find employment.

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back to the community. Given his jolly demeanor and promise to be around every year, the membership of the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD) made him an honorary member.

Since then, the jolly old man, affectionately known as Santa, has kept his promise and has returned to Beltsville every year to help the members of BVFD wish our neighbors a Merry Christmas. Originally, the firefighters would walk through the streets of the neighborhoods singing Christmas Carols while Santa proudly fol-

lowed, waving from his seat on top of the fire engine. Today, because Beltsville and the surrounding communities have grown and are so spread out, the men and women of BVFD ride on the back of the fire engine and pass out candy canes to the children who come out to greet them, while Santa can still be found proudly waving

from the top.

I hope you were able to see Santa this year on one of our nights out. If not, you can be sure he will be back next year. From our family at the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department to yours, Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year!

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Neighbors in the News

Begin the New Year by Helping Those in Need

By Rick Bergmann

Every year we make New Year's resolutions that last for a week and then we don't talk about them for the rest of the year. Are you tired of making these same ol' resolutions? I'm going to lose weight, I'm going to quit speeding, I'm going to quit swearing and the list goes on and on. This year I challenge you to change that resolution, resolve to help someone in need.

The population of Beltsville, Md., is approximately 16,772 currently. Out of that number, approximately, 20 percent struggle with the English language. Roughly 10 percent fall below the poverty line. That is almost 5,100 people in the Beltsville area alone, not to mention the thousands in areas surrounding Beltsville, such as College Park, Laurel, and Greenbelt, Md., and others. It is a safe bet that someone in your neighborhood could probably use some help.

So make a pledge this New Year to make a difference in someone's life. Emmanuel United Methodist Church offers a variety

of programs for which you can volunteer. Each of these programs could always use an extra hand.

Do you feel the call to teach others? Then maybe you want to join the ESOL program at Emmanuel. They are always looking for volunteers and you do not need to have a teaching degree to help out. ESOL will continue its sixth year of English classes for speakers of other languages (ESOL) with instruction for beginning, intermediate and advanced level students. The Spring semester starts with registration on Tuesday evening, Jan. 15, from 7 to 9 p.m. Subsequently, all classes will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. through April 23.

Also on Tuesdays, along with the ESOL program is the Youth Learning Fellowship. This is a program that provides homework help and structured activities to the children of students in our ESOL program. They are always looking for adults to help out with homework and activities.

Emmanuel hosts a monthly food distribution that feeds anywhere from 150 to 200 families a month. This happens on the fourth

Friday and Saturday of the month, with set-up occurring on Fridays and the distribution on Saturdays. This is a hugely satisfying way to spend part of your weekend.

Emmanuel also partners with Behnke's Nursery on a community garden. You can come and help with the planting and harvesting of fresh vegetables. The vegetables are used during the monthly food distributions and those who help may take some of the vegetables home for their families.

If one of these opportunities doesn't fit into your schedule, look around, there are many others in the area. Find one that works for you, give an hour a week, four hours a month. Pledge to help someone less fortunate this year.

If you would like to volunteer for one of the opportunities at Emmanuel, you can find them on the web at www.eumcbeltsville.com. You can contact them by calling 301.937.7114 or emailing them at office@emmanuelumc-beltsville.net. They are located at 11416 Cedar Lane, right here in Beltsville, Md. Do something for someone else today!

Emmanuel United Methodist Church ESOL Spring Semester

Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, Md., will continue its sixth year of English classes for speakers of other languages (ESOL) with instruction for beginning, intermediate and advanced-level students. Our spring semester starts with registration on Tuesday evening, Jan. 15, from 7 to 9 p.m. Subsequently, all classes will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. through April 23. The fee for this semester will be \$20, and will be refunded to students who have shown perfect atten-

dance throughout the semester. We will provide supervised care for children of our ESOL students who are ages 1 and older. This care includes tutoring, homework help and planned activities for the older school-age children.

Iglesia Metodista Unida Emmanuel, 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, Md., continuará su 6 ° año de clases de inglés para hablantes de otras lenguas (ESOL) con instrucciones para principiantes, de nivel intermedio y avanzado. El semestre de primavera comienza con la inscripción en

la noche del Martes, 15 de enero desde las 7 p.m. hasta las 9 p.m. Posteriormente, todas las clases se impartirán los martes 19-21 hasta abril 23. El costo de este semestre será de \$20, y será devuelta a los estudiantes que han mostrado una asistencia perfecta durante todo el semestre. Vamos a proporcionar cuidado supervisado para niños de nuestros estudiantes de ESOL que son de 1 año de edad y mayores. Esta atención incluye tutoría, ayuda con las tareas y actividades previstas para los antiguos niños en edad escolar.

Dr. Gary Small Will Speak and Sign Latest Book on Alzheimer's

Alzheimer's affects ever-increasing numbers of baby boomers and their families, 5 million people in the United States alone, but this devastating disease doesn't have to be inevitable.

Dr. Gary Small, Professor of Psychiatry and Aging, and Director of the Longevity Center at UCLA, is one of the leading authorities on Alzheimer's and will be speaking and signing his latest book, *The Alzheimer's Prevention Program*, at two locations in the, Washington, D.C., area on Jan. 10 and 11. Full event details are listed below:

Jan. 10 at 1 p.m.
Riderwood
Maryland Hall
3140 Gracefield Road
Silver Spring, Md., 20904
Talk, Q&A, and signing
To reserve your free ticket, please call 301.572.2395 as space is limited.

Jan. 11 at 1 p.m.
Greenspring
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Neighbors in the News

Local Youth Theater Group Still Active Despite Financial Cutbacks

By Christine Pressau,
President PGSTT

One year ago, the Prince George's Summer Teen Theatre (PGSTT), a nonprofit theater education organization founded in 1967 in Beltsville, Md., almost closed its doors for the first time because of funding shortfalls. But thanks to many generous friends who see value in introducing our young people to theater, they survived.

2012 began as a rebuilding year for the organization. The board of directors met and began to restructure the program so that it would continue on. With donations from past supporters, they held an alumni contest in February for an original script. The prize? The organization produced the play and gave the winner the opportunity to direct it. In April, PGSTT presented *You Never Know*, by alum Daryn Robinson, a play about bullying, Asperger's Syndrome, and friendship. It was a wonderful show and included an actor who has Autism. A whole character was written just for her.

As many readers of *The Beltsville News* know, PGSTT's summer shows have always been musicals. Unfortunately, that wasn't to be the case last summer. Musicals are very expensive to produce and financially they weren't ready to do so. They opted for fiscal responsibility and produced a comedy, *30 Reasons NOT to be in a Play*, by Alan Haehnel. It was a quirky sketch comedy poking fun at themselves as performers, which all involved enjoyed.

Not only did they produce two shows this year and attract new actors, they also built a relationship with a new venue. The Charis Center for the Arts in Bowie has become their home for now. It's much smaller than High Point High School, their venue of past years, but meets the current needs of the program very well.

