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## Beltsville Briefs

### Free Shredding While You Wait!

On Saturday, August 14, "clean house" and protect your identity! To celebrate its opening, the Beltsville branch of Prince George's Community Federal Credit Union is sponsoring a free "Shred It Day." Bring your old tax forms, bank statements, and other important documents to the branch between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on that day and have them shredded in a heavy duty, high-speed shredder while you watch. Enjoy refreshments while you wait. Should you wish to inquire about opening an account, applying for a car loan or obtaining a credit card, credit union staff inside the branch also will be available to assist you.

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### You're Invited to Bless Your Backpacks or Briefcases

Children of all ages will gather around the altar of St. John's Episcopal Church, Beltsville, to have their backpacks blessed at a worship service on Sunday, August 22, at 10:00 a.m. Members of the Beltsville community and beyond are invited and encouraged to participate in this special church service to kick-off the 2010-2011 School Year. "Because the public schools in Prince George's County open on Monday, August 23, we decided to start the school year off with our well-wishes and prayers, by blessing children's backpacks," says St. John's Rector, the Rev. Paula Clark Green. As a part of the service, donations of school supplies pens, pencils, paper, crayons, and backpacks given by parishioners for participants in the Transitional Housing program here in Prince George's County will also be blessed. The collection and donation of school supplies has been an annual event at St. John's for many years. The church has had a longstanding relationship of outreach and support to Transitional Housing. In addition, St.

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## Boys and Girls Club County Awards Banquet

The Beltsville-Adelphi boys and girls club wishes to congratulate Dave Pinchotti for winning Beltsville's "Man of the Year" award. Dave is the club treasurer and volunteers countless hours to the club. He coaches soccer and picks up and drops off kids that wouldn't be able to play without his help. Dave helps run the Harvest Classic and helps with



Girl of the Year Lauren Thomas

all club fundraisers. Dave has been a long time member and director of the boys and girls club.

We would also like to congratulate Mark Bridegum for winning "Man of the Year." Mark is a new director on the board. He coaches soccer, basketball and baseball. He also does a lot of picking up and dropping off of kids, helps with all club fundraisers and volunteers countless hours to the club.

We would like to congratulate Lauren Thomas for winning "Girl of the Year." Lauren has been a member of the club for 11 years. She has done cheerleading since she was four years old and has won several championship and MVP awards. Lauren volunteers a lot of hours to the club selling



Men of the Year Dave Pinchotti (left) and Mark Bridegum

concessions, helping with uniform distribution and returns and assisting in coaching the pee-wee cheer team. She is there when the club needs volunteers.

Philadelphia Eagles football player, Brian Westbrook, and County Executive, Jack Johnson, presented the awards at the Prince George's County annual banquet. We appreciate all the winners' hard work and dedication to the boys and girls club.

## Maryland's Role in Health Care Implementation

By Paul G. Zurkowski,  
Breakfast Coordinator

Maryland's Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, John M. Colmers, brought a group of about 50 Beltsville Business Breakfast attendees meeting at the Cross Creek Club in Beltsville up to speed on what has been happening in the health care arena since the President signed the health care legislation into law in March. Most of the legislation's

impact will be felt in 2014.

"That's three years away, but for us that's tomorrow," Secretary Colmers said. "The new law places a heavy implementation responsibility on each of the states."

Secretary Colmers, an economist from a family of doctors and medical school professors, explained that the purposes of the law can be described in three sentences:

1.) Eliminate pre-existing restrictions in individual health insurance policies

2.) Require people to buy insurance. If only the sick buy insurance it won't work.

3.) If you require people to buy insurance, then you need to have ways to help individuals and businesses do so.

Secretary Colmers, co-chair

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## Annual National Night Out

The 27<sup>th</sup> annual National Night Out will be held on August the 3<sup>rd</sup> between the hours of 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. at Prince George's County Police Department District VI located at 4321 Sellman Road in Beltsville (next to the Library).

There will be crime preventive tactics and many displays to include a k-9 demonstration, police motorcycles, new police cruisers, police mountain bikes, a horse mounted unit, police

explorers, jr. investigators, drug display, bomb robot, military hum-v, radar and laser station, fire trucks and tankers, property i.d. stations, preventive auto theft station, and many others.

There are many free activities to include a moon bounce, baseball fast pitch station, football throwing competition, basketball shoot out, child i.d. kit, arts and crafts station, and much more.

There will plenty of free

food and drinks. Just to name a few items on the menu: hot-dogs, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, veggie burgers, fried rice, pizza, bbq beans, many cold salads, cakes, cookies, pies, and much more.

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To volunteer for National Night Out, please call the COPS unit at 301.937.0910.

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### On the Agenda



Karen Coakley

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

This year we celebrate the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out. Please join our local Police Officers from the District 6 Police Station. Bring your family and bring a friend. There will be crime preventive tactics and displays, k-9 demonstrations, police motorcycles, new police cruisers, the bomb robot, military hum-vee, radar and laser station, fire trucks and tankers, property id. station, plus numerous activities for children. Last but not least, a summer picnic of hotdogs, hamburgers, and salads.

Mark your calendar and join us on Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The District 6 Police Station is located at the corner of Sellman and Montgomery Roads. If you would like to help out please contact Officer Hibbert by e-mail at [kchibbert@co.pg.md.us](mailto:kchibbert@co.pg.md.us). If you have a community concern I can be reached at 301.937.0157 or [karenmcoakley@verizon.net](mailto:karenmcoakley@verizon.net).



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Happy Independence Day

## 25 Years Ago in the Beltsville News

By Phil Whitman

*Excerpted from the August 1985 issue*

### Winfield Kelly, Chairman

Community Health and Hospital Systems on July 29 appointed Winfield Kelly chairman.

### June Wedding

On June 29, 1985, Carol Ann Ranish became the bride of Dr. John Parker Knud-Hansen.

### New Arrival

On July 8, Richard Hyung Sun Oa was born to Myong and Yun Oa of Beltsville.

### Wedding Announcement

Miss Kelly McCollough became the bride of Mr. Mark Beal on June 8, 1985.

### Dick Sachs, New President

Dick Sachs became the new

president of the Beltsville Rotary on July 2, 1985.

### Jinny Ree, Winner

Jinny Ree won the "All Around" title and first place position on the USA's World University Team in collegiate gymnastics.

### Tim Maloney Honored

Delegate Tim Maloney won the Commissioner's Award for Excellence for his work in improving the State prison system.

### Service News

Pvt. Jeffery S. Blackwell completed his basic training at Fort Dix, N.J.

Airman Scott R. Barr was assigned to Lowry Air Force Base in Colorado.

Airman Russell B. Lyons graduated from Air Force basic train-

ing at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

### Johanna Norris Retires

Johanna Norris announced her retirement from the policy board of the bi-county Washington Suburban Commission after 14 years of her political appointment.

### George Meurer top Photographer

George Meurer won First, Second and Third Places at the Maryland Professional Photographers Association meeting July 17.

### Obituaries

Ruth H. Tuttle passed away July 7, 1985.

Kendal H. Edwards passed away July 20, 1985.

Belva M. Weisel passed away July 15, 1985.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Editor

The Prince George's County Board of Education needs fresh and responsive leadership. The challenges facing our schools are great and it is time for residents, teachers, and students in Beltsville, Calverton, and Vansville to have a representative on the board that will stand up for them.

