Congressman Hoyer & 21st Delegation Collaborate to Strengthen BARC

The 21st District Delegation applauds Congressman Steny Hoyer for securing $15.8 million in additional funding for the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center and the National Agricultural Library, both of which suffered significant budget cuts under President Bush. The House of Representatives in February passed the omnibus spending measure that combined nine appropriations bills that had not passed by October 1, 2008, when fiscal year 2009 began. Those bills were shelved by Congress last year in the face of disagreements with the Bush administration, and funding for affected agencies continued at last year’s levels. Senators Barbara Mikulski and Ben Cardin voted to maintain those new BARC funding priorities when the Senate passed the spending bill March 10. President Obama signed the legislation March 11.

BARC’s cutting edge agricultural, poultry and livestock research is an important economic engine in the region and of great value to a variety of industries nationally. The Center and Library employ hundreds of scientists and support staff doing critical work in the areas of bio-technology; animal reproduction; embryonic stem cell research in pigs, which has implications for humans; aquaculture; plant and poultry disease; sustainable farming and food safety. However, BARC is an aging facility – with

BOY SCOUTS

Spring must be right around the corner, as Troop 1033 will hold their 23rd Annual Spring Lawn and Garden Fund Raiser on April 18th. The scouts are selling top quality mulch, fertilizer, manure and topsoil. Again this year, Behnke’s Nursery products will be sold. There are several advantages to purchasing from the Boy Scouts including: First - We deliver to your home, saving you time, energy, gasoline and keeping your car clean; Second - We provide competitive prices because of the substantial discount given to us by Behnke’s Nursery and Third - 33% of your purchase can be deducted from your taxes as a gift to the Boy Scout

St. Joseph’s Catholic School Celebrates Ethnic Traditions

On Saturday, April 25th, at 6:30 p.m. St. Joseph’s will host its annual “Multicultural Night” where families gather to exhibit cultural wares, food, dances, and traditions from around the world. St. Joseph’s Catholic School has students representing every continent except Antarctica. The school will be opening its doors this year to families interested in having their children attend the Pre-K through 8 school next year for an open house. Families can also experience things like catered ethnic food, Irish dancing, singing, a fashion show, and many other fun activities for all ages. This event will last from 6:30 p.m. until about 9:00 p.m. Multi-cultural Night typically draws a large crowd, so if you are interested in attending, please RSVP at the school office by calling 301.937.7154 and ask for Principal Andrew Currier.

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ON THE AGENDA

Councilman Dernoga will be our guest for the April meeting. He will give an update on the State of the County. If you have a specific concern you would like him to discuss please let me know in advance.

PARKING: The County has been enforcing parking violations. You Will Be Ticketed for PARKING ON THE LAWN and PARKING ON THE STREET IN THE WRONG DIRECTION!!!!

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, April 15th at 7:00 p.m. We meet at Beltsville Elementary School. If you have a question or concern I can be reached at 301.937.0157 or karenmcoakley@verizon.net
25 Years Ago in the Beltsville News

By Phil Whitman

Extracted from the April 1984 Issue

Rabies Problem

Fifty-nine raccoons and one cat were identified as having rabies in Prince George’s County, with the highest concentration of infected animals in Beltsville.

Engagement Announced

Mr. & Mrs. Wilford L. Johnson announced the engagement of their daughter, Cathy Diane, to Christopher Eric Slaybaugh, son of Mr. & Mrs. Harold Slaybaugh.

March Wedding

On Saturday, March 3, 1984, Cpl. Bryan Keith Cristle, son of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph E. Cristle, previously of Beltsville, married Jennie Lee Wood of Deale, MD.

Service News

Army Pvt. Robert A. Meyers, Jr., son of Alma S. Thaxton and stepson of Elgin H. Thaxton of Beltsville completed basic training at Ft. Dix, NJ.

David W. Creech, son of Mr. & Mrs. Billy R. Creech of Beltsville, enlisted in the U.S. Air Force.

Coast Guard Petty Officer 1st Class Randall W. Davidson reported for duty at the U.S. Coast Guard Group in Cape May, NJ.

Marine lance Corporal James M. Carson reported for duty at First Marine Brigade, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

Frank Johnson, U.S. Navy, traveled 70,000 miles while on a cruise aboard the U.S.S. Camden in the Pacific Ocean.

Sisler Receives Award

Dr. Hugh D. Sisler received the Faculty Research Award at the University of Maryland Division of Agriculture and Life Science in a ceremony on March 28, 1984.

Band Trophy for High Point

The High Point High School Symphonic Band returned from the Quebec, Canada International Music Festival with a trophy for superior performance.

80th Birthday Party

Cecilia M. Cinotti was honored by her children with a surprise birthday party at the Andrews AFB NCO Club with over 100 guests.

New Arrivals

Daniel Wesley Powell was born on March 6, 1984 to Jane & David Powell.

Jessica Gorman Morrison, III was born on March 12, 1984 to Dana & Gray D. Morrison, III.

Saad Mustafa Handoo was born on February 22, 1984 to Zafar Ahmad & Nazhat Nafisa Handoo of Beltsville.

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Happy Easter!

Easter is coming.
Easter is here.
Bells are ringing.
Bells do cheer.

Daffodils are yellow.
Tulips are red.
Hyacinths blue pink white.
Crocuses bloom purple.

Fill your Easter baskets with colored eggs and chocolate bunnies this once a year!

Have a Happy Easter!

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Neighbors in the News

The Moveable Museum on Tour

Don Conway of Calverton took his moveable museum of African American history memorabilia on the 2009 tour in January and February. The tour started with displays of the Rev./Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. for his birthday celebrations at the Oxon Hill Library and Rollingcrest/Chillum Community Center on January 15.

The tour continued in February with participation in black history activities at a church and middle school in Dover, DE, an after school care and early learning center. The museum was on display at senior citizens’ show and tell, black history in motion, and other annual programs in Prince George’s County and Washington, D.C.

American Legion National Commander Visits Maryland

By Ivy Christoffers

On March 13, 14 and 15 we were pleased and honored to have as our guest in Maryland the National Commander of the American Legion, David K. Rehbein, who hails from Ames, Iowa. He was given a tour of the many districts that make up the great state of Maryland and a banquet was held in his honor on Saturday evening, the 14th, at Francis Scott Key Post 11 in Frederick. Rehbein is a dynamic speaker and his message hit a home run with his audience. The event was chaired by Past Department Commander, Ed White, who did a bang-up job as MC. This columnist was pleased to be in attendance and represent College Park Unit # 217 as well as The Southern Maryland District American Legion Auxiliary. At the end of the evening, I was presented with a beautiful red, white and blue arrangement of fresh carnations and baby’s breath which graces the new garden window in my kitchen.

