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## Scouting for Food Collection a Success!

By Gary Bauchan, Scoutmaster

The Boy Scouts from Troop 1033, Cub Scouts from Pack 1031 and the Girl Scouts of the Beltsville area collected 1550 cans and non-perishable food items totaling 1500 pounds. That's three quarters of a TON of food. The scouts distributed 4000 bags to Beltsville residents on the weekend of November 6 & 7 and picked up the food on Saturday, November 13. All of the food was donated to St. Joseph's Catholic Church food pantry. The scouts and parents contributed 234 volunteer hours to distribute the bags and pick up the food. Great job, Scouts! We especially want to thank the people of Beltsville for contributing the food. I'm sure that the needy in the area will enjoy the fruits of our labor during the upcoming holiday season.



Cub Scouts sort the collected food for the needy in the Beltsville area.

## Beltsville Briefs

### High Point High School is an official drop site for Toys for Tots

High Point High School's FBLA says, "Join us and make some children happy this Christmas." High Point is an official Toys for Tots drop site. The school is located at 3600 Powder Mill Road in Beltsville. Hours are 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### Barbara's Flowers and Things has moved

Barbara Taylor, owner of Barbara's Flowers and Things, after 26 years in the same location, has moved the business across the parking lot to its new location, 10961A Baltimore Avenue, next to Three Brothers restaurant.

Barbara says, "Thanks to everyone for your support over these 26 years. I look forward to serving you now and in the future." She added, "Bring this article in with you and receive \$5.00 off your purchase made before Christmas." (This is valid only for walk-ins and local deliveries.)

### Breakfast with Santa

Did you know the origin of the name Kris Kringle, another name

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## Calverton Elementary Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

Calverton students and staff celebrated the culmination of Hispanic Heritage Month on October 25, 2010, with two assemblies held in the multi-purpose room. The master of ceremony for both was ESOL teacher Mr. Charlie Mann who kept the show running smoothly by offering interesting facts and teaching the students to count in both Spanish and sign language between acts. Principal, Mrs. Monique Sloan, welcomed the students, staff and parents in English and Vice Principal, Mr. William Daniels, welcomed them in Spanish.

Parent liaison, Mrs. Lucy Santizo, introduced the parade of countries which featured students in their native costumes waving



flags from all of the Spanish-speaking countries. Mr. Mann

narrated a slide show of flags, maps, and photographs of famous historical sites and beautiful scenery from those countries. The students learned that the term "Hispanic" was coined by the U.S. Government, while the term "Latino" is the one used by the people themselves.

Both assemblies featured singing and dancing by the students. The first assembly featured third, fourth and fifth grade students. Mrs. Bravo's and Ms. Njoku's third grade classes sang "Que Bonita" ("How Pretty"), directed by music teacher Mrs. Reed which told how English and Span-

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## Beltsville Boys and Girls Club 10U Soccer Team Wins Harvest Classic 2010



The Beltsville Boys and Girls Club 10U team completed a successful fall season. The team was unbeaten with 6 wins and 2 ties in the regular season and was the National League Division's top seeded team. The team won their first playoff game and lost the Championship game to Oxon Hill (American League top seeds). Following the successful season they played the Harvest Classic tournament at High Point High School sponsored by the Beltsville Adelphi Boys and Girls Club. They were deservedly crowned champions.

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### On the Agenda



Karen Coakley

By President Karen M. Coakley

### MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!

The Citizens' Association will not meet in December. Just a reminder that the county now requires leaves to be bagged. The County will no longer vacuum leaves at the curb. A representative from the county will discuss "The Real Estate Tax Assessment Process" at our January meeting. If you have specific questions that you would like to ask, please submit them by January 14th.

Please email or call with suggestions for guest speakers for future meetings. karenmcoakley@verizon.net or 301.937.0157.







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# 25 Years Ago in the Beltsville News

By Phil Whitman

*Excerpted from the  
December 1985 issue*

## Mr. & Mrs. Behnke Honored

The Board of Directors of Greater Laurel-Beltsville Hospital honored Mr. & Mrs. Albert Behnke at a dedication ceremony for "Behnke Drive," the road leading to the hospitals' main entrance on November 26, 1985

## Three Beltsville Women Congratulated

Congratulations were expressed to Bytha Bowen, Carolyn Scarcia and Doris Wray for receiving Badge Awards at the 5<sup>th</sup> annual awards ceremony and annual meeting of the Citizens Concerned for a Cleaner County on December 11, 1985 at the County Service Building.

## Joan Ruppel Named to Who's Who

Miss Joan Ruppel, a senior at Hood College, was named to Who's Who Among American University Students in December 1985.

## Peter Spaulding Makes Team

Peter Spaulding, a 1985 graduate of High Point High School, earned a position on the University of Maryland baseball team for the 1986 spring season. Peter batted .375 in his senior year at High Point and led all County High Schools in home runs with a total of 7.

## Andrea Davidson Won Voice of Democracy Contest

Andrea Lynn Davidson of Beltsville won the annual Voice of Democracy Script writing contest sponsored by Beltsville Memorial

VFW Post 9490 and its Ladies Auxiliary at High Point High School on November 26, 1985.

## Births

A daughter, **Christine Darlene Payne**, was born on November 1, 1985 to **Kevin & Ute Payne**. Grandparents are **Darlene & Oscar Payne**.

## Obituaries

**Ida W. Stinchcomb**, 52, of Beltsville passed away on November 30, 1985.

**Russell Thomas**, 74, of Beltsville, died December 2 at Greater Laurel-Beltsville Hospital.

**Mayme A. Thomas**, 87, of Iowa, passed away on November 16, 1985 at the home of her daughter, **Maxine Norris**, Montgomery Road, Beltsville.

# Letters to the Editor

Editor,

As a Fannie Mae Mini Walk Coordinator, on Friday, October 22, 2010, I had the privilege of assisting the students and staff of Calverton Elementary with a Walk for the Homeless in their community. I was extremely moved with the dedication and enthusiasm by these young students and staff.

They raised over \$600 by bringing in their signed slips and donations, which will also aid in the treatment of addictions at Reality, Inc. in Laurel. I found them to be respectful, polite and sensitive to those who have experienced homelessness. As an alumnus of Calverton Elementary myself and a parent of former students, I was proud to return and be a part of

such an important event at this fine school. Congratulations students, parents and staff. A special thank you to Mrs. Judith Pollock for all her hard work and dedication.

Sincerely,  
Sheri Bell, Family Counselor  
sheri.bell@realitycenters.com

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## Christmas

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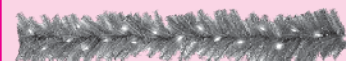
When the candles are lit,  
the tree dressed with sparkling  
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ornament

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celebrate Christ is coming to  
save the world!