PGSTT weathered a tough 45th season. Now, although the immediate crisis has passed, they will continue to keep working just as hard to rebuild the program to its former strength and long-term sustainability. Currently, they are

planning to produce two shows in the coming year. The first, *Our Town*, by Thornton Wilder, is scheduled for April 12 – 14, with auditions in January. (See our updated website, www.pgstt.org, for more information.) Will the second show be a summer musical? They hope so, but the decision will be based on the success of fundraising.

The support of friends and alumni has been critical to PGSTT's survival. If it hadn't been for the generous family of supporters, this column wouldn't have been written. But survival is not enough. PGSTT exists to bring the art of theater to young people in our area. They deserve a strong, vibrant and creative experience. PGSTT can't do that without help.

Please, readers, consider making a **tax deductible donation** to PGSTT. Checks can be mailed to PGSTT, PO Box 1952, Beltsville, Md., 20705, or you can donate by PayPal at www.pgstt.org. Thank you and Happy New Year.

Public Invited to Special Author Event on Brain Health at Riderwood on January 10

On Jan. 10, Dr. Gary Small, Professor of Psychiatry and Aging and Director of the Longevity Center at UCLA, will be visiting Riderwood Retirement Community to provide a free one-hour presentation regarding his revised paperback edition of *The Alzheimer's Prevention Program: Keep Your Brain Healthy For The Rest Of Your Life*.

The presentation will be held on Jan. 10, at 1 p.m., in Riderwood's Montgomery Hall. To reserve your free ticket, please call phone number 301.572.8395. Books can be purchased with cash, check, or credit card. Refreshments will be served after the presentation. Riderwood is located at 3140 Gracefield Road, Silver Spring, Md., 20904.

Erickson Living, developer and manager of Riderwood, is a leader

in supporting seniors' physical, as well as cognitive health and wellness. The company has had a longstanding relationship with Dr. Small, including supporting his UCLA-based Memory Fitness research.

"Erickson Living clearly provides the very best in Memory Support Services," said Dr. Small. "The company's commitment to supporting seniors lead a lifestyle geared toward good health is commendable."

Today, Erickson Living's Memory Support Program includes a memory fitness component, licensed by the UCLA Longevity Center, as well as memory health for people with mild to moderate cognitive impairment and memory care for individuals in the later stages that need the added support of continuing care services.

"We are excited that Dr. Small will be sharing his latest research findings at Riderwood," said Margaret Stewart, D.H.A., Senior Director of Health Services Clinical Programming for Erickson Living. "This program will not only show individuals what to do to keep their brain healthy, but also reflect how Erickson Living's Memory Support Services, as well as the community's design and services, are unsurpassed in the industry."

Riderwood Residents and Staff Donate More Than 700

Riderwood Retirement Community's residents and staff, as well as prospective residents, delivered more than 700 donated toys to *Toys for Tots* to help disadvantaged children in the Washington, D.C., area have a happy holiday.

Residents and staff sporting santa hats delivered seven large boxes filled with toys such as stuffed animals, art materials, dolls, games, matchbox cars, and coloring books. They made the donation at Mazza Gallerie in Chevy Chase, Md., a drop-off location coordinated by WRQX-Radio (MIX 107.3 FM) and the U.S. Marine Corps.

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Obituaries

Gibson, Pamela Sue

Pamela Sue Gibson, 61, died on Monday, Nov. 26, of Beltsville, Md.; Beloved companion of Francine Bethea; step-daughter of Michael P. Hurn; loving sister of D. Michael (Holly) Soeder, David C. (Kim) Soeder, Elizabeth Hurn and Norman (Tomie) Soeder; also survived by many other loving family and friends; Memorial gathering was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, Md., on Saturday, Dec. 1, from 2 to 4 p.m.; Interment private. www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com.

Giddings, Helen

Helen Giddings, longtime Beltsville resident, passed away on Nov. 2, in Olney, Md. She was the beloved wife of the late James W. Giddings, Sr., mother of James W. Giddings, Jr., Bonnie K. Sheehan, and Ronald E. Giddings. She was the grandmother of Shannon Sheehan, John Sheehan, Sara Giddings, and Emily Giddings. The Funeral was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home, and Interment was held at St. John's Episcopal Church in Beltsville, Md. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

Henninger, Marian Y.

Marian Y. Henninger, 88, died on Monday, Nov. 26, formerly of Beltsville, Md.; wife of the late Paul C. Henninger; mother of Lois H. Carney, David P. (Kathy) and Thomas N. (Anne) Henninger; grandmother of Glenn Carney, Gina O'Dell, Lisa Cox, Amy Busick, Luke and Brittany Henninger; also survived by four great-grandchildren. Funeral service was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, Md., on Thursday, Nov. 29, at noon with Rev. Daniel Mejia officiating; Interment Fort Lincoln Cemetery, Brentwood, Md.; Memorial contributions may be made Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, Md., 20705; www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com.

Nieman, Rosemary S.

Rosemary S. Nieman, 67, died on Thursday, Nov. 29; devoted wife of the late Kenneth Wayne Nieman for 49 years; daughter of Lorraine White; loving mother of Donna (Ricky) Frederick, Kenneth Wayne Nieman, Jr., Greg (Karen) Nieman, and Lisa (Chris) Collins; grandmother of Heather, Jennifer, Amanda, Kristen, Gregory, Christopher, Jillian, John,

and Morgan. Funeral service was held at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 11795 Scaggsville Road, Fulton, Md., on Monday, Dec. 3, at 11 a.m.; Interment church cemetery; Instead of donations the family asks that you hug your loved ones. Arrangements made by Borgwardt Funeral Home. www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com

Sisler, Patricia Helen

Patricia Helen Sisler, 85, died on Sunday, Nov. 25, of Beltsville, Md.; Devoted wife of 62 years to Hugh Sisler; loving mother of Barbara (Parnie Verenis) Sisler Shuster, Roger D. Sisler and Nancy (Mark) Sisler Bowers; grandmother of Erin McFiren, John Sisler, Caroline Darden and Joshua Bowers; great-grandmother of Kayla Darden; sister of Robert Smith. Funeral service was held at the Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, Md., on Wednesday, Nov. 28, at 8 p.m. with Rev. Harry Hetz officiating; Interment Evergreen-South, Southside Cemetery in Johnston, Ohio, on Friday, Nov. 30; Memorial contributions may be made to Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, P.O. Box 650309, Dallas, Texas, 75265-0309; www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com.

U.S. Air Force Band Celebrates the Spirit of the Season

The U.S. Air Force Band is ringing in the holidays with its 2012 holiday concerts. These concerts are always one of the hottest shows in town. The theme of this year's show is the *Spirit of the Season*, and will feature the Concert Band and Singing Sergeants. The family-friendly program will include a variety of selections that are sure to get you in the holiday mood.

When: Saturday, Dec. 8 at 3 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 8 at 7:30 p.m.
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Tickets are available at the following locations Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.: Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling (formerly Bolling Air Force Base) Visitors Center, 202.767.8958; and Joint Base Andrews (formerly Andrews Air Force Base) Visitors Center, 301.981.2562.

Residents of Riderwood Retirement Community Donate Money for Staff Appreciation

Residents of Riderwood Retirement Community in Silver Spring, Md., have donated \$378,593 to their campus' Staff Appreciation Fund to show their appreciation to hourly staff for jobs well done in 2012.