As a Maryland State Board

of Education member I voted to make counties fully fund schools under the maintenance of effort requirement and I have worked on educational issues for Councilman Tom Dernoga. This community deserves a board member who knows this school system and what needs to be done to make it better. I attended the public school system for all twelve years and I

have experienced firsthand some of the problems in the schools. I have been in classes where there is no curriculum for the course, and went through years where all of my teachers were in their first year teaching. The board of education is lacking people who know the effects their decisions will have

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## Neighbors in the News

# Boy Scout Troop 1033 Enjoys Summer Camp

By Gary Bauchan, Scoutmaster Troop 1033

Boy Scout Troop 1033 attended summer camp at Camp Rodney the week of July 11-17. Camp Rodney is run by the DelMarVa Council and is located east of Baltimore between Elk Neck State Park and south of the town North East, Maryland. Our Troop received the Rodney Honor Troop Award again this year. This was made possible by a team effort by the scouts and the excellent leadership of our Senior Patrol Leader, Adrian Villarroel. The troop as a whole received 34 merit badges including Archery, Archeology, Camping, Canoeing, Carpentry, Climbing, Emergency Preparedness, Environmental Science, Fishing, Nature, Oceanography, Orienteering, Pottery, Rifle Shooting, Sailing, Signaling, Shotgun, Swimming, Tracking, and Wood Carving. Adrian Villarroel received the Iron Man and Monster Bike Award, Patrick Deery received the Monster Bike Award, and Al Diagne a first year scout was the only scout in our troop who swam the Mile Swim. There are several highlights of the summer camp including all the scouts earning their Polar Bear patch by awaking three mornings at 6:00 a.m. to go swimming in the pool before breakfast. Two first year scouts, Al Diagne and Nujaun Pinnock participated in the Brownsea program that prepared them for becoming 1<sup>st</sup> Class scouts. The "Brownsea Scouts" completed the requirements for their Fireman's Hat and Totin' Chip which allows them to carry and use knives, hatchets and saws safely and tender and build fires. Patrick Deery participated in the Rodney Outdoor Challenge where he was able to fly an airplane, scuba dive, rock climb, sail



Boy Scout Troop receives Honor Troop Award

a boat in the Chesapeake Bay and go horseback riding. The adult leaders who helped make the summer camp possible and enjoyable were Scoutmaster, Gary Bauchan, Assistant Scoutmaster, Rick Deery, Troop Committee Chair David Timus, and parent Bob Walker. The weatherman cooperated by having it rain only in the evenings with hot and humid weather during the daytime hours.

The food and facilities at Camp Rodney are great, but the counselors and camp staff at Camp Rodney are the greatest! Thanks to you, the residents of Beltsville, for your support of the Boy

Scouts as through your donations and patronage of our Spring and Fall Garden Products Fundraisers many of the scouts were able to attend summer camp. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!



The Beltsville-Adelphi Boys and Girls club Executive board, general directors and members give a special thank you to County Councilman Tom Dernoga for his very generous contribution of \$4500.00 to our club to help with the purchase of new equipment and club repairs.

## Create Interest: Accentuate the Accents

Embellished with soft tones of gold, cinnamon and brilliant green beaded trim, the new Candace Olsen textured, drapery panels hanging at the windows are noticeably chic and sophisticated. There is no denying that the 2" diameter, creamy gold fluted poles, adorned with artichoke finials, completes the look. Underneath are lightly textured, linen roman shades to show off the decorative window trim while allowing in the natural sunlight. Complementing the window dressings are the freshly painted walls. With Benjamin Moore's HC-9 Chestertown Buff on the walls, 2152-70 Mayonnaise on the ceilings and classic Super White on the trim and crown moldings, the room is absolutely radiant. Yet it is obvious that something is missing.



According to designers, Michael Richards and Valerie Kabelac at Will's Home Decorating, "The room still needs art work on the walls, interesting lamps with updated shades on an unusual accent table with a funky mirror hanging behind it, throw pillows on the sofa that coordinate with



the new draperies and an area rug that pulls all the colors together." Will's Home Decorating, located in Beltsville on Rte. 1 in the Chestnut Hill Shopping Center, has the largest and most comprehensive selection of drapery and reupholstery fabrics in the area, as



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John's serves as a SHARE food program host site for families who wish to receive groceries at significantly reduced prices.

This is the third year St. John's has had a blessing of the backpacks service, which focuses on celebrating children and families. To round out the day, the Sunday worship service will be followed by a festive picnic with face painting, and games. Church Senior Warden Linda Reynolds says, "As parents and children gear up for a new school year, we believe it's important for the church to provide a wholesome day of family fun. On Sunday, August 22, hamburgers, hot dogs, sodas, side dishes and festivities will be served up for all to enjoy."

St. John's Episcopal Church is located at the corner of Powder Mill Road and Baltimore Avenue, in Beltsville, MD. Church services are held every Sunday morning at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. with Children's Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. For more information about the Blessing of the Backpacks service, picnic, and/or St. John's Episcopal Church, please call 301.937.4292, or check their website at [www.saintjohnsbeltsville.org](http://www.saintjohnsbeltsville.org).

### Join the Central Maryland Chorale

Do you love to sing? Are you looking for a place to share your talent with others who are passionate about choral music? The Central Maryland Chorale invites YOU to join us. We welcome enthusiastic, dedicated singers who can follow music from a score; no audition required. Our artistic director is Monica Otal; the assistant director and accompanist is Dr. Theodore

Guerrant. Our winter concert will feature Mendelssohn's *Magnificat* and other music of the season. Come and experience the joy and camaraderie that a community chorus provides! Rehearsals are held every Monday evening from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Laurel Presbyterian Church, 7610 Old Sandy Spring Road, in Laurel, Maryland. For more information, see [www.centralmarylandchorale.com](http://www.centralmarylandchorale.com), or call 301.317.9646.

### BLP Carpets Celebrates 20 Years of Business in Beltsville

Bottom Line Prices (BLP) Carpets, located at 10711 Baltimore Avenue in Beltsville opened their first store in the Chestnut Hills Shopping Center some 20 years ago. Owner Jerome Gross says that business has been fairly good despite the current recession, in part because of loyal repeat customers. He notes with pride that Consumer Checkbook recently rated BLP Carpets highest in the Washington Metropolitan area in three categories: selling service, installation and price. Jerome says, I really like doing business in Beltsville. I have met a lot of great people here and look forward to meeting many more.

### Second Annual Presents4Pets Campaign Begins in August

On August 1, Terrapin Pets of Beltsville is launching its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Presents4Pets Campaign. This all-volunteer effort by the Terrapin Pets employees collects new and gently used pet care supplies for donation to our local animal shelters, and families in need. Sponsored by the

National Association of Professional Pet Sitters, this campaign supports the Humane Society of the United States National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week in November.

In 2009, 168 items, with a Salvation Army value of \$3518, were collected, cleaned and donated to the College Park Animal Shelter, as well as Alley Cat Rescue of Mt. Rainier. The K.C. Company of Beltsville, [www.kc-pella.com](http://www.kc-pella.com), the area's Pella Window and Door distributor, donated a large box truck and driver to load and deliver the much-needed supplies.

Maggie Funkhouser of Alley Cat Rescue, [www.saveacat.org](http://www.saveacat.org), notes in their winter newsletter that the loft/attic area of their office was transformed into a Kitty Daycare, to aid with socialization of shy and semi-feral cats and kittens. Local handy-men donated their time and construction skills; the generous donations from the Beltsville and area communities helped prepare homeless animals for Forever Homes.

Items desperately needed by our area animal shelters include towels, pet bedding, leashes, collars, bowls, blankets, toys, crates, paper towels, bleach, litter boxes, and gift cards to purchase items such as litter and other cleaning supplies. Pet food, in unopened containers, is always welcome.

If you have any items to donate to the Presents4Pets Campaign, Terrapin Pets staff will be available to pick the items up at your home. Other donation sites in the Beltsville area will be announced in the coming month. You can contact Terrapin Pets to arrange for pickup at [www.terrapinpets.com](http://www.terrapinpets.com), [terrapinpets@gmail.com](mailto:terrapinpets@gmail.com), or 202.528.3271.