Since the last issue of this newspaper there have been some other very important events that have brought the Legion Family together, beginning with the Southern Maryland District’s annual Oyster Bowl held at Greenbelt Post # 136 on February 28th. This was well attended and the oysters were fantastic.

Patricia Parker, who had served in WWII, many will sorely miss her, especially the Bingo crew, of which she was a member. Pat now resides in Cheltenham Veteran’s Cemetery alongside of many of her fellow soldiers. Farewell, Pat, and Godspeed.

College Park Unit # 217 President, Angie Rodriguez, held the Girl’s State interviews on March 15th and five prospective citizens were chosen to represent our Unit at this year’s Girl’s State session being held at Salisbury State College in June. We have high hopes for these girls, one of whom is a member of our Unit.

On March 19th I traveled to Washington VA Medical Center for our annual official tour along with the Department President, Rusty Beeg, the Department VA&R Chairman, Becky Dunn, the Washington VA Hospital representative, Patsy Davis and her associate representative, Evelyn Johnson. We met with the hospital director, Fernando Riviera, who welcomed us and spoke of the improvements made and the plans for additional improvements, after which we were taken on a tour of the pharmacy, the physical therapy and occupational therapy areas, and the women’s health wing and the Community Living Center.

This was a most interesting and informative tour and much appreciated by everyone, especially the handouts we received which will benefit us in many ways. The following evening Patsy, Evelyn and I were again at Washington VA to hold our monthly Bingo Party with the residents of the CLC. This is always a fun time.

There is a clothing bazaar being planned for April 11 at Perry Point VA Medical Center, which is another annual event. There are many Veterans who have a need for proper clothing to re-enter the job market, which is very bleak at this time. These Veterans deserve every advantage we can give them and this affords us a reason to clear out our closets and make room for a few new things. Let’s face it; we have to do our bit to help out the economy in some small way.

We still have our Sunday Fun Bunch who prepare dinners for us every Sunday and the food is very good and cheap. The horseshoe pits will soon be in full swing, for spring and summer are fast approaching. I daresay you will find the aroma of the food cooking on the bar-b-que pits most enticing. Why not look into becoming a member of this great patriotic organization and avail yourself of all the benefits of membership? There is always room for a few more good people in our ranks.

Our favorite bartender, Sharon, is anticipating double surgeries on her wrists and will be out for some time recuperating. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Until next time, God Bless our Troops and may God continue to bless America.
How President Obama’s Stimulus Plan Is Being Spent in Beltsville

With the leadership of Governor O’Malley and our Congressmen Steny Hoyer, the federal economic stimulus package is helping to protect and create jobs right here in Beltsville. Most directly, it is providing much needed investment in the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, to improve its facilities and enhance its world-class mission. In addition, stimulus funds coming to the state and local governments are reducing the need for layoffs of teachers in our local schools and of police on our streets. It also expands health insurance coverage and unemployment benefits for laid off working people who need help getting through these tough times.

For more information on the economic stimulus plan in Maryland, go to: statestat.maryland.gov/recovery.asp.

Is Your Home’s Tax Assessment Still Higher Than the Value of your House?

Last summer, as home values were falling, I wrote about how you can appeal your property tax assessment even if your assessment was done a year or more ago. Since home prices have continued to fall, it’s worth considering appealing your assessment.

If you bought your home in the last few years and values in your neighborhood have dropped below what you paid, it may be worthwhile for you to appeal your assessment now. To do so, contact the Prince George’s assessment office at: 14735 Main Street, Suite 354B Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772 301.952.2500 fax: 301.952.2955 e-mail: princept@dat.state.md.us

They can get you the form to appeal and explain the process to you. There’s no guarantee your tax assessment will go down, but it may be worth the modest effort to make sure the assessment is correct.

Contact us

Please feel free to be in touch if you have questions or concerns. Just email Senator. Rosapepe@inbox.com or call 301.888.3141.

The Beltsville News is a weekly newspaper published in Beltsville, Maryland. It is owned and operated by The Beltsville News, L.L.C., and distributed to Beltsville residents, the Prince George’s liquor board revoked the license of Powder Mill Beer and Wine in January. Since then the owner has tried to sell the license to a new owner who could operate the store at the same location on Powder Mill Road near the high school. All the major local civic associations – Calverton, Powder Mill, and Beltsville -- are opposed to that, as are Delegates Barbara Frush, Ben Barnes, and me. We have written to the liquor board expressing our opposition to any liquor at that location.

Turning On the Lights on Rt 212 East of I-95

When the intersection of Rt 212 & Rt I-95 was moved, new over-head lights were to be installed. To date, they have not been turned on because the contractor installed them incorrectly. For months, Councilman Tom Dernoga and Delegate Peña-Melnyk have been trying to get county government and the State Highway Administration (which are both involved in this) to get the lights on. At their request, I contacted the SHA and we hope to get this fixed as soon as possible. Keeping the lights off is irresponsible and dangerous.

Obituaries

Lee, Lilley Y.

Lilley Y. Lee, of Beltsville, passed away on March 14, 2009 at age 84. She was the beloved mother of Jennel Del, Patricia Lee and Carmel Lee and sister of Ward Yee, Minnie Lou, Joe Yee and Jen Yee. She was the grandmother of Kimberlee, Michael, CJ, Matthew and Timothy. She was the longtime companion of Joseph Wade. Five great grandchildren also survive her. She was formerly married to Jen Pak Lee. Funeral services were held at Bordwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville on Friday, March 20 at 11:00 a.m. with the Rev. Robert G. Nevin officiating. Interment Mount Olivet Cemetery, Beltsville, Maryland, 20705.

Whitmore, George E.

Dr. George Whitmore, 93, of Southern Pines, NC and formerly of Beltsville, died on March 4. He was born on January 25, 1913 in Zionsville, Indiana and resided in Beltsville, MD for 57 years before moving to Southern Pines, NC. He received his Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from Michigan State University in 1941. He worked as an assistant professor, at the University of Illinois and had a private practice in Indiana. He moved to Beltsville in 1952 and became the Chief of Veterinary Service for the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. He also worked for the National Institute of Health and finished his Federal career with the Food and Drug Administration as Chief, Toxicology Branch. Dr. Whitmore was an avid photographer as well as a lifelong Ham Radio Operator (K3VXR).