The money will benefit 1,208 hourly staff members from Dining Services, General Services, and the Medical Center. This

fundraising drive among residents is done annually during the holiday season.

Riderwood, which has nearly 3,000 residents, offers extensive wellness and prevention programs, balance assessment and fall prevention programs, and a fitness and aquatics center.

Also, there are more than 200 resident-inspired and resident-led

clubs, committees and interest groups in these categories: art; cards; computers & technology; dance; faith-based and interfaith; film, fitness and sports; games; gardening; investments; lifelong learning; music; literature, philanthropy; political awareness; theater; woodworking; and writing.

Please Donate Blood

The Beltsville Lions cordially invite your participation in their quarterly blood drive on Tuesday, January 22, from 3 to 6:30 p.m. at the Beltsville Community Center, 3900 Sellman Road, Beltsville, Md. Professional staff of MedStar will conduct the blood donations.

The donations are done in a very efficient manner, and waiting time is kept at a minimum. Please consider donating if you are able to do so. You could give no better gift to someone in dire need of a transfusion.

If you can do it and are interested in helping with a blood donation, please call 301.931.6130 to schedule a time or you may just walk in. Appointments are at 15-minute intervals starting at 3 p.m.



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TESST College Surpasses Service Learning Goals

By Deborah D. Howard, Criminal Justice Department Chair

In the beginning months of 2012, TESST College Executive Director, Shartoyea Scott-Dixon, charged her managers, faculty, and staff to identify ways for the college community to perform at least three outreach activities or service learning projects. "The goal," Mrs. Scott-Dixon stated, "is to rekindle certain relationships, solidify others and create new partnerships within the diverse Beltsville community throughout the year."

Students, faculty and staff formed committees with a view toward reaching as many sectors within Beltsville and Prince George's County as possible. The

groups combined efforts resulted in the following activities:

In conjunction with INNOVA Fairfax Hospital, the school hosted a blood drive on the Beltsville campus, which was open to the public.

Faculty and staff donated over 100 pairs of shoes to the Soles-4Souls charity.

Students and faculty from the Electrician Technician Program performed a mini "Extreme Home Makeover" for the Whitman Drive Rehab Project, which specializes in the restoration of homes for low-income buyers. The students updated the grounding to dwelling. They also rewired the entire basement, kitchen, bathroom and two bedrooms.

Faculty and staff participated in a visitation and fellowship along with donations of clothing and home goods to Sarah's House.

The students in the Medical Assistant Program hosted their month long flu clinic at the Riderwood Medical Center and assisted living facility.

An arrangement was made with the Beltsville Public Library to regularly donate textbooks from the Criminal Justice, Medical Billing and Coding, Medical Assistant, Computer Network Technology, Computer Support Technology and Electrician Technician Programs.

Students and faculty from the Criminal Justice, IT and Allied Health Programs participated in

the Beltsville Health Fair for the second consecutive year. The Criminal Justice and IT students manned an "Identi-Kid" booth, where parents could bring their young children to be fingerprinted and photographed as a safety measure. The Medical Assistant students performed blood pressure and glucose testing.

In reviewing the accomplishments for 2012, Mrs. Scott-Dixon stated, "I am pleased and humbled by the groundswell of support the TESST community displayed during this year. They all accepted the challenge and made it their own. Through these efforts, we hope to convey to the students that the true 'season of giving' occurs throughout the year."

Some of the activities slated for 2013 thus far are: Renewing the partnership with the National Institute of Health to resume the annual Bone Marrow Workshop/Donor Drive and re-instituting the Women's Heart Day Health Fair. During the fair, members of the public can receive a series of health screenings performed by medical professionals from several local teaching hospitals.

"In 2013," Scott-Dixon said, "we are committed to surpassing the goals established for this year. We are looking to extend our reach beyond Beltsville and really affect the greater Maryland community. There is a wealth of talent on our campus," she said. "What better way to share that talent than through giving."



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1913 play out. This year happens to be the 75th anniversary of this wonderful show.

The show will be directed by Beltsville residents, Suzi Kilbourne and Jake Rayburn. *Our Town* is looking for actors between the ages of 13 and 19, as well as some live foley artists (sound effects technicians). Auditions will take place on Thursday, Jan. 10, from 7 to 9 p.m., and on Saturday, Jan. 12, from 1 to 3 p.m. Callbacks will be on Sunday, Jan. 13. The performance dates for the show will be April 12 - 14. Auditioners should prepare a one- to three-minute monologue of their choice. To schedule an audition, please email auditions@pgstt.org. Walk-in auditioners will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis. Auditioners will be notified on Saturday night if they should attend call-backs. All

auditions, rehearsals, and performances will take place at The Charis Center for the Arts, 13010 8th Street, Bowie, Md., 20720. If you have any questions you can call 301.785.7516.

Community Theater Project at Abiding Presence Lutheran Church

Abiding Presence Lutheran Church is now in the planning stages for a production of three one-act plays by Anton Chekhov. The plays are the well known, *The Proposal*, *The Boor*, and *The Anniversary*. All three plays are truly rollicking comedies, certain to be great fun for audience and cast alike.

Performances will be in the church sanctuary on Friday and Saturday, May 3 and 4, 2013 at 8 p.m., Sunday May 5 at 3 p.m. and Friday and Saturday May 10 and

11 at 8 p.m.

Auditions are Thursday, March 7, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 9, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the church. Rehearsals begin March 23.

The purpose of the production is to determine the degree of interest citizens of Beltsville may have in developing a local community theatre project. Anyone interested in acting, production help, and especially planning and research, which is now ongoing, may contact the church office on 301.937.7646 or contact director Franklin Akers by email frank.akers@comcast.net.

We should also welcome ideas from Beltsville residents as well as those of neighboring communities who may not be able to become directly involved at this time.

SUCCESSFUL

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Beltsville Recreation Council would not be possible without the support of the MNCPPC and the wonderfully supportive staff at the Beltsville Community Center and our community sponsors: ShopRite of White Oak, who sponsored a Jazz Concert, and Old Line Fine Wine, Spirits & Bistro, who sold our T-shirts.

Meetings are held at the Community Center on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7 p.m. Members of the Beltsville Community Center staff attend the meetings to help with successful coordination of planning and set up for all of the events. As we begin the new year, the members of the Beltsville Recreation Council would like to thank those who have supported our programs in 2012 and invite them and others to be a part of the 2013 programs. A calendar of events and meetings can be found on our website <http://beltsvillerecouncil.homestead.com> or our Beltsville Recreation Council Facebook page. Below is a list of those who supported at least one of the Beltsville Recreation Council programs in 2012. If we excluded anyone, it was inadvertent. We sincerely appreciate everyone's support and look forward to a great new year in Beltsville. Special thanks to:

Dr. Sharon M. Desmond and the University of Maryland School of Public Health
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Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

By Senator Jim Rosapepe (D-21)

Join us for Presidential Inauguration Celebration Jan. 20 at Behnke's in Beltsville

On Sunday, Jan. 20, join Delegates Barbara Frush, Joseline Peña-Melnyk, Ben Barnes and me to celebrate President Obama's Inauguration at Behnke's Nursery on Route 1. Special guest is Maryland law professor Larry Gibson, author of the new book *Young Thurgood: The Making of a Supreme Court Justice*. Copies will be available to be purchased and signed.