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## Neighbors in the News

### Scouts Fall Flower Fund Raiser – Mum's the Word

By Gary Bauchan, Scoutmaster Troop 1033

Boy Scout Troop 1033 will have its 8th Annual Fall Flower Fund Raiser on September 18. The scouts will only be selling top quality Behnke Chrysanthemums this fall. We will NOT be selling mulch, topsoil, manure, etc. The Mum color selection includes red, yellow, white, lavender (pink), and bronze (orange). The cost will remain the same as last year, \$6.50 per pot. The Boy Scouts will deliver the mums to your home, saving you time, energy and gasoline. 33% of your purchase can be deducted from your taxes as a gift to the Boy Scout troop. The profits from this fundraiser will allow the scouts to participate in the orienteering competition, go cabin camping, and skiing this winter. By purchasing products from Boy Scouts in Beltsville you



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[www.bsabeltsville.net](http://www.bsabeltsville.net) or call Gary Bauchan at 301.937.0944 for additional information.

### Local Dancers Perform for the Community



Back row: Talia Klimes, Mary Wester, Olga Gracheva (Director), and Katie Kennedy. Front row: Abigail Wester, Drew Bridges, and Nirvana Lutchman

Competition team members from the Eleanor Pernia Studio of Dance performed at the Morningside House of Laurel on Saturday, July 17. This is the third time the dancers have visited Morningside House, an assisted living community. Residents enjoyed the performance in the comfort of the main living room, and the girls had fun dancing for them in a relaxed setting.

They performed small group and solo numbers in various styles of dance, including ballet, tap, lyrical, modern, and musical theater. Dancers from Eleanor Pernia Studio of Dance have also recently performed at Beltsville Day.

The studio is located at 10434 Baltimore Blvd. in Beltsville, MD. To contact the director, Olga Gracheva, about community performances, call 301.937.4230.

### Jazz Under the Stars

**Jazz Under the Stars** for August features Cheek to Cheek, a local jazz/swing band, on Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Members include Julie Parsons on vocals and piano, Tom Ruggieri on tenor, alto and soprano saxes, Vince McCool on trumpet and flugelhorn and Eric Shramek on acoustic upright bass. Cheek To Cheek performs with a mixture of sultry vocals, harmonizing horns and swinging rhythms that always leave audiences coming back for more. On Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup> from 7:00-9:00 p.m., **Jazz Under the Stars** features Ndelible. They will play jazz for the older folks and R&B for the younger ones. This is to be a concert to bring the *FAMILY* out to enjoy an evening




Cheek to Cheek



Ndelible

together. David James, the front man, connected with guitar player, Myron "Q dot" Mullan and drummer, Ron B in 2006 and formed Ndelible. Both concerts are **FREE** and open to public. Bring lawn chairs, blankets and a picnic basket. Sit back and listen to great music at the Beltsville Community Center, 3900 Sellman Road, Beltsville. In case of rain the concert will be held inside. For more information, contact the Community Center at 301.937.6613.

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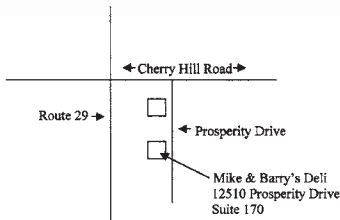
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## Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

By Senator Jim Rosapepe (D-21)

### Join the Delegates and Me Aug. 3 at the Police Station

Delegates Barbara Frush, Jose-line Peña-Melnyk, Ben Barnes, and I hope to see you Tuesday night August 3rd, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the police station at Sellman and Montgomery Roads. It's a great chance to show our support for our local police officers, see friends and neighbors, and dramatize Beltsville's commitment to keep crime out of our neighborhoods.

### Vote Early - From Your Home!

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### Learn About Candidates for the Board of Education

Our schools — High Point, Martin Luther King, Calverton, Beltsville Academy, and Vansville — are very important to our community. To the children and their parents, but also to every resident



Senator Jim Rosapepe

and business.

The Delegates and I have not yet endorsed any candidates in this race, and this column is not the appropriate place to do so in any case. But the election of the school board member to represent Beltsville is important, and we urge you to learn about the candidates and express your concerns.

In the September 14 primary, the race for school board is non-partisan and the top two vote getters will go on the ballot in November. Karen Coakley is planning a forum in Beltsville for local residents to hear from candidates. Look out for the time and place.

The candidates are:

■ Henry Borger, longtime

resident, community activist, and retired federal government engineer — [habandmab@verizon.net](mailto:habandmab@verizon.net)

■ Brandon Gordon, [brgordon-ba@gmail.com](mailto:brgordon-ba@gmail.com)

■ Chonya Johnson, former congressional staffer and mother of school age child — [chonya-johnson@netscape.net](mailto:chonya-johnson@netscape.net)

■ Rosalind Johnson, current school board member and retired teacher and union leader — [rosalindjohnson1@me.com](mailto:rosalindjohnson1@me.com)

■ Steve Kemp, local businessman and activist in Catholic schools — [citizensforkemp@aol.com](mailto:citizensforkemp@aol.com)

■ Mike McLaughlin, active parent and advocate for children with special needs — [mjmac5@verizon.net](mailto:mjmac5@verizon.net)

■ David Murray, student member of state board of education and incoming freshman at UMBC — [davidhenrymurray@gmail.com](mailto:davidhenrymurray@gmail.com)

Talk with them, listen to them, and help Beltsville elect a strong voice on the Prince George's County Board of Education.

### How Can We Help You?

Please let us know if there are other issues you have questions or thoughts about. And, of course, feel free to be in touch if we can be of help to you. Just email [21stDistrictDelegation@gmail.com](mailto:21stDistrictDelegation@gmail.com) or call 301.858.3141.

## Neighbors in the News

### Local Student Receives BS Degree from Northwestern University in Illinois

Evanston, Ill — Katerina Herder, daughter of Timothy and Carol Herder of Beltsville, has received Bachelor of Science degrees from the Northwestern University School of Communication and

Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences. Herder, a graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School, was a dance and sociology double major. Herder completed her senior thesis with distinction, received sociology department honors and School of Communication department honors, and was named to the Dean's List nine times. She was a member of TONIK Tap, Delta Zeta Sorority, New Movement

Project, Danceworks and Alternative Student Breaks.

Founded in 1851, Northwestern University is one of the country's leading private research and teaching universities with an enrollment of approximately 7,500 full-time undergraduate students and approximately 7,000 fulltime graduate and professional students on campuses in Evanston and Chicago.

## Maryland Retains AAA Bond Rating

Governor Martin O'Malley has issued the following statement regarding the retention of Maryland's AAA bond rating by all three bond rating agencies:

"Today, all three credit rating agencies reaffirmed — once again — the fiscal strength of our State as a result of the tough choices and smart fiscal policies we've fought for as One Maryland in the midst of the worst global recession since the Great Depression.

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Maryland businesses, and fuel economic progress. Since January, we've added 38,000 jobs to Maryland payrolls, a growth rate twice that of the rest of the nation. And Maryland's unemployment rate remains about 25 percent below the national average."

Maryland remains one of only eight states to maintain the highest possible Triple A bond rating. In affirming the rating, Standard & Poor's noted Maryland's "well-defined financial management policies and a commitment to reserves despite budget challenges."



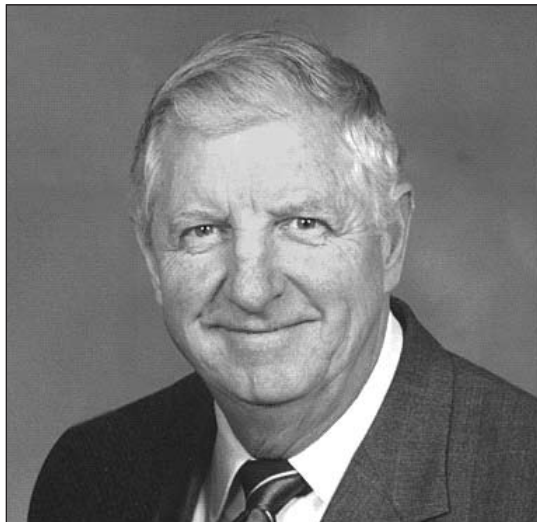
## Neighbors in the News

# Anthony W. Kotula, Ph.D.: IFT Receives Dr. Carl R. Fellers Achievement Award

Anthony W. Kotula, Ph.D., Supervisory Research Food Scientist, Meat Science Laboratory, Agricultural Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture (retired) was the 2010 recipient of the Dr. Carl R. Fellers Achievement Award of the Institute of Food Technologists during their annual meeting in July. Founded in 1939, the Institute of Food Technologists is a nonprofit scientific society with more than 20,000 national and international members working in food science, food technology, and related professions in industry, academia, and government. Between 14,500 and 26,000 food science and technology professionals attend the annual IFT meetings.