A son, John Whitmore of Doctors Inlet, Florida, preceded him in death.

Dr. Whitmore is survived by his wife Treva M. Whitmore, of Southern Pines, North Carolina, formerly of Beltsville, Maryland; sons Samuel Whitmore, of Beltsville Maryland, Arthur Whitmore of Washington, D.C., Robert Whitmore of Saline, Michigan; daughters Elizabeth Whitmore of Southern Pines, North Carolina, Laura Brown of Silver Spring, Maryland; seven grandchildren: William Whitmore, David Millard, Paul Millard, Michael Whitmore, Brian Whitmore, Polly Whitmore and Samantha Brown; and two great grandchildren Mika Millard and Krystin Starner.
A Girl Scout Cookie with Great Latin Taste!
José Andrés’ citrus gelatin with fresh fruit and Dulce de Leche cookies

By Elizabeth Olson

Carrots for Early Spring Planting
Kitchen Garden Tips for April 2009

Celebrity Chef and local restaurateur José Andrés teamed up with Girl Scout Council of the Nation’s Capital (GSCNC) to create a new dessert recipe using Girl Scout’s newest cookie, Dulce de Leche. “It’s the perfect match,” said Lidia Soto-Harmon, Deputy Executive Director for the Girl Scout Council. “Dulce de Leche cookies are inspired by the classic confections of Latin America and Chef Andrés is one of the most prominent Hispanic chefs working in America today.”

The host of the popular PBS series “Made in Spain” and author of two best-selling cookbooks on Spanish cooking, Chef José Andrés represents both traditional and avant-garde cooking from his native Spain. Widely credited with introducing tapas to America, Andrés is the driving force behind Spanish cuisine from coast to coast and especially in his home town Washington DC, with his wildly popular tapas restaurant Jaleo, Café Atlantico, Oyamel Cocina Mexicana, Zaytinya and the critically acclaimed minibras by José and now in Los Angeles with his newest restaurant the Bazaar by José Andrés.

The new dessert recipe, created by Chef Andrés for Girl Scouts, is simple yet elegant pairing the Dulce de Leche cookie with fresh slices of oranges, tangerines and clementines for a sweet and tangy dessert. “The sweet acidity and freshness of the citrus pair very well with the rich caramel flavor and crispiness of the cookie,” says Chef Andrés, “And it is simple enough for a young chef to prepare.” Soto-Harmon said, “We think our girls will enjoy preparing this dessert, and it is a fun way for Washingtonians to try the new Dulce de Leche cookie.” José Andrés’ citrus gelatin with fresh fruit and Dulce de Leche cookies is featured on the Girl Scout website, www.gscnc.org.

To buy Girl Scout Cookies from your local Girl Scout go online, www.gscnc.org, to locate a booth sale in your neighborhood. All proceeds from the Girl Scout Cookie program remain in the Greater Washington region to support Girl Scout Troops, programs, maintain our camps and provide financial assistance to help make Girl Scouting possible for all girls.

Falcon is a gorgeous 1 yr old longhaired all white male. He is neutered and has had all his shots. He loves being held and pampered. If you are interested in cuddling with this sweet boy, please contact Animal Control Officer Abigail Lightning at 240.375.3165 or alighting@collegeparkmd.gov.

The College Park Animal Welfare Committee has many other cats just like Falcon as well as dogs in desperate need of foster homes. Please inquire with Abbey at the above contact if you are interested. The College Park Animal Welfare Committee is also seeking donations of canned cat food, litter, bedding and other animal supplies. These items can be dropped off at College Park City Hall located at 4500 Knox Road.

Carrots for Early Spring Planting
Kitchen Garden Tips for April 2009

Carrots are a great choice for the early spring kitchen garden. The seeds are easy to plant and take about two weeks to sprout. Carrots quickly grow to a desirable size. Many can be harvested in 60 to 70 days, but will keep in the ground for a longer period of time. Seeds can be planted every two weeks throughout the spring to ensure a continuous supply.

In addition to the traditional bright orange color, carrots are now widely available in a variety of colors including white, yellow, burgundy, and purple. They also come in a variety of shapes and sizes. Some cultivars are long and narrow, while others are shorter, blocky, or even round. Carrots are best suited for a loose, deep, well-drained soil.

Great Latin Taste!

Chef Andrés’ citrus gelatin with fresh fruit and Dulce de Leche cookies is a simple yet elegant dessert. However, there are a number of carrots that will grow well in other soil types, and some will grow well in containers. One cultivar to consider growing in heavy soil is the blocky heirloom Oxheart. Gourmet baby carrots such as Minicore and round carrots such as Tonda di Parigi will grow in containers. All carrots appreciate consistent soil moisture and a weed-free planting area. Carrots that are grown in containers will need to be checked more frequently for moisture levels.

Mail order seed sources for unusual carrots include Kitchen Garden Seeds (www.kitchengardenseeds.com), Nichols Garden Nursery (www.nicholsgarden nursery.com), and Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds (www.rareseeds.com).

Many People Will Miss Out On BIGGER REFUNDS
This Year Just Because They Weren’t Sure Which Forms To Use and Might Benefit From a Second Opinion!

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

Congress has passed some very confusing tax laws! To protect yourself from filing an “incorrect” tax return this year and missing out on a ton of cash that is supposed to be YOURS, you better call a tax professional to help you get ALL the money you deserve back from the IRS! How does it work? It’s simple, really. We are going to bend over backwards to make sure you are well taken care of. If we don’t achieve that goal, tell us. If we can’t make it right to your satisfaction, we will give you your money back PLUS $20 FOR YOUR TIME AND TROUBLE! And, if there is ever a problem on your tax return, we will fix it and pay any penalties caused if we made a mistake. That’s our “Peace of Mind” Accuracy Guarantee.

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Beltsville Briefs (Cont. from page 1)

Beltsville on June 22 through June 26, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. each day. The Boomerang Express will take off at 4700 Odell Road in Beltsville. Hop on board and join us for the fun at this year’s Vacation Bible School! Children ages 4 years through 6th grade are welcome. VBS Kick-off Day will take place on Saturday, June 20, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. This will be a time of pre-registration, refreshments, and fun. Both events are free. To pre-register, call the church at 301.937.7771, register on our web site at www.fbcbeltsville.org , or come to Kick-off Day on June 20. We hope to see you there!