Date & Time:

Sunday, Jan. 20th from 1-3 p.m.

Place:

Behnke's Nursery, 11300 Baltimore Ave, Beltsville (on Route 1, north of Rt. 212)

RSVP to 301.441.8690 or Jim.Rosapepe@gmail.com

Also, on Monday, Jan. 21, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. we'll gather at Looney's Pub in College Park and another location TBD to watch the swearing-in ceremony. Call 301.858.3141 for more details and to RSVP.

And join us Sunday, Jan. 27 to welcome 2013!

I hope you can join Sheilah and me for our 2013 Winter Brunch on Sunday, Jan. 27, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Cherry Hill Park (9800 Cherry Hill Rd) in College Park.

Pulitzer Prize winning author Taylor Branch will be our special guest, and he'll speak at 1 p.m. Copies of his new book, *The King Years: Historic Moments in the Civil Rights Movement*, will be available to be purchased and signed. Families are welcome. Please RSVP soon to Jim.Rosapepe@gmail.com or 301.441.8690.

Tax Credits for Low Income Families

With so many folks under-employed or looking for jobs, the Delegates and I wanted to remind residents of the federal and state Earned Income Tax Credits, which are available to certain low-income individuals and families. These credits can reduce the amount of income tax owed or increase an income tax refund, and some credits may be received even if income is less than required to file a tax return. Taxpayers may be eligible if both federal adjusted gross income and earned income is less than the following:

\$43,998 (\$49,078 for married filing jointly) with 3 or more qualifying children



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\$13,660 (\$18,740 for married filing jointly) without a qualifying child

Pepco Launches New Streetlight Reporting System

Pepco has launched a new, upgraded streetlight reporting system for customers. The new streamlined reporting system improves the ability of customers to use pole numbers and addresses to submit streetlight outages via the Internet. With the click of a mouse, customers can access maps depicting streetlight locations using the "Bing" mapping engine that is easy to read and use.

Once a streetlight problem is reported, the new reporting system sends the customer an email with a tracking number, location and pole number. When a streetlight is submitted for repair, the respective icon on the map will appear red; once the light has been repaired, its respective icon will turn green. In most cases the streetlight will be repaired within 15 days. An email confirmation will be sent to the customer when the service request has been completed. Access to the new reporting system is displayed on the home page of pepco.com under Alerts and Outage Information.

Domestic Violence Resources

Recently, the Prince George's County Sheriff's Office launched its "Purple Ribbon" initiative as a way of continuing to drive awareness around the crime of domestic violence and to remind victims that there is support and help available. The purple ribbon is a universal identifier of the fight

against domestic violence and has been adopted internationally as a symbol to raise domestic violence awareness. For resources relating to domestic violence, please visit the sheriff's blog page at www.pgsheriff.blogspot.com, or call 301.780.8426 for the Domestic Violence Intervention Division Special Victims Assistants.

State Legislative Session Starts Jan. 9

Delegates Barbara Frush, Ben Barnes, Joseline Pena-Melnyk and I will be back in Annapolis representing you in the 2013 Maryland legislative session starting on Jan. 9. Please let us know your opinions on issues of concern and contact us with any questions. And, of course, feel free to be in touch if the Delegates or I can be of help to you. Just email 21stDistrictDelegation@gmail.com or call 301.858.3141.

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Santa Retires and Moves into Riderwood Retirement Community

After hundreds of years of hard work, Santa Claus has decided to hang up his jingle bells, park his reindeer, close the woodshop and retire. Old St. Nick sold his North Pole residence, downsized and moved into retirement paradise at

Riderwood Retirement Community in Silver Spring, Md., (www.RiderwoodVillage.us) where he is experiencing life as never before.

In a new candid video chronicling his retirement experiences, viewable at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o477FQT65pY&feature=youtu.be>, Santa's up close and personal moments with neighbors are captured as never before.

While he may have been looking forward to his retirement years, the man in the red suit is shown to

be having trouble adapting to life below the North Pole.

"While we are thrilled to have one of the world's most iconic figures here on campus, there are issues that still need to be resolved," said resident Marian

Ellis. "For example, when he isn't gobbling up all the cookies on campus, he's letting his reindeer run wild. And if that's not bad enough, Santa's retirement threatens to put an end to the holiday season as we know it!"

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Maryland Senator Barbara A. Mikulski Ensures Dr. Charles E. Rath Receives Medal

In November, U.S. Senator Barbara A. Mikulski worked to ensure Riderwood Retirement Community resident Dr. Charles E. Rath, a World War II veteran, has been awarded his long-awaited Bronze Star medal. Rath received his medal, along with an American flag that flew over the U.S.

Capitol, at a Defense Information School Ceremony in Fort Meade, Md. Misplaced paperwork was the cause of Rath waiting 67 years for his medal.

Rath was drafted into the Army as a doctor during World War II following his internship. His Bronze Star citation noted his meritorious achievement in support of the 63rd Infantry Blood and Fire Division's drive through central Europe.

Rath served in the Army from mid-February 1945 until the end of the war. The 63rd Infantry Division made a path of blood and fire from Sarreguemines through the Siegfried Line to Worms, Mannheim, Heidelberg, Gunzburg and ending in Landsberg, Germany, at the end of April 1945, when the division was pulled from the line for much-needed rest, according to the history of the 63rd Infantry Division.

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The holiday gift that keeps on giving: opt to adopt a pet, save a life

(BPT) - It's not surprising that pets are often a popular holiday gift. The darling image of the bow-bedecked puppy or the kitten-stuffed stocking is a holiday classic, but gift givers should make sure that an animal's charm doesn't overshadow other important factors to consider when making a pet purchase, including where the pets came from and who the recipient is.

Each year more than 4 million homeless pets are killed as a result of overpopulation, but families

who adopt from animal shelters or rescue groups can help preserve these lives and support the growing trend of socially responsible holiday shopping. Best Friends Animal Society encourages families this holiday season to give the precious gift of life by adopting homeless pets rather than buying from breeders, pet stores or online retailers.

Also, resist the urge to surprise a friend or family member with a living gift. Choosing the right pet is an extremely personal decision, one that should be made carefully by the adults who will be caring for the animal for its 15- to 20-year lifetime. Instead, offer an adoption gift certificate paired with a basket of pet care items or stuffed animal for the holiday itself, and then let the person or family choose the actual pet that feels right to them.

Once you've decided to adopt, keep in mind that welcoming a pet into your life is a big decision and requires important preparation. Best Friends offers tips and advice to help make a smooth transition at home:

■ **Determine roles and responsibilities** - Before bringing home a new pet, discuss what roles and responsibilities each family member will take on. Who will be in charge of feeding, walks, changing the litter box and taking your pet for regular visits to the vet? Giving each family member a specific task will help everyone feel involved, especially young children.