The Carl R. Fellers award is bestowed for "service to the field of food science and technology; and for bringing honor and recognition to the profession of food science and technology through a distinguished career displaying exemplary leadership, service, and communication skills that enhance the effectiveness of all food scientists in serving society". Additionally "In considering the further qualifications of nominees, priority shall be given to a record of achievement in communicating to the profession, to governmental and international agencies and/or to the public scientific information relative to the quality, wholesomeness, safety, nutritive value and other aspects of food and the food supply; in bringing individuals into the profession; and/or in propagating knowledge of the importance of the profession to the public, governmental agencies, and scientific and academic communities." This award includes election into the *Phi Tau Sigma* Honorary Society (the national honor society of Food Science).

Dr. Kotula's career in Food Science began when he met Dr. Carl R. Fellers, founder and Chair of the Food Science Department at the University of Massachusetts, in March of 1953. After serving two years in the U.S. Air Force,



Dr. Anthony W. Kotula

the last year as Supply Officer of the 15<sup>th</sup> Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron at Kimpo Air Base in Korea during the war, Tony returned to the States and was honorably separated from active duty. He realized that much of what he learned for his B.S. in Chemistry at the University of Massachusetts had become "fuzzy" during his active duty. A friend, who was working toward an M.S. in Food Science, introduced him to Dr. Fellers. Tony was accepted into the M.S. program by Dr. Fellers and was awarded the degree in June of 1954. Dr. Fellers then introduced him to Dr. Lyle Davis, USDA, at the IFT Meeting in California that year, and Tony was hired as a Research Food Scientist in the Poultry Section of the Market Quality Division of the USDA. After seven years of poultry research, Tony attended the University of Maryland on a part time basis and was awarded a Ph.D. in Food Science in 1965. Shortly thereafter he was selected to reorganize the meat research at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, in Beltsville Maryland, into one group and became the Supervisory Research Leader of his newly formed Meat Science Research Laboratory.

In this capacity as Leader, Dr. Kotula effectively organized a comprehensive research program for the laboratory, hired the necessary scientists, managed the budget, completely refurbished the facilities, and found external funding sources so that each sci-

entist was provided with adequate facilities, equipment, supplies, and technical support. His laboratory was the most productive meat lab in the Agricultural Research Service. Dr. Kotula's accomplishments were rewarded by promotions, four USDA Certificates of Merit, multiple awards from national and international professional associations, and retention of his leadership position until he was ready for retirement 25 years later, after working with the Agricultural Research Service of USDA for a total of 38 years.

Dr. Kotula has shown dedication to the food industry by performing and overseeing research encompassing the safety and quality of poultry and red meats. His research on many occasions has been used as a basis for modifying and promulgating the federal food regulations in use today. Dr. Kotula has fostered collaborations between the food industry and universities across the U.S. and countries around the world. Dr. Kotula worked diligently toward the establishment of a food science program at the Florida A&M University.

Dr. Kotula's many activities and accomplishments have had impact by improving food safety, quality, and food science, and have brought honor to the profession of Food Science and Technology in the form of research accomplishments, administration, and fostering cooperation between academia, government, and the industry. His personal research was published in 130 peer-reviewed journals.

Tony and wife Joan, both originally from Massachusetts, moved to Beltsville from Washington D.C. in July of 1958. They were active residents of Beltsville until 1994 when they moved to Storrs, Connecticut for their retirement years. They presently live in the house Tony designed and constructed. Thankfully, their two children, Kathryn and Valerie, plus their three grandchildren, Megan, Erin, and Bailey, live nearby.

## Congratulations Alejandro Diasgranados, High Point Class of 2010

Congratulations to Alejandro Diasgranados, High Point Class of 2010.

Every evening you can spot Alejandro practicing his kicking at High Point High School football field.

In early August Alejandro will leave to attend Virginia State University, where he will play the position of punter/kicker for Virginia State football. He will major in pre-med.

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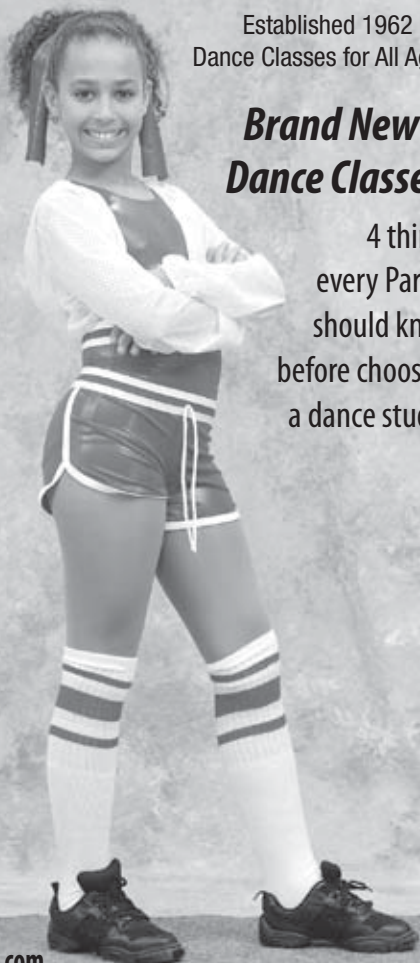
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## Neighbors in the News



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against club teams from Berwyn Heights, Greenbelt, Ft. Washington, South Bowie, and Laurel. The team was focused and competitive all season. Team leaders, Marco Ponce (23 Goals), Randy Lozano (stopped 2 PKs in championship), and Eric Gonzalez (shutdown defender) led a group of determined young men & women who will get a chance to defend their title in the fall.

Front (from left) Eric Gonzalez, Marco Ponce, Randy Lozano, Cristian Cruz, Ricardo Rivera, Mario Mercado and Kevin Canales. Back (from left) Stephanie Dubon, Alex Luna, Alex Sorto, Sam Coreas, Michael Asamoah, Paul Gyamfi, Daniel Eberhardt, Nathaneal Barrera, and Jose Chuquitape. Behind the team stands Coach Dave Pinchotti

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## Obituaries

### Day, Ronald R.

Ronald R. Day (68) of Beltsville passed away on July 13. He was the husband of Sharon C. Day; father of Dawn Day (Trae Smith) and Timothy E. (Tracy) Day; son of Louise and the late Hugh A. Day, III; brother of Arlie M. (James) Dobbin. Memorial service was held at First Baptist Church of Beltsville 4700 Odell Road Beltsville, Maryland on Friday, July 16 at 7:00 p.m. with The Reverend Keith Holland officiating; Interment Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. Borgwardt Funeral Home made the arrangements. [www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com](http://www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com)

### Dodson, Jean F.

Jean F. Dodson died on Wednesday, June 23, 2010 at her residence. Beloved wife of Benjamin L. Dodson; loving mother of Brenda L. Van Leeuwen, Benjamin L. Dodson Jr. and Zan M. Dodson; sister of Honey Morrison, Peggy King, Marilyn Boswell, Stanley Boswell, and David Boswell; grandmother of Lisa M. Cassidy, Zan M. Dodson, II, Benjamin L. Dodson, III, Kathleen A. Dodson, Cheri M. Karner, Brandon L. Dodson, Daniel W. Dodson, James C. Dodson, Josie L. Dodson, Margaret J. Dodson; great grandmother of Kerri L. Cassidy, Rachel M. Cassidy, Richard W. Rawlings, Emily G. Rawlings, Nataleigh R. Cassidy, Jessica F. Karner, and Chase T. Metz; great-great grandmother of Jacob R. Cassidy. Funeral service was held at 7:00 p.m. at BORGWARDT FUNERAL HOME 4400 Powder Mill Rd. Beltsville, MD on Sunday, 27 June. Interment pri-

vate. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

### Moore, Lucy O. (Granny)

Lucy O. Moore passed away on Sunday, July 18, 2010. She was the wife of the late Harry Weis and Reginald Moore, mother of Barbara S. Kelly and the late Richard M. Weis, grandmother of Michael R. Weis and Tricia M. Weis, and great grandmother of Sadie M., Michaela R., Tristen M. and Paris B. Weis. Memorial service was held at the Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, MD on Wednesday, July 21, at 10:00 a.m. Interment private. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association.