\*

**Ingeborg Carsten-Miller -  
November 12, 2010**





## Neighbors in the News

### Veteran's Day at Konterra Model Air Park

**By Olivia Heath, First Vice Regent, Toaping Castle, D.A.R.**

On this Veteran's Day, Marcia Richards, and I attended the Free State Aeromodelers' Armistice Day Warbird Fly-In at the Konterra Model Air Park at 6050 Van Dusen Road in Laurel. This was a special salute to veterans, especially pilots, of all wars. Revelry was at 9:00 a.m. with the playing of the "Star Spangled Banner" and the raising of an American flag that flew over Iraq. The "Blackjacks" R.C. Club of "Wounded Warriors" from Walter Reed Medical Center signed

it in gratitude to Gary Heath for all he has done for the group.

Throughout the day, there was formation flying of World War I colorful biplanes and sleek World War II planes with accompanying music of the era and machine gun sounds for mock dogfights. A "tontine" salute to Veterans was done at 11:11 a.m., the end of World War I, and continued toasting to vets of each war of the 20th and 21st centuries. It was wonderful to meet our "Wounded Warriors" under God's clear blue sky, and remember all those who gave so much that we might enjoy the freedoms we have today.



Scouts obtain 25<sup>th</sup> place in orienteering competition.

### Scouts Compete in Orienteering

**By Gary Baughan, Scoutmaster**

The 34th annual Maryland Scout Orienteering Competition took place on Saturday, October 30 at Jug Bay at Patuxent River Park in Southern Prince George's County. Orienteering consists of being able to read contour maps and use a compass to find their way around hill and forest, swamp and field, and river and valleys to locate orienteering markers. In the morning individual pairs competition, the scouts are guided along a blazed path and along the path they have to locate six orienteering markers and place a dot on their maps as to the exact location of the marker. Points are awarded based upon how close they are to the correct location of each marker. Adrian Villaruel, David Timus II and Eric Matthews placed 25<sup>th</sup>

place in the statewide pairs competition of 86 older boys pairs. In the afternoon troop competition all of the troops are given the same topographical map with 50 locations marked on the map. They have to divide up the troop into pairs and locate as many of the 50 orienteering markers as they can in 90 minutes. Each marker has a unique paper punch, which must be punched onto the corresponding box number and returned to the starting point within 90 minutes. Some of the markers are more than three miles from the starting point. Our troop obtained 207 points and placed 17<sup>th</sup> out of 64 participating troops. This is the 7th year where Troop 1033 has finished in the top 20. The scouts can't wait to compete again next year.

### John Wang of Beltsville Is Honored

John Wang, resident of Beltsville, Maryland since 1969, has been named as this year's recipient of the E. Noel Luddy award for his life-long outstanding service to the broadcasting industry, issued by the Association of Federal Communications Consulting Engineers (AFCCCE).

John Wang received his BSEE degree from the University of Maryland (in 1959), and his MSEE degree from the University of Pittsburgh (in 1968). He taught at Penn State before joining the technical research staff of the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D. C. in 1969. His primary research interest is radiowave propagation. To date he has published more than 40 technical papers in different professional journals. His most significant contributions to the telecommunications community include the development of a sky-wave propagation model. This model, which greatly improves the efficiency of the utilization of the

low-frequency and the medium-frequency portions of the frequency spectrum, also forms the key part of a recommendation of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU Recommendation P.1147-3). Mr. Wang is a Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE).

Mr. Wang has been active in ITU since 1978. He also represented the United States to the 1980 and 1986 Radio Conferences dealing with standard broadcasting in the Americas and chaired the propagation group in 1986. Although retired from the FCC recently, he still serves as a vice chairman of ITU Study Group 3 (Radiowave propagation) and the chairman of its working party on ionospheric propagation.

His avocations include astronomy, bridge and Chinese history. He has written several papers on the subjects of sightings of sunspots in ancient China and the star of Bethlehem.



Members of the Women's Community Club of Beltsville planted bulbs at the park in honor of Make A Difference Day. From left: Elaine Chabot, Beth Adle, and Doris Wray.

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## Neighbors in the News

# Santa Tour 2010

Santa Claus has confirmed his route with the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department! Santa will begin his routes around 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. Santa wanted to pass on a few tips so his trip to Beltsville can be enjoyable for everyone involved.

If you meet Santa at the intersections listed below on the schedule, he will be able to meet more children and see more of Beltsville. Always use caution when visiting Santa. Please pay attention to the fire apparatus and stay out of the street. Sometimes Santa runs behind schedule by a couple of minutes so be patient. He will follow the schedule as closely as possible. Have Fun and make sure you know what you want for Christmas!

### Wednesday Dec. 8, 2010

James Duckworth Special Center  
 (11201 Evans Trail)  
 Blueridge @ Pocono Place  
 Shenandoah @ Blueridge  
 Cherry Hill Rd. (in front)  
 Major Denton @ Cherry Hill Court  
 Townley Apartments  
 Cherry Mill Drive @ Cherry Tree Ct.  
 Collier @ Powder Mill Rd.  
 Cherryvale @ Weeping Willow  
 Cherryvale @ Cherryvale Terrace

### Friday Dec. 10, 2010

Calverton Elementary (3400 Beltsville Rd)  
 Fullerton St. @ Blairmore Street  
 Fullerton St. @ Ivy Ln.  
 Chase Terr. @ Dunnington Rd.  
 Stone Hall @ Castleleigh Rd.  
 Ingleside Dr. @ Dunnington Rd.  
 Greenmont @ Elkridge St.  
 Chapel View Dr. @ Craiglawn Rd.  
 Chapel View Dr. @ Ellicott Rd.  
 Craiglawn Rd. @ Lemar St.  
 Galway Dr. @ Cardoba St.  
 Galway Elementary @ Galway Dr.

Kilkenny St. @ Somerwood Dr.  
 Harbour Town Dr. @ Shoal Creek Terr.  
 Briggs Chaney Rd. @ Greenmount  
 Briggs Chaney Rd. @ Dunnington Rd.  
 Briggs Chaney Rd. @ Castle Pines Dr.  
 Old Gunpowder Rd. Spur  
 Bayhill Drive and River Creek Area

### Sunday Dec. 12, 2010

Indian Creek St. @ Lime Tree Way  
 Hockberry Way @ Hammett St.  
 Old Baltimore Pike @ Brewer Rd.  
 Brewer Rd. @ Cordwall Dr.  
 Odell Rd. @ Old Baltimore Pike  
 Odell Farms Ct. @ Barkwood Ct.  
 Odell Rd. @ Ellington Dr.  
 Lighthouse Dr. @ Ashcroft Dr.  
 Clocktower Ln. @ Admiral Dr.  
 Boulder Dr. @ Cap Ct.  
 Boulder Dr. @ Trade Wind Terr.  
 Summer Grove Dr. @ Hickory Grove Ct.  
 Summer Grove Dr. @ Poplar Grove Ct.