■ **Prep the house** - Adding a pet to the house means adding new

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Club News

Beltsville Lions Honor John Anna and David Marshall

The Beltsville Lions recently presented Melvin Jones Fellowships to Mr. John Anna of Adirondack Tree Experts and Mr. David Marshall of Brewer and Marshall, Inc., Opticians. The Fellowships were presented to recognize their exemplary community service in the greater Beltsville area for many years.

The fellowship is named for Melvin Jones, considered the founder of Lions Clubs International in 1917. The honor was established in 1973 as a means to honor those whose community service activities went above and beyond normal expectations. As of the end of October 2012, there were 342,670 recipients world-

wide. All Fellows are invited to the annual luncheon at the Lions Clubs International Convention each year. The luncheon began in 1984 and has been at each Convention since. The names of Melvin Jones Fellows are displayed on a computer in the Lions Clubs International Room at International Headquarters in Oak Brook, Ill.

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items to your shopping lists. For dogs, the basics are a collar and leash, chew toys, a kennel and dog bed. Cats need a litter box and litter, a scratching post and a carrying crate for transportation. Also don't forget food and toys.

■ **Have your pet spayed/neutered** - Spaying or neutering is one of the greatest gifts you can provide your pet and community. It not only helps control the overabundance of pets, but can also help prevent medical and behavioral problems from developing. Most shelters include this with the adoption package or can



recommend a local veterinarian in your area, so check with the staff at the shelter before you leave.

■ **Research community rules and resources** - Do a little research on what identification (tags, microchips, etc.) you might need for your pet. Scout out the local dog parks and runs for future outdoor fun, and make sure you

know where emergency vet clinics or animal hospitals are located.

■ **Set limits** - Having predetermined rules will create consistency in training and help make the home a pleasant environment for you and your pet. Will your pet be allowed to snuggle with you in bed or curl up with you on your furniture? Will treats be limited to one a day? It's important to discuss these questions as a family before your new family member arrives.

An estimated 17 million people will be adding pets to their families this year, so this season, help bring some holiday cheer to a homeless pet by adopting your newest companion.



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Beltsville Young at Heart

By Barbara Schofield

It is time to welcome in a new year. I wish to thank our wonderful members for all the help they have given me this year. We had a lot of members, new and old, stepping up and volunteering time and money, most of them anonymously.

I would like to welcome the newly elected officials, Vice President, Roberta McConnell; Recording Secretary, Jean Rodeffer; Corresponding Secretary, Judy Dillon; Treasurer, Hugh Gribben; Assistant Treasurer, Bill Mc Laughlin; Chaplain, Hope Powell; and myself, Barbara Schofield, President. I look forward to sharing a great year with you. Sadly we have lost a few members and they will be missed.

The Recreation Council is thanked for the help they have given us this past year. It's when we help light the path for another that our own journey is brightened.

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

Our monthly meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Jan. 9, at the Greenbriar Community Building, Terrace Room, 7600 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt, Md. Call the office for directions at 301.441.1096, Dial 0.

Our speaker will be Dr. Manan Sharma, Microbiologist, working at the USDA Environmental, Microbial, & Food Safety Laboratory. The topic of his presentation will be: *What's in Your Salad?*

New Year's Eve Celebration at College Park Moose Lodge #453

End the year with a big bang and party at the Moose! Our New Year's Eve celebration begins with a pork loin dinner with all the trimmings including dessert, served 6:30 to 8 p.m. Then dance to the popular Dixie Wind Band playing all types of music from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. A continental breakfast will be served right after the midnight celebration. Hats, horns, and noisemakers for you to ring in the New Year are

included. Cost is \$35 for singles, \$60 for couples for all of the above!! The best deal in the area!

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Ladies Auxiliary of Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department Recognizes Fire Prevention Poster Winners

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department celebrated its 35th year of conducting a Fire Prevention Poster Contest and Awards Program for elementary schools in the Beltsville-Vansville School District. Eight hundred and nineteen posters were received from the participating schools. One hundred and twenty students' posters were chosen as best communicating the "Fire

Prevention" message. Those students were honored at an awards ceremony at the Prince George's Avenue, Beltsville fire station on Oct. 21.

Because of the number of students to be recognized, two award sessions were scheduled. During this year's second session, Mrs. Laura Steinert, a sixth grade teacher for Beltsville Adventist School, was invited to honor the students

by reading the names of the awardees. The value of traditions is sometimes questioned, but as a child in the Beltsville-Vansville School District, Mrs. Steinert had participated in Beltsville's Fire Prevention contest and had been an awardee. Today, her son Jason was among the awardees. The Ladies Auxiliary wants to congratulate Mrs. Steinert again on her award of years past as well

as recognize the values she has instilled in her son Jason. We also want to thank her for assisting with the awards ceremonies. The Ladies Auxiliary thanks all the schools in the Beltsville-Vansville School District for supporting Fire Prevention education by allowing your students the time to participate in our annual fire prevention poster contest.



Beltsville Academy

Zichang Peng, Elizabeth Lopez, Jaiden Witherspoon, Julio Lopez, Ayda Girma, Joshua Black, Abraham Cruz, Tyler Pulik, Harper Alexandra Elkins, Yesly Ramirez Nunez, Ryanna Naithram, Jazmin Fleiz



Calverton Elementary

Kayla Sagastizado, Ryeed Zaman, Asha Jones, Kareem Caudle, Chistianah Olufade, Jocelyn Gamez, Alma Galeano, Shiana Spencer



St. Joseph's School

Allison Rathburn, Anushka Silva, Paris Etchu, Michaela West, Osemeke Otule, Efua Okojie, Motunrayo Ojo, Derricka Lee Park, Isabel Szezepanski, Joseph Conaty, Gidey Gezae Gege, Grace Finke, Jack Schaefer, Mia Schwenz, Ryleigh Adams, Myra Monique Tindong, Anna Irwin, Matilda Yemoh, Madison Eyer, Katherine Argente



Calverton Elementary

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Vansville Elementary

Alexa Davis, Bryce McKenzie, Aliyah Jasmine Davis, Rasheed Mustpka, Maya Rogs-Hail, Dean Lockett, Cissel Cruz, Angela Ahanmisi, Kaydeh Tuffour, Justin Asamoah, Sab'Vea Edwards, Jestina Yema Rogers, Muaz Malik, Zaire Gilmore, Dalila Ives, Michael Bethune, Kavyasri Gouda, Kristina Montout



Beltsville Seventh Day Adventist

Preethi Jessan, Camryn Jackson, Grace Soper, Nithya Inapanuri, Jason Steinert, Scout Calderon, Natalia Couto, Nyah Jackson, Solyn Solomon, Megan Nashed, Sara Kristen Davis, Michael Chhakchhuak, Semhar Hailu, Michelle Thomas, Sidharth Chavan, Liana Hill, Walter Fuentes, John Samuel, Minna Omwenga, Peace Maddox.