20 Year Reunion of High Point Class of 1989

It’s been 20 years since we walked across the stage at the Capital Center. We’ll reconnect in the fall of 2009. For more information, please join the Facebook group “HP ’89 20 Year Reunion,” send an email to highpoint1989-subscribe@yahoogroups.com to join the Yahoo group, or send an email to Lisa Middleton at lmiddleton@starpower.net. If you know anyone that graduated in 1989, please share the news.

Neighbors in the News

Emmanuel United Methodist Church Presents Exciting Lent and Easter Activities

By Rick Bergmann

Emmanuel United Methodist Church (11416 Cedar Lane) is celebrating Lent and Easter this year with many exciting activities during Holy Week. Holy Week begins on Sunday, April 5th and runs through April 12th. Emmanuel will begin Holy Week on Palm Sunday with our contemporary 9:00 a.m. service featuring the praise band “Ignite.” There will be a palm procession by the children as well. At 11:00 a.m. the choir will perform the Cantata, Covenant of Grace. The Maundy (Holy) Thursday service on April 9th at 7:00 p.m. will be followed by a Seder tasting. The Seder tasting gives you an opportunity to sample the traditional Seder meal and spend some time in fellowship with friends. On Good Friday there will be a Tenebrae service at 7:00 p.m. The word “tenebrae” is the Latin word for shadows. This service recreates the emotional aspects of the passion story. This is a powerful and moving service and everyone who attends leaves profoundly affected. On Easter Sunday, April 12th, Emmanuel will begin its day with a sunrise service at St. John’s Episcopal Church. At 9:00 a.m. there will be a contemporary worship service followed at 10:10 a.m. by an Easter egg hunt for children. At 11:00 a.m. there will be the traditional Easter Service. During both services the living cross will be on the hill outside of the church. Everyone is invited to place a flower on the cross. You can bring your own or one will be supplied for you. Your friends at Emmanuel look forward to seeing you this Easter.

It’s not too early to be thinking about where your child will spend the 2009-2010 school year.

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The Boomerang Express is coming to First Baptist Church of Beltsville. The Boomerang Lions will sponsor a blood drive on Tuesday, April 28, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville. As usual, professional personnel from the Washington Hospital Center will conduct the drive. Waiting time is kept to a minimum. Please call to arrange a convenient time for your donation, or drop in at any time between 3:00 and 6:30 p.m.

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A pre-conference on scanning and reformatting print documents into electronic files will be held on Tuesday, April 21 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the National Agricultural Library, 10301 Baltimore Ave., Beltsville, MD 20705. This conference is FREE, open to the public, and registration for the conference is not required. The pre-conference is limited to 40 participants. For more information on the conference and pre-conference, contact Melanie Gardner at 301.504.6207 or Melanie.Gardner@ars.usda.gov.

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By Councilman Tom Dernoga

County Budget

On March 16th, the County Executive released the 2010 Fiscal Year budget. The operating budget is proposed at $2.58 billion. The downward spiral of the housing market, the decreased funding from the state and general weakening of our economy has severely impacted the County’s revenue picture. Total General Revenue Fund for FY 2010 operating picture is $593.3 million less than last year’s approved budget, a decrease of 3.5%. In order to balance the budget there may be significant reduction in services, furloughing of County employees and a reduction in work force across the County agencies. We have been working with our State legislators to try to minimize the impact of State funding cuts. I have been very concerned about the various tax increase proposals and I have not supported them. Hopefully, the difficulty of this Fiscal Year budget. The operating budget will finally force a closer look at expenditures and we might achieve some efficiency. That will be our focus as we look at the budget picture during April and May.

By the time you read this, we have held our Third Annual Town Hall meeting (March 25th), and I hope that you had the opportunity to join us. We will provide follow-up about the meeting in the May edition. If you were unable to attend the Town Hall meeting and would like to discuss your budget priorities or other concerns, please contact me at 301.952.3887 or email me at tedernoga@co.pg.md.us.

Beltsville-Laurel Senior Center

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Optimists

Do optimists fall down like ripe plums or do they fly like balloons up high into the sky?

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Montessori School Art Show

Children in grades 1, 2, and 3 at Paint Branch Montessori School were kept busy getting ready for the Art Show happening during the week of March 15th. The art teacher, Ms. Rachel, gave them a copy of a beautiful oil painting and a canvas and oil paints. She told them to study the painting and paint their own similar to it. The children created beautiful pieces of art. The students also drew portraits of famous African American Americans. The children had earlier researched famous African Americans and the culmination of the research was drawing their favorite African American. These portraits were a treat to the eyes! The students in grade 4 and 5 had researched famous African American artists like Aaron Douglas and William Johnson. Then, they imitated these artists’ work in their own understanding. “It looks like a museum,” was the comment of one of our four-year-old students.

TESST College of Technology Graduates 100

TESST College of Technology’s Beltsville campus held a graduation ceremony for 100 students on March 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Stamp Student Union at the University of Maryland, College Park. Moses T. Alexander Greene, author and educator, was the keynote speaker. Published motivational speaker, published the information technology, professional or allied health fields.

Students were recognized for earning associate degrees or certificates in one of nine programs in information technology, professional or allied health fields. Upon graduation, students may be eligible for entry-level positions in their field of study, many of which are in high demand throughout the state. According to the Long-term Occupational and Industry Projections, a report by the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, electrician positions are expected to increase by 13.8 percent and medical assistant positions, a report by the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, electrician positions are expected to increase by 13.8 percent and medical assistant positions by 27.8 percent from 2004 to 2016. “I am proud of our students, especially on graduation day,” said Sandra Ugol, President of TESST College of Technology’s Beltsville campus. “Their hard work and dedication got them here and will undoubtedly be the source of their continued success.” The TESST College of Technology’s Beltsville campus is accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology (ACCSC). TESST College of Technology’s Beltsville campus is accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology (ACCSC). ACCSC is listed as a nationally recognized accrediting agency by the United States Department of Education. The TESST College of Technology’s Beltsville campus March 2009 graduates are as follows:

Associate of Applied Science

Electronics, Computer and Telecommunications Technology

Ivan Gonzalez, Silver Spring; Jose Graciano, Laurel; Kelvin Kosh, Hyattsville; Kevin Smith, Landover; Anthony Williams, Brandywine