### Tuesday Dec. 14, 2010

Snowden Wood Dr. @ Loch Lynn Ct.  
 Snowden Wood Dr. @ Meadow Fields Way  
 Snowden Wood Dr. @ Summerville Ct.  
 Old Muirkirk @ Muirkirk Rd.  
 Old Muirkirk @ Longwood Dr.  
 Longwood Dr. @ Cailen Ct.  
 Longwood Dr. @ Belmar Ct.  
 Stanmore Dr. @ Breyers Pl.  
 Stanmore Dr. @ Blue Pond Terr.  
 Sullivan Ct. @ Burdette Way  
 Longwood Dr. @ Pawling Way  
 Longwood Dr. @ Loughborough Pl.  
 Longwood Dr. @ Blue Pointe Ave.  
 Alloway Ln. @ Northampton Dr.  
 Northampton Dr. @ Crossfield Dr.  
 Gordon Ave @ Blackpool Dr.  
 Gordon Ave @ Flash St.  
 Franklin St. @ Flash St.  
 Franklin St. @ Franklin Terr.  
 Franklin St. @ Ammendale Rd.  
 Ammendale Rd. @ Holly Tree  
 North Lincoln @ Vergie St.

### Thursday Dec. 16, 2010

Garove @ Hennessey Dr.  
 Indigo @ Barbara Dr.  
 Longhorn @ West View Ct.  
 Montgomery Place @ Montgomery Ct.  
 Montgomery Rd. @ Kenny St.  
 Kenny St. @ 34<sup>th</sup> Place

35<sup>th</sup> Pl. @ Yates Rd.  
 35<sup>th</sup> Pl. @ Sarasota Pl.  
 Montgomery Rd. @ Forreston Rd.  
 Forreston Rd. @ Stephen Ln.  
 Cedar Ln. @ Cedar Ct.  
 Howard Rd. @ Home Acres Terr.  
 Stoconga Dr. @ Dresden Dr.  
 Sellman Rd. @ Weymouth Ave.  
 Ulster Rd. @ Woodbine Rd.

### Saturday Dec. 18, 2010

Prince George's Ave. @ Wicomico Ave.  
 Howard Rd. @ Queen Anne Ave.  
 Rhode Island Ave. @ Garrett Rd.  
 Odell Rd. @ Lexington Ave.  
 Manheim Ave. @ Caroline Ave.  
 Queen Anne Ave. @ Naples Ave.  
 Olympia Ave. @ Carroll Ave.  
 Lincoln Ave. @ Theresa St.  
 Quimby Ave. @ Carroll St.  
 Amelia St. @ Apex Ln.  
 Chestnut Grove @ Heartwood Rd.  
 Knott St. @ Wandering Oak Way  
 Roby Ave @ Macon Ave  
 Caverly Ave @ Caverly Pl.  
 Pines St. @ Maple Pl.  
 Caverly @ Greenwood Rd.  
 Greenwood Rd. @ Emack Rd.

### Sunday Dec. 19, 2010

Ammendale Way @ Long Feather Ct.  
 Ammendale Way @ Clear Brooke Ct.  
 Ammendale Way @ Narrow Trail Terr.  
 Ammendale Way @ Horse Soldier Pl.  
 Ammendale Way @ Ammendale Rd.  
 Ammendale Rd. @ Hawk Ridge Ct.  
 Saquoia Ln. @ Saquoia Terr.  
 Saquoia Ln. @ Saquoia Pl.  
 Ammendale Rd. @ Hidden Brooke Ct.

### Monday Dec. 20, 2010

Cedar Ln. @ Yates Rd.  
 Brandon Ln. @ Francis Dr.  
 Emack Rd. @ Dorset Ln.  
 Montgomery Rd. @ Cedar Ln.  
 Yates Rd. @ Garrett Ave.  
 Howard Rd. @ Cardinal Ave.  
 Brandon Rd. @ West Caroline  
 Worcester Ave. @ Yucca St.  
 Yucca St. @ Josephine Ave.  
 Brandon Ln. @ Howard Ave.  
 Montgomery Rd. @ 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave.  
 Usange St. @ 45<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
 Tonquil Pl. @ 44<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
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 45<sup>th</sup> Ave. @ Samar St.  
 Romlon St. @ 44<sup>th</sup> Ave.

## Delegate Barbara Frush Chairs Beltsville Business Breakfast

Looking to celebrate its first birthday in January 2011 the Beltsville Business Breakfast paused at the

November 17<sup>th</sup> breakfast to note its continued growth and vitality and to consider its future. Beltsville Delegate Barbara Frush, at the podium at the Cross Creek Golf Club, led an hour's enthusiastic discussion of the growing role of the Breakfast Group in championing the Beltsville community and its diverse set of locally owned businesses. The discussion focused on organizing the group with committees to promote and serve Beltsville and its many businesses. Many national level business developments have had their start here in Beltsville and these achievements need to be recognized as important to the rich heritage of Beltsville. Two Beltsville Business committees were initiated: one is to develop and hold an Expo or business fair in 2011 to acquaint local residents with the abundant local business resources available to meet their business and household needs. Peg

Duchesne, a social media expert, agreed to form the committee and chair its efforts. A second committee is to support the growth and development of businesses in the area. Jacob Wills, Prince George's Financial Services, stepped up to chair the latter. The members present thanked the 21<sup>st</sup> District delegation for the strictly non-political way in which Senator Jim Rosapepe and Delegates Barbara Frush, Ben Barnes and Joseline Pena Melnyk have supported the Breakfast group. Through the Breakfast meetings, they have made themselves available to their Beltsville constituents and used the breakfast meetings as a listening post for them, seeking to understand the needs of this robust set of Beltsville businesses.

— Paul G. Zurkowski,  
 Breakfast Coordinator.  
 (Photo by Jay Williams Design Company)



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# Beltsville Briefs (Cont. from page 1)

for Santa Claus, is derived from the German term "Christkindl," which means, believe it or not, "Christ child?" It's astonishing that Jesus Christ, referred to as the Christ child, has morphed over the years into Kris Kringle, also known as Santa Claus.

Santa Claus (Kris Kringle) is coming to Beltsville and making a stop at Emmanuel United Methodist Church on Saturday, December 11, 2010. At 9:00 a.m., children of all ages are invited to have breakfast of pancakes and sausage with Santa. The cost is \$5 per person, including special treats. There will also be photos with Santa for \$5 and a special shop for kids to buy inexpensive gifts for their parents and friends. Proceeds from the

event supports Family Life Ministries at Emmanuel. Emmanuel United Methodist Church is located at 11416 Cedar Lane in Beltsville. To make reservations, call the church at 301.937.7114 or email eumcbeltsville@earthlink.net.