### Moore, Marian Ray

Marian Ray Moore passed away on July 1, 2010 at home in the company of her family. Born November 23, 1927 to the late Ruth and Robert Wurtzer and preceded in death by two siblings, Marjorie Horton and Stanley Harrison. She was a devoted and faithful wife for 64 years to Bradley. Loving mother to Lynn (Joe) Stephens and Michael (Barbara) Moore; Godly example to her grandchildren Dana (Mike) Roman, Lisa and Krista Moore, Brooke (Jake) Ertle and Brad (Katie) Stephens. Also to her great-granddaughters Paige and Kaitlin Roman. Always loving and patient, putting family and friends first. Many were touched by her kindness. No Services. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to Fairfield

Lions Club, Box 251, Fairfield, PA 17320.

### Souder, Lucille

Lucille Souder, Realtor, age 75, of Beltsville, MD and Ocean View, DE passed away peacefully at home after a long and valiant battle with breast cancer. She was born in Baltimore and graduated from Bladensburg High School in 1953. Lucille was an active parent in the Beltsville Boys & Girls Club, coaching when her children were young. She enjoyed playing bridge and supporting others during their battle with cancer. She is survived by her sister, Letitia Ziner and her five children, Susan Souder, Denise Ugast, Jody Udelsman (Lee), Karen Spicknall (Willie) and Rudy Souder (Melissa). She was the beloved and fun-loving Granny to Kyle, Jackson, Spencer, Teddy, Rutger, Ruston, Kaylin and River and loving aunt to many nieces and nephews. She cherished her many friends and will be dearly missed. Lucille enjoyed a long successful career as a ReMax Agent. She served on the board of the Howard County Unit, American Cancer Society and was a member of the Order of Eastern Star. Funeral service was held at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, Beltsville, on Tuesday, July 6. Arrangements made by Borgwardt's Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to Autism Speaks, 2 Park Ave, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10016.

## Club News

### A Changing of the Guard at Beltsville Rotary

By Ivy Christoffers

On the first Tuesday in July each year, the shift of power takes place at Beltsville Rotary. On June 25th, at Patuxent Greens in Laurel, the joint installation of three Rotary Clubs, Beltsville, Greenbelt and Laurel took place. This was a first for each of us to join together and it was the first installation of the year for District 7620 Governor Jay Kumar of the Columbia Rotary Club. Governor Kumar shared his vision for the coming year and asked for the cooperation and participation of all the members. Beltsville Club retiring President, Rick Salamy thanked his officers and chairmen and was presented with his Past President's Pin and a beautiful Oak Past President's Plaque.

Installed to lead us through the trials and tribulations and the opportunities for service for 2010-2011 was Howard Phoebus, assisted by Secretary, Joyce Malin and Treasurer, David Firzgerald. Several of the chairmen from



(From left) Nancy Randall, Mary Lehman, and Howard Phoebus.

2009-2010 remained in office and have had no interruption in service.

Rotarian Nancy Randall brought us a guest speaker named Mary Lehman who is campaigning for the seat on the Prince George's County Council that is being vacated by Tom Dernoga. Lehman lives

in Laurel with her family. After spending 10 years in journalism, she took time off to be with her 4 children. For the past 4 years Lehman has been the Legislative Aide to Jocelyn Pena-Melnick,

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### Twenty-Five Cent Auction Coming to College Park Moose Lodge #453

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(From left) Thelma Forte, Rosa Stiggers and Gladys Brown, Beltsville Day committee for the Beltsville Young at Heart Club.

## Beltsville Young at Heart

By Barbara Schofield

Our Beltsville Day Committee did a great job, as did all the other volunteers. Sad to say Mother Nature didn't cooperate. Congratulations to Irene Ferchek, our June Queen for a day. July 15 was Beltsville's Young at Heart picnic. 82 members were present. The members enjoyed delicious food

and friends. Lillian Mizzer (Lil) was crowned Queen for a day for July. You deserve it Lil. Well the acorns are falling and the squirrel tails are quite bushy; does this mean another very snowy winter? Who knows? Talking with a good friend warms the heart many times--first while you are together, and then later when you remember and smile.

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assisting families with legislative issues as well as Education Liaison for County Councilman Tom Dernoga, addressing the needs of Prince George's County Public Schools. Lehman is a graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School and received a Bachelor's Degree from Maryland University in Journalism and English Literature.

On July 20, 2010 our annual fundraiser, the much-anticipated Beltsville Rotary Golf Tournament took place at Glenn Dale Golf Course. Mother Nature smiled on us and did not interrupt our playtime with rainstorms, although she did threaten to do so a few times. In the weeks prior to the tournament, we were a little concerned as there was not much happening; however, some angels became involved and insured a very successful event. A great deal of thanks goes out to

Bob Gawne and Stromberg Metals for their very generous sponsorship of this golf tournament. It is one of the most successful charity tournaments we have held in recent years. Junior Past President Rick Salamy also did a great deal to insure the success of this affair. The members who showed up at 6:30 and 7:00 o'clock in the morning to help organize everything and the employees of some of the organizers, who came along to pitch in, made for a delightful day. Rotarians working together for a common cause while enjoying fellowship and fun is always a prize-winning recipe. A big thank you also to the business community who played in the tournament and sponsored holes. We could not do this without you.

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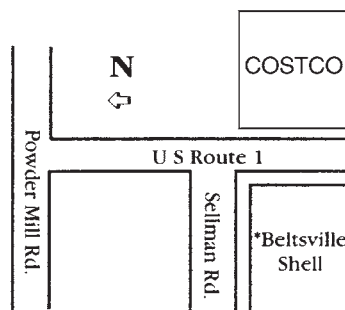


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## Club News

### Another Award Winning Year for College Park Unit #217

By Ivy Christoffers

July 12-15, 2010 saw several members of Post and Unit #217 attending the annual Department Convention in Ocean City, MD.

This is the time for all to gather and celebrate the year of service just ended, the presentation of awards to the most active Posts and Units based on their end of the year reports, the installation of officers for the 2010-2011 administrative year and the announcement of the coming year's membership theme and plans of action.

This proved to be a most interesting time for all. We had several guest speakers, including three Past National Commanders: Jake Comer of Massachusetts, who brought his fiancée; Past National President, Elsie Bailey from New Jersey; and our own Department of Maryland Past National Commanders, Clarence Bacon and Ric Santos.

On Tuesday evening, the opening ceremonies were held and we were delighted to welcome the incoming National Commander—Jimmie Foster from Alaska—as our guest speaker. The following day sessions began and several guests were welcomed such as the representatives from all the VA Medical Centers and McVETS and Jeff Bressler, who represented VET'S DOGS, the Department President's personal project.

We welcomed the 2010 Governor from Girls State and the Senior and Junior Senators who went on to represent Maryland at Girls Nation.