Network Information Systems

Carlos Bent, Jr., Landover; Medeline Blanc, Silver Spring; Kevin Boateng, Brookeville; Max Chavez, Kensington; Rodrick Edwards, Landover Hills; Laquicia Foster, Ellicott City; Maira Fuentes, Highland; Terrence Granger, Hyattsville; Andrew Grant, Lanham; Carl Jackson, Silver Spring; Chris Mitchell, Beltsville; Nicholos Moczylowski, Silver Spring

Criminal Justice

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Club News

Beltsville Young at Heart

By Barbara Schofield

Hello everyone. I hope you had a nice St. Patrick’s Day. The first meeting this month was the business meeting. All old and new business was taken care of. The winners of the luncheon committee competition were announced. They were as follows: first place: Picnic Luncheon committee, second place Anniversary committee and third place was the Christmas committee. Congratulations to everyone. They were all great, and it’s nice to have people taking part to make things a lot of fun. President Marge Koebke handed out first, second and third place prizes that were very lovely. The new Anniversary Luncheon committee members this year are Norman Good, Roseanne Gibba, Athena Varanas, Rosemarie McColgan, and Robert Good. An Anniversary sign-up sheet will be available for the next two meetings. Mike Surra from the Continentials will be here to entertain us at our second meeting. He has been here before and we enjoyed him. It’s always a good time to believe in miracles. Hurry! It’s spring again.

Beltsville Garden Club

By Louise DeJames, Publicity Chair

The Beltsville Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, April 22, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School at 11204 Evan Trail in Beltsville, Maryland. Our guest speaker for this month will be Michael Raupp, Ph.D – Professor and Extension Specialist in the Department of Entomology at the University of Maryland. His topic will be, “How Low Diversity and Invasives Conspire to Destroy the Landscape.”

Michael Raupp is a pioneer in Integrated Pest Management and he is dedicated to creating sustainable landscape systems with minimal dependence on synthetic pesticides through the conservation and enhancement of biological diversity, with special emphasis on natural enemy communities. As always we have plants for our door prize table and refreshments after the meeting. The public is welcomed and admission is free.

For more information contact Louise DeJames at 301.890.4733 or visit our website, www.beltsvillegardenclub.org.

Beltsville Rotary News

By Ivy Christoffers

The past few weeks have been most enjoyable for our members. One reason being that one of our long time member is back with us after undergoing serious surgery. We were all concerned about Robert Almond; however, he is apparently well on his way to a full recovery. Almond is the Chairman of the Rotary International Foundation Fund for our club and it is good to have him back in our midst and striving for 100% participation from all his peers. Welcome back, Robert.

Another reason has to be the colorful saga of the life of another long time member, Sam Choi, whose tale of his life’s journey was so long and interesting it took two meetings to do it justice. After revealing the first chapter, everyone was anxious to have him begin the “rest of the story,” to quote the late Paul Harvey. Sam was born in Korea, lost his parents as a small child, was raised and educated by his older sister, joined in government service and was stationed in several different countries, in many different capacities, before coming to the United States attached to the Korean Embassy. He eventually decided to stay in the United States and found his way into the dry cleaning business after a few other ventures, including the restaurant line, which eventually led to his current position as Vice President of Asian Affairs with the International Fabric Institute in Laurel along with his dry cleaning establishment in Beltsville. Choi resides with his wife in Potomac and is another member of our club who has survived serious health problems, including a heart attack aboard a plane and, later on, a lung transplant. We have some hearted soul in our Rotary Club.

Our latest speaker was Beverly Harrison, a master educator with the Prince George’s Public School System. She was the guest of Rotarian, Barbara Hughes of High Point High School. Harrison brought us a most interesting power point presentation on the AP Program offered in High Point High School. The Advanced Placement Program is a design with an end in mind as it is a program where high expectations equate to high achievement. The students enrolled must all sign contracts with the school and their slogan is: AP=An Investment In Our Future. APPELE-8 is a portion of the sixteen courses offered which can earn the students points toward their college degrees. Advanced Placement Professional Learning Institute students must really apply themselves to be successful in these fields of study. By taking and passing these courses, it is possible for the students to be successful in these fields of study.
School News

The Young Authors will present their annual poetry presentation in honor of National Poetry Month on April 20th at 8:00 a.m. in the multi-purpose room. Parents, family members, friends and community members are all welcome to attend.

Beatriz Marantal, a member of Calverton’s Young Author Club, wrote the following poem.

Everything Changes

By Beatriz Marantal

Everything Changes
So very quickly you see
You dance and dance
And you take a bow

Like winter to spring
And summer to fall
All of these changes

But that’s not all
A caterpillar to a butterfly
The darkest night into the brightest day
As you can see

Everything changes

100% of classrooms have had at least one student’s writing submitted to the “Writers Hall of Fame.” New samples will be collected after spring break.

The YES WE CAN READING CLUB is attracting new members. Our club has attracted 50 more members this month. We now have 85 students who are members. Kindergarten members are: Adeen Richardson, Dion Harrold, Angelina Nugent, Tia Dorsey, Kyerra Heyliger, Matthew Vaca, Braonna Riddick, Giselle Ferrufino, Noah Gomes, Lyzander Marantal, Avery Richardson, Daniel Sathaoff, Jamais Whyte, Roxannan Vilalta-Cruz, Khalis Johnson and Kailan Woody.

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Third graders are: Chris Johnson, Jeincy Panagius Mccallou, and Josue Garcia Amaya.

Fourth graders are: Haizhao Bo, Amiel McClain Crue, Shanae Harris, Franklin Mendoza-Tremenio, Chiemeziem Oguayo, Gregory Reeves, Ruthann Richards, Freedy Rodriguez-Campos, Zayda Villatoro, Ashley Santos, Arvyona Boyette, Luis Garcia Cerna, Kamila Gomez-Saenz, Charles Owusu-Ayare, Saloni Talati, Jairo Rodrigues, Gabriella Reid, and Angela Sierra.

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Mrs. Freeman’s kindergartener students have been keeping busy. For one of their many activities on the 100th day of school they created works of edible art using 100 marshmallows. The students celebrated Dr. King’s birthday with a Peace door and made over 200 chocolate chip “Kindness Cookies” to share with select student and staff members to help promote peace in the school.

Kimberly Loza, Tyler Longe, Dennis Lara and Ashley Martinez work with partners in a cooperative learning activity using 100 marshmallows.
Calverton Student Earns Honorable Mention

By Katie Swanson, Save the World Sponsor

Mohamed Barry, a third grade member of Calverton Elementary School’s Save the World Environmental Club, won the National Humane Education Society’s annual essay contest! More than 500 kids nationwide, including most of Save the World’s members, worked very hard to enter this year’s contest. Out of all of them, Mohamed won Honorable Mention! This year’s essay topic was “the importance of saving even just one animal and the ways to accomplish this goal.”