## National Active and Retired Federal Employees Chapter 1122 Northern Prince Georges County

This month's meeting will be our annual Christmas dinner at the Sir Walter Raleigh Inn, 6323 Greenbelt Road on December 8 at noon. Checks in the amount of \$22 must be sent to treasurer, Warren Wilcox, 8141 Mandan Terrace, Greenbelt,

MD 20770 by December 1.

We will have a speaker from the Maryland Federation of NARFE Chapters, Ed Bice, Chairman of the State Legislative Committee. Ed has had a lot of experience working with state legislators, and will no doubt have some very interesting information for us.

Federal workers and annuitants need to keep alert for the report of the President's National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility. Two members have already proposed freezing Federal pay for 3 years, and reducing Federal health benefits. Get with NARFE to learn what you can do about this.

Any Beltsville resident needing a ride to a meeting, call Bob Haas 301.937.7987

## Understanding Your Property Assessment

Please join the Women's Community Club of Beltsville and the Beltsville Citizens Association in welcoming the Prince George's County Assessors Office.

Beltsville homeowners will be receiving their new property assessments in late December 2010. The Assessors Office will help us understand our property assessments, our rights as property owners, and the assessment appeal process.

**Mark your calendars for Wednesday, January 19, 2011, 7:00 p.m., at the Beltsville Academy Media Center at 4300 Wicomico Ave.**

Property owners have various rights available to them throughout the assessment and appeals process.

Below is the Property owner's Bill of Rights provided by The Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation.

### PROPERTY OWNER'S BILL OF RIGHTS

**Property owners in Maryland have the following rights:**

- To know that the valuation and assessment of property is the responsibility of the Department of Assessments and Taxation.
- To have an understanding of the valuation and assessment process.
- To have assurance that the valuation and assessment of property within classes is uniform.
- To have access to information which is the basis for the property

valuation and assessment process.

- To understand that the setting of property tax rates and the collection of property taxes is a local government function.

- To obtain an assessment notice upon reassessment that clearly explains that the determination of value is based on information contained in the Department's records, that the property owner has the right of access to the valuation records, and that the property owner has the right to appeal.

- To obtain at no charge the assessment worksheet (property record card) for their own property, a brochure explaining the assess-

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## Beltsville Resident serving as Federal Service Student Ambassador

Lea Claye of Beltsville has been named a Federal Service Student Ambassador for North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, where she is a sophomore majoring in food and nutritional sciences. She is the daughter of Loretta Claye of Beltsville

and John Claye of Laurel.

The Federal Service Student Ambassadors Program, based in Washington D.C., is designed to increase interest in federal service among students at colleges and universities. Students who complete internships with federal

agencies are usually encouraged to apply because they are able to share their first-hand perspectives with their peers.

Claye applied and was selected


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## Wedding Announcement

### Bauchan and Koch Wed

Stephen Bauchan of Beltsville and Natalie Koch of Alexander, NY were married on October 23, 2010 at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Buffalo, NY. Stephen, a graduate of High Point High School and the TESST Institute in Beltsville, is Senior Systems Engineer with Intelligent Decisions. Natalie served in the Air Force and is an Aeronautics Systems Engineer with Systems Technology Forum Ltd. The couple resides in Laurel, MD.





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## Neighbors in the News



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# Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

By Senator Jim Rosapepe (D-21)

## Thank you!

Delegates Barbara Frush, Ben Barnes, Joseline Peña-Melnyk and I appreciate the confidence the people of Beltsville have placed in us by re-electing us to the Maryland General Assembly. We look forward to representing you over the next four years.

## Do you have ideas for better laws?

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

## We want to hear from you!

In preparation for the 2011 legislative session that starts in January, we'd appreciate your views on a number of major issues. To complete this survey online, visit us at: [www.21stDistrictDelegation.com](http://www.21stDistrictDelegation.com). If you'd rather respond by



Senator Jim Rosapepe

hand, you can answer these questions and mail them to us at: 21st District Delegation, PO Box 700, College Park, MD 20740.

What is the most pressing issue for people in Maryland? Rank 1-6  
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 Do you favor reregulation of electric rates for BGE & PEPCO?

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 Do you support President Obama's health care reform plan?

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 Given the State's fiscal problems, which would you prefer — cuts in public services such as education and public safety, or increases in fees and taxes to maintain current service levels?

Cut education / public safety\_\_\_  
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6) On a scale of one to ten with ten being the most, how would you rank the importance of cleaning up the Chesapeake Bay? \_\_\_\_\_

Please rank your top 3 transportation priorities.

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8) What are your other concerns?

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## District 1 Digest

By Tom Dernoga, Chair  
Prince George's County  
Council (District 1)

### New Sports Park

One of my pet projects the past few years has been an expansion of Fairland Regional Park. In the Park & Planning Budget, this is referred to as the "Konterra Sports Park." The concept is to use 42 acres of land on the east side of Old Gunpowder Road, just across from the Gardens Ice House and north of the ICC right-of-way. This property is to be dedicated to Park & Planning as part of the approval of the Konterra Town Center East project. This area is large and it is centrally located in District 1 so that it is equally available to residents from Calverton, Beltsville, Laurel and South Laurel. It's also not too far of a drive from Adelphi or College Park.

In August, I had an ad hoc task force sit down with Park & Planning staff to discuss active recreation needs in the area. The task force included members from the Beltsville-Adelphi Boys & Girls Club, the Calverton Recreation Council, the College Park Boys & Girls Club and other area organizations.

Just before Thanksgiving, incoming Council member Mary Lehman and I met with the park planners from Park & Planning to see how they were progressing with designing the park based on the feedback that they received from the task force. While still a work in progress, it sounds great. The centerpiece would be a lighted multi-purpose, astro-turf field with extra seating availability. This would serve boys and girls soccer, football, lacrosse and field hockey. In addition, two other full-size soccer fields are proposed. There are plans for one or more practice fields or small-size fields for younger soccer players. A full-



Councilman Tom Dernoga-

size baseball field is proposed as well as a practice or t-ball field. We intend to have a concession stand to support the organizations that use the fields. We are also discussing a trail around the new park that would connect with the trails currently in Fairland Regional Park. We are discussing designing this trail system to be used as a cross-country course for High Point and Laurel High Schools, in addition to being available to the general public.