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Club News



Don Krizek, Dr. Victor Grazette, and John Moynihan, Club President stand together

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Beltsville Rotary Club News

Getting ready for a new year
and our resolutions, the Belts-

ville Rotary Club focused our last three programs on health. On Nov. 20, Dr. Victor Grazette from the Cardio Pulmonary Health Unit at Laurel Regional Hospital, a Dimension Health hospital, was our speaker. He mentioned the hospital has a new president and a community plan is being developed. Grazette discussed Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) and the therapy clinic at Laurel Regional Hospital. COPD is chronic bronchitis, emphysema or chronic asthma. After about age 12, the lung damage is not reversible but there are positive ways to mitigate the effects of COPD. Exercise, especially walking, is vital and helps lymphatic drainage which aids pulmonary function. The therapy clinic does a pulmonary function test to determine eligibility for the 18-week pulmonary rehabilitation program. As Grazette emphasized, even short walks can benefit us greatly, so let's get moving. Invite a neighbor to come with you and enjoy the Beltsville, Md., holiday decorations while getting some exercise.

On Nov. 27, Guido Adelfio, a member of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rotary Club, made a presentation concerning prostate cancer. Adelfio emphasized the importance of paying attention to warning signs and seeking treatment at the appropriate time.

On Dec. 11, Beltsville Rotary Club charter member Karl Norris, spoke to us about health lessons he has learned. These included arthritis remedies and ways to figure out reactions to various foods. At 91, Norris is justifiably proud of his lifetime of good health and certainly has set an excellent example for all of us to follow.

We also held a guest meeting on Dec. 4. We welcomed one interested community member, as well as a visiting Rotarian from California, who was in the Washington, D.C., area to participate in a Pentagon ceremony honoring his daughter.

Our community service activities continued as well. We have expanded to 45 Beltsville Academy students receiving bags of food for weekends every two weeks. We are working on arrangements for a weekly distribution in 2013.

On Saturday, Dec. 1, our members enjoyed the fine weather while ringing bells for the Salvation Army at the beautifully-decorated Behnke's Nursery. It is always a great pleasure to start the holiday season in such lovely surroundings, with so many generous people putting their contributions into the red kettle.

Again this year our club gave

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January...is for planning

This month, curl up with a blanket, some spicy hot tea, your favorite gardening magazines and plan..... Is this the year to explore new vegetable varieties? Maybe add blueberry plants to the landscape? Whatever your adventure this year, let Behnke's help you see it through. Seeds and seed starting supplies will begin arriving in the latter half of January.

Advice is free and will be available all month.

Need a day out? Stop by Behnke's and stroll through our houseplants — *tropical, foliage, flowering, succulent*. Maybe you could use a little something to brighten your home or desk? Hundreds of new plants will be arriving this month.

Ever considered making a terrarium?

Learn how Saturday, January 26, 10 to 2 in Beltsville. Carol Allen will be demonstrating how to plant terrariums in our main greenhouse.

Bring your questions!

Free Bonsai Demonstrations in Beltsville
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Soap and Lotion Making Classes in Beltsville
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William F. Smith American Legion Post #235 Host New Year's Eve Party

Join the William F. Smith American Legion Post #235 and the Ladies Auxiliary on Dec. 31 as they bid a fond farewell to 2012 and a lively welcome to 2013. Enjoy an evening of fun, music and fellowship as the Post ushers in the New Year from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tickets are \$20 per person and include a delicious finger food buffet and party favors. Post #235 is located at 7813 Muirkirk Road, Beltsville, Md. For tickets and information, contact Theda Young, 301.210.6225; Louise Ross, 301.937.6370; or Danzell Lomax, 240.305.6125.

School News



Calverton Elementary SGA members sort through boxes of donated food

Calverton Students Collect Food at Thanksgiving

By Judith Pollock,
Student Government Advisor

Service is the goal for Calverton Elementary School Student Government Association (SGA) and that is what they did for their first project of the school year. During the Thanksgiving season, SGA, in conjunction with Women's Community Club of Beltsville (WCCB), collected more than 500 food items that were distributed to those in need.

SGA served as sponsors for this event and its members worked

to create posters for the school and to prepare speeches. Teams of students acted as ambassadors, going into each classroom to share information and collect all donated food. Calverton, Md. families responded; SGA was able to collect more than six boxes of food. Donations were turned over to Elaine Chabot, WCCB Acting President and Program for Distribution.

Thanks to the generous donations of the Calverton Elementary School community, SGA reached

its goal to ensure more families in the Beltsville community were able to have an enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday.

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dictionaries to third-graders at our area schools. We have calculated that the first group of third-graders who received dictionaries are just about finished with high school. We know the students and their families appreciated and used the dictionaries. The dictionary project is an undertaking of Rotary District 7620. Our area's third-graders join the third-graders in the District of Columbia and most of Maryland in receiving these important educational tools.

Finally, we have closed the books on our chili cookoff fundraiser. We take this opportunity to thank the many people and organizations who contributed to its success: the chili cooks, Behnke's staff, Rick Salamy and his band members, and those who gave prizes for our auction. Donors included Rotarians Sonja Festerling, Rick Salamy, Joyce Malin, Eleanor Frierson, Don Krizek, Nancy Randall, John Moynihan, Karen Coakley (Remax Advantage Realty), Howard Phoebus (Century 21 Trademark Real Estate) and Lois Phoebus; the Moose Creek

Steak House; TJ's of Calverton; Larry Brown, former Washington Redskins; Bud Miller Associates; David Rifkin, George Mason Mortgage; Stephanie Fleming, Behnke's; Steve Cibor, Tamarin Carpets; Catwalk Studio and Copy Katz Media; the Prince George's Community Federal Credit Union; and the Prince George's County Fire Department.

Plans for the next few weeks include our holiday luncheon on Dec. 18, after which the club will not meet again until Jan. 8. We wish all of you a happy and healthy 2013.

As you can see, our club members enjoy lots of opportunities for fun, fellowship, and community service. If you would like to explore joining us in Rotary fellowship and service, we would love to meet with you. Our club meetings take place Tuesdays at 12:15, except for Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, at the Holiday Inn on Route 1. Please stop by on a Tuesday for lunch as our guest. You may also contact Club President John Moynihan on 301.937.4448 to make a donation to our projects or discuss becoming a member.

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COLLEGE PARK AVIATION MUSEUM

1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Drive, College Park, Md. Call 301.864.6029 for information on events for December. TTY: 301.699.2544. Museum admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors, and \$2 for children. Children under 2 admitted free. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., except for major holidays. Tours for groups of 10 or more are available by appointment.

AROUND THE WORLD WITH WILBUR WRIGHT

Sunday, Jan. 13 from 12 noon to 3 p.m. See the world without even leaving the museum. College Park Aviation Museum invites you to participate in a fun and educational tour of the museum, where you can make your own passport, visit places around the world, and learn a little bit about aviation history. Visit the museum's front lobby area to get started on your trip around the world! Call for more information. Free with museum admission.

MAD SCIENCE

Saturday, Jan. 19 at 11 a.m. and at 1 p.m. Before Wilbur and Orville could even begin to build an airplane, they had to understand the science that makes flying possible. Join Mad Science of Washington, DC for an exciting and interactive program about science. Tickets cost \$5, including admission to the museum, and are available the day of the show. All ages.

GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER

The center is located at 15 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD 20770. The Greenbelt Recreation Winter Activities Guide is now online. Classes being offered include ceramics, musical theater, ballet, and more. Non-residents may drop off registration forms anytime to be date-stamped or may register online. Stop by the center or see www.greenbeltdmd.gov/recreation for events and class listings. Call 301.397.2208 for general information.

75TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR IN REVIEW

Tuesday, Jan. 15, at 7:30 p.m. in Multipurpose Room #201. Join us to hear from Greenbelt resident Eric Zhang as he discusses his project to document Greenbelt in its anniversary year. Inspired by the Farm Security Administration photographers of the late 1930s, Zhang has created a fascinating and beautifully photographed record of a community that began as a government experiment but which today is a thriving, growing city of nearly 23,000 residents. This is part of a series sponsored by the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum. Lectures are held the third Tuesday of the month in January, April, July, and October. Free.

GREENBELT MUSEUM

The museum house at 10-B Crescent Rd. will be open by appointment only in the month of January. This gives us a chance to refresh the displays in the house and allows our hardworking docents some time off. Call 301.507.6582 to make an appointment for a date in January. We'll resume regular Sunday hours on Feb. 3, 2012.

LAUREL-BELTSVILLE SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

7120 Contee Road, Laurel, Md., 20707. Closed Tuesday, Jan. 1. Open regular hours on Monday, Dec. 24. Also open regular hours on Monday, Dec. 31, except for late hours for the New Year's Eve party. Regular hours of operation: Monday – Thursday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., closed on Sunday. Contact the center regarding special events and to purchase tickets. Phone: 301.206.3350. Fax: 301.206.3387. TTY: 301.446.3402.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Starts Monday, Dec. 31, at 8 p.m. and ends Tuesday, Jan. 1, at 12:30 a.m. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served during the evening, and there will be a toast with your choice of champagne or sparkling cider at midnight. Cost: \$20 for residents, \$26 for non-residents. Checks, cash, and Visa and MasterCard credit cards accepted. Purchase tickets early to ensure availability. Ages 50 and up.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE VISITOR CENTER

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

ROAMING RACCOONS

Friday, Jan. 11 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Discover the world of these mysterious masked mammals seen roaming the neighborhood. Learn through exploration, identification and activities. Ages 5 – 7.

CONSERVATION ON CANVAS

Saturday, Jan. 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Love to paint or draw? Learn how to create incredible waterfowl art from award winning and renowned wildlife artists. Join the artists for hands-on instruction and drawing time using live waterfowl as models. Remember to bring your own brown bag lunch. Ages 12 – 18.

NATURE TOTS: WINTER STORYTIME

Thursday, Jan. 17 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Introduce your preschooler to wintertime animal stories and a snowy craft as we read the delightful *The Hat* and *The Mitten* by Jan Brett. Ages 3 – 4.

WONDERFUL WORLD OF WHOOPERS

Saturday, Jan. 19 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Discover what makes America's tallest bird so remarkable. Find out why this bird is in danger and the amazing recovery efforts occurring at Patuxent's research center to help whooping cranes, one of the rarest birds in America, survive extinction. Ages 8 – 10.

REMARKABLE RAPTORS

Saturday, Jan. 19 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Raptors are a powerful group of birds that hunt day and night, all year long. Learn how to spot these amazing hunters from afar, in the dark and underneath in this interactive family friendly talk. Then take a short hike on the refuge to practice your newfound skills. Ages 5+.

THE VARIETY OF LIFE

Saturday, Jan. 26 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. In this revealing talk, learn how the wide variety of

plants and animals on earth help it work like an incredibly complex machine. Each part is necessary to function, from the lowliest microbes to mammals, even medicines and chocolate. Let's face it, we all need nature. Ages 10+.

ENDANGERED!

Sunday, Jan. 27 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. What does it mean to be endangered? Come learn about some of our nation's endangered species and discover why they are struggling to survive. Discover what you can do to help endangered species in this interactive program. Ages 8 – 10.

BELTSVILLE EVENTS

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BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, Jan. 22, 3 to 6:30 p.m. at the Beltsville Community Center, 3900 Sellman Road, Beltsville. Sponsored by the Beltsville Lions Club in coordination with MedStar Health Blood Donor Services. Donors will receive a T-Shirt. To make an appointment call 301.931.6130. Walk-ins are welcome.

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BELTSVILLE LIBRARY

The Beltsville Library will be closed on the following dates: Monday, Dec. 31, 2012 and Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2013 for the winter holidays, and will also be closed on Monday, Jan. 21 for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Regular operating hours are: Monday – Tuesday from 1 to 9 p.m., Wednesday – Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed on Sunday. Contact the Beltsville Library by phone at 301.937.0294. Visit us at 4319 Sellman Rd., Beltsville, next door to the police station. Visit our library system website at www.pgcmls.info.

PROGRAMS FOR EVERYONE

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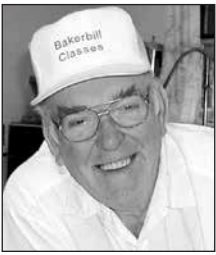
FAMILY GAME ON!

Tuesday, Jan. 29 at 6 p.m. All ages welcome! Families are invited to join the library for a night of video games and board games. Bring your own game or play one of ours.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

STORYTIME

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Baker Bill

STUFF 'N THINGS

I am doing research trying to find out the standard sizes of pizza, and have drawn a blank. So far, anyone who sells pizza can set his or her own size standards. According to Google and Wikipedia, the standards are: Large 16 to 18 inches, Medium 12 to 14 inches, and small 10 inches.

FYI, if your CO detector is seven years old or older, you need to replace it! I just did. The unit kept beeping. I thought it was the batteries, but with new batteries the beeping continued, not all the time but enough to annoy us. I installed it 15 years ago.

I have just come from lunch at Beltsville's new Bistro, located where Circuit City used to be. What a store. Most will think it's just another liquor store, but no, it has a million-dollar inventory of every wine worldwide and beers from all over the world. I am not much of a drinker, of whiskey that is, but I do enjoy a beer. They have a lot of interesting items as well. I like just roaming around there. It's like being in a stationary store. My crab cake was very good as well.

I have noticed more police patrols lately. Prince George's County is doing better. I wrote in the past that drivers would go

through a red light or stop sign because there were no police to see them. I have seen more tickets written in the past week than all of last year.

I remember buying four gallons of gas for a dollar, and going to Dulles airport just to see the Concord land. The only show on TV was Howdy Doody. I remember meeting and knowing Jim Henson (Muppets). We went to different high schools together. I knew him when he was doing commercials for Wilkins coffee, and there was even salt on pretzels. Oh well, as you may have guessed, I'm older then dirt.

I saw something just today going down Rt. 29. A lady with her trunk bungeed down covering a lawn mower. The thing that disturbed me was she had all her windows closed. You may or may not know that the exhaust will come into the car. You need to drive with the windows open when doing something like this. Remember, the fumes are odorless, tasteless and deadly. I hope she made it home. There was no way to tell her this.

BISCUITS!

Set your oven to 400 degrees.



In a medium size bowl, place a stick of margarine (any), add 1 cup plus 3 heaping tablespoons any flour, 1/4 teaspoon salt, a heaping tablespoon sugar, a level tablespoon baking powder.