In his award-winning essay, Mohamed wrote: “I would bother to save one animal because an animal is a living thing like us humans, and if we just leave an animal there to die, that is not the right thing. Even one animal needs to be saved; it has the right to live like all do. So, if you see five that need to be saved, if you don’t want to save all of them, then just save one. We all have to be nice to any living thing even if we really don’t want to do it. We should all love and respect every thing because all of us living things have something in common: love. That’s why we have to at least save one each time, and your life can get better. If, in your whole life, you save one — just one — animal, it can make you feel happy because you did the right thing. All around the world there are more to save, and you can save, and more people can respect you. Anyone, even a kid, can save an animal. If you don’t, that won’t be very nice. Imagine if you were that animal - how would you feel? Everyone should save an animal. That would be the nicest thing you have ever done in your whole life.”

Let’s all try to follow Mohamed’s inspirational vision of love and compassion!

21st Annual Geography Bee at Beltsville Elementary School

Name tags were pinned on, shirts were tucked in, and the group photo had been taken. The 19 contestants at Beltsville Elementary were now ready for the 21st annual Geography Bee on January 29. Like gladiators marching into the Coliseum, the students walked into the cafeteria, ascended the stage, and faced the audience. These 19 students had qualified for the competition by taking a preliminary test that had been administered to the 100-plus team members 4 weeks earlier.

“Let the competition begin!” said moderator and quizmaster Peter Odell (retired math instructor from MLK Middle School). The event began with easier questions and then moved to the harder ones as the evening progressed. One by one, the contestants were eliminated until the winner was proclaimed.

Finishing in 1st Place was 5th grader Tesiya Franklin. 6th Grader Jabari Rogers finished in 2nd Place and 4th grader Jacob Eberhardt finished in 3rd. Principal Steven Beegle presented Tesiya with the National Geographic gold medalion, an atlas, a National Geographic hat, calendar, and bookmark.

Since that award-winning night, Tesiya has also qualified to participate in the Maryland State Geography Bee. It will be held on April 3 at the Community College of Baltimore County in Catonsville. We congratulate her and wish her good luck in her quest to represent the State of Maryland in the national competition.

The BES Geography Team consists of 9 staff members and 108 team members who stay after school on Thursdays to participate in geography enrichment activities. Thanks go to Ellen Miller, Alma Pinchotti, Gail Templin, Jenn Matukonis, Kristy Keppler, Sue Carmichael, Mary Johnson, Sara Crook, and Lacey Fadely. The Geography Team is looking forward to their field trip in May as they celebrate the end of the school year.

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School News

Lower School at the Montessori School

At Paint Branch Montessori School the laughter of the children speaks for itself. The children’s abilities, since the start of school year, have steadily progressed. The 2 and 3-year-old Transition children came to the classroom at the start of their toilet learning, and more than half of them have accomplished this goal. Their vocabulary has noticeably increased. Whenever objects are lined up, spontaneous counting is heard from the students. From these observations, it can be said, that these children are in the right place to get a good basic foundation to their education. What a great way to learn!

Beltsville Library Hours

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The 2009 Science Fair was quite a delight
The backboards were colorful, the projects were done right.
Thanks to Mrs. Pappas and her crew,
the Judges, the Alumni and the participants too.

From 1st to 8th grade the projects were fun,
lots of materials were used to get experiments done.
There was moldy bread and a soggy breakfast,
marshmallows were counted and batteries were tested.

Soda was tasted and paper towels got wet,
launder was washed, which stains were set?
Liquids were heated then kept cold,
viscosity changed or so I was told.

Fruit grew rotten and milk went sour,
ice was melted and potatoes gave power.
Diapers were tested and corn was popped,
from question to results our science fair rocked!

K. Bielec, St. Joseph’s 2009 Science Fair Grand Prize Winner

Share Your News!
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New Members Inducted into the National Junior Honor Society

By Michelle Mariani Williams

St. Joseph’s Catholic School was pleased to welcome four outstanding students to the 2008-2009 National Junior Honor Society. R. Finnbladje, J. Ko, K. Weaver, and A. Zacharia were inducted into the “Renaissance Chapter” of the National Junior Honor Society by Mr. Peter Brock, chapter advisor. Acknowledged for their academic success, leadership skills and commitment to community service, these students exhibit the values and ethics of good character. These students join an active chapter of the NJHS and look forward to participating in a variety of educational and motivational activities.

High Point Students Named to National Honor Society

By Ira Solomon, Student Service Center, High Point High School

On February 27, 2009, 44 outstanding students were inducted into the National Honor Society at High Point High School. Each of the new inductees earned a grade point average of 3.4 or higher and received many recommendations from the High Point faculty regarding character, leadership and outstanding service to the school and community. Those honored by induction into the National Honor Society are: Joshua Akwo, Sange Aweke, Matthew Bailey, Daniel Bonilla-Maga, Nancy Canales, Mary Chang, Keshema Davidson, Evelyn Flores-Villatoro, Sophia Francis, Salome Gabriel, Beza Gebrehiwot, Abel Getachew, Wendy Gutierrez-Flores, Stephanie Gutierrez-Munguia, Demisse Habteaselie, Linda Hoang, Kenneth Johnson, Marjorie Joly, Deborah Kadiri, Michelle Kayosa, Zubia Johnson, Marjorie Joly, Deborah Kadiri, Michelle Kayosa, Zubia Johnson, and forty-one MLK students were inducted into the Renaissance Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. R. Finnblade, J. Ko, K. Weaver and A. Zacharia were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society at High Point High School. Each of the new inductees earned a grade point average of 3.4 or higher and received many recommendations from the High Point faculty regarding character, leadership and outstanding service to the school and community. Those honored by induction into the National Honor Society are: Joshua Akwo, Sange Aweke, Matthew Bailey, Daniel Bonilla-Maga, Nancy Canales, Mary Chang, Keshema Davidson, Evelyn Flores-Villatoro, Sophia Francis, Salome Gabriel, Beza Gebrehiwot, Abel Getachew, Wendy Gutierrez-Flores, Stephanie Gutierrez-Munguia, Demisse Habteaselie, Linda Hoang, Kenneth Johnson, Marjorie Joly, Deborah Kadiri, Michelle Kayosa, Zubia Johnson, Marjorie Joly, Deborah Kadiri, Michelle Kayosa, Zubia Johnson, and forty-one MLK students were inducted into the Renaissance Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society.