One piece of good news is that the funding is virtually all in place. The one holdup is that Konterra has not finished transferring the land to Park & Planning ownership. To go beyond basic design to final design and construction, Park & Planning needs to acquire the property, conduct soil studies, and get a more accurate evaluation of the land. We hope that we can get all of the background work done and actual construction to commence in 2012. Unfortunately, all of these projects take time. The good news is that the funding and basic planning have progressed and we could see more action soon. While I will not be in office for the groundbreaking or ribbon cutting, I feel great about passing this project on to Mary Lehman to bring to fruition. Maybe I will get to kick out the first ball?

### A Fond Farewell!

I write a final note to thank you for the opportunity of serving you these past nine years as the County Council member for District 1.

After replacing Councilman Walter Maloney via special election in January 2002, I have served the past two terms with a great sense of privilege and responsibility. Now, my time of service will end on December 6th and I look forward to my next chapter.

I found that serving on the County Council is very challenging and demanding, but it is also very rewarding. Over the years, I have received many compliments for the work of my staff and myself. We have tried to be available and responsive, and while we have not always been perfect, it has been wonderful to get so many expressions of appreciation over the years.

2010 has been a different year compared to the previous eight. Election years tend to be different and being Chair of Council in an election year is always a challenge in trying to keep the Council focused. Generally, we succeeded in working on the budget (kind of boring, but very necessary in troubling financial times), finally addressing the disputes over the taxi industry, adopting a collection of bills to implement the "Green Infrastructure Plan," and regulations on pawnshops, drinking in public, registering vacant homes, auto auctions, agritourism and much more.

Locally, we finally saw the Senior Center going up next to the hospital and the Auditorium for Laurel High School opened; we got the Montgomery Road improvements back into the budget and we appear to have determined a location for the new Laurel Library (basically, the existing site between 7th and 8th Streets).

Over the past six weeks, I have been working with the successor that you have chosen, Mary Lehman, so that she can hit the ground running. I have known Mary for over 15 years and she worked in the District 1 office for almost 5 years, so I have no doubt that she will do a fantastic job. As always, thank you for the opportunity to serve you. I will always treasure the friendships, the challenges and the experiences.

David Lundquist, a long time resident of Beltsville, a 1997 High Point High School graduate and a 2002 University of Maryland graduate, successfully completed U.S. Army Officer Candidate School (OCS) and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant - Infantry on October 14th at Ft. Benning, Ga. David will begin specialized training in Infantry, Rangers and Airborne next month at Fort Benning, GA. Prior to joining the Army, David served 4 years in the U.S. Coast Guard. Family, friends and neighbors wish him great success.




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## Obituaries

### Dixon, Charles E. "Chuck"

Charles E. Dixon, formerly of Beltsville, passed away on Thursday, October 28, 2010. He was the beloved husband of Angelina Dixon, father of Evelina (Daniel) Krosel, Richard E. Dixon, Regina Marie (Frank Thomson) and the late Anthony "Tony" Dixon. Five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, a great-great grandchild and many nieces and nephews survive him. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Joseph Catholic Church 11007 Montgomery Road Beltsville, Maryland on Monday, November 1, at 10:00 a.m. Interment George Washington Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #1504 Laurel, Maryland, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #10260 Beltsville, Maryland or American Legion Post #60 Laurel, Maryland. [www.borgwardfuneralhome.com](http://www.borgwardfuneralhome.com)

## Club News

### Women's Community Club of Beltsville

In a continued effort to reach out to more Beltsville women wanting to serve our community, our next evening meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 8, 2010, 7:00 p.m., at the Three Brother's Restaurant, in Beltsville. Please join us. Our membership dues are only \$15 per year.

This year's regular daytime meetings will be held, as usual, on the second Monday of most months: December 13<sup>th</sup>, February 14<sup>th</sup>, March 14<sup>th</sup>, April 11<sup>th</sup>, May 9<sup>th</sup>, and June 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. at the Emmanuel United Methodist Church on Cedar Lane.

During our November meeting we welcomed Dr. Loretta DiPietro from George Washington University. She spoke about Type 2 diabetes and gave us several suggestions on combating the disease. Our Community Relations Committee provided wonderful refreshments. We are gearing up for our Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday food and gifts giving program for those Beltsville families in need.

At our December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, at EUMC, 12:30 p.m., our Holiday Gift Giving sub-committee will lead us in beginning the process to wrap Christmas gifts for families in need. We will be having lunch too! Please join us! Our mission is to serve the Beltsville community.

Please remember we are a 501(c) 3 organization and all donations are tax deductible!

If you would like more information about our club, please contact Elaine Chabot, President at [ecchabot@aol.com](mailto:ecchabot@aol.com)

## Two Hundred Day Birthday for Twin Girls Celebrated

John and Ming Yee Chen of Beltsville recently celebrated the Two Hundred Day Birthdays of their twin granddaughters, Klea Kai-Ping Chen Bertsch and Kiana Kai-Ying Chen Bertsch, with family and relatives from Zurich, Switzerland and Seattle, Washington, as well as good friends from Beltsville, Maryland. Everyone enjoyed the happy time and the delicious Chinese banquet at two different restaurants. Klea Kai-Ping and Kiana Kai-Ying, John and Ming Yee Chen's third and fourth grandchildren, live in Zurich, Switzer-

land with their older sister Kira Kai-Ling Chen Bertsch (7 years old), and parents, Teresa Chen and Andreas Bertsch. Their grandson Leo Kai-Wei Chen McClintock (2-1/2 years old) lives in Seattle, Washington with parents Terra Chen and Marc McClintock. The Chens send heartfelt thanks to everyone for all of their good wishes, special cards, and many thoughtful and generous gifts. The celebration was absolutely precious, fantastic, and wonderful! "Long and happy life," to Klea, Kiana and everyone!



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College Park Veterans Memorial Committee Chairman, Doris Davis and husband, Tom Davis, Past Commander of College Park American Legion Post # 217, addressing the attendees and making presentations at the Nov. 11th Veterans Day observance held at the Veterans Memorial on Route 1 and Greenbelt Road. Many dignitaries were on hand, including Mayor Fellows, three previous Mayors, Brayman, Page and Owens as well as Senator Jim Rosapepe and several council members.

### By Ivy Christoffers

This is the time of the year when we concentrate on our community children and our veterans even more than usual. We recently held our community children's Halloween Party where we entertained approximately 60 children and their parents, with everyone having a great time. The same week we made a trip to McVets in Baltimore with a contribution of \$1,000.00 for their Campaign Fund. McVet stands for Maryland Veterans Education and Training. This facility houses previously homeless veterans for a period of two years while they undergo training to re-enter the job market and therefore the main stream of life. This program serves both women and men. We are happy to lend our support to this effort.