Nominations were held for the officers elect for 2010-2011, delegates and alternates elected to the National Convention being held August 27-September 1, 2010 in Milwaukee, WI.

The installation of officers was held on Friday and the introduction of the membership theme for 2010-2011 was announced. It is America's Service Members, First in our Hearts, Ever in our Prayers.

The awards were presented on Friday and College Park Unit #217 won the following: First Place in Education and Public Relations, Second Place in Americanism, History, and Press Book and third

place in Poppy, National Security and Legislative reports.

There were some categories that had not been completed in time for the convention and will be awarded in August at the first Department Executive Committee meeting.

Elected to serve as Department President was Patti Lach from Francis Scott Key Unit #11 in Frederick, 1st Vice President is Yvonne Rhone of Jackson & Johnson Memorial Unit #263, 2nd Vice President is Ivy Christoffers of College Park Unit # 217, Parliamentarian is Rusty Beeg of Greenbelt Unit # 136, Treasurer is Paulette Caron of Francis Scott Key Unit #11, Historian is Anselma Obremski of Laurel Unit #60, Chaplain is Joyce Brown of Federal Unit #19 and Sgt-At-Arms is Donna Dietrich of Greenbelt Unit #136. College Park Post #217 was the recipient of the prestigious Special Olympics of Maryland Plaque again this year.

We are very proud of the support of our members in the Post, Unit and SAL that make this possible year after year.

Prior to attending this convention, the installation of the 2010-2011 officers of College Park Post, Unit and SAL #217 took place on Sunday, June 27th. Installed to lead us this administrative year was Elando Lindsey as Post Commander and Diana Nix as Unit President.

Many events have already been planned and we continue to serve our community in many ways, although some of us have taken a break for the summer months, as other obligations are demanding our time.

American Legion Baseball is over for this season and our chairman, K.C., has taken off for the national playoffs. This is the 2nd year he has enjoyed this trip.

We are now conducting a membership drive and if you have eligibility from your own or a family member who served in the armed forces, why not give us a CALL AT 301.441.2783 AND CHECK US OUT. You will be glad you did.

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## Club News

# Beltsville Lions Club News

The Beltsville Lions celebrated the club's 52<sup>nd</sup> year of community service at the Villa in Calverton on the evening of June 29. Past International Director Joseph Gaffigan installed the newly elected officers, including Ted Ladd as president, Mike Musachio as 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Deedee Musachio as 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, and Kevin Kennedy as 3<sup>rd</sup> VP. Mary Ann Hanson was installed as secretary, Adam Taghavi as treasurer, Rick Zerbe as Lion Tamer and Ann Ladd as Tail Twister. Other officers installed included board members Andy Rolle, Charlie Deegan, Ginger Hand and Shirl Akers, and membership chairman Camillo DiCamillo.

During the proceedings, members were recognized for their service during this past year. Primary among them were Diane "Deedee" and Michael "Mike" Musachio who were recognized as Lions of the Year for their consistently outstanding contributions to the club and the Beltsville community.

In July the club sponsored their quarterly blood drive at the Beltsville Community Center on the 27<sup>th</sup> and then on the 31<sup>st</sup> provided refreshments at the Beltsville Lions Community Yard Sale generously facilitated by the Behnke Nurseries Company. Club members then prepared for National Night Out at District VI Headquarters and the grounds of the Beltsville Library on Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> where some members would prepare food for the expected crowd of visitors while others would be involved in conducting free vision screening via the Lions Community Outreach Foundation's mobile health unit.



"Deedee" and Mike Musachio, Beltsville Lions of the Year.  
(Photo by Charlie Deegan)

Planning has begun for the club's annual banquet and Silent Auction. The current plan is to schedule the function at the Villa in Calverton on the evening of Wednesday, October 27. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:00. From 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. attendees will be able to bid on a variety of outstanding items. Starting at 8:00 p.m., a live auction of selected items will be conducted by our usual auctioneer, Past District Governor Bill Lynch of the Rockville Lions Club. He's a laugh a minute.

The club is very pleased to welcome Mr. Bryant Davis into membership. Our average age is dropping.

## School News

# High Point Teacher receives Outstanding Educator's Award

Beltsville resident Barbara Hughes was awarded a Prince George's County Outstanding Educator's Award on May 26, 2010. She was one of four high school teachers in the county to receive this award.

This annual award, in its thirty-seventh year, recognizes educators whose outstanding contributions to the education of young people in the public schools of Prince George's County distinguish them for recognition.

Barbara was nominated by Assistant Principal Reeda Butler and more than 35 letters of support from colleagues, students, parents

and community members were submitted on her behalf.

She was recognized at the school system's annual recognition dinner on May 26<sup>th</sup>, held at Martin's Crosswinds in Greenbelt. In addition to the award, she was presented with a Congressional Citation from Congresswoman Donna Edwards and round trip airfare for a flight anywhere in the United States, presented by Southwest Airlines.

Barbara is a National Board Certified Teacher. She teaches Family and Consumer Sciences at High Point High School.

## Letter to the Women's Club of Beltsville

Ladies, I just wanted to take a few lines to publicly and formally express my gratitude for the scholarship funds you awarded me on May 20, 2010 at High Point. The \$1,000 will go a long way in helping to pay for my first year of college at Queens University of Charlotte. I would also like to extend a special thank you to Mrs. Mae Whitehead for singling out my essay as "special" during the awards assembly. That meant a lot to me; it was quite humbling.

I will be majoring in Communi-

cations (with a minor in French) at Queens, and running cross-country and track. I plan to make my family, the Beltsville Community, and your Women's Club proud as I navigate this exciting next chapter of my life.

Thank you once again for what you have done for me. I pray that God will bless the Women's Club of Beltsville in all its future endeavors.

Yours truly,  
Taylor Blackwell

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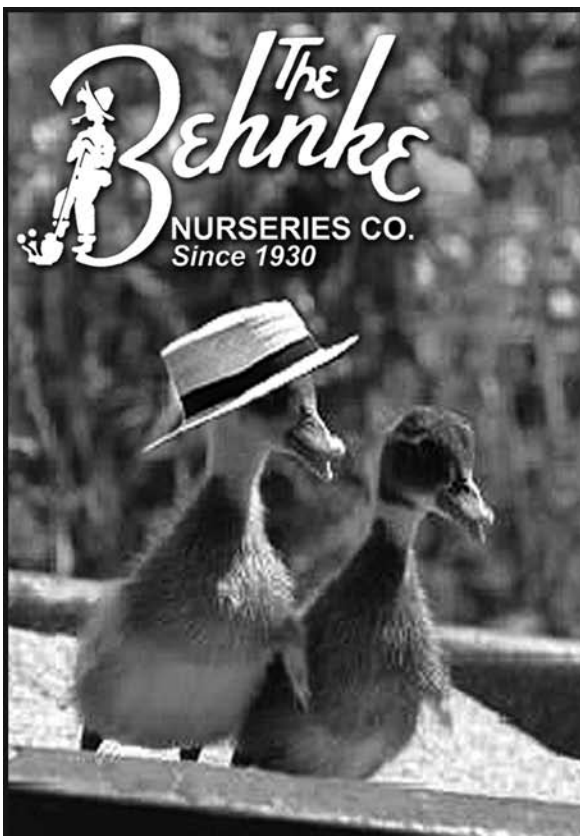


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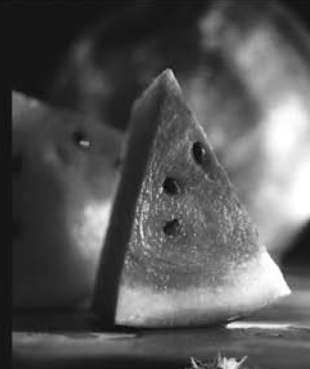
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to maintain your finances. You may have life insurance, but like 92% of Americans, you don't have enough life insurance to pay off your mortgage. The life insurance you have from work and your personal policy is for income replacement for living expenses. But what about the mortgage? Almost half of all foreclosures are due to a death in the family. Think about this: What if it were *you* who died prematurely? Wouldn't you want to leave your spouse with the security of knowing that paying the mortgage would no longer be a concern?