Now mash all together to a crumbly mass. Slowly add 1/2 cup cold milk a bit at a time making dough.

Work with a spoon or knead to firm dough that can be rolled out but not wet. Pat out or roll out 1 & 1/2 inch thick, cut with cutter.

This will only make 4 biscuits and bake scraps. You are thinking "too thick," but know that if you make them thin, they will round off instead of rising straight up.

Place close together and bake 18 minutes until bottom lightly browns. It's time to close.

bill@bakerbill.net

BELTSVILLE LIBRARY WRITERS' GROUP

Tuesday, Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. Invites authors of all genres to join our writing group. For teens and adults, ages 12 and up.

COMPUTER BASICS: COMPUTERS FOR EVERYONE

Thursday, Jan. 24 at 9 a.m. Don't be intimidated by computers! Join us to learn basic computer skills, terminology, and how to use the library's computers. Leave the library feeling confident using a computer. Limit 8 per class. Registration required.

BELTSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

3900 Sellman Rd., Beltsville. The Program Specialist is Michael Hansborough. Contact him at 301.937.6613 or Michael.Hansborough@pgparks.com for information on classes and events. Spanish line: 301.445.4509. TTY: 301.445.4512. Holiday hours: the center will be open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 31, 2012, but will be closed Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2013. The center will also be open on Monday, Jan. 21. Regular hours of operation are: Monday – Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (except for Xtreme Teen events), Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (except for Xtreme Teen events), closed on Sunday.

NATIONAL OATMEAL MONTH

Thursday, Jan. 10 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Come in and celebrate National Oatmeal Month by enjoying a morning oatmeal treat provided by the community center. Free. All ages welcome.

XTREME TEENS BLACK AND WHITE PARTY

Friday, Jan. 11 from 7 to 10 p.m. You can't miss the best New Year's bash! Chill out with friends, dress to impress, and enjoy good music and food. We will also open the micro-

phone to singers, rappers, and poets. Don't forget to take pictures on our traditional red carpet. Langley Park Community Center. Register by Jan. 5. Free. Ages 10 – 17.

TEENS AND PRE-TEENS: LET'S GO ICE SKATING

Friday, Jan. 18 from 3 to 5:45 p.m. School's out, so let's try something new. Join us as we travel to the Herbert Wells Ice Rink for a few hours of ice-skating in honor of National Skating Month. If you have never been ice-skating it is a great way to spend a winter afternoon and keep in shape. Travel space is limited, so sign up today. Reservation required by Jan. 11. Fee: \$4 includes skate rental. Residents only. Ages 10 – 17.

PAINTED GLASS WORKSHOP

Saturday, Jan. 19 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Join us as we create colorful personalized pieces of painted glass to decorate windows at home or for the car. These individual pieces of art are great as gifts or keepsakes for years to come. Reservation required by Jan. 12. Fee: \$3 Resident; \$5 Non-resident. Ages 5 – 12.

STRATEGY GAME CLUB

No meeting on Monday, Dec. 31, 2012. Regular meetings are scheduled for every Monday in January from 7 to 9 p.m.; check with the center for any last minute changes. Enjoy board games and strategy games and tons of fun. All skill levels welcome. Any game can be played as well as brought to the club to be played. Games include: *Small World*, *Steel Driver*, and *Age of Industry*. Free. All ages.

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Our faith based community organization is in need of a van and car for disbursing food and providing transportation for homeless clients.

Please call if you have a car or van to donate to this worthy cause.

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TODDLER TIME

Wednesdays, Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2013 at 11:30 a.m. Songs, stories, and finger plays. For children ages 18 – 36 months with caregiver.

TAIL WAGGIN' TUTORS

Saturday, Jan. 5 at 2 p.m. Build your child's confidence in reading. Bring a favorite book or choose one from the library. Read to a specially trained therapy dog who will be glad to listen. Each child will read for 15 minutes. Registration required. Please contact the Beltsville Library for more information. Ages 6 – 12.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

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Do you have an eReader? Want to learn how to download free eBooks from your library? Call to schedule your individualized appointment.

FRIENDS OF THE BELTSVILLE LIBRARY

Meeting Tuesday, Jan. 8 at 6:30 p.m.

EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION

Monday, Jan. 14 at 7 p.m. The group will be discussing "The House of the Seven Gables" by Nathaniel Hawthorne. Drop by the library to pick up a copy. All are welcome.

AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION

Tuesday, Jan. 15 at 2 p.m. The group will be discussing "In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin" by Erik Larson. Drop by the library to pick up a copy. All are welcome.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

CALENDAR

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XTREME TEEN REGULAR EVENTS

Fridays and Saturdays from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Free with valid Center ID card. Ages 13 – 17.

VANSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

6813 Ammendale Rd., Vansville. The Director is Jeremy Weiss. Contact him at 301.937.6621 or Jeremy.Weiss@pgparks.com to get information regarding classes or events. The center will be open regular hours of operation on Monday, Dec. 31, but will be closed Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2013. The center will also be open on Monday, Jan. 21. Regular hours of operation: Monday – Thursday from 2 to 9 p.m., Friday from 2 to 7 p.m. (except for Xtreme Teen events and First Ladies of V-Ville), Saturday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (except for Xtreme Teen events and First Ladies of V-Ville), and Sunday from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Fax: 301.937.6623. Spanish line: 301.445.4509. TTY: 301.445.4512.

FIRST LADIES OF V-VILLE

Fridays and Saturdays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. New activities just for girls. Join us for V-ville ladies sports nights, empowerment workshops, modeling, and more. Free. Ages 10 – 17.

PAJAMA JAM-UARY PARTY

Friday, Jan. 4 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Rock your coolest PJs and celebrate the New Year in style. We will dance and play games. The best-dressed and most outrageous PJ par-tier will get a prize. Free. Ages: 10 – 17.

SCHOOL'S OUT, WHERE CAN MY CHILD GO?

Friday, Jan. 18 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The answer is simple. Bring your child to Vansville Community Center. We will spend the day playing games, making new friends and having fun. Please see front desk staff for details on fees or contact the community center at 301.937.6621. For an additional nominal fee you can sign up for Before Care (7 a.m. to 9 a.m.) and/or After Care (4 p.m. to 6 p.m.). Space is limited. First come, first served.

DREAM BIG

Friday, Jan. 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King we will increase our understanding about the great man behind the podium by looking into his life and thinking about his famous / *Have a Dream* speech. We will then explore the connections between King's famous words with Langston Hugh's poem *A Dream Deferred*. From what we discover we will dream big by creating an inspiring craft to take home to share with friends and family. Free. Ages 6 – 12.

XTREME TEENS REGULAR EVENTS

Fridays and Saturdays from 7 to 10 p.m. Ages 13 – 17. Free with valid Center ID card.

JEANS

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less and runaway youth. Staff and students donated more than 100 pairs of new and gently used jeans to the clothing drive. The *Jeans for Teens* clothing drive was coordinated under the direction of Student Ambassador Advisors, Julia Canty-Warrick and Jocelyn Samuel.

Beltsville News CHURCH DIRECTORY



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