Some of our members have once again taken up the opportunity to educate our school children by presenting a program called "Americanism and The History of the American Flag" through invitation by area schools. We are always eager to educate our youth on the proper care and respect of our National Symbol, "Old Glory." We thank auxiliary members, Elizabeth Rice, Linda Sarkisian (Southern Maryland District President) and her husband, Jim and Patti Lach (Dept. President of the ALA) for their assistance so far this year. We still have several schools scheduled up through April, and have even heard from a school in Calvert Co. who wants us to bring this program to their students. We are happy to oblige.

Post and Unit # 217 recently participated in the Veterans Day observance in College Park. The day was beautiful, the program inspiring and reverent, the children's choir was enjoyed by all, and the messages brought by the various speakers were well received. We had many dignitaries in attendance, including three former mayors of College Park and

the current mayor, Andy Fellows and Senator Jim Rosapepe. This was followed by a luncheon held at the Post home where the winning tickets for The Wounded Warriors raffle took place. We thank all who supported this project.

This month we will be hard at work on our holiday plans, stuffing Christmas stockings for the Salvation Army, adopting area families and filling their "wish lists," gathering food for our annual holiday baskets for needy families, holding our community children's Christmas Party, complete with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, attending and working the Veterans Christmas Gift Shops at the various VA Medical Centers, attending and working the Special Olympics Christmas Party, and finding some time in there for our own families. Yes, this is a busy but very satisfying time for our members.

We are also hard at work organizing a BIG Maryland Veterans Creative Arts Festival, which is scheduled at High Point High School's Allan Chotiner Auditorium on April 9, 2011. This is a first for the Dept. of MD American Legion Auxiliary. We have been supporting this national program, which brings a measure of healing to our wounded warriors through art therapy, for several years. This year we have decided to take the next step and really get involved. Watch this space for future announcements. This event will be open to the public and will be something you will want to attend. Our Veterans have AMAZING talents. This was brought home to me in a big way in October when I worked the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival held in La Crosse, Wis.

We wish for all a blessed holiday season. May the New Year see all of our troops coming home to their loved ones. Until then, God bless our troops, and may God continue to bless America.

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## Club News

### Beltsville Young at Heart

By Barbara Schofield

The Thanksgiving Feast at Savage Mill was a huge success. Everyone enjoyed good food, music and prizes with good friends. Rick Zerbe

and Dorothy Wathen won the fifty/fifty. Fern Edwards crocheted a beautiful afghan that was raffled off and won by Marion Michener. Steve Illar, Carmen Keister, Lois Hamilton, Ray Nagel and Joan Krouse won raffle baskets. There were lots of goodies in these baskets. A big thanks to all the members who worked so hard to make this a success. Here's wishing all Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

## December Happenings at College Park Moose Lodge #453

Here they come, **THE FABULOUS HUBCAPS**, performing at the College Park Moose Lodge #453 on Saturday, December 11. This is the premiere Band on the East Coast playing music of the 50's, 60's and 70's. The showtime portion of the evening consists of the band members performing in costume as the original artists, that could include Fats Domino, The Blues Brothers, Tina Turner, Cher and many more. Dinner 6-7:30 p.m., Show and Dancing 8-11:30 p.m. The ticket price includes a full dinner with dessert. Cash Bar. **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.**

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## Club News

### Beltsville Lions

By President Ted Ladd

The Beltsville Lions had a very successful annual banquet and silent auction on the evening of October 27. Members wish to thank the kind donors of merchandise and services, and also extend sincere thanks to the many guests who attended the auction and banquet.

Our generous donors included: Ann Kennedy, the Baltimore Orioles, Barbara's Flowers & Things, BLP Carpets, Bob Luciano, Century Ford, CVS Pharmacy, Dennis Kennedy, District Governor Sandi Halterman, Dr. Terrence McAuliffe, Ernest Maier Block, Fusia Restaurant, Ginger Reeves of Toucan Taco, Hawkins family, Hilti of Beltsville, IHOP of College Park, Former Redskin Running Back Larry Brown, Lion

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Club members also express sincere thanks to John & Felicia Anna, owners of Adirondack Tree Experts, for their generous support of Club humanitarian efforts.

The Club warmly welcomes new members Satish Krishnan, Kaushal Patel, Lalit Patel, Mihir Patel, Theresa Timity and Timothy Olabiyi. Membership now stands at 40 men and women who are keenly interested in helping others in need.

### The Beltsville Rotary Extends Best Wishes

By Ivy Christoffers

We are deep in the Holiday season and surrounded by the festive sights and sounds that add warmth and cheer to our hearts and spirits during these dark chilled days of winter. Beltsville Rotarians are out in their colorful garb ringing bells for The Salvation Army at the Giant in Calverton and at Behnke's in Beltsville. Club members are making trips to area schools distributing dictionaries to all third grade students in the Hyattsville, Beltsville and College Park areas. The Beltsville Rotary Club has joined in sponsoring the American Legion Baseball Team in College Park and are all proud owners of their official team caps, which they will wear to the games while cheering on the team players during the 2011 spring season. Club President Howard Phoebus has planned a festive holiday party for the 21st that is shaping up nicely. Yes, we are reaching out with the spirit of this special season to all we meet.

The following speakers have enhanced recent club meetings. On Tuesday, Nov. 9th, Nancy Randall hosted Matt Dernoga as our featured speaker. Matt is a first year graduate student in the University of Maryland's Masters in Public Policy program, and he managed the successful campaign of Mary Lehman for Prince George's County Council District 1. Matt spoke to the Rotary Club about his background in environmental activism as an undergraduate student at the University of Maryland, and how this experience gave him the skills and organizational know-how to run a County Council campaign. He spelled out an interesting series of events, which saw him rise from a part-time summer job to assuming the position of Campaign Manager in less than a month. Matt stressed that hard work, repetition and intense focus were necessary to block out the distractions that all campaigns encounter. He



From left: Nancy Randall, Matthew Dernoga, and Howard Phoebus.

also stressed the need for creativity and a good sense of humor to help weather the rough spots. We found Matt to be a very interesting and personable young man with a bright future ahead of him.

Another very interesting speaker was our guest on November 16th, who was introduced to the club by our charter member, Karl Norris. Dr. Peter Kranz, a paleontologist whose specialty is dinosaur research. Dr. Kranz spoke of the abundance of dinosaur sites in the capital region, one very near by in Prince George's County where he organizes Dinosaur Digs for children and their families. Here participants wash and sort fossil-bearing clay for dinosaur bones and other fossils; Build a Dinosaur where participants construct a life size dinosaur skeleton under the supervision of a paleontologist; take various field trips to fossil dig sites, parks and museums; and family Dinosaur camp. During the weeklong summer camp, families meet a real paleontologist, learn how to hunt for dinosaurs and take home real fossils they found themselves. Several examples of fossils were displayed and examined by those in attendance. We found him to be a very engaging speaker.