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There are several different types of policies that your mortgage protection specialist can tell you about. Some require a medical exam and some don't. Most are set for 15 - 30 years and designed to protect your mortgage in different ways. Some policies make the payments for 2 - 5 years and some policies pay the entire mortgage at once. Or, if you outlive the policy, you could be reimbursed all of the money you paid in premiums!

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Authorized by Judy Thacher, Treasurer, Patuxent Progressive Leadership Slate.



# Odunola Ojewumi Travels to Guatemala to Observe United Nations Population Fund Programs

Odunola Ojewumi of Beltsville, incoming junior at University of Maryland College Park, traveled to Guatemala in July with Americans for UNFPA, a non-profit organization that works to raise awareness and support within the United States for the international life saving work of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). She shared her experience by guest-blogging live from the field at MarieClaire.com

In Guatemala, Ms. Ojewumi met Dr. Marta Julia Ruiz, who was selected by an independent jury to receive one of the 2010 International Honoree Awards for the Health and Dignity of Women. Dr. Ruiz helps improve the personal, academic and economic development of indigenous Guatemalan girls. She supports unique

empowerment initiatives for the Population Council that include leadership and advocacy training, alongside basic life skills to help lift these Mayan girls out of poverty.

As Student Award winner, Ms. Ojewumi witnessed firsthand the struggle for education for adolescent girls and the promise it holds for women and girls in Guatemala. She participated in World Population Day events and visited UNFPA programs that seek an end to gender based violence in Guatemala. Ms. Ojewumi also assisted in the filming of a video documenting UNFPA's work and learned about the role of media, communication and advocacy in advancing the rights of women worldwide.

"Ms. Ojewumi's winning essays

offer a glimpse into the insightful, driven and dedicated young woman now charged with representing Americans for UNFPA as our 2010 Student Ambassador," says Anika Rahman, President, Americans for UNFPA. "Her blog entries from Guatemala offered readers around the globe deep insight into the needs, success, and challenges of adolescent Mayan girls."

The Student Award is given annually to one full-time undergraduate that shows a long-term commitment to improving the health and rights of women globally and was made possible in this year due to a generous grant from the Hearst Foundation. For more information on this Award, and to read her winning essays, please visit [www.americansforunfpa.org/studentaward](http://www.americansforunfpa.org/studentaward).

## LETTERS

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on teachers and students in the classroom.

As a new board member I will work to implement financial literacy in all of our high schools. When students leave high school they will need skills like knowing how to use a credit card, balance a checkbook, and how to manage and avoid debt. I also would like to see an expanded number of specialty programs, and make sure that they are spread equitably and put in schools that do not currently have any unique programs. These specialized programs have been successful at engaging students and giving families options. We currently have many more people applying through the lottery system to get into these programs than slots. I believe that we should be able to expand dual enrollment and allow more students to experience community college classes

and get them thinking and preparing for college.

I have the experience and the passion to represent this area and be your voice on the board of education. I hope to have the opportunity to meet you at some point between now and the primary election. I will be at National Night Out on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and you can find more information about me on my website at [www.david-hmurray.com](http://www.david-hmurray.com). I would truly appreciate your support.

David H. Murray  
Prince George's County  
Board of Education Candidate

### Letter to Editor

I am writing to support David Murray for the board of education in District 1. His experience as a state board of education member will bring a perspective that we need on our local board. He is a candidate that has good work-

ing relationships with students, teachers, and community leaders. As a former PTA President at Beltsville Academic Center, PTSA Vice President at High Point High School, Athletics Booster President at High Point High School and Beltsville resident I know that we need a leader in our community who is interested in listening to the community and values public input.

It is time for a new direction of leadership in our district. More than ever we need someone who knows our system, our schools, and our students. David is a product of our school system and knows the challenges that we face. I am supporting him because he will not be afraid to speak up for us. I urge you to take the time to learn more about his campaign.

Linda Diasgranados  
Beltsville

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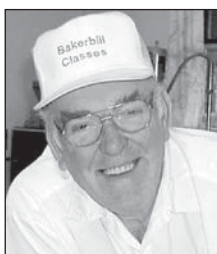
Riderwood residents are participating in this year's "One Maryland One Book" project in conjunction with the Maryland Humanities Council. Residents will read the project's selected book, *Outcasts United*, this summer and will share their insight on the book's multi-layered themes at a substantive discussion on Monday, September 20 at their campus. Barbara Spears, Branch Manager of the Beltsville Library, a partner in this project will lead

this discussion.

Riderwood residents are known for their literary prowess. An Issues Discussion Group and a Short Story Discussion Group are among the resident-driven activities found at Riderwood, the nation's largest continuing care retirement community. In addition, scores of residents write for their monthly *Riderwood Reporter* newspaper and 600 of them enroll each year in classes at Prince George's Community College.







# Baker Bill

## STUFF 'N THINGS

First I want to thank all the loyal readers, and I also want to write about my basic baking class that starts on Monday, October 11. This is not a show and tell class; it is hands on. You make a product that we bake there and you take it home. The show goes on for eight weeks at half the cost of county classes. If interested drop me a line. E-Mail me at a new address, bakerbill2010@hotmail.com or call me at 301.572.4180 after 2:00 p.m. I will send you a list of all we will be making and all costs, times, etc. No upfront payment needed.

Ah August. As you know we have already had hot weather. Twice I had 100 degrees on my deck.

I had an e-mail from a lady asking me the secret of making a good layer cake. I had an answer that may surprise you. The secret is twofold: (a) Use shortening not butter. Butter is not a shortening. (b) Measure carefully and mix well at high speed in a bowl that allows the batter beater to be over half in the batter, else you can't get the proper air in the mix. This lady's whole problem may be as simple as this, a bowl too large. Mix for 5 to 8 minutes. This includes



cake mixes as well as scratch. Butter will taste good but makes the cake heavy. If possible, use cake flour instead of all-purpose; however, you may not be able to find it in the store.

I suggest cake flour because it is all spring wheat, not a mixture of spring and winter wheat. Spring wheat is soft wheat for cakes and fine pastries. Winter wheat or bread flour is stronger. Both have good proteins. Take a look at many scratch cake formulas at bakerbill.net click on

recipes and print them out. All are tested. Some call for 1/4 to 1/2 cup oil to be added in at the end, not whipped in.

I had a couple of comments on the Gingerbread recipe, all good. However the contact me page does not work.

No recipe this month. No one wants to bake when the temp is 100 degrees.

In August my wife and I will celebrate our 54<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. How time flies. She has put up with me for 54 years..

I started to like crime shows on TV about four years ago. First was CSI on channel 9, then NCIS.

I have watched every one of Law and Order. At this time there are so many I can't keep up. A few years ago it was hospital and medical dramas, then we went through the so called real time action shows like big brother and the like. The only thing changing is time now and the new shows will only be 42 minutes of show, the rest commercials, and all networks do them about every ten minutes. Well, that's all the griping for this month.

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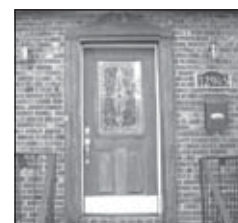
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## HEALTH CARE

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with Lt. Governor Anthony Brown, of the Maryland Health Care Reform Coordinating Council, said the Council is about to make its interim report with the goal of making the approach taken under the law in Maryland as good as possible. Copies of the report and related appendices can be found at <http://www.healthreform.maryland.gov/>

One of the features of the legislation is to address how to figure out what therapies work so that the time between discovery and application can be reduced from the current 15 years it takes to universally implement a successful therapy.