MLK Middle School News

By Michelle Mariani Williams

On February 27th, one hundred and forty-one MLK students were recognized for their second quarter achievements at the Renaissance Honor Card Assembly. These students were recognized not only for maintaining their high academic standards but also for not having unexcused absences or behavior problems. Forty-one students earned Bronze Cards with grade point averages from 3.0 to 3.49. Forty-eight students received Silver Cards for having GPA averages of 3.5 to 3.99. Fifty-three students earned Gold Honor Cards by having a 4.0 GPA. Thirty-five of the Gold Card holders received their second 4.0 this year.

This summer the Women in Engineering Program and the Center for Minorities in Science and Engineering at the University of Maryland will hold a S.P.I.C.E. Camp at the University of Maryland. S.P.I.C.E. stands for Students with Potential and Interest, Considering Engineering. The program is open to female students who will be in the ninth or tenth grade in Fall 2009. The program will expose students to engineering through projects, tours and guest speakers in a fun and engaging format. The program will run from June 29 – July 2, Monday through Thursday. The cost per student is $295 and scholarships are available. Applications for the program can be downloaded at http://www.cmse.umd.edu/summer/spice.html. Questions can be emailed to Mr. Bruk Berhane at bberhane@umd.edu or call 301.405.8106. MLK is encouraging the community to join the King Cobra’s Team in the “Multiple Sclerosis Walk” on April 26, 2009. To register, go to www.MSandYou.org and sign up for the King Cobra’s Team. Check-in begins at the Bowie Town Center at 8:30 a.m. and the walk begins at 10:00 a.m. Students will earn service learning hours for the walk. The team goal is 52,000. Please contact team captain Meghan Purcell at 301.572.0650.

Share Your News!

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**MD Unveils New College Savings Plan for State Employees**

Comptroller Peter Franchot joined Treasurer Nancy Kopp, Joan Marshall of the College Savings Plans of Maryland and Patrick Moran of Maryland AFSCME to announce that state employees now have the option to save for their children’s college education in these tough economic times by having contributions automatically deducted from their paychecks. Just like automatic payments to 401k plans and health insurance, state workers can now have money put into one of Maryland’s two college savings plans, the Maryland Prepaid College Trust or Maryland College Investment Plan, by deducting it from their paychecks.

Participants in the Maryland Prepaid College Trust program, which locks in tomorrow’s tuition at today’s prices, are already able to use payroll deduction as a way to invest. That service was recently updated and is now available to members of the College Investment Plan, a traditional investment portfolio program managed by T. Rowe Price.

Both plans offer tax benefits including tax-free earnings when used toward eligible college costs, plus an annual Maryland state income deduction of up to $2500 per account or beneficiary.

The plans can be used toward nearly any accredited college nationwide, public or private two-year or four-year and participants can invest as little as $25 a month. State employees can sign up for the College Investment Plan anytime throughout the year, but this year’s enrollment deadline for the Prepaid Plan is April 6. Payroll deduction to invest in either plan can be chosen as a payment method anytime. Information on the two savings plans is at www.collegesavingsmd.org.

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to enter college as a sophomore, thus completing their education a year earlier than their classmates who did not have this foresight or opportunity. There are 305 students who are currently enrolled in this course of study at High Point.

We also had some fun on St. Patrick’s Day. Our Irish President, John Moynihan, fined everyone who did not wear green to the Patrick’s Day. Our Irish President, John Moynihan, fined everyone who did not wear green to the

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Spring Organizing: Spring Cleaning with a Difference

By Gillian Carty-Roper, Ph.D.

Spring is often a time of renewal in nature. As a Professional Organizer I want to encourage you to use the warmer temperatures and longer days to become and stay organized. My mandate is that this spring you make a commitment to move beyond the cleaning and maintaining activities of traditional spring-cleaning. Therefore, in addition to the de-cluttering and removing dirt and dust associated with Spring cleaning, I would like you to also consider developing and maintaining simple systems so that will permanently “unstuff” your space and time. The following are some tips to get you started on your Spring Organizing Projects:

Look before you leap

Before getting the mop, dust rag, calling the window cleaning company, buying the next best organizing product, step back and evaluate to what extent clutter has taken over your space and time. Assess what is and what is not working in your home and/or on your calendar. Identify your goals for your time and space and what actions will get you to where you would like to be.

Prioritize your Projects and Pace Yourself

It takes 3-6 hours depending on the severity of the clutter; how fast you make decisions; and your energy level to organize a moderate size closet or pantry. So make a list of your organizing projects and then write in realistic blocks of time on your calendar over the next 6 weeks when you would tackle them. Start with a project (closet, pantry) that will result in relatively immediate visible success and encourage you to tackle the more challenging tasks (your personal calendar, attic, garage, basement, etc.)

e. Use a systematic view while replacing items. For example putting currently used clothing, frequently used items close to hand, light items on top shelves, heavy ones below. After you have made changes, plan to reassess how well things are working in the next couple of weeks, and periodically over time.

Tackle the Project(s) using some Basic Organizing Methods

a. Remove all items from the space if feasible. If not work in quadrants.

b. Sort items into like groups as you take them out.

c. Purge by getting rid of items you have not used in the last 6-12 months; are broken; expired; you no longer like.

d. Evaluate the space when it is free and clear. Determine how fast you make decisions; and your energy level to organize a moderate size closet or pantry. So make a list of your organizing projects and then write in realistic blocks of time on your calendar over the next 6 weeks when you would tackle them. Start with a project (closet, pantry) that will result in relatively immediate visible success and encourage you to tackle the more challenging tasks (your personal calendar, attic, garage, basement, etc.)

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- Spring Organizing: Spring Cleaning with a Difference
  - Prioritize your Projects and Pace Yourself
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Many of its buildings constructed prior to World War II – and needs to be modernized.

In his fiscal year 2009 budget, President Bush included no money for modernization and proposed cutting or eliminating several programs including BARC’s Animal Biosciences and Biotechnology Center and specific research projects addressing biomedical materials in plants that can be used to treat human illness, and potato and poultry disease. BARC’s research capabilities are especially critical in a global economy where we increasingly consume imported foods – grapes from Chile, melons from Mexico, fish and shellfish from Indonesia – as well as genetically modified foods.