The Beltsville Rotary continues to meet at noon on Tuesdays at the Holiday Inn in College Park. We invite members of the business community to drop in for lunch and check us out. You will be

pleasantly surprised at the diversity of topics discussed and projects undertaken to enhance the lives of so many in our community. We wish for everyone a happy and blessed holiday season and a new year full of joy and the promise of peace.



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## School News

### HERITAGE

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ish languages work well together. Alissa Roberts, clad in a beautiful, flouncy skirt with the colors of the Colombian flag and wearing a flower in her hair, and Christian Tejada, dressed in white with a cowboy hat, danced a Colombian dance, "La Invitacion" ("The Invi-

tation"). Music teacher Dr. Eaton directed the fourth and fifth grade chorus. They sang the beautiful love song, "Guantanamera".

Students from all of the grades participated in two traditional dances under the direction of ESOL teacher Mrs. Donnella. The students were dressed up with the girls in dresses and the boys in suits. The first dance, the popular "Bachata" originated in the Dominican Republic. The second was the Merengue.

In the second assembly, which was for Pre-Kindergarten through second grade, younger students paraded in their costumes and bearing flags. Ms. Bellows' and Mrs. Prelovsky's second graders sang the Martalile song directed by Mrs. Reed. The Salvadoran dance, "El Carbonero" ("The Coalman") told the story of a coal man and keeping the house warm. The students were in costume, the boys with straw hats and the girls with baskets.

Mrs. Fraser's four year olds sang a song called "Mi Cuerpo" ("My Body") with hand movements. First grade students from Mrs. Papsan's, Mrs. Albert's, and Mrs. Allen's classes sang "Uno Song" in which the students counted to 12. All of the kindergartners sang the Itsy Bitsy Spider in Spanish ("La Pequinita Araña") in English and Spanish.

The grand finale of the second assembly was the Bachata. Students "played" the piano, trumpet, guitar, and maracas while dancers invited teachers and parents to dance with them. It was a lively and festive ending to a great program.

At the end of both assemblies,

Mrs. Sloan and Mrs. Santizo thanked the participants and their parents, stressing that it is important to remember our cultural heritage and to celebrate our differences. She also thanked everyone who had helped put the shows together. Students were dismissed to enjoy foods that families had brought in to share.

There were many other exciting activities at Calverton in Oct. and early Nov. On Wed., Nov. 10, 120 families came to school for Book Fair Family Fun Night and Karate Night. Family Fun Night offered food, a face-painting clown, and prizes in addition to the chance to buy books to help the school. Dennis Brown Karate School gave a free demonstration for families interested in karate lessons.

The Building Family Support for Diverse Learners was held on Thursday, Nov. 11, for all of the groups of learners at Calverton: Esol (English as a Second Language), Special Education, TAG (Talented and Gifted) and regular students. The principal talked about the MSA and how the school is helping the diverse learners to achieve by offering the different programs. This was followed by a presentation for each group. At the end everyone gathered in the cafeteria for dances from different countries, food, door prizes and a free book and pencil per child. The books were donated by Mrs. Glenda Johnson and family.

Every Thursday at 9:00 a.m. there is health workshop for parents by Mrs. Santizo, Casa de Maryland, and Priority Partners.

The Walk for the Homeless and a Wild Rumpus dance were also held at school in November.



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# Calendar of Events

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## BELTSVILLE EVENTS

### HIGH POINT HIGH SCHOOL PTSA MEETING

Tuesday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m. in room 108

### BELTSVILLE BUSINESS BREAKFAST

Wednesday, December 15, 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. at the Cross Creek Golf Club in Beltsville, 12800 Bay Hill Drive. Victoria Leatherwood of the Small and Minority Business Program at the University of Maryland will address how small businesses can do business with the University. Breakfast is provided for the \$8 admission fee. The breakfast serves as a listening post for the 21<sup>st</sup> District delegation members, Senator Jim Rosapepe and Delegates Barbara Frush, Ben Barnes and Joseline Peña-Melnik. To pre-register please call 301.858.3141.

### PIZZA WITH SANTA

Sunday, December 19, 2:00-4:00 p.m. Bring the whole family and join Santa for pizza at the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Hall, 4911 Prince Georges Avenue, Beltsville. \$5.00 for children 12 yrs old and under and \$7.00 for adults. All proceeds will benefit the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department.

### VANSVILLE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

Monday, December 6 at 7:00 p.m. at Franklin Brown Building, Vansville Recreation Park, 11733 Old Baltimore Pike, Vansville.

### BELTSVILLE RECREATION COUNCIL

Monday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the Beltsville Community Center.

### WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CLUB OF BELTSVILLE

Monday, December 13 at 12:30 p.m. at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane.

### YOUNG AT HEART CLUB

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. at the Beltsville Community Center

### NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY (NAL)

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## PROGRAMS FOR EVERYONE

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### PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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### PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Afternoon Book Discussion Tuesday, December 21 at 2:00 p.m. The group will be discussing *First Salute* by Barbara Tuchman. Drop by the library to pick up a copy. All welcome!

Friends of the Beltsville Library meeting Tuesday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m.

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### FREE HOLIDAY CONCERT

Monday, December 13, 7:00 p.m. at the Beltsville Community Center. Performing will be The Greenbelt Concert Band, a volunteer adult musical organization dedicated to providing quality musical performances. For more information, contact the Community Center at 301.937.6613.

### FITNESS BOOT CAMP FOR ADULTS

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### FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Wednesday, December 8, 6:00 p.m. This road trip is for seniors only. Join us for a wonderful evening viewing thousands of brilliant holiday lights. Ages 60 and over. Bring a canned food donation. Reservations required by Tuesday,

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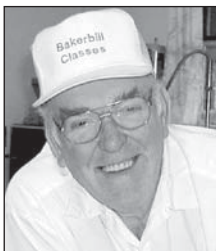
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# Baker Bill

## STUFF 'N THINGS

I just made an appointment with one of my many doctors on Dec. 6th. It struck me, where were you on December 7th 1941 if you were born then? Many of us were! I was playing in front of my father's bakery at Minnesota Avenue and Benning Road, SE in Washington D.C. My mother was yelling at me to come in and get cleaned up for church. I remember we did not go that day. I wasn't sure why at the time.

Boy, the new fall shows are strange. Most are lawyer shows. Before this year is over, we all should be able to pass the bar. The commercials are longer and the shows are shorter in length. The editors have cut so much out it's hard to keep up. One minute the actors are talking in an office, the next shot they are chasing a man through a market. It may not be long before it will all be pay for view.