He said that informing the public of the details of the program is vital and will involve six work groups holding open meetings for Marylanders. The six workgroups are:

- Health Insurance Exchange and Insurance Markets
- Eligibility – Entry to coverage
- Healthcare Workforce
- Education and Outreach
- Public Health, Safety Net and Special Populations
- Health Care Delivery System

Questions focused on the needs of small businesses to be able to afford coverage for their employees, who make the decisions about policies, businesses or employees; and how to deal with uncompensated care (the wide-spread use of emergency room services at hospitals by the uninsured).

Colmers did point out that tax credits are available for up to 35% of employer costs for employee health insurance for firms with from 2 to 25 employees, whose average salaries do not exceed \$50,000. Part time employees who work 30 or more hours a week are included in the employee totals. The state subsidy applies only to new coverage; the federal credits are for all small businesses.

“The legislation is not perfect,” Secretary Colmers said, “but there is an opportunity to work with the legislature in coming years to work out improvements, and that is our goal.” Emcee and host 21<sup>st</sup> District Senator Jim Rosapepe concurred and urged participants to let him know what their concerns are so that efforts can be made to address them in future legislation.

The next meeting of the Beltsville Business Breakfast will be Wednesday, September 15, at the Cross Creek Golf Club in Beltsville. Speaker to be announced. The 21<sup>st</sup> District Delegation including Senator Rosapepe and Delegates Barbara Frush, Jose-line Peña-Melnick and Ben Barnes sponsors the breakfast.

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## Neighbors in the News

### Exhibition of Paintings by Beltsville Resident Ellen Baer at Brentwood Arts Exchange

Recent paintings by Ellen Baer of Beltsville will be on exhibition from July 26 through September 3 at the Brentwood Arts Exchange located at 3901 Rhode Island Avenue in Brentwood, MD. The exhibit is entitled, *Spectrum: Memories of Natural Forms and Light*. An opening reception, free and open to the public, will be held at the Arts Exchange on Saturday, August 7 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Meditative in their simplicity, Ellen Baer's paintings are a provocative exploration of material, surface, and color. Using simple pairings of vibrant color - a brilliant orange glowing through a smoky red - Baer creates striking resonances of space within singular, iconic forms. Through thick curls of paint edging giant scrapes, Baer reveals to us anew the sensuousness of the physical act of painting. In its serenity and focus, her new exhibition at the Brentwood Arts

Exchange, *Spectrum: Memories of Natural Forms and Light*, is the perfect remedy for summer inside the Beltway.

Working from her paint-strewn storefront studio in Hyattsville, Ellen Baer has been busily paring down visual forms, creating paintings that are at once tense and serene, wedged among the interplay between surface and perceived space. The works in her exhibition at the Brentwood Arts Exchange developed from her desire to create spare, simple work. Yet, to the eyes of practiced students of painting, they retain distant hints of their origins in explorations of natural forms, floating on the canvas as singular responses to painters' perennial challenge of structuring space with color and economy.

Some seemingly as simple as a broad scrape made with a screen printer's squeegee, the paintings in *Spectrum: Memories*

of Natural Forms and Light reveal their makings unpretentiously. Their process and simple forms liken them to post-minimalist painting - one-stroke descendants of Stella's pinstripe paintings. Visually, however, her paintings are as much in debt to Joseph Albers as Mark Rothko. And, much like that lofty heritage, *Spectrum: Memories of Natural Forms and Light* is a demanding exhibition. It demands that viewers pay attention to subtlety, slow down, and remove themselves from the clutter of the rest of the day. Those who do are rewarded with the pleasure of presence, a chance to return to the world outside the gallery with renewed openness and acuity. Having celebrated its grand opening on March 19, 2010, the Gateway Arts Center is a dynamic space dedicated to presenting and promoting the visual arts. The center is home to more than a dozen artists' stu-

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Gallery Hours: 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Saturday. Closed Sunday. Contact: Phil Davis, Assistant Director Brentwood Arts Exchange @ Gateway Arts Center, 3901 Rhode Island Avenue, Brentwood, MD 20722, 301-277-2863, phil.davis@pgparks.com.



Memories of the Ocean City trip

### Troop 2751's Trip to Ocean City

By Teresa Johnson

On May 21, 2010, Girl Scout Troop 2751 went on a trip to Ocean City, Maryland. They saved up money they earned from selling Girl Scout cookies through the years. They stayed at the Francis Scott Key Center, a family-style resort. They visited Assateague Island and saw wild ponies. Then they went into a marsh located on the island and learned about the different types of underwater creatures that live there. They learned to use nets and different types of equipment to capture the creatures. They caught blue crabs, and other small fish. Then the girls went

shopping at the outlets, like Rue21, Aeropostale, and Pac-sun. The girls explored different shops on the boardwalk next to the ocean. They at dinner at "Dumsters," a restaurant that also sells delicious ice cream. Some girls enjoyed the rides along the boardwalk as well, and took trips to the beach to enjoy the ocean. While the girls were down in Ocean City, a car show, "Cruisin Weekend," was in action, so the girls got to see many antique and special wild looking cars on their trip. The trip turned out to be a blast for them and they hope to go on many more fun-filled trips in the future!

### Bridging Ceremony for Beltsville Girl Scout Service Unit

On June 10, 2010, the Beltsville Girl Scout service unit held their annual bridging ceremony at the Beltsville Academy School. Rebecca Gurwah, Sarah Mast, Rachel Sowers, of Troop 6064 received their Silver Award. They earned their award by doing a project that benefited the Beltsville Academy School.

They painted a giant map on the concrete basketball court along with repainting the worn away 4-square boxes that the children had played in over the years.

The Cadettes Troop, 2751, Rebecca Bell, Joanna Bell, Erica Kittlesen, Rebecca Vaughn, Manasi Pukazhenti, Teresa Johnson, and Arianna Cooper bridged to Senior Girl Scouts. There were two Brownie girl scouts that bridged to Juniors.

The coordinator, Mrs. Patterson, congratulated and recognized the leaders for their years of service, and for their accomplishments over the years. Also, Triva Rowley and Alex Butcher were recognized for all the years they had served in Girl Scouting, and in



The Bridging Ceremony

the fall they will attend college.

At the end of the bridging ceremony, the girls were able to enjoy refreshments. It was an exciting event.

The girls will continue to grow and be successful in their following years of Girl Scouts.

### Comfort Pillow Project

In the month of June, Girl Scouts from troop 2751 began working on a comfort pillow project.

This project, organized by Teresa Johnson, is designed to help those with breast cancer. Some of the girls have been learning how to use a sewing machine, sewing fabric together to make pillows and learning various stitch techniques to close seams. They also used their creativity to make cards, and write inspirational messages.



Some results of the Comfort Pillow Project

The pillows are made of soft flannel material, and each pillow comes with an inspirational card to brighten the patient's day.

The project will be ongoing and will continue with the support of the girl scouts and people in the community. So far, the troop has completed twelve pillows and is continuing to complete more.

These pillows will be delivered to patients who receive medical care at a rehabilitation center in the Washington Metropolitan area.

## Children's Corner

By Denita Johnson

It is almost that time again- back to school time. Some children are excited to go back while others don't seem so ready. If we take the time to start preparing for this busy and exciting time the transition from summer time to school time may be a little bit easy on both parents and children. Starting a regular bedtime schedule time again is a good start.

A fun way to get your children back into the school spirit is to make some crafts to inspire them to start preparing for school. These projects can help setup for homework time also.

- Make bookmarks
- Make personalized pencils with stickers
- Make pencil holders
- Make a chart of healthy foods for after school snacks
- Make schedule charts

- Decorate backpacks and lunch sacks with fun iron on
- Turn old jeans into new jeans by adding beads or character patches (find at any craft store)

When making any back to school craft use your imagination. Use the supplies around your house and make this a fun time to help your children start on a happy note and not be a stressful time. There are a lot of back to school activities on familyfun.com that will help give you ideas to get you started.