The 21st District Delegation, recognizing BARC’s impact on the regional economy, also has worked to preserve the facility by protecting it from development. We have been united in our opposition to the University of Maryland Connector Road, in part because it would be particularly harmful to BARC’s South Farm where much of its crop and turf grass research is conducted. Because of our efforts, funding for the road’s planning was removed from the State Highway Administration’s FY 2009 budget.

BARC conducts so many other important and timely projects from studies of human nutrition, eating habits to the effects of global warming on the growth rate of invasive species versus native plants. Our attention to BARC and its status as USDA’s flagship facility is especially important in these challenging economic times.

Again, we applaud Congress-man Hoyer’s leadership and are committed to continue working with him to protect BARC, its jobs and its future capacity for scientific advancements that benefit citizens of the 21st District and beyond.

Senator Jim Rongepe
Delegate Barbara Furst
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Rev. Daniel Mejia

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Holy Week Activities

Sunday, April 5th—Palm Sunday
9:00 AM contemporary worship service
10:10 AM Sunday school for all ages
11:00 AM traditional worship service with cantata

Thursday, April 9th—Maundy Thursday
7:00 PM worship service
6:00 PM Seder tasting

Friday, April 10th—Good Friday
7:00 PM Tenebrae worship service

Sunday, April 12th—Easter Sunday
6:00 AM Sunrise service @ St. John’s Episcopal
9:00 AM contemporary worship service
10:10 AM Easter egg hunt
11:00 AM traditional worship service

Maintenance Schedule

 Becoming and staying organized is a PROCESS and not a one-time event. So your next step is to develop a schedule to maintain the changes that you have made: build in 15-30 minutes daily to put items back in their place (e.g. clothing on hangers or hampers in the closet versus on the floor); write a master To-Do list for the week, and set aside time to put items on your calendar; reduce paper clutter by only subscribing to 1-2 magazines and donating back issues on a schedule; junk mail that you will never read/use in the recycling bin; and get off mailing list by visiting web-sites like: www.dmaconsumers.org.

Organizing is my passion, so I would welcome any further questions, comments or inquiries about organizing resources at gcoper01@gmail.com.

Gillian Carty-Roper, Ph.D.
Professional Organizer who resides in Beltsville. Her company is U.I.C. One Solutions, LLC.
BELTSVILLE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

Library Hours

Mon.-Wed.: 10 a.m.-9 p.m.
Thurs.: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Friday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

BELTSVILLE LIONS BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, April 28, 3:00-7:00 p.m. at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane. Beltline Lions sponsored in cooperation with Washington Hospital Center MedStar. Call 301-937-0294 or e-mail nvc@ars.usda.gov. Space is limited; programs fill quickly. Please include in your message a phone number where you can be reached.

BELTSVILLE RECREATION COUNCIL

Monday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the Beltville Community Center.
I had an E-mail from a lady needing help with a recipe. Oh, by the way, I had a computer crash and lost everything. I have just reconstructed everything I can. It took me nine hours total. I learned a lesson. Viruses sent to me by an old friend of 50 years caused this.

My computer had a cheap virus system on my computer that did not catch it. Now I am back with the expensive one. Note that if you haven’t had a crash yet, get ready because it’s going to happen. Take the time to back up your address book and all documents you want to keep. Do it now. My cost to rebuild is just over $100.00 because all the programs I had no longer exist. So I had to purchase new ones, I am writing on Microsoft’s works program. To reinstall word will be another $100.00. I can use this system for free for a while.

There is also good news. I will be holding classes again this October starting on the 5th. The good news is it will happen. I know times are tough. I was driving down Calverton Boulevard and that office parking lot that always was full is now empty. So I will teach the class for free. I will ask you to pay shipping and handling. (Raw material cost of $29.80). So if you wish to sign up do it soon.

Only have room for 10 max. It’s not too early. I can be reached by phone after 2:00 p.m. most any day or at bakerbill@verizon.net or better yet at bakerbill.net.

The other day I googled Bakerbill and came up with a lot about myself even I didn’t know. I thought it was because it was on my computer that it came up. So I tried it from another computer and had same thing happened. Everything you ever wanted to know about Bakerbill is there. Give it a try. Everyone has an ego. Me too. It gives me a warm feeling to be in the Google system. I won’t let it go to my head.

I wrote some years ago that soon plastics would replace glass in most everything and it is happening more and more. The problem for me is the plastic bags are so tough to open, even the thin ones. There is an old saying, author unknown, from 30 years ago, “Genuine plastic, accept no substitutes.”

Done for this month. If you have a question call or write me.

Bakerbill AKA Bill Raulin
Iglesia Pentecostes Sinai
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Sabbath, April 11
Two presentations
9:30am and 11:00am

Cross-Eyed Christians
Hear stories of the people who saw Jesus die—and what their stories mean for our lives.
Worship 10:50 am
Adult Bible Classes 9:30 am
Children’s Classes 9:45 am

April 4
Pastor Kermit Netteburg shares the story of Simon the Cyrene.

April 11
Dick Stenbakken shares the story of the Roman Centurion.

April 18
Pastor Kermit Netteburg shares the story of Mary Magdalene.

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www.fbcbeltsville.org
Keith Holland, Pastor

Easter Activities and Worship
Community Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 4, 10:00 - 11:30 am
All children ages 2 -12 years are welcome
Palm Sunday Worship, April 5
9:45 am Bible Study (for all ages)
11:00 am Morning Worship
6:00 pm Evening Worship
Mauand Thursday Worship Service
April 9, 7:00 pm
Good Friday, April 10
12:00 - 8:00 pm - Church Open for Prayer
Easter Sunday, April 12
6:30 am Sunrise Service
7:30 am Continental Breakfast
9:45 am Bible Study (for all ages)
11:00 am Worship Service

St. John’s Episcopal/Anglican Church
at the corner of Route 1 & Powder Mill Road in Beltsville
(301) 937-4292
The Reverend Paula Clark Green, Priest-in-Charge

Palm Sunday, April 5th
The Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist
8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

Good Friday, April 10th
Station of the Cross at noon
Liturgy at 7:30 p.m.

Easter Day April 12th
Sunrise Service at 6:15 a.m.
in St. John’s Cemetery
Easter Eucharist
8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Music at both services.

Saint Joseph Catholic Church
11007 Montgomery Road
Beltsville, Maryland 20705
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Pastor

Daily Masses
Monday - Saturday 8:15 am
followed by the recitation of the Rosary

Weekend Masses
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Easter Activities and Worship
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