Heck I wouldn't mind paying if the commercials were stopped. If you think I am wrong notice just how many commercials are on the P.B.S. stations. Even Turner

Classic movies do a lot of commercials, mostly for themselves. Still commercials. But frankly I think if auto commercials stopped our economy would collapse.

Wow, I have received a lot of requests for the cheesecake recipe. If you would like any recipe, look on bakerbill.net and click on recipes. You may need to hand copy them but some will be able to print them out. While you are on bakerbill.net check out a very good if not great fruitcake recipe. I was just on my web page. My daughter has recipes on there from all over the world, all you need do is click bakerbill.net; you can also contact me there.

A striking new sign is popping up all over the area. Many of you are not old enough to remember when the starburst flashing sign was on every bar on the highway. Everywhere flashing signs were causing accidents and there was a law passed banning all flashing signs. I question why are they back.

Hey! What's with the shaved heads? Maybe they think it sexy.

Frankly I think it's stupid, but better than comb-overs. I have never liked shaving so to do the whole head, nicks and all? I saw a fellow at breakfast at Mickey D's. Looked like he had been a battle.

Consumers corner. You may have figured this out by now, but beware of the buy one get one free specials. If you only want one, it is full price, not half price. On the other hand, two for one specials are good. Example: \$4.79 each, two for \$4.00. If you purchase only one it is half price, \$2.00. Before you say I am wrong, think about it. And if you are dealing in a store when they are not half price, find a better store.

Just a reminder. If you want to sign up for my winter baking class the deadline is January 8, 2011. Class starts on the 10th.

I wish all readers and classmates a happy and crying free Christmas.

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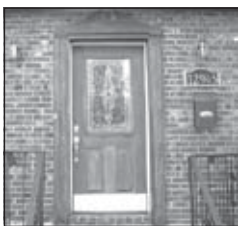
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## School News

### St. Joseph's National Junior Honor Society Inducts Two New Members

Eighth Grade students Tiffany A. and Morgan K. were both inducted to the prestigious academic honor society on Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at the quarterly honor awards ceremony at the school. Over three hundred people were in attendance to congratulate and cheer on the academic efforts of the St. Joseph's students receiving awards. Tiffany and Morgan, both eighth grade students, join four current members: Chapter President Chris M., Vice President Andrew R., Secretary Laura I. and Treasurer Matthew B. Each of these students has demonstrated outstanding academic performances, service to their communities and great leadership potential. NJHS candidates apply to a teacher selection committee and

#### AMBASSADOR

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after serving a summer internship at the United States Department of Agriculture in Washington. As an ambassador, she is required to give regular presentations to students, describing how to find and apply for the many educational and career opportunities that are available to government agencies.

Claye reported dual benefits to participating: Not only does she get to help others, but she also gains important communication skills that she knows will help in her career.

"I really enjoy it because a lot of students don't know the opportunities that are available in the government," she said, adding, "I'm not one who normally likes to speak in front of groups, but the more I do it, the more comfortable I'm getting."

#### CALENDAR

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December 4. Call 301.937.6621 to reserve a spot.

#### SENIORS ON THE MOVE

Friday, December 10, 11:00 a.m. Join us for our 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Gingerbread House contest and show. We're traveling to Darnall's Chance House Museum to view the creativity and talent of local bakers. Visitors pick up the Viewer's Choice Awards for their favorite adult and child entries. Ages 60 and over. FREE

#### HOLIDAY ARTS AND CRAFTS WORKSHOP

Saturday, December 8, 1:00 p.m. Join us for an opportunity to make a couple of simple decorations for this holiday season. Ages 5-12. FREE

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### The Wild Rumpus Dance – PBIS End of the Month Activity

On Thursday, November 4, Calverton Elementary hosted the Wild Rumpus Dance for the Positive Behavior Incentive Support PBIS October End of the Month Activity. PBIS is an initiative started during the 2009-2010 school year that establishes positive academic and social behaviors to help promote an effective learning environment for all students which ultimately teaches

self-management.

The theme for the dance was taken from the October Book of the Month entitled, "Where the Wild Things Are." Students who demonstrated positive behavior, had not received any office referrals for the quarter and earned \$5.00 in Calverton Cash, the cost to enter the dance, were invited to attend. The children were rewarded and had the opportunity to

dance with their teachers to tunes such as the Macarena, Chacha Slide and the Cupid Shuffle. At the end of the dance a king and queen of the Wild Things was crowned. Students crowned for the day were Tameika Collins Pre Kindergarten, Kenneth Portillo-Escalon Kindergarten, Avery Richardson 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, Carlos Morataya 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Pamela Udeh 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Alan Barrientos Menendez.

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### Advent & Christmas Services:

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#### Sunday Services

9:00 am: Contemporary service with praise band

10:15 am: Sunday school for all

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#### Christmas Eve Service

7:00 pm: Family service with interactive Christmas story

11:00 pm: Candlelight Service

### Christmas Events:

#### **Breakfast With Santa Claus**

Saturday, December 11th

9:00 am – 11:30 am

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#### **Journey Through Bethlehem**

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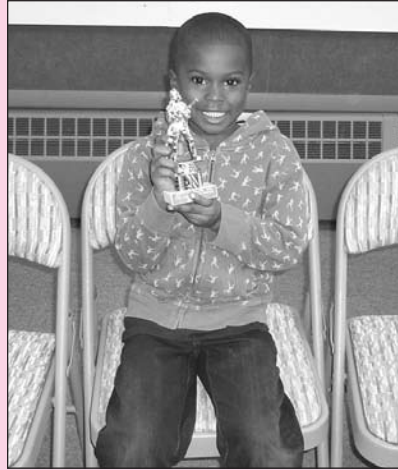
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**Beltsville Academy,** from Left: Christopher Breen, Cindy Orteiz, Anthony Boone, Yesly Ramirez Nunez, Alyssa Hunter, Annaliese Hammond, and Victoria Marte Tiburcio.



**St. Joseph's School,** from Left: Ashly Yemoh, Derricka Lee Parks, Chinedum Chike, Christopher Kaelin, Kelsey Afoakwa, Mia Schwenz, Ricardo Guerrero, Thomas Eyer, Njikem Fomengia, Be bong Fomengia, Gabriella Johnson, Michael Clarke, and Vivi ana Alpizar



**Vansville Elementary School,** At left, Darnell Lee

**Beltsville Seventh Day Adventist School,** Below, from Left: Amanda Blumenschein, Martin Kravchenko, Colin Chang, Rachel Mead, Daniela Cruz, Christian Steinert, Jago Prates, Jaydon Mabena, Whitney Blumenschein, Sidharth Chavan, Carson Chang, Walter Fuentes, Rhymiel Prudente, Rohan Panickar, Tyanni Bartley, Sam Thapa, Hector Venture, Rachel Rajarathinam, and Alexandra Toscano.



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